

Friday, January 17, 2025



Peace Weekly

From the Pastor
Rev. Kirk Moore

Birmingham

Dr. Martin Luther King jr. was in a Birmingham Jail after leading non violent demonstrations for civil rights - non violent demonstrations against racism - non violent demonstrations against injustice. He had been chastised for the demonstrations and for his part in them. He had been called an "outside agitator" and had received a "you don't belong here -- this is none of your concern" letter -- from local clergy



Then and now – churches are too often more concerned with maintaining the status quo rather than being a beacon of hope, justice and peace. Too often the church act as if it is not her concern.

And yet we're not bound to repeat past mistakes.

This week we'll pay tribute to the modern-day prophet Dr. King, and also look back to the time Jesus turned water into wine. Please see below for a preview.

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 January 19, 2025



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Is that our concern?

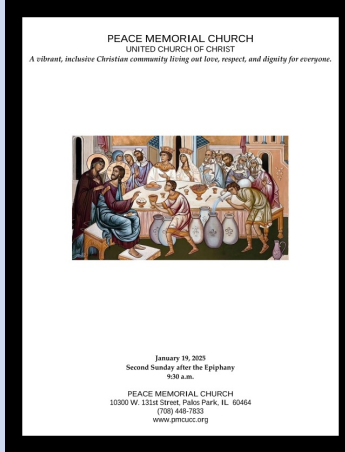
In this week's reading from John 2:1-11, about Jesus and the wine at the wedding at Cana, Jesus told his mom it wasn't their concern

Excuse me? That's not OK. That's the kind of thing that communicates disrespect. It communicates a sense of disdain. It's rude.

Some folks look at the way Jesus addressed his mother as rude, too. "Woman, what concern is that:) And while I do identify Jesus telling his mother that it was not their concern was unnecessary, I don't think the way he addressed her was rude. Reading it now it looks callous and misogynistic. The context of the time makes it more as if he said, "Ma'am" or something close. Still not the way to address one's mother (How about "Mom?") but not the super rude beginning to an otherwise rude statement by Jesus.

Mary responded in a much more respectful way, holding her tongue, I'd guess. "Do whatever he tells you." Can you imagine an eye rolling sigh before that? I sure can. I also think that a "Hold it right there, young man. Why are you giving me attitude?" conversation that happened between Mary and Jesus while the jars with water were turning into wine.

Is it OK to talk to people with disrespect? I know it happens every day at ever level from friends to family to teachers to business associates to political adversaries. But is it OK? What does it accomplish?



Bulletin for Sunday, January 19, 2025

Calendar

Sunday, January 19

- 8:45 a.m. – Choir practice
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service
- 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship
- 10:45 a.m. – Worship & Music meeting
- 11:00 a.m. - Confirmation

Tuesday, January 21

- 6:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental

Wednesday, January 22

- 7:00 a.m. – Volunteers

Thursday, January 23

- 1:00 p.m. – Bible study
- 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – OES Study/Narthex

Sunday, January 26

- 8:45 a.m. – Choir practice
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service
- 10:45 a.m. – Fellowship

Birthdays

January 18
Charlotte Haase

January 20
Scott Stille

News, Announcements, Gifts, Memorials, and Prayer Concerns

Ushers 1-19-25 – Dave Skala, Pat Ostrowski, Jim Keyser
Ushers 1-26-25 – Sue Ritter, Gordon Sieveke, Keith Koch

A Special Thank Offering in Honor of
Peggy Mann remembered by her family & friends.

Memorials in Honor of:

Joe Kujawa remembered on his 100th birthday, December 26th, 2024, by the Kujawa, Finn, and Miulli families.

Carol J. Gorman, mother of Joanne Bockmann, who passed away January 14, 2025. From Dave & Pam Cornyn & Don Stille.

Thomas R Angone Sr. remembered by Eleanor Cochonour.

New Prayers: For **Michael Miulli**, Eric's uncle and godfather, prayers for the family after his sudden death; **Pat Norton**, Mary Anne's brother, in the hospital.

Continued Prayers: For my friend **Alex and his family** after the loss of his grandfather by Shawn Roorda; **Elaine Angone and family** after the passing of Tom Angone on December 27th; **Joe Graben** recovering after eye surgery; **Peggy Mann's family** after her passing on December 20th; **Roger Jacobson**, lifelong friend of Ray & Jo Kujawa after recovering after heart transplant surgery; **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.

This Sunday Nancy & Joe DiNovo will be sponsoring Peace Café.

PMC Peace Pickleball! Open gym pickleball is coming soon! The tentative schedule is Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and start date is TBA. If anyone is interested in playing or learning how to play, please contact Alan White, Cindy White or Ruth Van Hecke.

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



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"donate" link on our church website or at the
bottom of this email. Thank you!



LOVE IN ACTION

When disaster strikes, the United Church of Christ responds. Together, we can show God's love in action.

