



Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC

Daylight Savings Time ENDS November 6th

From the Pastor...

Enjoy the Blessing

Series Episode 11

“The Fruit of the Spirit”

Dear Friends,
Thank you for following along this past year as I’ve shared with you some key and very practical “Blessings of the Faith.” Over the past year we have looked at the blessings of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. Each is a blessing in itself and part of the work that God does in the hearts of every believer. If that list, taken together, looks familiar, it is because these blessings are the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul writes, “...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” Whether you realized we were looking in more depth into the fruit of the Spirit this past year or not, there you have it. The heart of enjoying God on a daily basis is found in our fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Here’s why.

The Holy Spirit is “God With Us.”

After Jesus died on the cross as payment for the sins of the world- after He rose in victory from the grave - after He ascended into the glory of heaven, He sent His Spirit to live with and within His people. In fact this was such an important event that Jesus ordered

the Disciples NOT to go anywhere but wait in Jerusalem until the Spirit had arrived. Then, as is recorded in Acts 2, while the Disciples were

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celebrating the Feast of Weeks (commemorating both the Barley and Wheat harvest, and God’s gift of the Law to Moses), the Holy Spirit descended upon them like tongues of flame- filling them with His presence and empowering them to preach in foreign languages- so that travelers from all over the known world heard God’s glory being proclaimed in their native tongue. From that moment on, the Disciples were transformed into Apostles. From receivers they became proclaimers. All who believed and received the message of the Lordship of Jesus, and the salvation from sin through

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His Resurrection, received the gift of the Holy Spirit's indwelling. The Prophet Isaiah referred to the coming Messiah as "Emmanuel" which means "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14). He certainly was- "For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell," (Col. 1:19). And while Jesus completely fulfilled that title, when He ascended into Heaven, He did not leave us, but as He said to His Disciples, "I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me" -John 15:26. The Holy Spirit seals us with the presence of God (Father, Son and Spirit) in fellowship with us. While Jesus was God with us, the Holy Spirit seals that as a permanent reality. In the Holy Spirit, we are in direct fellowship with God!

The Holy Spirit's Presence "Rubs Off"

In any close relationship, the characteristics of one will "rub off" on the other. Our friends influence us- for good or bad. Likewise, and much more thoroughly, the presence of God with us influences us as well. The Apostle Paul refers to this influence as "fruit" of the Spirit: The influence of God's fellowship upon our personality. Because of our close fellowship with God in His Spirit, the characteristics of the Lord become reflected in us. We develop more into His image: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, these things are characteristics of God- and so we find ourselves both enjoying these traits of God as we experience the Lord's love for us, His joy in our salvation, His patience with our weakness, His kindness as He tends to our needs and comforts us in our distress, His goodness as He guides our way, His faithfulness as He stands beside us in good times and in bad, His gentleness as he corrects and delivers us, and His self-control as He demonstrates He is not a God to be tossed about by passion. It is sheer joy to be in fellowship with God. And it is further joy to take this fruit of God's presence and share it with those around us.

Friendship with the Holy Spirit is Eternal Life.

I've shared the fruit of God's presence as "blessings" that we can enjoy on a daily basis, but that is really using short-hand and possibly giving short-shrift to the significance of God's work for us. Because the fruit of the Holy Spirit is really knowing God, and knowing God is Eternal Life. Jesus lived and died to save us FROM sin, but He did so to save us INTO Eternal Life. That is a life worth living- because it is unending fellowship with the living God. Jesus said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." -John 17:1-3.

My prayer for you is that the delight- the joy of fellowship with God may mark each day- whether filled with pleasant or painful circumstances, that we might become more a people of hope, joy and peace.

May the Joy of the Lord fill your hearts and minds with peace as the fruit of the Spirit ministers to your on-going transformation toward glory.

Pastor Aaron

Fall Bazaar



THE PMWVG BAZAAR IS FAST APPROACHING!

