



Your monthly news & updates

Moore thoughts . . .
Pastor Kirk's Ponderings –

A Just World Peace

What are we doing towards it?

It's a huge topic. It's a ginormous goal. It may not happen in our lifetimes. It may not happen ever. So why should we even try?

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27

I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. John 16:33a

Because when we live and work and breathe towards a just world peace, we begin to, and continue to, change the world.

What kinds of things can we do to live and work and breathe towards a just world peace?

We can memorize, repeat, and live out God's vision for Peace Memorial Church.

A vibrant, inclusive Christian community living out love, respect, and dignity for everyone.

A just world peace involves living out love, respect, and dignity for everyone. We can work towards a just world peace through our advocacy.

Common Ground Advocacy in the Abrahamic Faiths and other religious and non religious organizations, Immigration Reform. LGBTQIA+ Equality. Mental Health Awareness. Environmental Stewardship. An End to Genocide in

*Palestine, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Myanmar. An End to War. Anti Poverty
Advocacy. Anti-Racism Advocacy. Healthcare for All, An End to Gun Violence.
Creating a Peace Mural...*

We can work towards peace in our daily lives. At the store. At work. While we drive. Where we walk. Everywhere. We can live and work and breathe a just world peace wherever we are.

What will happen?

We will grow a movement for a just world peace. We will seek and find a just world peace. We will make things better. Let's not put it off any longer. Live. Work. Breathe. Towards a Just World Peace.

Now

Pastor Kirk

July 5 (Communion Sunday)
9:30 am - 69

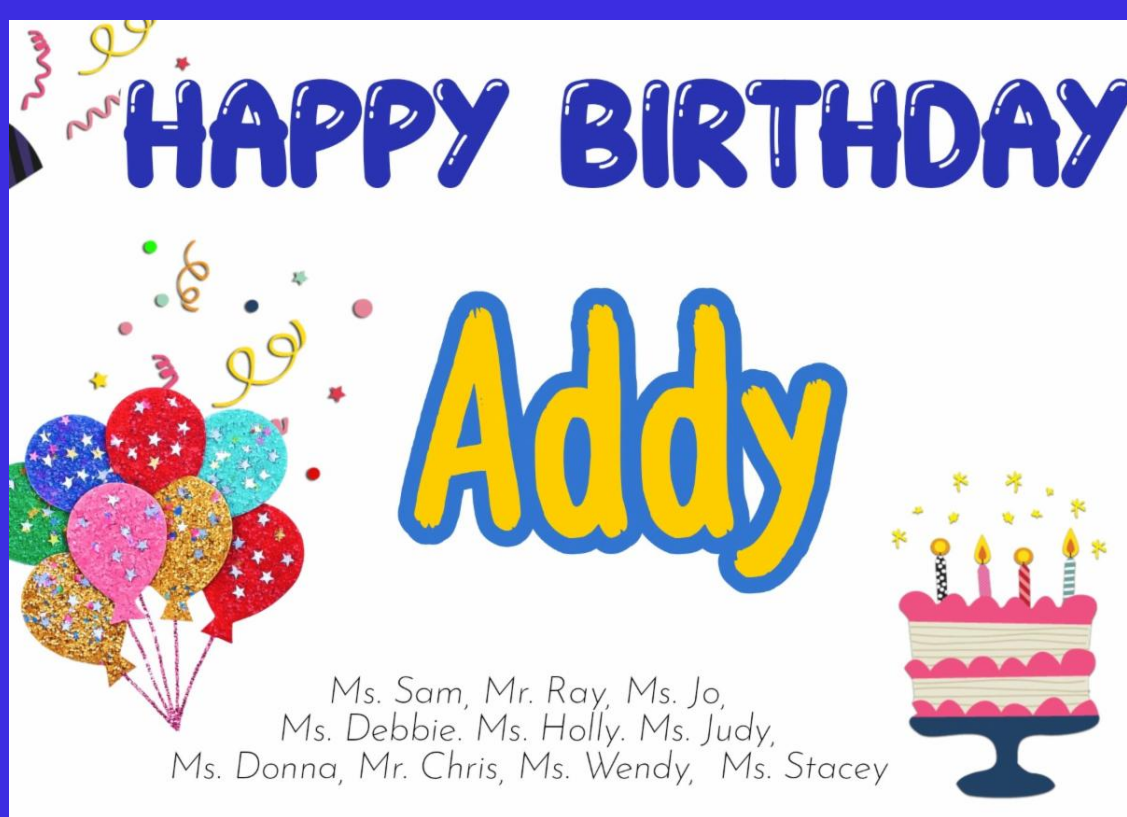
July 12
9:30 am - 109 (VBS Service)

