



Your monthly news & updates

Moore thoughts . . . *Pastor Kirk's Ponderings – September 2023*



It's Good to be Here!

And we've long been here, loving God and one another

Where did you head over the Summer? Next time you travel, would you send us a postcard?

- Special trips?
- Taking up a new hobby?
- Working on the garden?
- Swimming, biking, camping, and hiking?
- Sleeping in on Sundays?.
- Paying attention to self-care?

Whatever it's been like, I hope that at least some of it has been rejuvenating and that you're ready for an exciting Fall at Peace Memorial Church, UCC.

We continue to have vibrant church services. And I know that people are continuing to find a safe space to be accepted, affirmed, and celebrated as we continue to live out the call to be the Church.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're valued, respected,

necessary, and welcome here.

So what shall we do together? Here are just a few of the many opportunities

- **Every Sunday Church** continues from before, after, and on this Sunday.
- The **choir** has already begun Fall rehearsals- **Thursdays at 7 pm**
- **Bible Study** continues - **Thursdays at 1:00 pm**
- **Celebration Sunday - September 10**
- **Special Congregational Meeting September 24**
- **PMC CREW Golf Outing - October 8**
- **CROP Walk - October 8**
- **Oktoberfest - October 13**
- **Trunk or Treat - October 28**

Why not invite more and more and more people to experience it, too? Even though, statistically, there are less and less people who are interested in being part of a church community, there still are many who are. So let's invite as many people as possible.

And then let's all continue to stay involved with our time, our talent, our financial support, our presence, and all our love as we continue being the church. I'm so thrilled to be your pastor and that we can be in ministry -

Together

PMC President's Report

Dennis Kirscher



Wow what a summer we have had at Peace Memorial! Our new Pastor, Rev. Kirk Moore, makes his debut, we honor Pastor Judy Jones for her service to PMC in the void of a settled Pastor, and PMC CREW partners with Help Build Hope to construct nearly 150 walls. This will provide FOUR new homes for the Georgia Habitat for Humanity!

I see no surprises in the outgoing, robust character Pastor Kirk exhibits. He is the person the search committee, and our congregation have been looking for. I am looking forward to new growth and new directions to compliment the established programs here at PMC under the direction of Pastor Kirk. I see a great future for PMC with him leading us!

I did see a significant look of surprise on Pastor Judy's face on Sunday the 28th when we "officially" recognized and honored her for getting us through the 2 year search process. Thank you to the fellowship committee for spearheading a wonderful Bruncheon (Brunch/Luncheon) featuring elegant bakery choices cream puffs, cannoli. Eclairs complimenting Pastor Judy's fav, Mediterranean cuisine. And again, a huge THANK YOU to Pastor Judy for her time as our Pastor!

And there was surprise on my face when I received the material list for this year's CREW build. I was asked by the director of Help Build Hope if we could build more than the two homes I had requested, he described them as much smaller than those we had built in previous builds, so I agreed. The material list told a slightly different story! Long story short PMC CREW built FOUR full sized homes so that four families would have a roof over their heads this winter. With the hard work and determination of a group of 55 volunteers, the lumber was cut labeled and sorted then the walls were assembled individually and loaded into an 18 wheeler to be transported to the Habitat sites in Georgia where they would complete the construction! THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped in the build and in serving the food to keep the builders going!



Looking forward on the PMC calendar, there are no surprises here, just more events to enjoy! September 10th is Celebration Sunday, when we highlight the activities of various committees and special interests here at PMC. Oktoberfest, fun for all on Friday October 13th, supporting PADS. The PMC CREW annual Golf Outing and Dinner on Sunday October 8th. An evening of wine bottle painting (and wine tasting?) on September 30th. The golf outing and wine bottle event are both fund raisers for future CREW events. Trunk 'N Treat on Saturday October 28th promises fun for all ages! The future is looking bright for Peace Memorial Church UCC!

Weekly Service Attendance

August 6 (Communion Sunday)
9:30 am - 94

August 13 (Rainbow Picnic)
9:30 am - 82

August 20
9:30 am - 75

Christian Education

Holly Jones



Hello September!

September is a strange month. Everything is pumpkin but it's still hot outside! Choruses of "Welcome Back! How was your summer?" have echoed in schools for a few weeks with the return of the school day! We are also welcoming back Sunday School, which will start back up on Celebration Sunday, September 10th! It seems like we are always celebrating in this church. Last month was the Blessing of the Backpacks, Pastor Judy's retirement luncheon, and even Pastor Kirk's cartwheel! Next month we will celebrate with Oktoberfest and Trunk or Treat. Later this month, Christian Ed will be celebrating our incoming 3rd graders and our Confirmands as they receive their Bibles, which will be dedicated during our September 10th service. With Sunday school starting back up, we ask all those who are interested to volunteer with our Peace Kids to please let us know! The kids had a very fun summer but are definitely ready to be back to weekly adventures with their friends! Over the summer the kids tended to their Community Garden plot, and even were able to donate some of their harvest to a food pantry! We are all so proud of them! The Board of Christian Ed wishes to extend our best wishes to all our returning students, from our earliest preschoolers through our Masters candidates and all the educators! Have a great year!



