



Bob Beatey and Karen Black

We are so glad to have Bob Beatey and Karen Black as part of our congregation at TPC. To help you know them better, here is the lowdown.

Bob was born in Boston and lived south of Boston all his life, that is until he moved to Portland. His accent is a giveaway! He has 4 sons. Unfortunately, his son Jim died 7 years ago, but the other three live south of Boston with their families. (Cape Cod, Nantucket sound familiar?)

Bob worked in administration at two national engineering companies. One of the companies, Parsons Brinckerhoff designed the Fremont Bridge in Portland. They also built an eight floor underground garage in Boston. (There is no parking in Boston above ground.)

Karen was born in Portland, OR, and lived there until she was 7. She grew up in Illinois and Michigan and moved to Boston to work as a nurse. She married and her son and daughter grew up south of Boston. Her vocation was home health administration, but her avocation was grief support groups.

Karen's son expanded his vision and went to Medical school at OHSU. Her daughter joined her son in Portland, then San Francisco, and they both moved back to Portland, married, and now have families in NE Portland.

About 14 years ago, just before the birth of Karen's first grandchild, Bob and Karen moved to Portland. They lived in a couple of places before finding the "right" place in Tualatin.

Bob and Karen attended Old South Union Church, south of Boston, when they lived there, but did not immediately find a church here. One fall, when they were in Tualatin, Bob was spending 6 months with one of his sons who was having chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. Karen spent her time in their garage making a dollhouse for her granddaughter. She talked with all the neighbors and the conversation would usually end with the neighbor saying, "I'll pray for you." And Karen asked, "And where do you pray?" TPC came up a few times so Karen attended a service. She went home, called Bob and said she found their church and they have been coming ever since.

Karen says there have been some interesting coincidences in her life in Portland. She never in a million years thought she would live in Portland. Her grandparents lived in Gladstone and Milwaukie and her happiest times were there and in Seaside. When she moved back here her aunt was still alive. Karen lived on SE 48th, just south of Burnside and her daughter lives on NE 48th.

Recently Pastor Ken traveled around the United States sharing his book and he visited a ministry friend of his near Boston and preached—at Old South Union Church.

Bob has always enjoyed golfing. In the past his favorite partners were his sons though they found a certain humor in the experience. Now he plays at Riverside and with the church group. He loves reading and movies. These hobbies are all evident if you visit him in his great room office. He has three cats that follow him around all day and consider him the Pied Piper. He also attends a 9 am meeting at the donut shop. Many of you have seen him there.

Karen enjoys her grandchildren: Charlie, 13, Jonah, 11, Georgia, 10 and Kenny, 7. If you want to see Karen light up, ask her about her grandchildren. She is involved with Medicare as a SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance) volunteer. In that capacity she has helped many people navigate the multitude of Medicare choices that best suit their individual needs. She enjoys quilting and can often be found at quilting retreats. Last year she learned Mahjong and plays every week.

Karen, we are so glad you returned to Portland and brought Bob with you!

Dianne Lemmon, Deacon of Parish 1

New Adult Edge Study on Immigration Starting January 14, 2018

By Jean Martin

Adult Edge is TPC's version of Sunday morning adult education with an innovative vibe. The class is discussion-focused and question-friendly—a safe and thoughtful space to explore contemporary theology, spiritual formation, and social issues. Sometimes taught by Pastor Ken and sometimes facilitated by class volunteers, Adult Edge uses a variety of learning methods—books, DVDs, and lecture—but the real richness of the class comes through shared conversation. Adult Edge meets on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM, downstairs in the Adult Education Room. Childcare is available. All are welcome!

Adult Edge has taken an interesting journey since September last year. First, we cycled along with United Church of Christ minister Laura Everett, author of *Holy Spokes: The Search for Urban Spirituality on Two Wheels*, as we looked at the bicycle as a metaphor for spiritual growth. Next, we used a DVD study titled *Christianity's Family Tree*, produced by United Methodist pastor Adam Hamilton. Hamilton's approach was to look for what we hold in common and what we can learn from our brothers and sisters in the Christian tradition. We began with Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, and the denominations that emerged from the Reformation: Lutheranism and Presbyterianism. In the second half of the series, we looked at Anglicans, Baptists, and Pentecostals and we will finish up with Methodists on January 7, 2018.

Starting **January 14, 2018**, we will begin a new study of Presbyterian pastor Ben Daniel's book, *Neighbor: Christian Encounters with "Illegal" Immigration*. Using a blend of travel narrative, interviews, theological insight, and biblical scholarship, Daniel tackles the controversial issues that surround undocumented migration in the United States by taking the reader to the spiritual, legal, and geographical front lines of the immigration debate. Here, the political becomes personal and talking points have a human face. The result of this journey is a compelling argument that encourages Christians to meet undocumented migrants as neighbors and as friends.