November 12th is the day for the Peace Memorial Women's Missionary Group's Annual Fall Bazaar. We'll laden the tables in the Fellowship Hall with homemade goodies and handcrafted treasures. The "Christmas Village" in the Fireside Room will offer gently-used gifts and Christmas supplies. If you can, or crochet, bake, or knit, make candies, or quilt table runners, whatever your "specialty," please contribute to our bazaar so we can turn around and give the proceeds away where needed.



November Birthdays

November Anniversaries

14th Krista Beaty
 14th Harold Heaton
 15th Linda Dart
 24th Joan Riker
 28th Al Burman

11th Scott & Betty Dickson

Stewardship & Finance Committee

September 2022

Here is our monthly update on finance:

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| Operating Income:..... | \$11,377.00 |
| Operating Expenses:..... | <u>\$11,035.40</u> |
| Monthly Net:..... | \$ 341.60 |
| YTD /Net:..... | (\$ 4,741.10) |
| Checking 9/30/22:..... | \$53,622.73 |
| Money Market 9/30/22: | \$62,834.01 |

Expenses in September beyond regular operations: Pension payments of \$417 each were made for Aug, Sept, and October, Presbytery expenses of \$897.89 with more to be paid in October, and \$500.00 for local missions for the Pregnancy Hope Center.

Greetings all!

It's the time of year for our annual Stewardship Drive, lasting through November. The packets with the "Dream Budget", pledge cards and privacy envelopes are ready and will be handed out at the harvest celebration, or mailed to your home. Your pledge helps us to get an idea of our income for the new year. If you have any questions about the budget, please let us know and we will get the answers for you. They can be returned to the Financial Secretary, Betty Shaw, placed in the offering plates, or returned to the office. We appreciate your continued support of Peace Church and send Blessings for the upcoming new year.

Peace to you in Christ our Lord,
Kathy Todd

“Musings from your Music Director”
“A Singing Church”
by Joyce King

Is Singing Important?

As your music director, I have some questions.

Why is singing important in the worship service? Is it necessary? If so, why?

How does singing add to your worship of god? What role does it play?

For those who are listeners and not singers, what part of listening moves you in worship? Or, maybe it's not important at all to you. It's just something that's done.

Throughout scripture there are numerous examples that link singing with worship. David soothed the heart of a raging King Saul with his playing and singing. King David also says, "come into my presence with singing" (psalms 100:2). He certainly thought singing was important, and that God inhabits our praises especially in song.

I think we can all agree that music lifts the soul and reaches our emotions in some form or another, no matter if it is sacred or secular. But is there more meaning than, "it's just nice to have singing in the church?" I believe there is.

With just a cursory look at music and the brain the research tells you many positive effects: it builds neurons, affects serotonin, (your sense of well-being), improves immunity, uses both parts of the brain at the same time, for just the start of positives. But why does God ask us to sing? I have asked this question to numerous people including musicians and pastors. The most coherent explanation came from a respected theologian by the name of John Piper in his sermon "ambushing satan with song". From citing II Chronicles 20, we read that Jehoshaphat was confronted with fighting an Assyrian army. They far outnumbered his army. As he bowed before the Lord to ask for wisdom and direction, God answered him by saying, "send out the choir before the fighting force." (that seems strange to us!) As those musicians sang, the Assyrian army became confused and turned on each other, and left no one standing. Jehoshaphat's army under the direction of the lord won this decisive battle without firing a shot. Why send the musicians? Why did the blowing of the trumpets outside the walls of Jericho become so powerful that the walls crumbled? Doesn't science tell us this is crazy talk!

We as singers and instrumentalists have a significant contribution that most overlook. Martin Luther in his writing says, "the devil takes flight at the sound of music almost as he takes flight at the word of theology". Luther recognized that "music is a fair and glorious gift of God." Sounds like there is a spiritual battle tied to our defeating foes with singing. Check out acts 16:25. Paul and Silas were imprisoned and at midnight they began to sing. Suddenly an earthquake ensued and their chains fell off and the prison gates were opened. Was it the earthquake, or was it their singing that freed them? I believe they were tied together and singing was the catalyst for their freedom.

