

Friday, November 22, 2024



Peace Weekly



From the Pastor
Rev. Kirk Moore



The Last Sunday of the Year

The liturgical year, that is. This Sunday is Reign of Christ. It marks the end of Ordinary Time and serves as a prologue to Advent - and a new liturgical year. It is a Sunday to celebrate Christ's reign -- not in a political way or even one of forceful power, but as one who comes in peace, humility, compassion, grace, and love.

And during the service this Sunday, we'll celebrate Jesus. We'll give thanks too! **After the service, it's our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Bring a dish to share and we'll feast together.**

Then **Sunday evening, November 24**, we're part of a **community Thanksgiving service** being held at **Christ Memorial UCC in Blue Island**. Pilgrim Faith and Salem, Oak Lawn, Immanuel UCC Evergreen Park, and Peace Memorial Church, UCC are all participating in this wonderful community service. It begins at **6 pm**.

Also, all are invited to participate in the online Advent-ish Bible Study, "What is Heaven? What is Hell?" that takes place on Zoom each Sunday evening (except Nov 24) through December 15 at 6:30 pm, and you can join in by [clicking here](#). We have a few more of the study books available at church.

This Sunday's sermon, as I mentioned above, is about the Reign of Christ.

Please see a preview below.

And, as always, please let me know if there are any who could use a pastoral visit.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Kirk

A Peace sermon preview for November 24, 2024



Not seeing a video still frame? [Check here](#) for a whole playlist of sermon previews.



The Truth

You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free. John 8:32

The word “Truth” is in the Bible between 130 and 300 times (depending on which translation you are using.)

That is way more than preach (about a dozen times), way less than love (over 500 times) and about the same as money.

Does that mean that truth is way more important than preaching, way less important than love, and about as important as money?

Some would make that leap. I will not.

So what does that mean? I don’t know. What is truth? Pilate asked the question in the verse right after this week’s Bible reading. Can we ask the same? What is truth?

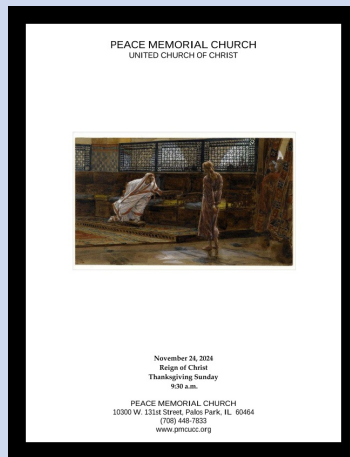
Maybe this?

*You want answers?
I think I'm entitled to them.
You want answers?
I want the truth!
You can't handle the truth!*

Or this?
The Truth is out there.

Can truth really exist? Is there absolute truth?

What is truth?



Bulletin for Sunday, November 24, 2024

Calendar for the week of November 24 - December 1, 2024

Sunday, November 24

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship

10:45 a.m. – Thanksgiving Dinner

Tuesday, November 26

6:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 a.m. - Volunteers

Thursday, November 28 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Saturday, November 30

3:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental

Sunday, December 1

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship

11:00 a.m. – Hanging of the Greens

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation class

6:30 p.m. – Zoom bible study “Heaven & Hell” - [link](#)

Birthdays

November 22

Susan Ritter

November 23

Nancy Anderson
Daniel Kallemeyn

November 25

Kelly Schmeltzer
Mike Koch

November 26

Dennis Kirscher
Jonathan Dagys

November 28

Brian Koch

News, Announcements, Gifts, Memorials, and Prayer Concerns

Ushers **11-24-24** – Alan White, David Johnson, Pam Cornyn, Pat Ostrowski

Ushers **12-1-24**– Sue Ritter, Dave Skala, Darryl Onak, Shawn Roorda

A Special Thank Offering in Honor of;

Brian Koch on his 90th birthday, November 28th.

Rich Lisak from the Peace Kids and the Christian Ed committee. A HUGE thank you for all he does for the Peace Kids.

Memorials in Honor of:

Helen Espinoza remembered by Mary Lou Skala and family.

New Prayers: **Ralph Swanson** after a fall.

Continued Prayers: For **Debbie Medina** after her knee surgery this week; **Pat Ostrowski**, prayers for healing after having pneumonia; **Anne Swanson**, Sue Freund's sister-in-law, for health concerns; **Judy Dagys** after her shoulder replacement surgery; **Henry Freund** prayers for recuperation after a procedure; **Helen Espinoza's family, Larry & Debra** after her passing; **Jan Pratscher** recovering after cancer surgery; **Earlene Kriechbaum** in Minooka after a hospital stay; **Karen Blaser** for continued strength and recuperation; **Nancy Di Novo** for upcoming surgery; **Russ Hook** for healing and strength; **Jeanine Gerard** in long term care, prayers for healing and strength; **Gordon Sieveke** prayers for strength and healing.

