



Your monthly news & updates

Moore thoughts . . .
Pastor Kirk's Ponderings –



Abundance

Pledge time isn't folk's favorite season in the church, I know. Reminders of financial difficulties and requests to give more grow tiresome. And yet through all the frustrations and worries, we also remember that we're an active, vibrant congregation showing our love for God and love for one another daily.

Jesus summed up the purpose of his ministry this way: that we "may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus came to make possible a quality of life meant to be all of ours. In the spirit of Jesus, we're called to find God's abundance together. No gift is too small. No dream is too big.

What if we realized that we've already been given all we need to live a full and satisfying life? We can see and learn this quality of life in Jesus. And we can learn to give as he gave, becoming generous -- inspired by the goodness of God.

The ministries of Peace Memorial Church are vital. What we do as a congregation matters. That we share God's unconditional love and extravagant

welcome with all matters. Caring for all in the world through our time, talent, and treasure matters. Working toward a just world for all matters. Caring for all in need matters.

And as we continue to have an opportunity to be generous, we have an opportunity to serve. How will we respond? How will we be? We, the church, exist not simply to do mission but to be mission: a people that, out of God's abundance, generosity, and goodness, seek justice and mercy, forgiveness and love. No gift is too small. No dream is too big.

We can be generous with our time, talent, treasure, and invitation. As we live into God's abundance and seek to work toward a just world for all, let's continue to invite people to experience the life and love we share at Peace Memorial Church. Stewardship Sunday is November 9 – and the Sunday to invite someone to church is

All the Time

Pastor Kirk

A Note From the President

Diane Oremovich

There are two parts to Stewardship in our church. One is financially and the other is volunteering. I am focusing on volunteering today. We recently had Celebration Sunday. This highlighted the many committees of the church and all the work the committees do around the church.

We have a very strong group of regular volunteers. You see some each Sunday including the ushers that greet you, Sunday school teachers, or the workers at the Bistro. Others you may not see are the landscapers that come in on Wednesday cutting the grass and helping to maintain the building. We can't forget all the people serving at events such the Santa's Breakfast, the Bunny Breakfast, and the Octoberfest. We are always looking for new Volunteers for these and other activities at the church. We have great staff and leaders that have assisted in keeping the church active. I am asking each of you to consider how you can help.

We encourage you to complete your Time and Talent sheet that was included in the recent Stewardship mailing. Even if you only have an hour or two a month, there are activities or committees you can participate in. Just consider helping at any event. Or one easy example of volunteering is ushering. We have three ushers on Sunday. I currently usher once a month. Ushering means coming in a half hour early. You just handout bulletins, greet our visitors, counting people, collecting our offering. There are many possibilities you can choose to help with. Thank you for considering all the ways you can help our church!

Weekly Service Attendance

October 5 (Communion Sunday)
9:30 am - 65

October 12
9:30 am - 68

October 19
9:30 am - 81

October 26
9:30 am - 67

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Holly Jones

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Juliana

Ms. Sam, Mr. Ray, Ms. Jo,
Ms. Debbie, Ms. Holly, Ms. Judy,
Ms. Donna, Mr. Chris, Ms. Wendy, Ms. Stacey



Can you believe just last week we were watching our Peace Kids donned in their cute Halloween costumes, and now we are into the month of giving? I'm reminded of the song we learned in VBS, "Count your blessings, name them one by one, Count your many blessings, see what God has done" Why do we reserve our blessings for Thanksgiving? I think our Peace Kids are a blessing daily and being the month of

November it's only fair to highlight all of them, and the magnificence they bring to us on Sundays.

