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Moore thoughts . . .
Pastor Kirk's Ponderings –

A World Made Whole



The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and shouting. (Isaiah 35: 1-2)

Isaiah 35 reflects on the important relationship between human activity and the environment. It draws parallels between scripture and the environmental challenges of today. The passage emphasizes

the impact of human actions on the landscape, illustrating how unchecked expansion and ecological mismanagement contribute to famine and wildfires. The ancient text shows us that despite technological advancements, human greed, indifference, the endless pursuit of power, and hopelessness slow or interrupt necessary healing of the environment.

How can we imagine together a world made whole? Can we be physicians of the environment? Caregivers of the land? **Our collective stewardship and generosity can be healing.** Together we can actively recreate healthy environments in our yards, churches, and towns. It is our collective effort that fosters hope in hearts that may be filled with despair.

In this season of stewardship, let's imagine together what it means to not only

be caregivers of the land, but also a people who work to heal the rift. Let us, in our giving, and in our very lives, seek to live out, and work for, liberation of the oppressed and a just and lasting peace in the world. Working toward a world made whole is doing the work God calls us to.

There are many ways to support the ministry of PMC, and in the next weeks we ask everyone to think in a particular and prayerful way about the choices we make with our money to support the church. It will all culminate on Stewardship Sunday, November 10, as part of our worship service. You should be receiving stewardship materials for 2025 in the mail in the next couple of days, if you haven't received them already.

God has done and continues to do remarkable things through us and with us – things that matter in our community and to the world! Gifts to our congregation make this possible. I hope you'll turn in a commitment card with your estimate of giving, as well as a time and talent pledge for the coming year.

Imagine what we can do together!

Pastor Kirk

PMC Report

Diane Oremovich

I would like to highlight some of the church activities from last month. Our Sunday School group participated in this year's CROP Walk at Lake Katherine on October 6th. Thanks to all who contributed their financial support as we met and actually **quadrupled** our funding goal! Your support is greatly appreciated!

This year's Oktoberfest on October 11th, was a spectacular event! A big Thank You goes out to Pam Cornyn for her leadership, and to the many volunteers and attendees who helped keep the gym rocking and made the evening a great success.

This year's Annual CREW Golf Outing took place at Silver Lake Country Club on October 13th. The money raised at the outing will go toward next year's Big Build.

Trunk or Treat is always a great community event, and this year's on October 26th, was no exception. It gives us the opportunity to share information about programs and events that Peace Memorial Church offers with people from the surrounding community who attend this event.

Pastor Kirk Moore has been with us for over a year now. October was Pastor Appreciation Month and on the 27th, we thanked him for his work as our Senior Pastor as he has led us as we went through the process of visioning and defining the future direction of our church.

I was recently asked by a member of our church why the Chicago Metropolitan Conference has not officially installed Pastor Moore as our Senior Pastor. Due to multiple delays due to illness, sabbaticals, and changes in leadership at the Fox Valley Conference, they have been unable to complete the steps necessary to transfer Pastor Moore's membership to the CMC. Once this occurs, there will be a formal Service of Installation scheduled.

November looks to be a bit quieter here at Peace Memorial Church. As in years past, Zion Hall is the site for several precincts for the November 5th election. Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will take place in Zion Hall on Sunday, November 24th. It is an important time to come together to express our gratitude for our many blessings.

The Trustees have been diligently working on the budget for 2025 and hope to have it ready for presentation to the congregation for review and approval at the Semi-Annual Meeting which will be scheduled in December. This year has brought about several unexpected projects which has delayed other important projects, including the lighting in the sanctuary and the paving of the parking lot. As our member's budgets become tighter and tighter, so has that of our church. I ask that you prayerfully consider your annual giving and consider increasing your pledge to the church, both monetarily and through the contribution of your time and talents.

Also, at our upcoming Semi-Annual Meeting, December 8th, the newly created Visioning Statement will be presented for congregational approval. We will be sharing some exciting programs and events we hope to have during 2025. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

Finally, I'd like to share the news that our bookkeeper Lily Fields will be leaving us. Lily has served as the church's bookkeeper for many years, but has accepted a full-time position elsewhere. If you have the opportunity, please stop by or call her at the church office to thank her for her service and wish her well in her new position.

Weekly Service Attendance

October 6 (Communion Sunday)
9:30 am - 92

October 13
9:30 am - 56

October 20
9:30 am - 70

October 27
9:30 am - 58

OKTOBERFEST

A Big Thank You!



