



Your monthly news & updates

Moore thoughts . . .
Pastor Kirk's Ponderings -

Lunar New Year, Ramadan, and Lent.

They all began at the same time this year. That hasn't happened since 1863. It won't happen again until 2189.

And while the traditions come from different faith and cultural traditions, they all center on renewal and reflection. As billions of people across the globe focus on renewal and reflection, we have an opportunity.

What if during the Christian season of Lent, we decided to focus on a global opportunity of renewal and reflection?

What would it mean to take a step outside of religious our cultural boundaries and recognize the opportunity for renewal and reflection for all?

- Come to church every Sunday - and take in worship and cultural opportunities outside of your typical tradition?
- Give time or money to charity – to those you've known and given to in the past, as well as ones you haven't ever considered giving to?
- Work for justice - for all. No matter what culture or religion one is part of.
- Write a letter to the newspaper about an issue you care about
- Call a friend with whom you've lost touch - or make a new friend
- Give bigger tips at restaurants
- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Listen

- Love

Let us live into an exciting opportunity this year – across religious and and cultural boundaries – an opportunity for

Solidarity

Pastor Kirk

HOLY WEEK PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH

Maundy Thursday 4/2

Soup Supper 6:00pm Service with
Communion 7:00pm

Good Friday 4/3

Service 7:00pm

Easter Sunday 4/5

Celebration Service 9:30am
Communion • Cantata • Living Cross
Brass & String musicians

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This year Ash Wednesday kicked off bright and early at 6:00 in the morning. That wasn't too early for some of the local commuters who met Pastor Kirk at the Palos Park train station. Pastor Kirk offered prayers and ashes to well over 150 commuters between the morning and afternoon rushes. We heard from a lot of people who were so grateful Pastor was there, they were "going to go elsewhere, but he saved them a trip!" There were even

a few people who dropped their commuter off and came back up for ashes. The hugs, the prayers, and the warmth was a beautiful connection, both for the community and for us.



A Note From the President

Diane Oremovich

It has been a long winter, but Spring is on its way. At least I am hoping it is coming soon.

It was great to see the children knocking down all the cereal boxes for the Heart healthy month. It is always amazed me the many ways we turn missions into fun. Every month the Mission Committee has done a great job finding ways to support our community.

Fellowship is changing up Easter morning. Our members have not been coming out for breakfast for the last couple of years for Easter breakfast. So instead, they are providing an enhanced coffee hour. The choir has a very special music program planned during our church service. I encourage everyone to enjoy the day and the events at church before breaking into your baskets.

Peace Village Board has shared their decision to sell the Medical Office Building. The decision was made to assist in rebuilding the reserves following the financial challenges that occurred after the pandemic. Improved financial metrics, will place Peace Village in a better position with lenders and help reduce interest expenses. The Trustees have reviewed this and supported the decision of the Village Board. If anyone has any questions about this please reach out to either Peace Village Board members or the Trustees.

Weekly Service Attendance

February 1 (Communion Sunday)
9:30 am - 90

February 8
9:30 am - 83

February 15
9:30 am - 72

February 18 (Ash Wednesday)
&:00 p.m. - 44

February 22
9:30 am - 73

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Holly Jones

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Micah
Beatrice
Lily



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



March again! We have bunnies and birthdays, egg hunts and game nights, throw in a leprechaun for good luck and you've rounded out March! It's officially meteorological spring, no matter what last month's groundhog said! Now, I know, spring doesn't start for a few weeks, (March 20th if you are counting) and it sure doesn't FEEL like spring but there is always such sense of renewal, and hope in the season change. I keep waiting for everyone's favorite first sign of spring, daffodil sprouts! I love watching the daffodils, they've weathered the elements and come back year after year, bringing peace and happiness (and this year I'll be able to see them bloom from my desk!)

Nothing brings me more happiness quite like watching our Peace Kids interact within our church community! These kids are just so awesome! Our main project in February was spreading love! Our first mission: sending Valentine's Day cards to La Rabida Children's Hospital! Our kids sent over 100 handmade cards to the hospital. Their love didn't end there as they treated the congregation to a sweet treat with the congregation and the Village residents with their handmade suncatchers. We kept up the theme of love and sweet treats at our Superbowl Sunday "Score a Touchdown for your Valentine" bake sale. We raised over \$500 from your generous donations! A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who baked delicious treats, and a special WOOHOO to our kids who ran the sale!



There are so many other ways to spread love in February, but the most rewarding comes from our Peace Kids helping Lori Mason pass out red carnations during our ♡ healthy

breakfast. Thank you Lori for sharing your love with us in honor of her mom, Louise Smith.

