



Peace Progress

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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Friends,



We are trying something new at Peace this summer—I am kind of excited about it. This new opportunity gives the chance for everyone in the church to participate. A Song Suggestion Box will be placed in the narthex. To select a song for worship, a person can simply fill out one of the “Song Selection” notes and place into the box. One song each week will be chosen from the box. Of course, the song must meet Colleen and Pastor’s approval.

The songs we sing in worship are so vital to our time together. It happens on occasion that the songs relate the theme of the day more clearly than anything else in the worship service, which reminds me of a humorous episode:

There was a church where the preacher and the minister of music were not getting along. As time went by this began to spill over into the worship service.

The first week the preacher preached on commitment and how we all should dedicate ourselves to the service of God. The music director led the song, “I Shall not be Moved.”

The second week the preacher preached on tithing and how we all should gladly give to the work of the Lord. The director lead the song, “Jesus Paid it All.”

The third week the preacher preached on gossiping and how we should all watch our tongues. The music director led the song, “I Love to Tell the Story.”

With all this going on, the preacher became very disgusted over the situation and the following Sunday told the congregation that he was considering resigning. The musician led the song, “Oh Why Not

Tonight?”

As it came to pass, the preacher did indeed resign. The next week he informed the church that it was Jesus who led him there and it was Jesus that was taking him away. The music leader led the song, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”

In all seriousness, hymns do point to God and His love for us in unique ways. Consider the section of our worship service that we title “The Hymn of the Day”. Having a “Hymn of the Day” dates back to Martin Luther. Before Luther, a song was sung by one person in between the epistle reading and the gospel. This song was called the gradual, but did not incorporate the entire congregation in the song. Luther changed this practice by creating the Hymn of the Day—a song that pointed to the good news of Jesus with the everyone singing together.

I am so thankful that Peace has continued with Luther’s approach with the Hymn of the Day. We certainly can have portions of the service that incorporate special songs by a person or a group—but it is also meaningful to have one song that we can sing together—we should never take this for granted!

Thank you for singing each week—it is good for the body and soul. And now, with our Song Suggestion Box, thank you for joining with me in the selection of our songs—one a week! I hope you enjoy this opportunity.



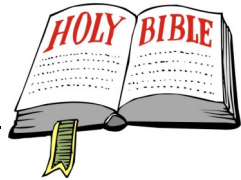
God’s blessings,
Pastor J

**Preparing for Worship**

Scripture lessons for June:

June 5:

Ephesians 3:14-21 and Matthew 19:28-30. Read Chapter 30 in **The Story**.



Thought for Worship: What does Paul's life teach us about perseverance? What might perseverance look like for you today? What gives you courage and strength to keep moving forward?

June 12:

Revelation 22:17-21 and Luke 24:44-53. Read Chapter 31 in **The Story**.

Thought for Worship: What do you look forward to the most when death and evil are no more?

June 19:

Isaiah 65:1-9
Galatians 3:23-4:7
Luke 8:26-39

June 26:

1 Kings 19:9b-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Stewardship

Miriam-Webster defines stewardship as *"the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving."* At this past council meeting council members discussed a way to prioritize improvements to the church property that the church may have to address in the next few years. Not in any particular order, the following come to mind.

- Build a new lawn and garden shed to replace the existing lawn mower storage building.
- Build the storage buildings designed for the patio
- Expand the parking lot
- Re-seal the existing parking lot
- Paint the outside of the church
- Look at purchasing additional land when the Lowther property is developed
- Add air conditioning to the sanctuary
- Add air conditioning to the fellowship hall

When we have projects that reflect newness and growth we become excited and look forward to the next project on the horizon. But we have to remember that stewardship of what we already have has to also be part of the planning.

The council decided that the painting of the church exterior and the parking lot maintenance should take top priority for this year. They decided to get estimates for air conditioning in both the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall, but believe that priority should be given to the Fellowship Hall as it is utilized more frequently. We also need to see how effective the changes in circulation made with the heating system upgrade are in the Sanctuary.

The council intends to take action on three of the 8 items listed above but need your advice and input on the remaining five potential projects. Please see a council member if you want to weigh in.

Elder, Bob Glathar

Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
4/17/2016	109	Offering	\$1,474
4/24/2016	110	Offering	\$1,044
5/01/2016	105	Offering	\$3,699
5/08/2016	125	Offering	\$2,991
5/15/2016	96	Offering	\$2,204
5/22/2016	110	Offering	\$1,446



Community Donations

As we approach the summer months, I thought you folks might like a update on donations from our church. These are picked up and delivered every Thursday when there is something in the baskets in the narthex. I have also included a list of most wanted items to help you know what to consider. I am always getting "Thank You's" for our support.

Month	Food Bank	Kid's Klosest
January	5 lbs.	7 Bags
February	61 lbs.	6 Bags
March	18 lbs.	1 Bags
April	42 lbs.	1 Bags
May (up to 20th)	25 lbs.	2 Bags

Most Wanted Items:

Personal care items: TP, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.

Feminine Products

Condiments: mustard, mayo, ketchup

Canned Fruit, Meats & Juices

Canned and Boxed Entrees: spaghetti, hamb. helper

Jams, Jellies, Syrups

Soups

Laundry Soap

Small family-sized items are preferred. No home canned, perishables, food w/o labels, food already opened.

Jim Holroyd

New Member Class

All are welcome to attend the new member class at Peace on these Thursdays--June 9, 16 and 30 at 7 pm. This class is for those who would like to become members at Peace, but also a refresher for those who would like to cover the basics of the Christian faith. Please let Pastor know if you would like to attend by June 7th. It is a great joy to see our Peace family extending out to new people!

Pastor

Feed My Starving Children Recap

"The time went so fast!" This was how one couple described their experience at the Feed My Starving Children mobile food pack event at the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis, Oregon on May 6th and 7th.

Over 500 volunteers from churches, schools, businesses and youth groups gathered to pack over 108,000 nutritionally engineered meals for malnourished children around the world. In addition, over \$22,000 was raised to ensure that the costs were covered for the meals and shipment.

The success of the event highlights the importance of what God can do through willing volunteers and donors for a worthy cause. Feed My Starving Children will be looking for more opportunities in Oregon; a similar event will be taking place in Medford in November. Check out the organization's website (www.fmssc.org) to find out more details.

Thank you to all the many volunteers and donors—many from Peace! It did much to revive the generous virtue found in the early church. "The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for those in Judea (Acts 11:29)."

"Why did the time go so fast?" I asked the person who made this statement. After thinking the question over, the person responded, "Time flies when you live generously."

Parables Summer Class

The Adult Summer Sunday Bible Class will be on Jesus' parables. Starting Sunday, June 19th at 8:30 am, we will be delving into these timeless teachings about God's kingdom. Expect to be encouraged by the radical, extravagant grace of God. Have your eyes opened to the mercy you can show to the people around you. Be reminded of the need to live lives of faith. Sometimes, the parables are realistic, sometimes they are far from realistic. One aspect that the parables share is this: They point to Jesus and His work on the cross. A summer schedule for the summer will be handed out on the first day of class.