

Dear friends,

It seems as if the Christmas lights have just been put away, the tree taken out, and the chestnuts have stopped roasting on the fire. And yet Easter is already upon us.

Holy week always brings something new to TPC. Three years ago we celebrated Maundy Thursday with a foot washing, two years ago we walked the labyrinth together, and last year we kept Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. This year I'd like to invite you to take part in a community art project in which we depict the stations of the cross, which we will then display for public devotional use during Holy Week.

What are the stations of the cross? When the faithful in the middle ages were unable to make it to the Holy land due to poverty or war, they developed other ways of making pilgrimage. The labyrinth was one spiritual discipline that emerged to enable people to walk with Christ while staying close to home; the stations of the cross were another.

Traditionally, the stations of the cross retrace Jesus' last steps before his death and resurrection. Given that most followers in the middle ages were illiterate, it makes sense that the traditional 14 stations mixed scriptural elements, such as Jesus being betrayed by Judas, as well as popular legend, such as Veronica wiping Jesus' face with a handkerchief on his walk to Golgotha. If you can't remember Veronica from the Gospels, don't reach for the ginko biloba just yet- she only begins to appear in church literature and imagery in the 11th century.

Being the good Protestants we are, we will use a popular contemporary version of the 14 stations based on scripture alone. This is the version used most often by Presbyterians in America and Scotland. (Although just to set the record straight, this version of the stations grounded on scripture alone was developed by none other than Pope John Paul II in 1991.)

The 14 stations: Jesus in the Garden of Olives; Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested; Jesus is condemned by the religious leaders; Jesus is denied by Peter; Jesus is judged by Pilate; Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns; Jesus takes up his cross; Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene; Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem; Jesus is crucified; Jesus promises his kingdom to the good thief; Jesus and his mother and the beloved disciple; Jesus dies on the cross; and Jesus is laid in the tomb.

How can you participate? On February 10th and February 17th I will offer a brief training session on the stations over lunch, and then Ellen

VanSchoiack will provide support as we work on visually interpreting these stations in personal ways until 4 PM. We will ask participants to purchase supplies we will furnish. However, I will make funds available for those in need so that all may participate. Most importantly let me articulate this as clearly as possible: *these works will be acts of prayer and devotion only*. If you consider yourself a great artist, fine. If you consider yourself someone who simply wants to learn how to pray in a different way and are willing to try something new, better.

Then, during Holy Week, these stations will be set up in the church for use during the day and during some evenings. We will provide more specific information in Lent. Pilgrims will be able to come, walk the stations at their own pace, and prepare themselves for Holy Week by following in Christ's own footsteps. So, in February wear something you can get paint on. I'll be the one in the beret.

Session notes for January:

- The treasurer trained session in our new accounting software that now integrates financial data with membership data.
- Session elected Mary Shiffer to serve as clerk of session for 2008. The clerk records the minutes of session meetings, keeps the official roll, and communicates with Presbytery. Thanks Mary! Session also elected Mike Shiffer to another year as treasurer. Thanks Mike!
- Elder Norm Dannemiller reported on a false alarm with our fire detection system, and session approved its' repair by our February meeting. The problem does not represent a safety concern, but must be addressed to prevent future false alarms.
- Session approved the budget for 2008 as presented to the congregation on Sunday, January 13th, with minor changes. The final budget will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, January 27th at the annual congregational meeting.

WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

For 2008, it is \$21.41 per member.

Tualatin Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and, as such, has a relationship with every other church in the denomination, as well as with the governing bodies: Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.

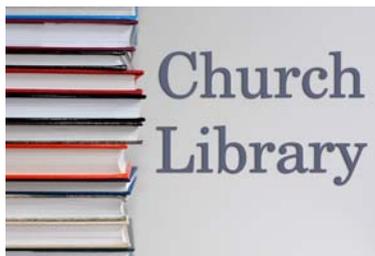
In our Cascades Presbytery, per capita supports meetings of Presbytery, Council and committees, regional offices in Portland, Eugene and Phoenix, work of our Presbytery Stated Clerk and his administrative assistant, basic communications through Omnibus, the Presbytery newspaper, the web site and mailings.

