

PLEASE NOTE....Clock is ticking...

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BARBARA ALLEN

I recently had the privilege of visiting TPC's own Barbara Allen, and over tea and cookies, she shared many of her lifetime experiences.

Barbara was born and raised as an only child in Long Beach, California. She started attending Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Long Beach when she was 5 years old, and continued through adulthood. She was a soprano in the choir, and served as deacon and elder during her time in that church.

She met her late husband, Gary, while attending middle school. Two weeks after graduating from University of Redlands with a degree in English in 1959, they were married. Gary was a Stanford alumnus, and had a career as a professional writer. Barbara was an early elementary school teacher for 10 years and says it was a job she loved.

Barbara quit teaching to raise a family, and had 4 children in 4 years. Her first two children are exactly a year apart, born on the same day. I suspect she was a very busy lady, keeping track of 4 children under the age of 5!

Her oldest son, Michael, lives in Washington, D.C. Her second son, Scott, lives in North Carolina. Her daughters, Bonnie and Cathy, both live here in the Tualatin area. All told, Barbara has 11 grandchildren.

Her daughters had already moved to Portland when Barbara had a significant health challenge. At that time, she and her mother, Muriel Powers, moved to Portland to be near her daughters. (On a side note, Muriel Powers was an organist in the early years of our own TPC.)

For many years, Barbara lived in a house 2 doors down from her mother. Barbara had a wonderful caregiver for 25 years, and 2 years ago, she moved to the Marquis Assisted Living facility in Wilsonville, where she now resides.

Barbara is an avid reader and shared that she goes to the library "every single week!" She loves the library so much that she volunteers to help sort books in the Wilsonville public library on a regular basis.

Any time the Denver Broncos are playing, you will likely find Barbara sitting in her own personal rooting section!

Apparently, she is a football fanatic, and although she does watch college games, she really prefers watching the pros. She definitely plans to watch the Superbowl!

Starbucks decaf coffee lattes, especially the seasonal peppermint lattes, are favorites of Barbara's!

During her driving days, Barbara loved driving red cars...particularly those that would go FAST!

It was a delight to spend time with such a lovely lady, and we are happy to have Barbara Allen as a member of our TPC family. Be sure to greet Barbara with a warm "Hello" the next time you see her in church!

Submitted by Jan Bender, Deacon Parish 8



STEPHEN MINISTRY

The interviewing is complete. Thirteen Stephen Minister Trainees will start class on Tuesday, January 3 at 7 pm.

Adult Education Class



ADULT EDGE

Beginning Sunday, January 8 and going forward Adult Edge will begin at 8:30 am and end around 9:45 am. Our lively discussions have been cut short due to running out of time, so the majority of regular attendees

voted to begin 15 minutes earlier. January through March 2017 we will study and discuss the book, "The Muslim Next Door." Please consider purchasing a paper or electronic copy so your time sharing will be more personal. April through May 2017 we will study the book, "The Irrational Jesus". Check out Ken's super amazing website and purchase his book at TPC or at: www.irrationalJesus.com

John Casebeer Adult Ed Elder



ADULT YOUTH GROUP - Sat., January 14

The TPC Adult Youth Group will venture out to North Portland to enjoy some amazing Ethiopian-Eritrean food

and fellowship at E-Njoni Café, located at 910 N. Killingsworth St., Portland, 97217. Time: 6 to 10 pm. Please let Sarah Beck know if you are planning to attend by Friday, January 13 at noon. We'll meet at the church at 6 pm to carpool.

CHRISTINA'S ATTIC

After the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, it's time for some peace and quiet. What better way to sense peace than viewing an exhibit of Becky Backen's photos? What better way to remind ourselves of the majesty of God the Creator than viewing God's creation through Becky's photos? Her exhibit will be ready the week after Epiphany Sunday, January 15.

