

Friday, October 25, 2024



**From the Pastor**  
Rev. Kirk Moore



## Trunk or Treat!

Tomorrow, October 26, from 2-4 pm, it's our annual Trunk or Treat in the parking lot near the youth center. We're looking forward to welcoming children and youth from PMC as well as all over the community to this wonderful event. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! We'll also have fun activities, including a (not too

scary) haunted house in the youth center.

See more details on the sign further down in this email -

Then On Sunday it's Reformation Day. We'll celebrate that we are part of a church that is ever reforming as God continues to do a new thing in the world. It's also a great day for the children to wear their Halloween costumes to church!

This Sunday we're going to hear a sermon about a man named Bart. See below for a preview.

And, as always, please let me know if there are any who could use a pastoral visit.

*Grace and Peace*

*Pastor Kirk*



Not seeing a video still frame? [Check here](#) for a whole playlist of sermon previews.



## Reformation Sunday!

In 1517, Martin Luther, posted 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg. It was as an invitation to debate. Luther's propositions challenged some

portions of Roman Catholic doctrine and a number of specific practices.

He argued that the Bible, not the pope, was the central means to discern God's word. He especially railed against the selling of indulgences.

A lot of people started talking. People all over the world started talking. The church leaders wished Martin Luther would just shut up. As if telling someone to shut up really ever worked. Even if someone is silent for a time -- the truth does come out.

This week's Bible reading from Mark 10:46-52 is about a crowd trying to tell someone to shut up.

Bartimaeus, who was anything but quiet about who he was calling and what he wanted, needed to be healed. He shouted it at the top of his lungs. "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

The crowd kept trying to shut Bartimaeus up. They "sternly ordered him to be quiet."

Yes. Sternly telling a determined person to quiet down always does just that.

"Pipe down, sir"

"Why don't you pipe down -- Bossy McBossypants!"

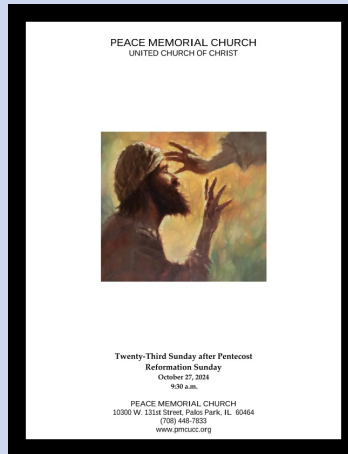
"You either be quiet or I'll make you be quiet!"

"Yeah? Go ahead! Just TRY to shut me up. And while you're at it, why don't you mind your own business?!"

"Blah blah blah" "Mutter mutter mutter" and nothing gets accomplished.

Of course, things would be so much easier if the voices that disagree with ours, and the voices of the people we wish we didn't have to hear, and the voices of people crying out for justice would just be quiet.

I'm so glad things aren't so easy.



### [Bulletin for Sunday, October 27, 2024](#)

## Calendar for the week of October 27 - November 3, 2024

Sunday, October 27

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Worship service

10:45 a.m. – Fellowship

Tuesday, October 29

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Zion Hall rental

Wednesday, October 30

7:00 a.m. - Volunteers

Thursday, October 31

1:00 p.m. – Bible Study/Chapel

6:30 p.m. – Choir practice

Sunday, November 3

9:30 a.m. – All Saints Sunday Worship service/Communion Sunday

10:45 a.m. – Fellowship

11:00 a.m. - Confirmation

## Birthdays

October 24

October 28

Mia Lisak

**October 27**  
Kim Skala

Edward Marks  
Wayne Hoefler  
Sue Freund

**October 30**  
Jayne Przybylski

## **News, Announcements, Gifts, Memorials, and Prayer Concerns**

**Ushers 10-27-24** – Jim Keyser, Rudy Wehofer, Alan White

**Ushers 11-3-24** – David Johnson, Pam Cornyn, Pat Ostrowski, Sue Ritter

In Memory of:

Our mother and grandmother, **Connie Schaefer**, by her family. God Bless.

New Prayers: **Sue Ritter** after eye surgery.

