



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

I had lunch with our very own Nicole Reibe last Saturday. She was in town having successfully passed into candidacy status in her Presbytery. (In the ordination process one starts out as an inquirer, then becomes a candidate, and then after further examination becomes certified for a call, so Nicole is well on her way.) We were talking about one of the professors she knows at Boston who is quite famous at the moment, Stephen Prothero.

What has put Prothero on the map is his book, Religious Literacy. Part of Prothero's argument is that as religious literacy has eroded, religious violence has increased. In a nutshell while a small number of 'religious' folks have cultivated more extreme views, people with more moderate views have simply dropped out of the conversation. Prothero's belief, and mine as well, is that the solution to religious violence and extremism isn't less religion but better religion. When more of us know the basic foundations of their own faith tradition, the less likely we are to be hijacked by extremists.

If you're wondering how you stack up, feel free to head to the Pew forum and take Dr. Prothero's quiz:

<http://pewforum.org/newassets/protheroquiz.pdf> (I will admit that I stumbled on naming more than two of Buddhism's Four Noble truths, don't tell my brother. ☺)

The discussion came in part from Nicole and I talking about Access, our own little attempt to create better religious literacy. At this point videos for the entire Old Testament are posted on our website. If you find yourself wondering just when WAS Haggai written, you can find out not only the year but the month. If you wake up in the middle of the night and wonder what it might look like for Jesus to have a confrontation with Moses in the form of an action figure battle- we have our version online 24/7 for the world to see.

Seriously, if you spent the fall kind of hearing about Access and noticing that every Sunday we seemed to be preaching through the Bible in a book-by-book kind of way, but didn't really take part, **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED!**

To refresh everyone's memory on what we're talking about:

- 1) Over the summer, Nicole and I created informative (and entertaining) 20 minute videos introducing every single book of the Bible. The best way for you to view these videos is through our website: www.tpcspirit.org. There is a link at the bottom right hand of the page marked Access. This link will lead you to the readings, the outlines, and the videos for each book.

These videos introduce these books and focus in on **THREE** stories or texts we think are important to know. So, if you don't have time to read the whole book, just read the three texts we've picked out.

- 2) I've also created outlines with basic notes for every book, so you can have a bird's eye view of the flow of the entire book. This will help you see in an instant where a particular story falls in the larger context of the book. Collections of these outlines are available for anyone and everyone in the Narthex and online on the Access page.
- 3) Every week (with the exception of Holy Week) the three stories we're focusing on will be read during worship and preached.
- 4) For more depth I will be leading the adult education hour on Sunday mornings before worship from 9:15 to 10 AM. Every question will be welcome, and every level of Biblical or theological knowledge is welcome.

So, how do you make use of all this? I think there are several possibilities.

- 1) Pick up the packet of readings and outlines in the Narthex or online.
- 2) Read the three readings for the upcoming week.
- 3) After you read the texts, watch the videos online.
- 4) Then, on Sunday morning, I would recommend that you read the texts one more time and that you show up at 9:15 for adult education. We have a great group of people already gathering, and there is always room for more. I will present a bit more of the background of the books, and we have a great time for questions and discussion regarding the videos and the readings.
- 5) Finally, stick around for worship. By this time you will have read the texts twice, you will have heard background material in the videos, you will have been part of an interesting discussion in the adult education class, and then you can experience these stories come alive during worship.

Of course, the main thing to remember is **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!** Right now we have just started in on the prophets, the last section of the Old Testament. We will be reading the prophets through February. The prophets are the single best way to understand Jesus, by the way. So if you aren't interested in the prophets just for themselves, be interested in them because they provided Jesus with so much of the language and the framework for his own life and ministry.

But if you're someone who doesn't like to start things in the middle, why then in March we begin with the New Testament. Maybe 2010 is the year for you to learn it's Matthew, Mark, and Luke, not Larry, Mo, and Curly. Maybe 2010 is the year to discover Jude isn't just a great song from the Beatles, but a really cranky letter in the New Testament. And maybe 2010 is the year to discover what Revelation is really all about. Of course I won't be able to do it for you- come and find out!



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

To Members of TPC Session and Congregation
From Roger Smith

I first want to say thank you to all of you for being a very important part of my family of faith for the past 22 plus years. You will always be members of my family of faith. Your love and support has sustained me through my good times and also through my dark days! Your support after Jaci's death meant more to me than I can express in written words. I thank you again for that love and support.