March is already HOPPIN' with excitement! Our Game Night is scheduled for March 6th, and that always brings a good crowd... it might have something to do with the DIY pizzas, and the anticipation of the crash of the Jenga tower! Make sure to mark your calendars for our Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt March 21st. Thanks to you, our fabulous congregation, we have over 1200 eggs to hunt! Cross your fingers for good weather so we can HOP out into the field! If hopping isn't your thing, maybe you want to hear the kids sing! We are working with our kids in preparation to sing on Palm Sunday. I always love when they walk in before the choir, it feels so symbolic to me.

On behalf of the entire board of Christian Education, THANK YOU for all your love and support for our Peace Kids.

Join us for a night of fun!

Bring your own
games or enjoy
some of ours!

Build your
own pizza!

Bring your own toppings

PIZZA & GAME NIGHT

Any questions, please
contact the church office!

Friday March 6th

5:00-8:00pm

Zion Hall

Sign up in the Narthex '
Feb 22nd



Thank you to everyone who donated Heart Healthy cereal. Our goal was 200 boxes, but we went above and beyond to 225 boxes.

Thank you to the Saturday Stitchers who donated \$180.00 to this cause and with the money we were able to purchase over 80 boxes of cereal. The cereal will be divided and brought to the Lockport Fish Pantry and Orland Park Food Bank. Both who appreciate everything we donate to them.

Thank you again! event.



PROGRAM COODINATOR

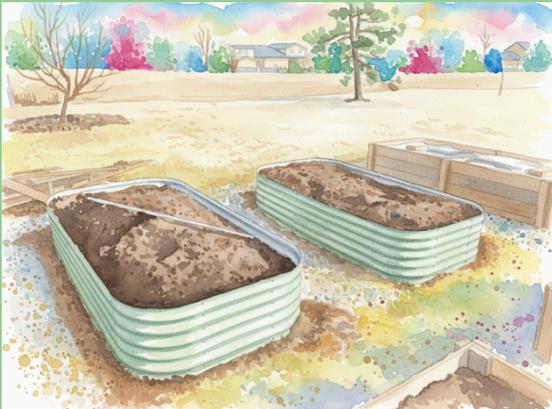
Holly Jones

“Bum bum bum. This is Peace Memorial Church. Hello this is Holly from the church office, with a special announcement!” **It’s my 1st ANNIVERSARY!** I would have turned this into a One Call, but they only give me 80 seconds! How am I possibly supposed to convey everything that is in my heart into a half page article? PMC, it’s been a **year** as our program coordinator and I am truly so very grateful! This opportunity has been nothing short of amazing. Every time I turn around, I ask, “is this real?” The opportunities that have presented themselves, both in-house and in the community have been so amazing. I have made countless connections within our community to the point where I can walk into an establishment and hear “Hey Holly! What do you have for us today?” Our name is getting out there, and I promise to keep working intentionally to spread our name successfully. As I’m typing this, I’m marveling and reflecting on the last year. I’m currently hanging Bunny Breakfast flyers, which was the very first promo I ran last year. Peace Memorial Church has held my heart for close to 8 years, and I can only hope that someone else starts coming to our church because of something we have hosted. I hope that we continue to grow in God’s love, showing our community as much love as has been shown to me. When we started coming here, it was “Grandma’s church”. We just came for events (and character meet and greets). I really loved those events but I wanted more. When I wrote my introduction last year, I had talked about how just coming for events didn’t sit well with me, that I wanted more. I wanted to be involved. HA! Jokes on me! Within the last year, I have gotten the chance to utilize all my passions, and you all have taken such care of my heart. All my ideas have been heard, and well received, and no one has made my dreams feel unattainable. I spend my days creating flyers,

sharing magnificence (and sometimes shenanigans) online and in the community. Sometimes I take our communion loaf out for a photo shoot, sometimes I'm brazen enough to think I can climb the 12 foot ladder. (Guess what? I can't.) Everything I have touched has been a true reflection of the pride I feel for this church. I really believe this position has been MY calling. I have taken thousands of pictures and have worked closely with some of the most talented, gracious people. I always knew HOW much work was involved in our amazing events, but watching the magic unfold has been top tier. You may have seen my little jump, squeal, hand clap combo when a vision becomes reality. Over the last year, I had ideas that were important to me, immediately given the green light. One of my proudest moments thus far came merely from the importance I carry of being seen and feeling appreciated. I wanted to thank all the community members that have helped me with promoting all our fun, so I decided to deliver 40 packages of cinnamon rolls and cards at Christmas. I've worked alongside committee members who have said, "Do what you want Hol," and have given me creative freedom. Every 'like' that comes out on Facebook, every comment of "I remember you from X" or "I saw your poster at Y" is a level of pride that I really hadn't felt before. I knew immediately this was my church, over the last year, this has become my home. I'll keep learning and growing in this role, all you need to do is keep providing the love, support and iced coffee! Happy 1st Anniversary to me! Thank you PMC.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Bruce Puhr



