



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Greetings all,

Last year around this time I read a great book written by the historian, David McCullough, titled "Brave Companions". It is filled with small vignettes capturing some of the most fascinating men and women in 19th century America other than the ones you've heard about- like some guys named Lewis and Clark for instance. ☺ One of my favorite stories that McCullough captures is the life and exploration of Louis Agassiz. Born in Switzerland in 1808, Louis Agassiz traveled to America, established himself at a little school (at the time) by the name of Harvard University. He became one of the most famous scientists of his day championing the belief that in the past, the earth had suffered several cataclysmic ice ages, a view we still hold today.

In one of the more dramatic images from Agassiz's life, McCullough describes that to get more and more proof for his ice age theory the scientist had to take larger and more daring risks. At one point, Agassiz found himself literally at the end of his rope. Agassiz had descended a harrowing 120 feet into a crystal blue well in one of the world's largest glaciers in Aar in the Swiss Alps. Only by clinging to the very end of his lifeline, Agassiz was able to collect the final data that convinced the world of his theories, though nearly freezing to death in the process.

Now, I think what I love about this story is the contrast between Agassiz's safe life at Harvard and his kind of Indiana Jones-like life literally on the edge. I love this story of Agassiz having to push himself to go all the way to the end of his rope, because only there, only at this uncomfortable and risky place, was he able to find and learn what he most needed to gather. I love this, because it reminds me of us here at TPC. It reminds me of myself. On the one hand like Agassiz's life at Harvard, life here at

TPC is really quite good, isn't it? Yes, we're dealing with some building issue, and we have to work on improving some of our programs, but on the whole life is good. The pastoral transition is going well, and the congregation responded with amazing generosity during the stewardship drive this year enabling the session to pass a balanced and more ambitious budget for 2005. So much about the ministry at TPC is positive and comfortable and there is very little need to change to keep this being a great place. But on the other hand? Well, the other hand is that week after week we find ourselves confronted by the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ that almost always asks us to climb down our rope a bit and stretch and grow in ways that aren't always easy. Some weeks we may find we are like Peter, called to leave the safety and comfort of our 'boats' in order to meet Jesus out there in risky waters. Some weeks we are more like Mary, called to ignore the negative criticisms of those around us and to sit at Jesus' feet stretching our minds and learning new things. And some weeks we'll be called to be more like Paul, a man driven to bring this amazing message of God's love to suffering people who absolutely ached for this message that we are saved only by God's amazing grace- grace alone and nothing else. Like Agassiz pushing himself to the limit, week after week we, too, hear the Gospel message calling us out of our comfort zones.

Now what's really wonderful here about Agassiz's adventure is that this isn't an either/or kind of story. It's not as if Agassiz's life at Harvard was negative or bad and his life at the bottom of the Aar glacier is where he should live all the time. No. The truth is Agassiz needed both Harvard and his time on the edge to be productive. He required the seclusion and comfort of Harvard to study his findings and to write and communicate his ideas to the world. And he needed his time in terms of parking as well as the seating in the sanctuary. Some of our members actually saw visitors come and leave when they didn't see enough open space to feel comfortable. Start praying and thinking

about whether adding another service in the fall or spring of 2005 might be something towards which the Gospel is calling us. Finally, we do a great job at TPC feeding our sheep. We put a great deal of effort into providing solid worship, fantastic fellowship opportunities, and programs for our children and youth to learn and thrive. I wonder, can we continue to improve in these areas, at the same time that we begin to think about being more of a what a great place this is? Are there needs in our community that we can help meet if, like Agassiz, we're open to stepping out of our comfort zone?

I'm not sure about the answers to any of these questions. It will take all of our hearts together to discern where God's spirit leads. What I do know for sure is that it is truly an honor and a privilege to be your pastor. Melis, Will, and I continue to settle in, and it's exciting to begin to see creative possibilities with you. I think we're doing a great job, and I'm looking forward to see what new things God will be doing in our midst in the years ahead.

Shalom, Ken

2004 at TPC

New Members

Mary Ortez	Bob Lenneville
Noel & Dee Johnson	Jeff Mikesell
Shari Olson	Joan Nardi
Gary & Marcia Bell	Laura Spurrell
Stuart & Barbara Larson	Eric Spurrell
Ronn & Carol Rhodes	Melissa Evers-Hood
Bob & Judy Nix	

Communicant Members

Michelle Crawford	David MacKay
Corbin Bowen	Tony Mitchell
Kerry Lambeth	Stacey Bartlett
Naomi Todd	Mimi Crawford

Baptisms

Mimi Crawford	Hannah Nelson
James Warne	Charlie Kozak
Courtney Kozak	

A Message from Heather Chase



It was great to be back at Tualatin Presbyterian for the holidays. I love our Christmas Eve service. Hope you all had a wonderful New Year and those resolutions are going well. 2005 had quite a start with the tsunami. When I realized I knew several people in the affected areas it made the world very small. The islands on the t.v. were not just places, they were people. I was thankful as e-mail after e-mail said that everyone was fine, but it was also clear that much was needed in these areas. It is amazing how the world responded to this disaster. A group of teens in our area set-up a table on the side of the road and collected donations for the tsunami victims. They raised \$1,000. How amazing!

Speaking of teens, I am busy working in the church again. I am the youth minister at a local Episcopal church for 10 hours a week. It is a small church with a big vision. Right now, I am working with the 8th-12th grade kids. The hope of the church is that my position will expand to a family ministries position. It is different worshipping at an Episcopal church, especially when we take communion at the kneeling rail and part of the liturgy is sung by the priest. Christians are a diverse group of people and all made in the image of God. Lent and Epiphany are great times in the Christian year to learn about God, as we learn about Jesus who is fully human and fully divine. May you enjoy these seasons of self-discovery about the God who is inside all of us.

For those who want to hear more about Ghana, I will be writing another article on my experience for next month. THANK YOU AGAIN for your support!

Heather ><>

Mission News by Elder Mike Shiffer

Thank You From The Food Pantry

Tualatin School House Pantry extends a huge thank you for TPC's support of the food pantry during 2004. TPC has joined the community in this outreach to the hungry. The pantry appreciates your continued support of food donations and financial contributions. And a special thank you to the many TPC volunteers who help out at the pantry every week when we are open and behind the scenes. We are now serving 50 – 80 families a week and growing. Now that the anxiety of the first three months is behind us, the pantry is looking to continue to grow in 2005. Help us grow by your continued prayers, volunteer support, food donations and financial gifts. God bless us, every one!

Sharing Our Gifts During Advent

TPC continued our traditional support of mission projects during the Advent season. Your gifts included:

- Christmas gifts for the children of seven needy Tualatin families
- Christmas food baskets for the same seven families
- Contributions of \$1,001 through the Christmas Joy offering. This church wide offering is used to provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families; and to provide support of Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools.
- Christmas memorial gifts of \$710 for the Janus street youth project and for the domestic violence shelter
- Christmas goodies and gifts for the five adults living in the group home

Christmas Eve offering of \$1,987 to support projects at the our sponsored Good Shepherd Community group home for developmentally disable adults.



You are awesome!

Tsunami Relief

The church has forwarded your gifts of \$1,200 for tsunami relief to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) (PDA) has sent \$320,000 to areas impacted by last month's epic tsunami in Southeast Asia, as church partners gathered this week in Switzerland to discuss further plans for humanitarian assistance.

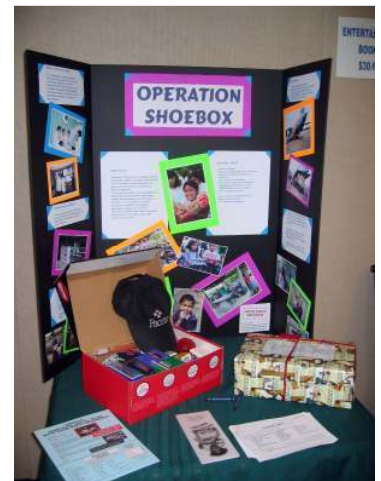
Crop Walk is Coming on Palm Sunday

The 2005 Portland Metro Crop Walk will be held on the afternoon of Palm Sunday (March 20). The TPC team will include several enthusiastic youth and a few of us older folks. You are invited to join us or just support our team by a contribution. CROP WALKS help children and families worldwide -- and right here in the U.S. -- to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Each year more than 2.5 million CROPWALKERS, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and soles in motion, raising over \$16 million to help stop hunger around the world -- and in their own communities.



Two huge sacks of gloves, mittens, hats and scarves were donated to the Portland street youth.

