



## PASTOR'S REPORT FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

2012 marks my eighth year with TPC, and I continue to find myself blessed and challenged. This year has been particularly full.

Growth and transition mark 2012 for me. Both worship attendance and membership increased last year. Our average attendance is around 154. The story is similar with our membership. In 2012 as I write this we have welcomed 29 new members bringing our active membership total to 283. The story is quite different in many mainline congregations, and I'm grateful for the challenges of our growth. More about those challenges later.

While we have welcomed new members this year, we have also bid farewell to key leaders. In particular we experienced a great deal of transition in our music staff. In the fall of 2011 Martha Wilson stepped down from leading the bell choir, and in her place we welcomed Debbie Ivanov as an Interim Director. Last summer we hired Debbie as our ongoing bell director and look forward to all that she will bring. We also said goodbye to our music director, Kris Sparks, last August. Kris directed the TPC choir for 15 years and was very much responsible for shaping and guiding the excellent choir who continues to bless us today. To shepherd the choir during a period of transition the session hired Dr. David Kelly as Interim Choir Director, and David has been an incredible blessing this fall both in leading the choir as well as in welcoming so many guest musicians. Music wasn't the only department that experienced transition in 2012. We also offered thanks for Ellen VanSchoiack's phenomenal work as our Art Director. How many Sundays did Ellen and her team create a visually striking space that lifted our hearts more faithfully into worship? Moving forward, Mary Shiffer has stepped up, and I'm looking forward to what the Spirit will create through her. So, what is true in life has been true at TPC in 2012: the only thing that truly remains constant is change. Thanks be to God!

2012 was an incredible year for me personally. Through the kindness of Scott Cameron, the Knights Templar sent me to Israel in February. Aside from crossing into Mexico and Canada, Israel was my first foray into international travel. And what an incredible place to start! The Rev. Bargil Pixnar calls the land of Israel, particularly the geography around the Sea of Galilee, the "fifth Gospel", and believes it tells us as much about Christ as the stories in the four written Gospels in Scripture. I felt Pixnar's words came true as I wandered around the ruins of ancient Capernaum, Bethsaida, and saw Bethlehem and Jerusalem with my own eyes. This was truly the trip of a lifetime, and I can honestly say it changed how I read Scripture. Some of my friends on the trip described the change as bringing a black and white image of Israel into raw and vivid color. For a pastor it really doesn't get much better than this.

Duke has also continued to challenge my thinking and deepen my understanding of pastoral leadership in general and sharpened my understanding of the challenges facing TPC in the near future. Our sociology class provided me with the opportunity (meaning my grade depended on it) of studying our congregation's demographics and disposition. In a follow-up class on strategy, we learned how to analyze this data looking for strengths and points of difficulty. In our case while many indicators at TPC are currently positive and strong, we do face a challenge together. While we report being mostly happy with the way things are, many of us also indicate a desire for more generational diversity in the congregation, particularly at the younger end. The challenge is that our worship space and parking lot limit our ability to welcome many more of these new, younger faces. Further, some report anxiety about moving to more than one service. So, we'd like to increase our generational diversity, but we don't have much room currently to do that, and we're anxious about adding another worship service. These may be good challenges to have, but they are challenges. I trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us through these times with wisdom and care.

# MEET THE HARRIS FAMILY

One enormously positive development in 2012: The Retire the Debt Campaign is on track for a successful conclusion in 2013. At the end of December the loan balance was \$125,398 with \$18,470 scheduled for January payment from the mortgage fund balance of December receipts. Anticipated debt pledges to be received of \$73,635 when combined with \$36,000 of regular budgeted payments approximate requirements to pay off the mortgage in 2013. This is incredibly positive and should be adequate to achieve success. Not only does this mean we set an ambitious goal and accomplished it, but our success will enable us to staff for our family ministry program. I am incredibly proud to pastor a church that identified a problem, tried to solve that problem and ran into difficulty, found another way to solve the problem, and then worked to accomplish it. To me this shows great faith and endurance. I'm filled with gratitude for everyone who continues to support Retire the Debt!

