



Dear friends,

In the parable of the sheep and the goats from Matthew 25 that David Norse preached from recently, Jesus weaves a story about this weird barnyard scene: there's a king trying his best to keep the sheep from running amuck with the goats. After separating them (and washing his hands one hopes) the king tells them the sheep have been good and the goats...well, not so good. Why? Because when the sheep saw him, they helped him out, and when the goats saw him they ignored him. Yet both sets of animals protest they never saw the king: "But Lord, when was it we saw you hungry and gave you food, thirsty and gave you something to drink? When was it we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And Jesus gives us the king's chilling reply: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

One of the truest things I've ever heard about the church came from Dick Ray, the former President of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Outlook. He said in a meeting once: "Stewardship can never be confused with fundraising, nor outreach with marketing." Dick's point? In the church our goal, our chief end, is never ourselves- it is God. We don't raise money simply to have a bigger budget. We don't grow the congregation simply to look more impressive. Indeed, especially when it comes to outreach, we invite friends to visit our congregation NOT primarily to bring them to God- we invite friends to church in the trust that they

are bringing the presence of Christ with them and we don't want to miss out.

Folks, in this upcoming February as part of celebrating TPC's 25th Anniversary we are inviting and welcoming different friends into our congregation. On the 4th we will celebrate our Scouts, as we do every year. Two scout troops currently use TPC's facilities, and over the years these scouts have given this congregation of their time, talent, and hard work. On February 18th we are celebrating Tualatin Valley Preschool, who meets downstairs throughout the school year. We are so pleased TVP is part of this community and simply want to give thanks for their presence with us over the years. And then finally, on February 25th, we will celebrate our Tuesday's Treasures. Again, we are thankful for the James Goodpasture Award for ministry with special populations this ministry received from Union-PSCE. We are thankful for these special people and the ways in which they reveal God.

I'm looking forward to February and I hope you are, too. And if you see someone you don't know- please don't avoid them thinking you don't want to be embarrassed because you don't know their name. Just smile, stick out your hand, and say, "Good morning. Welcome to TPC."

In Christ,

The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood

**MARK THESE FELLOWSHIP EVENTS
ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

2/17/07 – Winterhawks game – Dash for \$ (family event)

2/21/07 – Ash Wednesday service and Soup/Salad Potluck (family event)

2/25/07 – Tuesday Treasurers are being invited to attend church and Potluck (family event)

3/3/07 - Snow shoe hike (adults and older kids)

3/3/07 – Deacons' Auction

3/17/07 – Snow campout (adults only)

4/1/06 – Palm Sunday Brunch (family event)

February Birthdays!

2/03	Rhoda Friesen	2/19	Mary Ortez
2/04	Mitchell Hutchinson	2/20	Shirley Schultz
2/06	Hannah Nelson	2/20	Craig Bowen
2/07	Patrick Mauer	2/20	Arielle Mazzuca
2/07	Dale MacHaffie	2/22	Alexandria Fife
2/10	Alan Bruggren	2/23	Brian Locke
2/11	Tom Hahn	2/23	Brittany Hutchinson
2/11	James Warne	2/24	Lynne Bolton
2/12	Marc Olson	2/24	Scott Mitchell
2/13	Kade Kadel	2/25	Cathy Chase
2/17	Skyler Stevenson	2/27	Abigail Nelson
2/18	Terri Mitchell	2/28	Kay Kinyon

TPC Statistics from 2006

New Members	Baptism	Marriages	Deaths
Scott MacHaffie	Piper Marie Hammer	Cacye Gonzales married	Marion Beyer
Karen Stevenson	William Thomas Schmidt	Jerry Cobb	Walter Dean
Alex & Joanna Martson	Jackson Alexader Martson		Glynn Jenovich
Shannon Hinkle	Tim Pepijin DeBruyn		
Rick & Irene DeBruyn			



MISSION IN MOTION

December was a very exciting and busy month. Thanks to the generosity of the TPC family and friends, gifts and food baskets were provided for two families; a total of nine children and three adults. In addition, the five residents of the 89th Court Home were surprised with both personal gifts and some items for the home such as comforters and kitchen linens. All of the recipients expressed their gratitude for your kindness and caring.

172 individual items including scarves, mittens, socks and hats were provided for the Janus project for homeless youth. In addition, on Wednesday, Dec. 27th, TCP members provided dinner for 16 volunteer medical personnel serving at the Uninsured Medical Clinic in Tigard.