July 19
9:30 am - 64

July 26
9:30 am - 91

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Holly Jones



In the beginning, our young astronauts awaited their mission. Our volunteers were staged, and it was time to board the ship for a trip through the Galaxy, where we launched our children on a mission of God's love. Follow along on our galactic journey with each album highlighting the OUT OF THIS WORLD experience we had! After instructions from Mission Control, our 31 Galaxy bound astronauts headed to the pavilion where we met with a crew leader ready to teach us 3 songs, all focused on praising God and learning to shine His light. Time spent in the music pavilion reminded us God loves us so, LOVE EACH OTHER! Our music directors taught us motion and movement, and even some sign language. We sang, we danced, we loved! After music, our crew leaders broke all 31 campers into groups. We rotated like planets through Games, Bible Adventures and Projects with a Purpose! In our first rotation, we met with crew leaders at Have a Blast Games! While these games looked just like tag or flying foxes to the untrained eye, in our Galaxy, our campers were holding in God's love and working together as a team. The first mission was Star Hop, where we learned for some of us, it's easy to step out and show God's love, but for others it can feel like a big mission. In Pass it On, we moved a ping pong ball from person to person, just like we pass on God's love. We learned in Flipped

Out that when it seems like an impossible mission, we can work together! Projects with a Purpose was next, and this year's main project held special meaning. In addition to making fun crafts our kids could take home, like a Galaxy painted cross and an astronaut wind chime, we focused our energy on building blessing bags for the unhoused community. We made 100 bags filled with toiletries and necessities to give a piece of God's love back where it mattered most. Each bag contained a bottle of water, a pair of socks, a reusable water bottle (which was donated by our friends at the Palos Fire Protection District) some treats and more. The love that was shown throughout this project was bigger than all of us. The kids hand crafted cards to be included in these bags, and during our Sunday worship, Pastor Kirk blessed them, with God's love resonating though the sanctuary .During our trip to Out of this World Bible Adventures, we explored Bible stories about caring for others, such as when friends brought a paralyzed man to Jesus to be healed, and demonstrating true love and sacrifice. What did we do when we weren't spreading God's love, learning in Bible Adventures, building Projects with a Purpose, making marvelous music or playing games? LOVING EACH OTHER! Just in case we missed out on having a BLAST Thursday and Friday, we turned around Saturday and had a GLOW CRAZY Galaxy themed party, complete with bingo, a spacewalk, moon rocks, adventure and so much more. The chapel was transformed into an intergalactic space odyssey, and the sheer amazement and wonder that crossed over everyone's faces as they entered the chapel was amazing.

Save the date for Blessing of the Backpacks August 16th! All teachers and students are encouraged to bring their backpacks/workbags to be blessed during the 9:30 service.

Sunday school resumes in September and we are so excited as this will be the biggest group we've had! Great things are coming to our Sunday Mornings!

Teachers!
Students!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday August 16th

**BRING YOUR BACKPACK OR WORK BAG
TO BE BLESSED AS WE ENTER ANOTHER
SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR**



Peace Memorial Church

10300 W. 131st St
Palos Park

info@pmcucc.org

PROGRAM COODINATOR

Holly Jones

Peace Memorial Church
50/140
Anniversary Celebration
Sunday September 13th, 2026
12:00pm
Silver Lake Country Club
Orland Park, IL



TICKETS ON SALE NOW
THROUGH AUGUST 16TH

Adult - \$40
Child (5-12) - \$15
Under 5 - FREE



RESCHEDULED DATE

Friday August 21st
6:00-9:00pm

10300 W. 131st St. Palos Park

FOOD TRUCKS

Music provided by The Handsome Jerks



\$15 for all show cars
Registration due
upon arrival

*** If you are showing a car,
please arrive at 5:00pm for
registration & staging**



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

email: info@pmcucc.org

MISSION

Pam Cornyn

Thank you to everyone who has helped donate paper towels, Kleenex, wipes, hand sanitizer, and Ziploc bags. All of these products will be donated to 2 local schools. The donations help students who can't afford the extras.

Thank you again, Pam Cornyn



SWIFT

Linnea Rimkus

SWIFT



INTERFAITH PICNIC

Sunday, August 9, 2026

When: Sunday August 9, 2026 – 2:00 to 5:00pm
Where: Peace Memorial Church Grounds
What: Barbeque, games for kids of all ages, fun!
Who: SWIFT Congregation members & invited Guests

Food
Fun
Games

Peace Memorial Church

10300 W. 131st St, Palos Park

For Information / Rain Cancellation,
please contact Leslie Carey:

les35nok@live.com -- (708)267-7622

Free Will Offering*

*There are no tickets to purchase for this event. However, you may drop off any amount you wish at the Picnic in the Free Will Offering jar to help with SWIFT expenses and programs.

Please Bring With You

- Side-dish (salad, pasta, anything) ... enough for your family & a little bit to share, or
- Dessert ... enough for your family & a little bit to share
(NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED)

NOTE REGARDING DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:

*If you have any dietary restrictions (Halal – Kosher – Vegetarian - Food Allergies, etc), please be sure to check with SWIFT Leaders or Food Preparers of any side-dish regarding its ingredients!

Halal Hamburgers & Hot Dogs at Grilling Station:

Served from 2pm-4pm only

Registration

Sign up with SWIFT Representative at your Place of Worship.

Head-count
needed by
Monday,
August 3, 2026

Join us for an afternoon of fun!

www.SWIFTinterfaith.org

SWIFT is a Non-Profit Organization made up of synagogues, churches, and mosques located in the South & South-West suburbs of Chicago.



