

## From the Pastor...

"Love is Patient..." 1 Corinthians 13:4a

Dear Friends,

Here we are already in the month of May! As we continue my series on the blessings of the faith- and how to live and even delight in those blessings this year, we come to one of the most challenging elements of the faith and of our calling in Jesus: Patience.

Why is patience so challenging? For many reasons, but at its heart, unlike the other blessings of the faith - patience is in many ways on the front line of our defenses. I've often joked that if you pray for patience- you will have to wait for it. Patience is by definition related to some element of challenge. No one needs to be patient if everything is well. Patience is only needed in the face of struggle. But before you start thinking that Patience is a burden, or an irritating aspect of the faith- consider it anew with me. For Patience is one of the great manifestations of God's love for us, and becomes one of the most important instruments of our faith as we worship God and serve Him. In fact, I would propose that it is impossible to love God without patience. For patience is at the heart of the Gospel. Consider the following

#### I: Patience is an intrinsic aspect of God's Love.

"Love is Patient" says the Apostle Paul (1 Cor. 13:4a).

We are also told that "God is love" (1 John 4:16-though don't make the critical error in assuming that since God is love, then love is god. The former is the truth, but the latter is abject idolatry!) We can rightly state that a profound expression of God's

love is patience. Listen to how Paul expresses this to his disciple Timothy: "...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the

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foremost. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. (1 Timothy 1:16). As Jesus saved sinners- He demonstrated God's "immense patience". The Love of God is patient with us. As with all of our spiritual blessings, they are empowered within us because they are aspects of God's nature. God is patient, and has been immensely patient with us. "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." -2 Peter 3:9.

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#### II: Patience is an intrinsic aspect of Faith.

The Psalmist sings,

"Be still before the Lord

and wait patiently for Him;" (Psalm 37:7)

I always say, faith is comprised of two fundamental components- "Believing" (in the truth of Jesus's divine nature, His death and resurrection) and "Receiving" (Jesus as your Savior and Lord). Having believed and received the grace of God through Jesus- Patience then becomes one of the chief callings of that faith. God has done good things- He has created, He has provided, He sustains us- and He has made atonement for sin. But much of The Gospel plan is yet to come- the fullness of the Resurrection is a matter of hope. The blessings of heaven and of Christ's return in glory is a matter yet unseen. Many of our struggles in this life are on-going, and as we pray for God's intervention and deliverance, we come up upon the discipline of patience. God's timing is not our timing. So as the Psalmist instructs, Be still- and wait patiently for the Lord. The author of Hebrews states, "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."-Heb. 11:1. Indeed, Paul declares, "..hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." (Romans 8:24, 25)

While Patience in faith is key in waiting for God's promises in God's timing, it develops muscle when that patience is through present suffering. James tells us "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.." (James 1:2-4).

Patience through trial is putting faith into action.

III: Patience is an intrinsic aspect of our love for others

Just as God's love for us is marked by "immense patience", so our call to love our neighbor requires this discipline as well.

"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction." -2 Timothy 4:2

"[Be patient] with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." -Col. 3:13

"Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Ephesians 4:2

It makes sense that since God showed immense patience toward us in the manner of His love, as we are called to love one another, we would also be required to show great patience.

This may take some consideration and some time mentally chewing on this idea- but loving others is more about patience than about affection. In fact, it could be said that godly love is not impacted by affection at all. Affection for one another is certainly a byproduct of Godly love, but to love others in no way requires affection. It does, however, require a great deal of patience. Even though we are redeemed and restored, even though we are filled with God's Spirit and adopted as God's children, our redemption into perfection is yet to come. So, now, love requires patience.

Patience could be understood as the platform for loving others. Patience is both a state of mind- one that can be prepared and maintained, and it is a choice of action-choosing not to respond with anger, choosing to slow down, be still, listen. Many of the other disciplines of the faith (gentleness, kindness, faithfulness, goodness, self-control) lean heavily on patience.

This is probably the area where patience gets its bad name. Patience is where the rubber meets the road. It is one thing to be patient in God's timing, after all, God is good all the time. But people... WE are frustrating, unfaithful, unreliable, irritating... (you get the point). Being patient with others is hard.