This Sunday, Lori Mason will be sponsoring any purchases made at Peace Café. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, please sign up on the sheet posted at the café.

Memorial Plaques

The plaques with the following names have been added to the Memorial wall:

Donna Franz

Rosemary Freebeck

Ethel Koch

Mary Ann Ochsenhofer

Ellen Swenson

Norman Swenson

The Mission Committee is always grateful for the generosity of the Peace Memorial Church congregation. Sunday, October 27th, started our **Annual Food Drive**, and we are asking for donations for families that are unable to

provide for the special holiday meals so many of us are blessed to share with family and friends. **This Food Drive will continue until December 15th**. As you grocery shop, please consider purchasing items that you enjoy for your own holiday meal. Please ensure that all donated items have future expiration dates.

Please join as we gather for a Community Thanksgiving Service this evening (Nov 24) – 6:00 pm at Christ Memorial UCC, 2240 York St. Blue Island, IL. Pilgrim Faith UCC and Salem UCC of Oak Lawn as well as Immanuel UCC in Evergreen Park are part of the service too. Pastor Kirk is participating in the service as well.

NEXT SUNDAY

**Please join us for the
Hanging of the Greens
December 1st at 10:30 a.m.**

December 8, 2024

Congregational Meeting

These are the selections of the nominating committee to be approved by the congregation at the congregational meeting on December 8th. Also, up for approval will be the **2025 budget**, and to adopt our **new vision statement**.

Trustee Officers

For the open trustee positions – **Theresa Graben and Jo Kujawa**

POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias and Memorials

Forms are on the table in the narthex. [\(also attached here\)](#)

Please include payment when turning in the form.

Orders for the poinsettias are due by Sunday, December 15th.

Memorials are due by Wednesday, December 18th.

The Giving Tree & Blessing Bucket

We are working with school district 91 in Lockport and our Mission Committee to help bring Christmas gifts to three families in need. There are still tags for gift suggestions located on our Giving Tree. Items needed are clothing, toys and gift cards. Please have the unwrapped gifts back by December 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Cornyn at 815-838-6774. Thank you

Peace Pickleball coming soon!

When the new floor in Zion Hall was installed, it was striped not only for basketball but also for PICKLEBALL! Pickleball has become very popular, and we are sure there are members and friends who either play or would like to learn. The time has come, Pickleball is coming to PMC! Nets are on order and will arrive soon! Anyone interested in learning or playing pickleball please contact Alan/Cindy White or Ruth Van Hecke to help launch Peace Pickleball! Together we can decide on the next steps including days and times to play and learn together!

JOIN US to go Christmas Caroling at Peace Village December 15th at 2:00 p.m.

Please join us for **Bible Study on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m** in the Chapel.



We are looking for baked goods for Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale.

Please drop off your donations on Friday, December 13th between 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. or Saturday, December 14th in the morning.



Any time -- even during the worship service - You can donate electronically to PMC through tithe.ly. Simply scan this QR Code, or use the [“donate” link](#) on our church website or at the bottom of this email. Thank you!

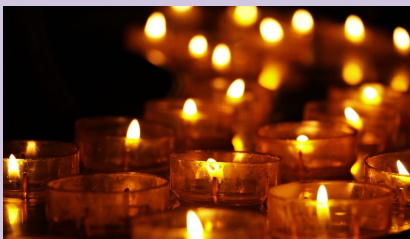


Gaza Humanitarian Snapshot #7

Humanitarian aid entering Gaza has fallen to an all-time low. CMEP, along with dozens of other humanitarian organizations, outlines the dire conditions found in Gaza in this Humanitarian

Snapshot. These include the direct targeting of aid workers and aid distribution points. Furthermore, tens of thousands of civilians are still trapped in Northern Gaza, which Israel has stated is a combat zone and will not allow aid to enter the region.

CMEP is a coalition of more than 30 national Church communions and organizations in Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, and Evangelical traditions. They work to mobilize US Christians to embrace a holistic perspective and to be advocates of equality, human rights, security, and justice for Israelis, Palestinians, and all people of the Middle East.



Transgender Day of Remembrance

Each year on November 20 is a global day of mourning for transgender persons who have lost their lives to anti-transgender/nonbinary violence; a day to renew our commitments to and solidarity with people of trans and nonbinary experience.

May our witness leave no doubt that the United Church of Christ stands with our transgender and nonbinary neighbors near and far — and that we are keeping faith with the transgender, nonbinary and gender queer members of our church and community.

The transgender community has enriched congregations throughout the United Church of Christ. Their stories of personal courage and their witness to the amazing diversity of God's creation have encouraged us as followers of Jesus



Did you miss church? [Catch up on last Sunday's service here.](#) And feel free to share recordings of past services with others who might like to learn more about Peace! You can subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) and also the [Worship Services Playlist](#).