To all who helped make this years Oktoberfest possible and with good results. We had about 120 adults and children in attendance. Christian Education had crafts and activities for the children. The band once again was terrific with sing alongs and dancing for all. The food of brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, green beans, & sauerkraut was donated by Keith, Kathy, Mike & Liz Koch. Our

basket raffle was run by Joe Spors taking in \$600.00 for 42 donated baskets. Excellent job Joe! 50/50 was run by Gail Jefchak and Lawrence Spors taking in \$454.00 with the winner, Steven Stille, taking home \$227.00.

Our cooks for the night were Dave Cornyn and Keith Koch. Dennis and Judy Kirscher made #50lbs of German Potato Salad. The sauerkraut was made by Jayne and Rick Przybylski. Everything tasted great! Dessert was apple strudel from Orland Bakery was donated by Don Stille. Joe Spors also made rice Krispy Treats and potato chip cookies, yum!

To the Landscaper's Crew for setting up Zion Hall with tables, chairs and the stage. Thank again to all who helped make this year's event possible which helps support PADS and our own PMC.

Amanda Ambrose, Joanne & Tom Bockmann, Phyllis Collins, Becky Finn, Janet Hansen, Holly Jones, Donna Kallemeyn, Ray & Jo Kujawa, Samantha & Eric Miulli, Diane Oremovich, Pat Ostrowski, Dave & Kim Skala, Ashley Stille, Carmen Vondrak, Kate Whalen, and everyone mentioned above.

If I missed anyone's name, please forgive me. To all the members & friends who came to support this wonderful event.

Pam Cornyn, Chairperson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Holly Jones

Meet Joey



Joey is in kindergarten! His favorite foods are pancakes, peanut butter and jelly, corn dogs and bananas! His favorite colors are cyan, blue, purple and violet! Joey likes hanging out and playing with his guinea pigs!

Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?

1. Hedgehogie (from Mr Lisak)

What do you want to be when you grow up?

That's pretty hard... maybe a farmer!

What do you like most about Sunday School?

The crafts and planting our community garden

Do you have a favorite song we sing in church?

Open the Eyes of my Heart

What makes you happiest?

Playing with my friends

Why do you like Peace Memorial?

Because it's my favorite place and it helps me learn things.

Happy November everyone! I cannot believe I am writing to you about November. I'm really amazed how fast this year went, and now we are back in the holiday season! November is the month of "thankful, grateful and blessed", but I try to live it all year long! It's easy to do within this magnificent church community! There is always an event that leaves us feeling so grateful, so blessed.



There definitely is no shortage of generosity and good hearts in our Peace Kids. Early in the month, we all walked together at Lake Katherine in the CROP Walk to end hunger. Despite some scheduling conflicts, everyone showed up to fulfill their commitment to the walk! We are so proud of all our kids. We quadrupled our fundraiser goal and raised \$1050 from church donations and online friends and family!



This year's Trunk or Treat was another amazing success... SPOOKTACULAR if you will! We had 22 cars decorated, 1 haunted Youth Center and well over 100 kids in attendance! Our friends at the Palos Fire Protection district joined us, passing out coloring books and offering the opportunity to climb on their truck! (Always a fan favorite!) We are very thankful for the department spending the afternoon with us! Thank you Battalion Chief Stukel and Lieutenant Rutter! The board of Christian Ed passed out cool Glow with God cups! This year we had one of the cars decorated to reveal the 2025 VBS theme, Diving into Friendship with God! Our haunted Youth Center was serving vampire

blood and slime punches, along with tasty treats! An extra special THANK YOU to Ray and Jo Kujawa for bringing yet another haunted vision to life! Congratulations to Holly Jones, Pastor Kirk (and his full size candy bars) and the Kujawas on winning the top 3 best decorated trunks! Thank you to everyone who came out to make this such a fun and successful event!







Looking ahead for even more events:

December 1st – Orland Park Christmas Parade
 December 14th – Breakfast with Santa
 December 15th – Christmas Pageant

Mission Committee



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.



The Mission Committee is always grateful for the generosity of the Peace Memorial Church congregation. **Sunday, October 27th**, started our Annual Food Drive and we 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 donated 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.

Unsung Heroes of Peace Memorial Church

Diane Oremovich

We talk about "It takes a Village to get things done", I want to remind everyone it takes an office to get things done at Peace Memorial Church. Each Sunday we see Pastor Kirk and Sam serving our church. We truly appreciate their words of wisdom and support. But in the background there are two other people. They are Mary Anne Bixler and Lily Field. Mary Anne is the friendly voice you hear when calling church. She is our church administrative assistant and manages the church office. I think of her as the brains of our church. She assures that anyone contacting the church gets to who they need to speak with. She gets all our written communication including our Messenger done. Mary Anne is the voice on the messages from the church. She maintains the calendar and is the point person for all outside organizations using our facility. Lily is the quiet member of our organization. She is the bookkeeper and sees that the church is paying all the bills. She carefully monitors all our accounts. She works diligently with the church treasurer to assure everything is accounted for. Without either of these people our church would not

function. As President of the church, personally, I feel they keeps our church organized and running without a hitch. They are not often recognized but we need to thank them for all that they do. If you have the opportunity stop in the office or call the church, please thank them for all they do.

Trustee Recognition

Diane Oremovich

As 2024 comes to an end, I want to take the time the time to thank all the Trustees. Two members of the Trustees are retiring, they are Dennis Kirscher and Russel Hook. Dennis has served many positions of the board, most recently as President and Chairman of Community Outreach. Russell has served in the role as Vice President and Chair of the ONA committee. They have worked diligently in their positions, and we appreciate the dedication they have given.

The Trustees meet monthly except in the summer. In between there is virtual communication through zoom and email. They have been volunteering to open and close the church and facilitate coffee hour. They attend the many other meetings of the church that they are the liaison for. I know board members volunteer at most of the events of the church.

The board has really worked as a team. There are very lively discussions about what is the best way to serve the church. I believe each and every one on the board is dedicated to seeing what is in the best for the church. Please take a moment this month to thank each and every member of the Trustees for their service to Peace.

ALL CHURCH NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS





We have an opportunity for someone interested in working in-office 8-12 hours per week as Bookkeeper for PMC. Knowledge of MS Excel and any Accounting software is needed. If interested, please reach out to Diane Oremovich or Dave Cornyn.

What is Heaven?

What is Hell?

Reflections on Ultimate Concerns

Combined Advent Study

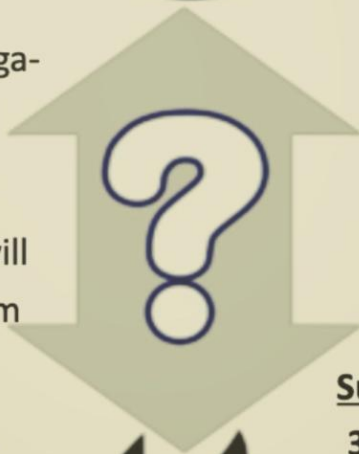
Reflections on heaven and hell by UCC authors of the God is Still Speaking: The Writer's Group



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



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!**

All proceeds go towards PMC CREW Big Build 2025



FALL



HOLIDAY



WINTER



CHRISTMAS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO
PMC ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER
SUNDAY NOV 24TH 2023 AT 11 am



Potluck!
Sign-up in the Narthex
to bring a side dish or a dessert!
There will be a free-will offering at the dinner

Community Event Breakfast with Santa



Peace Memorial Church

Saturday, December 14, 2024

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**10300 W. 131st Street
Palos Park, IL 60464**

708-448-7833



**Pictures
with Santa**

Christmas crafts for kids



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FREE WILL Donations



November 2
Donald Urbauer

November 5

November 13
Thomas Hecker

November 15

November 23
Nancy Anderson
Daniel Kallemeyn

Victoria Olson
Leah Signore

November 6
Herb Zimmermann

November 7
Claire Schneider

November 8
Graham Hevel

November 9
Gary Kwiatkowski

Gloria Hoessler

November 16
Verna Kwiatkowski
Mason Maguire

November 18
William Bayer

November 19
Kathleen Whalen

November 20
Kathleen Horosinski

November 22
Susan Ritter

November 25
Micheal Koch
Kelly Schmeltzer

November 26
Jonathan Dagys
Dennis Kirscher

November 28
Carl B Koch

November 29
Carl Pratscher III

November 30
Amy Hevel



NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Confirmation	4	5 ELECTION VOTING IN ZION HALL	6 7:00 am Volunteers 6:30 pm Chapel rental	7 1:00pm Bible study 6:30 pm Choir	8 6:30 -10:00pm Bottle Painting/Wine tasting Zion Hall	9
10 9:30 am Worship	11 	12 6:30 pm Zion Hall rental 7:00 pm Alzheimer's meeting	13 7:00 am Volunteers 10 am B&G 3 PM PADS 7:00 pm CE meeting	14 1:00 pm Bible study 4:00 to 8:30 Zion Hall rental 6:30 pm Choir	15	16 10 am – 4 pm Stitchers/ chapel
17 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Confirmation 4:00 pm Zion Hall rental	18 MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE	19 6:30 pm Zion Hall rental	20 7:00 am Volunteers 4:00-6:30 Zion Hall rental 7:00 pm Trustees meeting	21 1:00 pm Bible study 4:00 to 8:30 Zion Hall rental 6:30 pm Choir	22	23
24 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner	25	26 6:30 pm Zion Hall rental	27 7:00 am Volunteers	28 	29	30 Zion Hall rental



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

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