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#### A Final Word:

Despite its difficulty, there is a key to unlocking the power of patience- and it takes us full circle to our first point. The patience we have received from God through Jesus, resets our frustrations and empowers us to be patient in all circumstances. It is almost impossible for Spirit-filled people to be impatient with others, when we are facing the great patience that God has shown (And continues to show) us.

Want to have a wonderful year? Remember how, in Jesus, God has been slow to anger and abounding in loving-kindness toward you. Remember and be patient.

Christ is Risen! Pastor Aaron



June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Klamath County Fairgrounds Linman Hall Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Potential Services

- \* Meals \* Clothing \* Haircuts
- \* Camaraderie \* Community Resources
- \* V.A. Benefits Counseling \* Social Security Information
- \* Spiritual Counseling \* Food Stamp Referrals \* Housing \* Reunion
  - \* Employment Referrals and Information \* Eye Exams & Glasses
    - \* Hearing needs \* Substance Abuse Intervention, Counseling, and Referrals
      \*\* DOD Surplus Issue

(\*\*For Veterans that meet the Federal guidelines for homeless)

For information on how to provide support for this project via; volunteering, donating services or make a financial donation:

Contact by mail - Klamath & Lake Counties Stand Down

Attn: Tammi Deforrest

P.O. Box 931 Klamath Falls, OR 97601

tdeforrest@veteransenrichmentcenter.org

Contact by phone -Tammi DeForrest 541.331.9975

The Stand Down will be held on Friday, June 17th from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

\*Volunteer and registration forms, flyers, and sponsorship information can be found on our website at www.veteransenrichmentcenter.org

# QUILT AND AFGHAN SHOW IS HERE!!!! SATURDAY, MAY 14th

The Women's Missionary Group is almost set for the **ANNUAL QUILT AND AFGHAN SHOW on SATURDAY, MAY 14, 9-2** We can never have too many displays, so if you're willing, pick up a registration form (they're back by the greeters stand) and share your treasures with us. Even if it's a work you've shown before, consider sharing again. We always have new people coming who would love to see that quilt or afghan.

We'll be setting up for the quilt show on **Friday, May 13**, starting at 10:30 am. We could use some help arranging and covering the frames, getting the Fireside Room turned into a cozy cafe, and help getting the quilts and afghans hung. And we'll need help on the day of the show- people to take admissions, sell raffle tickets, serve in the dining room and help getting the scones from bowl to oven to basket. If you're willing to help, let Noreen, Sharon, Jocelyn, Linda, Debbie or Geri know.

We have the quilt we'll be raffling on display in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be selling tickets during coffee hour on **May 1st and May 8th**, or you can get tickets by contacting any of the gals on the Board.

The PMWMG has decided the proceeds from the admissions and ticket sales will be used to support the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission and Ukrainian Refugee Relief through the EPC. Even if quilts aren't your thing, please support our efforts by purchasing some tickets, and coming to the show, if only to have some scones, coffee and fellowship.

# BUCKET BRIGADE GOING OUT ON THE ROAD!



Well, not "the road," exactly. When we gather on **FRIDAY**, **MAY 27 at 10:00 am** out in the west side parking lot. We're trading in our cleaning buckets for petunia buckets. The Building and Grounds Committee has placed oak barrel planters in the west side beds, and we're going to fill them up with trailing petunias. There are nine barrels to plant, and it won't take long if we have many hands digging. So trade in your rubber gloves for gardening gloves and come join us.

# PEACE MEMORIAL WOMENS MISSIONARY GROUP

#### LADIES CRAFTING SESSION

Wednesday May 25, 2022, 10am till noon in the Fireside Room. Bring your craft items, knitting, crocheting or whatever you enjoy doing and enjoy a time of coffee, crafts and fellowship. We plan on meeting the third Wednesday of each month.

This may be a time to start working on bazaar items.