Our preparations for our 10th season of the Community Garden began in February. A review of the 24 garden beds showed more deterioration of 5 beds. A quick purchase of Vego Garden beds and we began converting our next phase. As we improve our process the time required has decreased for each conversion as well as our ability to adjust our process for cold or warmer weather. It's about 2 1/2 hours for

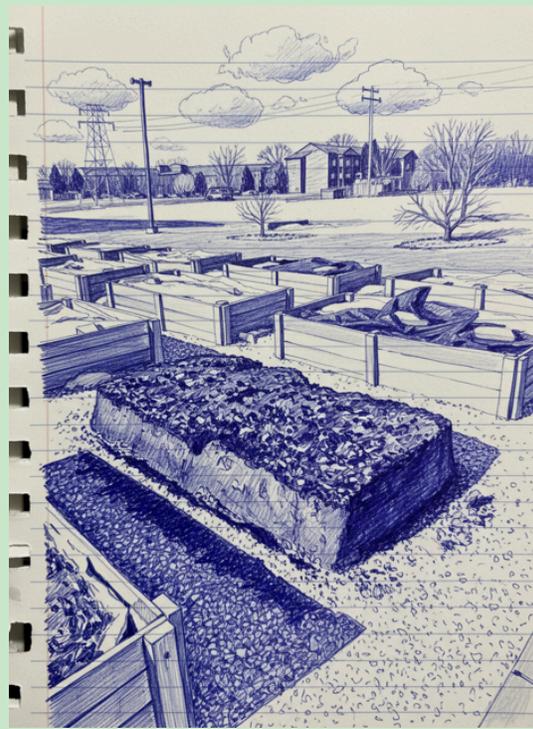
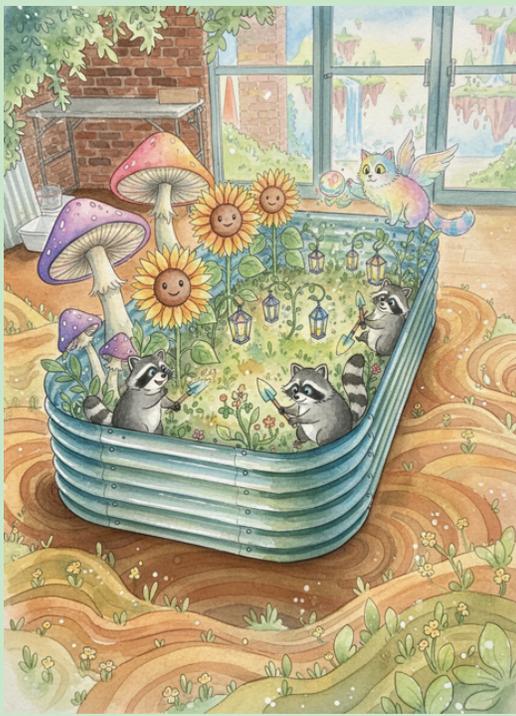
each bed to be dismantled, soil reshaped and building/installing the new bed. We have completed 10 of 24 beds in 13 months or about 42% of our community garden.

With our raised garden beds prepared our plans for March move to adding additional organic soil for each bed and mulch for our fruit trees.

Marketing and sale of the Garden Beds to the community is a 12 month program but the official date to reserve a garden bed is March 1st. We hope we can continue to fill each bed with community gardeners as we have for the previous 9 years. We offer 7 beds to church members so if you are interested please stop by the church office and reserve yours today.

In comparison to other Community Gardens the PMC garden has full sun throughout the day, organic soil, and on site water. Each a special amenity! It would be helpful if you told a friend about our Community Gardens! As a reminder you can follow us on Facebook at

[CommunityGarden@PMC](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityGarden@PMC)



FELLOWSHIP

Amanda Ambrose

Super Bowl Sub Sale Appreciation

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who placed an order for the Super Bowl subs this year. Your participation made this event a great success, and we hope that you thoroughly enjoyed your subs.

We are also deeply grateful to the dedicated volunteers who arrived early to help prepare the subs. Your commitment and hard work were essential to ensuring that all orders were fulfilled smoothly and efficiently.

We are already looking forward to next year's Super Bowl sub sale. Get your orders in early!

