



## Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC

### From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

As we start up another program year, I would like to share with you a social media policy that our Session approved last month. While I have not seen our members misuse social media, I realize our church does not have a policy on its use and so this document is a preemptive tool intended to provide guidance to our officers, staff and members on maintaining a Christian presence online. Here's the policy and then I'll share a few thoughts about it:

#### Peace Memorial Evangelical Presbyterian Church Social Media Use Policy

*Adopted by the Session: [8/19/25]*

#### Purpose:

This policy exists to guide the use of social media in ways that honor Christ, promote unity, and reflect the mission of Peace Memorial Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Whether representing the church officially or posting personally as a member of our covenant community, we are all called to be salt and light in every space—including digital platforms.

#### 1. Biblical Foundation

We believe that all our words, whether spoken or typed, are a reflection of our heart and witness. Scripture gives clear guidance:

- *Ephesians 4:29*: "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up..."
- *Colossians 4:6*: "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt..."

*Philippians 4:8*: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable... think about these things."

As followers of Christ, we aim to use social media as a tool for truth, encouragement, and gospel witness.

#### 2. General Guidelines

Whether posting on behalf of Peace Memorial or as individuals affiliated with the church, the following principles apply:

- **Speak with grace and truth.** Use respectful, Christ-like tone in all interactions, even when expressing disagreement or engaging in debate.

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- **Do not post confidential information.** This includes prayer requests, pastoral counseling details, or personal matters unless clear permission has been given.

- **Refrain from divisive or harmful content.** Avoid gossip, slander, or comments that damage the reputation of others or the unity of the church.

- **Be mindful of public witness.** Personal accounts that identify someone as a member, leader, or staff person at Peace Memorial should reflect Christian character.

- **Fact-check and think before posting.** Avoid sharing unverified or inflammatory content, especially around sensitive topics.

#### 3. Use of Official Church Social Media

- Only individuals authorized by the Session or Communications Team may post to official church social media accounts (Facebook, Website, Instagram, etc.).

- All official posts should align with the mission, doctrine, and ministry goals of Peace Memorial EPC.

Content may include: event announcements, worship highlights, devotional content, ministry updates, and approved photos or videos.

**Note:** Photos of children or youth will not be posted without prior written parental consent.

*From the Pastor continued...*

#### **4. Personal Social Media and Leadership**

Church staff, elders, deacons, and ministry leaders are held to a higher standard of accountability. Those in visible leadership roles are expected to:

- Reflect Peace Memorial's values and witness in their online presence.
  - Avoid public criticism of the church, leadership, or other members on social platforms.
  - When necessary, include disclaimers such as: "Views expressed are my own and do not represent Peace Memorial EPC."
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#### **5. Policy Violations**

Concerns about inappropriate social media use by staff, volunteers, or members should be directed respectfully to the Senior Pastor, Session, or appropriate ministry leader.

Violations may result in:

- A pastoral conversation or warning
  - Temporary or permanent removal from social media responsibilities
  - Further disciplinary action in line with EPC polity and the church's discipline procedures
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#### **6. Encouragement**

Social media provides an opportunity to share the message of the Gospel, the love of Christ, the beauty of community, and the power of God's Word. We encourage members of Peace Memorial EPC to:

- Use platforms to encourage others and promote the gospel
  - Share church events and resources
  - Be a gracious and faithful digital witness in a divided world
  - Consider the appropriateness of the forum. I.e, opt for using forums that allow for interaction, accountability and face-to-face engagement when addressing controversial topics. (I.e. Communications that engage people in respectful dialogue rather than just posting positions.)
  - The pastor and Session are available to provide assistance as we strive to engage as Christians on Social Media.
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**"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." —1 Corinthians 10:31**

I invite you to prayerfully adopt this policy as well as you use social media. As we engage others directly or through social media, we, as followers of Jesus, should be mindful of how we share our thoughts, and what we choose to share in forums that limit direct interaction. This policy is not intended to stifle your expression, but to provide points to consider as you do share your thoughts. I and our other officers are available to provide guidance if you have questions or would like assistance in what it means to be a Christian presence online.

May the Lord guide all of us in our direct and in our virtual interactions with others for His purpose and glory!