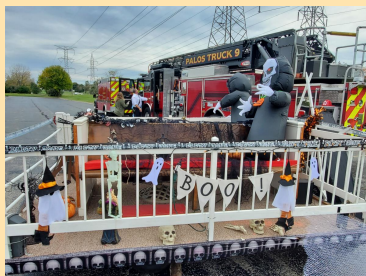
Did you see all our kids' costumes? We had a visit from Oz with Elphaba (Rachel), the lemmings from Grizzly and the Lemmings (Joey and Fran), a panda who was happier snacking on candy than bamboo (Jane), the Grinch who stole Halloween (Austin), a mummy who perfected his walk for us (Shayne), the cutest witch (Shelby), Nova from Zombies 4 (Abby and Ella), and a peppy cheerleader also from Zombies 4 (Lily). Alex frightened us all in his

Scream mask, Addy was sparkly skeleton, and Hubert and Beatrice made us all say "Zoinks!" with their family Scooby Doo costumes. Let's talk about that Trunk or Treat while we're thinking about all those great costumes! There is no way to convey the absolute success of this year's Trunk or Treat! We are in complete awe of the turnout we had! We had well over 200 children, but realistically it was probably closer to 250! A huge thank you to the Palos Fire Protection District for coming out and to everyone who decorated a trunk, set up the amazing Haunted Youth Center, volunteered in any capacity, and passed out candy (and ran out to get EVEN MORE candy!) We are overwhelmed by the incredible success and are already coming up with new ideas for next year.

2025 Trunk or Treat by the numbers:

200+ kids 17 decorated cars 1 Haunted float 1 very spooky
Haunted Youth Center Countless bags of candy
Endless Memories

Congratulations to our winners of the Best Decorated Trunk contest. Coming in 3rd place was a tie between **Chris Jones'** rugged lumberjack trunk and the **Miulli family's** "Grizzly and the Lemmings" trunk. 2nd place was also a tie between the **ONA Committee's** haunted float and the **Finn Family Theater** (popcorn trunk). 1st place went to our reigning champion, **Holly Jones** and her Wicked themed trunk. (I promise I didn't vote myself in, nor did I bribe anyone! But having a live action Elphaba might have helped).





MISSION

Pam Cornyn

The Mission Committee is asking for your help during our Annual Food Drive. Starting this Sunday, November 2nd, we will be collecting boxed and canned foods to help those less fortunate. So, as you shop, please consider picking up extra nonperishable food items to donate: noodles, pasta sauce, boxed milk, oil, salt, pepper, sugar, flour, coffee, tea bags, mac & cheese, cereal, rice, and oatmeal. A new item we would also like to add to the list is a can opener for opening all those donated canned goods. Monetary donations are also very helpful to purchase gift cards. These will help the recipients in purchasing perishable food items.

Please check expiration dates. Thank you for helping with your donations.



PMC's Program Coordinator

Holly Jones

Hello, this is Holly from the church office and if you've read that in that singsong voice you've come to expect during the One Calls, we're off to a great start! We are involved in so many things, so of course the phone is ringing off the hook in preparation of all of our exciting events! October

brought us the CROP Hunger Walk, the third event in the Music: Language of Faith series and our favorite Trunk or Treat! November is even BUSIER with the first guided meditation from the Peace Memorial Church Wellness Ministry, a wine bottle painting night, Fellowship Committee's Thanksgiving lunch, and Hanging of the Greens. Throw in a Bunco night, a yoga night, and a "Sister Act" outing and we have hit all the things people love! That's one of the things I love most about this church, we literally have something for everyone. You like wine? We will see you at the painting night! You want to connect with yourself? We will see you for yoga or meditation! You are eager to make a delicious pie, perhaps one from the Cooking Ministry's recipes? Sounds like we will see you at Thanksgiving! You just want to hang twinkly Christmas lights? Me too! See you at Hanging of the Greens!

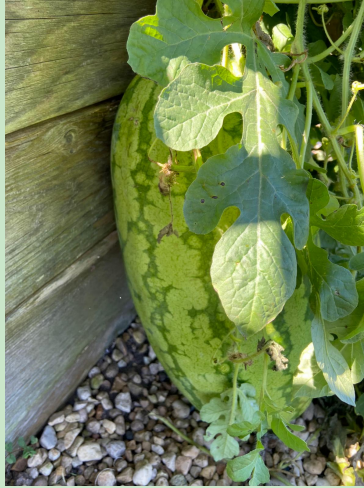
As it's November, it's only appropriate to tell you there are many reasons to FALL in love with PMC!

