

Tidings of Peace



Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC

From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

First of all, let me warn you, this article is going to be weird.

About a year ago, the Pentagon released a statement that three videos on the internet that claimed to be of Unidentified Flying Objects were in fact authentic. Shortly thereafter, the Pentagon held a classified briefing to select members of the Senate in which they revealed that the US Government encounters, as they called them, Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAPs) on an almost daily basis. Furthermore, the US military is in possession of advanced materials from such craft.

Am I quoting a sci-fi novel? Nope.

Sen. Marco Rubio, among several other congress members who attended, commented on references in the briefing to military engagement with craft that were “off-world vehicles not made on this earth.”

The former head of the Pentagon’s Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP) told Fox News’ Tucker Carlson just last month that the United States government is in possession of mysterious, “exotic” technology as a result of encounters with unidentified craft. To put a finer point on these “craft” they are talking about objects that move in directions and speeds that defy our understanding of the laws of physics. Objects that fly at unbelievable speeds and change directions instantly without visible means of lift or propulsion.

Why bring this up now? Congress had ordered the Pentagon to declassify and release a report on what it knows about UAPs and their nature. The deadline

for this report is June 1st. In other words, we are about to receive not only the official report from the Pentagon on the subject of UAPs (UFOs), but we are also about to be subject to a potential avalanche of news reports, opinion spots, articles and soundbites about the contents of that report. I’m sure many

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news agencies have already written their articles-eager to be the first to capture people’s attention.

Honestly, I hope the Pentagon report is clear and specific. I doubt we will get anything of the sort. My guess is we will get a vague report on unexplained events with nothing about the nature of such events or objects encountered. It probably won’t stop a brief media frenzy before things go back to normal and the UFO issue is shelved again. I’d love to hear confirmation that not only are we engaging UAPs but also some specific information about their nature. I’ve always found the topic of UFOs /UAPs fascinating and would love to engage the theological implications of a revelation that we are being visited by beings not from this earth...

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But here's a thought: The Bible has been making this claim since its beginning. God Himself is extra-terrestrial. He is not OF this earth. Likewise there is a heavenly host of angelic (and demonic) beings also extra-terrestrial, not of this earth. Many texts in the scriptures depict visitation by these various heavenly beings.

The Fallen Ones: One understanding of Genesis 6:1-5 recounts the fallen Sons of God (demons) impregnating the daughters of man to produce the Nephilim.

Angels of the Lord: In Genesis 18, Angelic beings visit Abraham and reveal that God will bless them with a son. In Genesis 19, the same angels rescue Abraham's nephew Lot and his family from the doomed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Gabriel: Luke 1:26-29 tells of the angelic visitor Gabriel who visited Mary and informed her of the coming Lord.

The Heavenly Host: In Luke 2:8-15 the shepherds were terrified when a UFO appeared to them: But it quickly became identified: An angel spoke to them of the birth of Christ and the heavenly host burst into view around them singing praises of the new born king and before disappearing up into heaven.

These are just an example of the many Biblical references to visitation by extraterrestrial beings. But that's not all. Not only is the Bible clear that we've had extraterrestrial visitors from the beginning, but that these spiritual beings sometimes have aircraft of some kind. Consider these:

The Chariots of fire: "And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, 'My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' And he saw him no more."
-2 Kings 2:11,12

The Wheel within a Wheel: "Now as I looked at the living creatures, I saw a wheel on the earth beside the living creatures, one for each of the four of them. As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction: their appearance was like the gleaming of beryl. And the four had the same likeness, their appearance and construction being as it were a wheel within a wheel. When they went, they went in any of their four directions without turning as they went. And their rims were tall and awesome, and the rims of all four were full of eyes all around. And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures rose from the earth, the wheels rose. Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, and the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those rose from the earth, the wheels rose along with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels."
-Ezekiel 1:15-21

It seems to me that at the very least, the government is revealing a significant observation: We are encountering arial craft that we cannot explain by our understanding of modern physics. How we interpret those observations is important. Without knowing anything of the nature of such encounters we are left to speculate- and speculate we will! So here is my point:

Whatever news the government shares with us, understand it through the lens of faith. God's Word is true and reliable. The world will always try to define things according to its own standards. As followers of Jesus however, we need to exercise discernment and wisdom. Visitors from off this world? Been happening forever. There is MUCH we do not know about angelic and demonic beings. There is much we do not know about the vastness of our universe.

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There are so many possibilities out there- but one thing is for sure. We need not fear the truth. We may be witnessing spiritual activity and the world is simply interpreting it through the lens of a naturalistic world-view. Lights in the sky? Craft that seems supernatural? Well it's obviously an advanced alien being from another planet.

My guess is on June 1st we will get a report that really reports nothing of great clarity. But it does seem that highly trained people are seeing and encountering something in our skies.

