



Your monthly news & updates

Moore thoughts . . .
Pastor Kirk's Ponderings – October 2023

Beloved Let us . . .

1 John 4:7



Through Peace Memorial Church, we share a particular way of being Christian and being the church. We are not alone. "The early Christian movement was known internally, as well as to its persecutors, as "The Way" (Acts 9)." The life of faith is a way of being human, a way of interpreting, a way of practicing, and a way of living.

And that way of living centers on the simple, yet sometimes tricky command, that we should love one another.

It has been a transitional year. We've welcomed a new pastor and have continued in vibrant and vital ministry together. We're revitalizing committees and events. and through it all, we're called to love God and to love one another. And that is what we have and will continue to do, no matter where or how we gather. In all times, there are many ways to support the ministries of Peace.

Over the coming weeks, you are invited to reflect on this shared way and how we individually and collectively are living out the call to love. What does it mean for us to live out the love of Jesus? How do we follow the path of love?

We have so many opportunities before us. As Peace Memorial Church, United Church of Christ, we are a vibrant, present, and relevant Christian faith community. We represent

- **the path of love** in being the church,

- **the path of love** in practicing our faith,
- **the path of love** in interpreting received texts and the times in which we live,
- **the path of love** in articulating “the hope that is within us,”
- **the path of love** in intellectual honesty and courage,
- **the path of love** in sustaining a movement - not a moment,
- **the path of love** in doing justice, seeking peace, and building community.

Let's participate together in the path of love as we continue to be a faithful community, Peace Memorial Church, United Church of Christ.

Love One Another

Kirk

PMC President's Report

Dennis Kirscher

One Sunday, not long ago, I was pleasantly surprised to see BOTH of my daughters in church. Since they are not there every Sunday, and especially not at the same time, I thought it was odd that both Kelly and Jamie were there that particular Sunday. It felt a bit more unusual that, near the end of the service, when I am usually checking on coffee or doing something else in the narthex, I was told by both of them to stay put near the main entrance to the sanctuary. Then it became totally bizarre to me when Pastor Kirk called us (all of the Kirschers) to come forward and join him in front of the congregation! What is the plan here?? I was also surprised when my Judy's brother Ken decided to join us and face the congregation (More about this later). I was rendered speechless when Pastor announced that the Kirschers were there to be recognized for our long-term commitment to Outdoor Ministries, Tower Hill Camp and specifically Godstock during the 18 years we directed Godstock! At that moment, I was truly speechless! I can usually come up with a comment or two for whatever the situation is, but this time, nothing was coming out of my mouth, and my brain was not being very helpful! The neural pathways were in a traffic jam! Judy and I were both shocked, pleasantly shocked, but shocked nevertheless.

Well now I am going to take the opportunity to express my (our) appreciation. First and foremost, it is never the work of just one or two individuals to create and maintain a successful program of any kind. So a special THANK YOU to everyone who made contributions of time and talent to camp, to those who served as counselors, program directors, craft consultants, administrative staff, work project crewmembers. You are the ones who deserve thanks, you made camp work, you gave of yourselves for the campers of Godstock and that wonderful place Tower Hill Camp! With just one exception, there are too many to mention individually, and I would hate to leave anyone out, so THANK YOU ALL! That one exception is my wife Judy! Thanks to you for putting up with the craziness, the ups, the downs and everything in between. You have to admit it was always interesting!

And now the “More about this later” part. There are a number of members who take on responsibilities at PMC to maintain the campus and structures who often go without recognition. Judy's brother Ken is one of them. If you have noticed the clean up of the landscaping, the well cared for lawns and open space around our church, thank one of the landscapers who are here most Wednesdays performing those duties. They perform

setup for most of the inside activities like funeral visitations and special church events as well. This hard working group is just one example of how PMC works. Ever been to a breakfast at PMC? Thank the Fellowship Committee. Enjoy worship, music, Peace Kids? Thank the Worship and Christian Ed. Committees! The point here is we are all part of a team, all volunteers, all interested in a long future for Peace Memorial Church. THANK YOU ALL!

Den

Weekly Service Attendance

September 3 (Communion Sunday)

9:30 am - 64

September 10 (Celebration Sunday)

9:30 am - 94

September 17

9:30 am - 59

September 24 (baptism)

9:30 am - 100

Christian Education

Holly Jones

OKTOBERFEST

Join us at the craft table
as we create fun German memories



5:30-6:00 German Hats
(Alpine hats 🪶)



6:30-7:00 Gingerbread Hearts

After 7:00 both crafts will be available
to make!

These gingerbread (Lebkuchen) hearts
(Herzen) are oversized cookies
decorated with frosting to be worn as
necklaces!