11/4 Bunco
11/5 PMCWM Yoga
11/8 PMCWM Guided Meditation
11/14 Wine Bottle Paint Night
11/16 Sister Act Outing
11/23 Thanksgiving lunch
11/30 Hanging of the Greens



The Garden of Possibilities





Finishing another growing season at the Garden of Possibilities is a change that brings pleasure and sadness. Finishing our ninth year is an achievement that was only talked about in our early Foundation meetings, it was only a hope, something in the distant future. ButVoilà it's here! I guess the "Take Away" from those early conversations is a new Church Mission can become a reality. Our tenth year will bring a continuation of migrating 6 additional cedar garden beds to a modern metal beds. We have purchased 3 new beds and pre-built them to ensure the cutover to the metal bed is efficient. We will need some additional funding to purchase 3 more beds before opening the Community Garden for next year, but our need will be short lived until we will get additional monies from next year's rentals. If you believe in our mission, you can make a contribution to the CG. If you are unable that's "ok" we have only used the Foundation's generosity to fund the original CG build. All of our costs are funded from the rental income.

A milestone this year was a full-grown watermelon, like the ones you buy at the grocery store and big pumpkins, both BIG surprises!

And we would be remiss not to highlight our baby bunnies' birth, the cherry crop, the peach attack.

Thank you to all you helped build the CG nine years ago and all you who enjoyed it! See you in March when the garden begins again!

ALL CHURCH NEWS

CROP Walk 2025

This year's CROP Hunger Walk occurred at Lake Katherine for the 6th year. This effort helps local and Church World Services missions all around the world. The once a year event raised \$3,900 with 42 individuals from the area enjoying Lake Katherine's beauty and the knowledge that we helped others. No one should be without food and the movement is 55 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the United States.

The steps we take - and the funds we raise together - will provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.

The Peace Memorial Church Team had 13 walkers and numerous others who donated. The PMC team raised over \$1000.00 for this years CROP Hunger Walk.

Thank you to everyone who either walked or donated to this event to help stop hunger.



CREW Golf Outing 2025

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THE PMC CREW GOLF OUTING A SUCCESS

Sunday, October 5th was a sunny, warm, slightly breezy day. A PERFECT day for a round of golf on the North Course at Silver Lake Country Club! Ten foursomes (that's FORTY golfers for all the math majors out there) competed this year for the honor to be the team champions of the 2025 PMC CREW Golf Outing. There were no holes-in-one, but a great number of birdies were scored, evidenced by the winning score of 62, eight UNDER PAR! Although I have no photos of the golf portion of the outing I have several of the portion many would say is significantly more important, the dinner and raffle after the golf is over. The forty golfers were joined by SIXTY diners of all ages who took their chances on some very nice and valuable prizes in what we call the "Red Neck Raffle". Please take a few moments to enjoy the photos.

What is even more important than the golf or the dinner and raffle is why we even have a golf outing. The purpose of the PMC outing is to raise funds for PMC CREW (Community Renewal by Ecumenical Workers) activities, specifically The BIG BUILD! Thanks to the support of the golfers and those who attended the dinner/raffle, PMC CREW raised nearly \$2,500.00 to support the BIG BUILD! If you were unable to make it to the outing, there will be two PMC CREW fund raising events before Christmas. On Friday, November 14th and on Friday, December 12th we will be holding 21years and over events with wine tasting and bottle painting. Watch for sign-up sheets in the narthex or contact the office to reserve your spot!

And now for the big announcement, **THE PMC CREW 2026 BIG BUILD WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 15th!!** I sincerely hope all can attend, it is always

a great event and very rewarding to know that our contributions of time and efforts and our financial support will help a deserving family to have a roof over their heads!

THANKS TO ALL ONCE AGAIN!



Calling all planners, historians
and talented people!

50 140

Join us for an informal planning
meeting Sunday November 16th
during coffee hour!



We are celebrating 140 years of Peace
Memorial Church and 50 years in Palos Park!

We are looking to form a committee to help
with the visioning of this event. Please see
Holly Jones if you are interested! Can't make
this impromptu meeting, please email
hjones@pmcucc.org

Save the date for the second weekend in
September 2026 for our gala celebration!