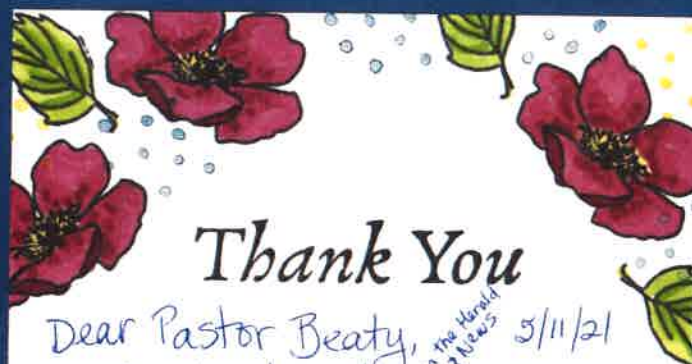
As Christians, we've been looking to the skies for thousands of years, waiting for the Lord's return. So as rumors of weird events and unidentified arial phenomenon spread, may we rest in the assurance of the IDENTIFIED. God is with us. Jesus died on the cross for our sins, He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. He will come again, as Jesus Himself said, with the sign of the son of man in the skies (Matthew 24:29,30) and with the clouds of glory, to judge the living and the dead.

Even so, come Lord Jesus.
I told you this article would be weird.

Blessings to you in Christ, our Identified Faith Object,
Pastor Aaron



*The little things you do so well
and so often make a big difference
to so many people*



Thank You

Dear Pastor Beaty, ^{in the Herald 2 News} 5/11/21
I enjoyed reading about your church and all that you are doing to be a blessing in this community. I just wanted to thank you and your members for your loving service and kind hearts! I used to attend scout round tables in your building. When I brought some pears by last November you were setting up for a fair and I was given a jar of scone mix. They were delish! Thank you so much!
Anne Mortenson

June 2021

June 2021							July 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4 Office Closed	5
6 Celebration Sunday 10:30am Communion 10:30am Worship	7 6:00pm TnT	8	9 6:00pm Session	10 1:30pm Laura's Bible Study	11 Office Closed	12
13 Installation of new officers 10:30am Worship	14	15 1:00pm Worship Comm	16	17 1:00pm Missions & Outreach	18 Office Closed	19
20 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	21 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance 6:00pm TnT	22	23 12:30pm PMWMG Study (Fireside Room)	24 1:30pm Laura's Bible Study	25 Office Closed	26
27 10:30am Worship	28 9:00am Bucket Brigade 1:30pm Building & Grounds	29	30	Jul 1	2	3

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE IS A-COMIN'

It seems early to talk about it, but it'll be here before you know it. The Deacons will be organizing our annual Rummage and Bake Sale, August 13 and 14. So now, while you're doing your spring cleaning and closet organizing, set aside items to contribute to the sale. If you have items you want out of the house before August, you can bring them early. We'll be happy to store them. Just give Geri a call and we'll arrange to meet. But please remember that even though "one's man's trash is another man's treasure," some times trash is just that - trash. We welcome your donations, but please make certain they are in resale condition- no broken equipment, no stained and torn clothing.

BUCKET BRIGADE IN CONFERENCE June 28

Our volunteer Bucket Brigade will form on Monday, June 28 at 9:00 am. This month's area will be the Conference Room, also known as the AA room. Bring your elbow grease and favorite cleaning supplies to give this room a good going over. We'll try very hard not to blow out any light fixtures. And the constant reminder- helping once does not mean helping forever. Just do what you can, when you can, and where you can as your interests dictate. Thank you to all who help out. Doing these bite-sized cleanings is really making a difference to the overall appearance of our church home.

DEACONS DOINGS

Session has cleared the road to lift some of the restrictions on how we do our weekly fellowship time, and boy, are we ready to see the end of commercially packaged snacks! In May, we'll resume bringing those homemade snacks for coffee hour (and I think there's been enough hints dropped about lemon bars). Those of you who are volunteering to provide coffee hour service should bring what you'd like to share (such as lemon bars). You'll still be asked to wear a mask while serving and reduce the amount of touching by putting requested goodies on people's plates rather than letting them help themselves. But at least we can have that homemade chocolate chip cookie rather than another Chips Ahoy!

We'll celebrate this return to more normal on Celebration Sunday, the first Sunday of the month when we like to honor those having birthdays and/or anniversaries, by serving Strawberry Shortcake. And we mean shortcake- not those spongy "dessert cups" or angel food cake- REAL shortcakes. There will also be ice cream available for those who prefer a sundae.



It's that time again for

Pregnancy Hope Center's annual Baby Bottle Campaign!!

Starting on Mother's Day (May 9th), we will provide empty baby bottles for you to fill with a contribution of your choice: change, bills or checks. The campaign will last until Father's Day at which time we will deliver our donations to the center. Even after you turn in your bottle, it's always easy to keep an extra bottle at home to throw your change in. They are happy to accept donations any time, and the Mission Committee is happy to deliver them for you.

