



## Your monthly news & updates

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*Pastor Kirk's Ponderings –*

# Connected

*How many ways are you  
connected with your church?*

At Peace Memorial Church, UCC,  
there are multiple ways folks have  
to be connected:

At our worship services – 9:30 am  
every Sunday.

By telephone (708) 448-7833

Through the mail – 10300 W 131st  
St, Palos Park, IL 60464

By email – [mbixler@pmcucc.org](mailto:mbixler@pmcucc.org)

On the church website – [pmcucc.org](http://pmcucc.org)

Through our email list – you can sign up to join the list at: [bit.ly/pmcemails](https://bit.ly/pmcemails)

On the church Facebook page – [facebook.com/PeaceMemorialChurch/](https://facebook.com/PeaceMemorialChurch/)



And we have many ways to be connected to the wider church community in  
our area:

At community worship services and events – The Rainbow Picnic, The Big  
Build, CROP Walk, Blessing of the Animals, Oktoberfest. . .

And we have many ways to be connected with the wider United Church of  
Christ community:

Association, Conference and National websites – [ilucc.org/cma-association/](http://ilucc.org/cma-association/),  
[ilucc.org](http://ilucc.org), [ucc.org](http://ucc.org)

The Chicago Metropolitan Association Facebook Page –  
[facebook.com/cma.illinois.conference](https://facebook.com/cma.illinois.conference)

The UCC Facebook page – [facebook.com/UnitedChurchofChrist](https://facebook.com/UnitedChurchofChrist)

UCC Daily Devotional - [ucc.org/daily-devotional/](http://ucc.org/daily-devotional/)

And there continue to be more opportunities as we continue to be the church together. Stay connected with your church – 24/7/365

# Together

*Pastor Kirk*

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## PMC Report

Diane Oremovich

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to the wonderful volunteers that helped at Vacation Bible School. It was an awesome event that both kids and adults really enjoyed. As I write this article, I am thinking of all the staff and kids that went to Tower Hill under the direction of Jamie Kirscher and Theresa Graben. I am sure they had a great time enjoying the fellowship, art, crafts, swimming at the beach and getting to know both their old and newfound friends. We are blessed with great volunteers to support our many events.

A couple updates, I should be hearing by the end of July the recommendations and quotes on both the flooring in the gym and the lighting in the sanctuary from the Building and Grounds Committee. Once submitted, I hope the repairs will be completed fairly quickly.

I want to remind all individuals leading upcoming events to consider purchasing reusable signs to post on our outdoor fence along 131st Street. What a great way to let everyone know what is happening at our church. I know I am looking forward to the wonderful events occurring this fall.

I hope you are enjoying your summer.

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## Weekly Service Attendance

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**July 7 (Communion Sunday)**

9:30 am - 61

**July 14**

9:30 am - 85

**July 21**

9:30 am - 52

**July 28**

9:30 am - 49

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Crikey! It's already August, but I'm still Australian, thanks to Vacation Bible School! Our school supplies are trickling in, the anticipation of 'what teacher did I get' is building, but there's still the wish to hold on to summer! It has already been 60 nonstop days of fun in the sun, with trips to pools, beaches, and lake houses; days spent hosting

lemonade stands and watch parties and of course, lots of time spent with friends! I am not ready to let the summer go! The summer highlight for the church was VBS! Over the course of 2 days, we indulged 15 campers in songs, games, crafts, and more! I was blessed with a first hand view of ALL the action as I ran from station to station taking over 700 pictures! We started our days in Music & More where we learned 2 songs, complete with twirls and jumps! A very special thank you to Theresa Graben and Jamie Kirscher for being incredible music leaders! Our Bible Adventures focused on Joseph and the story of Jesus. God was with Joseph no matter what. God showed his love by sending us Jesus. Our crafters made Wash-a-Roos (a cute kangaroo shaped washcloth with a bar of soap) and punched out holes in paper lanterns to remind us of God's light. We played a ton of games under the leadership and fun direction of Chris Jones and Alan White. Everyone really got a kick out of climbing through hoola hoops and stuffing their friend's shirts full of balloons. Our Australian Picnic was nothing short of amazing! We played Animal Bingo, decorated boomerangs and rocks (to remind us of our ROCK SOLID FAITH), tossed flip flops across the parking lot, and sampled Australian snacks. The talk of the afternoon was about the Vegemite we all tried! Comments and observations we witnessed included "Gross!", "Way too salty", "tastes like tires", and lots of scrunched up faces. There were a few brave people who actually liked it, namely Pastor Kirk and Kathy Faulkner! We would like to give an extraordinary shout out to Samantha for orchestrating these amazing 3 days of fun. Also, thanks to all our volunteers 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!