As many of you know I am engaged to be married to Kathy Koning. Kathy is Kris Sparks' twin sister. Kathy and I will be married on May 22nd with Dick Wiggers performing the ceremony. Kathy has been an active member of Rolling Hills Community Church for a number of years. Kathy and I have determined that we will both leave our respective church homes and find our own church home to worship at on a regular basis. The Bible states in Genesis 2 "...a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife..." Kathy and I will leave our respective worship families and become involved at our place of worship. However as a man and woman are always connected to their parents, Kathy and I will always be connected to TPC and Rolling Hills as part of our extended family of faith. Kathy and I have a strong desire to maintain our friendships at TPC and at Rolling Hills.

It has always bothered me when people just disappear from the church community in which they worship. That is my main motivation for writing this letter. For that reason I want to let you know that it is with love for each of you that I move on to another place of worship. I will continue my involvement with the TPC men's group and with our golf group. Kathy will also continue involvement at Rolling Hills. We are totally committed to worshipping together and we will find a house of worship where we will worship the Lord together!

Yours in Christ,
Roger

Dear TPC Family,

It is with great pleasure that I share new members, the Mears Family, with all of you. As their deacon, I am blessed to have them in my parish.
Edda Brown, Deacon



John and Judith Mears

John and Judith Mears met at the University of Montana in the fall of 1959 when Judith entered as a freshman. The gathering where they met was led by the campus Presbyterian minister. They subsequently dated and became en-

gaged on Thanksgiving Day in 1961; they were married the following June. John and Judith have two children, Katrina Mears Weener and Paul Sheldon Mears who lives in Seattle. John's mother, Dorothy Mears, is 90 years old and comes to church with them on Sunday mornings.

John is an ordained elder and deacon; Judith is an ordained deacon. John has taught junior high Christian Education; Judith is trained in hospice care. They both enjoy choir, grand parenting and recumbent trike riding.

John and Judith are surrogate parents to two daughters and surrogate grandparents to four children. They also have a goddaughter. John writes, "family is the largest part of our interest and efforts, not just blood family, but a wonderful and active extended family. People and relationships are most important to us. We also want everyone to know how much we love our TPC family. It is wonderful, warts and all. We could not be happier."

Nick Dannemiller Earns "God and Life" Award

On Sunday, February 21, 2010, Nick Dannemiller will be recognized by the Cascade Pacific Council's BSA Protestant Committee on Scouting for earning his "God and Life" award. Nick will be recognized as a 4 Star Recipient for completing all 4 "Duty to God" programs offered to Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts: "God and Me" (grades 2-3), "God and Family" (grades 4-5), "God and Church" (grades 6-8), and "God and Life" (grades 9-12). This series is also available to Girl Scouts, Adult Scout Leaders and anyone who is involved with Christian Education and youth ministry in their church or community..

WHAT'S GOING ON

Children's Education and Ministries

committee meeting, Tuesday, February 2 at 7 p.m.

TPC GAME NIGHT

Friday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Bring a hearty appetizer or dessert, a beverage to share and your favorite game. Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun and laughter. If you have questions, please talk to Barb Crall, 503-692-1677.

SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

Join all current and former scouts in celebrating the 100th year of Scouting on Scout Sunday, Feb. 7.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17 SERVICE

On Ash Wednesday there will be a simple supper at 6:30 p.m. following by a worship service at 7 p.m. Pastor Ken will administer ashes in the morning from 6:30 to 8:30 and again in the evening during the service.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SIMPLE SUPPERS

Starting on **Ash Wednesday, February 17** and continuing on **every Wednesday evening through March 31** there will be a simple supper at 6:30 pm followed by a half hour service of singing, readings and silence at 7 p.m.

CASCADES LEADERSHIP FAIR OFFERS BEST BARGAIN AROUND

QUESTION: Where can you...

Hear a keynote speaker on how to last as a leader?

Attend two timely, high-quality workshops to help in your role at church or in your personal life?

Enjoy a wonderful lunch and

Connect with fellow Presbyterians—all for \$20?

ANSWER: The Cascades Leadership Fair, slated for **Sat., February 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego. To register, pick up a form from the tower in the Narthex, or visit www.cascadespresbytery.org.

This event is for church staff, musicians, volunteer

leaders and congregational members. Workshops (each person can attend two) include Money and Ministry, Spiritual Gifts, Healthy Congregations, Tuning into God, It's Still the King of Instruments (organ), a Pictorial Pilgrimage from Galilee to Calvary and special sessions for church treasurers, personnel committees and clerks of session. Sign up now for a real bargain. Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 19.

WOMEN'S TEA

The Fellowship Committee is busy planning and looking forward to a Women's Tea scheduled for **Saturday, February 27 at 2 p.m.** The tea will be an opportunity for the women of TPC to invite friends, family and neighbors to come enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, fruit, dessert and fellowship.

Look for a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex. There is space for 40 attendees, so check your schedules and sign up as soon as possible. A \$10 fee is due when you sign up to help defray costs. Questions? Talk to Paula Miller, Fellowship Elder, 503-692-5977.