The "Prayer Shawl Ministry" originated in 1998 to provide spiritual comfort to those in need and to celebrate life's joys. The shawls are tangible representations of God's love & compassion for his people and are symbols of hope. Shawls may be knitted or crocheted, quilted, woven or machine knitted, however, they are made with deliberate intention and prayer for the recipient.. Patterns vary but are representative in 3's for Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.. In Biblical times prayer shawls were worn during prayer times to enhance the spiritual connection with God. They serve to remind the wearer of God's presence and commandments.. Today's concept of prayer shawls is rooted in the Tallit of the Jewish people. It was worn during morning prayer time and the

tassels are symbolic of the 613 commandments of the Torah. The tallit is a physical representation of God's enduring presence and protection. Over time the shawls have evolved and were incorporated into Christianity and other faiths.

A prayer shawl ministry group is a powerful experience for all involved. When the group meets there is a devotional and time of meditation and prayer.. Groups meet from once a month to weekly. Prayer is the integral component and in each stitch is a prayer. Prayer shawls are made for both known recipients and unknown recipients to offer comfort or joy. The group can be ecumenical in nature and involve more than one congregation. Once completed the prayer shawl is blessed, generally in a church service, then available for distribution. Members of the ministry generally provide their own materials, however some churches budget monies for the supplies. Any yarn can be used, however Homespun by Lion is the yarn of choice.

Giving, receiving, and the making of a prayer shawl is a very real spiritual experience. Interested in this awesome ministry? A prayer shawl can make a major difference for both the crafter and recipient. Coming soon.....stay tuned!!!



## Fall Small Groups Kick Off with All-Church Potluck!

We are excited to announce the launch of **Fall Small Groups** at Peace Memorial Church! Small groups are a vital part of our church life, giving us opportunities to grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and support one another through prayer and encouragement.

Our small groups will officially begin with an **All-Church Potluck on Wednesday, September 24th, from 6–8 pm**. This will be a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and connection as we gather together to celebrate the start of this season of ministry.

Once small groups begin meeting, each group will gather at various times throughout the week to share life together, pray, build community, and discuss questions and insights from the previous Sunday's sermon. This is a great way to go deeper in God's Word while walking alongside brothers and sisters in Christ.

### □ **How to Join a Group:**

Sign-ups will be available in the sanctuary throughout the month of September. You can also contact Pastor Aaron in the main office for more information or to find a group that fits your schedule.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect more deeply with your church family. We look forward to seeing you at the potluck and in a small group this fall!





## New Member Orientation at Peace Memorial EPC

Are you interested in learning more about Peace Memorial Evangelical Presbyterian Church and what it means to be part of our church family? We invite you to join us for our upcoming **New Member Orientation** here at Peace Memorial Church in Klamath Falls.

This orientation is designed for those who are curious about the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), newcomers who want to get better connected, and anyone considering membership at Peace Memorial.

The class will consist of **three one-hour sessions**, covering:

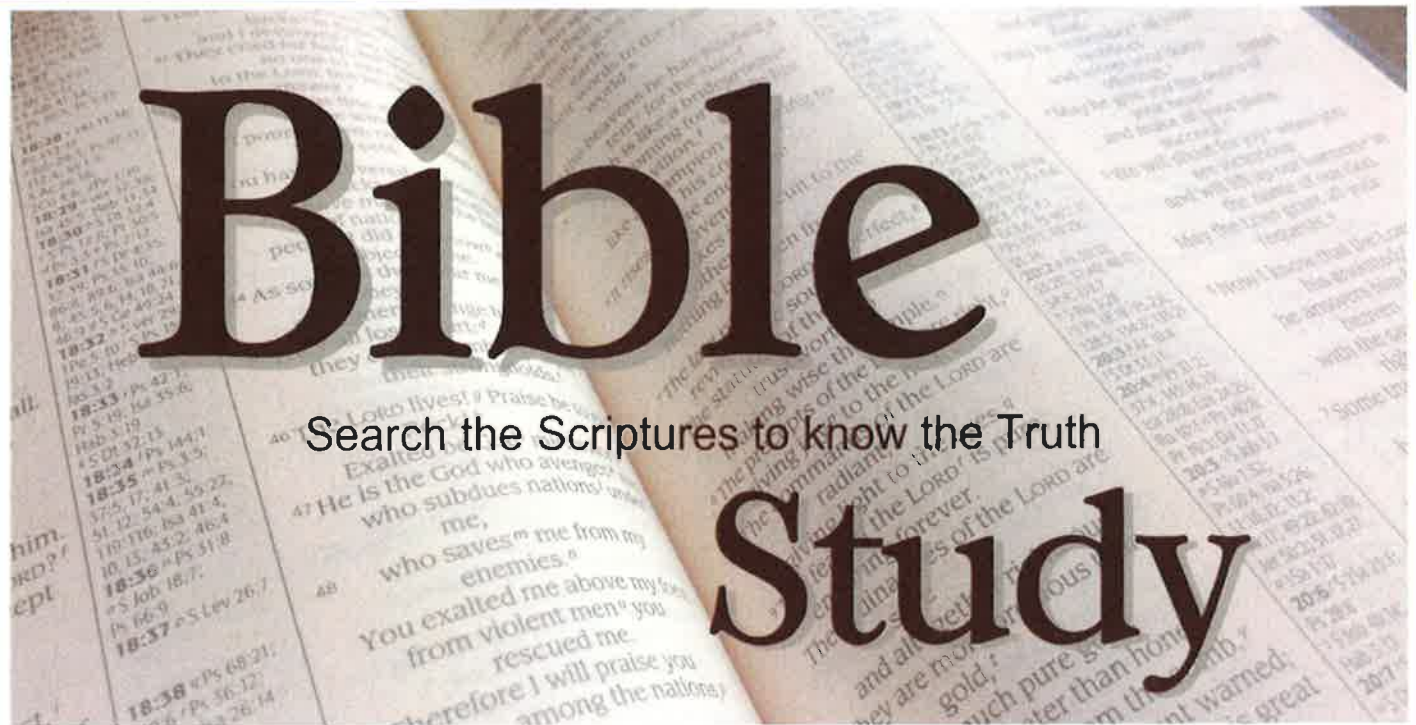
- Our history and mission as a congregation
- What we believe as part of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- How you can grow in faith and serve within the church family

After completing the sessions, participants will have the opportunity to **formally join Peace Memorial EPC** during a worship service, if they feel led to do so.

Whether you are brand new to our church or have been attending for a while and are ready to take the next step, this class is a wonderful way to learn, ask questions, and build deeper relationships.

Classes will be held in the church Fireside room 12-1pm on Sundays:

- 9/7 Session 1: Essentials of the Christian Faith
- 9/14 Session 2: Distinctives of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church
- 9/21 Session 3: Peace Memorial, *our ministries and how to connect*



## Weekly Bible Classes for All Ages Begin September 7

We are excited to announce the start of our **weekly Bible classes for all ages** at Peace Memorial Church! Beginning **Sunday, September 7th, from 9:00–10:00 am**, we invite everyone to come early and grow deeper in God's Word before our morning worship service.

### **Adult Bible Study**

Our adult class will feature a video series on the book of **Deuteronomy**, taught by Dr. W. Robert Godfrey. Pastor Aaron will host the class and lead discussion as we explore the rich truths and timeless relevance of this important Old Testament book. The adult class will meet in the **church fireside room**.

### **Youth Bible Class (Jr. & Sr. High)**

Our youth (junior and senior high) will journey through the book of **Leviticus** with teachers **Geri and Jim**. This class will help students see how God's holiness and covenant promises point us to Christ. The youth class will meet **upstairs**.

### **Children's Bible Class (K–5th Grade)**

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade will explore smaller portions of Scripture in more depth, helping them encounter Jesus in a personal and age-appropriate way. This class will be led by **Vicki and Noreen** and will meet in an **upstairs classroom**.

These Bible classes are a wonderful way for the whole church family to grow in faith, ask questions, and encourage one another in Christ.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 7th at 9 am** and join us as we begin this new season of learning and fellowship together!

