



## BLOGS FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

In January I had my second intensive week at Duke learning about leadership through the lens of the New Testament and sociological analysis. Like the first intensive week, one of our assignments was to write a blog every night. Here are snippets from mine...

Blog for Day 1 What a great day! So good to be back! I was extremely engaged with both the morning and afternoon session- if a bit bleary by the end.

I loved Craig's 10 points about eschatology- what I loved in particular is how his points critique what I perceive is the popular conception of "eschatology". Namely, I find so much that masquerades as eschatological thought is world-denying, and Craig specifically points out how apocalyptic eschatology allows us to look at the harsh reality of the world square in the face, challenges us to critique the politics du jour, and value the world in all it's humbling complexity.

And the Leander Keck story...wow. He puts his hand on his wife's coffin saying: "I will say to you what I've said every night for the past few months. I love you. I'll see you in the morning...and what a morning it will be." Cue tears. This recalled moment makes me so thankful for those dear to me.

I was particularly interested in the discussion of the various distractions we employ to avoid facing theodicy: medication, exhaustion, technology, and the Matrix-like simulacrum from Baudrillard. Baudrillard leaves me forever haunted by a picture I saw in the NY Times a few years back of kids in the Louvre staring at images on their cameras of famous works of art - they were literally fixated by representations of representations. So, by this measure, even when we're at peace in our constructed world,

we honestly have to wonder if we're truly at peace.

Ken's Blog 2: I love, loved, loved our time with Joel Marcus this morning. So many things were great- the multiple levels of Mark as well as the quote from Orwell regarding the direct attitude of Mark: "My starting point is always a feeling of partisanship, a sense of injustice. When I sit down to write a book, I do not say to myself, "I am going to produce a work of art." I write it because there is some lie that I want to expose, some fact to which I want to draw attention, and my initial concern is to get a hearing." This visceral drive squares with how I experience Mark. It also reminds me of a great quote from the "Rum Diaries"- the semi-autobiographical portrait of Hunter S. Thompson in the words of Paul Kemp: "I put the bastards of this world on notice that I do not have their best interests at heart. I will try and speak for my reader. That is my promise, and it will be a voice of ink and rage."

Practically, Mark is perfect for leaders. To use Marcus' motorcycle analogy, we aren't the semi-truck creating the draft. He created a marvelous picture of the reign of God as an incursion into the world being like a giant semi-truck barreling along the highway pulling us along into its wake. This is a reminder that while leaders have important work to do, it's a grave mistake to conflate our role (when things are going well or not) with the semi: we take too much blame when things suck, and we take too much credit when they go well. Ours to work our tails off never knowing if we will see results, but (he said optimistically) always maintaining an eschatological hope.

Ken's Blog- Day 3 So...yeah. Pretty much everything I thought about Paul...um, not so much. ☺ I was thrilled and astounded by man and myth E.P. Sanders this morning.



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And oh my. I've focused more narrowly on his work relating to First Century Judaism and missed out on his revolutionary work leading the New Perspective(s) on Paul movement. And today was just all about that. 500 years of Protestant theology: Paul preaches justification by faith and not works? Poof. "Paul was a religious extremist!" says Prof. Sanders. He's General Lee who made it through West Point without a demerit. Paul didn't preach some 20<sup>th</sup> century, existentialist, Ken-friendly message laced with ambiguity, and *simul iustus et simul peccatur*: he preached a Gospel of the resurrected Christ in whose body we participate now, and while some elements of the law may not be necessary, an extremely high moral standard is demanded. Um...Ok... So, what DO we do with Augustine? Luther? Or Calvin?

Lest I forget this- whenever I think of first century Greco-Roman religion, I will remember Craig's vision of a goat in a vending machine. "Insert goat- out comes better crops, or what have you."

