



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

What a great way to begin the new church year together at TPC—by celebrating the Advent and Christmas season with new friends and our wonderful church family. Jeni and I have especially appreciated the opportunities we've had to get to know you better through worship, special services like the hanging of the greens, and the progressive dinner.

Speaking of dinners, like most good Presbyterians, you do know how to put on a tasty spread! And thanks to the cookie sale and all of the other goodies we've eaten over the holidays, we are making a New Year's resolution to trim down and tone up.

While many of us are thinking about getting our bodies back in shape, I'd like to invite you to join me in another New Year's resolution that will have even longer term benefits—feeding your soul, exercising your mind, and developing your Christian character by committing yourself to one or more of the new classes that are being offered soon.

The gospel truth is, the Christian faith is always "one generation away from extinction." Unless we learn the story and pass it along to others – especially our children, no one else will. In 2 Timothy 3:14-15, Paul writes: "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

Along with the members of the Christian Education Committee, I want to encourage you to commit to taking part in one of the following classes this next quarter.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

By popular request, the mid-week morning Study/Fellowship Group will be meeting again each Wednesday from 9:30 until about 11:30 a.m., starting January 15. Pastor, Dick Wiggers, will be leading a study and discussion based on Bruce Feiler's new best-selling book, *Abraham, A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*.

"In this timely, provocative, and uplifting journey, the best-selling author of *Walking the Bible* embarks on another one-of-a-kind adventure: searching for the man at the heart of the world's three monotheistic religions—and today's deadliest conflicts."

Everyone is welcome to join us each Wednesday for a stimulating morning of study, discussion, and fellowship.

TWO NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDIES: 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., January 19 - April 13

WRESTLING WITH ANGELS – Randy Beyer will moderate this timely video/discussion program and help this class "wrestle" with some of the questions that challenge people of faith. Six respected Christian leaders will present the following topics:

- Guidance with Tony Campolo—"How do I know what to do?"
- Why me? with Philip Yancey—"If you're so good why are things so awful?"
- Prayer with Richard Foster—"Why don't my prayers get answered?"
- Forgiving with Lewis Smedes—"How do I forgive and get on with my life?"
- Doubt with Madeleine L'Engle—"How can I question and still believe?"
- Love with Keith Miller—"Why is loving so hard?"

THE BIBLE FROM SCRATCH — Elders, Carolyn Hale and Jeni Wiggers, will lead this introductory survey of the Bible course designed by Don Griggs for anyone who wants to :

- **Become more comfortable with using and reading the Bible**
- Discover the general “sweep” of the biblical story and identify familiar persons and events
- Be introduced to Bible study tools such as concordance, dictionary and commentaries
- Check out a variety of Bible translations and discover their differences
- Enjoy studying the Bible with others
- Develop the habit of reading the Bible regularly

Please contact Carolyn Hale if you would like to have childcare available.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES—
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.,
February 2, 9 & 16**



A three-week series of classes related to Presbyterian beliefs, the Christian faith, and Tualatin Presbyterian

Church will be offered for anyone who is considering membership at TPC. These classes provide an excellent opportunity to form new friendships, to explore the meaning of church membership, and to become better acquainted with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Pastor Dick Wiggers, and TPC members will be sharing the leadership. We will meet after worship from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A light lunch and childcare will be provided.

Happy New Year!

Dick Wiggers

Joys and Concerns

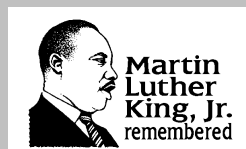
The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Virginia Lenneville and family in the death of Virginia’s mother, Janet Lenneville of San Antonio, Texas who died Christmas Eve.

We continue to remember in prayer the following members and friends who are in special need this season: Gary Duval; Marion Beyer’s sister, Lois, and brother-in-law, Tom Boyd; Dee Dee Hanson’s sister, Pam; Becky Backen’s father, Homer Perry and her sister, Bobbie; Rowena Clark.

