

Friday, December 27, 2024



Peace Weekly

From the Pastor
Rev. Kirk Moore



It's Still Christmas!

The Season of Christmas begins Christmas Day and continues until January 6 - the day of Epiphany. So while the anticipation and preparation for Christmas may be complete, It's still Christmas!

For this Sunday the 29th, on the 5th day of Christmas *-(Five Golden Rings!)*. I'll be visiting with Family in Ohio. Pastor Judy will be preaching about Jesus as a child. There's a subject preview below.

And, as always, please let me know if there are any who could use a pastoral visit. I'll be on vacation until January 2.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Kirk

A Peace sermon subject preview for December 29, 2024



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



Anxiety

In this week's Bible reading from Luke 2:41-52, Mary said to Jesus, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."

Mary was afraid that her child was missing, hurt, or worse.

Most parents have experienced "Where is my child?!" times, perhaps when the young one has wandered away from the clothing store to find a bathroom, rode their training-wheeled bicycle to the school to 'help daddy pick up my sister," or decided to take a nap in a suitcase in the closet. The sense of fear is disturbing and, in many ways, paralyzing.

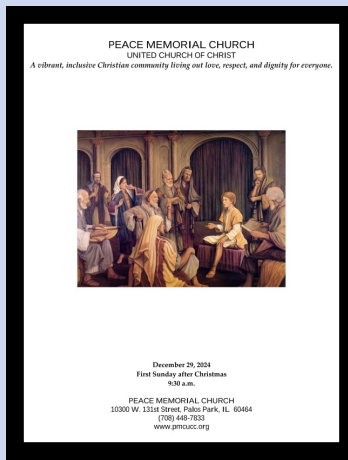
That same anxiety can be felt when there are no identifiable problems or situations at hand. Anxiety can strike any person, any age, at any time.

Mary and Joseph were relieved (if not a little angry) when they found 12-year-old Jesus. But for too many, relief seems impossible and the calls to "snap out of it! There's nothing wrong!" not only don't work, but they often (perhaps always!) make things worse.

I've found relief from anxiety in playing my guitar. It seems to reset whatever chemical processes are going on in my brain to give me feelings of anxiety. For many, medication, psychological help, and counseling can bring needed relief.

May we all learn to be a loving, calming presence to any who experience

anxiety. May we all treat everyone with respect, dignity, and love.



Bulletin for Sunday, December 29, 2024

Calendar

Sunday, January 5

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service

10:30 a.m.- De-greening the church

10:45 a.m. – Fellowship

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation class

Wednesday, January 8

8:00 a.m. - Volunteers

Saturday, January 4

3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental

Sunday, January 12

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service

10:45 a.m. – Fellowship

Birthdays

December 27

Sean Nestor
Tracey Signore

December 28

Cathy Miller

December 30

David Cornyn

December 31

Carmen Urbauer

January 1

Ruth Gross
Kathleen Krauss

News, Announcements, Gifts, Memorials, and Prayer Concerns

Ushers 12-29-24 – Gordon Sieveke, Keith Koch, Darryl Onak, Diane Oremovich

Memorials in Honor of:

Peggy Mann remembered by the entire Skala family.

Brett Wehrmann remembered by Marion Klemme and Beverly Baker Meyer

New Prayers: For **Peggy Mann's family** after her passing on December 20th.

Continued Prayers: For **Linnea Ferrantelli family and the Apel family** after the passing of Linnea's father-in-law, Patrick Apel; **Roger Jacobson**, lifelong friend of Ray & Jo Kujawa after Roger's heart transplant surgery on Friday. Prayers for healing and recovery; **Michelle Vondrak**, Carmen's daughter-in-law, going through cancer treatment; **Anne Swanson**, Sue Freund's sister-in-law, for health concerns; **Jan Pratscher** recovering after cancer surgery; **Earlene Kriechbaum** continued healing; **Karen Blaser** for continued strength and recuperation; **Nancy Di Novo** rehabbing after her 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.

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!

BUNCO IS BACK!! ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Starting Tuesday, January 7th in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. We will play on the first Tuesday of every month. Feel free to bring an appetizer or a dessert, and water bottles will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or talk Pam Cornyn @ 815-953-9092.

Please join us for **Bible Study on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m** in the Chapel. No Bible Study December 26 or January 2.



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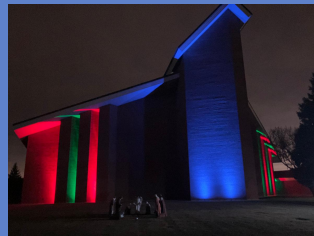


Humanitarian Snapshot #8

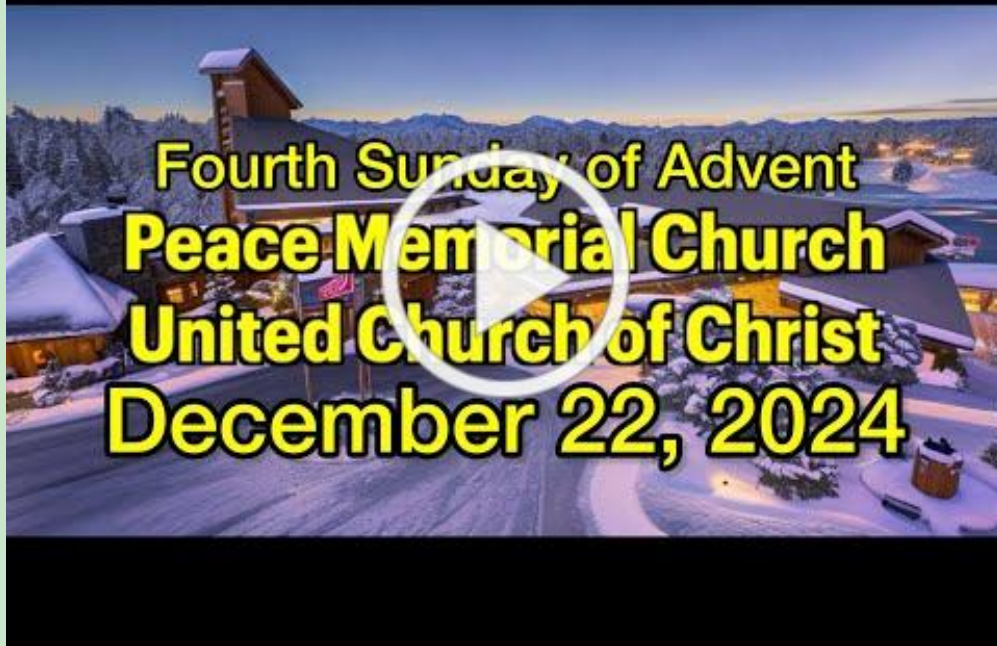
Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) and other Humanitarian organizations express a profound concern over the dire humanitarian conditions in Gaza, as highlighted in the recently released Humanitarian Access

Snapshot #8. CMEP urges the international community to act decisively to alleviate the suffering of Gaza's people and uphold the principles of human dignity and justice.

Christmas Eve Pictures



[Christmas Eve 2024 - 4 pm](#)



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.](#)

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