Per capita has been compared to a utility bill. Just as we pay for heat, light, water and telephone in order to remain connected and benefit from the services provided, we also pay per capita so that the Presbyterian system can function on behalf of all of us.

Tualatin Presbyterian Church must pay a 2008 per capita fee of \$21.41 for each member. This expense is not included in the annual TPC budget. Each member is asked to pay his/her own per capita fee. Reminder: This is an individual fee, not a family fee. Please make your check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Thank you.

List of Youth Group Books

Youth, are you looking for a good read? All Youth Group books have a red dot on the book



and on their cards in the card catalog indicating they are "Young Adult" books. The red dots on the book spines also bear the letters "YA" also meaning "Young Adult". The Young Adult section of the library is in the lower book shelves on the right hand side of the library as you enter the room.

The newest youth books are listed below:

- 226.4 Beginning in Jesus Fields
- 231 The world's easiest guide to understanding God Southern
- 241.6 The Struggle Gerali
- 242.6 10 minute devotions for youth groups, Vol. III
- 245 All the best songs of praise and worship Bible
- 248.8 The seven checkpoints A student journal
- 248.8 The Godparent Book Ramshaw
- 248.8 Whadd'ya gonna do? O'Connor
- 250 Bible Lessons for Youth - 1 adult, 2 youth books B L Y
- 250 Essential passages for youth -1 leader, I youth book Duerling
- 250 Great Bible trivia workout Densmore
- 250 Grow for it! Lynn
- 250 Extraordinary New Testament people Jones
- 250 Meet your Bible and discover life -1 leader, 1 youth book Thurston
- 253.7 Leading life-changing small groups Donahue
- 259.2 Comprehensive guide to youth ministry counseling
- 259.2 How to speak to youth Davis
- 259.2 Up close and personal Rice
- 268 Memory makers Fields
- 268.4 Keep 'em talking! Yaconelli
- 268.4 Kick starters Bundschuh
- 268.4 Can we talk? 1 leader, 1 student book Anderson
- 268.4 450 tantalizing unfinished sentences Christie
- 268.4 What if-----? Christie
- 268.4 Reflections from a mother's heart Countryman
- 268.4 A fresh start Larson
- 268.4 Falling off Cloud 9 Peterson
- 268.4 Reach 4 life
- 268.4 Tough questions Warren
- 268.4 Would you rather-----? Fields
- 793.9 Adventure games Hopper
- 793.9 Ideas (Index and Guide for Volumes 1-52) Youth Specialties
- 793.9 Junior High game nights McCollam
- 793.9 More Junior High game nights McCollam

The library is located downstairs in room 3.

Questions? Contact Diane Barry 503-692-1658.

Featured Member of the Month

Let's play a little guessing game? Which Charter member of our church has served in the Peace Corps? Has 4 children, 11 grandchildren and is expecting a 5th great grandchild in February? Is looking to replace a walking partner who moved? You would have to be ready at 5:30 AM each morning to walk 2.5 miles. Developed a Cottage Industry in the 1980's which is still a thriving business today? Has served many times as an Elder at TPC? Have you guessed yet?



Del Judy is this month's TPC featured member. She is truly an amazing woman, well respected and admired in the TPC community, as well as the Tualatin area at large. It is hard to imagine all the accomplishments she has packed into her 84 years. Del and her husband were charter members at Calvin Church in Tigard. They later became charter members of TPC. They raised two sons and two daughters. Del was taught a recipe by her mother-in-law for cream caramels early in her marriage. She busily prepared them each holiday season as gifts for friends and relatives and for church bazaars.

After being widowed, Del decided to embark on an adventure "all by herself for the first time in her life." She joined the Peace Corps at age 55 and served in Bangkok, Thailand for two years. It was a very different and rewarding experience for her. "The people gave me much more than I ever gave them."

