



# **Tidings of Peace** **June**

**2026**

*Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC*

## ***From the Pastor***

Dear Friends,

The topic of this month's letter is not inspired by any single event, but by many. Political rhetoric continues to raise anxiety and a spirit of conflict in our country. Reports and rumors of wars, diseases and natural disasters from around the world daily remind us of instability. Health concerns of loved ones call our minds to fret. The state of affairs in this world -at home, in our communities and around the world- sends out a constant series of alarms- calling us to be angry and afraid. Those same voices also call us to put our trust in worldly solutions. Vote for "this" person or "that" policy. Make sure you get the right kind of car, use the right kind of bags, eat the right kind of diet, and have enough money....

The Psalms remind us that God's people have always cried out in times of trouble. David wrote, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you" (Psalm 56:3). Notice that faith does not mean the absence of fear. Faith means bringing our fears to the Lord rather than allowing them to rule over us. The believer's confidence rests not in personal strength, favorable circumstances, or worldly security, but in the unchanging promises of God.

Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly demonstrates His faithfulness in the midst of crisis. Israel stood trapped between the Red

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Sea and Pharaoh's army, yet the Lord made a way where there seemed to be none. Elijah despaired in the wilderness, yet God sustained him. The disciples trembled during the storm on the Sea of Galilee, yet Christ calmed the winds with a word. Again and again, God shows His people that He is present even when circumstances seem darkest.

Most importantly, the cross of Jesus Christ teaches us that God is at work even through suffering. At Calvary, it appeared that evil had triumphed and hope had been extinguished. Yet through Christ's death and resurrection, God accomplished the salvation of His people and defeated sin and death forever. Because Jesus rose from the grave, Christians can face even

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the greatest trials with hope. Our hardships are real, but they are not ultimate. And this is the great counterpoint to the voices and alarms of this world. Put your faith in Jesus, not in worldly powers.

Faith during crisis also reminds us of the importance of the church. God never intended believers to endure suffering alone. We are called to pray for one another, bear one another's burdens, encourage the weary, and remind each other of the truth of the Gospel. In difficult times, gathering for worship, hearing God's Word, and sharing fellowship with the saints become even more essential.

As we walk through uncertain days, let us fix our eyes on Christ. He is "our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). The same Savior who carried His people through every generation remains faithful today. Though trials may come, we belong to the One who has overcome the world.

May the Lord strengthen our faith, steady our hearts, and help us to shine as witnesses of His hope and peace in troubled times.

*June Birthdays*

15th Betty Dickson  
18th Sharron Goode

*June Anniversaries*

12th Jim & Vickie Zeller  
24th Rog & Jan Vercruysse

**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.***

## Stewardship & Finance Committee

### April 2026

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$16,679.48
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$15,587.43</u>
Monthly Net:.....	\$1,092.05
YTD /Net:.....	\$3,440.91
<b>Checking</b> 4/30/26:.....	\$57,750.69
<b>Money Market</b> 4/30/26:.....	\$38,202.92
<b>Edward Jones CD</b> 4/30/26:..	\$20,006.88
<b>Edward Jones MM</b> 4/30/26:	\$37,705.06
<b>TOTAL</b> 3/31/26:.....	<b>\$153,665.55</b>

Expenses in April beyond regular operations were: Quarterly Taxes for Federal and State, Missions donations, Pulpit Supply, Organ Fund, and Hand Bell Fund.

*-Kathly Todd* -Treasurer

### SMALL GROUPS WILL BE TAKING A BREAK UNTIL FALL EXCEPT THOSE SHOWN BELOW



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.

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

*Jim Zeller, 541-274-1942*



## MISSION MEMO:

Peace Memorial is again participating in the **PREGNANCY HOPE CENTER BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN.**

The campaign began on Mother's Day, May 10 and officially concludes on Father's Day, June 21st. Please make sure to turn in your bottle (if you haven't already) by then so we can get these needed funds to the Pregnancy Hope Center. And if there are any empty bottles, you might want to grab one so you can be filling throughout the year.

For those new to this, each year, the Pregnancy Hope Center provides labelled baby bottles for participants to take home to fill with change (or cash, or a check) and return to fund the many ministries our local Center offers. Kathy Todd has

set up a table at the back of the sanctuary with a cradle full of bottles (and a big bear, ready to give hugs). Simply take a bottle, fill it with your donations, and return to the cradle (or leave in the office if you return it during the week). Kathy takes the bottles to the Center as they're received.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

On Pentecost Sunday, May 24, the labor of love from many hands was offered for service with the blessing of shawls made through the Prayer Shawl Ministry. These shawls will now be shared as gifts of caring. Some will be added to the gift bags given to new mothers through our Birthing Center Ministry. Some will rest on the shoulders of those who are experiencing illness or loss or feeling alone. I can personally attest to the comfort these shawls can bring. When I lost my dog, Bear (the First), I was heartbroken as any pet lover knows. Cheryl Paletz gave me a shawl to ease that loss. I had heard about prayer shawls, but didn't really grasp the significance until I received one. There really is a special power in them as each one carries the prayers of the maker. I keep it on my rocking chair and wear it when I read Scriptures, do Bible study, or just feel a need to warm my spirit.

