



Your monthly news & updates

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Pastor Judy Jones

Dreams. They are a fascinating subject. Dreams play a big role in Scriptures. Dreams have led many a Biblical character to change their lives and the lives of many others. Characters of the Bible have seen such things as stairways to heaven, and the way to meet the enemy on the battlefield. The interpretation of dreams brought Joseph out of the Pharaoh's prison. God has spoken to many Biblical figures through dreams. People as mighty as Kings and as lowly as a young girl and her betrothed in Nazareth. Dreams have brought great ideas and warnings of danger. We, too, have learned many things through our own "sleeping" dreams as well as our daydreams. We all need dreams that propel us into action and service. There are many who have spent their lives analyzing dreams to help people understand what those dreams are trying to tell them. We dream about our loved ones and awake with a smile on our face. At other times we dream about things that we fear and wake up in a state of panic. Dreams are both wonderful and terrifying at the same time.

But I would like to address our dreams for ourselves. Many have dreamed of fame and fortune, of great accomplishments and times of contentment. As youth we dream big and plan to take on the world. Later in life we adjust those dreams to reflect attainable goals without losing the desire to accomplish great things. As we head into those final years of our lives, we evaluate our goals accomplished, and dreams fulfilled. If we have been faithful to our dreams, we find contentment and joy. But if we have slacked off and allowed others to do the work we should have done, we may find ourselves remorseful or disappointed. As I read recently in a Bible study book by James Moore, we all need dreams that are neither too big to be accomplished nor so small that our lives have no color or excitement. We need to dream dreams that we then act on and thus cause our world to be a better place. We need to listen to our dreams, both awake and sleeping.

Now you may never be visited by Angels telling you to change the world by a miraculous performance before millions of people, but you may be led to

reach out to someone in trouble. You may never hear the angels sing of your glory, but you could bring a smile to a child. You may never be asked to lead great armies of people, but you may lead a few wandering folks on the right path for their lives. What is your dream? Where has it led you? Where has it led others? I encourage you to listen to your dreams, it is never too late to dream the dreams that will change your world. It is never too late to act on dreams. The results may not be as earthshattering as you once thought, but your actions will always make a change. And if, by chance one of those heavenly beings comes to you one night, you will be ready to answer and follow the guidance of God's Holy Spirit.

Have a great June and beautiful dreams!

PMC President's Report

Dennis Kirscher

It has been a busy month this May, with good news as the primary outcome. Our Search Committee has found a GREAT candidate to present to the congregation for approval as our new Senior Pastor. His name Kirk Moore. His experience, more than thirteen years as a Sr Pastor. His references gave us glowing endorsements. More importantly, he gave the search committee the unanimous feeling that THIS is the person to provide the leadership that Peace Memorial Church UCC will need to thrive in the future. To be honest, I was not greatly impressed by his profile picture, but within minutes of our first zoom conversation, I knew this is the person we have been searching for! I freely admit that I had been premature in my assessment! Further confirmation that you really can't judge a book by the cover. Rev. Moore is an accomplished musician and has a great presence in his sermon presentations.

I invite everyone to be present for church on Sunday, June 1st when Reverend Moore makes his PMC debut, delivering his first sermon and to vote YES, confirming the Search Committee's choice and making Reverend Kirk Moore our Senior Pastor! I look forward to seeing you there!

Weekly Service Attendance

May 7 (Communion Sunday)

9:30 am - 68

May 14 (Mother's Day)

9:30 am - 70

May 21

9:30 am - 91

May 28

9:30 am - 86 (Confirmation & Communion)

Christian Education

Holly Jones



Woohoo! It's June! Can you believe it! I am so excited! It's finally summer! School is out (or will be in the next week!), graduates have celebrated with their pomp and circumstance and it's time for fun! Summer brings all the very best things: longer days to enjoy by the pool, adventures to go on, memories to make and of course s'mores!! Oh!! We should have had s'mores at our Sunday School Open House! Oh that's right, we had adorable paw print cookies instead! Our Open House was PAWSitively wonderful! Our kids recreated some of the immersive Bible stories they learned, acting like shepherds and fishermen, all while welcoming the entire congregation to explore our classroom and show off all their projects. Everyone who stopped by enjoyed themselves!

It was a great kick off to summer break but there is no rest for Christian Ed! We are as busy as ever! First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to our newest confirmands, Jada and Alex. Welcome to Peace Memorial Church! Our younger kids started their garden last month, planting cucumbers, tomatoes, sugar snap peas, carrots and basil! That sounds like a delicious salad to me! The goal is for the kids to be able to make a meal to share with their friends while eagerly awaiting the return of Vacation Bible School!

This year's VBS theme, Pets Unleashed is sure to be quite the event!

We are very grateful for all the support we have received through donations and volunteers already! If you missed our kick off announcement, July 6th and 7th will be filled with Bible stories, music, projects and more! Saturday July 8th, there will be an interactive presentation from Animal Quest with 10 different animals to meet! If you are interested in sponsorship or volunteering, we would be happy to talk with you!

As a reminder, Sunday school has ended for the summer, but we are always glad to see your children in church. They look so cute sitting in their reserved pews!





Peace Kids Garden Edition



Pastoral Search Committee Linnea Rimkus

We have good news! The Search Committee has presented our choice for our new Senior Pastor to the Trustees. The personnel committee has formulated a salary/benefit package which was reviewed at their last meeting. It was unanimously approved and sent to our candidate for his review. He has accepted our offer and will preach his candidate sermon on Sunday, June 11, after which the congregation will vote on his acceptance at the Congregational Meeting to follow. We hope to see everyone in church on Sunday, June 11 so that you can meet our candidate!

As always, the Search Committee appreciates your support in this

endeavor.

Theresa Graben, Sue Freund, Cindy White, Dave Skala, Rev. Judy Jones,
Pat Whalen, Dennis Kirscher and Linnea Rimkus.

Thanks again!
Linnea

ALL CHURCH NEWS



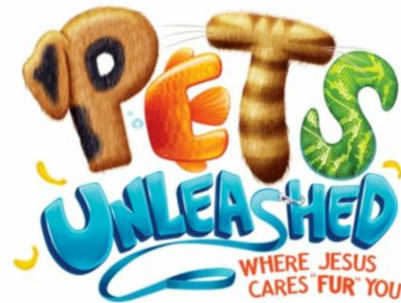
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A very big THANK YOU to Peace Memorial Church members for your donations and support for the Mission Committee Food Drive. The generous donations and gifts of compassion will be delivered this week to the Orland Township Food Pantry.

Thank you and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know.
Thank you so much,
Barb

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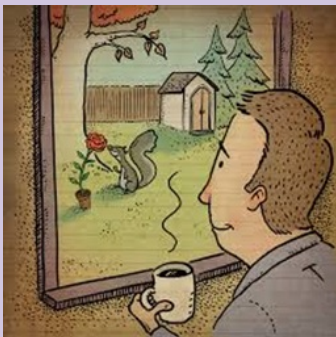
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 6th-7th, 2023
* Special Presentations *
July 8th & 9th



more details to follow

♪ JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL O'OVER ♪

Gaile Sprissler



And so should we! Open all the windows and blow winter out of the house. Release your inner child. Go to the park and get on a swing. On the evening of the 21st, dance in the backyard moonlight, welcoming the summer solstice.

Release your inhibitions and let your inner child know it's safe to come out and play (and heal) any way it needs to. How do you bring back that innocent joy that used to come so naturally? The quickest and easiest path to reclaiming this joy is getting back in touch with your laughter and your passions. Think back to your childhood. What pastimes and activities brought you the most happiness? What fun things allowed you to escape?

Re-engage that childlike sense of wonder and look with your inner child's eyes at the world once more. Enroll in an art class, or maybe an adult dance class. Call up the people who make you laugh the most and schedule a night of fun. Fill your life with happiness again — consciously and with commitment. Do things you're good at and do things that serve no other purpose but to

entertain. Not only will you increase your own confidence, you'll do the same for your inner child too. Keep it simple and keep it silly.

Check out the local farmer's market, and buy something you have never tried before. Find a local outdoor concert - colleges, park districts, and community centers schedule plenty this time of year. Attend an outdoor Art Fair or start an art project of your own.

Need retail therapy? Check out all the garage and rummage sales. Find something unusual and repurpose it. Get in the car and drive in the country. Hug a tree. Grab a friend and go to a community, ethnic, or church festival. There are several every weekend around the Chicagoland area.

Really - go outside and smell the roses! Pick a goal, a trait, a desire and go for it. Happy summer to you!

Summer Local Events Concerts, Fairs, and Festivals

Homewood Artisan Street Fair

The village and Loulou Belle present this event from 4 to 9 p.m. **JUNE 2** and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. **JUNE 3** in downtown Homewood. Admission is free. At Martin Avenue and Hickory Road. 708-798-3000 or 708-673-9040; village.homewood.il.us.