I'm incredibly optimistic about 2013. We will hire a new music director, we will celebrate the completion of our Retire the Debt Campaign, I will complete my coursework for Duke and begin work on my dissertation, AND I will head off on sabbatical over the summer. I look forward to all of this with you, plus whatever hijinks the Holy Spirit has in mind.

In Christ



Ken Evers-Hood



I am very happy to officially introduce the Harris Family to you; Tamara, Adam and Henry who live here Tualatin. Our featured family was looking for a family friendly church in their neighborhood and started attending TPC in 2011.

Tamara and Adam met on a summer mission trip to Mexico during their high school years. The "long time friends" were married in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico 5 years ago. The Harris family anxiously await the arrival of a baby boy at the end of March!

Henry just turned 3 and goes to Tualatin Valley Preschool. He was born at Kaiser Sunnyside Hospital in Clackamas. Henry loves cars, shooting hoops, reading, music, outer space, and gymnastics.

Tamara teaches kindergarten at Tualatin Elementary. She was born in Portland and attended Lakeridge High. She had the opportunity to live in Peru after college for 2 years. When not working she enjoys spending time with her family, playing with cars on the floor or watching Adam and Henry play with their puppets. Tamara shared that "I love miniature donkeys and hope to have some, some day. I love teaching and enjoy reading about education and instruction."

Adam is a substitute elementary school teacher. He was born in Eugene and attended Lake Oswego High. Adam enjoys golfing in the summer and curling in the winter. He loves repairing old clocks, playing with Legos, reading, working on the house, and most importantly, spending time with his family.

The Harris family live in a renovated 1920s vintage home south of Tualatin. They have an acre of land with plenty of large trees and room to play and relax. They have a shop and chicken coop on their property.

We are glad the Harris Family found TPC and are a part of our TPC Family! Please extend a hearty Welcome to the Harris's!

Bud Bender  
Deacon; Parish # 2



**February is the month to celebrate everyone and everything we love!** Please bring photographs to share of some of the people, pets, events and things which have brought joy to you. Leave them in the photo box in the Narthex (brightly colored floral box on a small table). If your photographs are framed, we'll put them up on a big table in the Narthex for everyone to see. If you want them framed, we can take care of that as well. We hope to have this display ready for on Sunday, February 3 and would like to keep the display up through the end of February. Joen Morris and I hope you will have fun participating.

Maureen Richardson, Worship Elder

### 2013 TPC Photo Directory Now Available

The new TPC photo directory has been printed and is now available for distribution. Copies were distributed at the annual meeting on January 20th. If you were not able to attend the meeting and would like a copy of the directory, please feel free to pick one up in the church office. The deacons, who sponsored the new directory, wish to thank all those who contributed to the production of the directory, especially Rhoda Friesen whose computer skills were essential to the project.

Dan Barker, Deacon

## FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Sunday, February 3  
Potluck after worship

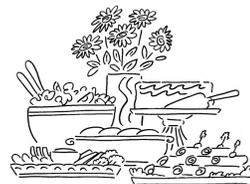
Wed., February 13  
6 pm Ash Wednesday Potluck  
followed by worship

Friday, February 15  
6:30 p.m. Family Game Night

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH WOMEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM STORIES THAT INSPIRED FAVORITE HYMNS

Come to the Women's Ministry potluck luncheon at noon on **Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. Bring a salad or dessert to share—your choice. Our program will explore some hymns we all know and the stories that inspired their writing. Please contact Carolyn Barker ([carolynjbarker@mac.com](mailto:carolynjbarker@mac.com)) if you wish to add your name to the email list for meeting notifications.