Cheryl heads up our Prayer Shawl Ministry group. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 10:00 am. While we work on our projects, we listen to music, share joys and concerns, do a devotional, and pray over our work. There are some who cannot attend the monthly gathering and do their work from home, but the work is still intentionally infused with prayer. We recently received a gift of several bags of yarn from First Church that are available in the Fireside Room for anyone who wants yarn. Any one interested is welcomed to join this ministry, and if you are hesitant because you don't knit or crochet, experienced ladies are happy to teach you.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will meet in June but plan to take July off. That doesn't mean we'll stop working on making more shawls. When we meet again in August, it will be to make a Yarn Run road trip to Hobby Lobby in Medford. We'll stock up on supplies and have lunch (one gal knows the perfect Chinese restaurant) before heading home. Who says doing the Lord's work can't be fun?

## "WEED" LIKE YOUR HELP

Spring and summer bring color and beauty to our church home. Thanks to some dedicated people, we've got petunias laughing in the flower beds, and lawnmowers clipping the grass. But spring and summer also bring some not so wanted visitors- weeds! To help keep these little darlings at bay, the Buildings and Grounds Committee is once again asking members of the congregation to help out through the ADOPT A BED project. Down in the Fellowship Hall, there is a map (sort of) of our church property divided into 8 sections representing the flower/plant



beds around our church. Each section is identified with a number and brief description. We're asking that you take a look and volunteer to be responsible for keeping the weeds out of ONE of those sections. You would do your weeding on your own schedule and at your own speed. With many hands sharing the workload, we can keep Peace Memorial looking her best.

**HELLO PEACE!**

**I HAVE STARTED A GO-FUND-ME FOR  
A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, MATTHEW BELL.  
HE ATTENDS FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WHERE I AM ALSO A MEMBER.**

**THERE IS A FLYER POSTED ON THE  
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS BULLETIN BOARD  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WHICH WILL GIVE  
YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE SITUATION.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A SMALLER FLYER  
WHICH CAN BE TAKEN HOME I HAVE THEM IN  
MY OFFICE.**

**I WOULD BE EXTREMELY HAPPY TO SPEAK  
WITH ANYONE DIRECTLY IF INTERESTED.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST.**

*L. Scott Dickson*

# June 2026

June 2026							July 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 31	Jun 1	2 9:00am Men's Breakfast (Red Rooster Grill and Pub (3608 S 6th St, Klamath Falls, OR 97603))	3	4	5 Office Closed	6
7 10:30am Communion	8 12:00pm Session	9 9:00am Men's Breakfast (Red Rooster Grill and Pub (3608 S 6th St, Klamath Falls, OR 97603))	10 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study	11 10:30am Missions & Outreach	12 Office Closed	13
14 10:30am Worship	15 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	16 9:00am Men's Breakfast (Red Rooster Grill and Pub (3608 S 6th St, Klamath Falls, OR 97603)) 11:00am Discipleship Mtg	17 10:00am Prayer Shawl Group (Fireside Rm)	18	19 Office Closed	20
21 RETURN BABY BOTTLES!! 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons	22 1:00pm Building & Grounds	23 9:00am Men's Breakfast (Red Rooster Grill and Pub (3608 S 6th St, Klamath Falls, OR 97603))	24 Articles due to the office for Newsletter 12:30pm Women's Missionary bible study	25	26 Office Closed	27
28 10:30am Worship	29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4



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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

### Sermons for June:

#### DAVID

6/7- King David VII  
His Last Words  
*II Samuel 23*

#### SOLOMON

6/14- -His Wisdom and Folly  
*I Kings 3*  
*I Kings 11 (& Ecclesiastes)*  
*Revelation 3:15-22*

6/21- -His Temple  
*I Kings 5: 8*  
*I Corinthians 6:19-20*

6/28- -His Reputation and Legacy  
*II Chronicles 9:1-12; I Kings 10:14-29*  
*Parables of the treasure in a field, valuable pearl*  
*Matthew 13:45-46 (Pearl)*  
*(Luke 15:3-7) Shepherd and lost sheep*  
*(Matthew 13:1-23) sower*  
*(Luke 12:16-21) The Rich Fool vs. True Treasure*



## DEACONS

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

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



## 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.*