Presbytery of the Cascades Summer Camps Offer a Variety of Experiences

Whether you are a youth in the first grade, a senior high student, or a family with young children, Presbytery of the Cascades Summer Camp Programs have something for you. This summer we are offering 14 different sessions that include Youth camps at both Magruder on the coast and Suttle Lake in the mountains, an Adventure Camp in Central Oregon and a Family Camp at Honeyman State Park. Open enrollment has begun so register now.

If you haven't taken time to look at the summer programs, pick up a brochure today. This will be another great summer filled with fun, new friends, and spiritual growth. Register online at www.campcascades.org or mail in your registration today. Brochures with registration forms are available in the church office. Or call the camp office at 503-460-3024, email us at biz@campcascades.org or visit the website at www.campcascades.org

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Zikomo – Xie Xie – Danke – Merci – Gracias – THANK YOU! Although Christmas 2009 is but a memory, the members of the Mission Committee wish to extend our heart-felt thanks for the congregation's support of the annual Giving Tree!

Together we served five families consisting of a total of 19 children and 10 adults. For those of us delivering the children's gifts and family food basket, it was a joy to hear excited children's giggles, but also a brush with many families' current reality – a father staring at the floor trying to speak his thanks with his wife standing beside him, choking back her tears as she softly said her thanks and noted her husband has been out of work for almost 18 months. Without support from all of you, there would have been no Christmas for these families. May God continue to bless each of you in this New Year!
Joan Nardi, Mission Elder

P.S. Cookie Sale Update: The TPC Cookie Sale on Saturday, December 12 netted \$642.81 which was donated to Quiet Waters Outreach, the parent organization of Tuesday's Treasures.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

By now most of the world knows of the terrible earthquake that hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In the wake of this great human tragedy, we are grateful for the outpouring of so many expressions of care and generosity from Presbyterians everywhere. Because of your quick response, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) was able to double its commitment of funds to provide immediate aid those first few days following the quake. Your gifts were put to effective and strategic work in coordinated efforts with our international and ecumenical partners, Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance and Church World Service (CSW). The first phase of response included search and rescue teams, food and water distribution sites, and medical care for the injured. There is still much work to be done.

Randy Ackley
Coordinator, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
General Assembly Mission Council

PARISH NURSING

Over the past several months, you may have noticed information from the "Parish Nurse" in the newsletter and in the bulletin. And you didn't even know TPC had a "Parish Nurse." Here is your opportunity to learn more about parish nursing.

Parish nursing has been around in some form for centuries. The ministry of Jesus Christ gave rise to value caring for the sick. Early on nurses were affiliated with the church to meet the needs of the sick and weary. Nurses favored a holistic approach to care for the sick, caring for the needs of the soul as well as the body. In the past three decades, parish nursing has grown from a small group of nurses in a few communities in the Midwest first organized by Granger Westberg to a subspecialty of nursing recognized by the American Nurses Association serving areas across the US and into other countries as well.

Rather than dealing primarily with sickness in a faith community, parish nurses focus on wellness, disease prevention and health promotion. In part, their mission is to "educate, advocate, and activate people to take positive action regarding wellness, prevention, appropriate treatment of illness, and social and spiritual connections with God, members of their congregations, and their wider community."

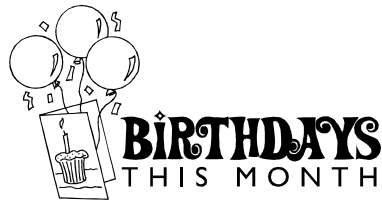
The function of the parish nurse within the TPC congregation will be to serve as a health educator, health advocate, nurse navigator, and integrator of faith and health. Facilitating educational programs and helping individuals through the health continuum will be major roles. The role of the parish nurse does not include hands on nursing care or home health nursing. Diagnosis, treatment, and medication dispensing are not parish nursing activities.

Soon a survey will go out to the congregation to determine the need for educational programs and to determine individual needs as well. Feedback from this survey will help guide the direction of the programs to come.

