

From the Pastor

Lent in the Reformed Tradition

Lent: A Season of Grace-Filled Repentance

As we enter the season of Lent, the church is invited to walk, once again, the familiar road that leads to the cross—and beyond it, to the empty tomb. In the Reformed tradition, Lent is not observed as a way to earn God's favor or to add to the finished work of Christ. Rather, it is received as a gracious gift: a time set apart for repentance, renewal, and deeper attentiveness to the gospel.

A Gospel-Shaped Season

Historically, Reformed churches have approached Lent with caution, always careful to guard Christian freedom. Scripture alone binds the conscience, and salvation rests entirely on God's grace in Christ alone. Yet within that freedom, the church has often found it wise and pastoral to mark seasons that help order our common life together. Lent serves this purpose by giving focused space for self-examination, prayer, and reflection on Christ's suffering and obedience. John Calvin himself emphasized that true repentance is not confined to a season but characterizes the whole Christian life. Lent does not replace daily repentance; it simply brings it into sharper focus. For forty days (echoing Christ's forty days in the wilderness), we are reminded of our weakness, our need for mercy, and our complete dependence on God.

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In the Reformed understanding, Lenten practices—such as fasting, simplicity, or additional times of prayer—are never ends in themselves. They are tools, not tests of holiness. We do not give something up to prove our devotion, but to clear away distractions that dull our awareness of God's Word and Spirit. This is why repentance stands at the heart of Lent. Repentance is not merely feeling sorry for sin; it is a Spirit-worked turning of the heart toward God, trusting His promise of forgiveness for Christ's sake. As the Heidelberg Catechism reminds us, our comfort in life and in death is that we belong—body and soul—to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

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From Ashes to Assurance

Lent begins with the sober reminder that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. Yet it ends not in despair, but in hope. The journey through confession and the cross leads us to the assurance that “there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1).

As a congregation, may we receive this season not as a burden, but as a blessing. May the Lord use these weeks to deepen our love for Christ, sharpen our hunger for His Word, and prepare our hearts to rejoice all the more fully in the victory of Easter morning.

Come, let us return to the Lord, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
You are invited to join me in starting off the season of Lent this year with a special Ash Wednesday service in our sanctuary on 2/18 at 6PM.

Peace to you in Christ our Lord,

-Pastor Aaron

February Birthdays

1st	<i>Laura Brassier</i>
6th	<i>Paul King</i>
7th	<i>Gary Paletz</i>
14th	<i>Barb Roufs-Massey</i>
22nd	<i>Ruby Curran</i>
23rd	<i>Hallie Beaty</i>
24th	<i>Gary Preston</i>
27th	<i>Rog Vercruyssse</i>

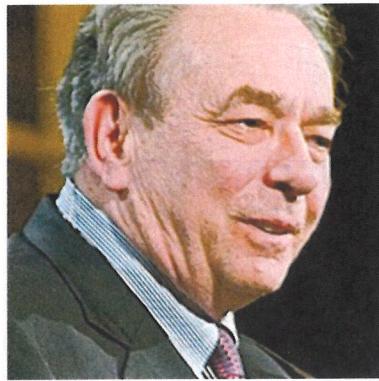
February Anniversaries

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Got yarn?? The recently established Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 10:00 -11:30a.m. on Wednesday, February 18 in the fireside room. The devotional prayer focus is on Hope. Hope for Christ's active presence to touch the shawl creators and shawl recipients. Prayer shawls are a tangible representation of God's unending love & presence. They provide comfort and joy. Do you crochet or knit or have always wanted to.....we can teach you. Need a pattern? We have patterns! While shawls are worked on during our fellowship together they can also be done at home as well .Consider joining the group! We will be working to build up an inventory of shawls for our congregational needs & for new mothers over the next 2 months. The goal is to have a prayer shawl blessing in late March. Contact Cheryl Paletz for more information!

Bible Study

Search the Scriptures to know the Truth



Through February we will close our series through the book of Deuteronomy and begin a new video series by Dr. R.C. Sproul entitled **“American Presbyterians and Revival: Lessons from the Nineteenth Century”**. This series will look at the role of Presbyterian Christianity in American development in the 1800's. Combining Scripture and a study of history will help unpack the complexities of the relationship between church and state and much of the modern misunderstandings regarding the role of faith with secular interests.