The board of Christian Education would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our sponsors for helping to make this Vacation Bible School one for the books! Your donations helped provide t-shirts for everyone, along with fun souvenirs to remind us that "GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!"

Upcoming Events:

Blessing of the Backpacks 8/19

Celebration Sunday 9/8



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## ONA

Russ Hook

**The Open and Affirming Committee is sponsoring the 2nd annual Rainbow Picnic on Sunday, August 11th at the pavilion from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All members of the congregation are invited to join us for burgers, hotdogs, conversation, and fun!**

**The representatives of PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will be there as well. They are great at spreading info and love to the members of the LGBTQIA+ community.**

**The ONA committee will meet on Sunday, August 4th after church, to finalize plans for the picnic. Please join us at the meeting and/or the picnic if you'd like to help us on the 11th.**

**We are in the process of purchasing a large Pride Flag to be displayed on the Church so that it can be seen by those driving along 131st Street. It is important to let the community know that PMC is a safe space where all are welcome and may be looking for a place to worship. There will be a dedication once this is accomplished.**

**Hope to see you all at the picnic!**

**Russ Hook  
Chairperson**

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## Get to Know a Trustee

Linnea Rimkus



Hello, PMC family!

My name is Linnea Rimkus. My history with Peace Memorial Church began in the fall of 1963. My parents were not attending any church at the time, (although they unsuccessfully attempted to send me to catechism at the Catholic Church). My mother had been raised at PMC, but my father had been raised Roman Catholic, so their non-attendance is understandable! My aunt, Doris Holle, was a lifelong member of the church. My sister, Barbara, had decided at about 12 years of age that she wanted to attend the church as well. Knowing that I loved to sing, my aunt told us that the church had recently hired a new, young Minister of Music, Bruce Perryman. I decided to give the Children's Choir a try. My mom eventually followed, and several years later, my dad also joined the church.

I was an active member of the Youth Group under Louise Smith, where I met my husband, Mark. We married in 1974 at Salem United Church of Christ in Oak Lawn, as PMC was still under construction. There were a few years when we did not attend regularly, but when we had our children, Katy and Jeff, we came back and they were raised in the church.

I have been singing in the choir for many years, because it is what I love to do. I have served on many committees through the years, as well as working with the Story Hour program under Virginia Joseph. I helped to transition that program to a licensed Day Care that was successful for many years. Right now, besides serving as a Trustee, I serve on the Worship & Music Committee, the ONA Committee and the Pastor/Parish Committee.

Peace Memorial Church has been a rock in my life. Other family and friends have come and go, but this place and the people in it will always be my stronghold.

Thanks to all of you.

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## Thank You to the Peace Memorial Choir

Linnea Rimkus

This month, we are sending a big THANK YOU to Peace Memorial Choir. The choir is a dedicated group of people who attend a Thursday rehearsal here at church for the better part of the year, as well as arriving early every Sunday morning for practice and warm-up. Considering that many of us are also on one or more committees within the church, we spend a lot of time here! Many of us have been singing with the choir for 30-40 years. It is a labor of love!

We are indebted to our fearless leader, Bob Mohr and our talented organist/pianist, Tom Osborne, whose talents and leadership are much appreciated.

Thank you, Peace Memorial Choir, for helping to lead our services by

providing lovely music on Sunday mornings.  
Join us if you love to sing! We can never have too many choir members!

