



The Valentine's Coffee Hour

The Dove



**March
2012**

Coming Events

Feb

P. W. [2nd Tues 9:45] 3/13

Deacons [2nd Tues 7p] 3/13

Session [3rd Wed 7p] 3/21

Choir [2nd & 4th Wed 7p]
3/14 & 3/28

Taize Services [Wed. 6:30]
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28

N.A. Men's Group 7p - Tues

AA 7p - Sat.

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**We are a family of believers,
--guided by God--
to love, worship, serve,
and share Christ's shalom.**



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USHERS

- 4th Cathy Sunbury & Jerry Kalina
- 11th Robert & Leone Burger
- 18th Steve and Linda Miller
- 25th Bob Kroeze and BJ Burnett

LITURGISTS

- 4th Jeanne Kennett
- 11th Jim Mitchemore
- 18th Jeanne Schulz
- 25th Ron Carter

COFFEE

- 4th Mary Self
- 11th Barbara Rose
- 18th
- 25th Jeanne Schulz

FLOWER PROVIDERS

- 4th Mary Self
- 11th Jane Heidegger
- 18th Joanne Vaughn
- 25th Barbara Rose

NURSERY

- 4th Nancy Goddard
- 11th Barbara Rose
- 18th Sandra Geiseman
- 25th Karol Kroeze

COMMUNION Servers

- * Cathy Sunbury and Virginia Iverson
- Mary Self & Mary Lou Pierce
- [* Prep]

March 2012 Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

2nd Sunday in Lent—March 4

Gen. 17:1–7, 15–16

Ps. 22:23–31

Rom. 4:13–25

Mark 8:31–38

4th Sunday in Lent—March 18

Num. 21:4–9

Ps. 107:1–3, 17–22

Eph. 2:1–10

John 3:14–21

3rd Sunday in Lent—March 11

Exod. 20:1–17

Ps. 19

1 Cor. 1:18–25

John 2:13–22

5th Sunday in Lent—March 25

Jer. 31:31–34

Ps. 51:1–12 or Ps. 119:9–16

Heb. 5:5–10

John 12:20–33

640

No, it's not per capita [that's \$23.85]

*It's the Peace membership. Before you start plans for a new sanctuary,
640 is the total membership since 1960*

If you have suggestions for the Dove, please contact us.

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The People of Peace

Marthana Guglielmo may need to get an agent. It is rumored that a certain local TV anchorman wants to interview her about her talents, which would, of course, include karaoke. [It's a surprise so please don't tell Marthana yet.]

Mary Lou Pierce continues to battle an undiagnosed medical problem.

Mary Green is continuing her recovery after a recent stroke.

Cleo Browning continues to improve also after her stroke.

Bob and Joanne Vaughn also need our prayers after Bob's recent back surgery and continued cancer treatment.

Gratitude Corner!

"Giving thanks always and in everything to God" -Ephesians 5:20

We have so many things to be thankful for here at Peace! Here are just a few:

-Many thanks to the crew of faithful Peace women who spent several days last month cleaning out the cabinets in the Sunday School room: Marilyn Dahlen, Lyn Watson, Lavelle Hollis, and Dee Leavitt. What a job! And extra thanks to Marilyn and Lyn who stayed on to clean the kitchen as well. Hallelujah!

-Great thanks to our faithful substitute or-

ganist who joined us a few times in February, otherwise known as our session clerk: Jim Mitchelmore! Thanks, Jim!

-Much gratitude goes to the session and deacons for putting on a beautiful welcome luncheon to welcome our new pastor Liz. A beautiful and delicious lunch and great company was enjoyed by all.

-Thanks to those who submitted their pledges for this 2012 year....thank you for your support of Peace

-A big thank you to those who were elected as new officers at the annual meeting: Karol Kroeze, Cathy Sunbury, Jim Mitchelmore, Bob Kroeze, BJ Burnett, and Gail Winter.

Thank you for your willingness to serve our church! And also thank you to our departing officers for their dedication. Mary Self is retiring as a deacon and Jim Hengstler is retiring from session.