In January your generosity allowed delivery of two welcome baskets of household products for Project Hopespring, an assistance program for homeless mothers and their children. Our goal for February is providing two more baskets. We have some products on hand from last month, but more of the following are needed: laundry baskets, hot pads, sink cleaner, garbage bags, spray cleaners, aluminum foil, toilet paper, toilet brush, laundry detergent, paper towels, dinner napkins, sandwich bags, plastic wrap. Please bring any of these items to the February meeting.



### Dinner for Volunteers at Essential Health Clinic

Once again TPC will provide dinner for the volunteer medical staff at the free, Essential Health Clinic, on

**Wednesday, February 13.** The clinic, located 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 volunteer and continue the TPC tradition of great meals for the medical staff. Sign up in the Narthex to help provide dinner. Please plan your contribution to serve 16 adults. Dishes can be brought to TPC by 2:00 p.m. on February 13, for delivery to the clinic. If you have questions, please talk to Joan Nardi 503 684-6529.

# VBS Returns to Tualatin Presbyterian Church

Save The Dates

and Mark Your Calendar

July 8<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup> // 9:30 to 11:30 AM

Ages: Entering Kindergarten to  
Entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

This year the children will go to Athens, and become part of Paul's dangerous journey to share the truth!

Each day, your children can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in ancient Athens! They'll explore the Marketplace shops, visit Paul, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as they discover more about Paul's missionary adventures. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

## To Volunteer Please Contact

Katrina Weener: 503-702-6154

Denise Collins: 503-682-3785

## January Session Meeting Highlights Carolyn Barker, Clerk of Session

### Action Items:

- The position description and salary package for the Director of Music Ministries was approved. Dr. David Kelly is now Director of Music Ministries at TPC.
- For 2013 the Pastoral Terms of Call, the sabbatical plan, the budget, and Session members appointed to the nominating committee were approved for presentation at the January congregational meeting.
- The 2012 year-end financial statements show a surplus for the year of some \$8,000.
- A joint project through the Heifer Program by the Mission and Children's Education Committees was approved.
- Session approved president, secretary and registered agent listings for the Oregon annual corporate renewal form.

### Committee Reports and General Information:

- Marshall and Linda Watkins presented an information packet regarding weapons regulation they wish to present and make available to the congregation.
- The clerk reported the annual membership roll review is in process and the annual membership record review by Presbytery has been completed.
- Deacons reported the photo directory has been completed for distribution at the annual congregational meeting.
- The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood has returned from a week of studies at Duke. An article he submitted to the Duke Journal has been published.

### January Congregational Meeting Highlights

#### Action Items:

- Pastoral Terms of Call for 2013 were presented and approved by the Congregation.
- The congregation approved the required three-month sabbatical leave for The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood from May 20 to August 20, 2013. During that period The Rev. Charlie Brown will fill the pulpit and serve the congregation.
- The congregation elected the 2013 Nominating Committee. The following members were elected. *From Session:* Barb Crall, Maureen Richardson, Karen Schmitt (Alternate). *From Deacons:* Robin McKay. *From Members-At-Large:* Rob Ayers, Becky Backen, Karen Jones, Jeff Weener.
- Jeff Taylor was elected to fill the vacant deacon position for the class of 2015.
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### Committee Reports and General Information:

- Elder Karen Schmitt presented the Session's 2013 Annual Budget.
- The Outreach Elder position is being revised to a Personnel Elder position. Specific outreach duties will be distributed to other elder positions.
- A part-time family ministry staff person is planned for September of 2013.
- Debt retirement pledges make mortgage payoff likely by the end of 2013.
- The 2012 Annual Report of committees and groups within the Congregation was distributed.
- Dan Barker presented the new membership photo directory sponsored by the deacons.

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



## **“It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness”**

Many of us wonder where the Light went. We are overwhelmed by the darkness of violence in our society. We become paralyzed by sadness, feelings of inadequacy. We believe that we are powerless to make a difference and expel darkness from our own lives let alone from the world.