BOTTLE *Painting*

AND WINE TASTING EVENT
AGE 21+ ONLY

JOIN US AT PEACE MEMORIAL
CHURCH ON FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 13TH AT 7PM FOR
HOLIDAY BOTTLE PAINTING
AND WINE TASTING!

\$30

BOTTLE PAINTING INCLUDES:
WINE BOTTLE, PAINT,
BRUSHES AND
INSTRUCTION.

\$8

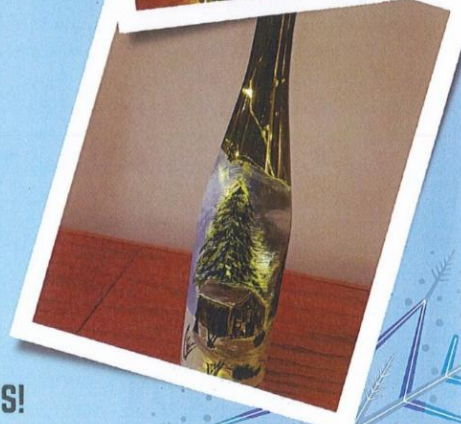
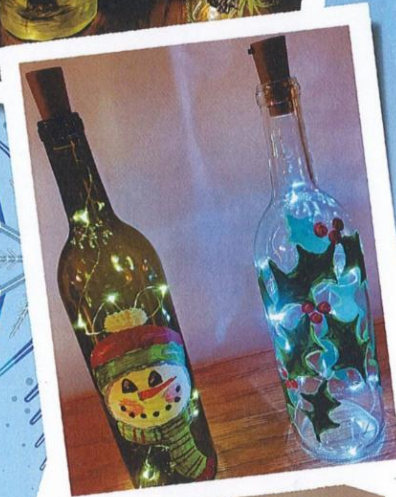
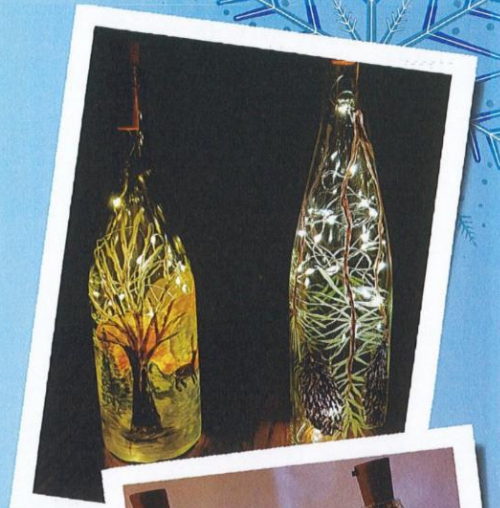
WINE TASTING INCLUDES:
4 TASTINGS OF MICHIGAN
WINES SWEET TO DRY

\$6

FIND A WINE YOU REALLY
LIKE? HAVE A GLASS
OR TWO!

COMPLIMENTARY
CHARCUTERIE AND SWEETS!

All proceeds go towards PMC CREW Big Build 2025



Community Event Breakfast with Santa



Peace Memorial Church

Saturday, December 14, 2024

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**10300 W. 131st Street
Palos Park, IL 60464**

708-448-7833



**Pictures
with Santa**

Christmas crafts for kids



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FREE WILL Donations

We're working with our community partners in ministry for this exciting event coming up TODAY (Nov 22) at PCOP!

Presbyterian Church in Orland Park
presents
the South African
Volmoed Youth Drummers

Friday November 22nd 7:00pm

South African Anglican priests, Rev. Edwin Arrison and Rev. Rene August were close friends of, partners and veteran anti-apartheid activists with the late Nobel Peace Prize winner, Archbishop Desmond Tutu (lovingly known as "Arch"). They give lectures around the world on the Arch's philosophy of "ubuntu," "I am because we are," mutuality, reconciliation with justice, unity, and community.

13401 Wolf Rd, Orland Park, IL 60467



\$10 suggested donation



Christmas

at Peace Memorial Church

- DECEMBER 1ST HANGING OF THE GREENS 9:30AM
 - DECEMBER 15TH - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
9:30 AM
 - DECEMBER 17TH - BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE 7 PM
 - DECEMBER 24TH - 4:00 AND 11:00 PM SERVICES WITH
CANDLIGHT AND CAROLS
- 

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Peace Memorial Church
10300 W. 131st St Palos Park
Tuesday, December 17th 7:00pm



During this year's service, we acknowledge our sadness and stress. We come together to know that we are not alone.



Peace Village
10300 Village Circle Drive
Palos Park, IL 60464
(708) 361-6091
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Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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