We were very happy to see Muriel Powers at the Christmas Eve Service.

Karly Imus has accepted a new job as Copy Editor for the Desert Sun in Palm Springs, California. Karly graduated from University of Nevada – Reno with a major in journalism.

Great Thoughts from Martin Luther King, Jr.



On excellence: “If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven played music or

Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.”

On repentance: “We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.”

On character: “I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

On courage: “We must build dikes of courage to hold back the flood of fear.”

On hope: “We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”



General Fund Status
January 1, 2002 – November 30, 2002

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$116,381	\$118,200
Expense	\$133,469	\$112,518

The general fund income is used for all church operating and regular program expense.

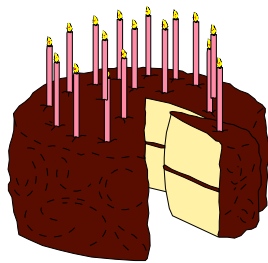
Building Fund Income for November was \$4,810.
 Budgeted income per month is \$6,000.

PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

All Presbyterian Church USA congregations support the mission and program of the church by sharing in the PER CAPITA contribution. This money is used to support the budgets of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. This year the TPC share of this contribution is \$4,958. Your contribution of \$20 per communicant member will allow us to meet this commitment. Please pay your portion as soon as possible (be sure to indicate on your check that it is for PER CAPITA). Please see Mike Shiffer or Roger Smith if you want more information on per capita apportionment.

January Birthdays

- 1/3 - Cathy Lambeth
- 1/4 - Mary Shiffer
Julie Locke
- 1/6 - John Lobbato
- 1/12 - Susan Springer
- 1/14 - Walt Dean
Jim Sanco
- 1/15 - Jon Hartinger
Karen Jones
- 1/16 - Sy Beko
- 1/18 - Mary Maleta
- 1/20 - John Collins
- 1/21 - Pam Bowen
- 1/24 - Greg Sundt
- 1/27 - Connie Yoes (Vogel)
- 1/28 - Mark Hansen
Nicholas Dannemiller
Ted Miller
- 1/29 - Casey Sparks
Janet Winterrowd
- 1/30 - Pam Cameron
Neil Olson



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Stewardship/Finance Committee is working to complete the Stewardship Campaign as soon as possible. If you have not turned in a yellow celebration fund pledge form, please pick one up at the Church and return it as soon as possible. We still have several pledge forms that have not been returned. The Session needs the information in order to finalize the budget for 2003. Remember to include your commitment to the building fund on the forms.



"The TPC Book Nook"
 by Diane Barry

CHECKING OUT A BOOK

1. On the card in the pocket inside the front cover, please print your name, phone number and the date you checked the book out.
2. Place card in the small basket on top of the shelf.

RETURNING A BOOK

1. Upon returning the book, please put the check-out card back in the pocket and leave it on the shelf next to the check out card basket and the librarian will shelve it.

BOOK DONATION POLICY

The library will accept donations using the following criteria:

MATERIALS:

1. Must meet library selection criteria and be appropriate for this library.
2. Be in good physical condition (not dirty, musty or damaged).
3. If criteria 1 and 2 are not met, they will be disposed of in the following order of priority:
 - a. Returned to donor if known
 - b. Given to the Tualatin Public Library Book Sale or our Church Bazaar is one is held
 - c. Recycled.

MONETARY DONATIONS:

1. Donor may recommend a specific subject area or title for consideration.
2. Donor may give a donation with a "general use" specification, to be used at the Library Committee's discretion.

The Library Committee will make the final decision on the disposition of any donations. Upon request, an acknowledgment of the donation will be provided for tax purposes.

The Music Corner



The TPC Bell Choir has just completed its second worship performance at TPC. What a thrill it was for the members of the choir and the congregation! This choir is already playing music usually played by choirs that have been in existence for several years. They are a great, dedicated group who graciously put up with their director's gaffes. It's a great time to consider joining the group as they begin working on their Easter music. You DO NOT need experience ringing bells, although you do need to know how to read music. High school age and older are welcome. Rehearsal is on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30. Contact Martha Wilson if you have questions.

CONCERT COMING TO TPC

As many of you know, the handbells our choir uses actually belong to Bells of The Cascades, a nonprofit handbell choir comprised of advanced, auditioned ringers from throughout the Pacific Northwest. This group uses our facility for rehearsals and, in exchange, allows us use of their bells. Our director, Martha Wilson, has been a member of Bells of the Cascades for a little over two years. This group will perform its 2002-2003 concert, "From Sea to Shining Sea" at TPC on Sunday, Feb 23rd at 7:30 p.m. There will be no admission charge to the concert, although a free-will offering will be taken. This will be their last concert in the Portland area until fall of 2003. They are an excellent choir, which you will not want to miss hearing in concert!



The Progressive Dinner was held on December 14 with 49 people in attendance. Special thanks to Toni MacHaffie for coordinating the event; Shirl & Gil Garcia for hosting the appetizers; Pam & Scott Cameron, Diane & Art Barry, Neil & Sandy Reiling, Bob & Tomette Schumann & Rhoda & Phil Friesen for hosting the main course and Rachel & Rick Norse, Debby & Greg Owen, Kathy & Todd Sweetland and Pam and Craig Bowen for hosting the desserts.

Japagon



The energy was high and so were the ropes! Thanks to Janet and Julie Locke, and team members Yuko Yamamoto, and Yukido Yokoi for performing after Church on December 29. Janet started the jump rope team, "Japagon", in Toyama City, Japan where she lives. Other team members pictured above are Ryoko Nagai, Haruko Yamamoto and Yuki Nishino.

Get more information and pictures on her website:

www.geocities.com/lockejanet/index.html.

The Spirit is published monthly and is also on our website at www.tpcspirit.com. Please contact Debby Owen at 503-692-6920 or e-mail her at newsletter@tpcspirit.com with any news, corrections or ideas. Do you have news for the "Joys and Concerns" column or a favorite recipe you would like to share? The deadline for the February issue is January 27. She could use your help!

**“Twas The Night Before”
A Celebration of Christmas Presented by TPC Youth
December 15, 2002**



The Cast

Readers: Alex Backen & David Norse

Gabriel: Samantha Clouten

Angels: Terra Garcia, Ashley Parsons, McKenzie Killinger, Elise Steffen

Townsppeople: Molly & Morgan Maleta

Innkeeper: Tiana Carter

Shepherds: Anika Girardi, Neil Olson, and Maggie Patterson

Joseph: Christian Shiffer

Mary: Mimi Crawford

The Kings: Ethan Cook, Nick Dannemiller, and Dusty Shiffer

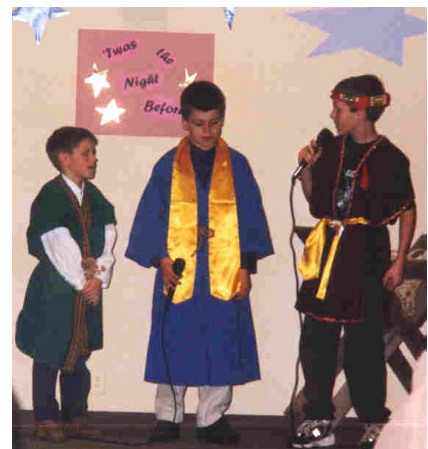
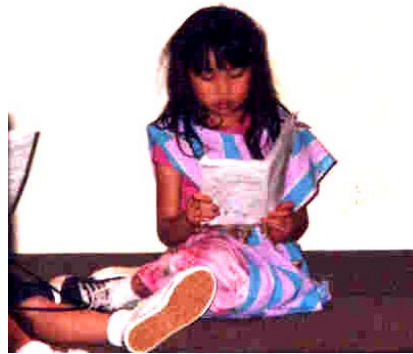
Herod: David MacKay

Priests: Adam & Matthew Buck



The Angel Choir: Elizabeth Beymer, Cailyn Bowen, Dylan Girardi, Emma McGregor, Bradley Olson, Leah Olson, Kenna Patterson, Hannah Reid and Guest Angels

Specials thanks to Mike and Jerry Shiffer for coordinating and directing the play, Kris Sparks for directing the Angel Choir and to all the parents for their help.



TPC December Happenings



This is the count for our Janus Project: 92 mittens & gloves; 80 socks; 1 ear muff; 2 scarves. Your generous contribution will help keep the youth, living on the streets of Portland, warm. Thank you.



Special thanks to Karen, Kip, B.J. and Skyler Stevenson for coordinating Operation Shoebox and to all who gave to this Mission Project. Twenty-eight boxes will be donated to the needy children in Honduras.



Special thanks to the Christian Education Committee for conducting The Toy Drive. All the new and used toys were donated to the children of the inmates at the Coffee Creek Correctional Center.

Holiday Baskets

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Holiday Baskets: shoppers - Toni MacHaffie, Rachel Norse, Susan Springer, Barbara Harriman and Ron, Ellen and Katie Van Schoiack and deliverers: Tom and Clare Hahn, and Pam and Scott Cameron. Thank you to our congregation for spreading your love to help four families at this time.

Christmas Joy Offering

To the congregation of Tualatin Presbyterian Church, thank you for your generous support of our Christmas Joy offering. Fifty percent of your gifts will be distributed to the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for Assistance Programs for current and retired servants of the church. The remaining 50% will be distributed to the 8 racial ethnic schools and colleges of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through the National Ministries Division to assist deserving students.

TPC Cookie Sale

The TPC Cookie Sale netted approximately \$1000.00. A portion of that was donated to "Small Change," an organization providing hydration and nutrition to malnourished citizens of third-world countries. Special thanks to all who baked cookies for the event and to Martha Wilson for Coordinating. Several have asked about the possibility of creating a "Cookie Cookbook" from the recipes that were used for the cookies. If you're interested in coordinating that effort, please see or call Martha.

TPC Prayer Chain



Please take this opportunity to become an important link in our TPC Prayer Chain. We are excited about the possibilities of our prayer in the lives of our loved ones. Is this your way of pledging your prayer time to our church? If you wish more information or have an interest, please contact Lynn Scroggin at 503-579-5966. We will be having an orientation meeting on January 12 immediately after worship.

TPC Quilters Meet on January 5

The quilting group will meet after Church on January 5. These quilts are donated to at-risk and preemie babies at two of the area hospitals (The ABC Quilt Project). We invite you to come and join the fun. We begin shortly after Church is over and end around 2:30 pm with a little time out for lunch. If you have any questions, please call Jaci Smith at 503-244-6348 or Toni MacHaffie at 503-649-5934

Tualatin Food Bank



Thank you for your on-going support of the Tualatin Food Bank. It is always a challenge to make the food and money contributions go as far as possible; but during the cold months, there are even more families in need. All kinds of food and household products are useful, and especially needed are hearty items that can make up whole meals such as chili, soups, spaghetti sauces and peanut butter. Large tubs of laundry soap or packages of toilet paper are repackaged into smaller units and very useful. Money designated for the Food Bank is used to purchase items such as milk, eggs and protein items.

Outreach News

One of TPC's Outreach Programs is helping to set up and serve lunch at the Tualatin Durham Senior Center on the first Monday of every month. Would you like to help? Contact Del Judy .

Saturday Night Live at TPC

Are you talented, semi talented, or just like to act up? Do you have a desire to perform for an appreciative audience? Do you relish the roar of the grease paint and the smell of the crowd? Well, here's your chance to show off your talents...

We're taking all comers for SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE at TPC. Acts can include anything that might be entertaining and appropriate. You can do put on a skit, sing a solo, play music, read poetry. All acts are welcome.

SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2003 – 6:30 PM -- at the church.

Salad, beverages and spaghetti noodles will be provided. Sauces, dessert and bread will be potluck.

Sign up in the narthex during January and you'll have your ticket to stardom. *(Those who don't want to perform are welcome to be "appreciative" audience members.*

Questions? Call Carolyn Hale (503) 678-7864 or Greg Imus (503) 692-8267.

Youth News

The youth are collecting recyclable cans to raise funds for their mission trip this spring. Please save your cans and watch for the big collection barrel coming soon. If you are interested in being an adult chaperon for the mission trip, please talk with Erin Nelson.

Sunday Greeters are Needed

Greeters are needed for part of January and all of February. Please contact Clare Hahn for more information.

TPC Directories are available in the Narthex

Please notify Rhoda at the Church Office of mistakes, omissions, etc. that you find in our updated directory. Your help is needed in keeping the office records accurate! Thank you.



SPECIAL THANKS!

Debbie Reid would like to thank the following for helping in the nursery for the months of September – December:

- Norm Dannemiller •
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| • Pam McGregor | • Jodi Breshears |
| • Pam and Scott Cameron | • Candace Kadel |
| • Pam Bowen | • Donna Hoff |
| • Ted Lambeth | • Toni MacHaffie |
| • Susan Springer | |

Also, a special thanks to Jackie and Norm Dannemiller for making the nursery a special and FUN place to be! They have re-organized and are getting ready to do some painting. We really appreciate their enthusiasm and GREAT efforts!!!

Voyagers Groups



The "Survivors" Voyager Group recently visited the Evergreen Air Museum in McMinnville. Pictured from left to right are: Diane Barry, Bill & Gwen Hale, Del Judy, Mary May, Charles Wheeler, Sharanna, Art Barry, Marian Larson and Cathy Chase. Contact Del Judy for more information on this group.

Honors/Awards



Kay Kinyon was given the honorary shovel for the TPC Landscaping Project



Brian Locke was awarded the honorary sprinkling can for heading up the Sprinkler Project

Favorite Recipes

Pumpkin White Chocolate Drops (Pam Cameron)

- 2 cups butter, softened
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 can (16 ounces) solid pack pumpkin
- 2 eggs
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 bag (12 ounces) white chocolate chips
- 1 container (16 ounces) cream cheese frosting
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease cookie sheets. Beat butter and granulated sugar in large bowl until light and fluffy. Add pumpkin and eggs; beat until smooth. Add flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder and baking soda; beat just until well blended. Stir in white chocolate chips. Drop dough by teaspoonfuls about 2 inches apart onto prepared cookie sheets. Bake about 16 minutes or until set and bottoms are brown.

Combine frosting and brown sugar in small bowl. Spread on warm cookies. Makes about 6 dozen cookies.

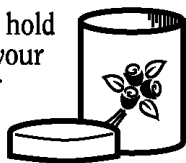
Artichoke Dip (Karen Jones)

- 1 can chopped artichoke hearts (not marinated)
- 1 4 oz. can chopped green chilies
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise

Mix together and bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Serve with chips or bread.

Make a New Year's Time Capsule

Make a container to hold your treasures and your wishes and goals for the New Year.



You will need:

- small storage tin (You may have a cookie-, popcorn- or candy-tin leftover from the holidays.

If you don't have a tin, a shoebox will work.)

- goals for the coming year
- permanent markers
- paper
- glue
- tape
- scissors
- paint
- paintbrush
- little treasures (photos of friends or family, small toys, coins, etc.)

How to make it:

- Wash and dry the tin.
- Decorate the tin with the markers or paint. (If the tin already has a design, you can use that one. Or you can decorate pieces of paper and then glue them to the tin's lid and sides.)



- Mark your name and the date on the lid.
- On a piece of paper make a list of goals – things you would like to accomplish during the year. (For example, be a better student, be more helpful around the house, make new friends, etc.)
- On another piece of paper write some of the important things that happened last year. (For example, got a new puppy, went on a fun vacation, learned to ride a bike, etc.)
- Place the list of goals in the tin along with any little treasures you want to include.
- Tape the lid onto the tin.
- Store it in a safe place (for example, your closet, under the bed, etc.).
- Open the tin on the next New Year's Day. Did you accomplish all your goals? Did you remember what was in the tin?



Just for KIDS

Worship and Celebrate

In our many different denominations and congregations, we worship in many different ways. Although we may worship differently, we believe in the same God! We go to one God in worship and celebration!

Use the code to find words and phrases of things that God's people do in worship.

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1. Praise, 2. Pray, 3. Light Candles, 4. Play Music, 5. Give Offerings, 6. Sit Quietly, 7. Communion, 8. Lift Your Hands, 9. Read Scriptures, 10. Sing, 11. Say "Amen"

Get out your calculator

- Begin with 66, the number of books in the Bible.
- Add 13, the number of Paul's books in the New Testament.
- Add 7, the number of churches in Asia Minor (Revelation 1:4).
- Multiply by 3, the Trinity.
- Multiply by 12, the number of tribes in Israel.
- Multiply by 12 again, for the Apostles.
- Add 600, Noah's age when the flood came.
- Add 3, for Noah's sons.
- Add 30 the age of Jesus when he began his ministry.
- Finally, add 33, the age of Jesus at his crucifixion.
- Now, press the equal sign, turn the calculator around and read the number upside down. You'll see the source for the solution to all of life's problems.

**Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
January 2003**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5 Choir – 9:15 am 10:00 am Worship Eucharist Epiphany Sunday TPC Quilters following Worship	6 Epiphany of the Lord TPC Services at Senior Center 11 am – 1 pm	7	8 Adult Ed Committee 6:30 pm Choir 7:15 pm	9 TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm Fellowship Committee 7:00 pm	10	11
12 Deacon's Meeting 8 am @ Hayden's Grill Choir – 9:15 am 10:00 am Worship Baptism of the Lord Adult Forum 11:15 am Patti Whitney-Wise Oregon Council on Hunger TPC Prayer Chain Training Meeting – after worship	13	14	15 Bible Study 9:30 am – 11:30 am Choir 7:15 pm Mission Committee 7:00 pm	16 TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm Session – 7 pm Outreach Committee - 1:00 pm	17	18
19 Adult Ed 8:45 – 9:45 Downstairs Classroom Choir - 9:15 am 10:00 am Worship	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21	22 Bible Study 9:30 am – 11:30 am Choir 7:15 pm	23 TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm	24	25
26 Adult Ed 8:45 – 9:45 Downstairs Classroom Choir – 9:15 am 10:00 am Worship TPC Annual Meeting following Worship	27 Worship Committee 7:00 pm February Newsletter Deadline	28	29 Bible Study 9:30 am – 11:30 am Choir 7:15 pm	30 TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm	31	

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Epiphany

Epiphany is the Christian festival celebrated each year on January 6. Along with Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, it is one of the oldest Christian holy days.

The festival was first celebrated in the Eastern Church (Orthodox) and was adopted in the Western church by the fourth century. Epiphany commemorates the first "showing forth" or manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles, particularly the Magi or Wise Men. The Epiphany story is meant to explain that Christ was not just for the Jews, but for non-Jews (Gentiles) as well, anywhere in the world.

The eve of Epiphany is called Twelfth Night and relates to the arrival of the Wise Men from the East at the birthplace of the Lord in Bethlehem.

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday from 9am - 1:30 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 9am to noon and Thursday from 9am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Wiggers is in the office Monday – Thursday. Please call for an appointment.