Christina Robertson, Art Director



FELLOWSHIP DINNER GROUPS

The winter-spring phase of Fellowship Dinners is about to begin. In the past, we've called this the winter phase, but now that we have slipped the schedule forward a month, this phase is mostly in the spring. If you are not currently participating, January is your opportunity to sign up. New church members will find this a great way to get better acquainted and long-time members find it a way to expand their relationships with other church members. Current participants do not have to do anything to continue.

Fellowship Dinners are groups of 7 to 9 people who meet once a month for four months for a meal, usually dinner, and fellowship. The groups usually meet in homes, but they have also met in restaurants, parks and at TPC. The hosts provide the main course and others bring side dishes, dessert, etc. Sometimes games or activities are included. Each group decides the times that work best for all to gather. After each four-month phase a computer program comes up with new random groups. This gives everybody the chance to connect and know even more people in the church.

To sign up for the new round of fellowship dinners that will start in February, use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex, or email Rick Crall, Crall@spiritone.com by **January 15th**. Current participants in the Autumn phase are already signed up, and do not need to do anything to continue. (Only once a year, in September, we ask everyone to sign up again. However, if you are a current participant and wish to opt out of the winter-spring phase, let us know by Jan. 15th.)

You will receive an email with your group listed about January 19th, and the groups will be posted in the Narthex on Sunday, January 22nd.

Rick Crall



BRUNCH

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BRUNCH SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 10:30 am

A new year, a new you, and a chance to grow in fellowship with the women at TPC. This is your opportunity to learn about Carolyn Barker's faith story, especially as it relates to many meaningful experiences while living in the Philippines. She has put together a video slide show that guides us through her journey.

You will see a sign-up sheet in the narthex to indicate whether you wish to bring a brunch item, participate in set-up or help with cleanup. To the left of the sign-up sheet you will see "take ones" for our two mission projects: Backpack Buddy Program and Days for Girls. Any items you can donate to these worthy causes are appreciated.

This women's group is open to all TPC women who want to strengthen the bonds of fellowship and grow spiritually. Please feel free to bring a friend. Judy Nix, Publicity Coordinator

WOMEN'S MARCH ON PORTLAND Saturday, January 21 from noon to 3 pm

Sarah Beck is leading a group to partake in the "Women's March on Portland." If you are interested, please let her know, ASAP. All are welcome to march with us.



BLOOD DRIVE, TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 - 1 TO 6 PM

Scott Cameron, our in-house blood drive coordinator, is looking for all kinds of volunteers to help with the blood drive on Tuesday, January 24 from 1 to 6 pm. He needs blood donors, cookie bakers and people to help host the drive that afternoon. If you can help, please contact Scott. Or watch for him before and after worship in January. He'll be the tall gentleman with a clip board.

TUESDAY'S TREASURES

The December Treasure Night was a time to celebrate the holy family at the time of Jesus' birth. With scripture and song (thanks to Bud on the piano), Treasures and volunteers acted out the scenes with Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, the angels, the kings (and a queen), the animals and baby Jesus.

The Awdry's three service dogs served as our live manger animals, receiving honor and attention during the nativity presentation. Erik and Mike made possible the special effects of star showers on that holy night.

Each year our Treasures (adults with disabilities) warm our hearts with their special love for Jesus and his birth, bringing joy to the world!



Back row: Erik Spurrell, Brenda Lee, Mary Stuller, Rob Wiesenthal

Front row: Amy Parsons, Charlett Hernandez, Angela Besc, Paul Dechaine

Carolyn Locke, TPC Treasures Coordinator

For more information about this event or about the Treasure program, serving adults with disabilities, please contact Carolyn Locke at clockezoo@gmail.com

COMPASSION INT'L SPONSORED KIDS

Thanks to all of you who baked, bought, or helped in some other way with our successful mission bake sale. The funds raised will be used for our sponsorship of Sarah in Uganda and Estalin in Ecuador. Here is our most recent letter from Estalin:



Dear Friends,

I send my regards in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and hoping you are great! Let me tell you that with the other kids from the project 496, we went to Oyacachi. There were swimming pools, hot tubs, fishes and rooms where we can take a rest. I got a new pair of water glasses and with it I could swim better.