(not real cookies)



October! I'm not entirely sure how this happened. I remember last Halloween so vividly, it feels like it was just a few months ago but here I am, writing about October again...which is ok with me. "I love fall most of all." We can all marvel at the changing trees, and the cooler weather, but I feel there is a lot of inner peace that comes with October. The earlier darkness, the cozy blankets, the soups (oh the soups!) "All things that lend themselves to warmth and caring! Families are doing all the fall, but also getting into the groove of nights at home with movie nights and game nights (Ask me about the board game Hues and Cues; this is one of my newest favorites)."

There has been so much happening in Christian Ed, and Sunday school,

and we are excited for all that is coming! Last month, our 3rd graders Amaya Martinez, Shayne Stille and Jane Sulek alongside our incoming confirmands; Charlotte Haase and Shawn Roorda received their Bibles. The Peace Kids treated us to their welcome back performance of Jesus Loves Me and God is Always with Us on Celebration Sunday! The kids are so happy to be back in Sunday School and we are just thrilled! We have a lot of family friendly events coming up, and are looking forward to seeing you (a lot) this month! Our Peace Kids and Peace Youth will be walking as a team in the Crop Walk for hunger October 8th! We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all those that have sponsored our team! You will be able to see us again at the Oktoberfest October 13th! We have a few fun ideas planned, including crafting Alpine hats and German Gingerbread Hearts! Make sure to stop by and create something amazing! Don't forget your lederhosen!

By the end of October, we will have walked, we will have polka'ed, and just when you think we couldn't possibly do anything else, we will be ready for a SPOOKTACULAR Halloween event! Join us Saturday, October 28th from 3-5pm for our annual Trunk or Treat! This year is going to be bigger and better than ever. Did you know Pastor Kirk's favorite holiday is Halloween? Not a TRICK! We are sure to be in for a TREAT! We are once again inviting the community to this fun, free event and we could use your help in making this another successful afternoon! We are inviting everyone to come and decorate their trunks, but you are more than welcome to just come to check out all the cute costumes! Stay tuned for more thrilling information!







Saturday October 28th
3-5pm



Join us for
Peace Memorial Church's

TRUNK OR TREAT

We welcome our neighbors and community members to join us for this FREE event!



- Please bring individually wrapped treats to pass
- Set up at 2:30pm!
- Wear your costumes!
- Decorate your trunk!



Mission Committee

CROP WALK: October is upon us! 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.

Here is the webpage to sign up; **You can join the Peace Memorial Church, UCC team or the Peace Kids and Youth Team! Invite your friends and family!**

[Southwest Suburban CROP Hunger Walk](#)

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

October: The October mission focus is again on Ukraine. We have reached out to the Nativity Ukrainian Church just down the road on 131st St in Palos Park. They expressed that the greatest need for their native countrymen is financial. All donations made to the mission committee in October will be shared with Nativity Church who will in turn get the funds to Ukraine to provide some help as their country remains torn by conflict for over a year and a half.

PADS: As need has become a year round season, we continue, thanks to our dedicated volunteers, to serve PADS by preparing 2 meals each month. We also want to recognize and thank our generous donors who make this mission possible.

BEDS PLUS: We provide approximately 30 sack lunches once a month for Beds Plus and deliver them to LaGrange, IL. We have a very dedicated volunteer who manages this ministry single handed. If you would like to help, please contact Janet Hansen. Donations are also welcome; Peanut Butter, Jelly, sandwich bags, fruit cups, lunch sized chips and cookies.

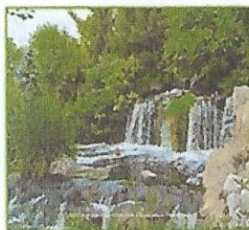
ALL CHURCH NEWS

A fun and relaxing
approach to the
Crop Walk

Crop Walk News-2023 Lake Katherine - Palos Heights



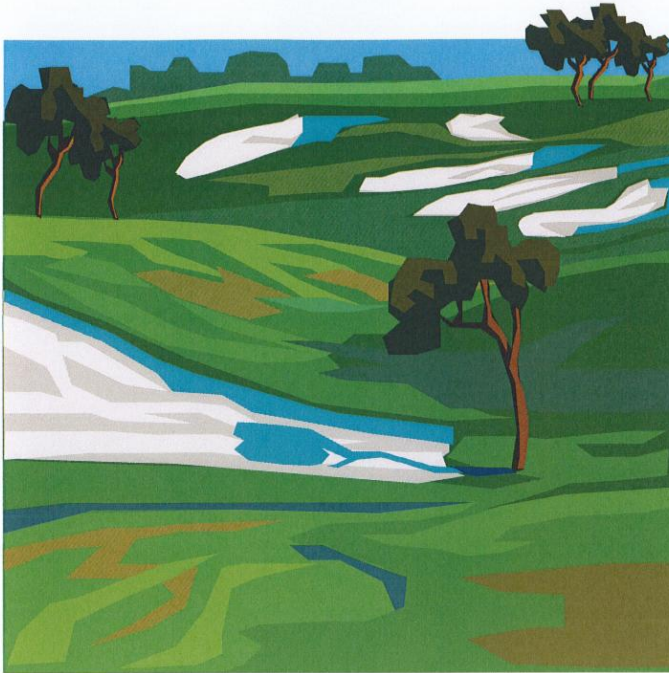
- 1) [Southwest Suburban CROP Hunger Walk](#)
- 2) Start or Join a team or register as an individual
- 3) Meet everyone in the parking lot of Lake Katherine



