



## Your monthly news & updates

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

# It's Good to be Back!

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

Where did you head over the Summer?

- 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

We continue to have vibrant church services that are also available for people to watch during the week on our [YouTube channel](#). 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? Here are just a few of the many opportunities

- Every Sunday Church continues from before, after, and on this Sunday.
- Choir restarts rehearsals are underway since August 20 - Wednesdays at

6 pm

- Celebration Sunday September 7
- Thursday Bible Study returns at 1:00 pm September 11
- PMC Wellness ministries launches in September
- Autumn in the Park parade - September 20
- Oktoberfest - September 27
- Blessing of the Pets - October 4
- Kitchen Ministry Event - October 4
- CROP Walk - October 5
- PMC CREW Golf Outing - October 5
- Music, The Language of Faith 3 - October 12
- Trunk or Treat - October 25

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

# Together

*Pastor Kirk*

## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Diane Oremovich

It has been an exciting summer with Vacation Bible School, church camp, food trucks and new members joining the church. This year our garden has provided bountiful produce. It was wonderful to see the fruit delivered to the local food pantry.

Holly Jones led a group of over 20 people in planning for next year. Representation included members from each committee of the church and the excitement is building. Summer is coming to an end, but we are not slowing down. Sunday school is starting, the choir is back, and this month has Celebration Sunday. For those who do not know, Celebration Sunday is an opportunity to see what many of our committees are doing. This is your chance to join in on the great work they are doing. Many hands are needed to make the church's missions happen. Hope to see you all there.

## Weekly Service Attendance

**August 3 (Communion Sunday)**

9:30 am - 42

**August 10**

9:30 am - 81

**August 17**

9:30 am - 57

August 24

9:30 am - 40

August 31

9:30 am - 70

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Holly Jones



Hello September!

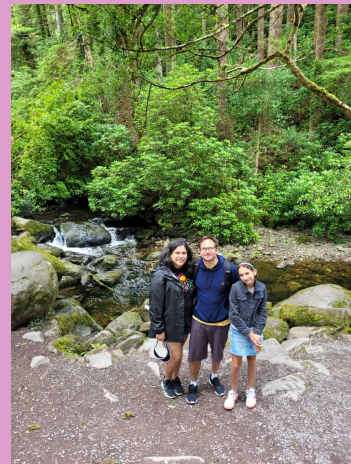
I hope you all had a fun summer! I wasn't ready to let it go, it's been so much fun! There was a lot of swimming and ice cream eating, spending time with friends and even hanging out at those fun Food Truck Fridays! Our kids made so many of their own memories between amazing vacations, camps, singing the infamous "Ahhhh" from Wicked at the Thunderbolts game... I wish it could be summer forever (admittedly, a little LESS hot would have been ok by me!)

It's outrageous to think another school year is upon us! Our older Peace Kids are entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade! We are handing out 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles to Austin and

Abby! We are very excited to welcome everyone back to Sunday school as well, which is starting back up September 7<sup>th</sup>! Last month, everyone got their backpacks blessed, from our youngest preschoolers all the way through the fabulous teachers in our congregation. Pastor Kirk surprised everyone with HIS backpack: inside was a folded guitar! The blessings were made, and now our kids have already been back in school for almost 2 weeks. Celebration Sunday is next week, and all the committees have an activity for you to check out, but ours is going to be splash-tastic! We are bringing back our duck pond from our VBS carnival! Match a duck and win a prize! (Don't forget to wish Rachel a HAPPY 10<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY on the 7<sup>th</sup> too!) We are also launching our butterflies again on Celebration Sunday!

Save the date for more information coming on the CROP Walk (10/5) and Trunk or Treat 10/25! We aren't there yet, but it's coming!





## PMC's Program Coordinator

Holly Jones

I cannot believe it is September already. (If you've ever read my articles for Christian Ed, you'll recall my disbelief seems to hit every month!) This time is different. My marveling at how fast the calendar has moved is directly related my first short term milestone. I have been our Program Coordinator for 6 months already! It's been a very busy and we are just warming up. Over the last 6 months, I have made countless connections with local businesses, libraries and even food truck vendors. I've talked to so many people who have said, "Wow, your church is doing so many cool things!" That's evident by the remainder of the 2025 calendar, and we have already started our planning for 2026!

I'd like to extend, yet again, another heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to the planning meeting this summer. We covered a lot of bases and I'm very excited for all the programs we are putting on. There are a lot of great ideas I'm looking to put into action.

September always brings a sense of renewed enthusiasm, everyone comes back from summer vacations with stories to tell, but also grateful for the opportunity to reconnect with church friends. Looking ahead at our calendar, there are a multitude of times to reconnect, whether with friends or with yourself. We kick off September with Celebration Sunday on the 7th. The Palos Fire Department will be joining us, along with the Cook County Sheriff's K9 Unit. We have arranged for a special story time with Sydney from the Palos Park Library as well. Joey's will be catering the food for the event, and Sara from Paradise Sweets will be bringing her ice cream truck back! We had such great time at our Food Truck Fridays, we're bringing a little bit of that fun to our next celebration!