As we come into the worship service we certainly want this time to be sanctified—set apart—for God's purposes. Following the examples cited we have a calling to route the enemy of our faith with singing and the word of God. As a musician I receive God's invitation to sing with great joy. I know what spiritual benefit singing has had in building up my heart and soul. If God wants us to sing, then he has given every single one of you a voice. For my listening friends, let me encourage you. You may not like your voice. Others may not like your voice and have told you so. But you, yes you, have been given a voice that pleases God. Please try this— sing when you are alone. Find a way to open up your praise with your voice. I covet this for you. Build this into your private worship of the Lord. Make singing a part of your experience. It will be amazing what this will do in your Christian journey.

We have spiritual battles to fight. Let singing be a part of that battle. It's God's invitation. May we become a singing church. "make a joyful noise".



Sunday Morning Bible Class

When: Sundays, 9-10AM,

Where: Church Fireside Room

What: The Inheritance of Israel, 2 Samuel

Join Pastor Aaron each Sunday through mid-December as we follow the growth of the nation of Israel as King David takes the throne. With classic struggles and victories of faith, the framework is set for one of the most powerful Messianic promises of the Bible.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

4TH Wednesday of the month @ 12:30 in the Fireside Room



The Women's Missionary Group has settled on "His Last Words" what Jesus taught and prayed in His last hours, by Kim Erickson. It impacts the importance of Jesus's last words of eternal life, powerful and full of love. If you've been longing for more intimacy in your relationship with God, more meaning in your life and more boldness in your witness, "His Last Words" will draw you into what you need: The Word of God. Ladies, if you are interested, join our Ladies Bible Study on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Aaron Rhoades



Bible Discovery

Women's Bible Study

Every other Thursday 1:30

@ Laura Brasser's House

(Call the Church office for details and location (541) 884-5057)

November 2022

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Oct 30 | 31 | Nov 1 10:00am Peace Ringers | 2 | 3 12:30pm Laura Brassers's Bible Study | 4 Office Closed 2:00pm Peace Singers | 5 |
| 6 Communion 11:30am Peace Singers | 7 | 8 10:00am Peace Ringers 10:30am PMWMG Board Mtg | 9 | 10 10:30am Missions & Outreach | 11 Office Closed | 12 |
| 13 10:30am Worship | 14 1:00pm Session | 15 10:00am Peace Ringers | 16 10:00am Crafts Fellowship | 17 12:30pm Laura Brassers's Bible Study | 18 Office Closed 2:00pm Peace Singers | 19 |
| 20 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons | 21 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance | 22 10:00am Peace Ringers | 23 12:30pm PMWMG Meeting | 24 | 25 Office Closed | 26 |
| 27 10:30am Worship | 28 1:30pm Building & Grounds | 29 10:00am Peace Ringers | 30 | Dec 1 | 2 | 3 |



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"Give thanks in every
circumstance, for this
is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

Sermons for November:

11/6 - **Daylight Savings Time ENDS**

Instructions to the Church V:
On False Teachers and True Contentment
I Timothy 6:3-10

11/13 - Instructions to the Church I:

Fight the Good Fight
I Timothy 6:11-21

11/20 - **THANKSGIVING**

In All Circumstances (Thanksgiving)
Psalm 100 (I Thes. 5:15-22)

11/27 - **ADVENT** (Temple Images Series)

Advent I
The Laver and the Altar
EXODUS 40:30-32
Exodus 27:1-8



SESSION



DEACONS

- Susan Orton- Chair
- Paul King- Vice Chair
- Jocelyn Shellito
- Vicki Zeller
- Bertra Bratton

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

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| Pastor Aaron Beaty- | Moderator |
| Noreen Rhoades- | Clerk/ Discipleship |
| Kathy Todd- | Finance & Stewardship |
| Bob Wincentsen- | Discipleship |
| Geri Coker- | Mission and Outreach |
| Jim Zeller- | Building and Grounds |
| Betty Shaw- | Worship |
| Stephen Goode- | Building and Grounds |

*They meet the 2nd Monday of each
month from 1-3PM*



TRUSTEES

- Harold Heaton
- Stephen Goode
- Sharron Goode
- Sharon Haddock