Shoeboxes full of necessary items for children through the Operation Shoebox project.



Thank you

COMMITTEE NEWS

WORSHIP COMMITTEE – Sherry Nelson, Elder

Lent starts early this year. We don't want you to miss a thing so mark your calendars now and join us.

February 9 – 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday

March 20 – Palm Sunday

March 24 – Maundy Thursday service

March 25 – Good Friday service

March 27 – Sunrise service with and at Hilltop Methodist Church

TPC will have two Easter services this year

AND...

We have planned evening worship services on Wednesday during Lent (February 16, 23, March 2, 9 and 16) at 7 pm. These will be held downstairs in the Adult Education room. We invite you to come join us.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Greg Owen, Elder

The Building and Grounds Committee will meet at the Church at 7:30 pm on Thursday, **February 3** to plan for an upcoming workday. The meeting is open to all. Contact Greg at (503) 692-6920 or email him at drummer.owen@verizon.net.

FELLOWSHIP – Deborah Lewis, Elder

February 9th - Ash Wednesday Service followed by a soup/salad potluck

February 10th - Tracy Chevalier lecture at the Schnitz. She's the author of "Girl With a Pearl Earring, Lady and the Unicorns and Virgin Blue".

February 13th - Sunday Fun Day - Come join us for games and mac & cheese following morning service. Bring your favorite games or just come and play. For all ages 3 through 95.

March 5th - Winterhawks Game

March 20th - Palm Sunday Brunch - a return of the blueberry pancakes and sausage.

April 23rd – Seder Supper

ADULT EDUCATION – Carolyn Hale, Elder

Adult education continues on Sunday morning and Wednesday morning. You can drop in on these groups whenever you are able, or be a super star and get the book on John (talk to Carolyn Hale or Randy Beyer to order one) to read ahead. Pastor Ken leads a fascinating discussion making you wish you could stay just a little longer.

LENTON SIMPLE SUPPERS

Come join us for weekly gatherings of fellowship, dinner and study. There's a signup sheet on the Tower, so please mark your 1st and 2nd choices for nights to meet and we'll put together the groups after Ash Wednesday. It's a great way to get to know your fellow worshippers and to study the Bible in preparation for Easter morning.

Art News

We are heading into the final months of our experiment in worship art, funded by the grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. Work is beginning for the celebration of Lent and Holy Week. Sign up in the narthex if you would like to be called to help out on these projects. We plan to continue working on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. A schedule will be posted soon.

The grant has also funded the purchase of 30 picture frames to allow us to display artwork produced by the Sunday school classes in the sanctuary during worship.

You will be invited to share your personal photographs later this spring as we present a photo exhibition of God's grace revealed through nature. Start hunting for that special shot! We will enlarge and mount your photo for the worship service of April 24th.

The youth group will be turned loose with disposable cameras with the mission to express ideas developed through lectio divina. They will share their work with the congregation this Pentecost.

Thank you for all of the comments and suggestions regarding the artwork for advent. We are learning volumes about producing relevant art for worship! Thanks again to all of our volunteers!

As we go to print, artwork from the first half of the TPC project is still featured on the Calvin website. Go to www.calvin.edu/worship/wrqp and click on "visual art for worship" to see our slide show.

Ellen VanSchoiack

ADVENT ACTIVITIES AT TPC



The TPC Cookie Sale is always a great success.



Will helped his Dad with the Hanging of the Greens Service.



The men at TPC traditionally sing one song.



Todd & Kathy Sweetland were Joseph and Mary, Anna, the Angel, Cameron, the Wiseman, and Nicholas was Baby Jesus.



The TPC Choir under the direction of Kris Sparks performed a Christmas Cantata "A New Birth, A New Beginning" on December 19.

The Annual Choir Christmas Party. Special thanks to Jack and Dianne Lemmon for hosting the event.





A LOOK at the BUDGET

	TPC 2004		2005
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
INCOME			
Pledges / Offering	182,800	187,511	210,000
Interest	200	188	200
Cash Offering	5,000	3,879	4,000
TOTAL INCOME	188,000	191,578	214,200
<i>Credit from Board of Pensions</i>			5,317
EXPENSES			
Pastoral Care	50,000	42,386	48,000
Clergy Expense	23,100	17,899	20,200
Worship	2,800	2,550	3,505
Choral Music	1,300	1,356	1,650
Bell Music	0	0	600
Outreach	700	287	3,000
Christian Ed	2,000	1,786	2,000
Adult Ed	800	314	500
Fellowship	1,500	744	1,250
Youth Program	3,000	2,088	2,500
Building & Property	19,000	22,617	25,000
Administration	32,000	31,750	34,000
Deacons	500	126	300
Nursery care	1,200	957	1,200
Musican expense	9,600	9,600	10,650
Janitors	4,200	4,069	4,500
Mission	0	25	1,400
Unpaid Per Capita		1,648	
Session & other exp	1,000	371	500
Pastoral Transition	8,000	13,605	0
Youth Ministry	18,000	17,500	36,000
Theological Education Fund			1,200
GF Mission	17,004	17,004	21,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	195,704	188,682	219,455
NET INCOME	-7,704	2,896	62

SYNOD LOAN RECAP	
Dec 31, 2003 Balance	\$483,628
+ Interest and fee charges	\$25,746
- Interest and fees paid	-\$25,746
- Principal reduction	-\$20,254
Dec 31, 2004 Balance	\$463,374
ORIGINAL LOAN AMT	\$503,000

Note: The Synod Loan is for the building remodel and addition. It was converted to a permanent mortgage loan in 2004. The term on the loan is 15 years. Building contributions and loan payments are reflected in the Building Fund, which is recapped below.

BUILDING FUND RECAP	
Dec 31, 2003 Balance	\$51,376
Contributions	\$51,814
Payments (prin and int)	-\$46,000
Loan fees	-\$3,835
Building improvements	-\$1,033
Dec 31, 2004 Balance	\$52,322

Washington Mutual Bank	\$130,603
RBC Dain Rauscher	\$7,627
Presbyterian Foundation	\$59,518
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$197,748
Scholarship Fund	\$32,303
Reserve Fund	\$20,534
2004 Earnings for Reserve Fund	\$2,896
Preschool Rent	\$8,316
Memorial Funds	\$19,310
Mission Accounts	\$5,224
89th Court Group Home	\$1,987
Calvin Art Fund	\$2,292
Helping Hands	\$6,707
Board of Pensions Credit	-\$5,317
Building Fund	\$52,322
Youth Transportaion (Van sale) Fund	\$2,500
Entertainment Book sales	\$1,240
Womens Retreat	\$2,204
Community Help	\$1,334
Prepaid Pledges	\$36,643
Payroll taxes	\$2,518
Other Fund Balances	\$4,735
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$197,748

Midnight Miracle December 12, 2004



Thank you to our Directors: Mike Shiffer and Beverley Jackson; to our Musical Director: Shari Olsen; to our Musicians: Kris Sparks, Melissa Evers-Hood, Greg Owen; to our Set Designer: David Mackay and the Art Committee



TPC Announcements



February Birthdays

2/4	Mitchell Hutchinson	2/19	Mary Ortez
2/6	Hannah Nelson	2/20	Craig Bowen
2/7	Patrick Mauer	2/22	Bruce MacKay
2/7	Dale MacHaffie	2/22	Alexandria Fife
2/10	Phil Patterson	2/23	Brian Locke
2/10	Alan Burggren	2/23	Brittany Hutchinson
2/11	Tom Hahn	2/24	Lynne Bolton
2/11	James Warne	2/24	Scott Mitchell
2/12	Marc Olson	2/24	Justin Wieder
2/13	Kade Kadel	2/25	Cathy Chase
2/17	Natalie Mader	2/26	Kenna Patterson
2/18	Terri Mitchell	2/27	Abigail Nelson

Recent Baptisms



Charlie Kozak, son of Courtney & Craig Kozak was baptized on November 28 along with his Mother, Courtney. Charlie is the grandson of Barbara Kozak & Craig Walker and very good friend of Charlie Brown!

Isn't the sound great in our sanctuary? Did you know that some TPC sermons are available on DVD? These things are made possible through the great efforts of our chief sound minister John Lewis and his team; and by the video team coordinated by Mike Shiffer. Special thanks go to Stephen Jackson who has been our lead videographer and to Erik Spurrell who is always ready to help. The DVDs are available for check out in the office. We hope to make the recording of sermons a regular event every week. We could use more people on the technical teams so see John or Mike if you would like to help.

New Members –Judy & Bob Nix



Bob & Judy Nix, married over 27 years, have lived and worked all over the Pacific NW and moved to Tualatin after living 13 years in Salem, OR.

