

Tidings of Peace

SEPTEMBER

Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC

From the Pastor...

And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’”

And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region... And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. --Acts 13:46-49...52

Dear Friends,

This September we have several exciting things taking place. With the start of our program year on September 12th, we are setting aside both the 12th and the 19th as “Affirmation of Faith Sundays.”

“What is “Affirmation of Faith Sunday?” I’m glad you asked...

Affirmation of Faith Sunday are two Services (9/12 and 9/19) in which we set aside time for people to commit themselves to Jesus. During these services we will be doing several special things such as:

-Welcoming in new members. We have a good number of new folks to our congregation coming from other churches around the country. Many of them are ready to make Peace their church home and so will be joining our membership by reaffirmation of faith. It is both a time to officially meet our new folks, and welcome them into the

family here.

-Affirming the Salvation of new believers through Baptism. One of our new folks will not only be affirming her faith in Jesus but will receive the sacrament of Baptism for the first time. Together

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we will witness her profession of faith and confirm together the promise of salvation for all who have faith in Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection. Baptisms, especially in adults is a great reminder and spiritual renewal for all who bear witness.

-Re-committing our lives to the Lordship of Jesus. Our affirmation of faith Sundays will also invite our current members who would like to both confirm God’s work in their lives and re-commit their lives to the Lordship of Christ to do so by standing up and re-affirming their faith in Jesus. Consider these events as a kind of altar call. I will invite folks forward who wish to affirm or reaffirm their faith and ask them the following questions:

From the Pastor... Continued

1: Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

2: Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

3: Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

4: Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

5: Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

6: 5: Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this Church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the Church?

Several of our folks have already expressed interest in re-affirming their faith on one of these two days and I invite all of you to prayerfully consider this invitation. If the Lord so puts it on your heart- if He has been speaking to you over the past year, if you have experienced significant spiritual growth- if you are ready to say "YES" to the next step in your relationship with the Lord, then let me know! I will schedule you for one of these days. Of course, for our current members, you are welcome to step forward during the affirmation time of either of these services whether you are scheduled or not- as the Holy Spirit may so motivate you that very day- if so, come forward! But if you know ahead of time that you want to participate in this, do let me know. It will help me make sure no one is overlooked and also help me prepare the space up front.

I have seen God working in our congregation. I have seen the fruit of the Holy Spirit growing in your hearts as a congregation and as you demonstrate hope, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control with one another, I see the hand of God on you. God has provided new members to our family here, and as our numbers grow, so does our love for one another.

Just as Paul and Barnabas celebrated the faith of those "who were appointed to eternal life", so we will do the same- recognizing God's powerful Word and work of Salvation in Jesus Christ.

Blessings to you and may September be a time of renewal of faith and recommitment to Jesus.

In Christ and for His glory,
Pastor Aaron

Music Ministry Update

By Pastor Aaron Beaty

For the past four years, I've been praying over our church and how we can grow together in our various ministries. One of the areas I've been excited to develop is our music ministry. Several folks have really stepped up since I became your pastor and provided a good solid foundation for our Sunday worship services. God has blessed a great group of ministers to lead us all in singing praises and providing music for our services. Laura Brassler, Krista Beaty, Sheryl Keady, Sally Heaton, Betty Shaw, Geri Coker, Jim Zeller, Sharron Goode, Landon Beaty and Sally Lovins have all given of their time and talents to help us worship God with music. Thank you all!

MUSIC DIRECTOR

I've been praying for the future of our music ministry and one of the key topics of those prayers is that God would bring us someone who could step in and become a Music Director, partnering with me in developing our music ministry goals, organizing and training our musicians and vocalists, and building up new opportunities to worship through music.

I am happy to announce and introduce to you our new Music Director, Joyce King! Joyce began in this new position on September 1st.

Introducing Joyce King - Music Director

Serving the Lord in Music Ministry has been an endeavor that has brought much joy to my heart. It's an avenue of blessing I have treasured and love to impart to others.

Through the years I'm so thankful to have been blessed with outstanding teachers and professors who have shaped my musical training. I never want to quit learning.

Being a choir singer, director and assistant director has been a responsibility I have had in several church settings during my teenage years through to my graduation from college, and adulthood. There have been three occasions where I served as interim choir director which included many of the tasks that are required for this new position.

I am looking forward to serving the Lord and you by trusting in God's direction and inspiration to bring new musical enrichment to our worship services. Martin Luther said, "Music is a fair glorious gift of God". We serve such an awesome God and I'm honored to be your new Music Director.



ACCOMPANIST

In other Music news, after three months of serving as the interim musician for our Sunday services, Krista Beaty has been hired by the Session as Accompanist for organ/piano. Krista has been classically trained on piano and has both training and experience on the organ. She loves playing our new baby grand piano and looks forward to building up her skills on the organ.

Together Joyce, Krista and I will be partnering with our wonderful musicians in building up our music ministry this fall. So, consider your role! As we pray for God to guide us, we will be looking for musicians and singers to join our music team. If God places this ministry on your heart, let me, or Joyce know! And for all of you, please join me in praying for God's blessing upon our growing ministry. Christ is Risen!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

101

*A community training presented by members of
the Klamath County Human Trafficking Task Force*

We'll talk about

Myths & misconceptions

Learning to identify human trafficking

What to do if you suspect human trafficking

All are welcome!

