



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

How are your New Year's resolutions going? Have you taken that walk? Read that book, yet? You know churches make resolutions, too. One of the resolutions we made last year was to make our annual congregational meeting more understandable, engaging, and something that actually adds value to our life together rather than something we check off our things-we're-supposed-to-do-but-aren't-totally-sure-why list.

Our meetings in the past have suffered from at least three challenges: 1) The congregation receives the budget on the same day of the meeting giving them no time to really reflect on it in any meaningful way; 2) There is no time in one meeting to really dig into the budget to understand it; 3) The congregation has exhibited confusion over what they're being asked to do- is the session asking the congregation for feedback, approval, or something else?

So here's what we're going to try. On January 27th we will hold our annual congregational meeting in which we review the 2008 budget, elect the 2008 nominating committee, and vote on the pastoral terms of call. In addition to this we're going to hold a "meeting before the meeting" on January 13th after worship. This will not be an official congregational meeting, and as such we can be a little more flexible in how we use our time.

First, we will hear a brief financial report on 2007, see what the session most wants to accomplish in 2008, and then see a draft of the proposed budget for 2008.

Then, as your moderator, I will welcome all questions regarding the budget. As this will be a time for learning, all questions regarding the budget will be welcome.

Finally, after asking questions, we will meet in small groups for discussion and to offer suggestions to the session about the budget. A really helpful suggestion will shed light on an area

where the session might change the budget in order to more accurately reflect our values and priorities for the year ahead. After a set amount of time, a leader from every small group will read the suggestions aloud to the entire gathering. After offering suggestions, we will then re-gather the body and close in prayer. The session will then engage these questions and suggestions at their January meeting.

The last thing I want to share is a fun tool we'll put to use at both the "meeting before the meeting" and the annual congregational meeting. It's a tool developed from the Uniting Church of Australia, and which our session used during their fall retreat. Everyone who comes to these meetings will be given an orange piece of paper and a blue piece of paper. At any point in time the moderator will ask the group how they feel about a particular answer, suggestion, or about whether they are ready to move on with the business. If you feel warmly towards what is going on, you will raise the orange piece of paper. If you have a concern about what's going on, you will raise the blue paper. Since these colors don't make a motion and don't represent a formal vote, people can feel more at ease sharing their feelings and concerns. And as the moderator this gives me really helpful non-verbal feedback about the group that helps me make sure we're presenting and discussing issues in a clear manner and that we're not moving too quickly. (Plus, it turns out that these colors are just fun to wave around and often provide a much needed opportunity to laugh.)

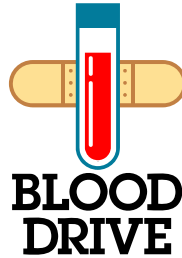
So, I hope to see you after worship on the 13th and the 27th. I really believe these changes will be positive and will make these meetings both more engaging and, most importantly, more productive.

In Christ,

The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood

STW Christian Action Coalition BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, January 17, 2008
2:00-7:00 p.m.
Tualatin Presbyterian Church

There are several ways you can help make this blood drive a success.
Donate blood. Help sometime between 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Bake and donate cookies for the blood donors.
Please talk to Scott Cameron to volunteer (503) 692-3368. Thanks.



FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK AND ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Crockpot Potluck All Church Game Night on Saturday, January 19 starting at 5:30 p.m.
All ages are invited and welcome.

We'll start with a potluck dinner. After dinner we'll play a variety of games. If you have a favorite game, please bring it with you. Check the tower in the narthex for a sign-up sheet.

Questions? Talk to Paula Miller (503) 692-5977

TPC WOMEN'S RETREAT,
FEBRUARY 22-24, 2008
Alton Collins Retreat Center,
Eagle Creek, Oregon
Speaker: Jane Kirkpatrick

Women, there is now a sign-up sheet on the tower in the narthex. The costs listed are estimated; the final cost per person will be determined soon.
Watch the tower and the Sunday bulletin inserts for updated information.

LOVING STITCHES

Blankets are needed for children who are ill, who are in shelters or who have special needs. These blankets can be knitted, crocheted or quilted. Need yarn? There are boxes of yarn for this purpose in the closet in the nursery. For more information, talk to Shirley Schultz after worship or call her at 503-625-9810.

January Birthdays!

1/03	Cathy Lambeth	1/25	Evan Hutchinson
1/04	Mary Shiffer	1/28	Erin Hagan
1/09	Steve Olsen	1/28	Mark Hansen
1/12	Susan Springer	1/28	Ted Miller
1/14	Jim Sanco	1/28	Nick Dannemiller
1/15	Karen Jones	1/29	Randy Beyer
1/18	Mary Maleta	1/29	Casey Sparks
1/19	Scott MacHaffie	1/29	Janet Winterrowd
1/21	Bill Thomason	1/30	Pam Cameron
1/21	Pam Bowen	1/31	Neil Olson
1/24	Greg Sundt		

General Fund Status January – November 2007



	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 193,217	\$ 180,321
Expense	<u>\$ 201,272</u>	<u>\$ 185,844</u>
Net	\$ -8,055	\$ -5,523

November 2007

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 19,383	\$ 21,006
Expense	<u>\$ 18,157</u>	<u>\$ 16,925</u>
Net	\$ 1,226	\$ 4,081



The Winterrowd Family

Our family began attending Tualatin Presbyterian Church after our younger daughter, Molly, was born 19 years ago. We had visited the church a few times that fall. Pastor Thom and Cindy had young children as we did, so naturally, they reached out to us. The day before Molly was born, Thom rode his bike over to our house in Tualatin to see how I was doing. The next day, Cindy and Thom visited us in

the hospital to hold and welcome Molly. That's when we decided to become members of TPC. Greg was 4 years old. He is now 23...sort of! He is a Leap Year Baby so, next year, he will have his 6th birthday on February 29th. (The theme for his party is "Super Heroes." in case anyone would like to attend.) Greg graduated from Montana State University and now owns a production company. He also works for the Tigard Tualatin School District in technology.

Anne is a senior at Oregon State University. She will graduate next year and is planning on going to graduate school to become a teacher. She loves working with kids, especially Abby & Hannah Nelson, and looks forward to sharing this passion in her career.

Molly just turned 19. She is a freshman at the University of Puget Sound, home of the Mighty Loggers. This fall, she played soccer for UPS. It was an incredible experience, taking the team to Chicago for the NCAA Division III Playoffs. She loves UPS!

Gordy has been with Xerox Corporation for 30+ years and continues to be involved in a number of community activities. He served on Session at TPC as the Elder for Administration. I have been a teacher with the Tigard Tualatin School district since 1978. I am now teaching 3rd grade at Mary Woodward. I was an Elder at TPC as well. TPC has been, and is, an integral part of our lives.



A "super-sized" THANK YOU to everyone who assisted our TPC Christmas families either by purchasing gifts for the Giving Tree or providing gift cards for the food baskets! All of the families expressed their surprise and gratefulness for the care and concern they received. None of the families we assisted would have been able to provide gifts for their children or a special meal for their families without your generosity. Thanks again!

Elder, Joan Nardi



*Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar*

January 2008



	Mon		Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	4	5
6 Epiphany Sunday Worship – 10:30 am Communion	7	8 Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm 7:00 Guitar Session (Room 5)	9 Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	10 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	11	12
13 Worship – 10:30 am “Meeting Before the Meeting” following the morning worship service Youth Groups 5:30 pm	14 7:00 Deacon Meeting CE Meeting 7:00 pm	15 7:00 Guitar Session (Room 5)	16 Bible Study 10:00 am Bell Choir 7:00 pm Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	17 Session 7:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 2-7pm	18	19 Newsletter Deadline 12:00 pm Fellowship Event- Crockpot Potluck & All Church Game Night 5:30 pm
20 Worship – 10:30 am	21	22 7:00 Guitar Session (Room 5)	23 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	24 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	25	26
27 Worship – 10:30 am Congregational Meeting following the morning worship service Youth Groups 5:30 pm	28	29 7:00 Guitar Session (Room 5)	30 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	31 Bell Choir 7:00 pm		