Thank you for standing with California's communities during this time of unreal hardship. Your generosity will make a difference.*

*100% of your donation will go directly to disaster relief efforts. Every gift matters. Please give today.



[A California wildfires appeal was issued by the UCC's Global H.O.P.E. team on January 10.](#)

The Rev. Shari Prestemon, Acting Associate General Minister and co-executive of Global Ministries acknowledged days after the initial wildfire how easy it was to feel powerlessness “in the face of such immense devastation.”

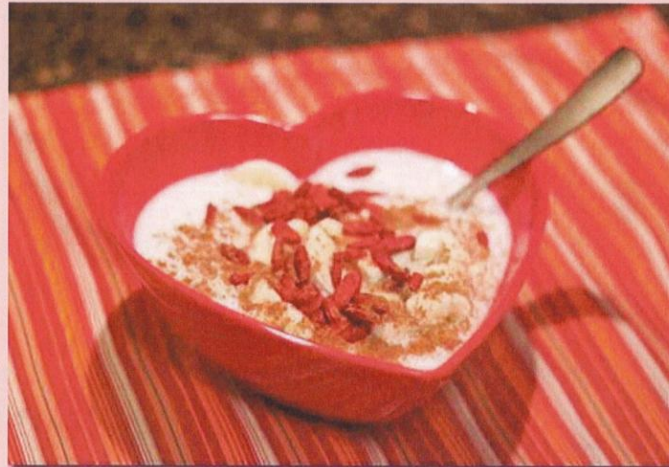
“But there are ways we can meaningfully and appropriately respond now, by giving generously to support recovery needs and by keeping all who are heartbroken and fearful in our steadfast prayers,” said Prestemon. “Our response as the Body of Christ, now and over many months and years to come, can truly have a powerful impact.”

May the potential cease fire in Palestine and Israel lead to a just peace for all, and a liberation of the oppressed.



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.](#)

**The Heart Healthy Cereal collection begins,
Sunday, February 2nd and runs through
and including Sunday, February 23rd.**



**This annual project in February is in honor
and in memory Louise Smith.**

**The cereal collected will be delivered to a local food
pantry. If our goal of 100 boxes of cereal is
achieved, we will deliver to two food pantries.**

Examples of Heart Healthy cereals are:

Cheerios
Smart Start
Special K
Barbara's Puffins
Kashi

SCORE A TOUCHDOWN
FOR YOUR SWEETHEART

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
MEETS VALENTINES DAY

BAKE SALE

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9TH



FREE WILL OFFERING
BENEFITING CHRISTIAN ED



Subs for the SUPER BOWL

Order forms available in the Narthex

GET YOUR ORDERS IN
Sunday February 9th
BY SUNDAY FEB. 2nd

Sandwiches will be \$6 each

ham

turkey

salami

combo (ham turkey & salami)

roast beef

COMPLIMENTARY BOWL
OF CHILI WITH EVERY SUB
PURCHASED 🍲

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA HOOK!

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BEAT THE WINTER BLUES

*Peace Memorial Church
Saturday, February 15, 2025*

6:00 pm Appetizers

7:00 pm Dinner & Fun!

Want to help shake off those winter blues? Meet us for a nice evening of friendship, food and fun!



Tickets available at the
Cafe \$15.00 per person.
Invite your friends to come with you!
Please contact Kathi Graben for more information

Join us for a night of fun!

Bring your own
games or enjoy
some of ours!



Build your
own pizza!

PIZZA & GAME NIGHT

Saturday March 1st

4:00-7:00pm

Zion Hall

Sign up in the Narthex by
Feb 16th



Any questions, please
contact the church office!



Peace Memorial Cooking Club

Charcuterie

Learn the easy steps for making a perfect cheese and charcuterie board, with lots of details about the best ingredients, tools and arrangement strategies.

DATE: Saturday March 8, 2025

PLACE: Zion Hall

TIME: 6 PM to 8 PM

COST: \$20.00 per Board (Collected Day of Event)

All Supplies Provided at the Event

Open to all PMC Members – Family & Friends.

Sign Up Sheet is in the church Narthex at the Center
Visitor Desk

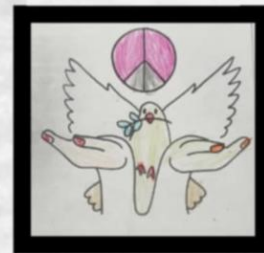
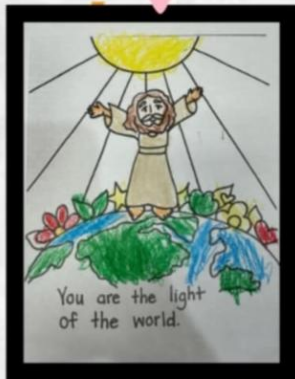
Registration Open Until Sunday March 1st 2025

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THE FAITH AND FUN COLORING BOOK

Featuring artwork by Nicole Bubash

A great
Valentine's Day
gift!



A Fundraiser benefiting Christian Education at PMC



\$15 for PMC members
\$20 cover price



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