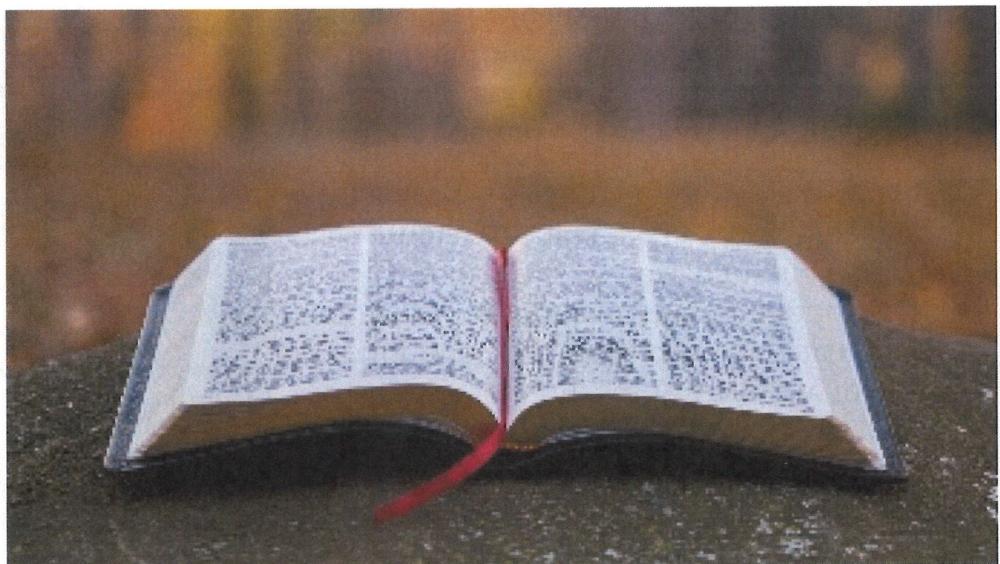
Sundays, 9-10am, Fireside room,
Discussion hosted by Pastor Aaron Beaty

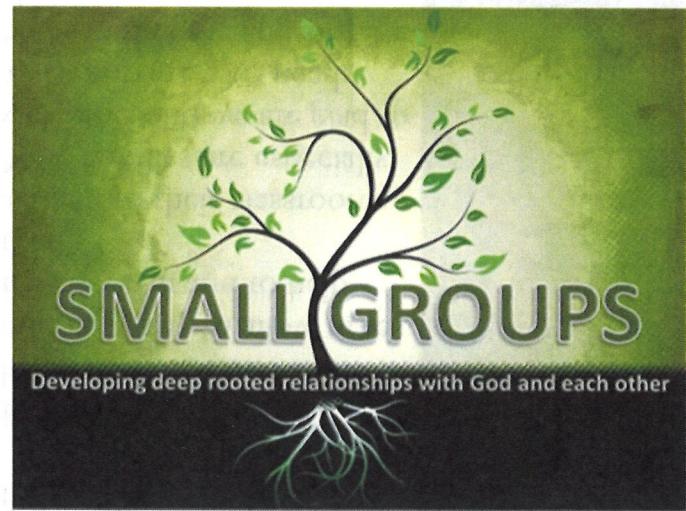
Children's and Youth Bible Classes Resume January 4

We are happy to announce that our Children's and Youth Bible Classes will continue on Sundays through February during the 9:00 a.m. hour. Classes will meet in the upstairs classrooms.

These classes are an important part of our church's ministry to our covenant children and youth. Through age-appropriate teaching, Scripture reading, and discussion, our goal is to help young people grow in their knowledge of God's Word, understand the promises of the gospel, and learn what it means to follow Christ in daily life.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children a few minutes early to allow time for check-in and to help them settle into their classrooms. New families are especially welcome, and we are glad to assist anyone who needs help finding the appropriate class.





Small Groups are an important part of our life together as a congregation. They provide a setting where we can reflect more deeply on the Sunday sermon, study Scripture together, pray for one another, and encourage one another in faithful Christian living. In these smaller gatherings, we are reminded that God uses ordinary means—His Word, prayer, and Christian fellowship—to grow us in grace.

Whether you have been part of a Small Group for many years or are considering joining one for the first time, this is an excellent time to reconnect. Here are our current small groups:

Men's Group: Tuesday mornings 9am, Red Rooster on 6th. (Breakfast)

Women's Group: Tuesdays, 10am-12, Fireside room (Sermon Discussion)

King's Group: Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30, Fireside Room (Sermon Discussion)

Goode Group: Tuesdays 3:00-5:00, Stephen & Sharron Goode's House
(Sermon Discussion)

If you are not currently connected to a Small Group and would like to be, we warmly invite you to participate. Please contact the church office or speak with pastor Aaron an elder for more information.

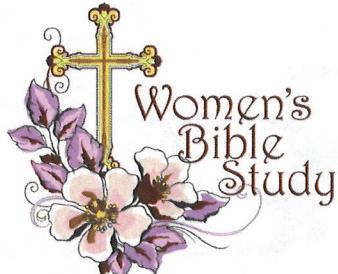
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Men's Breakfast: Tuesdays, 9am, Red Rooster Diner, 6th St.

Jim Zeller, 541-274-1942

Women's Missionary Group:



2nd & 4th Wednesdays,

12:30-2 Fireside Room

Stewardship & Finance Committee

December 2025

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$16,411.09
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$14,336.10</u>
Monthly Net:.....	\$2,074.99
YTD /Net:.....	\$ 9,645.05
Checking 12/31/25:.....	\$52,463.02
Money Market 12/31/25:.....	\$36,807.42
Edward Jones CD 12/31/25:...	\$22,046.46
Edward Jones MM 12/31/25:	\$37,277.05
TOTAL 12/31/25:.....	\$148,593.95

Expenses in December beyond regular operations were: Intuit/QuickBooks annual fee, Presbytery and GA askings, Missions support, and Session Discretionary Funds.

