



Peace Progress

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A Word from Our Pastor:

Dear Family of Peace,
Happy New Year! What a great year 2013 was for me and my family! We are so thankful to be here with you at Peace and in Philomath. What a special year this was as we welcomed little Claire into our family. God provides in so many ways.

I am hopeful that 2014 will be just as good if not better than 2013. My desire for Peace this year is that we are better known in the community as a family of people that truly cares. I would like someone who visits Peace and existing members to simply say, "the people of this church are warm and friendly—I can't wait to go back" or "I want to get to know this family more!"

Know that I am not buttering you up as I say this, but I feel that it is important to share. Of all the congregations I have served or worshiped, Peace has been the warmest and friendliest. Having served large churches, inner city congregations, medium sized churches—I can say that the Peace Family from day one has extended its peace in such a way that we have not experienced.

It is now time to foster and build this peace even more. There are more that need to know about our warmth, friendliness, ability to care, and the source from which it comes. In the coming month of January and part of February, Peace will be going through a focused time called "Strengthening Peace". Each Sunday through this time the message and take home study will focus

on one particular aspect of Ephesians 4:25-32. The focus for week will be:

- January 5th "Peace by Sharing Life Together"
- January 12th "Peace by Speaking the Truth in Love"
- January 19th "Peace by Listening"
- January 26th "Peace by Bearing with Another"
- February 2nd "Peace by Forgiving"
- February 9th "Peace by Building People"

The goal at the end of February 9th would be to have our skills to share Peace more honed and strengthened, so that we can more effectively share God's peace with one another and others. To put this teaching into practice two new exciting programs will begin. The first is called "Tables of Peace". Here are some of the details:

- 4-5 Homes will host a Potluck Meal
- 6-8 Members will be assigned to each hosting home
- Meals will take place once every 3 months and the groups will be mixed up each time
- A devotion with discussion will be shared

We need people to sign up to participate! Tables of Peace is intended to strengthen our fellowship with one another. Kay Glathar and I will be organizing the meals and groups, let us know if you would like to participate.

Another new program to begin will be the Mentor Program. A lunch will be held in early February in which mentors will be matched with Confirmation aged youth and partici-

pating senior high youth. These mentors will share peace in three specific ways:

- Prayer with/for their youth.
- Encouragement in their Spiritual growth.
- Participate in their youth's life events.

We still are in need of a few more mentors. If you would like to participate as a mentor, Dottie Ferral is the person to contact as she will be organizing the program.

The motivation behind the peaceful actions Paul describes in Ephesians 4:25-32 is the new life we have been given in Christ.

Keep Looking Up,

In Peace,
Pastor Lucke

Preparing for Worship

Scripture lessons for January:

January 5:

1 Kings 3:4-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 2:40-52

January 12:

Isaiah 42:1-9
Romans 6:1-11
Matthew 3:13-17

January 19:

Isaiah 49:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

January 26:

Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-25





Attendance and Grace of Giving

DATE	COUNT	GRACE OF GIVING	
11/24/2013	99	General Fund	\$1713.00
		Relocation	\$10.00
		Building Fund	
11/27/2013	44	Thanksgiving	\$201.00
12/1/2013	101	General Fund	\$3661.13
		Relocation	\$260.00
12/8/2013	64	General Fund	\$1882.00
		Relocation	\$10.00
12/15/2013	126	General Fund	\$2615.00
		Building Fund	\$200.00

The New Year

Dear Master, for this coming year,
 Just one request I bring.
 I do not pray for happiness
 Or any earthly thing;
 I do not ask to understand
 The way Thou ledest me;
 But this I ask—Teach me to do
 The thing that pleaseth Thee.
 I want to know Thy guiding Voice,
 To walk with Thee each day.
 Dear Master, make me swift to hear
 And ready to obey;
 And thus the year I now begin
 A happy year will be,
 If I am seeking just to do
 The thing that pleaseth Thee.

Author Unknown

*“Old things are passed away;
 behold, all things are become
 new.”*

2 Corinthians 5:17

Thank You to Volunteers

Jesus once said, “Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.” When Jesus said those words, it was at a critical moment in his ministry. He had just performed many miracles in Galilee and large crowds had gathered around him. As he said those famous words, however, he was leaving behind Galilee for the challenges that were ahead in Jerusalem. I like to think that Jesus said those words because they expressed how he wanted his followers to be known.



