



# *Peace Progress*

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## **A Word from Our Pastor:**

Dear Family of Peace,

I was always told by my grandparents that I should leave behind the things that I use in better shape than when I first received them. My parents also reiterated this message. Your parents too probably shared the same sentiment.

I haven't always followed through on my grandparent's advice. My first car was a 1982 Toyota Corolla. I don't remember how many miles were on the odometer when I got it, but I do remember that the car was in pretty good condition. The seats didn't show stains. The tires were new. The paint on the car did not show any visible flaws. The car ran quite well. I received the car in 1994.

That Toyota Corolla lasted a long time. By the time I was finished with the car it had totaled over 250,000 miles and had seen me through my college years. When I gave the car away to someone else I remember describing the car as having a lot of "character". This was a kind way of saying that the car was not in the shape that it once had been. The seats did have some stains. There were chips and cracks in the paint. To say that the car "ran" would be an exaggeration, it was sputtering around when I passed it on.

My Toyota Corolla reminds me that I haven't always passed on the things I've used in better shape than when I first got them.

What about the people God has placed into our lives? Could it be said that we have left them in better shape than when we first met them? I pray so. This is what a leader does! More than directing and pointing the way, a leader above all things leaves the people around better than what they were before the encounter.

I believe Jesus was the best leader because he left people better off than what they had been before. Jesus once met a troubled woman from Samaria. John 4 points to some of the flaws she visibly showed as she first met Jesus. The woman had difficulty in relationships. It is reported that she has had five husbands. She also comes to the well alone, which suggests that her relationships with other women were frayed. Jesus and the woman of Samaria then have their encounter and Jesus delivers grace. The passage ends with the woman bravely sharing about Jesus. She is practically a new person to the people in town. The unnamed woman was blessed and in better shape for life because of Jesus.

What if we each looked at our relationships in a similar way?

This summer consider one person at church or in the community that you could pour yourself into to make a difference. How could you leave them better than when you found them?

All of us can be leaders when we understand leadership in this way. I am so thankful each Sunday. For I look out and see a congregation filled with leaders. I know that if I was ever down and out, I would want one of you to come by my side!

You are people who leave things better than when you found them. We take that principal into our relationships. Thank you for joining me in this pursuit!

Summer blessings,

*Pastor Lucke*

**Night at the Corvallis Knights**

Come and enjoy a night of baseball and time together with your Peace family! Wednesday, July 12 is Hope Night at Goss Stadium as the Corvallis Knights host the Kelowna Falcons. The game

starts at 6:40 pm. If you would like to go to the game, see Pastor as he has 30 general admission tickets available. First come, first serve!

**Tables of Peace Groups**

The Tables of Peace groups have been formed and are posted on the bulletin board for all who signed up. The groups are expected to meet three times before October 1st, about once a month for a meal and fellowship. Hosts are expected to organize the group and either have a meal in their home or at the church or anywhere they choose. Keep it flexible and fun! The purpose is to get to know each other a little better. Here are the groups: (\* Hosts)

\*Jan Skaar  
Margaret Phillpott  
Karla Rhoads  
Peggy Bartholomaeus  
Bill Krueger  
Peggy Krueger  
John Filbert  
Genny Filbert  
Trudy Ewing

\*Bob Glathar  
\*Kay Glathar  
Joe Payne  
Janette Payne  
Jani Burton  
Gayle Taylor  
Jeremy Lucke  
Alicia Lucke  
Jean Worth

\*Rob Schulze  
\*Colleen Schulze  
Brian Santora  
Callie Santora  
Bruce DeYoung  
Kathy DeYoung  
Jim Reams  
Lynn Reams  
Brian Barrett  
Kathy Barrett

Oscar Gutbrod  
Carole Gutbrod  
Ken Iverson  
Betty Iverson  
Lindy Young  
Jim Holroyd  
Ellen Holroyd  
Margaret Dusek  
Ruth Moser

**Preparing for Worship**

The scripture lessons for the month of July:

**July 2:**

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Romans 7:1-13  
Matthew 10:34-42

**July 23:**

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Romans 8:12-17  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 9:**

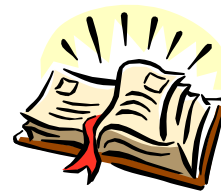
Zechariah 9:9-12  
Romans 7:14-25a  
Matthew 11:25-30  
(outdoor worship)

**July 23:**

Isaiah 44:6-8  
Romans 8:18-27  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**July 30:**

Deuteronomy 7:6-9  
Romans 8:28-39  
Matthew 13:44-52

**Attendance and Grace of Giving**

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
5/14/2017	93	Offering	\$2,838
5/21/2017	104	Offering	\$1,425
5/28/2017	82	Offering	\$1,573
6/4/2017	117	Offering	\$5,865
6/11/2017	119	Offering	\$3,692

**Reminder!**

We are to the end of the school year and that means we have a summer schedule at church. There will be no Sunday School for the children but the adults will still have an adult class. The schedule change will begin June 18th. Adult class starts at 8:30 with regular worship at 9:30. This will continue until the Fall season.



**I Believe . . .**

**I Believe** that just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. Likewise, just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.

**I Believe** that we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

**I Believe** that no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in awhile and you must forgive them for that.

**I Believe** that true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. The same goes for true love.

**I Believe** that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.

**I Believe** that it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.

**I Believe** that you should always leave loved ones with loving words; it may be the last time you see them.

**I Believe** that you can keep going long after you think you can.

**I Believe** that we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

**I Believe** that either you control your attitude or it controls you.

**I Believe** that heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

**I Believe** that my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

**I Believe** that sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down will be the ones to help you get back up.

**I Believe** that sometimes when I'm angry I have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give me the right to be cruel.

**I Believe** that maturity has more to do with the experiences you've had and what you've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.

**I Believe** that it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others, sometimes you have to learn to forgive yourself.

**I Believe** that no matter how badly your heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for your grief.

**I Believe** that our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we have become.

**I Believe** that you shouldn't be so eager to find out a secret; it could change your life forever.

**I Believe** two people can look at the same thing and see something totally different.

**I Believe** that your life can be changed in a matter of hours by people who don't even know you.

**I Believe** that even when you think you have no more to give, when a friend cries out to you, you will find the strength to help.

**I Believe** that credentials on the wall do not make you a decent human being.

**I Believe** that the people you care about most in life are taken from you too soon.

**I Believe** the happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything, they just make the most of everything they have.

*Submitted by Jim Holroyd*

**Ciao!**

This month ends eleven years of newsletter production for me as I hand off this responsibility to Callie. Thank you to all who have submitted articles over the years and for your continued patience for my bloopers. I have enjoyed being able to serve in this way, but it's time for some new energy and enthusiasm.