MARCH Birthdays

01 Steve MILLER

02 Mary SELF

05 Leone BURGER

06 Glenn REAR

11 Bill LANGE

19 Karol KROEZE

Pastor's Column

I am often asked at this time of year what I am giving up for Lent. As a spirit of liturgical renewal has swept through the church in the past few decades and awareness of ancient Christian practices such as observing the liturgical seasons has increased, I have been surprised how many people, even those completely outside the church, have become interested in activities such as observing lent. Though some observations such as giving up chocolate or fancy coffee beverages for the duration may seem trivial, there seems to be a thirst in pockets of the church for specific seasons of practice such as lent offers.

In the early church, Lent was a period of preparation for Christians considering baptism. It was a time in which new communicants reflected on the state of their own souls and were prepared for their baptism with education, penance and prayer. It was a time to consider, seriously and thoughtfully, the true meaning of making a commitment to be in partnership with God.

This lent, our worship will come together loosely around the theme of covenant. Covenant is an ancient concept meaning, most basically, a contract or agreement. But it also can also signify a special relationship between two parties, one with expectations of obedience, trust and protection. It is a word that has special

meaning when applied to the relationship between God and God's people. Christians and Jews share the belief that God has chosen to be in covenant with them, Jews through their relationship to Abraham and Christians through faith in Christ. We have a covenant with God, and that has serious implications for the ways we live and live together.

It is my intent that this lent might be a season of thinking together about our covenant faithfulness, of considering the well-being of our relationships with God and with one another. Like those first Christians, it will be a time when we ponder the meaning of our commitment to God. I hope it can be an opportunity to reflect on the ways we've kept up our covenant with God and identify areas of our spiritual and communal lives which might need our attention. Perhaps we might ask, how is my prayer life? Where and how do I hear God speak? One could ask, where am I called to take risks on behalf of my faith in this time? Or, instead, how can I practice trust in God's steadfastness? Or maybe we might consider, what parts of the life of our church most make me come alive? And how might I commit to support those things in thoughtful ways?

I hope you will consider participating in some of our Wednesday services during Lent as part of your personal

practice. We will be gathering in the chapel each Wednesday at 6:30 pm for a very brief, reflective worship service meant to offer you a few moments of peace and quiet for reflection. We will share a few songs and some scripture and be finished by 7 pm. It's just a short time, but an important investment in our covenant relationship with God in this time.

Perhaps none of us will choose a fast this lent as stringent as those of our Christian ancestors. But we can take advantage of this time set aside in fruitful ways that promise to bring us into the joy of Easter with renewed vision and faith.

In Peace,
Liz

Julian of Norwich: A Woman of Spirit, Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 17, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Join Pastor Liz and your fellow Peace Pals to attend a day long retreat exploring the spirituality of Julian of Norwich, a medieval Christian mystic. The workshop will be led by Linda Loving, Presbyterian Minister and scholar and will include presentations, worship and a one-woman play about the life of Julian. The location is Westminster Presbyterian, right here in Eugene. Cost: \$10. Sign up in the fellowship hall or see Liz for more information.

Ash Wednesday and Weekly Lenten Taize Services

Wednesdays, 6:30-7pm, February 22-
March 28 Join us for weekly Wednesday

worship during Lent as we observe this season of reflection together.

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic order located in Burgundy, France. Worship in the style of Taizé is a combination of meditative chants, scripture and silence. Short songs, repeated again and again, are meant to bring us into a spirit of personal and communal prayer, allowing us to fully open ourselves to God. Many communities have found Taize worship to be a moving and meaningful way to worship together.

We'll gather at 6:30 in the chapel, share a few songs and some scripture and be finished by 7 pm in time for choir rehearsal, other meetings, or the trip home for supper! Whether or not you've participated in Taize worship before, you are warmly encouraged to come.