Year End:

Income	173,732.57
Expense	<u>164,087.52</u>
Net	9,645.05

Kathy Todd, Treasurer

Sunday Social Time:

SUNDAY
Social

A reminder that in each odd numbered month (Jan., March, May, etc.) on the fourth Sunday the congregation at large has the opportunity to serve in the kitchen for the after Worship social time.

For those who would like to do this and are not familiar with the routine please check with one of the Deacons and we'll get you plugged in.

Annual *Valentine's Day* Bake Sale

FEBRUARY 13, 2026

5:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sky Lakes Medical Center

(Main Lobby)

2685 Daggett Avenue

Klamath Falls, Oregon



541-882-2902



All proceeds benefit Klamath Hospice and Palliative Care seriously ill patients and their families.



KLAMATH HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Klamath Hospice and Palliative Care has been a part of our Basin community since 1982. Peace Memorial has long supported this ministry, and has designated KHPC for targeted giving in 2026. Many in our own congregation have had experience with KHPC, whether as patients and caregivers, or receiving grief and loss support. KHPC also runs Camp Evergreen and Camp Sapling for youth grief support. Klamath Hospice is now developing a long-term project: Hospice House/Residential Care Facility. The facility will have 16 private rooms with a bathroom, patio and sofa bed for family.

One of the ways KHPC funds these multiple services is their ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY BAKE SALE. This year's event will be held FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5:30 am to 2 pm, at Sky Lakes Medical Center. If you've never been and seen the incredible variety of goods available, you really should stop by just to peek. Also, if you too suffer from OBD (Obsessive Baking Disorder) and would like to donate your talents, you can bring your contributions to KHPC at 2751 Washburn Way on Thursday, February 12, between 8:00am and 3:30 pm.

February 2026

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March 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 1 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Communion	2	3 9:00am Men's Breakfast (Red Rooster Grill and 10:00am Women's Small Group 2:30pm King Group (Fireside room) 3:00pm Goode Group (Goodes Home)	4 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal 3:30pm Peace Singers Rehearsal	5	6 Office Closed	7
8 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship 11:30am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	9 12:00pm Session	10 9:00am Men's Breakfast (Red Rooster Grill and 10:00am Women's Small Group 2:30pm King Group (Fireside room) 3:00pm Goode Group (Goodes Home)	11 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal 3:30pm Peace Singers Rehearsal	12 10:30am Missions & Outreach	13 Office Closed 5:30am Hospice Valentine Bake Sale (Sky Lakes MC)	14
15 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons 12:00pm BABY SHOWER	16 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	17 9:00am Men's Breakfast (Red Rooster Grill and 10:00am Women's Small Group 11:00am Discipleship Mtg 2:30pm King Group (Fireside room) 3:00pm Goode Group	18 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal 3:30pm Peace Singers Rehearsal	19	20 Office Closed	21
22 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship	23 1:00pm Building & Grounds	24 9:00am Men's Breakfast (Red Rooster Grill and 10:00am Women's Small Group 2:30pm King Group (Fireside room) 3:00pm Goode Group (Goodes Home)	25 Articles due to the office for Newsletter 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal 3:30pm Peace Singers Rehearsal	26	27 Office Closed	28



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"Oh, taste and see
that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the one who takes
refuge in Him!"
-*Proverbs 34:8*



DEACONS

Paul King - Chair
Debbie Grant
Jocelyn Shellito
Sharon Haddock
Marie Gregory
Noreen Rhoades

The Deacons meet the third Sunday of each month following worship.

Sermons for February:

2/1- When God Makes a Promise
Joshua 1:1-9
John 14-15-24

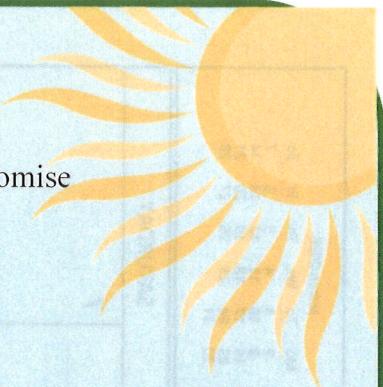
2/8- When God Provides
1 Kings 17:2-16
Matthew 6:25-34

2/15- When God is Silent
Psalm 27
Isaiah 40:31
2 Peter 3:9

LENT

2/18 ASH WEDNESDAY
When God is Silent

2/22- When God Answers
Exodus 1



SESSION/ELDERS

Pastor Aaron Beaty-	Moderator
Geri Coker-	Mission
Kathy Todd-	Stewardship & Finance
Betty Shaw-	Worship
Sandi Deatherage-	Discipleship & Evangelism; Clerk
Gary Scott-	Building & Grounds

Session meets the 2nd Monday from 12-2.