Dianne Lemmon, RN, TPC Parish Nurse

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03	Cathy Lambeth	24	Greg Sundt
04	Mary Shiffer	27	John Mears
09	Steve Olsen	28	Erin Hagan
12	Susan Springer	28	Mark Hansen
15	Karen Jones	28	Ted Miller
15	Samuel Corona	28	Nick Dannemiller
16	Herb Richardson	29	Randy Beyer
18	Mary Maleta	29	Casey Sparks
19	Scott MacHaffie	29	Janet Winterrowd
21	Bill Thomason	30	Pam Cameron
21	Pam Bowen	31	Neil Olson



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

02	Daylene Long	20	Craig Bowen
03	Rhoda Friesen	20	Arielle Mazzuca
07	Dale MacHaffie	22	Alexandria Winslow
09	Lynne Winkler	23	Brian Locke
11	Tom Hahn	24	Lynne Bolton
12	Marc Olson	24	Scott Mitchell
18	Terri Mitchell	25	Cathy Chase
19	Mary Ortez	28	Adam Kinyon
20	Shirley Schultz		

Treasurer's Report

	Income				# Sun- days	Expense			
	Actuals	Budget	Pct Diff	\$ Diff		Actuals	Budget	Pct Diff	\$ Diff
January	32,778	30,200	8.54%	2,578	4	17,012	19,900	-14.51%	2,888
February	15,892	18,500	-14.10%	(2,608)	4	23,641	19,902	18.78%	(3,739)
March	19,984	18,800	6.30%	1,184	5	19,972	20,121	-0.74%	149
April	14,550	18,100	-19.62%	(3,550)	4	18,751	19,924	-5.88%	1,173
May	17,430	20,000	-12.85%	(2,570)	5	20,698	19,921	3.90%	(777)
June	14,875	15,700	-5.26%	(825)	4	18,029	20,323	-11.29%	2,294
July	18,175	15,200	19.57%	2,975	4	22,076	22,420	-1.53%	344
August	19,244	16,550	16.28%	2,694	5	19,398	19,022	1.98%	(376)
September	12,407	15,050	-17.56%	(2,643)	4	16,814	17,959	-6.37%	1,145
October	15,800	14,350	10.10%	1,450	4	17,270	17,759	-2.75%	489
November	16,169	21,400	-24.45%	(5,231)	5	19,243	17,761	8.35%	(1,482)
December	18,748	24,150	-22.37%	(5,402)	4	18,797	17,744	5.94%	(1,053)

FELLOWSHIP DINNER GROUPS

The new fellowship dinner groups have been formed. A list of the new groups is on the tower in the Narthex. Each member will receive an e-mail listing the members of the group and their contact information. The 9 individual groups have no pre-defined leader. The members are responsible for contacting one another to plan the first meeting.

WARM THANKS TO MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Worship Team sends "warm" thanks to members of the Men's Fellowship, specifically John Casebeer, Chip Kyle, John Dehoney and Bill Smiley for serving as parking lot attendants for some of the December services. Often visitors arrive at church just as the service is starting and find the parking lot looking pretty full. To help them find a parking spot, or let them know to park on the street, these men stood out in the freeeeezing cold, offering the first TPC welcome to our guests on December 20th and 24th. We appreciate their willingness to help out and especially thank Chip Kyle for convincing the others that it would be fun!



TPC COOKBOOKS

We continue selling our TPC Cookbooks on Sundays. They can also be purchased at the church office during office hours. \$15 each.

ANTS IN YOUR PANTS CHILD CARE

To provide Ants in Your Pants child care during worship, we need a volunteer, or two, each Sunday to be with the children. There is a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex. Please sign up. Thanks, in advance, for your help.

DON'T TOSS THAT NECKTIE!

Wanted: Old neckties, new ties, funny ties, serious ties...any tie you would like to donate. A cousin of mine is making a quilt for her dad and needs dozens of ties. If you're cleaning out your closets and have no use for aging ties, please put them in the basket opposite our nametags and they will be put to good use. Thanks so much. Donna Benner

PER CAPITA for 2010

Tualatin Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and therefore has a relationship with every other church in the denomination, as well as with the governing bodies. We pay \$22.55 in per capita for each member on our rolls. Of this amount, \$11.23 goes to the Presbytery of the Cascades, \$5.17 goes to the Synod of the Pacific and \$6.15 goes to General Assembly.

Our per capita expense is not included in our annual budget. We ask each member to pay his or her own. Simply make your check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Thanks.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO PLEDGE



Pledge cards are on a table in the Narthex near the glass doors. To turn one in, simply place it in the offering plate or take it to the office. Thank you.

2008 PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you're still trying to match names with faces, there are copies of the 2008 Photo Directory in the church office. The printed information inside is no longer up-to-date, so pick up a copy of the current directory listing as well. Both are available on the front counter in the office.

LEFT BEHIND

Please retrieve any dishes or platters that are yours. They're on a table to the left of the kitchen window. Also please retrieve any coats or sweaters left on the peg rack in the hallway.

LAST PERSON OUT, PLEASE CHECK

If you're the last person out of the building, please check that things are turned off...lights, coffee pots, dishwasher, oven and that the doors are locked.

POP CANS AND BOTTLES

Yes, we're still collecting cans and bottles that have a 5-cent deposit. Nickels add up.

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon