



From the Pastor...

Youth and Childrens Ministry Starting up at Peace Memorial!



Dear Friends,

As you may have noticed, we have been enjoying some new faces in worship over the past several months. Along with some new faces, we've also enjoyed some younger folks in worship! I am pleased to share with you that starting Sunday, March 9th, we will be starting up a youth program here at the church. Every other Sunday, following worship, we will be hosting a lunch, bible study and activity for youth. Right now we have about 10 younger people ranging from 7 to 17. Krista and I have been delighted to get to know them a bit and am impressed with their Christian foundation and interest in not only a program with fun events but also some depth and discipleship.

I invite you to join me in helping our youth feel welcome and appreciated in our church. You may see them running around, checking things out, and even participating in the worship service. In the weeks and months to come, I hope to introduce not only our new adult members to you, but also our new youth. My wife, Krista, and I will be leading this youth program at first and as we get to know the kids, we will explore how we can include them in the broader life

of the church.

As we grow our ministries and welcome in new people, please feel free to talk with me directly if you have any questions and especially if you have any concerns.

For parents/guardians, as Krista and I set up a calendar of activities and studies, we commit to including you in any communications with the students. We are currently looking at the most effective use of digital resources to share news and schedule updates with the youth, and will be sure to include you in those communication methods.

I am delighted to be heading into the Lenten season with the kick-off of a youth and children's ministry! Please join me in praying for our young people as they find their home here at Peace Memorial.

Blessings to you in Christ our Lord,
Pastor Aaron

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Mercy Spokane Update – February 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It's hard to believe that just over a month ago, we publicly launched Mercy Spokane on January 5th. Already, we are seeing God's hand at work in exciting ways, and we are grateful for your prayers and partnership.

One particularly encouraging moment came when the President of Whitworth University spoke briefly during one of our services. His words were motivating and affirming, and it was clear that he understands and supports our vision—being a church that proclaims the truth of Jesus to both believers and those yet to believe.

Our worship team continues to grow! Our worship director has done an incredible job recruiting gifted student musicians and singers, and with the addition of a fantastic sound tech, each Sunday seems better than the last. It's a joy to worship together and see these young leaders step into their callings.

I've been preaching through the Sermon on the Mount, and we are slowly editing and uploading these messages to our website. We pray they will be a helpful resource for our church and beyond.

This past week, we hit another exciting milestone—an ambitious, committed young couple launched our first large group specifically aimed at gathering and discipling the many college students who attend Mercy Spokane. We're excited to see this begin and expect it will play a key role in the future of our church.

Another significant development is that at the end of January, our Presbytery voted to designate Mercy Spokane as a **mission church!** This is a crucial step toward becoming a fully established (or "particular") church, and it means we can now begin receiving members. In the coming weeks, we'll host our first **Discovery Class** to introduce people to our mission, theology, and what it means to be part of this church family.

Thank you to those of you who are financially supporting Mercy Spokane. Your generosity is making a real impact. If you don't currently support us, would you prayerfully consider doing so?

One of the great blessings of our church is that we have so many students, making each Sunday feel vibrant and full of life. However, as you might imagine, student giving alone isn't enough to sustain our ministry. Until we gather more adults, we will continue to rely on external supporters to help cover our expenses and keep this mission moving forward.

We are filled with gratitude for all that God is doing and for your partnership in this work. Please keep praying for us as we grow and share the love of Christ in Spokane.

In his grip,
Tommy

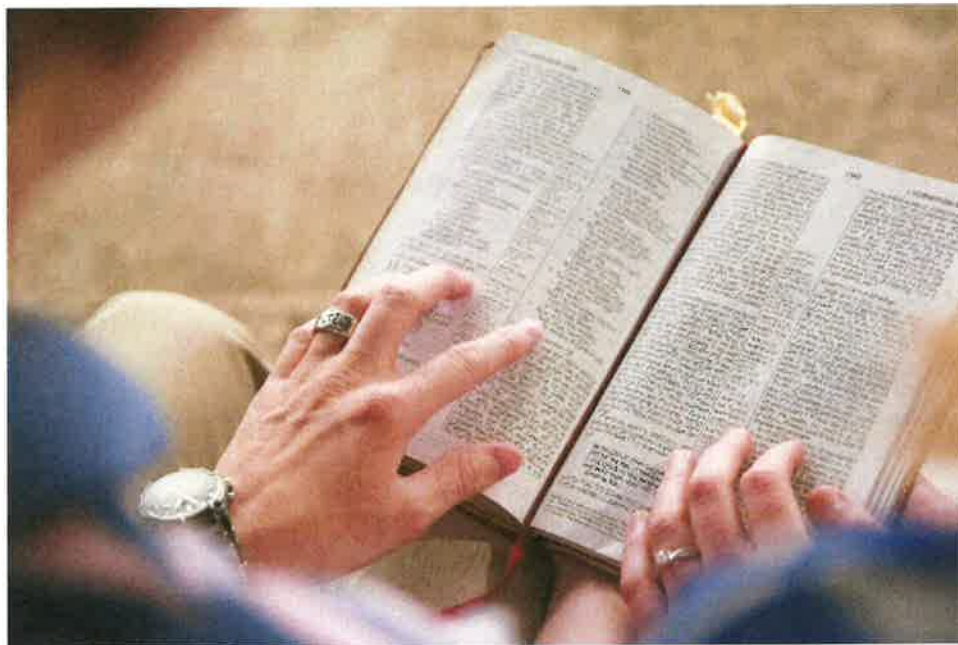
March Birthdays

22nd Rodney Todd

28th Vickie Zeller

Small Groups Spring Quarter

Starts the week of March 25th



Our quarterly small group ministry will take off two weeks in March and resume the last week in March. Spring quarter runs from 3/23-5/6 (7 weeks). Our small groups meet weekly for two hours to pray, fellowship and discuss the Scripture reading and sermon from the previous week.

Participation in a small group is key to connecting in deep and deepening relationships and for developing a meaningful support group within the fellowship at Peace Memorial.

**Small group sign-ups will open on
Sunday March 16th and 23rd.**

MISSION MEMO

What is hospice care? Simply put, hospice care focuses on the care, comfort and quality of life of a person with a serious illness approaching the end of life. A team of professional health care givers and trained volunteers to not only assist the person, but provide support to the entire family. Many of us know hospice as more than a concept. We have experienced the caring services hospice provides first hand. These services can be provided at the home, a hospital, or a care facility.

Klamath Hospice and Palliative Care is a community-based non-profit hospice driven by mission over money. In response to the needs of our communities in Klamath County as well as parts of Siskiyou and Modoc Counties, KHPC is embarking on an ambitious plan to expand services by constructing Hospice House, a residential care facility. The goal is to build a 20,000 square foot facility with 16 private rooms, each with a bathroom and patio, and sofa bed for family. The facility will include a commercial kitchen, common area, family gathering place and quiet space. For those who cannot remain in their own homes, this will provide the home-like feel not found in a hospital or nursing facility.

To help achieve this goal, Peace Memorial has adopted KHPC as a designated mission area. The church has budgeted funds under our Mission area, and we'll be sharing information on on-going activities with the congregation. On that note, thank you to those who supported the KHPC's recent Valentine's Day Bake Sale, either through donations of items or by making purchases. And don't forget you can also support KHPC by shopping at the Treasures Thrift Shop, which offers clothing and more, and Treasures Too, which concentrates on housewares and furniture.