ALL CHURCH NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

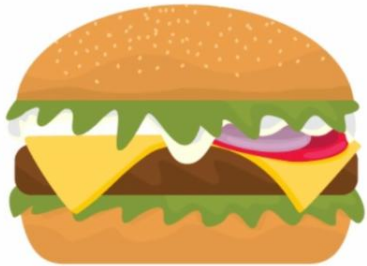
Join us for our

**RAINBOW PICNIC**



Sunday August 11th

11:00am-3pm



Open to  
**EVERYONE**



Peace Memorial Church  
10300 W. 131st St.  
Palos Park, IL  
[pmcucc.org](http://pmcucc.org)





Peace Memorial Church  
**Oktoberfest**

Friday, October 11th, 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

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Church Office 708-448-7833

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## ***GROWTH***

Gaile Sprissler



**ENTHUSIASM**

It's summer, life is good. So many ways to be active. And facing mundane tasks can be a joy today if you allow yourself to delight in the excitement you feel. Possibly you're in an upbeat mood and you're feeling physically energized. You can channel these good feelings into the enthusiasm for your daily endeavors by

simply making use of your stamina and strength.

The enthusiasm with which we approach a chore or a goal can have a direct impact on the eventual success. The excitement we feel when tackling a task

related to our aims is the result of the energy we have dedicated to our efforts. Our drive coupled with our understanding of the importance of the aims we have chosen to pursue invigorates and strengthens us, ensuring that we do not bow under pressure. We can be as dynamic and creative as we want to be when our energy levels are high because the challenges we face will then have no power to exhaust us or diminish our passion. You may discover innovative ideas which could leave you feeling resourceful. You may have noticed that things can be done more efficiently, and that you have hit upon the perfect solution. Encounter issues from a different perspective and brainstorm results that seem completely out of the ordinary. No matter what today brings, the enthusiasm you feel will sustain your spirits and ensure that you have numerous opportunities to be successful.

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**August 3**

Joanne Swinarski

**August 4**

Jonathan Sulek

**August 5**

Michael Fijolek

**August 8**

Russell Blaser

**August 9**

Donna Kallemeyn

**August 10**

Theresa Kloos  
Raymond Kruse V  
Elise Signore

**August 11**

Ellen Holmes

**August 12**

Claire Kuelzo  
Steven Oremovich  
Carl Pratscher Jr

**August 13**

Carol Hoefler

**August 14**

Richard Lisak Jr

**August 15**

Elenore Chase  
Timothy Kraft

**August 16**

Tricia James

**August 17**

Amber Ostrowski  
Robert Signore

**August 21**

Wendy Jennings  
Laura Lisak

**August 24**

Douglas Ruth

**August 26**

Heidi Szymborski  
Helen Zimmermann

**August 27**

Alicia Mrowca

**August 28**

Adalyn Bubash  
Phyllis Collins

**August 29**

Linnea Johnson



# AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 12-6 pm Pavilion/YC rental
4 ALL DAY PAVILION/YC RENTAL 9:30 am Worship Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac preaching 10:45 am ONA	5	6	7 7:00 am Volunteers 6:30 pm chapel rental 6:30 pm Foundation	8	9	10
11 9:30 am Worship  RAINBOW PICNIC	12	13  7:00 pm Alzheimer's meeting	14 7:00 am Volunteers 10:00 am B&G 3:00 PM PADS 7:00 pm CE meeting	15  6-9 pm Zion Hall/Narthex rental	16	17 10 am – 4 pm Stitchers/ chapel
18 9:30 am Worship Blessing of the Backpacks	19	20	21 7:00 am Volunteers	22 3:00 PM PADS  MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE	23	24  Afternoon rental YC/pavilion
25 ALL DAY PAVILION/YC RENTAL 9:30 am Worship	26	27	28 7:00 am Volunteers	29	30	31



**Peace Village**  
10300 Village Circle Drive

## Church Office Hours

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

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