

Friday, February 28, 2025



Peace Weekly



From the Pastor
Rev. Kirk Moore

Lent

It begins this week. But not before Mardi Gras! It's the traditional time to use up all the sweets before embarking on a more somber time of Lent. So after Mardi Gras, please join us Wednesday evening for our Ash Wednesday Soup Supper at 6:15, followed by an Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm.

Additionally, I'll be at the Palos Park train station in the morning from 7 - 8 am and also 4:15 - 5:45 pm

And don't forget that from March 11 - April 8, the 5 UCC Congregations in the area, (Christ Memorial Blue Island, Immanuel Evergreen Park, Salem and Pilgrim Faith Oak Lawn, and PMC) are combining to offer a Bible study on Zoom. Gatherings begin at 6:30 pm Tuesday evenings and will go to about 7:30. Pastor Kirk will be leading some of the sessions. If you're interested, you can pick up or order a copy of the book at [most bookstores](#) or [online booksellers](#).

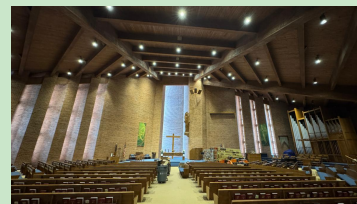


Join in any or all of the study times. We'll post a link later this week, before March 11.

Here's an extra sermon preview for the Ash Wednesday service.



And before we begin Lent, this Sunday is Transfiguration -- the time when Jesus glowed. And it's the first Sunday in a long time when all the lights will be on in the sanctuary! And please see below for a sermon 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 March 2, 2025





A New Look

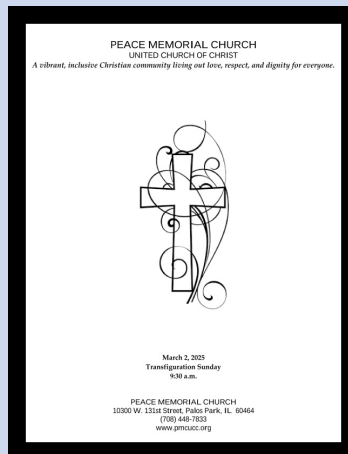
We are part of a society obsessed with "The new look." We spend billions of dollars every year on all kinds of "age defying" lotions and treatments :

And I admit it. I'm have been caught up in the obsession. I colored my hair from age 37 to 50. I also used to try to hide my bald spot. Now that my grey has come in nicely it makes the bald spot less visible.

During the pandemic I let my hair grow long and I loved it. Last year I decided to cut it shorter. I still try to take care of my hair. Maybe It would be better if I didn't care so much....

What is it about new looks? Think about what kind of new look you've recently gotten or one you wish you could have. You don't have to tell anyone. Just spend a moment thinking about it. When you've done it, how have people reacted? If you did do it, how do you think people would react? What's your reason for wanting that new look?

We've been imagining together what kinds of updates are necessary, what ones are helpful, and what ones can wait here at PMC. I know that we really do need to have some updates done here for safety, accessibility, flexibility, and beautification. I also think that it's kind of funny that as a society and as people we're obsessed with getting a new look - and at the same time we want all the things that we've determined should be unchanging to either never change or to go back the way they were. In many ways we are a people who want new energy, new passion, and new life -- without ever having to change at all.



[Bulletin for Sunday, March 2, 2025](#)

Sunday, March 2

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship

11:00 a.m. – Confirmation class

Monday, March 3

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. – PMCMMC/ Zion Hall

Tuesday, March 4

Mardi Gras!

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Open Play Pickleball/Zion Hall

6:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental

7:00 p.m. – Bunco/Chapel

Wednesday, March 5

7:00 a.m. – Volunteers

6:00 p.m. – Choir practice

6:15 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Soup Supper/Narthex

No Pickleball tonight

7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 6

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Open Play Pickleball/Zion Hall

1:00 p.m. – Bible study

4:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental

Saturday, March 8

6:00 p.m. – Kitchen Ministry – Charcuterie Class/Zion Hall

Sunday, March 9

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TODAY

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service

10:30 a.m. – Fellowship

Birthdays

February 28

Cheryl Channic

March 3

Julie Sersland

March 6

Shirley Fijolek

News, Announcements, Gifts, Memorials, and Prayer Concerns

Ushers 3-2-25 – Keith Koch, Shawn Roorda, Darryl Onak

Ushers 3-9-25 – Pam Cornyn, David Johnson, Carol Ritter

Memorials in Honor of:

William Rohlfs remembered by the entire Skala family; Mark & Linnea Rimkus

New Prayers: Prayers of comfort and peace for the Family of **Marcia Marrs** who died February 24th. (Mother of Mike (Robin) Marrs – Robin is Pastor Kirk's Sister); for the **Macauley** family after **George's** passing on February 10th; the family of **Diane Franco** after passing away suddenly by the Joneses.