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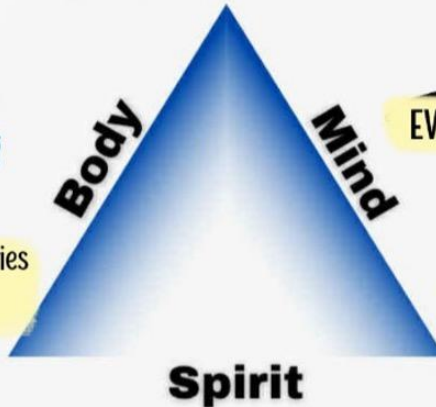
PRESENTS:



We are a mental health
affirming and accepting
congregation

- ages 16+ all levels and abilities
welcome
- chair and mat practices

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WELLNESS
MINISTRIES



EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

6:00pm

October 22nd
November 5th, 19th
December 3rd, 17th
January 14th, 28th

Confronting the challenges of modern life within a sense of SPIRIT

*Guided meditation with live
therapeutic music*

Bi-Weekly Yoga

Contemplative Prayer

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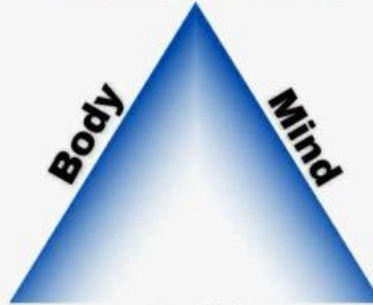


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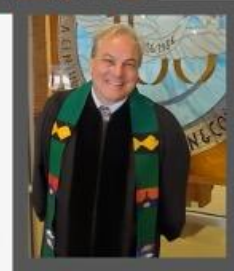
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Spirit

Confronting the challenges of modern life within a sense of SPIRIT



Saturday November 8th 5-6pm

Learn about the healing effects of guided meditation
and experience it as well!

Join our leader Tricia James, LCSW, for this relaxing
and rejuvenating evening with Pastor Kirk playing
therapeutic music in the background.

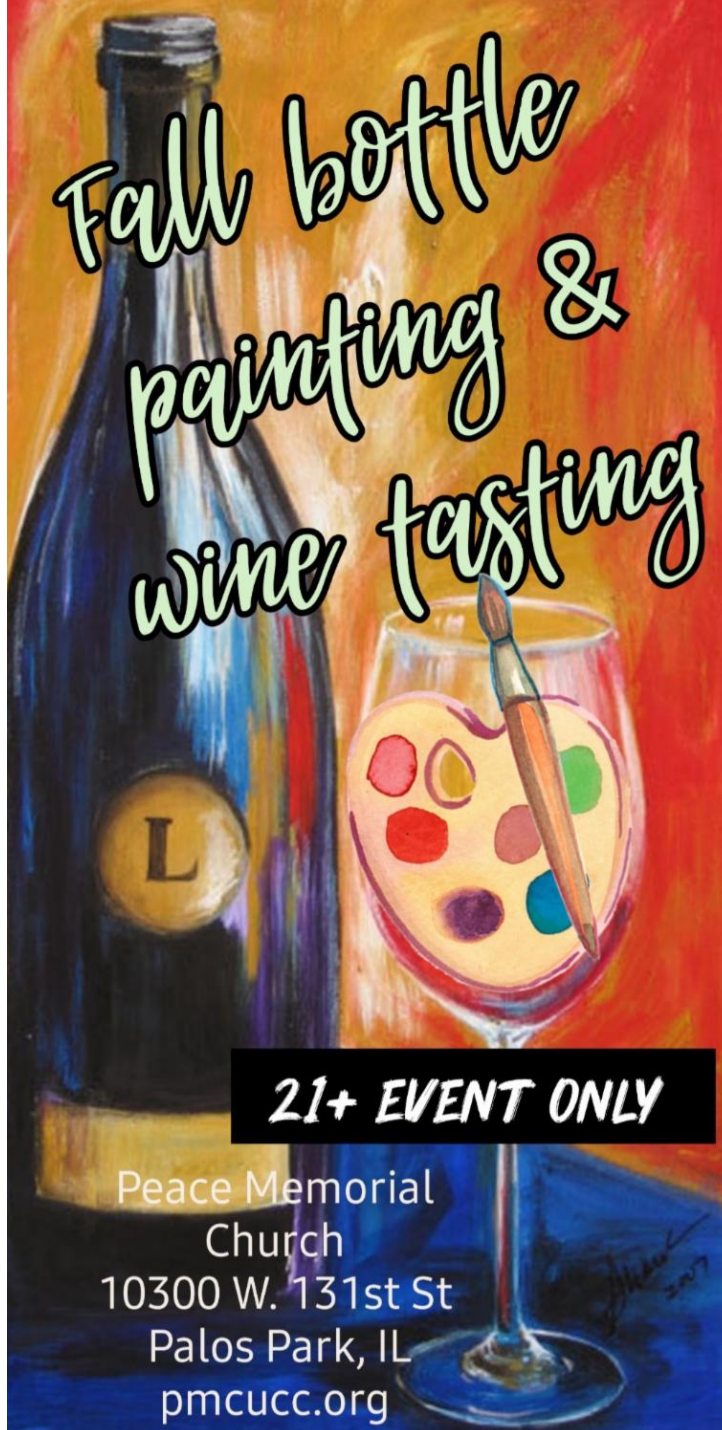
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Fall bottle
painting &
wine tasting