This Lent the art committee is challenging us all to act in small ways to put light into our lives, family and community. What more beautiful and meaningful way to prepare ourselves for Easter and Our Savior’s glorious victory over darkness of sin and death than to work to illuminate the darkness with little flickers of light from positive action? We do not need to give up things for Lent but rather practice kindness, goodness, learn about the need for peace and social justice and do the little things to promote these values.

Great ideas, but how do we do that? We offer some suggestions that are attainable and we can never know how much light a simple act can produce.

How does this transfer to liturgical art? Starting Ash Wednesday there will be bare branches placed on either side of the cross. These winter trees represent our journey out of darkness into light as they break into bloom with white dogwood blossoms. The blossoms represent each simple flame of light generated by us as we act positively to illuminate the darkness rather than cursing it. Please join us in making our world a brighter place ready to accept God’s greatest gift of love on Easter Sunday.

This is not an exhaustive list of possible actions. There is no right or wrong way to proceed. Each action will be represented by a dogwood blossom on the sanctuary trees. There will be a container in front of the Communion table for placing slips of paper with our actions. We will all remain anonymous. No names will be requested. On Easter Sunday, the table will be covered with a paper banner with every action offered by us. Let us cease ‘cursing the darkness’ and act with light generated from living our Christian Faith.

### **Simple Positive Actions**

- Smile at a stranger, say hello
- Give a complement to a stranger
- Phone someone you haven’t talked to recently.
- Offer to run an errand for an elderly neighbor or relative.
- Buy an extra box of cereal for the food pantry.
- Return pop cans and use money to buy a can of fruit for the food pantry.
- Buy a sack of pet food for the food pantry.
- Set aside 5 minutes to pray for persons listed in the bulletin.
- Prepare a simple supper and donate the money saved to charity.
- Write a note to an out-of-town friend or relative you didn’t hear from at Christmas. (snail mail)
- Pray for someone who has hurt your feelings.

Mary Shiffer, Art Committee Chair

## Mission Committee Report

February is Mission Month! We will be highlighting outreach and service activities in which TPC and its congregational members are involved.

**Moment for Mission:** We all attend worship service on Sunday and are energized and challenged by Ken's sermons, inspired by the music we hear, and thoughtful of the scripture we hear. Yet, there are six other days of the week. Apart from Sunday, how do we live and work to reflect Christ's personal call to us to serve? Each week we will hear from a different member of our congregation relating their personal call. Their stories are interesting and varied. Come and hear.

**Adult Mission Trip Report:** At the end of last October, six members of our congregation joined with a team from the Presbytery of the Cascades to help continue rebuilding the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina seven years ago. In lieu of the sermon on the first Sunday of Lent, we will hear from the team and see the work accomplished.

**Joint Adult / Youth Mission Project:** The youth of the church will be focusing on mission this month as well. There are two aspects to their activities. First, modeling the parable of the talents, each youth will be given \$5 to grow into a larger sum. Each youth will be asked to devise a project whereby they can utilize their gift and return a larger gift to the church. (Last year, \$35 given out turned into more than \$400 given back!) Second, in an effort to broaden the adult contacts of our youth, the children will be conducting a read-a-thon and asking adults – other than their parents or close relatives – to sponsor their reading. Reading lists will be provided by the Christian Ed. Committee and adults will be asked to pledge based on the amount read. Interaction is encouraged! All proceeds from these two activities will go to Heifer International. As funds are turned in throughout the month, you can watch the growth of the parade of animals as it marches along the wall of the sanctuary and narthex.

Chip Kyle, Elder, Mission Committee

## MISSING DISHES?

There is a variety dishes on the table to the right of the kitchen door. Please take any that belong to you.

**YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** are available for pick up in the Narthex Please take yours and save a postage stamp. Thanks.