7:00 PM September 15, 2021

Peace Memorial EPC

4431 S 6th Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603

(Next to Grocery Outlet)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT

Peace Memorial and the Klamath County Task Force on Human Trafficking are partnering to present a community awareness event, Human Trafficking 101, on Wednesday, September 15, beginning at 7 pm. Letters have been sent to area churches, law enforcement agencies, schools, and social service agencies. The public has been invited. We are ready to roll.

Representatives from the Task Force will do the actual presentation. We are the hosts. Following the presentation, there will be a time to gather in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments as we decompress, network, ask further questions and generally get to know who our fellow soldiers in this battle against trafficking are. The deacons are providing the cookies, but we do need extra hands. If you are willing to help with greeting, ushering, passing out papers, and general serving, please contact Geri or the office.

CIRCLE STUDY RESUMES Wed, Sept 22

When we last met, Hagar had fled, met God, and returned to her mistress and the father of her son. But the family dynamics are just heating up! We'll pick up on our study of Michael Kuhn's *Finding Hagar: God's Pursuit of a Runaway* on Wednesday, September 22nd. We'll meet at 12:30 pm to explore chapters 11 and 12. The roll call word will be "patience," so get those Scripture passages ready. All women are invited to join in this study. Even if you have not attended before, do come to learn and share.

BUCKET BRIGADE TO KOMBAT KITCHEN KLUTTER

After taking the summer off to tend our own homes and yards, the Bucket Brigade will take up the task of cleaning and restoring order to the kitchen. We'll tackle those supply bins, wipe away the accumulated dust and grime from the summer, clean the



major appliances and organize the dishes. For those who may not know, the Bucket Brigade is a group that meets monthly to clean a specific area of the church. Our facility is HUGE, and it takes more than a few people a couple of times a year to stay on top of things. Doing a rotation of one area at a time is the best way to go. Any one who cares about keeping our church home looking good is encouraged to come. When there are several people working on one area, it doesn't take all that long and isn't so exhausting. And remember- just because you came to help once doesn't mean you are committed for life. Just do what you can and when you can.

DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS

Peace Memorial, in partnership with our denomination, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, is working with and endorsing the following organizations in providing disaster relief to regions so affected around the globe from the earthquake in Haiti and the current hurricane making landfall in Louisiana to the crisis in Afghanistan. You are invited to read up on World Relief and World Outreach at the following websites and give as the Spirit leads you.

World Relief: WorldRelief.org

EPC World Outreach: EPCWO.org

Sunday Bible Class

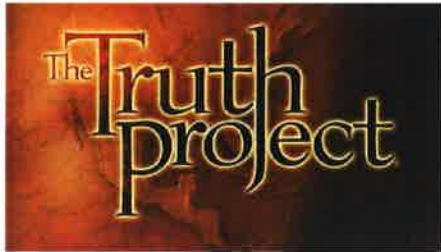
9:00-10:00 AM
Fireside Room

JOSHUA

The Inheritance of Israel



Pastor Aaron Beaty and Deacon Geri Coker continue the journey of the nation of Israel as she comes into her promised inheritance- the Land of Canaan through the book of Joshua. Israel has entered the promised land but with the receipt of this land comes trials of various kinds. Together we will explore Israel's victories and failures and through it all, the faithfulness and glory of God. By studying this holy history, we will listen together to the voice of God as He speaks to us today, building up strength in faith, hope and peace in Jesus through Israel's examples, both negative and positive.



Theology On Tap (TnT)

1st and 3rd Mondays

6-7:30PM

Church Fireside Room

Starting on Monday, September 20th, Join Pastor Aaron as we begin the video series, "The Truth Project" with Dr. Dell Tackett.

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."

Join us as we kick this study off on Monday, September 20th. Bring your own dinner and join us together as we re-construct a Biblical world-view by diving into the TRUTH.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

July 2021

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$18,359.00
Operating Expenses:.....	\$12,101.43
Monthly Net:.....	\$6,257.57
YTD Net:.....	\$20,461.32
Checking 7/31/21:.....	\$54,744.90
Money Market 7/31/21:	\$55,793.34

Hi Friends,

Thank you all for your continued support during this very hot smoky summer! Expenses in July beyond regular operations: Building Insurance, Quarterly Sanitation District, Quarterly Taxes, Local Mission, Pulpit Supply, and Piano Tuning, all within the budgeted amount.

Many Blessings!

Kathy Todd

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

1ST BEONKA TALLEY

1ST HANNAH TALLEY

17TH DON PERRYMAN

22ND SHARON HADDOCK

30TH SALLY HEATON



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



9/5 - **Restoration I: The Oppressed Delivered**
Mark 7:24-30

9/12 - **Restoration II: The Deaf Hear**
Mark 7:31-37

9/19 - **Restoration III: Jesus Feeds 4000**
Mark 8:1-10

9/26 - **Restoration IV: Doubt, The Leaven of the
Pharisees**
Mark 8:11-21

Your SESSION

Elders

Pastor Aaron Beaty-	Session Moderator
Noreen Rhoades-	Clerk of Session
Kathy Todd-	Finance & Stewardship
Bob Wincentsen-	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

Bertra Bratton

*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.*

