



Weekly Booster

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Shalom

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14:27). When Jesus meets his disciples after the resurrection, he continually says to them, "Peace" (John 20:19,21,26). Under these circumstances, it is obvious that the term "peace" is extraordinarily full of meaning. What is this peace Jesus gives us? In order to understand Jesus' words, we must reflect on the many facets of the crucial Hebrew term *shalom*, which lies behind the English word "peace."

Shalom is one of the keywords and images for salvation in the Bible. The Hebrew word refers most commonly to a person being uninjured and safe, whole and sound. In the New Testament, *shalom* is revealed as the reconciliation of all things to God through the work of Christ: "God was pleased . . . through [Christ] to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through [Christ's] blood, shed on the cross" (Colossians 1:19–20). *Shalom* experienced is multidimensional, complete well-being — physical, psychological, social, and spiritual; it flows from all of one's relationships being put right — with God, with(in) oneself, and with others.

Shalom with God

Most fundamentally, *shalom* means reconciliation with God. God can give us peace with himself or remove it (Psalm 85:8; Jeremiah 16:5). Because Phinehas turned away God's wrath on sin, he and his family are given a "covenant of [*shalom*]" with God (Numbers 25:12).

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“Following the path of least resistance makes rivers and men crooked.”

Reminders

February 22nd-April 6th
Lent Season

March 25th

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

March 26th

Youth, Jr/Sr Sunday School
10:30 a.m.

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.
HS Youth Group – 7:00 p.m.

March 29th

Study with Pastor David - Noon
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.
Choir – 6:45 p.m.

March 30th

T.O.P.S. – 5:30 p.m.

****Worship Assistants are needed
for April**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**



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One of the offerings under the Mosaic covenant is the *shelamim* offering — the peace, or fellowship, offering — the only one of the Levitical sacrifices in which the offerer receives back some of the meal to eat. Sin disrupts *shalom*. When anything heals the rupture and closes the gap between us and God, there should be a celebration, a joyful meal in God's presence.

Shalom with Others

Shalom also means peace with others and peace between parties. It means the end of hostilities and war (Deuteronomy 20:12; Judges 21:13). The wise woman of Abel Beth Maakah maintained her city's *shalom*, its peacefulness, by averting a siege and war (2 Samuel 20:14–22). But *shalom* does not mean only reconciliation between warring factions or nations (1 Kings 5:12). It also refers to socially just relationships between individuals and classes. Jeremiah insists that unless there is an end to oppression, greed, and violence in social relationships, there can be no *shalom*, however much the false prophets say the word (Jeremiah 6:1–9,14; compare Jeremiah 8:11).

Shalom with(in) Oneself

Shalom consists of not only outward peacefulness — peace between parties — but also peace within. Those who trust in the Lord have inner security; therefore, they can sleep well (Psalm 4:8). God gives “perfect peace” (or *shalom-shalom*) — i.e., profound psychological and emotional peace – to those who steadfastly set their minds on him (Isaiah 26:3). The result of righteousness before God is “peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever” (Isaiah 32:17).

The Price of *Shalom*: Jesus

Shalom Prophesied

Shalom becomes an especially prominent theme in prophetic literature. The prophets explain the invasions and exile of the loss of *shalom* — as a curse on Israel for breaking the covenant and as punishment for their disobedience (Isaiah 48:18; Jeremiah 14:13–16; Micah 3:4-5, 9–12). But they also point into the future to a coming time of complete *shalom*, not only for Israel but also for the whole world (Isaiah 11:1–9; Isaiah 45:7).

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“Jesus, you bring out the blest in me.”

Volunteers Needed



Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High**
 Sunday School 10:15
 Questers (Adults) 10:30

Monday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

****Chancel Choir –**
 Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
 Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Wednesday
CLOSED

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Thursday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Friday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



What was engraved on the plate of pure gold upon Aaron's turban?

- a) The high priest, the governor of the earth
- b) My cap is cool isn't it
- c) Holy to the Lord
- d) Unknown

Who asked God to bless him and enlarge his territory?

- a) Abraham
- b) Moses
- c) Gideon

From which tribe was Moses?

- a) Judah
- b) Joseph
- c) Levi
- d) David

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



27th – Phyllis Moore (80th), Dan & Heather Weiss

28th – Brody Burdorf

31st – Chris Perkins

***See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church*

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***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: There will come a time

People: When the nations will run to God's Mountain

L: There will come a time

P: When war will be no more

L: We are people who live the gospel

P: We are a people who do no harm and do good

L: We are a people who love God

P: We are a people for whom the world is our parish

“The People of God for Whom the World is Our Parish”

Old Testament Reading:

New Testament Reading:

Gospel Reading: Isaiah 2:2-4

Songs

Go, Make of All Disciples #571

Soul on Fire (screens)

Gather Us In #2236

Pass It On #572

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship - 53

Online Worship – 18

Our Mission:

“Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love.”

Our Vision:

“We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world.”

**Answers for March 19^h are b) 3 days journey wide a) Esther a) Samson
Quiz s hints – Q1) Exodus Q2) 1Chronicles Q3) Exodus**

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Only God can create *shalom* (Isaiah 45:7), and this gift will come through the work of the Messiah, the Prince of *shalom* (Isaiah 9:6–7). Therefore, *shalom* is perhaps the most basic characteristic of the future kingdom of God, a time when the Lord himself comes to heal all that is wrong with the world.

When the angels tell the shepherds about the birth of Christ, they call him the one who will, at last, bring peace on earth (Luke 2:14). Jesus is the Prince of *shalom* who will bring in God's kingdom of peace that the prophets foretold (Romans 14:17; 1 Corinthians 14:33). The gospel of Jesus is "the gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:15; compare Acts 10:36; Ephesians 2:17).

Shalom Accomplished

Jesus first of all reconciles us to God. He is the ultimate Phinehas who turns away the wrath of God and brings his family into a covenant of peace. But he does so by taking on himself the curse of sin so that all who are united to him by faith receive his blessing of peace (Galatians 3:10–13). "The wicked are like the tossing sea, which cannot rest . . . 'There is no peace . . . for the wicked' " (Isaiah 57:20–21). But on the cross, God the Father treats Jesus as the wicked deserve to be treated (2 Corinthians 5:21). Jesus cries out as he loses his fellowship with the Father and experiences unimaginable inner agony (Matthew 27:46). He experiences infinite pain so that we can know endless peace (John 14:27).

Shalom Experienced

God is reconciling *all things* to himself through Christ (Colossians 1:20), and although he has not yet put everything right (Romans 8:19–23), those who believe the gospel enter into and experience this reconciliation.

This peace is first of all peace *with* God through justification by faith (Romans 5:1–2). There was a barrier between God and humanity, but Jesus paid the debt and now there is peace. This peace cannot increase or decrease. Though in ourselves we are actually "ungodly," in Christ we are justified and accepted (Romans 4:5).

Jesus also brings us the peace of God — peace within. The peace of God garrisons our hearts against anxiety, difficulties, and sorrows (Philippians 4:4–7). It is possible to have peace so deep that we can be content in any circumstance, even in times of great difficulty (Philippians 4:12–13). The peace of Christ is so closely related to joy (John 15:11; Romans 15:13) that we might say that joy is God's peace and reconciliation lived out. The God of peace sanctifies us, growing us into Christlike character and maturity (1 Thessalonians 5:23; compare Galatians 5:22).

Finally, Jesus brings us peace with other human beings. Our peace with and from God gives us the resources to maintain unity and love with others through continual forgiveness and patience (Colossians 3:13–15). Christ is our peace, and by his death on the cross, he removes even the high racial and cultural barriers that divide us (Ephesians 2:11–22).



Current Community Food Pantry Needs for April:

Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges, Cinnamon Applesauce, Cake, Brownie and Muffin Mixes, Creamed Corn, Soda and Graham Crackers, Tuna & Chicken Helpers, Spaghetti Sauce and Spaghetti, Cereal, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toilet Paper



Join us as we journey with Jesus to the cross and beyond. During Holy Week, we will have prayer stations set up in the Church for you to come and prayerfully experience The Way of the Cross (more info and specific times to follow).

- April 2 - Palm Sunday (with Communion)
- April 5 - Midweek Bible Study: What it Means to Take up Your Cross
- April 7 - Good Friday Service (6 pm)
- April 9 - Easter Sunday



I want to say thank you so much to everyone for your support, calls, cards, visits, and prayers before and after my shoulder surgery. Recovery is going well but slower than I would like. I do hope to be back to church and choir soon. I am blessed to have you as my church family. God Bless all of you!

Cathy Shull



METHODIST MINUTE: THE WORLD IS MY PARISH

John Wesley traveled extensively throughout England preaching wherever and to whoever would listen. The words of ordination from the Archbishop of Canterbury were this: “Take thou authority to preach the gospel.” Wesley took his ordination seriously and brought the good news of personal conversion and holiness to the rich and poor, educated, and uneducated, and those in town and those in the country. He preached in pulpits, town squares, and open fields. His times of preaching were often raucous and filled with expressions of emotion.

Wesley’s practices brought critique and protest from the established church and from those of the more “proper” upper class. They did not approve of his preaching in other people’s parishes. In response Wesley declared this:

God in Scripture commands me, according to my power, to instruct the ignorant, reform the wicked, and confirm the virtuous. Man forbids me to do this another’s parish; that is, in effect, to do it at all, seeing I have now no parish of my own, nor probably ever shall. Whom then shall I hear, God, or man?

I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that, in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meets, right, and my bounden duty to declare unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation. This is the work that I know God has called me to; and sure, I am that his blessing attends it.

This same spirit is in the Methodist movement. We ought not to wait for people to come to us. We go with good news to wherever the people are and wherever the Spirit leads.

Grace and peace,
Pastor David B. Clark
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The Weekly Booster goes out on Thursday and so you have all weekend to read it, make notes, or put upcoming events on your calendar. Sometimes I (Jeff) run across something that makes me laugh and smile and I feel is worth sharing. I ran across the following reasons to join the choir. I hope you get a laugh out of the reason as much as I did, but also we could still use more voices for the choir!

1. You're running out of clean clothes and the robe saves on laundry.
2. The church is usually crowded and you want to make sure you always have a seat.
3. You've just been selected for jury duty and you want to get use to sitting with a large group of people.
4. The collection plate is never passed to the choir.
5. There's a clock in the back of the church and you want to know when one hour has passed.
6. For years you have wanted to know who sits in the back of the church but were afraid to turn around and look.
7. You've been known to nod off during the service and don't want the minister/priest to catch you.
8. The chairs for the choir are padded and are the most comfortable chairs in the church.