Fox Pointe's Wednesday night concerts

Dick Diamond and The Dusters with Chicole starts this series at 6 p.m. **JUNE 7** at this venue in Lansing. Admission is free. At 18138 Henry St. 708-895-7204; foxpointe.org.

Rooftop Summer Music Series

These concerts include Steepwater Band at 7 p.m. **JUNE 9** at Joliet Area Historical Museum. Tickets are \$10; \$8 for members. Table reservations also are available. At 204 Ottawa St. 815-723-5201; jolietmuseum.org.

VVAC Food Truck & Art Festival

This event, which includes The Walls Have Eyes exhibit reception and a Joe Orozco and The StingRays gazebo concert, is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. **JUNE 10** at Vogt Visual Arts Center in Tinley Park. Admission is free. At 17420 S. 67th Court. 708-614-6503; tinleyparkdistrict.org/vvac.

Frankfort Bluegrass Festival

The Travelin' McCourys and Tim O'Brien Band headline this 11th annual event at 10 a.m. **JULY 8** and 9 on Briedert Green. Admission is free. At Kansas and Oak streets. 815-469-6321 (Steve Haberichter at Down Home Guitars);

Palos Hills' Friendship Fest

A carnival and live music are included from 6 to 10:30 p.m. **JULY 13**, 6 p.m. to midnight **JULY 14**, noon to midnight **JULY 15** and 1 to 10:30 p.m. **JULY 16** at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills. Admission is free. At 9000 W. College Parkway. 708-430-4500; paloshillsweb.org and click on Friendship Fest under Parks & Recreation in Departments.

Taste of Orland Park

Local restaurants and live music are part of this 20th anniversary event from 5 to 11 p.m. **AUG. 4**, 1 to 11 p.m. **AUG 5** and 1 to 9 p.m. **AUG 6** outside Village Hall. Admission is free. At 14700 Ravinia Ave. 708-403-6283; orlandpark.org.

Will County Fair

Will County Fair Association event is from 8 a.m. to midnight **AUG. 23** to 27 at Will County Fairgrounds in Peotone. Admission is \$1 **AUG. 23** for Family Day, \$2 **AUG. 24** for Seniors & Veterans Day and \$5 daily **AUG. 24** to 27; free for ages 9 and younger daily. At 710 S. West St. 708-258-9359; willcountyfair.org.

Hickory Hills Carnival

This sixth annual event is from 5 to 10 p.m. **AUG. 24**, 5 to 11 p.m. **AUG. 25**, noon to 11 p.m. **AUG. 26** and noon to 10 p.m. **AUG 27** at Kasey Meadow Park. Mega Pass is sold **JULY 31** to **AUG. 23** for \$55. Daily passes are sold on-site. At 8047 W. 91st Place. 708-598-1233; hhparkdistrict.org can click on Special Events under Events & Activities in Programs & Registration.



June 1

Steve Rakauskas

June 3

Rebecca Finn
Pamela Medyk
Kristine Urbauer

June 6

Laura Perry

June 7

William Oremovich

June 8

Kenneth Miller
Karen Rakauskas

June 9

June 13

Elizabeth Finn
Howard Hook

June 14

Mark Bockmann
Glenn Kuelczo

June 15

Brian Nolan

June 16

Karen Wasyliv

June 17

Tom Osborne

June 19

Linda Cuadros

June 22

David Rudnicki

June 23

Charlie Zuniga

June 24

Rimas Dagys

June 25

Alexander Misale

June 28

Donna Franz
Gaile Sprissler

June 29

Judith Kirscher

June 20
Jamie Kirscher

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1 pm Bible Study	2	3 3-5 p.m. Grand Prairie Singers/ Sanctuary
4 All day pavilion rental 9:30 am Communion Sunday Worship	5	6	7 7:00 am Volunteers 7pm CE	8 1 pm Bible Study	9	10
11 9:30 am Worship Congregational meeting/ Pastoral vote ONA meeting OES Pavilion / Youth Center	12	13	14 7:00 am Volunteers 3:00 p.m. PADS	15 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Foundation meeting Pastor's office	16	17
18 9:30 am Worship	19 MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE	20 7:00 pm Alzheimer's meeting	21 7:00 am Volunteers 7:00 Trustees	22 1 pm Bible Study	23	24 10 - 4 Stitchers - Chapel
25 All day pavilion rental 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Worship & Music meeting	26	27	28 7:00 am Volunteers	29 1 pm Bible Study	30	

Church Office Hours

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

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