Noreen Rhoades

# May Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Susan Hauser 5<sup>th</sup> Noreen Rhoades 6<sup>th</sup> Jocelyn Shellito 12<sup>th</sup> Sheryl Keady 15<sup>th</sup> Geri Coker 20<sup>th</sup> Josie Smith 25<sup>th</sup> Chuck Coker

# May Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup> Rodney & Kathy Todd 3<sup>rd</sup> Aaron & Krista Beaty

# **DEACON'S DOINGS**

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, the "Let's Shop" day resulted in almost \$700 worth of school needs. Eight people, armed with your money as well as their own, hit the WalMart aisles on April 26th and came out with underwear, socks, shoes, kids clothes and hygiene products. Special thanks to Betty's son, Steven, who patiently helped our merry band at the

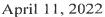


check-out. The Mission Committee will now distribute the items you helped



to buy to our adopted school, Stearns
Elementary, as well as a couple of other local elementary schools.
This gift to students and their teachers is only possible because this congregation has love, love for our Savior, love for His children, and love for our community.







# expressing love speaking truth sharing hope

Subject: 2022 Baby Bottle Campaign: Mother's Day, May 8, to Father's Day, June 19

Dear Church Partners,

We are excited to kickoff Pregnancy Hope Center's annual Baby Bottle Campaign, which runs from Mother's Day, May 8 to Father's Day, June 19.

On Mother's Day, churches hand out baby bottles (which we provide) and ask people to fill them with change, bills or checks to support our ministry at Pregnancy Hope Center. Then remind people to return bottles to your church by Father's Day. Or they can drop them off at Pregnancy Hope Center.

Many churches announce the campaign in the bulletin and/or from the pulpit. Churches find they have best results when someone stands at an exit door after each service and offers baby bottles to people as they leave. This way they can ask questions and gain a better understanding of the campaign and the ministry. We appreciate your participation as you join more than 35 other churches throughout the Klamath Basin.

To get empty baby bottles for your church, please call, fax or email us with your church name, phone number and # of bottles you need.

EMAIL: info@pregnancyhopecenter.com

• CALL: 541-883-4357 (12 - 5 pm, Monday - Thursday)

• FAX: 541-883-4036

We are so thankful for your history of support and partnership. We know we recently contacted you to help us get the word out about another fundraiser—the Dirty Pelican Bike Paddle Run race. The planning phases for each of these fundraisers overlapped this year, so we appreciate you juggling our needs!

Serving Him with You,

Teri Cline

Executive Director Pregnancy Hope Center

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# May 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 1  Celebration Sunday  9:00am Adult Bible Study  10:30am Communion  10:30am Worship	2 6:00pm Theology on Tap	3:00pm Peace Ringers Practice	4	1:30pm Bible Discovery w/LB	6 Office Closed	7
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January 28, 2022

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church 4431 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Klamath Falls, OR. 97603

Happy New Year,

I hope your holiday was spectacular! The next holiday....SUPERBOWL

couldn't have weathered it WITHOUT YOU!

Last year was another busy year in the Basin. The "Bootleg" fire, COVID, inflation and we

Thank you for the wonderful gift of 155 pounds of assorted food collected during your FOOD DRIVE Those who benefited from your kindness include seniors, kids, people with disabilities, cancer, and hospice patients and many, many more who struggle sometimes to feed themselves or their families.

We were able to help about 125 fire victims with the support of the community, businesses, and foundations. Another big shout out to those who donated money, food, non-food supplies specifically for them.

Your trust in what we do is all the motivation we need to get the job done!!

Forever Grateful,

Niki Sampson,

**Executive Director** 

#### PLEASE KEEP THIS LETTER FOR TAX PURPOSES.

Clamath-Lake Count

Mailing Address: PO Box 317 • Klamath Falls, OR 97601 3231 Maywood Drive • Klamath Falls, OR 97603 Ph. (541) 882-1223 • Fax. (541) 882-0065 www.klamathfoodbank.org

It Covers The Fourth Quarter of 2021.

The Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank is a 501c3 not for profit organization. Our federal tax identification number is 93-0873280. As no goods or services have been provided in connection with this gift, the amount is fully

Any donated product will be used in compliance with the IRS regulations governing product donations.

Adequate records are maintained and are available to the IRS upon request.

#### 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. See Noreen Rhoades to purchase the book "His Last Words" for

\$14.00.

Noreen Rheades

#### EMILY BELLM

-by Grace Johnson

I moved to Klamath in 1995 because my daughter lives here. My husband had just passed away.