Rick Ufford-Chase, Moderator of the 216th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), offers this endorsement: "This is the primer on immigration I've been waiting for: theological reflection, part historical study, part

political analysis, and part compelling stories shared by a gifted writer. Those who care deeply about the immigrant traditions that have strengthened our country will find themselves caught up in Ben Daniel's easy, non-preachy storytelling style. Read it for yourself and then study it with your friends in your church."

So, come along as our focus shifts to the timely and complex subject of immigration. We will learn together as class members facilitate discussion of sections of the book

TPC Reading Groups Continue in 2018

By Jean Martin

Thanks to a great idea conceived by Priscilla Hagan, the TPC Adult Education Committee launched two new adult small groups for fiction lovers and insight seekers in 2017. Every Third and Fourth Thursday mornings last fall, men and women gathered in Priscilla's home to share their perspectives on the book of the month.

September started the new groups off with lively discussions of William Kent Krueger's *Ordinary Grace*, set in 1960s Minnesota. This remarkable coming of age story, told through the voice of thirteen-year-old Frank Drum, a preacher's son, gave participants a chance to talk about the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

October swept the groups across the ocean to Janus Rock and a remote lighthouse off the southwestern coast of Australia. Set after World War One, *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman provided the opportunity to explore the cost of the choices we make in life and the astonishing power of forgiveness.

In November, the two groups read the last novel of C. S. Lewis, *Till We Have Faces*. Fascinated by the myth of Cupid and Psyche, Lewis retells their story from the perspective of Psyche's sister, Orual. With his trademark insightfulness, Lewis offered an opening for the groups to look at our own fallibility and the role of a higher power in our lives.

In December, both groups met for Christmas brunches - a time for table fellowship and a chance to suggest book ideas for 2018. Priscilla served her delectable Scandinavian fruit soup as a first course, followed by an equally scrumptious potluck brunch.

We will continue in January 2018 with the timeless classic *I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven, the tale of one man's discovery of the ultimate truths of life and love, courage and dignity, among the Native peoples of the Northwest. Third Thursday Readers will meet **January 18**, and the Fourth Thursday Readers will gather **January 25**; both groups will meet at the home of Priscilla Hagan from 10 to 11:30 AM. We will announce the full schedule of 2018 book choices at the January meetings.

We have room for more people who would like to read good fiction that also promotes thought-provoking conversation about spiritual growth. Small groups are a great way for newer folk to enter into congregational life and a great way for longer-term members to reconnect. Please contact Priscilla Hagan, Jean Martin, or Laura Spurrell if you would like to participate in one of the reading groups.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BRUNCH

Saturday, January 20th, 10:30 am to noon

We welcome 2018 with Attorney John Marandas as our speaker on immigration issues. Immigration law is his specialty, and John will share with us what is happening with immigration, victims' rights, Immigration Control and Enforcement (ICE), and deportation issues. I believe you will find this a timely and interesting topic.

February is National Heart Awareness Month. During February our speaker will teach us how to maintain a healthy heart. Mark your calendars for February 17. The following months have some fun and interesting topics in the works.

The Women's Ministry is a fellowship program open to all women (friends are welcome, too!) who attend church at TPC. There is no joining, no dues...just come when you can and enjoy fellowship, an interesting topic and good food. Bring a brunch item to share, but if you don't like to cook, just put some additional dollars in the donation basket. It's that simple!

Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex and an email about the January meeting. Donations can be brought for the two ministries we sponsor: Buddy Back Pack and Days for Girls. "Take one" brochures are on the bulletin board by the kitchen listing the items requested.

Judy Nix, Women's Ministry Comm.Coordinator

FELLOWSHIP DINNER PROGRAM

The Winter Phase of the Fellowship Dinner Program is about to start. This is an excellent time to sign up if you are not currently participating. If you have been participating, you are automatically signed up for the Winter Phase.

Fellowship Dinner Groups are comprised of 7 to 9 people who meet once a month for four months for a meal and fellowship. The groups usually meet in someone's home, 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 group activities are included. Each group decides when to meet. While most groups meet in the evening for dinner, sometimes a brunch has worked best.

The winter phase runs from February through May. After four-months, a computer software program comes up with new random groupings.

Sign up using the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or email Rick Crall, re3ric@gmail.com by Sunday, January 21. You will receive an email with your group listed about January 25, and a list of the groups will be posted in the narthex on Sunday, January 28.

NOTE: The Fellowship Dinner Program is looking for people to serve on its steering committee. If you are interested, please reply to Rick Crall. The steering committee meets about once a year to review and make changes to the program.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at TPC, Tuesday, January 30th, 1 pm to 6:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, contact Scott Cameron 503-692-3368 or go online to redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code STWCAC.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting redcrossblood.org/rapidpass, to complete your pre-donation by reading health history questions on the day of your appointment.

The TPC Story Crew proudly announces a Winter Frolic event after worship on Sunday, February 11th from 11:30am-12:30pm, downstairs in the multi-purpose and choir room. Fun, food, and an amazing surprise awaits all who attend. RSVP announcements begin soon.
John Casebeer Story Catching Elder



SPONSORED KIDS

Sarah in Uganda: Here is a new photo of Sarah, now 16 years old.
Estalin in Ecuador: On January 1 Estalin will celebrate his 11th birthday.

We have been sponsoring these delightful kids through Compassion International for 3 1/2 years. Funds raised at our annual TPC Christmas Cookie Sale, coordinated by Russ Carlin, support our sponsored kids. *Thanks to Russ and to all who baked and/or bought cookies at our December sale.*

Carolyn Locke, Mission Committee



Photo: Carolyn Hale and the Kyle family join Russ Carlin at the December 9 Cookie Sale at TPC

TUESDAY'S TREASURES

December 19, 2017

As we continue "On the Road with the Bible", we arrived in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus. The innkeeper's wife (a.k.a. Mary Shiffer) greeted us and shared her story of the night when Mary and Joseph came, asking for a room at the inn. Treasures acted out the story, with a few variations.

One of the angels kidnapped Baby Jesus from the manger. Mary, shocked by this action, was both gracious and forgiving when she saw that the beaming angel was taking good care of the baby. Rob "The Sheep" Wiesenthal was joined by three additional "sheep" (the Awdry's dogs) who were decked out in seasonal attire. Treasures also decorated Christmas ornaments as they enjoyed star cookies baked by Barbara Larson.

Tuesday's Treasures is an outreach program serving adults with disabilities and their caregivers. This month we were pleased to welcome Michele Crawford who came for the first time to help with their companion dog trio.

The TPC Treasures Leadership Team
Carolyn Locke, Mike & Mary Shiffer, Denise Collins



Photos: Mary, Angel, and Joseph



Three 'sheep' (Julian and Sue Awdry's dogs)

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

In September, session members approved a Bylaw amendment to be voted upon by the congregation at the January, 2018 Annual Meeting. The proposed change will add a youth or young adult position to both the Board of Deacons and to session to serve a one-year term. This amendment, and possibly a couple of house-keeping bylaw amendments, the approval of the Pastor's Terms of Call and the election of the members of the 2018 Nominating Committee will be on the agenda of the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2018 following Sunday worship. The details of these agenda items will be presented at the "Meeting Before the Meeting" after worship on Sunday, January 21. Rick Crall, Clerk



CHILDREN'S PLAY, DECEMBER 10



The youth assembled gift bags. Twenty were given to the children of Rios de Agua Viva and the rest were taken to the Good Neighbor Center, a homeless shelter in Tigard.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

After worship each Sunday morning all are invited to stay for coffee and cookies in the narthex. For this fellowship time to be a reality, volunteers are needed to serve the coffee and cookies. Our deacons are responsible for signing people up.

To assist in this endeavor, a site has been established on line. You can go to the site and volunteer to serve coffee and cookies on a Sunday morning of your choosing. Simply click on this link: <https://goo.gl/9imGAU> and you'll be taken to sign upgenius.com and given the opportunity to sign up. Once on the site, there are instructions to guide you in the process.

The deacons have posted directions on the cabinets to the left of the kitchen sinks telling you what tasks need to be done on Sunday morning. Thanks, in advance, to all who sign up!

OPPORTUNITIES...

Family Promise – 13 is the Magic Number

Some folks think 13 is unlucky, but not Family Promise of Tualatin Valley. That's because 13 Host Churches are what is needed for the start-up. TPC was the first church to agree to be a Host Church, then Grace Point Community Church (Baptist) committed, and we have at least five other churches with Councils and Mission groups in various stages of consideration. Plus, January is a big month of planned presentations along with a workshop on Homelessness.