~ Mandi Ambrose & The Fellowship Team

EASTER BREAKFAST

*Join us for a beautiful
continental breakfast filled with
warmth, fellowship, and
delicious treats.*

SUNDAY APRIL 5th

during coffee hour

*Freshly baked pastries
and croissants*

Seasonal fresh fruit

Assorted muffins & donuts

*Freshly brewed coffee, hot tea,
and chilled juices*



Easter Memorials and Lily Order Form

Easter Memorials For: _____

From: _____

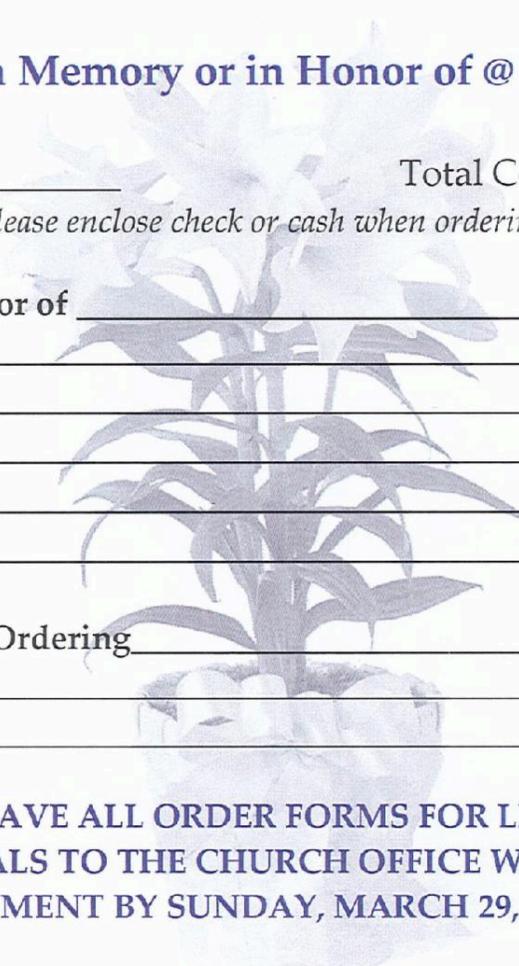
Lily Plants in Memory or in Honor of @ \$15.00 each

Quantity _____ Total Cost \$ _____
(Please enclose check or cash when ordering)

In Memory/Honor of _____

Person/persons Ordering _____

**PLEASE HAVE ALL ORDER FORMS FOR LILY'S AND
MEMORIALS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR
PAYMENT BY SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026**





March 3
Julie Sersland

March 6
Shirley Fijolek

March 8
Micah Koch

March 9
James Hevel

March 12
Joseph Spors

March 13
Logan Przybylski

March 16
Beatrice Lingurariu
Lawrence Spors

March 17
Harrison Trans

March 19
Matthew Freund

March 21
Laura Haase

March 24
Ramona Lingurariu

March 27
Lily Finn

March 31
Pamela Cornyn
Lillian Matkovich

MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship 5-9 pm Zion Hall rental	2 7-9 pm PMCUCC/Zion Hall	3 6:30 – 9:30 pm Zion Hall rental 7:00 pm Bunco	4 7:00 am Volunteers 6:00 pm Choir 6 – 9 pm Zion Hall rental	5 1:00 pm Bible Study 6 – 9 pm Zion Hall rental	6 5:00 pm Game Night Zion Hall	7 3 – 6 pm Zion Hall usage
8 9:30 am Worship DAYLIGHT SAVINGS SPRING AHEAD!!	9 7-9 pm PMCUCC/Zion Hall	10 6:30 – 9:30 pm Zion Hall rental	11 7:00 Volunteers 10:00 am B&G 6:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Yoga 7:00 pm CE 7:00 pm Pickleball	12 6 – 9 pm Zion Hall rental	13 6 – 9 pm Zion Hall rental	14
15 9:30 am Worship 12:30 – 1:00 pm & 4:00 – 10:00 pm Zion Hall rental	16 MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE 7-9 pm PMCUCC/Zion Hall	17  6:00 am to 8:00 pm Voting in Zion Hall	18 7:00 am Volunteers 6:00 pm Choir 6 – 9 pm Zion Hall rental 7:00 pm Trustees	19 1:00 pm Bible Study 6 – 9 pm Zion Hall rental	20	21 8:00 am Easter Bunny breakfast 10 am to 4 pm Stitches Chapel
22 9:30 am Worship 10:30 pm Anniversary planning meeting 6 – 10:30 pm Zion Hall rental	23 7-9 pm PMCUCC/Zion Hall	24 6:30 – 9:30 pm Zion Hall rental	25 7:00 am Volunteers 6:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Yoga 7:00 pm Pickleball	26 1:00 pm Bible Study 6 – 9 pm Zion Hall rental 7 pm OES - Narthex	27 6 – 9 pm Zion Hall rental	28 9 am – 1 pm Seed exchange Youth Center 10 am – 4 pm Narthex usage
29 9:30 Palm Sunday worship	30 7-9 pm PMCUCC/Zion Hall	31 6:30 – 9:30 pm Zion Hall rental				



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