I decided to Join the hospital guild after moving here. There I met Emily. Her husband had recently passed too. We delivered drinks to patients and visitors and became friends. I guess two lonely widows. I had the greatest admiration for her as she had lost her husband, a son, and her sister, recently. Wow, I surely thought I could keep going if she could. We both were country music fans, so we saw Waylon at the Tulelake fair and also made a trip to Reno, and saw Mark Chestnut. Great times and we heard Bubba Shot the Jukebox (LIVE)

We also traveled to the Pacific coast, walked and stayed in some bed and breakfasts, fun.

Then there was the bakery that was opened by myself and Joy (daughter). Emily came and washed dishes, sheet pans with me in the evenings and also brought supper sometimes! All and all we had some special times! I know that her church, this church, meant so much to her I just started meeting her here and went to some ladies luncheons too.

I can't walk in these doors without thinking of Emily.



# Sunday Bible Class

9:00-10:00 AM Fireside Room

The Inheritance of Israel from JUDGES to KINGS (1 & 2 SAMUEL)



Join us in the Fellowship hall as Pastor Aaron Beaty and Geri Coker guide us through the story of the development of the Nation of Israel and how God worked to make a people for Himself. This winter and spring we will prayerfully follow the emergence of Kings in the land and how God has always pointed toward the one King, Jesus, who would deliver His people and sit on the Throne forever.



Theology On Tap (TnT)

1st and 3rd Mondays

6-7:30PM

Church Fireside Room

Join Pastor Aaron as we continue the video series, "The Truth Project" with Dr. Dell Tacket. Here are a few words about this powerful study from Focus on the Family:

"In a 2003 study, the Barna Research Group revealed a stunning statistic that continues to reverberate throughout the evangelical world — *only nine percent of professing Christians have a biblical worldview. The Barna Update*, "A Biblical Worldview Has a Radical Effect on a Person's Life," December 1, 2003.

Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy, and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation.

To counter this downward slide within the body of Christ, Focus on the Family has launched one of the most ambitious and powerful projects in the history of our ministry – *Focus on the Family's The Truth Project*®.

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 12 video lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett, instructor of Christian Worldview at the Focus Leadership Institute and a former Senior Vice President of our ministry. This study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

We believe this curriculum can be a catalyst for exponential change within the body of Christ, as thousands of people are "transformed by the renewing of [their] mind" (Romans 12:2). As He has throughout history, God continues to call ordinary people to make an eternal difference in our world."

Bring your own dinner and join us together as we re-construct a Biblical world-view by diving into the TRUTH.

# Stewardship & Finance Committee

March 2022

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income: \$12,642.00

Operating Expenses: \$12,019.35

Monthly Net:..... \$ 622.65

YTD /Net:..... (\$ 1,192.30)

Checking 3/31/22:..... \$55,924.48

Money Market 3/31/22: .....\$61,066.04

#### Hi Friends,

Expenses in March beyond regular operations: Continuing Education, Presbytery & General Assembly Askings, office equipment, and World Missions.

Our special offering for World Outreach Disaster Relief for Ukraine collected \$800.00. Thank you for your participation for this cause. Many Blessings to all of you for your continued support for Peace Church. Wishing you a beautiful spring!

Kathy Todd





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"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" -Prov. 3:6

#### The Gospel of Mark:

5/1 - RESURRECTION III:

The Last Passover I: The Betrayal Predicted
Mark 14:12-21

5/8 - RESURRECTION IV:

<u>The Last Passover II: The New Covenant</u> Mark 14:22-25

5/15 - RESURRECTION V:

The Last Passover III: The Abandonment and Denial Predicted Mark 14:26-31

5/22 - RESURRECTION VI:

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane Mark 14:32-42

5/29 - RESURRECTION VII:

*The Betrayal and Arrest* Mark 14:43-52

## Your SESSION

#### Elders

Session Moderator

Noreen Rhoades-

Pastor Aaron Beaty-

Clerk of Session

Kathy Todd-

Finance & Stewardship

Bob Wincentsen-

Christian Education

Linda Dart-

Mission and Outreach

Jim Zeller-

Building and Grounds

Betty Shaw-

Worship

Stephen Goode-

Session meets the 2nd Monday of each

month from 1-3PM.

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# Your DEACONS

Geri Coker– Chair

Susan Orton

Jocelyn Shellito

Vicki Zeller

Bertra Bratton

Your

## **TRUSTEES**

Harold Heaton

Stephen Goode

Sharron Goode

Sharon Haddock

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