We are to be servants. Many of you do serve at Peace and it is important that we say, “thank you”. Greeters, ushers, readers, Pot Luck Fellowship Hosts, Snack Hosts, Vacuumers, Cleaners, and the list

goes on. Last time I checked, the Bible does not mention any of these duties as Official Positions in the church. But how vital they are and important to the Fellowship! Know that you are appreciated and loved. Know that your work is necessary for Peace to do ministry. Know, most importantly, that you are putting into practice what Jesus taught.



Men’s Breakfast

Start the New Year off right by attending the First Saturday Men’s Breakfast. Yes, January 4, 2014, is the date; do mark your calendar. Pray for good weather! It was so good to see 16 for breakfast in December. Let’s see whether that number can be beaten! Remember coffee on at 8:15 or before, and breakfast served at 8:30. At 9:00 some type of interesting topic will be discussed. The discussion will continue until 10:00. Do come. Questions? See Oscar Gutbrod 541-231-3954.



Tables of Peace

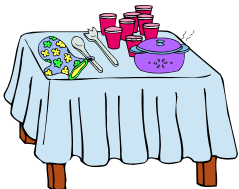
During Jesus' day, to sit down and have a meal with a person meant something. The act of eating a meal meant much more than simply "grabbing a bite". As Jesus ate with Pharisees, tax collectors, disciples, and all sorts of people, he was in essence saying "you and I are one". We can imagine just how well Jesus came to know these individuals as these meals sometimes took whole afternoons and evenings to complete.

Some things never change. In today's very busy world having a meal with someone is quite significant. Taking the time to share a meal communicates, "I care about you"..... "I am interested in what is happening in your life"..... "I want to know more about where you came from and what you want to do".

When Alicia and I came to Peace just a few months ago we quickly noted the friendliness of the Peace family and how unique it was. Our prayer and hope is to continue to strengthen this core attribute of the Peace family so that existing relationships among members is further developed and so that this Peace extends out into our community.

We want as many people as possible in the congregation and in the community to take part in Tables of Peace. Five homes within the Peace Family will be hosting meals in hopes to better foster these conversations and relationships. Eight or so individuals will be assigned to one of the five hosting homes. At each meal time will be given for a devotion, discussion and prayer. After every home has had their meals, we will then "mix" everyone up and send a different group to a new hosting home. This is doable! The meals will take place once every three months and at least one of the meals will take place during the day so that those who don't like going out at night will not have to.

Please sign up on the Bulletin Board by January 19th or speak with Kay Glathar or Pastor Lucke if you would like to participate.



Help Feed the Hungry

With our efforts to reach out and provide support to our local community we are going to start having a food basket in the Narthex. As the basket is filled the donations will be delivered to The Philomath Food Panty which is serving 165 to 180 Families per month, a total of 500-600 individuals. Many of the individuals helped are children. The Philomath Food Pantry services families living west of 53rd street in Corvallis to the western border of Benton County.

The food bank appreciates food and non-food donations. Items they don't get a lot of, but are glad to have, include canned meats, tuna, spaghetti and meatballs, soups, crackers, cereal, canned milk, ketchup, salad dressing, sugar etc. They also appreciate non-food items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, laundry detergent and other personal care items. Please help fill the food basket and support families in Philomath who are struggling to get by.

Wired Word Starts in January

Relevant. Challenging. Biblically based. These are the best words that can be used to describe the Sunday Adult Bible Study that is coming in January. Each week we will take a look at a current issue in the news and analyze the event in light of what the Bible has to say. Each Thursday or Friday the class will be emailed with an alert that the current lesson is ready and a link to the material to be discussed—you will have time to prepare! If you don't have access to a computer or email, don't worry as time will be given in the start of each class to read and review the news event to be discussed.

If you want to read more about his study, go to the Wired Word website (www.thewiredword.com). We hope to see you there. This would be an excellent study to invite a friend to come along or someone who would be interested in the topic to be discussed!