Craft Group

Lyn Watson is gathering all those interested in working on craft projects together at the church the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am beginning March 20. Crafters of any ilk are welcome to join. There will also be an additional gathering on a Thursday evening for those who work during the day. The date for that group is to be decided, so keep an eye out. Come join us on Wednesdays and try it out.

Deacons Meeting, Feb 14, 2101

Devotions: Ruth Kenney

Old Business

Minutes were amended and approved.

Liz thanked everyone for a warm and generous welcome party hosted by our officers.

New Business

Liz gave an Inquirers Class Sunday, February 13th for new members. In attendance were Tom and Sherry Wyatt, Phyllis Tomich, Mary Bartlett, and David Linstrand. Welcome, we look forward to having you as members of the Peace family.

Session has changed the election cycle for church officers. Those elected during the previous schedule will now end their cycle this February. Gail Winters is our new deacon; Bob Kroeze and Mary Self are retiring.

Liz has noted that there are members that may need transportation. She suggests that we talk to those we are aware of and offer to help. Other suggestions: adopt the use of a "welcome card" by placing a card in the pew rack, as an alternative to the registration folder.; Also, to eliminate distraction of passing information during church, keep clipboard with flowers and coffee signups available in Fellowship Hall. Liz noticed the beautiful pieces of art in the sanctuary; the large cross as you enter sanctuary, and the wooden cross above the choir. Find out and acknowledge who made them, and possibly make these pieces more visible.

Deacons gave their recent contact reports for those in their care.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Deacons meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 7PM in Fellowship Hall

Closing prayer, Ruth Kenney

BJ Burnett, Secretary

Eugene Scottish Festival 2012



Saturday, May 19th, is the date of the tenth annual Eugene Scottish Festival! As many of you are aware, the location of the Festival this year is North Eugene High School, 200 Silver Lane. The Festival Committee has been meeting with representatives at the school to coordinate this year's activities. We are encouraged by the enthusiasm already being generated in anticipation of our Festival.

This Festival, as established by members of Peace Presbyterian Church, continues to offer a low-cost, family event which provides us with an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors. They have an opportunity to learn about many aspects of Scottish culture, which has a historical link to the Presbyterian church, and gives us a positive identity in the community.

Some aspects of the Festival, such as the concert on Friday night at the high school, will be a direct fund-raising benefit for the school and its music department. Once again, we will also include FISH by requesting food and cash donations. We look forward to your participation on May 19th; we will be actively recruiting dedicated volunteers to help make this the best Festival of all!

Session Meeting Feb. 15, 2012

New Members: Journey of faith: elders began w/ their experiences

Lyn Watson [from N Idaho] Presbyterian as a youth [summer camps incl]

moved to Eugene summer '11, family is here; enjoys crafts [quilts/ knits];

David Linstrand: from multiple denominations; active church musician; glad to be back **Sherri Wyatt:** now in Oregon 30 yrs; saw Peace @ Scottish Festival;

worked in health care [missed people connection] Helps w/ functions; enjoys crafts - find a community [will be baptized]

Tom Wyatt former Member United Church of Christ; college: Loyola Marymount MSC: to accept Lyn Watson, David Linstrand, Sherri Wyatt, and Tom Wyatt as members

Pastor's Report: Lenten service beg. Wed; 20 pastoral visits [emphasis: in-home members]; Review personnel policy; New computer purchased; Outreach [Inquirer's class]; Discovery Retreat Feb 27-29; J Mahon for Mar. 4 service; Interim training [Ghost Ranch Apr 16-22] Ann Bowersox, guest pastor

Clerk: Approved Minutes for 1/19/12 ; and Communion was served Feb 5th;

Treasurer's Report: note Pension change figure; but don't need to redo budget; [keep \$5000 in checking] Synod Savings Acct: new signatures needed: Jim Mitchelmore, Kerry Crow, Steve Miller

Outreach: **New Peace Brochure** available; a **weekly ad in RG** incl Taize run through Easter "**church referral card**" to



be used by Peace members; New Peace Facebook page encourage "friends"

Buildings and Grounds: Maintenance: will schedule parking lot maintenance and compost pile cleanup Have tractor but need to arrange disposal; fire extinguishers inspected; Defibrillator maintenance needed; Eugene Korean lease agreement approved by Presbytery [now \$475/m] Move Korean office??

Worship: Maundy Thursday service to be continued; weekly Wed. service: **Lenton Taize/Tenebrae** through Lent.

Mission: Clothes collected are sent to Catholic charities; Food delivered to FISH @ Trinity United Methodist

Nominating Committee: ; Bob Clarke: deacons OK; Elders short 1 or 2; Jim: clerk only? Steve Miller will chair 2012 nominating committee

Annual reports still needed; Congregational Meeting will be held in Sanctuary

Report from Deacons: doing well; helpful information for Liz's calling

Eugene Scottish Festival Now has Tax ID and separate checking account. Synod Savings account needs to close [accounts are only for churches]. ESF Committee has communicated desire to keep all savings funds. Session voted to Dissolve Scottish Festival Committee as committee of Session [Necessary given independent Tax ID]; Work has been transferred to Eugene Scottish Festival Committee.

And to collect rent for items remaining in storage shed.

Calendar: Presbytery Mar 9-10 - need a commissioner for Peace.

Church Women United
Breakfast @ Brails Tues, Mar 6th
 1689 Willamette 7-8:30
 or
St. Jude Catholic Church
 4330 Willamette
 Fri, March 2nd

“World Day of Prayer”

Presbyterian Women of Peace 2nd
Tuesday, March 13th
 9:45 in Fellowship Hall

We will continue our study of Revelations. We welcome all women in our congregation and others who wish to join us in our study and fellowship.

Shalom, B.J.

Food and clothing donation bins –
 Thank you to all who remember to bring your donations of food, and clothing the first Sunday of each month. For more information on how we at Peace serve our community, check out the white mission binder located in the library. We also have a very informative brochure available in the chapel.

2012 Per Capita \$23.85
 Peace’s fair share for 2012 is \$1621. We paid that amount in January. But it’s not too late to help out. Your \$23.85 [or \$24 or \$25] means that amount will not come from our General Fund which can then be used for other purposes.



The Latest Load of Food for FISH

Thanks for your support of the “Souper Bowl” drive

Pacific Rim Art Guild Grand Opening

The Pacific Rim Art Guild will host a grand opening celebration of their new gallery on Saturday, February 25 from 10 am- 6pm. The Pacific Rim Art Guild is a network of Christian artists brought together by painter and sculptor Dan Chen. The new gallery is located at 405 Hwy. 99N in Eugene and displays a variety of works, both secular and religious in theme, in a variety of mediums; sculpture, paint, glass art, etc. All are encouraged to attend and support this creative group of our Christian brothers and sisters. More information at www.pacificrimartguild.com.



Inquirer’s Group Meeting on Sunday Feb. 12th

2012 Annual Congregational Meeting

The moderator, Rev. Elizabeth Leavitt, opened the Feb/ 19th meeting with prayer at 10:57. A quorum was declared present.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive the 2011 Annual Report. Copies of the report were passed out containing committee reports, and a financial report including the 2012 budget

The Annual Report contained reports from Pastor, Session Clerk, Worship, Buildings and Grounds, Outreach, Women of Peace, Access Committee, and Deacons. Chairs of those committees then gave highlights of the year. Bob Clarke also told of future plans for Outreach through print and electronic media.

Meeting of the Corporation: Karol Kroeze introduced Peace’s financial report.

Nominating Committee: presented the following officers for election:

- Elders: Karol Kroeze [1 year, 2013]
- Cathy Sunbury [2 years, 2014]
- Jim Mitchelmore [3 years, 2015]

- Deacons: Bob Kroeze [1 year 2013]
- B.J. Burnett [3 years, 2015]
- Gail Winter [3 years, 2015]

2012 Nominating Committee:
 Dee Leavitt and Lavelle Hollis

Closed with prayer 11:15