If you have any questions about Pregnancy Hope Center's



The Inheritance of Israel

A Journey through the book of Joshua

With Pastor Aaron Beaty and Deacon Geri Coker

Sundays 9:00-10:00 AM

Fireside Room

***FINDING HAGAR: GOD'S PURSUIT OF A RUNAWAY* Study, May 26**

The Peace Memorial Women's Missionary Group is discussing Rev. Michael Kuhn's book on Hagar during our monthly study. We'll be meeting on Wednesday, May 26, at 12:30 to explore chapters 9 and 10. We begin with a short meeting to discuss what's going on with the Women's Group's various activities, then immerse ourselves in the ancient but relevant life of Hagar. All women are invited to join us. The May roll call word is "Neighbor," so come ready with your Scriptures referencing that word. We try to be done by 2:00pm.

WELCOME TO THE NEW ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT

Contemporary Christian artist, Matthew West, wrote in his lyrics, "Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of People living in poverty, Children sold into slavery, The thought disgusted me, So, I shook my fist at Heaven, Said, "God, why don't You do something?" We probably didn't shake our fists at Heaven, but when we saw on television two toddlers dropped from the border wall in New Mexico by their coyotes and that frightened 10-year old boy from Nicaragua abandoned in rural Texas, we may have prayed that same question, "God, why don't You do something?"

The Mission Committee of Peace Memorial has been called to help answer that question. The fight against human trafficking is now a designated mission concern for our church. This is only right, for the Church has always been in the lead to abolish the evils of human trafficking, the 21st century term for slavery. You might recall from history that the famous abolitionist John Brown became involved in the abolitionist movement following the brutal murder of Presbyterian minister and anti-slavery activist Elijah P. Lovejoy in 1837. Does this mean the Mission Committee is planning a road trip to Harpers Ferry? That would be no. So what does this mean?

Our vision is to be the Basin's face of this new abolitionist movement. We shall be working with the Klamath County Human Trafficking Task Force to promote awareness and prevention of trafficking, and restorative care for victims of enslavement. We'll be receiving assistance from the Rebecca Bender Initiative (you may want to get information by going to rebeccabender.org) on how we can best fulfill our mission. The Polaris Project has identified 25 categories of human trafficking in the US. That's HUGE area and the RBI can help us identify our place in the anti-trafficking movement.

Why is it so important for Peace Memorial to jump in with both feet? Human trafficking is a man-made evil from the get-go. And man alone cannot stop the evil he initiated. God, using people of faith, is the only Power that can tackle this. West continued in his song, "God, why don't You do something?"

He said, "I did, yeah, I created you." People of prayer and passion- that's us.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

Financial Report

April 2021

At a glance

Operating Inc.:	\$10,893.90
Operating Exp.:	\$11,636.99
Monthly Net:	\$743.09
Ckg Acct Bal 4/31	\$41,790.16
MMkt Bal 4/31	\$54,283.49

April 2021

Here is our monthly update on finance:

April Operating Income:.....\$10,893.90

Expenses:.....\$11,636.99

Monthly Net:..... **(\$743.09)**

YTD Net:.....\$9,339.37

Checking 4/31/21:.....\$41,790.16

Money Market 4/31/21:..... \$54,283.49

Hi Friends,

Expenses in April beyond regular operations: Continuing Education for pastor, Quarterly Sanitary District payment, World Missions, PMA's (per member askings) for Presbytery & General Assembly. Our power bill is up by \$9.00 per month, and the Charter Spectrum bill is also up \$10.00 per month. The Avista gas bill will be \$67.00 less per month starting in May. We also received a refund from them in May for over \$900.00. The power and gas bills are based on averages and they periodically adjust them due to usage.

Blessings to all,

Kathy Todd

JUNE

Birthdays

4TH CADEN JAYNE

5TH FRED HADDOCK

10TH CHERI MCGLYNN

13TH HELEN COLEMAN

15TH BETTY DICKSON

18TH SHARRON GOODE

28TH CAMDYN JAYNE

Anniversaries

12TH JIM & VICKI ZELLER

24TH ROGER & JANET VERCRUYSSSE



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



(Further Ministry in Galilee and Beyond)

[Parables of the Kingdom 4:1-34]

6/6 - Parables of the Kingdom I: The Sower
Mark 4:1-9

6/13 - Parables of the Kingdom II: Why Parables?
Mark 4:10-20

6/20 - Parables of the Kingdom III:
A Lamp under a Basket
Mark 4:21-25

6/27 - Parables of the Kingdom IV:
The Growing Seed
Mark 4:26-29

Your SESSION

Elders

- Pastor Aaron Beaty- Session Moderator
- Noreen Rhoades- Clerk of Session
- Kathy Todd- Finance & Stewardship
- Don Perryman- Christian Education
- Linda Dart- Mission and Outreach
- Jim Zeller- Building and Grounds
- Sally Heaton- Worship

Your DEACONS

Geri Coker- Chair

Bev Moulton

Susan Orton

Jocelyn Shellito

Vicki Zeller

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

Your

TRUSTEES

Harold Heaton

Stephen Goode

Sharron Goode

Sharon Haddock

Session meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6-8PM.