\$1,610.00 was given to the Food Pantry and \$600.00 to Northwest Medical Teams as Christmas Memorial gifts. The Christmas Eve offering was designated for the Oregon Donor program and \$755.00 was contributed to that cause.

Coming Events

Sunday, February 25th the Tuesday Treasures will be our guests at the worship service. Please welcome them as participants in the TPC community of faith.

We have begun our search for the 2007 annual Peace Keeper Award. Laura Spurrell has graciously agreed to chair the ad-hoc committee for this event. She and the mission committee will be accepting nominations from the community at large until March 1st. Please give prayerful consideration to nominating someone whom you believe is a qualified candidate. Applications will be available shortly. Information on the date for the award celebration will be available in next month's TPC Spirit. Watch for them!

Joan Nardi, Mission Elder



TPC FAMILY OF THE MONTH Mike & Sherry Nelson

Mike and Sherry were at the first gathering of TPC in Rick and Barb Crall's living room.

Mike had served on the Presbytery Committee that hired Thom to be the organizing pastor. They committed their family to help out and support Thom for 6 months. Then they were going back to their "regular" church. After 6 months they agreed there was no way they could leave TPC and the other families who had committed to forming a new church in Tualatin.

Mike served on the original steering committee and then later as an elder. Currently he helps Art Barry on Outreach. He served on the committees that were organized to call a new pastor when Thom left for Michigan. Mike loves to talk football with people who went to OSU and has been known to wager on the outcome of the Civil War. And, if you haven't noticed, he loves cookies with his coffee after church.

Sherry has been an elder twice and a deacon once. She has sung in the choir and participated in Bible study. At one time she was Thom Nelson's part time temporary secretary for eight years and was on the committee that hired Dick Wiggers as our interim pastor. One of her favorite jobs was to do the Children's message. Mike will tell you she just loves to visit, and he's right. He has been known to ask people if they would take her home after church since he is leaving.

They raised their children, Erin and Paige, at TPC (in all it's shapes). Erin and Emily were married by Thom Nelson and both of their grand-daughters were baptized at the font in the sanctuary. Paige comes to church whenever she is in town.

Currently Sherry's mom, Maxine Jenovich and her sister, Lynn Scroggin attend TPC, too.

The most important lesson they have learned over the years is that a church is not the building. Our church is the people. That is why they are here and why they love TPC so much. The Nelsons look forward to growing older here.

Three Easy Steps to Getting Involved in Worship:

- *Sign up and attend the training session(s) of your choice.
- *Contact the person in charge of your area of interest to sign up for a date.
- *Just do it!

Worship Training Sessions: If you want to get involved in the church sign up to learn how.

Sunday Feb.11- Young Readers (7-14 yrs) from 11:45am-12:45pm. No fee. Lead by Virginia Lenneville. Learn techniques for being a superb reader during the service.

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Sunday March 4- "Chancel Engineer" from 11:45am-12:15pm. No fee. Led by Karen Stevenson. Learn to set-up and take down the church for Sunday services.

Saturday March 17- Children's Message from 10am-2pm. Fee \$10. Bring a lunch, pencil and paper. Drink and snacks provided. Lead by Rev. Will Dixon. Learn and be inspired to create a message for our children during worship.

Sunday April 22- Funeral Service planning- "How to make sure everything is just the way you want it." No fee. Lead by Pastor Ken after church. Date is tentative.

February Worship Services: all those who frequently use the church facility are invited to join us for special services honoring them.

Feb. 4- Scout Sunday- Scouts will assist with parts of the service. Contact Karen Stevenson if you are interested in participating (503-620-7189).

Feb. 11-Tualatin Valley Preschool families visit the worship service. The children will participate in the service. Contact Cathy Lambeth if interested or have questions (503-692-6630).

Feb. 25- Tuesday Treasures will join us for worship. Contact Carolyn Locke if you have questions or need a ride (503-656-1534).

A Recipe from Pam Cameron

Great Appetizers
 6 oz of Chicken, Crab, Ham or smokies diced fine
 1 cup of Mayo
 8 oz Cream cheese (Soft)
 1 cup of Sour Cream
 2 teaspoon of minced garlic
 1 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan Cheese
 1 tube of Pizza crust or Crescent rolls.

Spread dough on 11"x 15" pan or pampered chef bar pan. Mix all other together. Spread on dough
Bake at 350 for 40 minutes...Enjoy

Nick Dannemiller earns Religious Medal

Nick Dannemiller, Troop 530 will be receiving council recognition for earning his "God and Church" medal, on Sunday, February 11. In order to receive this honor, a boy scout must demonstrate several things including that "a scout is reverent". All boy scouts show this by being faithful in their duty to God. Some go further and give special service to their church and community, through worship, for study, and for fellowship. Such an emblem is not a Scouting award, but is conferred by completing a set of requirements according to their own religious faith. This award is Nick's third medal through the Presbyterian Church, USA series.

Sunday, Feb. 4 is Scout Sunday. As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates it 97th anniversary on Feb. 4, we salute the countless volunteers who have donated their time and energy to share the ideals of Scouting with our young people. Scouting is an educational program that teaches youth about building character, faith, traditions, mentoring, serving others, healthy living, and lifelong learning. **Boy Scout Troop 530 Thanks You - Tualatin Presbyterian Church members** for doing your part in making difference in the lives of America's youth. They are the faces of the future!

TPC AUCTION: MARCH 3, 2007

Proceeds will go to the Deacons Fund, which helps people who are in need in our own church. There will be a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex for items you would like to donate.

Comments box: A new black box is stationed in the narthex to allow members of the congregation to communicate their praise, suggestions, and concerns regarding the church. Envelopes are provided so that comments can be addressed to a particular person or area of responsibility within the church. The box is locked for security and privacy. Let us know what you think!

THIS COMING WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Karen Jones' mother; Kimberly Kim, cousin of Chris Robertson; Holly, cousin of Chris Robertson; Andy Shiffer, Mike and Mary Shiffer's nephew; Everyone serving in Iraq -- including Dustin Springer, Craig Wiggers, Tim McBride, Robert J. Spivey; Emily Nelson and her family; Mike Springer; Ruben Gonzales, father of Cacye Cobb; Wes Taylor from Hilltop Methodist Church; Deloris Allen, Evelyn Hart's mother

PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES SUMMER CAMP '07

Camp brochures for this year's Presbytery of the Cascades Summer Camps are now available. A variety of different youth and family camps are offered:

MOM AND ME / DAD AND ME FOR K-3RD GRADE

3RD-4TH GRADE / 5TH-6TH GRADE

FISH CAMP 3RD-6TH GRADE

MUSIC, ARTS AND DRAMA 6TH-8TH GRADE

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6TH-8TH GRADE

SENIOR HIGH 9TH-12TH GRADE

MUSIC, ARTS, DRAMA AND DANCE 9TH-12TH GRADE

SENIOR HIGH ADVENTURE CAMP 9TH-12TH GRADE

CIT COUNSELOR IN TRAINING CAMP 10TH-12TH GRADE

FAMILY CAMP, July 28-August 4

See the tower in the narthex for more information or for a brochure.

A New Year in Faith Village



We are looking at forming a group for children too old for the nursery but too young to stay through the entire worship service. If your family would be interested in participating in this group, please contact the office.

For Parents: During the Sunday School hour, you are invited to join one of the Adult Education classes or relax in the narthex for a "Coffee Hour". The choir also rehearses during this time, contact Kris Sparks regarding joining the choir on Sunday mornings!



January 28 – writing Statements of Faith with Rev. Evers-Hood.

February: Peter & Cornelius

Lent – we will be starting "Seasons of the Spirit", a lectionary-based curriculum connecting worship, learning and service for all ages.

We still need 1-2 people to help occasionally with the Preschool class.

Please contact Barb Crall (503) 692-1677 or Shari Olsen (503) 635-4019 if you would like to help with our little ones- minimum preparation is needed, lesson ideas provided, come have fun with a few of our 3-5 year olds!

Needed: Bulletin board "wizard" to decorate our boards

1-2 additional computers

Please contact Shari or the office if you can help with either of these.

Upcoming CE Committee meetings Thursday, Feb. 22. All are welcome!



Celebrating 25 YEARS of TPC

Sundays in February celebrate all of our TPC family with friends from these organizations:

- Feb 4th Boy Scouts
Scouts have used our building almost since it was built. Wear your uniform if you are or ever have been a TPC scout.
- Feb 18th Tualatin Valley Preschool
The Tualatin Valley is a cooperative preschool started a generation ago with original connections to TPC families.
- Feb 25th Tuesday's Treasures
Our nationally recognized program for adults with developmental disabilities.

Storytellers – The First Six Weeks of TPC

The Crall's living room was home to our congregation for our first six weeks of worship. Why? Because the Cralls had 3 small kids, a piano and not a lot of other furniture, giving Thom Nelson the idea that their house would be a good place to get started. On Sunday morning, the Cralls would get up, feed 3 young kids, clean up for church (literally), and have all the dishes and toys put away before 10 am. The first few worship meetings, everyone faced down the hall until they realized whoever needed to use the bathroom had to walk past the 'front'. Oops. Barb assures us, however, there was no shortage of TP at TPC. Without an offering plate, Matt Crall dug through his toys and found a frisbee which was used for months and become a symbol of TPC's link to its member's everyday lives. Many young kids meant that after worship and 'coffee time', the Cralls would clean up and put away toys all over again. Even after the VFW hall was being used for worship, the Cralls continued to host Sunday School, using members' cars to drive kids to and from the VFW on Sunday mornings. One Sunday, a particularly pesky train was maneuvering back and forth, blocking the road for an extended period of time. Waiting (and waiting) at the tracks, the Sunday School leadership team held an impromptu conference and decided to sort the kids between the vans by age level. They then started lessons while waiting for the train. Thanks Cralls...TPC originals!

PHOTOS WANTED!

Hey, start digging...we need photos of church activities through the years and right now. Choice shots of campers, singers, eaters, teachers in action are needed for our Anniversary Dinner. Please bring them to the office clearly marked with your name and TPC 25th.

Save the date-Saturday May 12th, 2007
TPC anniversary dinner with special guests

Books Added into the TPC Library January 2007

<u>Call no.</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
145.2	McManners, John	The Oxford illustrated history of Christianity
220.09	Rogerson, John	Chronicles of the Bible lands: a history of the Holy Land
209	McNeill, John T. editor	Calvin: Institutes of the Christian religion, Vol. 1
209	McNeill, John T. editor	Calvin: Institutes of the Christian religion, Vol. 2
209	Pelikan, Jaroslav	The Christian tradition, Vol. I: the emergence Of the Catholic tradition (100-600)
209	Pelikan, Jaroslav	The Christian tradition, Vol. 2: the spirit of Eastern Christendom (600-1700)
209	Pelikan, Jaroslav	The Christian tradition, Vol. 3: the growth of Medieval theology (600-1300)
209	Pelikan, Jaroslav	The Christian tradition, Vol. 4: Reformation of Church and dogma (1300-1700)
209	Pelikan, Jaroslav	The Christian tradition, Vol. 5: Christian doctrine And modern culture (since 1700)
220.1	Bruce, F. F.	The canon of Scripture
Ref 220.3	Achtemeier, Paul J.	Bible dictionary
220.3	Cross, F. L. editor	The Oxford dictionary of the Christian Church
Ref 220.3	Gowan, Donald E. editor	The Westminster theological wordbook of the Bible
Ref 220.3	Marshall, I. Howard editor	New Bible dictionary
Ref 220.3	Metzger, Bruce M. editor	The Oxford companion to the Bible
Ref 220.3	Miller, Madeleine S.	Harper's Encyclopedia of Bible life
Ref 220.5	Aharoni, Yohanan	The MacMillan Bible atlas
Ref 220.5	Metzger, Bruce M.	Exhaustive Concordance complete and unabridged
220.5	Metzger, Bruce M.	The Bible in translation
Ref 220.5	New Testament	The new Greek English interlinear New Testament
Ref 220.5	Pritchard, James H.	The Harper atlas of
220.9	Coogan, Michael D.	The Oxford history of the Biblical world
220.9	Provan, Iain	A Biblical history of Israel
221.6	Craigie, Peter C.	The Old Testament: its background, growth and Content
221.6	New interpreter's Bible	Old Testament Survey
221.7	Walton, John H.	The IVP Bible background commentary: O. T.
221.9	Aharoni, Yohanan	The land of the Bible: a historical geography
221.9	King, Philip J.	Life in Biblical Israel
225	Bruce, F. F.	New Testament history
225.6	Metzger, Bruce M.	The New Testament: its background, growth and Content
225.6	New interpreter's Bible	New Testament Survey
225.7	Keener, Craig S.	The IVP Bible background commentary: N. T.
238.5	Book of Confessions	The Book of Confessions: study edition
238.5	Rogers, Jack	Presbyterian Creeds: a guide to the Book of Confessions
285.1	Balmer, Randall	The Presbyterians

Contact Diane Barry for more information.