So what is magic about 13? We need 13 Host Churches to commit to provide overnight shelter and meals once per quarter for one week at a time for 12 months, This makes hosting 3-4 homeless families a very doable commitment. We will need your help providing meals during the hosting week and two people each night to sleep overnight with our guests. Remember these are special guests, who enter this program – they have been background checked, drug tested and those with abuse or drug issues are not allowed into this program.

Homelessness is the biggest need in the school districts our non-profit affiliate covers – Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood, and Lake Oswego. We have targeted 4th quarter 2018 as a tentative start-up date. Lots of moving pieces to secure as yet – a Day Center (we are looking at one), hiring a Director and staff member for the Day Center, securing a van for transporting families. We will keep you updated along the way.

Addressing Homelessness: A Dialogue Between Faith and Government

If you are interested in learning more about homelessness in our area, Vision Action Network and Project Homeless Connect are partnering to host a dialogue on homelessness between communities of faith and the government sector of Washington County: Thursday, January 18, from 11:00 am to 2 pm at Sunrise Church, 6701 NE Campus Drive in Hillsboro— \$10 fee registration fee, includes lunch. John Casebeer and Judy Nix will attend; there is room for a couple of passengers. Email Judy at jcnix@comcast.net for more information.

To learn more about Family Promise, come to our monthly meeting scheduled on Wednesday, January 24th, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Tigard United Methodist Church, 9845 SW Walnut Place, Tigard. Judy Nix, Human Resources Elder

YOUTH LOCK-IN
Saturday 12/30 to Sunday 12/31



IN JANUARY, PIANIST DR RON FABBRO CELEBRATES TWELVE YEARS AT TPC



As we head into 2018, one of our most beloved employees, Dr. Ron Fabbro, marks twelve years of service with TPC. We all think he is amazing.

Ron received Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in piano performance from the University of

Colorado, and as a teaching fellow he was awarded a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Rice University. He has studied with such renowned pianists as Larry Graham, Angela Cheng and John Perry. As part of the Martingale Ensemble, he recorded a CD for MSR Classics of music by Claude Debussy and Gustav Mahler with members of the Oregon Symphony.

Frequently in demand as an adjudicator, he has judged many prestigious competitions in the Pacific Northwest and Idaho.

Dr. Fabbro has won prizes and awards in many national competitions and has been a featured soloist with well-known orchestras in Colorado and the Pacific Northwest.

A dedicated teacher, his students have won multiple first prizes in symphony competitions in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Dr. Fabbro currently serves on the faculty of the University of Portland and previously taught at Marylhurst University.

We at TPC feel blessed to have an accompanist of Ron's caliber enriching our music program with his talents and love of music. Thank you, Ron, for being a significant part of the TPC worship experience these past twelve years.

Judy Nix, Human Resources Elder

2017 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 11/30/17	\$364,163	\$351,170	\$12,994
Operating Expenses Year to Date 11/30/17	\$351,972	\$364,986	\$13,014

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on What's Happening, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu.

January, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	4 10 am Project Linus 7 pm Bell rehearsal	5	6
7 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	8 7 pm Deacon meeting	9 7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	10 10 a.m. Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	11 7 pm Bell rehearsal	12	13
14 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	15	16 7 pm Tuesday's Treasures	17 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	18 10-11:30 am Book Group #1 7 pm Bell rehearsal	19	20 10:30 am Women's Ministry - Speaker im- migration attorney
21 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Sunday School Meeting Before the Meeting after worship	22	23 7 pm Session Meeting 7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	24 10 a.m. Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	25 10-11:30 am Book Group #2 7 pm Bell rehearsal	26	27 High School ski trip.
28 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Congregational Meet- ing after worship Sunday School	29	30 Red Cross Blood Drive 1 to 6:30 pm See Scott Cameron	31 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal			

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03-Cathy Lambeth
04-Mary Shiffer
06-Rosemary Willis
07-Riley Reding
08-Deb Carlson
09-Sтивен Olsen
12-Jeff Cameron
12-Wendy Love

12-Susan Springer
15-Samuel Corona
15-Karen Jones
16-Herb Richardson
17-Joel Morris
18-Mary Maleta
19-Scott MacHaffie
21-Pam Bowen
21-Bill Thomason

24-Greg Sundt
28-Nicholas Dannemiller
28-Erin Hagan
28-Mark Hansen
28-Ted Miller
29-Janet Winterrowd
30-Pam Cameron
31-Annica Gage
31-Neil Olson



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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, Jeff Engh, Cathy Lambeth, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Bob Eddy, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Dianne Lemmon, Bonnie Nord, Gina Olson, Rob Wiesenthal, Pamela White and Chapin Zakrzewski.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

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: Diane Paetsch

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

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.

Monday – 9:00 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon