



Your monthly news & updates

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Pastor Judy Jones
"Leave Taking"

And so it goes, the time has come to change my role from Pastor to Parishioner. I have been honored to serve as your Interim Pastor for the past two years, to welcome new members into the church, offer both baptism and communion to this church family and to walk with several of you as you said goodbye to loved ones. Even though I had known many of you for a few years before taking on the role of Interim, it has been a pleasure to get to know you even better, to share meals with you and times of celebration. I will always hold dear the friendship I have made here. Now I look forward to continuing my involvement here at Peace Memorial as one worshipping with you.

God calls each of us into different roles in His service, some as teachers, some as choir members, some as Trustees and many as members of committees that keep the church working. We all need to take pride in the roles we are called to and serve with commitment to His Kingdom's growth on this earth. Peace Memorial is a very special place filled with people who know how to share His love and give of their own resources when the call is issued. I am proud to be a part of this fellowship of believers. Thank you for all your support and care. My prayer is that Peace Memorial will grow and flourish as you continue to do the work God has called you to. May God bless you and keep you.

*God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide up hold you
with his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again, 'neath His wings protecting hide*

PMC President's Report

Dennis Kirscher

What a great time to be a member at Peace Memorial Church! We have been fortunate enough to have a "Resident Pastor", Rev Judy Jones, to take the pastoral reins after Pastor Jed Watson left us. And though it took a bit of time, we have successfully navigated the Pastoral search process and hired a new settled Pastor. AND we are hosting a number of events including a SWIFT picnic (July 30th), a Rainbow picnic (August 13th), and another PMC CREW big build (August 25th & 26th)!

I would like to offer my personal thanks to Pastor Judy Jones, and I am sure I speak for the entire congregation, when I say thank you for being the MVP of Peace Memorial, keeping us vital and alive in the absence of a settled Pastor. Pastor Judy we are forever in your debt, THANK YOU!

WELCOME to Rev Kirk Moore! Pastor Moore became our settled Pastor on Sunday July 9th by a 93-9 congregational vote after a meet and greet Sunday a few weeks prior, and a Candidate Sermon on the 9th. We are looking forward to innovative leadership and growth with Rev Moore as Senior Pastor.

Hosting the SWIFT event demonstrates our awareness of other faiths and our commitment to the recognition of those faiths and the freedom for all to worship as they choose.

The Rainbow Picnic on August 13, I am sure, will have some of the best food around. I know this because I am cooking!! Come join in, all are welcome!

As for PMC CREW, we are partnering again with *Help Build Hope* to construct the walls of 4 Habitat for Humanity "rescue" homes for families in Georgia who have lost their homes to recent flooding there. The build will be a two day event, August 25th and 26th. The first day will be cutting and sorting each piece of lumber for the 4 homes. The second day will be assembling those pieces into walls and standing one of the homes to be dedicated. Then we will load them for transport to Georgia to be erected there. No special skills are necessary to be a part of this uplifting event. We are expecting 80 volunteers of all ages to join us for the Build. Sign up online or at church. Sponsors and donations are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact me through the church office at 708-448-7833!

Respectfully submitted

Weekly Service Attendance

July 2 (Communion Sunday)
9:30 am - 61

July 9 (Congregational Meeting Pastoral vote)
9:30 am - 141

July 16
9:30 am - 65

July 23
9:30 am - 64

July 30
9:30 am - 73

Christian Education

Holly Jones



It's August! The school supplies are trickling in, the anticipation of 'what teacher did I get' is building. For those who have an actual summer break, it has already been 60 nonstop days of fun in the sun! I am not ready to let the summer go though! This has been hands down the most fun summer break! Of course the highlight for the church was VBS! Over the course of 2 days, we indulged 14 campers in songs and games, crafts and more! I was blessed with a first hand view of ALL the action as I ran from station to station for birds eye and snails eye angles! Yes, I even climbed on a picnic table! To see the smiles on our children's faces, watching the connections being formed, and all the dedication from our volunteers was absolutely incredible. We made braided chew toys for dogs and jingly toys for cats, along with seed bombs for the entire congregation! Did you remember to plant yours? I'm so excited to see those wildflowers bloom, to remember all the adventures that we will carry in our hearts forever! Let's not forget our Animal Encounter presentation from Animal Quest! We were treated to an interactive show where we got to meet 10 unique animals, including an albino skunk, a pigmy hedgehog and even a black duck! I think another

special shout out is due to Samantha for orchestrating this amazing 3 days of fun, for all our volunteers and for all those behind the scenes, the grandparents who shuttled campers, the parents who rearranged their work schedules to be with us, and you, our wonderful congregation for all your support!



Open and Affirming Committee

Russel Hook

On August 13th the ONA committee will be hosting the 2nd annual Rainbow Picnic in support of the South Suburban LGBTQ community.

There will be food, beverages, games, and information tables for those that attend. This picnic is open to everyone in the surrounding communities and of course open to all PMC members who would like to attend.

This picnic is to let the LGBTQ community know that PMC is a safe space for them, and of course are welcome to worship with us if they so choose to.