Mission Committee

CROP WALK: October is around the corner and it's not too early to start planning. The annual Southwest Suburban Hunger Walk will be Sunday, October 8, 2023 at Lake Katherine Nature Center in Palos Heights! Check in is in the parking lot between 1:30-1:45 PM. Last year there were 36 walkers from 8 churches- let's make sure Peace Memorial Church is well represented! Pets are welcome if they are leashed.

As a reminder, if you are unable to attend, you still can participate financially and support the local families in need of help. The NEED is great! For more information contact Bruce Puhr or Ruth Van Hecke.

Laundry Kits: Thanks to the kind donations we were able to assemble 75 laundry kits to Beds Plus. These kits provide the soap, quarters and dryer sheets needed to do 2 loads of laundry.

Lunches: During the summer monthly sack lunches continue to be made and delivered to Beds Plus.

September: In September we will be collecting for the Maui Wildfire Response. Donations will be provided to the UCC Disaster Ministries Hawaii Wildfires response. We will be taking monetary donations in the 'pink envelopes' as well as having a table for donations on Celebration Sunday.

Open and Affirming Committee

Russel Hook



I would like to thank all who helped with the Rainbow ☐ Picnic on 8/13, and of course everyone from church who attended! It was a great time! We ate, played games, visited and got to share information with the PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) representatives.

While no one from the community attended, the more activities and information we offer will let the community know that PMC is a safe space for everyone. Especially in the LBGTQIA+ community.

We hope to offer another program in the Fall, so please watch this space for more information!

Russ Hook

ONA Chairperson



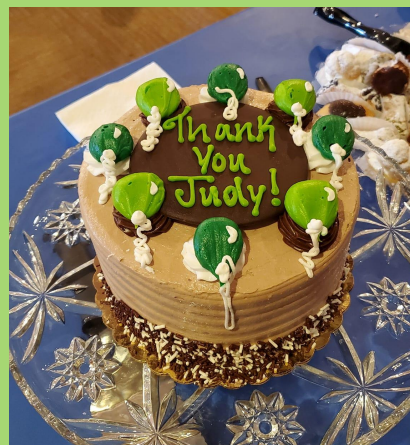
ALL CHURCH NEWS



To My Peace Memorial Family

It is hard to express how surprised and grateful I felt on Sunday when you all expressed your thanks to me for being your pastor for the past two years. Throughout those years I felt your support and friendship. I wanted to thank you for all of your kind words and for the most generous gift. It was a blessing to be able to serve you and to be counted as part of the families of Peace Memorial. I look forward to many more years at Peace and thank you for allowing me to stay on at Peace as my home church. I am sure that there will be many more celebrations and fellowship times together.

May God's blessings be on our church and on our new Pastor Kirk.
Your friend in Christ,
Pastor Judy.



Thank you Pastor Judy for all you have done for PMC!





Come be a Piece of Peace!

Join us for

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday September 10th!

Come for worship &
stay for the FUN!



Food Truck!



Games!
for kids & adults

Music!

and so much more

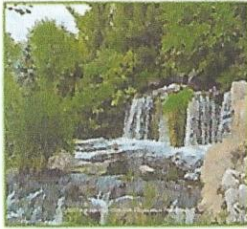
A fun and relaxing
approach to the
Crop Walk

Crop Walk News-2023

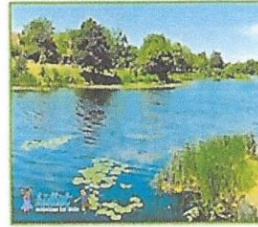
Lake Katherine - Palos Heights



- 1) [Southwest Suburban CROP Hunger Walk](#)
- 2) Start or Join a team or register as an individual
- 3) Meet everyone in the parking lot of Lake Katherine

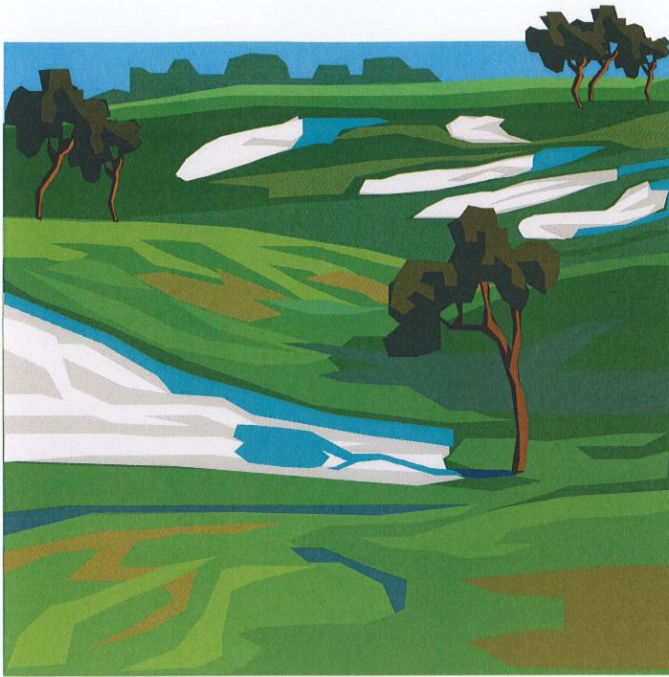


Lake Katherine Trail is a 1 mile loop trail in Palos Heights, Illinois. It also offers the chance to see some beautiful wildlife. Pets are welcome when they are on a leash.



