

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN



**Ken's Annual Christmas Poem**  
**Read Aloud at the Session/Deacon/Staff Christmas Zoom Gathering**  
**Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

Once upon a time  
In a land of plenty  
There came an annus horribilis  
Known as twenty twenty

But even the scourge  
Of Covid nineteen  
Couldn't keep TPC down  
Listen up and see what I mean:

There was Ian and Megan  
And a whole worship team  
Allowing you in your PJ's  
To enjoy our livestream

And after Ron's postlude  
There's no time for gloom  
Because the party keeps going  
In our raucous zoom room

Mike and Susan  
Keep the office a goin'  
Because even though we're shut down  
They keep working from home!

Carolyn Hale and the deacons  
Also came to our aid  
By organizing trip after trip  
Of vehicular parades

Then Rick and the bells  
And Shari with the choir  
Recorded music keeping us safe  
And preventing Ken from setting the church on  
fire...again

The deacons also  
Made space for Holy friends  
Who grew close as they  
Set goals and made plans

Here's to Jeff and finance  
Who secured our PPP loan  
So we could keep our staff  
Instead of activating our clones

Cheers to Sarah and log college  
Greg's Barnabus grant  
Russ' technical knowledge  
That will prepare for the return to our physical  
plant

For it's almost 2021  
And apologies to the bard but by the pricking of  
My two thumbs  
And it better be the case that something  
WONDERFUL this way comes

Once upon a time  
In a land of plenty  
There came an annus horribilis  
Known as twenty twenty

But even the scourge  
Of Covid nineteen  
Hasn't kept us down  
Why we've found way after way to  
Smile instead of frown

The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood

## TPC READERS TO MEET BY ZOOM IN JANUARY 2021

by Jean Martin

Second  
Thursday  
Readers



Third  
Thursday  
Readers



Although we had a short interruption from COVID-19 in March 2020, two TPC reading groups (one on Second Thursday mornings, the other on Third Thursdays) never missed a beat. We picked up our schedule of reading and discussing fiction books with spiritual themes via Zoom in June and continued through November 2020. A few of our favorite 2020 book selections were *Ragged Company*, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, and *This Tender Land*.

In December, although we were unable to meet in person around Priscilla Hagan's round table for our traditional Christmas Brunch, both reading groups donned their festive attire and gathered for virtual table fellowship and a chance to suggest book ideas for 2021. We will announce the full schedule of 2021 book choices at our January meetings and in the February TPC newsletter.

In the meantime, the TPC Readers will kick off January 2021 with Paul Coelho's classic fable, *The Alchemist*. The Second Thursday Readers meet January 14; the Third Thursday Readers meet January 21 to discuss a book that combines magic, mysticism, wisdom, and wonder into an inspiring tale of self-discovery. Priscilla Hagan facilitates discussion of the monthly book selection from 10 to 11:30 AM.

We have openings in both the Second and Third Thursday Readers. Small groups are a great way for newer folk to enter into congregational life and for longer-term members to reconnect. If the idea of reading with a group of church friends appeals to you, please contact Priscilla Hagan, Carolyn Hale, or Jean Martin.

## **TPC FINANCE - Mark Your Calendars!**

As we head into the new year, it is an important time for TPC's congregation to gather and prepare for the coming year. Please mark your calendars for these important dates:

**Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting Before the Meeting – Stewardship & Administration Elder, Maureen Wolf, will give a brief 2021 budget presentation during service and will be available to answer questions immediately after service during the ZOOM gathering. This is an important time to raise questions about the proposed budget. Session will be reviewing and adopting the budget on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Meeting – Please join us immediately after service for the annual meeting; a quorum of membership is required. There will be a brief presentation about the 2021 Adopted Budget, congregational approval of Pastor Ken's Terms of Call, Annual Report delivered by our Clerk, Liz Belz-Templeman, and approval of the 2021 Nominating Committee.

Look forward to seeing you then!

Maureen Wolf, Stewardship & Administration Elder

## **ANNUAL PER CAPITA**

### **UNDERSTANDING PER CAPITA AND WHY YOUR CONTRIBUTION MATTERS**

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate, and share in the work of the wider church. The term "per capita" refers to each member. Congregations are asked to contribute to the administrative costs of the regional and national church based on the number of members enrolled. TPC's Per Capita for 2021 is \$10,549 or \$36.50 for each member.