If you would like to help us that day, please contact Russ Hook or Linnea Rimkus

Come one, come all! ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

Russ Hook
ONA Chairperson

RAINBOW FAMILY PICNIC



ALL ARE WELCOME TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
11AM - 3PM**

In the Pavilion
10300 W 131st St, Palos Park, IL 60464
RSVP encouraged: [PMC office](mailto:PMC@pmcucc.org) 708-448-7833

PMC is putting on a picnic for all LGBTQ+
Folks and their families! **ALL ARE WELCOME.**
We will have food, games and more!

(This is a non-religious event, open to all!)
www.pmcucc.org

ALL CHURCH NEWS

We will be "Blessing the Backpacks" on August 13th right after the Children's Message. All teachers and students of any age can have your backpack blessed.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

HAVE A BLESSED
SCHOOL YEAR!



ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST 2023

Plans for our Annual Oktoberfest are well underway for Friday, October 13th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Food – Bratwurst, hotdogs, hamburgers, green beans, German potato salad, sauerkraut, desserts, and assorted beverages.

The Schnitzel's are again returning for your listening, singing, & dancing pleasure. Those who attended last year will remember what a great band they were.

There will be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to PADS. We will also have games and activities that will be set up for the children.

This year I am asking for our church members to help donate items to make gift baskets to support our cause. Ideas for baskets items or feel free to bring a readymade basket:

- Baking ware (pans, spatulas, mixes, sprinkles)
- Beer, wine (glasses, steins, coasters)
- Books
- Christmas (decorations, towels, knickknacks)
- Coffee & tea
- Crafts
- Children's games & toys
- Halloween (games, decorations)
- Ice cream (cups, cones, sprinkles, bowls)
- Movie (tickets, popcorn, candy)
- Sports (balls, games, trading cards)
- Spa (towels, masks, creams)

If there are any other ideas, GO FOR IT!! Monetary donations are always welcome.

Help is always wanted and needed in all areas of the event. Any questions, please call or see me in church. Thank you, Pam Cornyn





When we search for enlightenment, understanding can be a long time in coming because the information we absorb into our conscious minds must first be processed within the perspective of our experiences. Optimism and pessimism are both an experiential phenomenon, whether expressed as a mood, a temporary state of mind, or a continual attitude.

A gloomy viewpoint, an inclination to focus on the negative, low self-esteem, as well as a pessimistic view on what the future holds; excessive pessimism makes life miserable. High self-esteem, a cheerful attitude that tends to look at the positive aspects of a given situation, and an optimistic belief in a bright future are the aim, but excessive optimism can lead to dangerously risky behaviors. Our survival and wellness require a balance between them.

Research has linked optimism to numerous positive health outcomes, like lower risk of mood disorders and mental illness, improved physical health, and better problem-solving skills. It's not about ignoring the bad or pretending those things aren't happening. It's about taking steps to actively see the positive in a situation. Know what's in or out of our control. Identify what we can change and let go or shift how we feel about our circumstances. We tend to see adversity as something that happened for a reason; but we shouldn't rush to find some big lesson right away. Better we spend time thinking about what we want for the future rather than what didn't go right today or in the past.

We can consciously choose what we will allow into our being. Be discriminating about what we read, watch, and listen to. Acknowledge the beauty that resides around us, and see the larger picture. The way we have chosen to live is not the only way to live. We can widen our perspective by exploring other models of being of those around us and through research and discussion.

We can imagine optimism as a parallel pathway that's always right next to us. We won't have to do a lot of work to get back on that path. Just take one step.

Summer Local Events Concerts, Fairs, and Festivals

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.



August 3

Joanne Swinarski

August 4

Jonathan Sulek

August 5

Michael Fijolek

August 6

Paul Schmeltzer

August 8

Russell Blaser

August 9

Donna Kallemeyn

August 10

Theresa Kloos
Raymond Kruse V
Elise Signore

August 11

Ellen Holmes

August 12

Claire Kueltzo
Steven Oremovich
Carl Pratscher Jr.

August 13

Carol Hoefler

August 14

Richard Lisak Jr.

August 15

Elenore Chase
Timothy Kraft

August 17

Pamela Kruse
Amber Ostrowski
Robert Signore

August 21

Wendy Jennings
Laura Lisak

August 24

Ruth Douglas

August 26

Heidi Szymborski
Helen Zimmermann

August 27

Alicia Mrowca

August 28

Adalyn Bubash
Phyllis Collins

August 29

Linnea Johnson

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00 am Volunteers 7pm CE meeting	3 1 pm Bible Study	4	5 3-10 pm Youth Center rental
6 All day Pavilion rental 9:30 am Communion Sunday Worship 10:45 am ONA	7	8	9 7:00 am Volunteers 3:00 pm PADS	10 1 pm Bible Study	11	12
13 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Rainbow Picnic	14	15 7:00 pm Alzheimer's meeting	16 7:00 am Volunteers 7:00 Trustees meeting	17 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Foundation meeting	18 MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE	19
20 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Celebration Sunday planning	21	22	23 7:00 am Volunteers	24 BIG BUILD drop off 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir practice	25 3-6:30 pm BIG BUILD	26 7:30 am to 1:30 pm BIG BUILD Big Build dedication 10:00 – 4:00 Stitchers - Chapel
27 All day Pavilion rental 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Music & Worship	28	29	30 7:00 am Volunteers	31 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir practice		



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

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