



# Peace Progress

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## A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Peace Family,

“Let’s try something new!”

I prefer wearing my old tennis shoes as long as I can rather than buying brand new shoes. Holes don’t bother me that much. It won’t even cause me much concern when the soles of my shoes are starting to come off and the moisture seeps in. I can’t explain it to you, I am just comfortable with my old shoes!

This past month my wife said to me, “Honey, you have had your shoes long enough—it is time to buy some new ones. You have a huge hole on the side!” I want you to know that I did not follow through on her suggestion. But.....she did.

Sure enough, about four days after her suggestion, in the mail came new shoes. I hesitatingly tried them on and I found that I actually like them quite well. My new shoes are giving me more support. And maybe more importantly, I was reminded once again that sometimes new things are necessary and even good for me.

This Advent I would like to introduce something new to the family of Peace: mid-week Advent services. We will be joining together for Evening Prayer on three Wednesdays as we make our preparations for Christmas Day. The order of the worship will be taken from Marty Haugen’s Holden Evening Prayer. As you may remember from Lent, Holden Evening Prayer is a responsive melodic service sung between pastor and congregation. The emphasis of Evening Prayer is Jesus Christ as the light of world. We prepare for his coming and celebrate the power the light has in a dark world. Please come and participate. The calendar for these special worship services are

highlighted below:

- Wednesday, December 3  
⇒ Isaiah 40:1-2.....”Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”
- Wednesday, December 10  
⇒ Isaiah 40:3-5.....”Prepare the Royal Highway”
- Wednesday, December 17  
⇒ Isaiah 40:6-8.....”O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
- Wednesday, December 24  
⇒ Isaiah 40:10-11.....”Hark the Glad Sound”  
*Christmas Eve at 7 pm*
- Thursday, December 25  
⇒ Isaiah 40:1-11.....”What Child is This”  
*Christmas Day at 10 am*

Advent is actually nothing new. Christians throughout the world have made the season of Advent an important time of personal prayer, devotion and reflection anticipating Jesus’ birth. The hope of Jesus’ birth has buoyed Christians for centuries during times of great crisis and so it does for us today.

My prayer is that you too are lifted up this Advent season. No matter how dark life’s circumstances are.....no matter how impossible the odds are against us.....no matter how lonely the darkness of this world makes us feel, we hold onto the fact that there is a light. And one light can shine through all of darkness. That light is Christ. That light leads through the darkness and into God’s presence and eternal life.

My wife is good at pushing me to try new things. And so are you! Thank you for allowing and at times nudging me to lead the family of Peace into new ventures. I do appreciate it in the end. May the Lord bless our journey together to the manger.

God’s Peace,

Pastor Lucke





## Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

The Philomath High School Performing Arts Department is putting on Seven Brides for Seven Brothers December 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. Come and support the school and some of Peace's own members. Seven Brides For Seven Brothers is an all "boisterous fun and romance that harkens back to the glory days of the movie musical". The show teaches that it truly takes a bride to turn seven unshaven unkempt brothers into manly gentle men and to turn desire into romance. A Peace group is now planning to go together for the Friday night show on December 19<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at 5 pm at Jean Worth's home for a potluck dinner and then head for the show at 7 pm. Be sure to RSVP with Jean and Joe Worth by December 9<sup>th</sup> if you plan on making it to their home and attending with the group.

## A Successful Bazaar!

Ladies' Guild would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fall Bazaar, whether it be making/donating items or helping with setup, selling and/or cleanup. We had a great turnout from our community and I think all who worked enjoyed the experience. Our grand total was \$3,800.75! We look forward to using the funds to help support our seminarian and our local community.

We do our best to price correctly and honor everyone's time. Please let us know if you have suggestions for next year. And remember—it's never too late to start working on projects for next year!

*Kay Glathar*

## Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
11/2/2014	94	Offering	\$5069.00
11/9/2014	108	Offering	\$2,322.00
11/16/2014	104	Offering	\$2,638.00

## Preparing for Worship

### December 7:

Isaiah 40:1-11  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

### December 21:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### December 14:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### December 25:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40



## Gift Exchange and Tree Decorating



December 12<sup>th</sup> will be Family Night, but with a Christmas twist. Dinner is at 6 pm with a white elephant gift exchange to follow. According to Wikipedia, a "white elephant" refers to a gift whose maintenance cost exceeds its usefulness. Bring a gift under 5 dollars so that you can participate in the exchange. Be sure to "steal" Wally's gift so that we all can have a good laugh. Once we are done with the gift exchange, we will move into the sanctuary and decorate the Christmas tree. More hands make less work and bring greater joy!

## Men's Breakfast

Remember January 3<sup>rd</sup> is the next First Saturday Breakfast. Mark your calendars now. Coffee on at 8:15 and breakfast served at 8:30. Do plan to attend. Time for discussion is from 9 – 10. No topic has been picked at this time, should you have a suggestion for a topic please let Oscar Gutbrod know.



## Holiday Cheer

Philomath Community Services is providing hygiene baskets to low-income families. Listed below are the items to be placed in the baskets. You can bring your donations to Peace and place them in the bin labeled "Philomath Food Bank". The items are needed by Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in order to allow sufficient time for assembly and delivery.

- ♥ Laundry baskets
- ♥ Liquid laundry detergent
- ♥ Dish detergent (for sink not machine)
- ♥ Bar hand soap
- ♥ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ♥ Hand lotion
- ♥ Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- ♥ Deodorant (men's and women's)
- ♥ Razors
- ♥ Toilet paper (6 packs)
- ♥ Paper towels

## Hokki Chairs

The resource room at Philomath Middle School serves students with mild to moderate disabilities including learning disabilities, health impairments, attention deficit disorder, autism, physical impairments, sensory impairments, and intellectual impairments. The life skills classroom serves students with the same range of disabilities that are in the moderate to severe range.

Our autism specialist recommended a special chair for some of our students and allowed us to check out one from her program. It was instantly popular. The students who need to improve their sitting posture and core support in order to write legibly, the students who need constant movement in order to focus, and those with autism who require sensory input throughout the school day all benefit from the ergonomically designed hokki chair. Unfortunately, the loaner chair had to be returned and the cost was prohibitive for the resource and life skills classroom budgets. Each year we serve between 5 and 12 students who would benefit from the use of the hokki. The stools are light weight, but constructed of heavy plastic that is durable and should last many years and help many students.

We, the Special Education teachers, are requesting your assistance to fund the purchase of hokki chairs for our classrooms. Please find a photo of a chair attached, along with a commercial description and pricing information.

Thank you for your consideration,  
 Chrissa Casey, Ruth Johns  
 Resource Room & Life Skills Teachers



The 20" HOKKI is an ergonomic stool that transforms stationary sitting into an activity, ideal for brainstorming sessions and other active sitting environments. You're moving, even when you seem to be sitting still.

HOKKI chairs run between \$99 and \$129, depending on size. If you would like to contribute to this cause, see Elaine Schwartz for details. Checks can be made to Philomath Middle School with Hokki chair in the memo line.

## Calling All Norwegians!

Are you Norwegian? Do you like lutefisk? Do you like meatballs? If you said "yes" to any one of those three questions you are invited to the Sons of Norway Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner. Ken Iverson is organizing a group from Peace to attend this special event on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The meal is in Eugene at the Sonja Lodge. Tickets are \$22 per person, \$10 for 5 to 11 year olds, and free for those under 5. If you would like more information or would like to attend contact Ken Iverson at (541) 754-4250 by December 9<sup>th</sup>.