21+ EVENT ONLY

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Join us
Friday
November
14th
7:00pm

\$30

includes bottle, paint
supplies & instruction

\$8

wine tasting

\$6

Find a wine you
liked? Have a glass or
two!

Complimentary charcuterie and sweets

Any questions?
Contact Dennis Kirscher

Email:
info@pmcucc.org

Proceeds to benefit PMC CREW

RSVP by Nov. 9th





COMING NOVEMBER 23rd THROUGH DECEMBER 14th
THE GIVING TREE



November 5

Victoria Olson
Leah Signore

November 6

Herbert Zimmermann

November 7

Claire Schneider

November 8

Graham Hevel

November 9

Gary Kwiatkowski

November 13

Thomas Hecker

November 15

Gloria Hoessler

November 16

Verna Kwiatkowski
Mason Maguire

November 18

William Bayer

November 19

Kathleen Whalen

November 20

Kathleen Horosinski
Julianna Wright

November 21

Holly Pacholski

November 22

Susan Ritter

November 23

Nancy Anderson
Daniel Kallemeyn

November 25

Michael Koch
Kelly Schmeltzer

November 26

Jonathan Dagys
Dennis Kirscher

November 28

Carl B Koch

November 29

Carl Pratscher III

November 30

Amy Hevel

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 am All Saints Worship	3	4 6:30 – 9:30 pm Zion Hall rental 7:00 pm Bunco/Chapel	5 7:00 am Volunteers 6:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Yoga 7:00 pm Pickleball	6 1:00 pm Bible Study	7	8 12:00 pm Youth Center rental 5:00 pm Wellness Ministry
9 9:30 am Worship	10	11 Veteran's Day 6:30 – 9:30 pm Zion Hall rental	12 7:00 am Volunteers 10:00 am B&G 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 chapel rental 7:00 pm CE meeting 7:00 pm Pickleball	13 1:00 pm Bible Study	14 6:00 pm Bottle Painting	15 10 - 4 pm Stitchers/Chapel
16 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Anniversary planning meeting 2:00 pm Sister Act outing	17 MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE	18 6:30 – 9:30 pm Zion Hall rental	19 7:00 am Volunteers 6:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Yoga 7:00 pm Trustees Chapel 7:00 pm Pickleball	20 1:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Foundation 7:00 pm OES/Narthex	21	22
23 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Thanksgiving Dinner	24	25 6:30 – 9:30 pm Zion Hall rental	26 7:00 am Volunteers 6:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Pickleball	27 Happy Thanksgiving 	28	29
30 9:30 am Worship HANGING OF THE GREENS						



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