## Stewardship & Finance Committee

### July 2025

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$12,912.05
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$15,343.78</u>
Monthly Net:.....	(\$2,431.73)
YTD /Net:.....	\$ 2,343.43
<b>Checking</b> 7/31/25:.....	\$43,483.43
<b>Money Market</b> 7/31/25:.....	\$32,372.28
<b>Edward Jones CD</b> 7/31/25:...	\$21,764.75
<b>Edward Jones MM</b> 7/31/25:	\$36,657.32
<b>TOTAL</b> 6/30/25:.....	<b>\$134,277.78</b>

Expenses in July beyond regular operations: Quarterly taxes for Federal and State, building insurance, Missions support, Evangelism donations, Presbytery travel for Pastor, guest musicians, and piano maintenance. *Kathy*

### September Birthdays

22<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Haddock

30<sup>th</sup> Sally Heaton

### September Anniversaries



## MISSION MEMO

The LET'S SHOP outing has been changed to THURSDAY, SEPT 18! Both Stearns and Shasta Elementary Schools needed a little more time to assess what their needs are going into this new school year. Noreen will be getting the lists put together so we can provide these two schools with what they need most. Thanks to the amazing generosity of this congregation, we'll be able to meet those needs. We'll do the shopping, return to the church to box and bag for the schools, then gather for lunch (Mountain Mike's has been suggested).

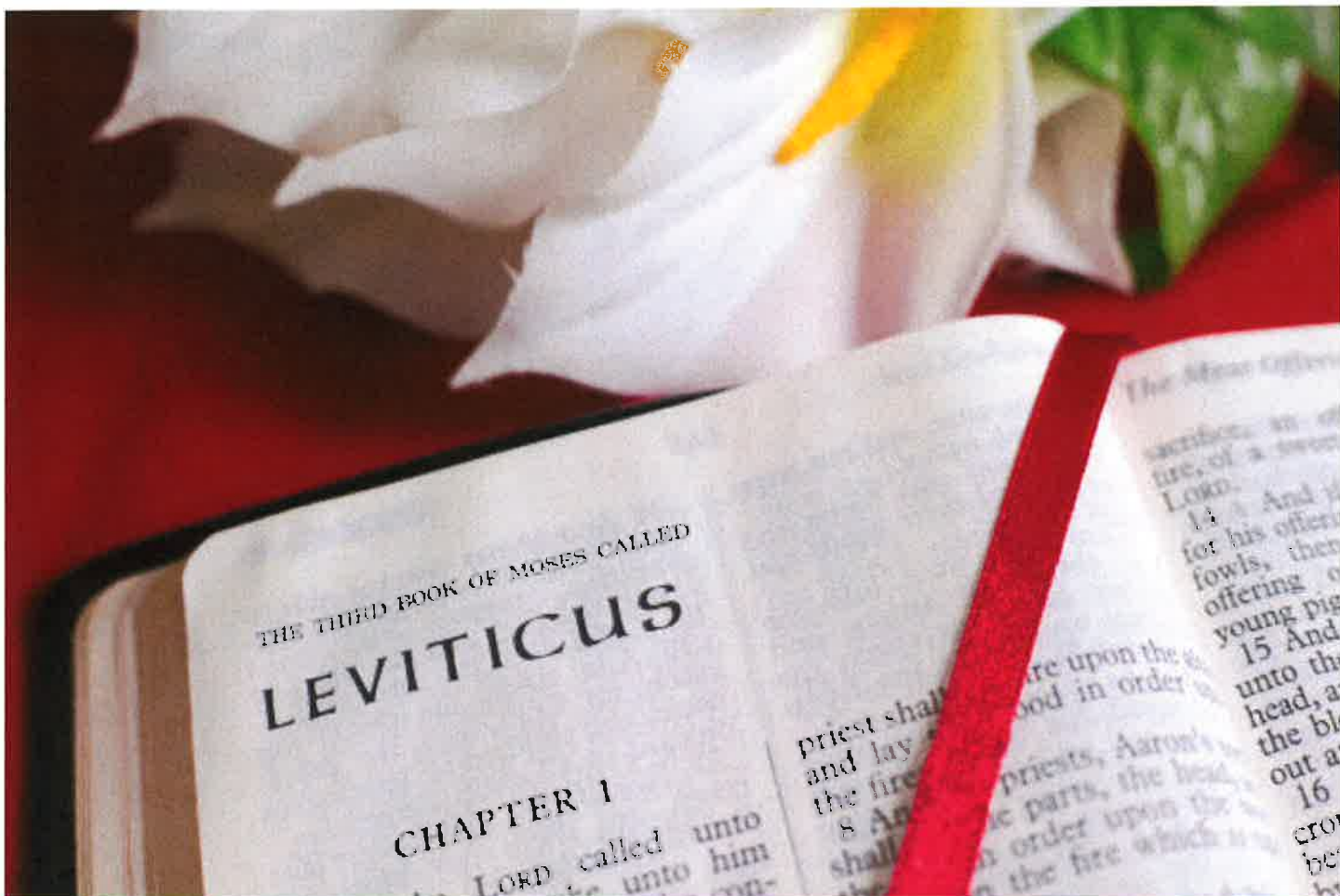
### BIRTH CENTER MINISTRY BEGINS

The BIRTH CENTER MINISTRY kicked off on August 14 with the delivery of twelve gift bags, each containing a handmade baby blanket, Baby's First Bible, slipper socks and chocolates for mom, and a welcome card from the church. We found out that due to changes in safety measures, we aren't allowed to deliver to parents directly, but we were able to give a bag to a woman bringing her grandsons to meet their new sibling. We learned that Sky Lakes averages about 700 births a year. That's a lot of baby blankets, so if you crochet, knit or quilt, here's a outlet for your creativity.



The Pregnancy Hope Center's 2025 DESSERT FUNDRAISER will be THURSDAY, OCT 16, 6:30 pm, at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. The keynote speaker this year is Kim Elliot, author of *Choosing Life After Rape*. Kim did what many view as unthinkable- she chose life for her baby after rape. She will take us through her difficult but ultimately triumphant journey. Peace Memorial is hosting a table for this event so if you are interested in going, let Geri Coker know.





## **JOURNEY THROUGH LEVITICUS:**

### **Bible Study for JR/SR High**

Starting **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**, at 9am, Jim Zeller and Geri Coker will begin a study of Leviticus, sometimes referred to as the Book of the Law, for our high school youth. Ever wonder why God kept certain foods off the table, especially since we all know bacon is the perfect food? And what's up with all this "she will be unclean" or "he will be unclean" business? Aren't some of these laws rather callous? Aren't they rather senseless now? Why bother studying "The Law" when as Christians, we are "no longer under the law" (Romans 6:14) ? Well, let's find out.

We'll be meeting upstairs in the Bride's Room. You are encouraged to bring your own Bible- it's always interesting to compare different translations. But copies of The New Student Bible (NIV) will be available.

# September 2025

September 2025							October 2025						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 31	Sep 1 Office Closed	2	3 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Communion 12:00pm New Member Orientation (1)	8 12:00pm Session	9	10 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal	11 10:30am Missions & Outreach	12 Office Closed	13
14 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship 12:00pm New Member Orientation (2)	15 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	16 11:00am Discipleship Mtg	17 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal	18 10:30am LET'S SHOP - Walmart (Walmart Supercenter (3600 Washburn Way, Klamath Falls, OR 97603))	19 Office Closed	20
21 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons 12:00pm New Member Orientation (3)	22 1:00pm Building & Grounds	23	24 Articles due to the office for Newsletter 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study 2:15pm Peace Ringer 6:00pm Church Potluck	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes 10:30am Worship	29	30 10:00am Women's Small Group	Oct 1	2	3	4





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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 September:

#### ABRAHAM

- 9/7- The Call  
Genesis 12:1-9  
Luke 9:23-27
- 9/14- The Covenant (cut a deal)  
Genesis 15:1-21  
Luke 22:14-20
- 9/21- The Promise (Isaac)  
Genesis 18:1-15  
2 Corinthians 1:20-22
- 9/28- The Test  
Genesis 22:1-19  
Romans 8:31-39



## DEACONS

Paul King - Chair  
Debbie Grant  
Jocelyn Shellito  
Sharon Haddock  
Marie Gregory  
Marjorie Divine

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



## SESSION/ELDERS

Pastor Aaron Beaty-	Moderator
Geri Coker-	Mission, Stewardship & Finance
Betty Shaw-	Worship
Sandi Deatherage-	Building & Grounds Clerk
Pat Gregory-	Discipleship & Evangelism
Gary Scott-	Building & Grounds
Session Staff positions:	
Kathy Todd-	Treasurer
Betty Shaw-	Financial Secretary