Ken's Blog- Day 4 One of the surprises of the day for me was Craig's talk on 2 Corinthians. While most of you probably knew all of this, I somehow really didn't pick up on the fact that 2 Cor. is such a mash up of a letter. 2 Cor. really is like when a highway cuts through a hillside and you see all these layers of rock, and you realize each layer of rock represents a different point in history. I was particularly interested in Craig's comment about not being super happy that Paul didn't really have traction with the community until his "mean" letter; and I couple this with Dr. Hays' similar comment regarding Paul's comment on power in 1 Cor. 4:19. Where both Craig and Dr. Hays are apologetic about Paul's more naked appeal to a commensurate retaliatory power, I think this may be exactly what our denominations need. I think we are nice; we are willing to forgive; but because we have been unwilling to hold people accountable and have anything remotely resembling standards (quite unlike Paul), we suffer communities that privilege bullies and country clubbers over people who want to grow in their faith.

And the afternoon? My goodness. All I can say I love the sense that congregations are like elephants and mice- an adult mouse, although small, can still be healthy. The underlying belief that growth equals goodness is American idolatry baptized by the church. "Well, they're growing... SOMETHING good must be going on." Please. Nazi Germany mustered enormous throngs of people all raising their arms to Hitler. More isn't good. More isn't better. More is more.

Ken's Blog- Day 5 Something else helpful to me was placing Paul more thoughtfully in his context. While I found Holmberg excruciating, what I appreciated from it was that it dethroned Paul a little bit for me. Rather than being for all intents and purposes the founder of the church as we know it (not in the Wrede sense), Holmberg offers us a view of Paul who worked in the midst of a community and who was no where near the top of the hierarchy of that community. Craig said, and I'm paraphrasing: "Peter was the favorite son. Paul was more like a step-child." This is not the Paul I have often imagined- the imperious, my-way-or-the-highway entrepreneur who started the church from scratch. Paul was a brilliant guy working with several strikes against him in the midst of a hierarchy that gave him unpleasant jobs (the Great Collection) and to whom he answered. And yet, within this structure, he found ways to be creative. If this isn't a hopeful word for the mainline pastor today...I don't know what is.

So, a snapshot into my week. Thanks for all of your support!

# MISSION NEWS

## **Dear Friends at Tualatin Presbyterian Church,**

Thank you for your continued, generous support of the Tualatin School House Pantry. The Pantry is currently serving on average 650 families each month. This is an increase of over a hundred families per month from the same time period last year! Your continued support has helped us fulfill our mission to “provide emergency food to qualified households in a welcoming environment.” As we all face difficult decisions in this challenging economic time, the mission of the pantry becomes even more critical as we work together to feed our hungry neighbors. Again, our sincere thanks for your support!

Tracy Smith, Program Coordinator  
Tualatin School House Pantry

The following letter was received in acknowledgement of the **Christmas Memorial Fund**:

Dear Tualatin Presbyterian Friends,  
The survivors of domestic violence that we serve needed **you** and **you** were there to show them **you care**. Thank you so much!

We are very grateful for your donation of \$900.00 this past holiday season. Your donation helps make our community a safer and healthier place. The Domestic Violence Resource Center is able to reach over 10,000 survivors each year with free and bilingual services because of the care and support of the community, especially the support of people and organizations like you. We are honored by your continued confidence in our work.

Thank you again for your continued support for our clients and the DVRC team. We wish you many blessing in the New Year!

Rhonda Coakley  
Development and Event Coordinator

## **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

TPC provided for six local families with gifts for 16 children and a Christmas food basket for each family. Without your generous help, Christmas would not have been a happy day for these fami-

lies. The tradition of the “TPC Giving Tree” continues to bring the joy of the Christ child’s birth into the home of strangers.

## **JANUS YOUTH PROGRAMS**

TPC also collected 119 pairs of gloves, 59 hats, 80 pairs of socks, and 27 winter scarves for the Janus Youth Programs which assist homeless, abused and abandoned children and youth in the greater Portland-Metro area. Well done, good and faithful servants!

## **A Thank You From Quiet Waters Outreach**

Dear TPC Members and the Cookie Baking Team: Thank you for supporting Quiet Waters Outreach through the proceeds from the recent cookie sale. We are so appreciative! You make amazing partners in completing God’s work here on Earth! We are honored by your selection and will apply your donation towards developing more Treasure Nights across the Portland Metro area.

