



Your monthly news & updates

Moore thoughts . . .
Pastor Kirk's Ponderings –

Summertime



***Blues? And the living is . . .
Churchy?***

And here we begin. This season of spending more Sunday's at "St. Mattress" while on vacation or in need of more sleep after a late Saturday night. We've all done it and will continue to do it.

So it's OK to skip church?

Well, I'm not the church attendance police. But I do understand enjoying a leisurely weekend without having to get up early on a Sunday for church.

So I guess I'll just skip all the time then. That's OK, right?

Really. We're not keeping score of how often you attend church. But why avoid something that can help make the week better? When we gather for worship, we enjoy community. We pray together. We sing together. We learn together. We attend to one another. We get to breathe in deep and let out relaxing sighs. We find ways to grow closer to God and to one another.

And we're energized for the week ahead, whatever it may bring.

We've also got some great events planned in the upcoming months. Check out the fliers and the calendar!

And we're open every Sunday this summer.

Church is always better when you're here. The songs have more voices singing them. Prayer time has more people praying. We all love to see more faces in the pews! And we miss you when you're not around. So, I hope you'll make this summer one where you spend less Sunday mornings sleeping in and more Sunday mornings with the PMCUCC family.

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey – you're welcome here. We're a vibrant, inclusive Christian community living out love, respect, and dignity for everyone.

Remember – we're open every Sunday of the summer. Please join us for **lively, friendly, encouraging, and spirited worship** – Sundays at 9:30 am at Peace Memorial Church, UCC, in Palos Park, IL.

P.S. No matter what, you can keep up with church giving during the summer months by following the [donation links](#) on our website or in each week's Friday email!

Summertime

Pastor Kirk

Weekly Service Attendance

May 4 (Communion Sunday)

9:30 am - 85

May 11

9:30 am - 75

May 18

9:30 am - 90 (Blessing of the Bikes)

May 25

9:30 am - 77

PMC Report

Diane Oremovich

I am happy to say summer is here. As Sunday school takes a break for the summer, our youth still have activities to stay in touch with their faith and each other. We have been hearing a lot about Vacation Bible School. Many kids are excited to be with their with their current and some new friends. Another great event is church camp up at Tower Hill in Sawyer, Michigan. I have many great memories of being a volunteer at Tower Hill when my children were young. As you may be aware, Theresa Graben and Jamie Kirscher lead a camp at Tower Hill. Some of our youth plan on attending this year. It is a week of growing in friendship, fun and faith. We are looking for people to sponsor some of our youth to attend. If you are interested in contributing to this amazing event for our youth, please consider dropping off your contribution in the offering plate designating to Tower Hill Camp Scholarship Fund or dropping your donation in

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Holly Jones

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



ELLA
MADISON



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



I know I say this every month, but this time I mean it. I'm not really sure how it's June already, especially as there were days just last week in the 50s! I feel like we were just having our Bunny Breakfast and now, we're talking all about the best parts of summer. I'm pretty excited for our summer. I don't have any specific plans, but relaxing by a

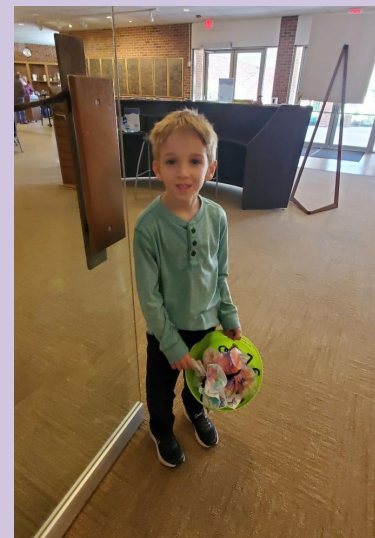
pool, tending to my balcony flower garden and continuing to make memories definitely top the list. There will definitely be no shortage of fun memories this summer, between the Food Truck Fridays put on by Outreach and our VBS!

Last summer kicked off with cicadas; this year it's ladybugs and butterflies. Ms.

Sam ended our Sunday School with a lesson on ladybugs vs. Asian lady beetles and then our kids released actual ladybugs into our garden to help deter pests. Once again this year, our Peace Kids had been growing caterpillars and it's been so cool to watch their transformation week to week. (The caterpillars, not the kids! :)) If you are reading this prior to June 1st, make sure to join us for our annual butterfly release on Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the prayer garden.