Southwest Suburban Crop Walk
Sunday, October 8th - 2:00 P.M.
7402 Lake Katherine Dr. Palos Heights, IL





OCTOBER 8, 2023

PMC CREW

(Peace Memorial Church Community Renovation by Ecumenical Workers)

Annual Charity Golf Outing

PMC CREW is one of the many mission groups at Peace Memorial Church. CREW has actively partnered with Habitat for Humanity, and Tower Hill Camp in Sawyer MI., helping both with fund raising and construction projects. The proceeds from the outing this year will help fund the Big Build at PMC in 2024. Please come out for golf and dinner, or just for dinner and some fun with the Redneck Raffle! Sponsor a Tee Box with your business or personal message. Any and all donations are appreciated. Your contribution will help us make this a successful event. MANY THANKS!

Dennis Kirscher, PMC CREW

Silver Lake
Country Club
South Course
First Tee off 12:30
Cocktails 6:00
Dinner 7:00

Golf & Dinner \$125
Dinner only \$40

Tee Sponsorships
Gold \$500
Silver \$250
Bronze \$125

RED NECK RAFFLE AND DINNER AFTER GOLF

Prize Donations
WELCOME

Contact PMC Office
708-361-6661

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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



THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, I'M GOING TO LET IT SHINE

Gaile Sprissler



As we continue to nurture and evolve our holistic self, at times it's imperative to examine not only where we are, but our potential. The Spirit has blessed each of us with a unique form of charisma, a positive and compelling quality that makes many others want to be near the person who has it.

And charming describes a person who has the ability to captivate others with their colorful personality, and wit. They possess the certain allure of one who is pleasing and has a certain elegance or

sophistication that makes them stand out from the rest.

To access or enhance these attributes, we need only draw upon our self-assurance so that the fear of openness that might otherwise subdue our individuality is silenced by our desire to show the world how captivating we can be.

We may discover that we can win appreciation without actively trying. The natural charm we possess can be a wonderful asset to us in our ongoing quest to meet and align ourselves with positive, truthful, and conscious individuals. When the vibrations we project are indicative of our charisma as well as our openness toward the notion of forming new connections, we can easily attract the kind of people who will care for and respect us as intensely and sincerely as we will them. Our shared appreciation for integrity, sociability, and even humor, links us together strongly.

So, we remind ourselves of the qualities and talents we have been given that contribute to our individual personality and sense of security. That we emanate the Godliness within us, as we are evolving into a wholeness of spirit, mind, and body. Thus, with a greater feeling of well-being, we go forth letting our natural charisma and charm come to life.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



September 2
Patricia Ostrowski

September 3
Alan Kloos
Susan Kukla

September 6
Theresa Graben
Derek Hevel
Mark Schmeltzer

September 7
Rachel Jones

September 9
Gill Zane

September 10
Jada Perry

September 11
Amanda Ferris

September 14
Mariam Sciacchitano

September 15
Connie Nolan

September 16
Joan Murray

September 17
Morgan Miller

September 18
Ethel Koch
Linnea Rimkus

September 19
Matthew Rudnicki
Cheryl Watson

September 20
Steven Baker

September 21
Melissa Maguire

September 23
Evelyn Gleisner
Brooke Miller
Charley Smith
Steven Stille

September 25
Annabelle Fazekas
Susan Schneider-Misale

September 27
Michele Kiela
Lisa Korbitz
Ruth Van Hecke

September 28
Virginia Bailie
Beverly Baker-Meyer
Lori Mason

September 12
Carlton Meyer
Carol Ritter

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 am Communion Sunday Worship	4 LABOR DAY 	5	6 7:00 am Volunteers	7 1 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	8	9 All day Pavilion rental
10 9:30 am Celebration Worship Service	11	12	13 7:00 am Volunteers 3:00 pm PADS 7:00 pm CE meeting	14 1 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	15	16
17 9:30 am Worship 11:00 a.m. Pavilion rental	18 MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE	19 7:00 pm Alzheimer's meeting	20 7:00 am Volunteers 7:00 Trustees meeting	21 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Foundation 7:00 pm Choir	22	23 10:00 – 4:00 Stitchers - Chapel
24 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Congregational meeting	25	26	27 7:00 am Volunteers	28 1 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	29	30 7:00 pm Bottle painting

Church Office Hours

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

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