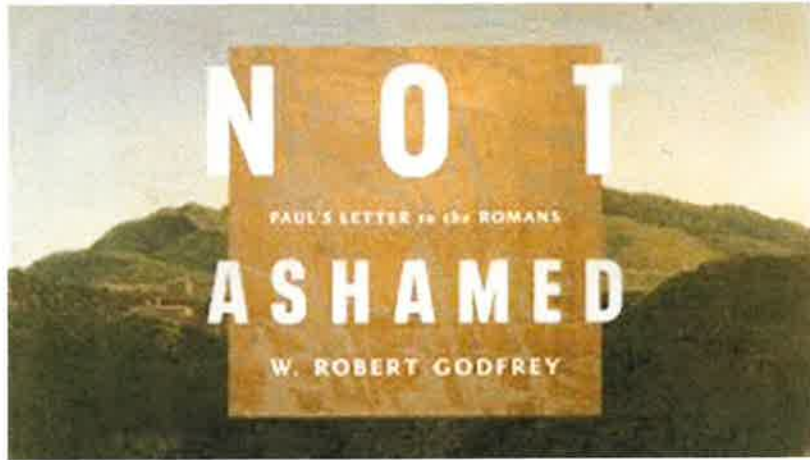


March 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9 9:00am Sunday Bible Class (Fireside Room) 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Youth	10 12:00pm Session	11 10:00am Women's Small Group (Fireside Room) 2:30pm King Life Group	12 10:30am PMWMG 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal 3:30pm Peace Singers	13 10:30am Missions & Outreach	14 Office Closed	15
16 9:00am Sunday Bible 10:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons 12:00pm Easter Choir	17 4:00pm Stewardship/Finance	18 10:00am Women's Small Group (Fireside Room) 11:00am Discipleship Mtg 2:30pm King Life Group	19 2:15pm Peace Ringer Rehearsal 3:30pm Peace Singers Rehearsal	20	21 Office Closed	22
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30 9:00am Sunday Bible Class (Fireside Room) 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Easter Choir	31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5

Sunday Bible Class
9-10 AM, Church Fireside Room



Our Sunday class will continue through the book of Romans. Join us for this video study with Dr. John Godfrey (Ligonier Ministries), and discussion to follow lead by pastor Aaron.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

January 2025

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$12,986.52
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$15,904.07</u>
Monthly Net:.....	(\$ 2,917.55)
YTD /Net:.....	(\$ 2,917.55)
Checking 1/31/25:.....	\$32,204.22
Money Market 1/31/25:.....	\$30,780.06
Edward Jones CD 1/31/25:...	\$21,715.77
Edward Jones MM 1/31/25:	\$35,925.23
TOTAL 1/31/25:.....	\$120,625.28

Expenses in January beyond regular operations included: Continuing Education, building insurance, quarterly taxes, office equipment, building repairs, and yearly irrigation fee.

Kathy Todd



How important are relationships?

Relationships are everything. Whether it's with self, family, friends, nations or with God, our whole life consists of our relationships.

I recently taught a class at our local church titled "Delighting in the Trinity." God has always existed in a perfect relationship of other-preferring, self-giving love shared among Father, Son and Spirit. The central claim that "God is love" helps us understand why he created anything in the first place - to share his loving care with us who were created in his image. The rejection of that relationship and love at the beginning of time didn't stop His pursuit of all humanity. God was not content to just share relationship within the Trinity. Out of love, He kept pursuing us after we turned our backs on Him- a pursuit that led Him to the cross and then resurrection. That love is still moving powerfully throughout the world! As we see the many ways God is drawing people to Himself, we could just about sum up our faith in these three words: restoration of relationship.

Wait, I thought this was a ministry update ???!

Actually, our entire ministry is about relationship as well. Wherever we go, we're interacting with brothers and sisters in Christ's body. His presence working in and through them has already prepared a place for us. As we go, we offer them ourselves, our persons...just as God offers himself to us in the persons of his Son and Spirit.

Even in training, we rely entirely on our relationship with those we train and interact with. God's Spirit prepares them to receive us and us them. Together we seek to learn and grow deeper in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the One Who sent Him.

This month, I will return to Nepal for a second visit. Our plan is to link with our Nepali partners and work with them through the process of understanding and applying the Bible (Hermeneutics). That again, is a relational skill, understanding the words of God in their context as received by his people at their time and place of history.