With warmest thanks!  
Steve Ristow, Executive Director

**It Will Soon Be Time**: TPC will be providing dinner for the volunteer medical staff at the free, Essential Health Clinic, on **Wednesday, February 8th**. The clinic, which is open every Wednesday evening at 15296 SW Royalty Parkway, (the North end of the Safeway Mall), serves both the uninsured and the underinsured. The patients range in age from infants to the elderly.

We invite you to join our team of volunteers and continue the TPC tradition of great meals for the clinic medical staff. Sign up in the Narthex, to provide dinner on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please plan your contribution to serve 16 adults. Dishes may be brought to TPC by 2:00 PM, on the 8th, for delivery to the Clinic. If you have questions please see Joan Nardi or call her at 503 684-6529.

## LOGOS YOUTH GROUP

LOGOS will meet on Sunday, February 12 at 5 pm.  
The theme is Mardi Gras!

## Cascades Leadership Fair

Saturday, February 25, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church  
1200 SW Alder, Portland, OR 97205

Registration deadline is February 10.

The Cascades Leadership Fair, sponsored by the Congregational Support Committee, brings nationally known guest speakers and timely workshops to our Presbytery for a day-long event of fellowship and learning. The registration is a low \$20.00 per person including lunch because the budget is supplemented by Congregational Support Committee funds, part of Mission Partnership Giving, Fund 2, which comes from our church's undesignated giving to the Presbytery.

Whether you are a church officer, a choir member, a staff person or a member interested in growing your faith, there is something for you at this leadership fair. Hear nationally known speakers and attend two of many appealing workshops. For more information, download a brochure and registration form at [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org).

### UC Berkeley Wellness Letter Healthy Hint:

If you take blood pressure medication, consider taking it in the evening, rather than the morning. A recent review from the Cochrane Collaboration evaluated 21 studies and found that taking the drugs in the evening results in slightly lower 24-hour blood pressure reading. In addition, a new Spanish study of people with hypertension and chronic kidney disease found that those who were told to take at least one hypertension drug at bedtime not only had better blood pressure control, but also had far fewer heart attacks, strokes and other cardiovascular events over a five-year period than those taking the drugs in the morning. The Spanish study is in the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*.

Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

## WHO WILL BE OUR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS?

The 2012 nominating committee is looking for individuals to fill 3 elder and 4 deacon positions. We ask you to help identify members (including yourself) who have the enthusiasm and vision to set a future path for TPC.

An ELDER serves on the Session, a group that leads and governs the congregation. Each elder oversees one of nine areas of ministry integral to the management of the church and to the implementation of its mission. From worship to outreach, adult education to youth, administration to building and grounds...it's an opportunity to share your energy, talents and vision for TPC.

A DEACON serves our church family by taking a special interest in their "parish" group. Parish members may go to their deacon with questions, joys and/or concerns. Deacons often act in a supportive roll for parish members in need. Deacons meet once a month to discuss what is happening within their parishes and what can be done for our church family.

### You Can Help the 2012 Nominating Committee

Please give us the names of TPC members who you believe would welcome the opportunity to share their time, talents and ideas. There will be an insert in Sunday's bulletin for just this purpose. Fill it out and put it in the offering plate. YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATING anyone in any way. You are helping to create a list of names to be considered for these positions.

Pastor Ken will lead training sessions to give guidance to the new elders and deacons. Current elders and deacons also help the newly "elected" prepare for their new positions.

The following elder positions are open:

#### Admin. & Personnel – Chip Kyle is rotating off

The Administration Elder oversees church finances, investments, stewardship and personnel matters for church employees.

#### Mission – Joan Nardi is rotating off

The Mission Elder and the mission committee coordinate TPC's local, regional and world mission activities.

#### Youth – Dr. Craig Bowen is rotating off

This elder provides Christian Education, fellowship and mission opportunities for children in grades 3-12.

THANK YOU. We appreciate your help.

Barb Crall, Joan Nardi, Ted Lambeth, Barbara Kerr,  
John Mears, Ted Miller and Rick Norse  
The 2012 Nominating Committee

## January 17, 2012 Session Meeting Highlights

The Mission Committee is considering partnering with Love INC of Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood. Love INC is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to connect families in need with local churches and service agencies to assist them.