"SWIFT South West Interfaith Team"

UPCOMING EVENTS

Peace Memorial Church UCC

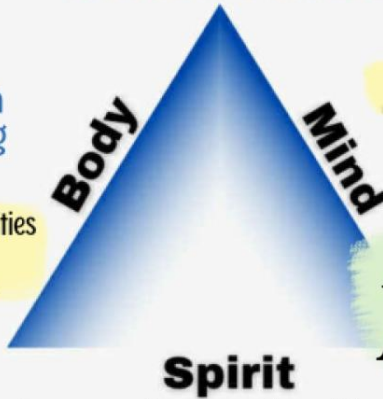
PRESENTS:



We are a mental health
affirming and accepting
congregation

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

PMC
WELLNESS
MINISTRIES



EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

6:00pm

August 12th
August 26th

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



UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



**BIG BUILD
WEEKEND**

**AUGUST
14TH & 15TH**

2026



**COME JOIN US FOR A STAY AT HOME MISSION TRIP
THE BIG BUILD WEEKEND**

WHERE: Peace Memorial Church 10300 W 131st Street Palos Park, IL

WHEN: **August 14th & 15th 2026**

WHO: All ages 5 and up. All skill levels, "Master Carpenter" to "I know what a hammer is...I think!"

WHAT: Building the walls of two Habitat for Humanity houses

WHY: Because we can!



Peace Memorial Church

Oktoberfest

Saturday, September 26th, 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



August 3
Joanne Swinarski

August 4
Jonathan Sulek

August 5
Michael Fijolek

August 6
Paul Schmeltzer

August 7
AJ Kueltzo

August 8
Russell Blaser
James Jefchak

August 9
Donna Kallemeyn
Ellen Starace

August 10
Theresa Kloos
Raymond Kruse V
Elise Signore

August 12
Claire Kueltzo
Steven Oremovich
Carl Pratscher Jr

August 13
Carol Hoefler

August 14
Nicole Bubash
Michelle Gleisner
Richard Lisak Jr.

August 16
Tricia James

August 17
Amber Ostrowski
Robert Signore

August 21
Wendy Jennings
Laura Lisak

August 22
Donald Gleisner

August 24
Douglas Ruth

August 25
David Kukla

August 26
Mark Skala
Heidi Szymborski
Helen Zimmermann

August 27
Tyler Johnson
Alicia Mrowca

August 28
Adalyn Bubash
Phyllis Collins

August 29
Linnea Johnson-Dolan

AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 8:00 am ALL DAY PICNIC 9:30 am Sunday Worship Confirmation Celebration	3	4 6 – 8 pm Zion Hall rental 7:00 pm BUNCO	5 7:00 Volunteers 7:00 pm Pickleball	6 11:30 – 3:30 pavilion/YC rental 6 – 8 pm Zion Hall rental	7	8 12-7 pm Pavilion/YC usage
9 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 Fellowship 2-5 p.m. SWIFT picnic	10	11 10 – 2 Lifestyles Zion Hall 6 – 8 pm Zion Hall rental	12 7:00 am Volunteers 10:00 am B&G 6:00 pm Yoga 6:30 pm Chapel rental 7 pm CE 7:00 pm Pickleball	13 6 – 8 pm Zion Hall rental	14 BIG BUILD	15 BIG BUILD 10 am to 4 pm Stitchers/ Chapel
16 9:30 am Sunday Worship BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS 10:30 Fellowship 11 am Chapel usage	17 8-3 Lifestyles Youth Center MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE	18 6 – 8 pm Zion Hall rental	19 7:00 am Volunteers 7:00 pm Pickleball	20 6 – 8 pm Zion Hall rental 6:30 – Foundation meeting	21 6:00 pm Food Truck Friday & Car Show	22
23 8:00 am ALL DAY PICNIC 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 Fellowship	24	25 6 – 8 pm Zion Hall rental	26 7:00 am Volunteers 6:00 pm Yoga 7:00 Pickleball	27 6 – 8 pm Zion Hall rental	28	29
30 8:00 am ALL DAY PICNIC 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 Fellowship	31					



Peace Village

10300 Village Circle Drive
Palos Park, IL 60464

(708) 361-6091

Roger EllensCEO/Executive Director

Church Office Hours

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

Reverend Kirk Moore

Senior Pastor
kmoore@pmcucc.org

Samantha Miulli

Director of Christian Education
smiulli@pmcucc.org

Robert Mohr

Director of Music
peacememohrial@gmail.com

Peace Village Circle Inn
(708) 671-2470

Peace Memorial Church
10300 W. 131st Street
Palos Park, IL 60464
Phone (708) 448-7833
Fax (708) 448-0824

Thomas R. Osborne
Organist
mmued@yahoo.com

Mary Anne Bixler
Office Manager
mbixler@pmcucc.org

Holly Jones
Program Coordinator
hjones@pmcucc.org

Kathi Graben
Bookkeeper
kgraben@pmcucc.org

**Visit our website Peace
Memorial Church**

**Visit our Facebook
page Peace Memorial
Church UCC**

Peace Memorial Church UCC | 10300 W 131st St #1 | Palos Park, IL 60464 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!