At 12:30 I had rice with fish with lemon juice for lunch. We went back home but we stopped in a park where we had so much fun with my friends! We had chocolate ice cream. There in the park we could find different games and there was this small lagoon. I crossed the lagoon through a bridge!

Days after, I went to Colombia with my family. It was a long ride but when we got there, my parents bought me a pair of shoes, shirts, and backpack for the new school year. After fixing some problems in the car, we went to a park full of different animals. I really loved it but at the end we got back to our home.

Dear sponsor I really want to thank you very much for sending me the money to buy the school materials that I need. It was very helpful.

Please pray for my health and my studies, my family and their health and that God guides our path always and we be happy.

Estalin

MISSION

The JANUS winter clothing arrived just in time as the weather changed to freezing! The youth project administrators in Portland expressed their deep appreciation for all of your kind (and warm) gifts.



A quick tally of your support includes 102 pairs of socks, 82 pairs of gloves and mittens, 70 hats, 47 scarves, 26 jackets and parkas, and one pair of very fashionable mukluks.

Thanks again, TPC, for making a number of disadvantaged kids in our area feel the warmth of the holiday season. We also give a special thanks to Emery Phillips who joined our project team this year. His skills matched the array of wood working tools in his garage as he crafted the new JANUS tree.

Bob Eddy, Mission Committee Member

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

On Saturday, Dec. 10 from 5 to 9 pm, Sarah Beck offered a "Parent's Night Out" (PNO) for families with children 5-12 years old. Parents dropped off their children at TPC at 5 pm. The kids ate pizza, ran around, practiced the play, chose a play costume, watched a movie, enjoyed birthday cake in Jesus's honor, made gingerbread houses to take home. Parents picked up their children at 9 pm. Nineteen children attended Parent's Night Out. Several parents apologized as they dropped their children off, because Christmas time can make children a little wild and crazy.



CHRISTMAS PLAY

On Sunday morning, Dec. 11, all the TPC children dressed up in costumes and performed a Christmas play for the congregation. Everyone had a part to play. The story of Jesus's birthday was traditional; however, the rest of the play was improv at the manger. We even had a Christmas sloth make an appearance after the first scene.



Children who came to church and did not have a part in the play put on sheep costumes and during the fourth scene, handed out candy canes to people in the audience. The play was fantastic; the children felt good about their performance.



CHRISTMAS DUET

When the play ended, Anya and Monica surprised the congregation by singing a "Christmas Hallelujah" duet while Pastor Ken accompanied the girls on the piano. They all three did an amazing job.

CHRISTMAS BREAK ART CAMP

Monday, Dec. 19 through Friday, Dec. 23, Chris Robertson led a free-of-charge Christmas Art Camp for children on break from school, children from the church and children from the local community. Class size was limited to 20 kids per day, for children 5-12 years old. The children worked on self-portraits that they framed and wrapped up as Christmas presents for their parents; they made collages, painted on canvases, made wire sculptures, used scratch boards and colored large Christmas coloring pages. The kids also ran

around and enjoyed some free time to play and get to know each other, as half the children were from the community who had never attended TPC before this week.

THE AWAKENINGS

Paul Belz-Templeman graciously offered to host a dinner for the TPC high school members and college students home for winter break on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Russ Carlton joined the group for dinner and conversation. We made our own pizzas and Paul cooked them in his wood fire oven in the back yard. Then we made ice cream Sundaes for



dessert. Cam Sweetland and Paul Belz-Templeman both tried pizza sauce as an ice cream topping. Paul said it wasn't bad.

THE AWAKENINGS GROUP VOLUNTEERING AT THE TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY

The fourth Saturday of every month, Tualatin School House Food Pantry offers fresh produce to families in need. Families usually wait outside in line for their produce, rain or shine. The TPC high school group has an opportunity to make families feel more comfortable by serving them coffee and hot chocolate, setting up chairs for those who cannot stand for long periods of time, playing with kids, making conversation with folks, etc. Unfortunately, due to an ice-covered parking lot and a forecast of 21 degrees on Saturday morning, the Harvest Share Produce Event was canceled. Our next opportunity to volunteer will be Saturday, January 28 from 7:30 to 10 a.m.