Session approved listing the Administration Elder as President, and the Session Clerk as secretary and registered agent on the Oregon annual corporate renewal form.

The annual membership roll review is in process. Session approved correcting an error on the handwritten membership rolls that now synchronizes handwritten and computer membership records.

The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood has returned from a week of studies at Duke on New Testament and church sociological analysis. As part of his study program TPC has been granted free access to an online survey to provide analysis of congregational strengths for utilization in church planning.

Session clarified the Accountable Reimbursement Plan in place for staff by reiterating and adopting a written policy to assure conformance with IRS regulations.

The Terms of Call (compensation package) for the Rev. Ken Evers-Hood was prepared for voting at the congregational meeting. The Pastor has requested that some of his salary be reduced and a like amount added to his education allowance.

The year-end financial statements show a surplus for the year of some \$8,000. Session approved allocating \$4,000 of the surplus for bonuses to staff. The budget for 2012 was approved for presentation at the congregational meeting.

Session approved Joan Nardi as the Session representative for the 2012 Nominating Committee.

## Sunday, January 22

### Congregational Meeting Highlights

Pastoral Terms of Call for 2012 were presented and approved by the Congregation. Elder Chip Kyle presented the Session's 2012 Annual Budget.

The 2012 Nominating Committee was elected and consists of the following members: Barb Crall, Joan Nardi, Ted Lambeth, Barbara Kerr, John Mears, Ted Miller, and Rick Norse.

The 2011 Annual Report of committees and groups within the Congregation was distributed. Elders Joan Nardi and Katrina Weener presented reports from the Mission Committee and Children's Education Committee, respectively. The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood led discussion on the new website welcoming suggestions for making it even better. The Bereavement Committee and TPC Blood Drive activities inadvertently were not included in the distributed annual report and presentation was made from the floor.

Special acknowledgements went to Maureen Richardson, Worship Chair, and Susan Springer, Office Manager, for their work in 2011.

The above information has been compiled from Session and Congregational Meeting minutes. Complete copies of minutes are available in the church office.

Carolyn Barker, Clerk of Session

### REMEMBER NATHAN KIM, THE YOUNG PIANIST?

Dr. Ron Fabbro's piano student, Nathan Kim, was named alternate winner at the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Northwest Division Junior Piano Performance Competition held at the University of Montana at Missoula on January 14, 2012. Congratulations, Nathan!

Nathan is now twelve years old. His birthday was the day of the competition. That will be a birthday he remembers!

**WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT  
PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES  
SUMMER CAMP?**

In camp and conference ministry we need people. People to come and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. People to come and get away from daily life and listen for God's call. People to fill the woods or the seaside with laughter and squeals of enjoyment as we live together in community. People to gather around tables and campfires and tell again the stories of God's love and care for us. People to fish. People to catch people.

Peter and Andrew, James and John heard the call and immediately left what they were doing to follow Jesus. The immediacy of their response to Jesus's call is puzzling to us. But we can open our own ears and eyes to be alert to the call of God in our lives. Camps and conference centers are places where lives are changed and discerning God's call can occur. Presbyterian Panel research shows that 70% of members recall one particular spiritual growth experience that had great significance in shaping their Christian life. The most common setting for such an experience was at a camp.

Camps need Peter and Andrew and Sally and Mary from your congregation to go to camp. Camps need your prayers and support. The church leaders of tomorrow are at camp today. (Excerpt from Camp and Conference Sunday 2005.

Brochures with registration forms are available on the tower in the narthex. There is information on the camp website at [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org). You can talk to someone at the camp office by calling 503-460-3024 or send an email to [biz@campcascades.org](mailto:biz@campcascades.org).

**2011 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

have been distributed. If you have questions about your statement, please contact Rhoda in the church office, 503-692-4160 or email her at [Rhoda@tpcspirit.org](mailto:Rhoda@tpcspirit.org).