You will also be able to find us Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup> during the Palos Park 'Autumn in the Park' Festival! We will be walking in the parade with Pastor's 'Shopping Cart Brigade' collecting non perishable donations for local food pantries. Make sure to watch for us, if you aren't walking with us! I'm this far into this article, and I'm not even halfway done with September yet.

The PMC Wellness Ministry launches this month as well, starting Wednesday September

24<sup>th</sup>, leading off with bi-weekly yoga classes led by Jamie Kirscher. There will be guided mediation with Tricia James and Pastor Kirk will be introducing contemplative prayer into this ministry as well. Stay tuned for more information to come. You've seen the flyers, you've heard the announcements, and we are still not done with September! Our famous Oktoberfest is coming up this month also! Join us Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> as we polka our way through the night! There are lots of opportunities for you to volunteer in all these events and I hope you'll continue to bring your family together for all these fun things as well. (That's how I started here, I was just coming to the great events!)

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**9/7:** Celebration Sunday

**9/20:** Palos Park Autumn in the Park parade

**9/24:** PMC Wellness Ministry Yoga 6:00pm

**9/27:** Oktoberfest - 5:00 - 9:00 pm

**10/4:** Cooking Ministry (We're making pie!)

Blessing of the Pets

**10/5:** Golf Outing

CROP Walk

**10/12:** Music, The Language of the Faith 3

**10/25:** Trunk or Treat

### **MISSION**

Pam Cornyn

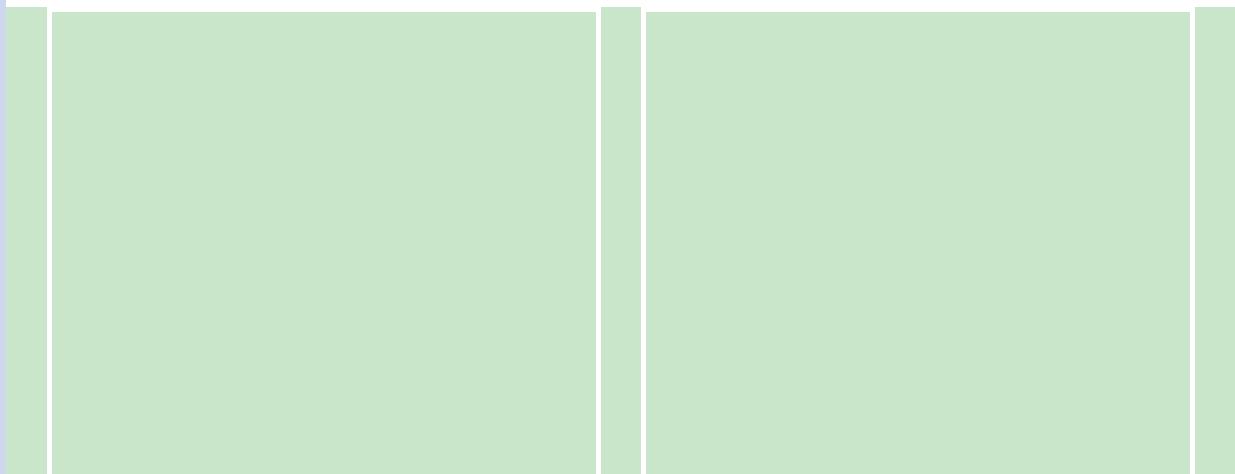
The changing of the seasons from summer to autumn re-energizes us with cooler temperatures and more organized activities.

The collection of Kleenex, paper towels, and Lysol wipes was much appreciated by the two schools that received your donations. The schools receiving your contributions were the Orland Park School District #35 and Kelvin Grove School in Lockport. Thank you for participating in this project.

On August 13th, two members of the Mission Committee hosted an ice cream social for the residents of Peace Village Circle Inn. Everyone enjoyed their ice cream covered in sprinkles and whipped cream with cookies on the side. We played several games of Bingo with several winners and everyone had fun.

During the month of September, we are requesting your participation in collecting "pop tops" from your beverages, soup cans or any other items with "pop tops". These will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Oak Lawn who partners with United Scrap Metal by selling the "pop tops" to them. The funds from the sale will provide resources for families in need at the Ronald McDonald charities. We will be continuing with this collection all year long. There will be a container available on the coffee bar.

### **Community Garden**





### □ Community Garden Update: A Season of Abundance □

The Community Garden is bursting with life and color this season! Thanks to the care and dedication of the Community Garden renters, their gardens look absolutely inviting. Rows of vibrant vegetables and blooming flowers are a testament to the love and effort poured into this shared space.

Take a moment to walk through the gardens and simply look and enjoy nature's bounty. Maybe next year you can try your hand at renting a garden bed and see if you have a green thumb.

**\*\*\*Special note:** Our apple, pear, and peach trees are especially generous this year, offering an abundance of sweet, juicy fruit. Feel free to bring a basket and pick some for yourself, your family, or a neighbor in need.

*The garden is not just a place to grow food—it's a place to grow Community!  
Always the Garden of Possibilities...*

*-Cindy*

### Community Garden Donates to Orland Township Food Pantry



There are no words adequate enough to express the sheer amazement and gratitude WE have for being able to spread God's love (and peaches) to those in need in our community. Our garden is more than just vegetables, our orchard more than just fruit. It's pride, it's patience, it's perseverance: it's PEACE!



# Food Truck Friday

Kathi Graben



## Food Truck Friday's Thanks for the Memories!

The only words that can be expressed are **THANK YOU!** We tried something new and out of the box for us and with your support and encouragement we all had the best time! The entertainment, food and fellowship were enjoyed by everyone that was able to attend. We did some switching of entertainment, food, desserts etc. and it seemed to be relished by one and all! Some had family, friends and neighbors come to partake in the fun! Thanks AGAIN! With your help in purchasing food from the vendors, water and chips from the committee, some free will donations and other donations, we were able to only have a cost of \$500 per event which would be the cost of the entertainment per night. We do plan to do this again so mark your calendars now for 2026! Looking forward to growing this event and more fun and exciting things to come. If you have any ideas or suggestions for Outreach please contact the current members of the committee, Kathi Graben, Dennis Kirscher & Theresa Graben. If you are interested in helping, please let us know.

**Food Truck Friday's 2026 May 15, June 19, July 17 & August 21.**

More details are coming in the next year.



# \*Come be a Piece of Peace!

# Join us for

# CELEBRATION SUNDAY

# Sunday September 7th!

○ ✨ Come for worship & ✨  
stay for the FUN!

**Music!**  
and so much more

**Peace M**

# Games!

for kids & adults

Food will  
be provided!


## ***Peace Memorial Church***

**10300 131st St.**

## Palos Park

**708-448-7833**

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SPECIAL VISITS FROM PALOS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
COOK COUNTY SHERIFF K9 UNIT  
PALOS PARK LIBRARY



# Peace Memorial Church Autumn in the Park FOOD DRIVE

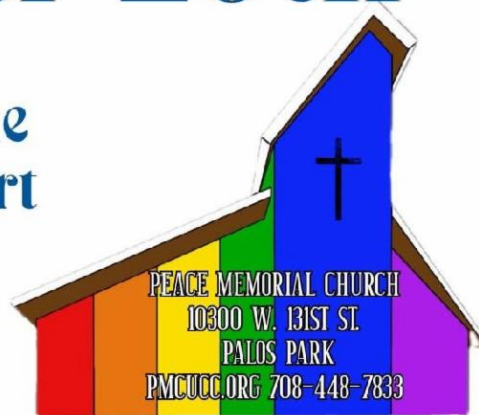
*Peace Memorial Church will  
be collecting donations to  
benefit local food pantries!  
Your donations can be  
brought to the parade or to  
the PMC table on the festival  
grounds!*



## Saturday September 20th



**Watch for the  
shopping cart  
brigade!**



# Peace Memorial Church UCC

**PRESENTS:**



We are a mental health  
affirming and accepting  
congregation

**PMC**  
**WELLNESS**  
**MINISTRIES**



**YOGA**  
starting  
Wednesday 9/24  
6:00pm

## Confronting the challenges of modern life within a sense of SPIRIT

*Guided meditation with live*

*therapeutic music*

*Bi-Weekly Yoga*

*Contemplative Prayer*

Peace Memorial Church  
10300 W. 131st St. Palos Park, IL  
708-448-7833  
[info@pmcucc.org](mailto:info@pmcucc.org)







## ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST 2025

Plans for our Annual Oktoberfest are well underway for Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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 50/50 raffle and Basket raffles with proceeds going to Peace Memorial Church. 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 basket items below or feel free to bring a ready-made 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 the church.

Thank you, Pam Cornyn





Peace Memorial Church

# Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 27th, 5 - 9 PM

10300 W 131st, Palos Park

**LIVE MUSIC** by the Schnitzels,  
**DANCING, GREAT FOOD & DRINK!**

To benefit Peace Memorial Church

Adults: \$20 Children 5-10yrs old: \$8

**50/50  
RAFFLE**

**BASKET  
RAFFLES**

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

Tickets Available at  
Church Office 708-448-7833



# BLESSING OF THE PETS

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, OR HOW  
MANY LEGS YOU HAVE, YOU ARE  
WELCOME HERE!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH  
10:00AM IN THE PAVILION





# PMC COOKING MINISTRY

## SEMI- HOMEMADE PIES

LEARN HOW TO MAKE A PIE FILLING  
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL  
RAVE ABOUT!