Rhoda Friesen

## 2013 PER CAPITA

It's the beginning of a new year and time to pay per capita for 2013. The fee is \$25.02 for each adult active member of TPC. Make your check payable to TPC and write Per Capita on the comment line. Thanks.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

(3) Cathy Lambeth, (4) Mary Shiffer, (9) Steve Olsen, (12) Susan Springer, (15) Karen Jones, Samuel Corona, (16) Herb Richardson, (18) Mary Maleta, (19) Scott MacHaffie, (21) Bill Thomson, Pam Bowen, (24) Greg Sundt, (25) Elias Ratliff, (27) John Mears, (28) Erin Hagan, Mark Hansen, Ted Miller, Nick Dannemiller, (29) Randy Beyer, Casey Sparks, Janet Winterrowd, (30) Pam Cameron, (31) Drew Mattox, Neil Olson.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

(1) John Martin, (2) Daylene Long, (3) Rhoda Friesen, (7) Dale MacHaffie, Patrick Mauer, (9) Lynne Winkler, (11) Tom Hahn, (12) Marc Olson (16) Alexis Holland, Keith Taylor, (17) Skyler Stevenson, Johnathan Tracy, (18) Terri Mitchell (19) Mary Ortez, (20) Craig Bowen, Arielle Mazzuca, Shirley Schultz, (21) Chip Kyle, (22) Alexandria Winslow, (23) Irene DeBruyn, Brian Locke (24) Lynne Bolton, Scott Mitchell, (25) Cathy Chase, (28) Adam Kinyon

# TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

## FEBRUARY, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship/ Children's Sunday School Potluck following worship	<b>4</b> 7 pm Spir- itual Formation off site. For info, talk to Laura Spurrell 503-692-7034	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 pm Choir practice	<b>7</b> 7 pm Bell choir practice	<b>8</b> 10 to noon Loving Stitches	<b>9</b> Noon— Women's Ministry Pot- luck Luncheon
<b>10</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Children's Sunday School	<b>11</b> 7 pm Deacon Meeting	<b>12</b> 7 pm Mission Committee Meeting	<b>13</b> 6 pm Potluck and Ash Wed.Service. 7 pm Choir practice Dinner for Essential Health Clinic	<b>14</b> 7 pm Bell choir practice	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Game Night at TPC	<b>16</b> 7 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>17</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Children's Sunday School	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7 pm Tuesdays Treasures 7 pm Session meeting	<b>20</b> 7 pm Choir practice	<b>21</b> 7 pm Bell choir practice	<b>22</b> 10 to noon Loving Stitches	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Children's Sunday School	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 am March newsletter deadline	<b>27</b> 7 pm Choir practice	<b>28</b> 7 pm Bell choir practice		

### 2012 FINANCIALS

Income Year to Date (as of 12-31-2012)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$270,631	\$267,600	\$3,031
Expenses Year to Date (as of 12-31-2012)			
	\$260,184	\$271,730	\$11,546

**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  
if you've moved or changed your email address.

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February

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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 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Elders:** Randy Beyer, Barb Crall, Norm Dannemiller, Chip Kyle, Maureen Richardson, Karen Schmitt, Kathy Sweetland, Craig Walker and Katrina Weener.

**Deacons:** Julian Awdry, Dan Barker, Bud Bender, Barb Kerr, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Bob Nix, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Karen Stevenson, Jeff Taylor, Jeni Wiggers, and Nancy Wilcox.

**Treasurer:** Scott Mitchell  
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**Director of Music Ministries:** Dr. David Kelly  
**Bell Choir Director:** Debbie Ivanov

**Clerk of Session:** Carolyn Barker  
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**Music Accompanist:** Dr. Ron Fabbro  
**Art Director:** Mary Shiffer

**Webmaster:** Ted Pelletier  
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**Bereavement Committee:** Vacant  
**Parish Nurse:** Dianne Lemmon

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**Wedding Coordinator:** Stacy Mauer

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