Continued Prayers: For **Malik**, the son of Linda Kallemeyn's friend Christy; **Cathy Onak** who had major shoulder surgery on the 13th, prayers for strength and healing; **Carol Vitello**, dear friend of Michael Horn and Ken Ochsenhofer, facing complex cancer surgery; **Claire Schneider** prayers for healing and strength after a hospital stay; **Pat Finn** beginning testing to be placed on the lung transplant list; **Joe Graben** recovering after eye surgery; **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; **Jan Pratscher** recovering after cancer surgery; **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 the Peace Café will be sponsored by the Kirscher family.

Thank you to Ray & Jo Kujawa for the donation towards the Prayer Bears from Sue Freund and Mimi Sciacchitano.

PMC Prayer Bears have been successfully revived!

Our supply is running low. If you would like to donate toward purchasing new bears or bears themselves, please send your donations to the church office. They continue to be a symbolic source of spiritual comfort for physical and emotional wellbeing. If you have a loved one who is experiencing any health conditions who may be hospitalized or undergoing chronic treatment for illness, please take one of the bears. They are located in the small wagon behind the last row of Pews in the sanctuary. They represent the connection to our church's spiritual message and prayers that resonate each Sunday.

PMC Peace Pickleball!

Pickleball is getting started. - Wahoo!!!!

This will be a place and time for us to: have fun, meet people, learn about and play pickleball.

Tuesday and Thursdays: 10:00am-2:00pm - Open Play

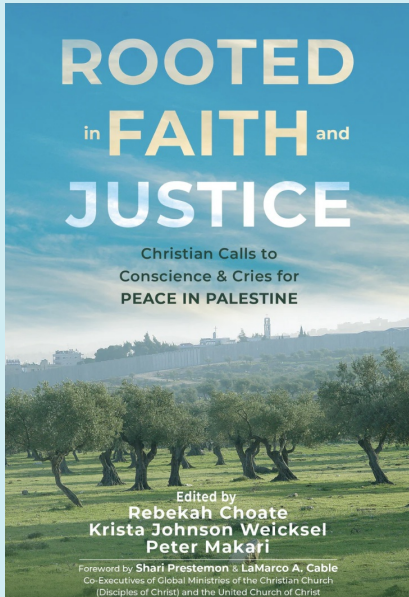
Wednesday evenings: 6:30pm-8:30pm - Open Play

It's our 9th year! Who can remember building the garden beds?! Spring begins March 20th! Time to begin planning for warmer weather. Interested in renting a raised garden bed? Now is the time to get on our list, just stop the church office, or send an email communitygarden@pmcucc.org or contact us on Facebook @ Community Garden at PMC. Our Annual Seed Exchange is scheduled for March 29th, @ 10am in the Youth Center. Any and all can attend, you do not have to be part of the team who will be renting beds this year. Friends, family, neighbors, Church member, community member, just show up! If you are interested in renting a garden bed, a 2x8 is \$25 or a 4x8 is \$40. These fees support maintaining the Community Garden.

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



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!



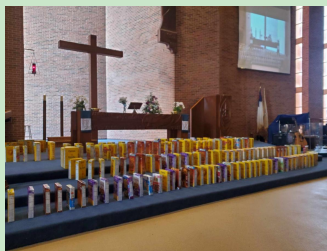
Rooted in Faith and Justice

Are you struggling to understand the complexities and injustices in Palestine and Israel? Rooted in Faith and Justice offers a powerful and enlightening perspective through the eyes of Palestinian Christian leaders and thinkers.

Several sections of the book begin with quotes from the Rev. Munther Isaac, who spoke here at PMC last year.

Immerse yourself in the stories of Gaza's devastation and the ongoing struggle for justice and peace. Gain deep insights into the historical and contemporary issues facing Palestinians, from displacement to daily oppression. Rooted in Faith and Justice will challenge your perspectives, confront double standards, and help you discover pathways to solidarity and action. Engage with the realities of Palestine, rooted in faith, justice, and peace, and become part of the movement towards a just and lasting peace.

We collected 161 (and counting) boxes of heart healthy cereal to give to two local food pantries!





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](#).

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



**BEAT THE
WINTER
BLUES**



*Peace Memorial Church
Saturday, March 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!



*sweet
Blues*



**Snowflakes are Kisses
From Heaven**

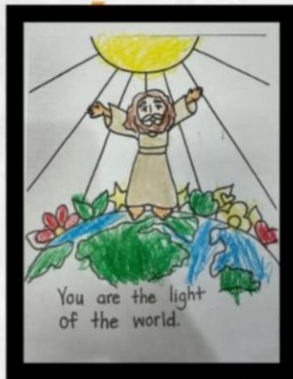
**Tickets available at the
Cafe \$15.00 per person.
Invite your friends to come with you!
Please contact Kathi Graben for more information**

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THE FAITH AND FUN COLORING BOOK

Featuring artwork by Nicole Bubash

A gift from a wee
leprechaun!



A Fundraiser benefiting Christian Education at PMC



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\$20 cover price



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