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

Den Kirscher on Facebook or
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Peace Memorial Church
Oktoberfest

Friday, October 13th, 5 - 9 PM
10300 W 131st, Palos Park

**LIVE MUSIC, DANCING,
GREAT FOOD & DRINK!**

To benefit Peace Memorial Church
and PADS Ministries

Adults: \$15

Children 5-9: \$8

50/50
RAFFLE

CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES

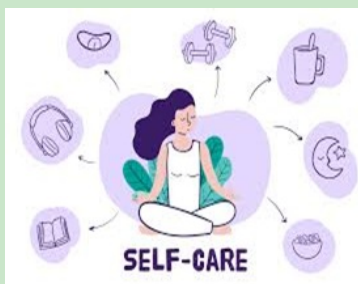
SILENT
AUCTION

Tickets Available at Church Office

708-448-7833

Self-Care

Gaile Sprissler



Self-care is the process of establishing behaviors to ensure a holistic well-being of yourself. Taking care of your mind and thoughts, your physical health and body, and taking an active role in protecting your well-being and happiness. Additionally, in your spiritual wellness, which is the importance of hope, connection and purpose. Caring for

yourself generates a positive revitalizing energy of self-love, self-

awareness and self-respect.

We forget that our true nature is to love ourselves, and when we tune into our body, mind, hearts, and soul, we become fully present within ourselves, and our needs. It often seems much easier to think about other people's needs before our own. The joy of making someone else happy is immensely rewarding. What we don't always remember is that self-care is not an indulgence but a necessity; how can we be there for those we love if we're not taking care of ourselves?

Try this simple practice: Take a moment to sit quietly and ask yourself: what's one easy thing I can do now that would feel good? Maybe it's staying seated and enjoying the moment of silence. Or going for a stroll, perhaps a warm cup of something. Whatever it is, do it with your full acceptance and presence. Think of self-care as an invitation to be kind to yourself and then take that positive, rejuvenating energy forward with you into your interactions and experiences. Start small with little daily acts of self-love that will nourish your soul. Solitude may offer the comfort you need, or spending a few hours engaging in activities that make you feel blissful. Work on a long-neglected project, enjoy the pleasures of a slow meal, or reflect on precious memories. Focus on activities that contribute to your personal evolution and enjoy the sense of serenity that blossoms within. Set the personal goals you want to pursue and the pace at which you would like to achieve them. Spirit is all-loving, all-encompassing, unbounded, immortal, and invisible. And this holy energy is available to each one of us, within each one of us! Is it any wonder that we are powerful, beautiful and creative beings? Know it – enjoy it!



October 1

John O'Neil

October 2

Dave Skala
Robert Mohr

October 3

Michelle Betcher

October 7

Vivian O'Neil

October 8

Alexander Przybylski

October 16

David Hook
Sienna Ostrowski

October 18

Mary Ann Ochsenhofer
Hunter Perry

October 19

Linda Metz
Diane Oremovich

October 20

Jeanette Myer

October 23

Jeanine Gerard

October 24

Mia Lisak

October 25

Mya Watson

October 27

Kim Skala

October 28

Susan Freund
Wayne Hoefler

October 11
Ken Kamper

October 22
Sandra Hecker
Cindy White

Edward Marks

October 30
Jayne Przybylski

October 15
Patrick Whalen

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Communion Sunday Worship 11:00 am Confirmation class	2 7pm Zion hall- PMCMC	3 7pm Zion hall rental	4 7:00 am Volunteers	5 1 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	6	7
8 9:30 am Sunday Worship *Golf Outing *Crop Walk	9 7pm Zion hall- PMCMC	10 7pm Zion hall rental	11 7:00 am Volunteers 3:00 pm PADS 7:00 pm CE meeting	12 1 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	13 5-9 pm Oktoberfest 	14
15 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Confirmation class	16 7pm Zion hall- PMCMC	17 7:00 pm Alzheimer's meeting 7pm Zion hall rental	18 7:00 am Volunteers 7:00 Trustees meeting	19 1 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	20 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE	21 All day Pavilion rental
22 9:30 am Worship	23 7pm Zion hall- PMCMC	24 7pm Zion hall rental	25 7:00 am Volunteers	26 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Foundation 7:00 pm Choir	27	28 10:00 – 4:00 Stitchers - Chapel 3-6pm Trunk or Treat
29 9:30 am Worship 6:30 pm chapel rental	30 7pm Zion hall- PMCMC	31 7pm Zion hall rental				

* PMCMC = Peace Memorial Church Monday Men's Club

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

Reverend Kirk Moore



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