**FEBRUARY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 2—Daylene Long
- 3—Rhoda Friesen
- 7—Dale MacHaffie
- 9—Lynne Winkler
- 11—Tom Hahn
- 12—Marc Olson
- 16—Alexis Holland
- 17—Johnathan Tracy
- 18—Terri Mitchell
- 29—Mary Ortez
- 20—Craig Bowen, Arielle Mazzuca, Shirley Schultz
- 21—Chip Kyle
- 22—Alexandria Winslow
- 23—Brian Locke
- 24—Lynne Bolton, Scott Mitchell
- 25—Cathy Chase
- 28—Adam Kinyon

**RETIRE THE DEBT DONATIONS**

If you plan to donate to help pay off the church mortgage, please consider paying early in 2012. This will reduce the principle amount on which the church pays interest. Every dollar helps.

**TPC 2012 ANNUAL PER CAPITA EXPENSE  
\$23.85 for each member**

We will receive a bill very soon for our per capita expense for this 2012. The charge per member is \$23.85. Our treasurer, Scott Mitchell, would love to receive payment early in the year. Please make your check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Thank you so much.

**2011 FINANCIALS**

Income Year to Date (as of 12-31-2011)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$286,073	\$282,440	\$3,633
Expenses Year to Date (as of 12-31-2011)			
	\$277,947	\$289,375	\$11,428

# TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

## February, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>29</b> Potluck after worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>2 NO</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship Choir sings	<b>6</b> 7 pm Spiritual Formation off site. For info, talk to Laura Spurrell 503-692-7034	<b>7</b>	<b>8 NO</b> Chancel Choir rehearsal Dinner for Essential Health Clinic, 2 pm food drop off time	<b>9</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>10</b> 10 to noon Loving Stitches	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship 5 pm Youth Logos—Mardi Gras!	<b>13</b> 7 pm Deacon meeting	<b>14</b> 7 pm Mission meeting	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>16</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>19</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 pm Tuesdays Treasures	<b>22</b> Soup and Bread Potluck followed by 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service...Chancel Choir rehearsal after worship	<b>23</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>24</b> 10 am to noon Loving Stitches	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship Choir sings Youth Logos—Game Night	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal			

**For the latest updates, check the calendar posted on the church website, [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)**

Regular TPC office hours are  
Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Please call (503) 692-4160 or email [Rhoda@tpcspirit.org](mailto:Rhoda@tpcspirit.org)  
if you've moved or changed your email address.  
Church website: [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) We're also on Facebook.

The deadline for the March Newsletter is 9 am on Tuesday, February 28.  
Please email articles to [newsletter@tpcspirit.org](mailto:newsletter@tpcspirit.org).

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

The directory is updated frequently. If your directory is more than a year old,  
please come to the office and pick up a current one.

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Tualatin, OR 97062-9182



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**The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood**

**Phone:** 503-692-4160

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

**Worship Service – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

**Parish Associates:** The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Philip Martin

**Elders:** Randy Beyer, Craig Bowen, Barb Crall, Norm Dannemiller, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Maureen Richardson, Craig Walker and Katrina Weener.

**Deacons:** Bud Bender, Susan Fee, Barbara Harriman, Ted Lambeth, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Bob Nix, Mary Ortez, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Karen Stevenson, Jeni Wiggers, and Nancy Wilcox.

**Treasurer:** Scott Mitchell  
e-mail: [treasurer@tpcspirit.org](mailto:treasurer@tpcspirit.org)

**Music Director:** Kris Sparks  
e-mail: [music.director@tpcspirit.org](mailto:music.director@tpcspirit.org)

**Clerk of Session:** Carolyn Barker  
Email: [carolynjbarker@mac.com](mailto:carolynjbarker@mac.com)

**Bell Choir Director:** Martha Wilson  
e-mail: [bells@tpcspirit.org](mailto:bells@tpcspirit.org)

**Webmaster:** Ted Pelletier  
e-mail: [webmaster@tpcspirit.org](mailto:webmaster@tpcspirit.org)

**Music Accompanist:** Dr. Ron Fabbro

**Art Director:** Ellen VanSchoiack

**Bereavement Committee:** Pam Cameron

**Wedding Coordinator:** Stacy Mauer

**Newsletter Editor:** Susan Springer  
e-mail: [newsletter@tpcspirit.org](mailto:newsletter@tpcspirit.org)

**Administrative Assistants:** Rhoda Friesen and Susan Springer  
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