A Nepalese village.

We are so thankful for the following:

- *A wonderful family Christmas. (photo below)*
- We've also recently celebrated *the first birthday of our new grand-daughter, Laraine Leua*. How good God is! (*of course, another photo below!*)

Ministry visits to *Ward Church* (Detroit area) were fruitful and encouraging. (You can see my message [here](#)).

- Fruitful visit to *new ITEN team members, Corrie and Benj Giffone*, in the Pittsburgh area. The Lord is expanding our team in a most encouraging way.
- *ITEN trainings* have already taken place this year in SE Asia, Central Europe, and Eastern Europe. We are grateful for the reach of this little teaching ministry into many nations and peoples.
- Participation in a preparation meeting for *a fraternal relationship between the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Evangelical Church of Egypt*. That led to renewal of old relationships with friends from Egypt.

If you can, join us in prayer for the following:

- **Feb. 15-16.** Mike will speak at the **Sequim Community Church** as they initiate a yearly mission emphasis. Pray for anointing of the Holy Spirit and fruitful interaction.
 - **Feb. 20-28.** The **ITEN training in Nepal**. Pastor Nathan Moser will be with me. We will be in a remote town near the Indian border. The trainees are mainly Hindu background, first generation believers. Pray for clear and Spirit-led communication.
 - **Mar. 1-7.** After Nepal, I will attend a meeting of the **International Council for Evangelical Theological Education in Albania**. Pray with us for fruitful interactions and wisdom to know how ITEN can benefit from the rich pool of experienced practitioners in global theological training.
- Mar. 26-30.** Mike and Stephanie will travel to **Guatemala** in March to visit our ITEN colleagues Paul and Elizabeth Branch. Pray for us to bring hope and encouragement to this couple and their ministry context.

Some fun family photos from the past couple of months.



Overnight Christmas Celebration with 16 bodies and a dog in a 1600 sq.ft. house. Now that is relationship at its finest :)! past couple of months.



Happy Birthday Laraine Leua! What a joy she is and a fantastic addition to the family!



If you are interested in praying for our ITEN team with more understanding of what each one is up to, please reach out and let us know. We have an annual report that describes what each unit is engaged in and ways to pray for them.

Thank you for praying and celebrating with us the growth of the Triune God's kingdom around the world. We are so encouraged that brothers and sisters want to grow in their understanding of what it means to know Jesus and follow after Him.

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(note on memo line of check: Kuhn Fund #325)



If you have not driven by PMEPC in the evening to see what our front window looks like at night with the new lighting, here is a picture.



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“Give thanks in every
circumstance, for this
is God’s will for you
in Christ Jesus.”

-1 Thessalonians 5:18



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Sharon Haddock

Marie Gregory

Marjorie Divine

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

Sermons for March:

III John

3/2 - Commendation of the Faithful

3 John 12-15

Ps. 119 Teth 65-72

LENT

3/5- **Ash Wednesday**

The Servant Songs I:

The Lord’s Servant

Is. 42:1-4

Ps. 119 Yodh 73-80

3/9- The Servant Songs II:

The Lord’s Servant

Is. 49:1-6

Ps. 119 Kaph 81-88

3/16- The Servant Songs III:

The Lord’s Servant

Is. 50:4-11

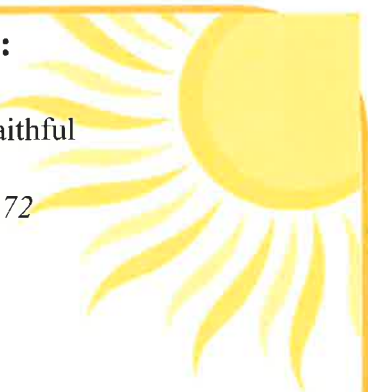
Ps. 119 Lamedh 89-96

3/23- The Servant Songs IV:

The Lord’s Servant

Is. 52:13-53:12

Ps. 119 Mem 97-104



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