

**WELCOMING 2024 - The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry**

Ten months! That’s how long I have been serving as Interim Pastor at Tualatin Presbyterian Church and what a joy it has been. In 2023, we worshipped together, discussed the pastor search process together, broke bread together, and listened to one another. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to experience what God is doing at TPC. Now that you have elected your PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee), I will continue to serve in my interim pastor position while the PNC does the work of meeting together, submitting forms, developing a job description, reading applications, interviewing and listening to sermons. Usually, this part of the process takes 6-9 months. So, I could possibly be here through September, but we will see how God’s Spirit moves and who applies. In the meantime, if you would like to meet with me over lunch or a cup of coffee to talk about the church or the search process or life’s many challenges, I’m available Wednesdays through Sundays. May God bless you in 2024 and . . . keep the PNC in your prayers!

Ken Henry    email: pastor@tpcspirit.org

**FUTURE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS IN JANUARY, 2024**

**Wednesday, January 10 - Session and PNC meeting**

7 pm - talk about the budget  
 7:30 pm - meet with members of the PNC

**Sunday, January 14 meeting after worship service**

Meeting Before the (Congregational) Meeting to talk about the budget and ask any questions.

**Wednesday, January 17 - another session meeting**

Session will meet to discuss, finalize and approve the 2024 budget.

**Sunday, January 21 congregational meeting after worship service**

Congregational meeting to present the 2024 budget and elect nominating committee members.  
 Winter Chili & Soup Potluck in the narthex after worship and the congregational meeting

**MEMBERS OF THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)**

The members of the Pastor Nominating Committee, listed below, were elected at a congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, December 10, 2023.

**Susan Cameron**

Hello TPC, Susan Cameron here! Jeff and I came to TPC in 2011! Found our home here with you all. We were welcomed by Pam and Scott Cameron, our distant cousins! A bond was formed. Soon after I was asked to be a Deacon! I have been a Deacon ever since. I started sharing recipes with my parish to bring us together. I love to cook and love can be expressed with cooking for one another. Then we started exploring all of our gifts and how those can be shared with our community. I continue to be a Deacon because I care for you all so much.

I am honored to be asked to be on the PNC Committee. My connection with you all is what I hope to bring to the selection process. We all are seeking different attributes in a pastor. Working with this PNC committee I feel we will represent TPC and bring you a strong selection of Pastor(s).

**LaVette J. Columbo**

Served on Session for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, CA. It was a large congregation (approximately 500-700 members) during a difficult time for the church.

I moved back to Oregon and eventually found TPC. It was sketchy at first, as to whether I would try to join. I’m so glad I got over myself and put forth the effort to become a member of what I now call my church home.

The first gathering that I attended was Loving Stitches. I was “hooked” so to speak. The rest is history. You can often find me in the back of the church on Sunday, crocheting while I sing and listen to the Rev. Ken’s sermon.

### **Alan Grobey (Chair)**

I am a native Oregonian, whose life has been shaped by a diversity of personal, professional, and community experiences. I’ve been married to Cynthia for 34 years, and we have three grown children: Halah, Elon, and Micah (all 3 were involved in the TPC Youth Group). We have lived in Sherwood since 1997. I grew up in Newberg, which is where I met Cynthia (yes, we are high school sweethearts).

We have attended TPC since 2013. I have been an active member of the TPC Choir and played a role on the committees that selected the last two music directors. In previous churches, I have participated in various committees, including the Staff Parish Relations committees, finance/budget committees, and capital campaign committees aimed at raising funds for new buildings.

My hope for the church is that the PNC will be led by God to find a person who is a great fit for TPC. One that not only serves our needs for today, but also stretches us into the future, to be even better stewards of God’s love in the world.

### **Alan Kelchner**

Alan Kelchner and his wife, Susan, moved here from Sonoma, CA a year ago in order to be near family, including all four of their children and their seven grandchildren. Alan and Susan feel fortunate to have found a church home at TPC, and also to have found a home on the Tualatin River, off Beef Bend Rd, with a dock, a big yard, and 150 rose bushes. They first met in a church youth group near Dayton, Ohio, and this month they will celebrate their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Alan is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ (Congregational). He was a senior pastor for 35 years, and has helped provide leadership in several thriving, growing churches. He especially enjoys being part of a team and helping a group of people work together toward a common goal.

Alan has a Ph.D. in preaching and wrote *Collegial Preaching: Hearer and Preacher as Colleagues in the Creation of Meaning*.

### **Charles (Chip) Kyle**

Cackie and I have been members of TPC since we retired and moved to the Portland area in 2007. I have been active in the church: helping to start the Men’s Group; active in outreach efforts for Habitat; regular dinner group participants; and serving twice on Session, first as Mission Elder and then as Administration Elder. I am now on Session for a third time serving again as Mission Elder and also serving as Treasurer. The church is an important part of my life and many of our friends are here. I am well aware of the spectrum of belief of TPC, theologically I am somewhat left of center – not a literalist, but a believer in the metaphor. My hope for the PNC is that we identify and recruit an individual who walks humbly before God. A leader who is theologically mature, has strong interpersonal skills, a sense of humor and cares deeply about our church family.

### **Judy Nix**

Senior Human Resources executive with proven track record of shaping high performing work cultures in hospital, high tech, and financial industries. Developed strategies to attract and retain talent, employee training and development, compensation and benefits, employee relations, and policy design to drive business success.

### **Elizabeth Reding**

I have been a member of TPC for more than 10 years now. After checking out many churches in the area, we appreciated the open, friendly, non-judgmental atmosphere at TPC and found inspiration, challenge and comfort through the sermons offered by Pastor Ken Hood. We decided to become members and have been here ever since. Our children have been growing up in this church. Both were baptized by Pastor Ken Hood and they enjoy their relationships with their church friends and the adults that lead Family Ministries.

As part of the PNC, I think I can add a valuable perspective from the position of a younger member with children growing up in the church. I hope to represent and advocate for our shared values as a church as we search for our next Pastor.

### **Jim Walchenbach**

Jim has never been on a PNC but has interacted with PNC's as the son of a Presbyterian minister. His father attained a PhD and wrote a book on Calvin. Jim studied Marketing and German. One of Jim's favorite topics to discuss with his father was "marketing" the Presbyterian Church – in essence communicating what it means to be Presbyterian. He firmly believes in the Presbyterian church and what it offers to adults, and importantly, to youth as well.

Jim's take on PNC: There are great pastors. And there are great churches. Jim's hope is to find an outstanding pastor – but equally important the right pastor based on the identity and opportunities of TPC.

### **Gordy Winterrowd**

We've been members of Tualatin Presbyterian Church for 30+ years, joining in 1988. During that time, I served on the Session as the Administration Elder. In that role we led a search group which hired an associate pastor. In addition to church finances and administration, the role included being a member of the personnel committee. In management at Xerox, I was involved with hiring.

It will be a priority to find an individual who has the skills, knowledge, and attributes to lead the church and to keep the church strong. We need to find an individual who matches the priorities and meets or exceeds the criteria outlined by information gained from the recent survey.



### **FELLOWSHIP DINNERS - BACK ON OLD CALENDAR - WHAT'S NEXT?**

We are finally getting back on the calendar we used before Covid with signups in January, May and September. The Winter 2024 sign up begins now and ends on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**What are "Fellowship Dinners"?** This program, which started in 2008, consists of groups of about 8 people who gather for a meal, usually dinner, once a month for four months. Then we shuffle the groups at random and start another 4-month phase. It has proven to be an excellent way for folks to get to know one another and enjoy fellowship together.

**The plan:** Historically, a new phase is started in October, February, and June. That has proven to fit best with the annual cycle of TPC and everyone's activities. Our start last spring in April was two months off of that optimum annual schedule. We gained a month by starting in September this fall and now, with a February start, we'll be optimum again. You may sign up with an email to Rick at TPCspirit.org, or on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**The details.** Fellowship dinners are groups of 7 to 9 people who meet four times in four months for a simple meal and fellowship. 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. While most groups meet in the evening for dinner at someone's home, a brunch has sometimes worked best and other venues, like restaurants or TPC, have been used.

After each four-month phase the computer comes up with new random groups. The computer algorithm avoids forming groups that put folks together who have recently been together. This gives everybody the chance to connect and know even more people in the church. **New church members** will find this a great way to get better acquainted and longtime members find it a way to expand their relationships with other church members.

Submitted by Rick Crall on behalf of the Fellowship Dinners Steering Committee.

## MEMORIAL STONE FOR CATHY LAMBETH

After morning worship on Sunday, January 7 in the memorial garden, Pastor Ken will lead a brief prayer service remembering Cathy Lambeth. To attend, turn right as you exit the church and walk straight ahead into the memorial garden.

A memorial stone for Cathy Lambeth has been engraved and placed in the garden next to the stone for her husband, Ted Lambeth. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cost of the stone and to Greg Owen for taking the stone to the engravers, picking it up when ready, and installing it in the garden adjacent to the church.



## COFFEE CONNECTION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 CANCELLED

Our connections coordinator, Judy Nix, has cancelled the Tuesday, January 9th Coffee Connection meeting. Judy is not feeling well; she has COVID. Prayers for her speedy recovery.



## WINTER CHILI AND SOUP POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP

Beat the January blahs and stay after worship on **Sunday, January 21** and warm up with a hot bowl of soup or chili—or maybe one of each.

Barb Crall, Fellowship Director



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT TPC WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, FROM 12:30 TO 5:30 PM

For more information or to sign up to donate blood or help at the drive, talk to Scott Cameron.

## MEN'S MEETING

The next Men's Meeting will be Friday, January 26 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. We will have a guest from the Portland Jewish Community. Topics will be related to the Israeli Hamas war, and the struggle the Israelis have had in establishing their country since WWII. Everyone is invited. Donuts and coffee will be provided. Questions? Call Dale MacHaffie 503-784-2476.

## ADULT EDGE (Adult Education)

This class meets on Sunday morning to discuss the scriptures of the day. They start at 9 am and run until 9:45 am.

## MISSION COMMITTEE

We are very thankful for the willingness of members of this congregation to reach out and assist those who are less fortunate, are experiencing difficult times, or just need a helping hand. The Mission Committee ran three big projects during the months of November and December. The Janus Project supported at-risk youth and young adults in the Portland area. The Annual Cookie Sale supported the Compassion International youth that TPC sponsors, as well as the Memorial Garden. The Giving Tree supported families in the Tigard-Tualatin School District. Each of these projects had impressive results. Over 610 items (hats, gloves, scarves, socks, jeans, coats, blankets) were collected and delivered to the Janus Project. The Cookie Sale generated \$1,084 which easily covered the Compassion Int'l scholarships. The Giving Tree "ornaments" of \$25 and \$50 gift certificates totaled \$1,625 and were delivered to TTSD offices prior to winter break. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Chip Kyle, Chair, TPC Mission Committee

**SESSION will meet twice in January, on Wednesday the 10th and the 17th.**

### **NEW MEMBERS OF TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

On Sunday, December 17, 2023, six individuals attended a new member class after worship. Please welcome these new members: Linda Bradley, Dee Dutoit, Linda Gilbert, Susan Kelchner, Alan Kelchner, and Marilyn Vosloo. Judy Nix, Connections Elder



Thanks so much to everyone who has donated or has volunteered at Bridge to Home. TPC will continue to purchase groceries for the food pantry, so donations are appreciated to pay for these items. You can make the donation to TPC and label it for Family Promise.

Volunteer opportunities exist at the food pantry; help is also needed with meal prep and meal serving. See below for more information. - If the links below don't work, please contact Derrilyn Bayha at 661-747-8447 or [dabayha@mac.com](mailto:dabayha@mac.com). Thanks to everyone for volunteering.

**Food pantry:** Volunteers staff our weekly food pantry for guests in our motel shelter program on Wednesdays from 3:30-6:15 pm in room 225.

The signup genius link for Bridge to Home Food Pantry is:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8A822AAF8CE9-food>

**Meal prep:** Work alongside FPTV's community chef to assist with meal preparation at local churches Monday, Wednesdays, and Friday, 1-4 pm.

The signup genius link for meal preparation is:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8A822AAF8CE9-44418377-community>

**Meal service and cleanup:** Work alongside FPTV's community chef to assist with serving community dinners and cleaning up afterwards. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 5-7:30 pm.

The signup genius link for serving and cleanup for community meals is:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8A822AAF8CE9-44424411-community>

Thanks for you continued support. Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen, FPTV Coordinators

### **TEXT OF THANK YOU NOTE FROM Gina Olson, FPTV Engagement Coordinator**

Dear Pastor Ken, TPC Staff, and Missions Team,  
On behalf of Family Promise of Tualatin Valley, I would like to thank you for your gracious backing of our work. Your ongoing partnership in helping equip financially vulnerable families to build a brighter future and regain sustainable housing for themselves and their children has been invaluable.

Your efforts in providing food support, along with our other congregations, has been instrumental in building a quality food program for our guests.

I enjoyed the opportunity to provide two recent tours of Bridge to Home, our shelter. If you or other members would be interested in another joint tour of Bridge to Home, we would be honored by the opportunity to share our joint success in building a stronger community. We have enjoyed the opportunity to provide information about our programs with several other support congregations. We would gladly visit TPC and provide a similar presentation.

Your coordinators, Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen, have been incredibly helpful and a joy to work with. They always exceed expectations and offer joyful service.

Thanks again for your partnership and warm wishes.  
Gina Olson, Family Promise of Tualatin Valley Engagement Coordinator

## LETTER FROM ESTALIN IN ECUADOR, SPONSORED THRU COMPASSION INTERNAT'L

Dear Sponsor,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you are fine and everyone, too. Thanks to God we are healthy. I would like to tell you that my family and I are fine. Soon we will have very nice and important dates. It is Christmas and we celebrate Jesus birth.

I want to tell you that I am doing well in school. I am doing my best effort to reach my goal which is finishing high school. On the day of the dead, which was November 2, we went as a family to the cemetery to visit our relatives who died. We cleaned the graves and made food. It is a tradition. It is nice. On November 3, we had a holiday and we went as a family to the zoo. It is located in Guallabamba, Quito.

Goodbye in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you have a good time at Christmas. Please pray for my family, my parents, the pastor and my studies. I would like to ask you, how are you? When is it holiday there? What will you do on Christmas? What pets do you have? What place in Ecuador would you like to visit?

**TPC ANNUAL REPORT** - Would you like to help create the 2023 Annual Report? If yes, please contact Rick Crall or Susan Springer. Thank you.

**PER CAPITA** - For 2024, per capita remains \$45.60 per member.

**COFFEE HELPERS** Coffee and cookies are such a treat after service. Volunteers are needed to get it ready on Sundays. If you would like to help, sign up at <https://goo.gl/9imGAU> or TPC website and go to members - fellowship - and click on coffee sign up. If you are new to volunteering, let me know and I will make sure someone will be there to help. THANKS. Derrilyn Bayha - [dabayha@mac.com](mailto:dabayha@mac.com) or 661-747-8447

**PASTOR KEN'S EMAIL ADDRESS IS PASTOR@TPCSPIRIT.ORG**

**WAYS TO DONATE TO TPC** Scan this code with your smart phone to donate to TPC by debit/credit card or bank account. Scanning this code takes you to the TPC donation page. Questions? Talk to Mike Shiffer.



### WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPATION

Are you interested in being a part of an upcoming service? Front-door greeters, liturgists, and communion servers are always needed and all are welcome to sign-up. A brief job description and the sign-up sheet are available in the narthex after each service.

Eileen Eakins, Worship Elder



The photo on the left was taken by Kerry Weaver on Christmas Eve morning during the Children's Message. Photo below was taken by Megan Swanson at the 4 pm Christmas Eve service.



# JANUARY TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC	<b>4</b> 12:45 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 am to noon choir rehearsal
<b>7</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Short prayer service for Cathy Lambeth in memorial garden after worship	<b>8</b> 7 pm Deacon Meeting	<b>9</b> Coffee Connection cancelled 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>10</b> 7 pm Session meeting 7:30 meet with PNC	<b>11</b> 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 12:45 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Meeting Before the Meeting after worship	<b>15</b> No School. Drop in Day at TPC for Youth	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC  7 pm Session Meeting	<b>18</b> 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 12:45 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Congregational Mtg after worship Soup/chili potluck after meeting.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>24</b> Blood Drive 12:30-5:30 pm February newsletter deadline office@tpcspirit.org	<b>25</b> 12:45 pm Uke practice  7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 10-11:30 am Men's meeting at TPC	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

Worship with us at the church, or on line  
Sundays at 10 am.

To find us on line, go to the church website,  
www.tpcspirit.org, or Facebook, or YouTube.

To leave a message at the church, call 503-692-4160.

Pastor Ken Henry can be reached at  
pastor@tpcspirit.org

TPC 2023 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 11/30/23	\$326,800	\$309,700	\$17,100
Operating Expenses Year to Date 11/30/23	\$325,600	\$329,800	\$3,200



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4-Mary Elaine Shiffer  
6-Rosemary Willis  
7-Riley Reding

8-Deb Carlson  
9-Steve Olsen  
12-Jeff Cameron  
12-Wendy Love  
12-Susan Springer  
15-Karen Jones  
16-Herb Richardson  
17-Joen Morris  
18-Mary Maleta  
19-Scott MacHaffie

21-Pam Bowen  
24-Greg Sundt  
28-Nick Dannemiller  
28-Erin Hagan  
28-Mark Hansen  
29-Janet Winterrowd  
30-Pam Cameron  
31-Neil Olson



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**Web Address:** [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) We're also on Facebook.

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

**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

**Parish Associate:** The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers, recently retired.

**Elders:** Eileen Eakins, Worship; Sandy Gurney, Family Ministries; Chip Kyle, Mission; Lynne Neilson, Stewardship and Administration; Judy Nix, Connections; Greg Owen, Technology and Building and Grounds

**Deacons and their parish number:** Derrilyn Bayha (5), Susan Cameron (7), Linda Fukasawa (2), Jason James (4), Dianne Lemmon (3), Kerry Weaver (1), and Rosemary Willis (6).

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Julie Flint

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Jennifer Schloming

Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Larry Nord

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Craig Bowen

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall

Hospitality Coordinator: Derrilyn Bayha

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Dale MacHaffie

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Stephen Ministry: Jean Martin, Susan Springer

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Archivist: Rick Crall

**The office is open limited hours. Leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.**