In the early 1980's making candy as a hobby became a business and Del's daughter-in-law, Debbie, joined her making these delicious sweets. "Judy's Caramels" became a thriving Cottage Industry. There was a candy kitchen set up in the garage and they busily participated in many bazaars and even were featured in Norm Thompson's catalogue one year. "That year almost

killed me." She took a month long vacation to Hawaii to stay with family. After being idle there for a while, Del became a little bored. She read about a candy class being offered. Of course she enrolled. This class taught her about the chocolate side of candy making. When she got home a phone call to Debbie was all it took to expand from caramels to a variety of delicious confections including chocolate. In the early 1990's Debbie and husband built a new home which includes a basement candy kitchen and the business is still thriving today. Does Del still work in candy? Yes, you can find her out there helping during the holiday rush.

What other hobbies does Del do to keep her young? She knits. Oh yes, she also volunteers at Loaves and Fishes, Senior Center, Food Bank, Pacific University Alumni Board, and rings in the TPC Bell Choir. I don't anticipate she will be slowing down any time soon. Del's 84 could be called today's 54.

CLEANING CUPBOARDS IN THE NEW YEAR?

Members of the Bereavement Committee would like to have additional dishes and serving bowls for use during receptions following memorial services. Specifically they would like to have: small decorative bowls, two quart-sized bowls, small knives/forks to serve condiments, glass or silver trays, a coffee pot or urn, silver or glass sugar/creamers, nice coffee cups (not mugs). They're also looking for 70-inch diameter round tablecloths. If you have such items that you're willing to donate, please talk to Pam Cameron 503-692-3368.

REMEMBER THE COOKIE SALE ON DECEMBER 15?

Many people donated cookies to the sale and brought them to church on lovely plates and/or trays. There is a stack of these lovelies on a table near the kitchen. Please take home any that belong to you. Thank you.

**General Fund Status
January – December 2007**



	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 212,600	\$ 218,250
Expense	<u>\$ 219,779</u>	<u>\$ 207,064</u>
Net	\$ -7,179	\$ 11,186

December 2007

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 19,383	\$ 37,930
Expense	<u>\$ 18,507</u>	<u>\$ 21,220</u>
Net	\$ 876	\$ 16,710

New Members in 2007

Edda Brown
 Bill Dunlap
 Tom and Lisa Ewing
 McKinley and Blair Ewing
 Vermadel Gibson
 Marilyn and Stan Heath
 Cindy Hoppe
 Stephanie Hoppe
 Jacki Mazzuca
 Arielle and Emily Mazzuca,
 Mari Schuman
 Betty Staples
 Bill and Barbara Thomason
 Matt and Lynne Winkler
 Luke and Adam Winkler

Baptisms in 2007

McKinley Ewing, Blair Ewing (sons of Lisa and Tom Ewing)

Eleanor Grace Evers-Hood (daughter of Ken and Melissa Evers-Hood)

Arielle Mazzuca, Emily Mazzuca, (daughters of Scott and Jacki Mazzuca)

Weddings in 2007

7-07-07 Paul and Shannon [Hinkle] Buckmaster, Newberg, Oregon

7-28-07 Kim Galey and Todd Winslow, Butteville, Oregon

9-08-07 Kimberly [Miller] and Sam Myers, Parkdale, Oregon

Erik Spurrell

I thought I would share some information in regards to Erik Spurrell's housing situation, as I am sure many are curious and I am finding many good questions coming back to me. I am grateful for all who have prayed these many years with me for a good housing situation for him. I think we have found it. Daybreak Co housing accepted him as a full community member on December 21, 2007. They are scheduled to break ground this spring on N. Killingsworth in Portland, with move-in date of spring of 2009. This a group of people who are coming together out of a desire to have community and share in each others lives as they tend our planet. Most are professional people in a variety of occupations. Many are peer age to Erik. They plan to share many meals together, and if their potlucks are any indication, they have some great cooks. We are purchasing a condo for Erik, and when the time is right I will accept offers to help furnish it. Thank you for your interest, and keep the questions coming. If you want more information or to see Erik on their homepage go to www.daybreakcohousing.org

Laura Spurrell

Attention Quilters!