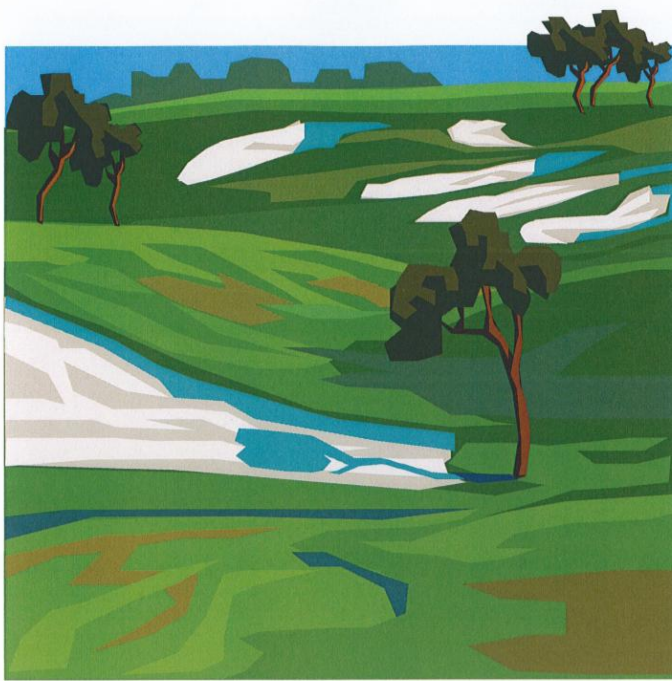
JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

**OCTOBER 4TH**

**12:00PM**

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW





## OCTOBER 5, 2025

# 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 future Big Build events at PMC and other events now under consideration. 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  
North Course  
First Tee off 12:12  
Cocktails 6:00  
Dinner 6:30

Golf & Dinner \$150  
Dinner only \$45

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

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All tee sponsorships  
directly support the  
C.R.E.W. Big Build

RED NECK RAFFLE AND  
DINNER AFTER GOLF  
Prize Donations  
WELCOME

Contact PMC Office  
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Den Kirscher on Facebook or  
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*Join us for the next installment  
on our continuing journey  
through the music of the church  
for the last several hundred  
years*

**Sunday October 12th  
2:00pm**



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**September 2**  
Patricia Ostrowski

**September 3**  
Alan Kloos  
Susan Kukla

**September 6**  
Theresa Graben  
Derek Hevel  
Mark Schmeltzer

**September 7**  
Rachel Jones

**September 9**  
Zane Gill

**September 11**  
Amanda Ferris  
Eric Kueltzo

**September 12**  
Carlton Meyer  
Carol Ritter

**September 14**  
Miriam Sciacchitano

**September 15**  
Connie Nolan

**September 16**  
Joan Murray

**September 17**  
Morgan Miller

**September 18**  
Linnea Rimkus

**September 19**  
Matthew Rudnicki

**September 20**  
Steven Baker  
Keith Koch  
Debra Reed

**September 21**  
Melissa Maguire

**September 23**  
Evelyn Gleisner  
Brooke Miller  
Charley Smith  
Steven Stille

**September 25**  
Annabelle Fazekas  
Mary Overbey  
Susan Schneider-Misale

**September 27**  
Michele Kiela  
Lisa Korbitz  
Ruth Van Hecke

**September 28**  
Beverly Baker-Meyer  
Lori Mason

**September 29**  
Richard Przybylski  
Chloe Schneider



# SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 pm Bunco/Chapel	3 7:00 am Volunteers	4 6:30 Foundation	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship  CELEBRATION SUNDAY	8	9	10 7:00 am Volunteers 10:00 am B&G meeting 7:00 pm CE meeting	11 1:00 pm Bible Study	12	13
14 9:30 am Worship  12-8:00 pm Pavilion/Youth Center rental	15	16 9 – 2 LifeStyles – Zion Hall or Pavilion	17 7:00 am Volunteers  7:00 pm Trustees Chapel	18 1:00 pm Bible Study	19	20 10 - 4 pm Stitchers/Chapel 11:30 Palos Autumn in the Park Parade 5:00 pm YC rental
21 9:30 am Worship	22 <b>MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE</b>	23	24 7:00 am Volunteers  Oktoberfest setup	25 1:00 pm Bible Study Oktoberfest setup 7:00 pm OES/Narthex	26 Oktoberfest setup	27 5-9 pm OKTOBERFEST
28 9:30 am Worship	29	30				



## Peace Village

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Roger Ellens .....CEO/Executive Director

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