



## Your monthly news & updates

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*Pastor Kirk's Ponderings –*

# Let's Give it Up



This year, Lent arrives after we've had what feels like enough time to forget about all the Christmas things, and start thinking about Easter things

Ash Wednesday is March 5.

Do you ever give things up for lent? Often I have suggested that instead of giving up something like soda or chocolate or hamburgers, we give up something that has more of a positive impact:

- Giving up missing Church
- Giving up negative talk about politicians you disagree with. (*is that even possible?*)
- Giving up complaining
- Giving up not eating healthier
- Giving up not exercising
- Giving up on giving in to the fear of telling others about Jesus and instead sharing your story of faith
- Give up all the clutter by filling up 40 bags in 40 days and donating them
- Giving up giving up

Are you ready to give it a try again this year? What if we took the whole 'giving up' phrase out of the equation this year? What if we all decided this year that

we'd seek ways to prepare for Easter by actively doing something that makes a positive change in the world?

What if we took an inventory of all the things that clutter our lives with negativity, anger, complaints, and, well, clutter, and decided to take the energy we spend on the negative and do something positive?

Let's see what we can think of as a community as we gather together. What will we hear as we listen to God's whispers? How will we continue to live out God's vision for our lives and for Peace Memorial Church, UCC?



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

**for Lent!**

*Pastor Kirk*

### **PMC Report** Diane Oremovich

Great news! After more than a year of planning, the sanctuary lighting project is finally complete! Imperial Lighting's crew was able to complete the installation of the new lights in less than one week. A big Thank You to everyone who worked tirelessly on this project to see it through!

I am excited to announce that our Program Coordinator position has been filled! Holly Jones has accepted the position. Holly has been very active in the church for the last few years. She has served as a Sunday School teacher and as a member of the Christian Education Committee. Holly also manages the church's Facebook page. She is quite excited to start her new position! Holly will be meeting with the Trustees shortly to discuss plans for the many upcoming events.

Thank you to all of the members of the Fellowship and Christian Education Committees and volunteers who assisted in the Superbowl sub sandwich and Bake Sale event. As always, the sandwiches and baked goods were delicious! Seventy-five people have already registered for the Pizza and Game night on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Come out and join in on the fun if you are able.

The much-anticipated Pickleball and Bunco activities have started. If you are interested in these, or any other events at the church, please feel free to join us and bring a friend!

As a reminder, the Spring Semi-Annual meeting will take place on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service. We encourage all members of the church to attend. I hope to see you there!

## PMC Get To Know A Trustee

Jo Kujawa



My name is Josephine (Jo) Kujawa and I have been a member of the church for 48 years. I was baptized and confirmed at Morgan Street Methodist Church in Chicago, a very small neighborhood church on the southside of Chicago. I joined PMC prior to marrying Ray (a lifelong member of the church). We have two daughters that were baptized, confirmed and married at PMC and five grandchildren (6<sup>th</sup> generation at PMC) all of whom were baptized here. I have served on various committees including Pastor Parish, Search, Residence Board and Co-Chair of Christian Education and have volunteered for many church events. My background includes a B.S. and M.S. in Biology/Zoology and a Master of Library Science. I've had training as a Naturalist from Morton Arboretum. My career included serving as Librarian for Lexington College in Chicago and Librarian at Fenwick High School in Oak Park. However, my most recent and most important career is Grandma to my five grandchildren. My hobbies include reading, birding, hiking/walking, gardening and basically anything that takes me outside.

I have been extremely proud of the service/mission commitments of PMC and hope to see that continue. I have also always felt that PMC is our second family and have felt great support through hard times and joy through good times from this congregation. I hope we can all continue to support each other and the church. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a Trustee.

### Weekly Service Attendance

**February 2 (Communion Sunday)**  
9:30 am - 76

**February 9**

9:30 am - 85

February 16

9:30 am - 44

February 23

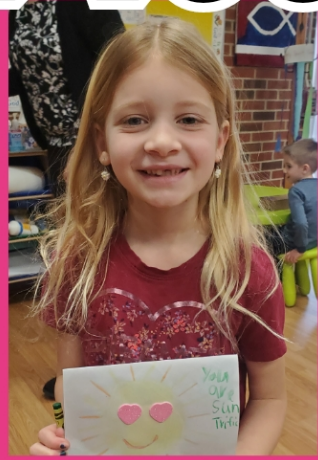
9:30 am - 60

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Holly Jones



# Meet Ella



Ella is 6½! Her favorite color is bright rainbows! She likes to garden in the PMC garden! She has a dog named Bear and a boy fish named Mermaid!

Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?  
no favorite stuffed animal, but my favorite toy is a fake phone

What do you want to be when you grow up?  
a nail stylist 🪄

What do you like most about Sunday School?

making things!

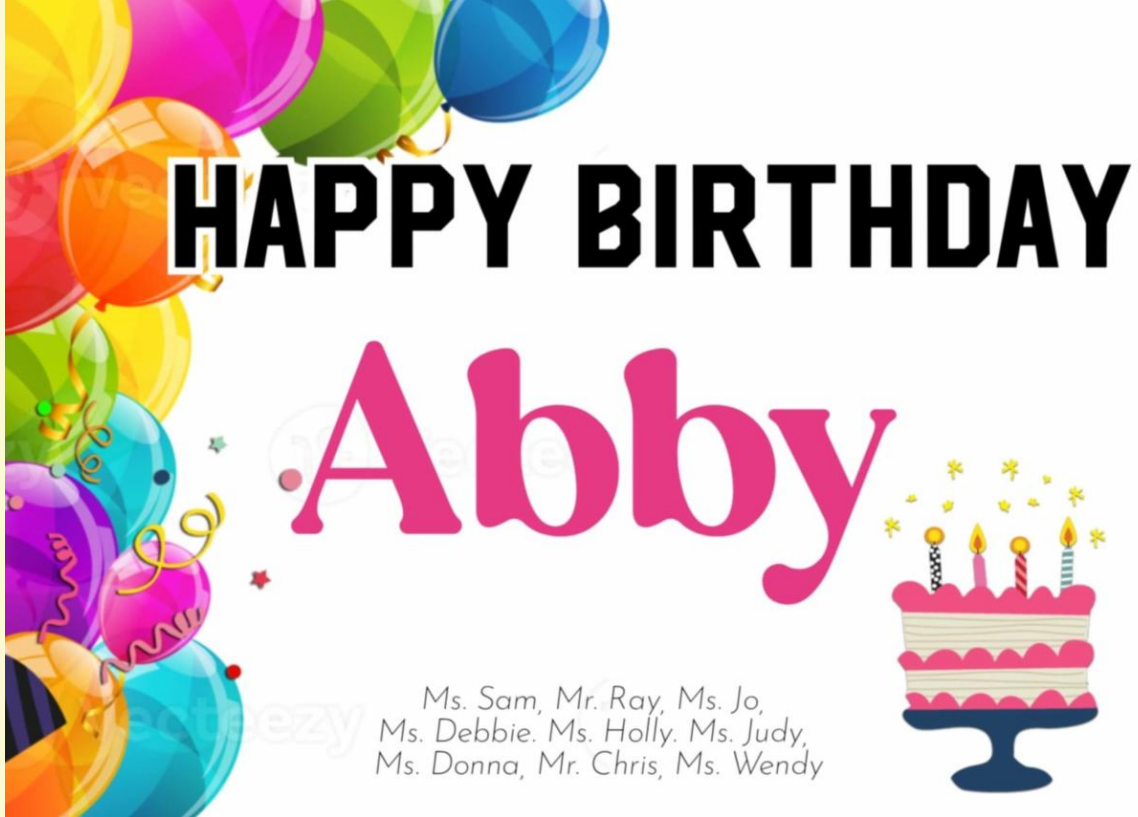
Do you have a favorite song we sing in church?

no favorite church song but I love the song Into the Unknown from Frozen 2

What makes you happiest?

Joey and Fran

Why do you like Peace Memorial?  
because we get to make things and I get to see my cousins



March 1st?! It is 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 yet, 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!

Nothing brings more happiness quite like watching our Peace Kids interact within our church community! These kids are just so special! Our main project in February was

spreading love! Our first mission: sending Valentine's Day cards to La Rabida Children's Hospital! With the help of Nicole Bubash's art classes, our kids sent over 300 handmade cards to the hospital. Their love didn't end there as they treated the congregation to a special Valentine's Day performance and remembered to share God's love and a sweet treat with the congregation and the Village residents. 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 \$300 from your generous donations! A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who baked (and made delicious dips), helped us set up, and ran the sale!

There are so many ways to spread love, not just in February but all year long and I am so grateful for the chance to help foster this love. Happy Spring PMC! May it be the start of something wonderful!





## Community Garden



Fellow Gardeners,

***It's our 9th year!*** Who can remember building the garden beds?! Spring begins

March 20th! Time to begin planning for warmer weather. Interested in renting a raised garden bed? Now is the time to get on our list, just stop the church office, or send an email [communitygarden@pmcucc.org](mailto:communitygarden@pmcucc.org) or contact us on Facebook @ Community Garden at PMC. To support your planning our **Annual Seed Exchange is scheduled for March 29th, @ 10am in the Youth Center.** Any and all can attend, you do not have to be part of the team who will be renting beds this year. Friends, family, neighbors, Church member, community member, just show up! If you are interested in renting a **2x8 raised garden bed we ask \$25 or a 4x8 bed \$40.** These fees support maintaining the Community Garden.



## Mission



February has been a busy month starting with the collection of Heart Healthy cereals and ending with a collection of 160 boxes, just shy of our goal of 200 boxes. On the 23rd, we did the domino race with the Sunday School children there to assist the boxes that got stuck. Thank you to all who donated cereal, it will go to 2 local food pantries.

We are also continuing to cook for PADS serving between 20–30 people. We make a meat, rice or noodle dish with vegetables, salad, and fresh fruit with cookies for dessert.

Janet Hansen and myself went to Peace Circle Inn on the 12th for Valentine Bingo, cupcakes, and cookies for the residents. They do love their Bingo and winning prizes. Fun was had by all!  
Pam Cornyn





**Beat the Winter Blues Dinner** – We will be holding our Annual Beat the Winter Blues Dinner on Saturday March 15, 2025 starting with appetizers at 6:00 pm. Tickets are **\$15.00 per person** and this is a bit different than most church dinners. This is a get to know you event where everyone that attends loves the chance to talk to others and get to know your church family a bit better. This is a fun fellowship event that is casual and entertaining as well. Please see Kathi Graben for more information – Tickets will be available at the café starting in mid- January. We hope to see you and get to know you better.

# BEAT THE WINTER BLUES



*Peace Memorial Church  
Saturday, March 15, 2025*

*6:00 pm Appetizers*

*7:00 pm Dinner & Fun!*

Want to help shake off  
those winter blues? Meet  
us for a nice evening of  
friendship, food and fun!



**Tickets available at the  
Cafe \$15.00 per person.  
Invite your friends to come with you!  
Please contact Kathi Graben for more information**

COOKING MINISTRY



## Peace Memorial Cooking Club

### Charcuterie

Learn the easy steps for making a perfect cheese and **charcuterie** board, with lots of details about the best ingredients, tools and arrangement strategies.

**DATE:** Saturday March 8, 2025

**PLACE:** Zion Hall

**TIME:** 6 PM to 8 PM

**COST:** \$20.00 per Board (Collected Day of Event)

All Supplies Provided at the Event

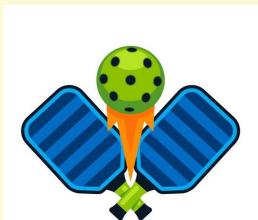
Open to all PMC Members – Family & Friends.

Sign Up Sheet is in the church Narthex at the Center  
Visitor Desk

Registration Open Until Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

### ALL CHURCH NEWS

### PMC Peace Pickleball



Pickleball has started! - Wahoo!!!!

This will be a place and time for us to: have fun, meet people, learn about and play pickleball.

Tuesday and Thursdays: 10:00am-2:00pm - Open Play

Wednesday evenings: 6:30pm-8:30pm - Open Play

Please contact Alan & Cindy White or Ruth Van Hecke if you are interested in playing or just come and join us!





**PMC & Community Event**  
**BREAKFAST WITH**  
**THE EASTER BUNNY**  
**& EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Saturday April 5, 2025

8:30 am to 11:00 am

Peace Memorial Church

10300 W. 131st Street

Palos Park, IL 60464

708-448-7833

Free Will Donation Appreciated

**EASTER EGG HUNT AT**

**11:00 AM**

**BRING YOUR OWN BASKET**

**HOP IN FOR A**  
**GREAT TIME!**

**GAMES & CRAFTS**

**Bake Sale Too!**

**TAKE PICTURES WITH**  
**THE EASTER BUNNY**

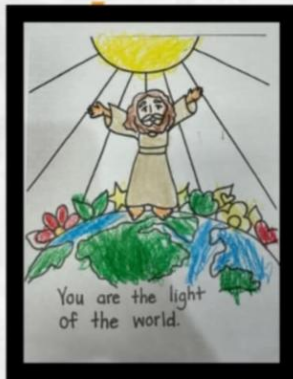


# AVAILABLE NOW

## THE FAITH AND FUN COLORING BOOK

Featuring artwork by Nicole Bubash

A gift from a wee  
leprechaun!



A Fundraiser benefiting Christian Education at PMC



\$15 for PMC members  
\$20 cover price



March

**March 3**  
Julie Sersland

**March 11**  
James Hevel

**March 21**  
Laura Haase

**March 6**  
Shirley Fijolek

**March 12**  
Joseph Spoors

**March 27**  
Lily Finn

**March 9**  
Susan Bugajsky

**March 13**  
Logan Przybylski

**March 31**  
Pamela Cornyn



**March 16**  
Lawrence Spors

Lillian Matkovich

**March 19**  
Matthew Freund

# MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 4-7 p.m. Game Night Zion Hall
2 9:30 am Communion Worship 11:00 am Confirmation	3  7:00 pm PMCMMC/ Zion Hall	4 10 – 2 Pickleball 6:30 pm Zion Hall rental 7:00 pm Bunco/chapel	5 7:00 am Volunteers 6 pm Choir 6:15 soup/supper 6:30 p.m. Pickleball 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service	6 10 – 2 Pickleball 1:00 pm Bible study 4 to 8:30 Zion Hall rental	7	8   6-8 p.m. Cooking Class Charcuterie
9 9:30 am Worship ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	10  7:00 pm PMCMMC/ Zion Hall	11 10 – 2 Pickleball  6:30 pm Zion Hall rental	12 7:00 am Volunteers 10 am B&G 3 PM PADS 6 pm Choir 6:30 p.m. Pickleball 7:00 pm CE meeting	13 10 – 2 Pickleball  1:00 pm Bible study 4 to 8:30 Zion Hall rental	14	15 10 am – 4 pm Stitchers/ YC 10 am Helen Espinoza memorial Chapel 6:00pm Winter Blues Dinner
16 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am Confirmation 4 p.m. Zion Hall rental	17  MESSENGER DEADLINE 7:00 pm PMCMMC/ Zion Hall	18 10 – 2 Pickleball  6:30 pm Zion Hall rental	19 7:00 am Volunteers 6 pm Choir 6:30 p.m. Pickleball 7:00 pm Trustee meeting	20 10 – 2 Pickleball 1:00 pm Bible study 4 to 8:30 Zion Hall rental 6:30 pm Foundation	21	22   4 p.m. Zion Hall rental
23 9:30 am Worship	24  7:00 pm PMCMMC/ Zion Hall	25 10 – 2 Pickleball  6:30 pm Zion Hall rental	26 7:00 am Volunteers 6 pm Choir 6:30 p.m. Pickleball	27 10 – 2 Pickleball 1 pm Bible study 4 to 8:30 Zion Hall rental 7:00 pm OES/Narthex	28	29
30 9:30 am Worship	31 7:00 pm PMCMMC/ Zion Hall					1

## Church Office Hours

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

Reverend Kirk Moore



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