Bob is a manufacturing manager with over 30 years in the wood products industry. Judy is a human resources professional with diverse experience in hospital, banking, high tech, and manufacturing industries.

They have one son, Michael, who is a pharmacist at Kaiser-Permanente in Salem. Michael and his family live in Silverton, OR.

The Nix family enjoys travel, theater, dining, entertaining friends, and spending time with their 8-year-old grandson.

**Please remember
in prayer:**



Abby Peterson, Chris Niebergall, Lisa Hibbert, Maureen Goodrich, Alison Schmidt, Donna Jeanne Garnant, Ronnie Lee King, The Crall Family, the families of Claudia Byrd and Dorothy Payne.

PARENT MEETING FOR YOUTH GROUP

Crystal Shearer very much wants to hold a parent meeting right after church on the first Sunday following her return from California. Her grandmother is very ill and Crystal cannot predict how long she will be out of town. But upon her return, there will be a parent meeting.

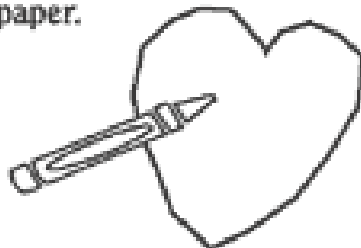
Send an Invisible Valentine to Someone You Love!

Here's what you'll need:

- Scissors
- White construction paper
- White crayon
- Pen
- Pink or red watercolor

Here's how to make an invisible Valentine:

1. Cut a heart shape out of the white construction paper.



2. Use the white crayon to decorate the heart with designs and a message. Press hard!
3. On the back, use the pen to write: "Brush the other side with pink or red watercolor to find a secret message."



4. Give the valentine to someone you love. When the person paints the "blank" side, your secret message will be revealed!



Love is the greatest commandment!

What did Jesus say when asked about the greatest commandment of God?

Write the first letter of each picture on the lines below.



Mark 12:30-31

Answer: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and ... Love your neighbor as yourself.





**Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
February 2005**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bible Study 10:00 am Bells – 6:15 pm Choir 7:30 pm	3 Bldg. & Grounds Cmt. Meeting 7:30 pm	4	5 Rose City Park Session Retreat 8:45 – 3:00 pm
6 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:30 am Communion	7 CE Meeting 7:00 pm Spiritual Formation Group - 7:00 pm	8	9 Bible Study 10:00 am Ash Wednesday Service & Potluck – 5:30	10 Outreach 1:30 pm	11	12
13 1st Sunday in Lent Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am Sunday Fun Day after Worship	14 Spiritual Formation Group - 7:00 pm	15 Tues. Treasures 7:00 pm	16 Bible Study 10:00 am Bells – 6:15 pm Choir 7:30 pm Evening Worship Service – 7:00	17 Session 7:00 pm	18 Newsletter deadline	19
20 2nd Sunday in Lent Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am	21 Presidents Day Spiritual Formation Group - 7:00 pm	22 March Newsletter mailed	23 Bible Study 10:00 am Bells – 6:15 pm Choir 7:30 pm Evening Worship Service – 7:00	24	25	26 Cascades Leadership Fair @ Lake Grove
27 3rd Sunday in Lent Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am	28 Spiritual Formation Group - 7:00 pm Worship Cmt. 7:00 pm					

Upcoming Events:

- March 2, 9 and 16 – Evening Worship Services @ 7:00 pm
- March 5 – Winterhawks game (Contact Deborah Lewis)
- March 20 – Palm Sunday Brunch (a return of the blueberry pancakes & sausage)
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- April 23 – Seder

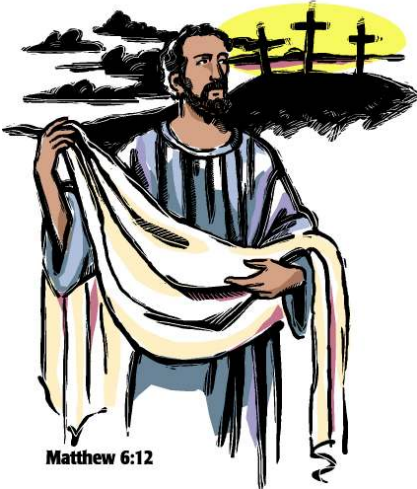
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**Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.**



Matthew 6:12

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