ADULT YOUTH GROUP

The December Adult Youth Group Event - Wed., Dec. 7. The Adult Youth Group was scheduled to tour the Grotto Festival of Lights; however, due to freezing temperatures and icy roads, the activity was canceled.

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SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

...after worship

Beginning now, we will solicit signups via email for the “after service coffee” responsibilities. We look forward to the participation of all those who have served in the past, and to the “mentoring” opportunities that will be offered to those who would love to serve, but desire some on-the-job training! Thanks in advance for your support.

Bob Eddy, on behalf of Your Deacons

PRAYER CHAIN

To add a prayer request to the prayer chain, contact Greg Imus.

WANT TO JOIN US?

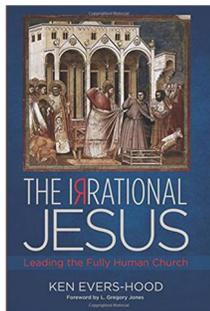
Would you like to become a member of Tualatin Presbyterian Church? If yes, let us know! Email Jeni Wiggers, Membership Coordinator, at wiggerscal@gmail.com. She will get back to you.

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

The pantry currently needs canned fruit, canned soup, canned meals (chili, pasta, etc.), boxed macaroni and cheese, and powdered laundry detergent. This is the same list as last month’s. The need continues. Thanks for your continuing support of this ministry.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

Copies of the church directory are available in the office on the small table to the right as you enter.



THE IRRATIONAL JESUS

Copies of Ken’s book are available for purchase in the church office.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 03-Cathy Lambeth
- 04-Mary Shiffer
- 04-Eleanor Damiano
- 06-Rosemary Willis
- 07-Riley Reding
- 08-Deb Carlson
- 09-Steven Olsen
- 12-Jeff Cameron
- 12-Wendy Love
- 12-Susan Springer
- 15-Samuel Corona
- 15-Karen Jones
- 16-Herb Richardson
- 17-Joen Morris
- 18-Mary Maleta
- 19-Scott MacHaffie
- 21-Pam Bowen
- 21-Bill Thomason
- 24-Greg Sundt
- 28-Nick Dannemiller
- 28-Erin Hagan
- 28-Mark Hansen
- 28-Ted Miller
- 29-Randy Beyer
- 29-Janet Winterrowd
- 30-Pam Cameron
- 31-Annica Gage
- 31-Neil Olsen

FINANCIAL NUMBERS THRU NOVEMBER

2016 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 11/30/16	\$348,702	\$332,671	\$16,031
Operating Expenses Year to Date 11/30/16	\$334,074	\$341,830	\$7,757

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on About Us, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu..

JANUARY, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship	2	3 7 pm Stephen Ministry training (N)	4 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal	5 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	6	7
8 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Sunday School	9 7 pm Deacon meeting	10 7 pm Stephen Ministry training (N)	11 10 a.m. Loving Stitches 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	12 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	13	14 Adult Youth Group to dinner. Meet at TPC at 6 pm.
15 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Sunday School Meeting Before the Meeting after worship	16	17 7 pm Tuesday's Treasures 7 pm Session Meeting 7 pm Stephen Ministry training (N)	18 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	19 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	20	21 10:30 am Women's Ministry Group
22 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Sunday School Congregational Meeting after worship	23	24 9 am February newsletter deadline 1 to 6 pm Blood Drive 7 pm Stephen Ministry training	25 10 am Loving Stitches 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	26 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	27	28
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and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Maya Angelou



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Picture taken December 11.

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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

Parish Associates: The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Craig Bowen, John Casebeer, Cathy Lambeth, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Bob Eddy, Susan Fee, Dianne Lemmon, Deborah Lewis, Bonnie Nord, Jackie Norman, Gina Olson, and Pamela White.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Director of Youth and Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Membership Coordinator: Jeni Wiggers

Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coordinator: Carolyn Locke

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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