Continued Prayers: For **Helen Espinoza** in hospice care; **Linnea Ferrantelli/Apel family** prayers for strength as they move back to their home after hurricane Helene; **Pam Kueltzo** recovering from hip surgery; **Christine & Joe Ferrantelli's friend** had their baby and prayers for the long road ahead; **Karen Blaser** recuperating after surgery; **Nancy Di Novo** having back issues; **David Hook**, prayers for healing and strength; **Russ Hook** for healing and strength; **Jeanine Gerard** in long term care, prayers for healing and strength; **Gordon Sieveke** prayers for strength and healing.

**This Sunday, Mike, Liz, & Micah Koch will be sponsoring any purchases made at Peace Café. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday, please sign up on the sheet posted at the café.**

***The updated version of the Church Directory is now available in the Narthex and also in the church office.***

The "Pop Tops" were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Oak Lawn. Thank you all for saving the pop tops for the Mission Committee. **We are considering having an ongoing collection of the pop tops to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.** Thank you for your support to this charity.

**The Mission Committee is always grateful for the generosity of the Peace Memorial Church congregation. This Sunday, October 27th, we will be starting our Annual Food Drive** and are asking for donations for families that are unable to provide for the special holiday meals so many of us are blessed to share with family and friends. This Food Drive is soliciting groceries from **now through Sunday, November 24th.** As you grocery shop, please consider purchasing items that you enjoy for your own Thanksgiving meal. ***Please ensure that all the perishable items have future expiration dates.*** The Mission Committee will purchase the turkeys as well as sort, package, and deliver the Thanksgiving meals to the families in a timely manner prior to the holiday.

**The church members that volunteer for PADS are seeking some additional assistance with our meal preparations.** We are looking for people to grocery shop for the essential items that are used for meal preparation and serving a dinner meal. At the present time, the Peace Memorial Church volunteers make meals once or twice a month. Our volunteers have a set date



of the second Wednesday of the month and when we prepare a second meal in the month the date varies dependent on our volunteers and PADS agreeing on the date schedule. On days when we prepare PADS meals, we are at church for 1 ½ to 2 hours. We would appreciate your assistance in maintaining the PADS program at Peace, which feeds homeless people, many with children. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Barbara Kamper at 815-260-7973. **Thank you for considering this worthwhile opportunity to volunteer.**

**Bible Study meets every Thursday, September 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

**PMC Prayer Bears** continue to be a symbolic source of spiritual comfort for physical and emotional wellbeing. If you have a loved one who is experiencing any health conditions who may be hospitalized or undergoing chronic treatment for illness, please take one of the bears. They are located in the small wagon behind the last row of Pews in the sanctuary. They represent the connection to our church's spiritual message and prayers that resonate each Sunday. If you would like to donate toward purchasing new bears or bears themselves, please send your donations to the church office.



Any time -- even during the worship service - You can donate electronically to PMC through [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). Simply scan this QR Code, or use the ["donate" link](#) on our church website or at the bottom of this email. Thank you!



## Honor Flight

**Tom Osborne**, our Organist, was part of the 119th Honor Flight Chicago this past Wednesday, October 23. On an honor flight, Veterans are met by well-wishers, including current service members, who cheer and salute the traveling veterans. Tom traveled to Washington, DC to join others in remembering the fallen and honoring those who served. Honor Flight Chicago's mission is to honor, thank, and inspire by building awareness and appreciation of the debt of gratitude America owes its veterans for their service and sacrifice for our nation.

## Keep Hope Alive

In the midst of this past year of genocidal acts against Palestinians in Gaza, and war in the West Bank and beyond, the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have sought to find creative ways to be in solidarity with our Palestinian partners.



Did you miss church? [Catch up on last Sunday's service here](#). And feel free to share recordings of past services with others who might like to learn more about Peace! You can subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) and also the [Worship Services Playlist](#).



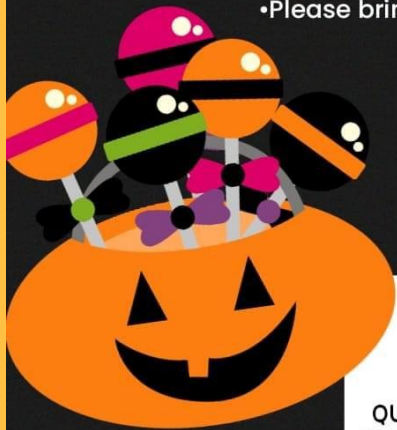
Saturday October 26th  
2-4pm



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 1:30pm!

•Wear your costumes!

•Decorate your trunk!

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PALOS PARK

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## Imagine Together: What Might Generosity Look Like for You?

By Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson

**W**hen I was a first-year student at Union Theological Seminary in New York, I had world renowned theologian Dr. James Cone as my professor for Systematic Theology. In our first class I remember him saying: "We all do theology. Theology is God-talk." A theology of money is God-talk about money.

Conversations about money are taboo in our society. We reluctantly talk about the cost of items we purchase; we are hushed in our conversations about money; and silent in discussing our investments or what we earn. Money is a topic which creates discomfort for many, with most not knowing how to ask for what is needed or what is owed. If our conversations about money are challenging, then finding our way to God-talk on the subject could be even more challenging.

Such a theology starts with how we understand God present and with us in our lives and in the world around us. The prophet Malachi puts before us a theology of money that says God will bless what is given. The blessing is on the giver and on what is given. The tithe in this case is the expectation of giving. God is present blessing what is given back to God for use in the house of God. Malachi resonates

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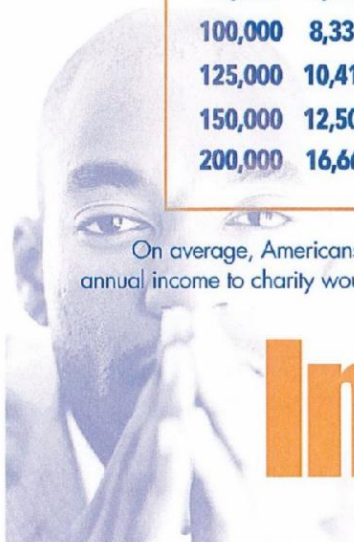
an expectation one will give back to God regularly and in line with the expectations of the religious order of his day. This is one way to think about money and how we give. There are others.

A theology of money continues with a clear-eyed understanding of how much money we have. If I am giving a portion of what I have, then I should be knowledgeable about what my financial obligations are, including my desire to give in supporting the mission and ministries of the church. Whether investing, spending, or giving we should pay attention to what we have, in order to give from what we have whether a tenth, or another fraction, or amount of our choosing. When we give value and meaning to what we have, we give from abundance rather than from scarcity, from knowledge rather than fear.

### CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.



# Imagine

Together

# BOTTLE PAINTING

AND WINE TASTING EVENT

AGE 21+ ONLY

Join us at Peace Memorial Church  
on Friday November 8th at 7pm for  
holiday bottle painting and wine  
tasting!

**\$30**

**BOTTLE PAINTING INCLUDES:  
WINE BOTTLE, PAINT,  
BRUSHES AND  
INSTRUCTION.**

**\$8**

**WINE TASTING INCLUDES:  
4 TASTINGS OF MICHIGAN  
WINES SWEET TO DRY**

**\$6**

**FIND A WINE YOU REALLY  
LIKE? HAVE A GLASS  
OR TWO!**

**COMPLIMENTARY  
CHARCUTERIE AND  
SWEETS!**



FALL



HOLIDAY



WINTER



CHRISTMAS

All proceeds go towards PMC CREW Big Build 2025



**What is Heaven?**

**What is Hell?**

Reflections on Ultimate Concerns

**Combined Advent Study**

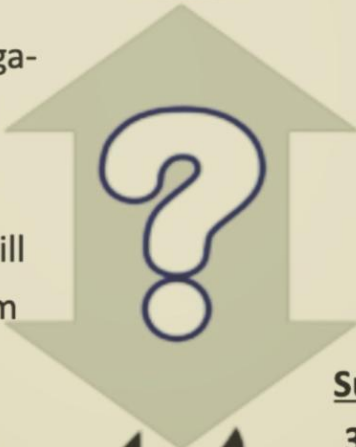
*Reflections on heaven and hell by UCC authors of the God is Still Speaking: The Writer's Group*



Join five UCC congregations in discussing ultimate concerns.

The 5-Week study will be each Sunday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Beginning Sunday, November 10th



Each of the sessions will be on Zoom.

Please let your pastor know of your interest by

**Sunday, November**

**3rd** so you can receive a link to the sessions



**Peace Village**

**Church Office Hours**

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday  
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