The regional district, called Presbytery of the Cascades, receives \$22.33 of each \$36.50 paid. Examples of how this money is used include-

- Staff and committees which provide resources to pastors and elders
- Warm Springs Presbyterian Church as it provides humanitarian and spiritual services on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation
- Presbytery meetings where commissioners from our 96 congregations discuss and adopt policies that further our common mission in Oregon.

The Synod of the Pacific receives \$5.22 from each member. Our Synod consists of 11 Presbyteries covering Oregon, Idaho, California, and Nevada. Examples of The Synod spending are-

- Funding projects that help presbytery leaders understand our emerging spiritual context
- Offering low-cost loans for energy efficiency projects on church properties.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) receives \$8.95 from each member. The General Assembly utilizes funds to-

- Promote international and ecumenical dialog and partnership,
- Provide legal services and advocacy (a minister in this presbytery received legal help to secure a visa so he could keep serving his congregation)
- Hold conventions and conferences where Presbyterians come together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

Your contribution matters to the Presbyterian Church and directly to TPC. Per Capita payments (\$36.50 per member) can be paid by check or online. A new link for online donations, [tpcspirit.org/givenow](https://tpcspirit.org/givenow) will take you directly to the donation page. (You can also use the [tpcspirit.org/givenow](https://tpcspirit.org/givenow) link to make other donations to TPC or to set up recurring donations...a great way to ensure your pledge is paid.)

Wishing you the best in 2021, Maureen Wolf, Stewardship & Admin. Elder



**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

This year donations received will go to Tualatin Valley Family Promise, whose objective is to provide safe housing and access to resources to help families recover from homelessness. Remember or honor someone special this season with a Christmas Memorial.

**Christmas Memorials 2020**

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| Barbara Allen         | not specified                                     |
| Russ and Karen Carlin | Carole Slater                                     |
| Candy Ferguson        | Terry Molina Minard - sister                      |
| Chip Kyle             | In memory of my parents, my brother and my sister |
| Stacy and Rick Mauer  | Our parents, brother David and grandson Joseph    |
| Bob and Diane Paetsch | Our parents                                       |
| Mike and Mary Shiffer | Our parents and Tina Elliott                      |
| Jay and Nancy Wilcox  | Jocelyn Wilcox                                    |

Russ Carlin, Mission Elder



**FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY UPDATE**

What a month December was for Family Promise of Tualatin Valley – As the CARES funding was winding down, the Family Promise case managers were pulling out all the stops to make sure every family was either into housing, at one of the Extended Stay units managed by FPTV, or were occupying one of the two apartments St. Anthony’s Catholic Church has provided for our families. TPC provided all the furniture and household items for six moves this month, and all furniture is almost out of TPC’s basement. Every donated bed made its home with a family. What an endeavor Judy and her team (mostly Bob!) had making that happen. This furniture ministry has been such a blessing for the family recipients, and Family Promise is ever grateful that TPC let them use the space—who knew it would organically grow as it did! However, it is a hopeful note that our church facility is returning to normal. In the future, Family Promise will provide families with a scaled down move-in items such as queen or twin beds, linens, and kitchen supplies (dishes, pots, pans and utensils) and maintain those items in a couple of storage units.

Other Christmas notables, a tree farm donated a small live Christmas tree to every family. Suburban Door’s Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus delivered the church-donated presents to every program family, and TPC dedicated the Christmas Memorial fund to Family Promise.

The year ended with over 6,000 bed nights provided to people who needed a safe, clean place to sleep—not to mention 18,000 meals! So many comments were made by program families that not having to worry about food was such a blessing.

Thank you, TPC, for your unwavering generosity and support to make a difference in the lives of others.

Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen, TPC Family Promise Coordinators  
 Judy Nix, Family Promise Move-in Team and Board Member

TPC 2020 UPDATE-FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 11/30/20	\$395,637	\$357,523	\$38,114
Operating Expenses Year to Date 11/30/20	\$346,664	\$365,794	\$19,130



## HAPPY 2021 EVERYONE

It seems Covid-19 vaccinations are on everyone's minds these days. I encourage everyone to talk with their doctor about them, and I hope you will get one as soon as possible if your doctor recommends it. Here are some sites to go to for more vaccine information.

[https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/?utm\\_source=OHA&utm\\_medium=govstatus\\_redirect&utm\\_campaign=https:%3A%2F%2Fgovstatus.egov.com%2Ffor-oha-covid-vaccine](https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/?utm_source=OHA&utm_medium=govstatus_redirect&utm_campaign=https:%3A%2F%2Fgovstatus.egov.com%2Ffor-oha-covid-vaccine)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits/facts.html>

<https://coronavirus.providence.org/blog/uf/641356738>

<https://www.ohsu.edu/health/covid-19-vaccines>

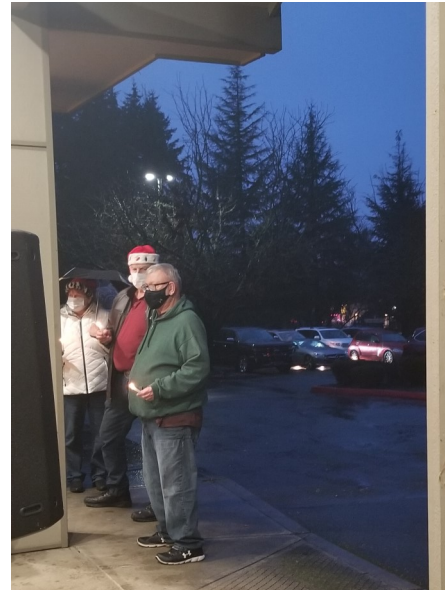
<https://www.legacyhealth.org/about/news-and-media/COVID-19-Info-page/covid-19-vaccine.aspx>

<https://www.about.kaiserpermanente.org/our-story/news/announcements/5-things-to-know-about-the-covid-19-vaccines>

[Where to get a COVID-19 vaccine: Walmart, Walgreens, hospitals, more - CNET](#)

Please remember face covers, social distancing, and handwashing are still our friends. Please continue to take all the recommended precautions and be patient while you wait for your turn for a vaccine. We are still going to be dealing with this pandemic for a while, but I feel there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Susan Fee, Parish Nurse



## MISSION - GIVING TREE

The Mission Committee moved the logistics for signing up to donate to the Giving Tree on line. After volunteering, purchasing and wrapping the gifts, all were invited to bring their gift for the Giving Tree to a socially-distanced gathering in the church parking lot on Sunday 12/20/2020 at 4 pm. Thanks to everyone who donated gifts and cash; we exceeded our goal!

At 4:30 pm Pastor Ken led a vesper service. Attendees stood under the front door overhang, or out in the parking lot, or stayed in their cars. Ken had set up a sound system so he could be heard by all. We lit candles and sang...all socially distanced. And yes, it rained.

Russ Carlin, Mission Committee Elder

## REFLECTIONS

Looking forward, this coming year may be a bit emotionally darker at the beginning. The virus which rocked 2020 in ways we had not foreseen, will continue to rock 2021.

But, as we all know, vaccinations have begun and hope is on the way in the form of a needle to the arm. I never thought I would look forward to a shot, who knew?



Until the time comes that we can safely be out and about, (while continuing to wear our newest fashion statements, masks) I will continue along the path I've been walking for years. Putting one foot in front of the other, finding delight in the bits of serendipity Mother Nature sends my way. It's January and I look forward to the sweet, sweet smell of Daphne Odora, when I step out back. I look forward to red shoots of peonies peeking out from their annual winter bed. I am positively giddy with the thought that in late February I may look outside to see a Rufous Hummingbird back at the feeders, replenishing herself from her long migration from Mexico.

Until those things come to fruition I will delight in observing the many daily visits this Ruby-crowned Kinglet makes to the suet feeder. He is completely nonplussed by me walking right up next to him. He's a small, hungry and spirited bird. Every once in a while he graciously thanks me for the never ending buffet we provide by putting on a magic show. What, you didn't know Kinglets are magic? Watch him closely enough and he might one day flash what appears to be a ruby-colored crown of feathers. Don't blink though, for in an instant the crown will be gone, leaving you to wonder if that really, truly happened.

Budding aromatic Daphne, Peony and Rufous returns, daily visits from Kinglets... and of course that all important needle of hope in our arms. So many things to look forward to in 2021. Happy New Year, friends!

Rebecca Backen

## MASK UPDATE

The money that we collect goes toward buying protective masks for the farm workers of Clackamas County. This is part of a project that Bridging Cultures, a non-profit with which I am affiliated, provides for the needs of the farm workers, especially during the Covid pandemic. This is in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority. The OHA has limited funds to provide for the needs of each farm worker so our help enables Bridging Cultures to provide more cloth masks (reusable) to all of these workers on the front line of agriculture. Bridging Cultures (BC) has reached 54 farms at this point and distributed 1,825 masks (both disposable and reusable). When they give out these masks and other PPE, they provide information about contagious diseases and other available resources. At the same time BC helps to coordinate testing events at the different farms. BC has never had enough masks to satisfy the need but they are grateful for the masks we provide. The farm workers and farmers are most grateful for these masks. The farm workers have said that they thought that nobody cared about them and their health (and their families') and now they know that people do care about them. It means a lot! Thank you for your generous giving. For questions and more information, contact Marilyn Wood (503) 705-1927 or Liz Belz Templeman (503) 899-2490.

**CONNECT TO TPC - SUNDAY WORSHIP** at 10:10 am. Go to church website, [tpcspirit.org](https://tpcspirit.org). Or Facebook.

ZOOM enables you to interactively participate in a virtual meeting with other TPC folks. To find the links for regular zoom meetings (the "Virtual Coffee Hour" after Sunday morning worship, and the weekday 9 am Prayer meetings)" go to [tpcspirit.org/Links/](https://tpcspirit.org/Links/). That page is updated weekly or as needed.

To join a ZOOM meeting, click the link from a message or web page. If it is outside the times for that meeting you'll get a message, "Please wait for the host to start this meeting" which indicates that your computer is set up properly.

Problems? Look at [Zoom Step-by-step](#) or send an email message to [support@tpcspirit.org](mailto:support@tpcspirit.org). [Zoom Step-by-step](#) also contains useful additional information about navigating some of the features, and alternatives available with Zoom.

## TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

Thanks to the generous support of the community, for the first time the pantry was able to provide clients with Christmas Dinner Food Baskets which included ham and the fixings. For the latest hours and information about the pantry, please visit [tualatinfoodpantry.org](https://tualatinfoodpantry.org). If you are interested in helping, go to [schoolhousepantry.org/signup](https://schoolhousepantry.org/signup)

Items needed currently include: hearty soup, shampoo, toothpaste, and peanut butter.



John DeHoney died Friday, November 27, 2020.

Dorothy Butts passed on December 8.

Jan Bender's mother, Marge Magnuson, died on Saturday December 19.

Cynthia Grobey's mother, Dorothy Au, passed on Dec. 29.

# JANUARY TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) and click on EVENTS.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook.	<b>4</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>5</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>6</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>7</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>8</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook.	<b>11</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon meeting/Zoom	<b>12</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>13</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>14</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	<b>15</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Meeting Before the Meeting Also on Facebook.	<b>18</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>19</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session meeting on Zoom	<b>20</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>21</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers Meet by Zoom	<b>22</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Congregational Mtg. Also on Facebook.	<b>25</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>26</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 9 am Feb news- letter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>27</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>28</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>29</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Same as Jan. 10.						

## Happy Birthday!



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03-Cathy Lambeth  
04-Mary Shiffer  
06-Rosemary Willis  
07-Riley Reding  
08-Deb Carlson  
09-Steve 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  
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

The church office is closed due to Covid-19; staff members are working from home.  
The building is not available for meetings.

You are invited to worship with us on line on Sundays starting at 10:10 am.  
Go to the church website, [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) Or Facebook.

If you wish to leave a voicemail message, call the church office  
at 503-692-4160. Messages are checked regularly.



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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on line at [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood

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

**Elders:** Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin, Jeff Engh, Joan Nardi (acting), Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos  
Ian Swanson, and Maureen Wolf

**Deacons:** Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson,  
Sheri Schipporeit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: vacant

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: Liz Belz-Templeman

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

**The office is closed. Can leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.**