We sparked excitement through the congregation when our Peace Kids passed out coffee filter butterflies to everyone on Mother's Day. All of the kids tried to cater to mom's favorite color for their butterflies, but I speak on behalf of all the moms when I say they ALL turned out so incredible!

The kids started their garden box in the Community Garden last month, and we have quite the list of vegetables again this year. Our young gardeners have planted snap peas, carrots, tomatoes and cucumbers this year. Taking a page out of Pastor Kirk's book from last year, this year the zinnias will be blooming in the kids box, and we are SO excited to be able to put them on the altar Sunday mornings. That was my favorite part of the Community Garden last year! The zen and the magnificent joy that amount of flowers brought to me, I can only hope brings you the same amount of happiness.



Happiness, summer kick off ... oh... It must be time for me to talk about VBS (Vacation Bible School). Last year when Sam announced our theme, I was already creating ideas and dreaming. This year our kids will be Diving into Friendship with God, an underwater SCUBA themed adventure. Our 2 day program will begin on Thursday July 10th at 9:00 am and will be available for any child 3-11 years old. In the coming days, sponsorship opportunities will be coming available. We continue to thank our Peace Youth and adult volunteers for consistently assuring the most fun events. Join us, along with Finnley the Dolphin, Waylon the Whale and Octavia the Octopus as we learn God is a friend who loves. Following the last 2 years, our program will run Thursday and Friday, with a special event scheduled for Saturday and our closing celebration Sunday July 13th. Be sure to be on the lookout as we



transform the Sunday school into a school of fish.

Whatever your summer brings, vacations, VBS, lemonade stands, or just working on your tan, I hope you all have a wonderful start to the 2025 summer season!



Community Garden



Our raised garden beds are prepared - sold and planted! This year we have three garden beds dedicated to important groups in our church family, Montessori Gardens Preschool, LifeStyles Academy, and the Peace Kids. To these groups we have added new gardeners and are pleased to have many returning gardeners! Our



community garden has a name of "The Garden of Possibilities", it defines what makes our community unique. Year after year our gardeners try different plants along side many traditional favorites like peppers and tomatoes. It's an interesting activity and really a game many of our gardeners play, to walk through the area and determine the various types of vegetables in each bed. If you stop by once a month it is amazing to observe Gods work. Take a peek at a few pictures and stop by in person!



ALL CHURCH NEWS

A Note from PMC's Program Coordinator

Holly Jones

Hello PMC!

I'm amazed that it is June already, but more amazed that I've been your Program Coordinator for 3 months. The saying, 'if you find something you love, you'll never work a day in your life' has certainly proven true in this position. I once again want to thank you all for the support and encouragement I have been given. The last 3 months have been a whirlwind of excitement for me. I've been busy putting our name into the community and fostering relationships with everyone from caricature artists and coffee shops, to bike shops and firehouses. There have been an unbelievable amount of 'right time right place' connections I have made along the way as well. I am in the process of building a "swag" closet for all our committees' promotions. Currently, I have ordered silicone keychains with our information printed on them. They made their debut at the Blessing of the Bikes last month and are an excellent way to hold a note card of future events! I presently have 3 colors but will definitely be adding more. I have been active in local Facebook groups, publishing flyers for all our events and trying to scout out even more relationships that way. I am looking to set up an all committee planning meeting to take us through the rest of the year, and beyond! More information on that will be coming out soon! Some

things on my radar that are under consideration for future events: long standing bingo nights, a succulent plant sale, and hosting a pumpkin patch in our own field. (This might be a good idea for October's Food Truck Friday?... A little bonfire, some s'mores, Travelin' Tom's Coffee truck....See? I told you I'm a dreamer, and a party planner.)

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST June 8th

Celebrate someone special

Celebrate the mission and ministry of our church

Celebrate the blessings and power of God in your life

Order a red geranium (or two or more)...

- In memory of
- In appreciation of someone
- Or to celebrate something special



For our Pentecost celebration on Sunday, June 8th, we would like to fill the sanctuary with red geranium to symbolize the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

So please feel free to order as many as you want!

Cost is \$12 per 8-inch potted Red Geranium.

PERSON ORDERING _____

Number of Geraniums @ \$12 _____

Total Due: \$ _____

In memory of _____

In appreciation of _____

In celebration of _____

(You can order on behalf of living friends, relatives, pastors, Sunday School teachers, church staff and special occasions)

PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT BY SUNDAY, June 1st

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

We will be recognizing all
Class of 2025 graduates!
Grade School High School
College & Advanced
degrees

Sunday June 8th

Please send graduate
information to the office by
June 4th





**JOIN US FRIDAY EVENINGS FOR A
FOOD TRUCK FANFARE WITH
LIVE MUSIC**

6-9pm

Updated
information on
entertainment
and vendors
available here



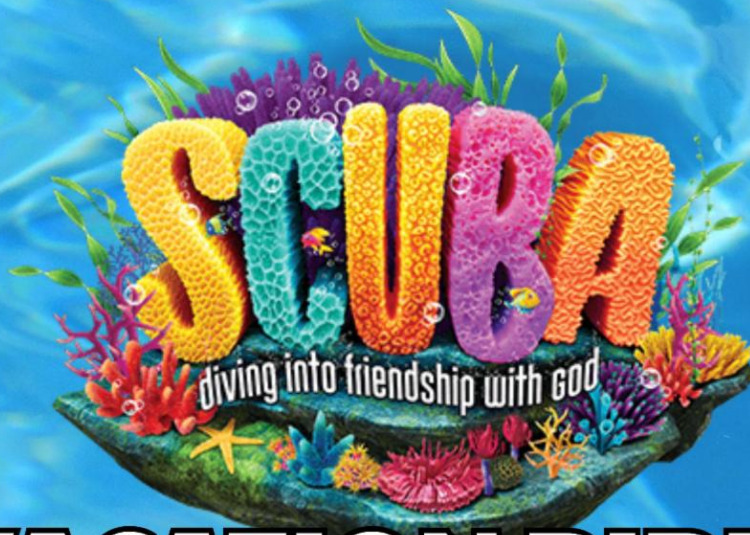
June 20th

July 18th

August 15th



**Peace Memorial Church
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 10th and 11th
9:00am-12:00pm



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THE FAITH AND FUN COLORING BOOK

Featuring artwork by Nicole Bubash



A Fundraiser benefiting Christian Education at PMC



\$15 for PMC members
\$20 cover price



June 2
Nicholas Signore

June 3
Rebecca Finn
Pamela Medyk

June 14
Mark Bockmann
Glenn Kuiltzo

June 15
Brian Nolan

June 20
Jamie Kirscher

June 22
Debra Battistella
David Rudnicki

Kristine Urbauer

June 6

Laura Perry

June 7

William Oremovich

June 8

Kenneth Miller

June 13

Elizabeth Finn

Howard Hook

June 16

Karen Wasyliw

June 17

Thomas Osborne

June 19

Linda Cuadros

Audrey Kraft

Robert Puhr

June 23

Charlotte Zuniga

June 24

Rimas Dagys

June 29

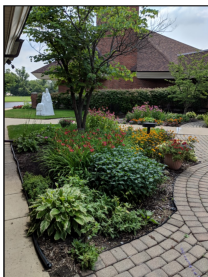
Judith Kirscher

June 30

Sawyer Ferrantelli

JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am worship All day Pavilion/YC rental	2	3 7 pm Bunco Chapel	4 7:00 am Volunteers	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Worship All day Pavilion/YC rental 10:30 ONA meeting	9	10	11 7:00 am Volunteers 10 am B&G meeting 10 am PADS 7 pm CE meeting	12	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship Happy Father's Day 	16	17 9 – 2 LifeStyles – Zion Hall	18 7:00 am Volunteers 7 pm Trustee meeting	19 MESSENGER ARTICLES DEADLINE	20 4:30 wedding rehearsal sanctuary 6-9 pm Food Truck Pavilion	21 2 pm wedding 5 pm pavilion YC rental
22 9:30 am Worship All day Pavilion/YC rental	23	24 10 am – 2 pm LifeStyles in Zion Hall	25 7:00 am Volunteers 6 pm Choir 7:00 pm Trustee meeting	26 9 - 2 LifeStyles pavilion usage 7 pm OES	27 3:30 Zion Hall rental	28 5 pm pavilion YC rental
29 9:30 am Worship All day Pavilion/YC rental	30					

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