You are cordially invited to enhance our worship by displaying your quilts during a special service on April 27.

We hope that you will consider sharing several examples of your work. We would appreciate the participating quilters' help determining the best way to handle and display the quilts.

A sign up list is located on the tower in the narthex. For more information call Ellen VanSchoiack at (503) 692-7989

February Birthdays

2/03	Rhoda Friesen	2/20	Shirley Schultz
2/04	Mitchell Hutchinson	2/20	Craig Bowen
2/07	Patrick Mauer	2/20	Arielle Mazzuca
2/07	Dale MacHaffie	2/22	Alexandria Fife
2/09	Lynne Winkler	2/23	Brian Locke
2/11	Tom Hahn	2/23	Brittany Hutchinson
2/12	Marc Olson	2/24	Lynne Bolton
2/17	Skyler Stevenson	2/24	Scott Mitchell
2/18	Terri Mitchell	2/25	Cathy Chase
2/19	Mary Ortez	2/28	Kay Kinyon

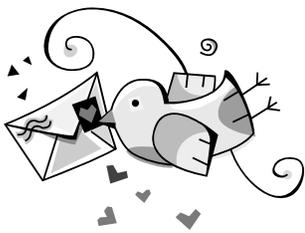
February in Faith Village



Seasons of the Spirit

We begin the Lent and Easter season in our Sunday School curriculum in February. We will be looking at Old Testament stories of wilderness, journeys and temptation through Lent and passages from Acts and the early church following Easter.

Our last season, Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, led us through the bible passages of Isaiah and Matthew looking at words of invitation and promise, learning about the Jewish community trying to incorporate their traditions into Christian discipleship.



We are planning to hold a Family Meeting after church on February 24 to have a chance for families to meet and discuss Christian Education at TPC. We will provide childcare for the kids and a healthy snack for everyone. Come meet with Pastor Ken and the CE committee as we work to share God's message with the children and youth of our church.

Help Needed:

Bulletin Boards: One or two adults willing to periodically update our boards—flexible hours, materials provided!

Children in Worship Coordinator: One or two adults to oversee the children's participation in the Processional and Offering Collection. The kids like participating in the service, please help us keep this going!

Upcoming CE Committee meeting: Monday, Feb. 11. All are welcome.



*Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar*

February 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Ordained Council 10:00 am
3 <i>Worship – 10:30 am Communion</i> <i>All Church Potluck after Worship</i>	4	5 Guitar Jam 7:00 pm	6 Bible Study 10:00 am Ash Wed. Simple Supper 6:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Chancel Choir After Worship	7 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	8	9
10 1 st Sunday in Lent <i>Worship – 10:30 am</i> <i>5:30 p.m. Youth Groups Logos/Kairos</i>	11 CE Meeting 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Guitar Jam 7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	14 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	15	16
17 2 nd Sunday in Lent <i>Worship – 10:30 am</i>	18	19 Session 7:00 p.m. Guitar Jam 7:00 pm Tuesday's Treasures 7:00 pm	20 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	21 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	22 Women's Retreat 2/22 – 2/24	23
24 3 rd Sunday in Lent <i>Worship – 10:30 am</i> <i>5:30 p.m. Youth Groups Logos/Kairos</i>	25	26 7:00 p.m. Guitar Jam	27 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir 7:15 pm	28 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	29	

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Alton Collins Retreat Center, Eagle Creek, Oregon
Friday, February 22 through Sunday, February 24, 2008

Jane Kirkpatrick, Featured Speaker

Jane will speak on "Being in Service – Serving Other People."

Registration is now open to all women. Invite a friend to attend! **Sign up on the tower in the narthex.** Double occupancy (per person cost) is \$170. Additional information is posted on the tower in the narthex. Still have questions? Talk to Chris Robertson, Mary Shiffer, or Susan Springer.