



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Well, MUCH is going on at TPC these days! Along with the usual business at the start of a new year (approving the annual budget, pastoral terms of call, the annual report to General Assembly, AND the nominating committee) the session of TPC also continues to burn the candle at both ends working with Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall to hone in on our vision and strategic initiatives for the future.

After our December meeting with Corey, we were tasked with exploring our community. What do folks love about our community? What would folks like to see changed? Half of the group was assigned to ask the congregation these questions; half the group explored these questions among the broader Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood community.

We learned some really interesting things. Namely, we learned folks are pretty happy- both within the church and among the community. In the church people feel welcome to be themselves and appreciate the many positive ways the church lives, worships, and engages in the world. In the larger community people feel safe and enjoy living in our beautiful corner of the world. However, there is plenty of room for improvement. In the church some would like to see more diversity in our gathering and outreach. Some would like to see different musical expressions during worship or a different worship service altogether. Many, including the leadership, believes as we have grown we need to improve our ability to communicate- that often the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing. In the larger community there is a sense that we could be more connected- yes, people feel safe, but they also report not knowing one another very well, and there is a longing for a stronger sense of community.

So, we heard all of these thoughts and feelings, and we are now spending some time in three groups praying and discerning some possible next steps. I want to underline the fact that we are praying and discerning right now- we will not make substantive decisions without further engaging the congregation and hearing your thoughts about where we sense God is leading us. However, this is a pastoral note- the happiness we report at TPC can be dangerous. God is always calling us to grow and change as a body. Happiness can often mask complacency- good can often be the enemy of great. I suspect some of the ways God is calling us to move will be uncomfortable at first, and I will invite you to prayerfully consider now how discomfort isn't always a bad thing.

We decided because we've committed to Family Promise this year, we need to be careful about how much extra we want to engage and settled on three study groups. One group is exploring how we can communicate better with one another and the community around us. A second group is exploring the possibility of a second worship expression. And a third group is looking at how to integrate these new possibilities while keeping a close eye on shepherding all of the many excellent ministries and programs we already have going. (We have quite a few balls in the air at this point.) J Please pray for the session, our church, and our community. We are excited about what the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ken', written in a cursive style.



## CATCHING THE STORY OF STORY-CATCHER JOHN CASEBEER

It is my pleasure, as Parish 2 Deacon, to offer a slice of the story of John Casebeer. He is a dedicated session member and is always interested in capturing the stories of TPC members. In light of his enthusiasm for catching stories, I thought it only fitting to capture a piece of his. John and I worked together on the story below.

Peggy Gibbons

John grew up in Anaheim, California; his birth was a surprise to his parents who were in their 40's. His father was the pastor and they lived in the parsonage across the street from First Christian Church. His brother and two sisters were 8-20 years older, so in many aspects he grew up as an only child. When John was 22 years old, he graduated from Pacific Christian College and Cal State Fullerton with a degree in Communications, which was the only subject he felt made any practical sense. John loved being in drama at school beginning in 8th grade. He gave up a small dream of being an actor when he was chosen as the lead in a play at college. The trouble was the script required him to kiss a female classmate, who was just a friend, many, many times. When he realized acting required acting, he quit. Being an Elvis impersonator for some previous years he still needed to create and to perform, so he started a rock band. His band days ended after two years, coinciding with the death of his father and a divorce.

After working lots of different jobs John found a good fit with a young company called Federal Express. He tried becoming a manager, but was rejected twice because he had too much empathy for his employees. After going back to school to check out becoming a lawyer or salesperson, he found that outside sales provided the stage where he could really love and serve a multitude of people all over the Western U.S., Canada, and Asia. After having the unique pleasure of visiting thousands of businesses and meeting thousands more people, after 37 years at FEDEX he retired in 2016 as a Senior Executive of International Sales.

Adulthood really began for John around age 24 when events coincided to form the wake-up call he really needed. After giving up hope of ever finding a person to love again, he walked into a business by mistake and saw Kathryn. They have been married almost 38 years.

A couple of years after moving to Tualatin in 2004, Kathryn began attending St. Francis Catholic Church in Sherwood. On weekends John and Kathryn would help with the church's landscaping needs. One dark and rainy Sunday night, John was attending Mass because it was some holiday, and Father Tom was reading a Psalm. For the first time in John's life he heard someone really speaking about a real God. The Psalmist's words sounded like God was really there, really hearing, and the Psalmist knew he was speaking to the I AM. He left that night with a small hope in his heart and soul, which said, "God might listen, God is beginning to feel real to me."

In August 2010 he walked into TPC and sat in the back row with Dorothy Butts and Marian Smith. Unexpectedly he really liked the preacher and the feel of the place. He also began to attend Adult Edge, where to his astonishment real people discussed real topics with real opinions. Ken's fantastic sermons inspired him to read again. Even as he was trying to reconcile the horrors of real life with a God of love, TPC provided a safe place where he was finding himself and the God he never knew, surrounded by people he truly loved.

According to John, to really understand his current life and how he ended up living in Tualatin and his by-chance arrival at Tualatin Presbyterian Church, the timeline would begin in 2010. John believes that small decisions, by-chance conversations, unlikely paths crossing, initially miniscule moments of connection, eventually fit together to create the most startling and simple revelation. God was with him every moment and evermore.

**SOUPER/SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, Feb. 3.**  
Deacons will be collecting cans of hearty soups that Sunday, hence we call it “Souper Bowl Sunday”! All cans collected will be donated to the Tualatin Food Pantry. Thanks for your support.

The Deacons: Jan, Gina, Pamela, Chapin, Derrilyn, Peggy, Emily, Carolyn, Jason, Kerry, Rob and Susan.

**NEIGHBORLY. STARTS FEBRUARY 10TH**

Who are these people who worship with us and live around us, and around TPC? How can we love all these neighbors? Children might start by talking to anyone sitting nearby. Beginning in February after worship, on the second and fourth Sunday each month, downstairs until noon, anyone interested in a place where you can sit and talk with others, without judgement or agenda, should come and visit. What used to happen naturally from a front porch has a new NEIGHBORLY address. Hooray. This is a place to practice our humanity in conversation, while getting to know and enjoy our neighbors, which is also called Love.

John Casebeer, Story Catching Elder

**WOMEN’S MINISTRY  
FEBRUARY 16 AND BEYOND**

**Saturday, February 16** – Watercolor painting dates back to the cave paintings of Paleolithic Europe and the paints, in particular, have evolved over time. Using long established techniques, Betty Taylor will conduct a program on water color painting. She will show us how a work progresses through stages with demonstration pieces. This will be an interesting program whether you have artistic talents or are a “wanna be.” Please enjoy brunch with other TPC women on Saturday, February 16, from 10:30 a.m. to noon and learn something new. Signups are in the narthex next to the kitchen and an email reminder will be sent as well.

Mark your calendars for March, April and May.

**Saturday, March 16** – Heidi Kaltur, founder of the “Peace for Paul” project, an orphanage in Uganda, will be our speaker.

**Tuesday, April 9** – Leave church at 10:00 am in TPC bus for lunch at Albertina Kerr’s Albertina’s Place. You’ll have a little browsing time before 11:30 am lunch as well as time afterwards. Bus leaves restaurant at 1 pm taking you back to TPC.

**Saturday, May 18th** - Nancy Wilcox will demonstrate mod podge.

Judy Nix, Communications Coordinator



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**LOTS HAPPENING**

**Rose Money is the New Executive Director**

The Family Promise of Tualatin Board of Directors is proud to announce Rose Money as the Executive Director of Family Promise of Tualatin Valley! For the past five years, Rose has been the Director of the Caring Closet for the Tigard-Tualatin School District. Her heart, leadership and fund development skills have had an incredible impact on growing The Caring Closet program and cementing its community viability. Giving back and making a difference is what Rose is all about. She has been a local volunteer and a board leader for a number of non-profits and is intimately connected with the local community we will serve. Rose clearly understands our guest population and is uniquely qualified to ensure that not only will get FPTV off to an extraordinary start, but will continue to grow and meet the needs of our community.

**Open House @ Day Center  
20425 SW Stafford, Tualatin**

**Thursday, March 7 – 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

If you haven’t had a chance to see the lovely Day Center that so many of you worked on, this is your chance! We are having a very simple Open House with coffee and cookies and all are invited.

**TPC will Host Families the Week of  
MARCH 31-APRIL 7**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen have been busy getting signups for people to bring meals during that week, the 2 sleepers we need each night, those who want to provide hospitality to the families after dinner (talk with families, read or do a craft with the children), etc. An orientation for the volunteers will be scheduled before our Host week. Watch for bulletin announcements and signup in the narthex. If you have any questions, you can email us at [dabayha@mac.com](mailto:dabayha@mac.com) or [dcrbow@gmail.com](mailto:dcrbow@gmail.com).

## **UNDERSTANDING PER CAPITA AND WHY IT MATTERS TO CONTRIBUTE**

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. The term “per capita” refers to each member. Congregations are asked to contribute to the administrative costs of the regional and national church based on the number of members enrolled. Our Per Capita for 2019 is \$35.50 for each member.

The regional district, called Presbytery of the Cascades, receives \$21.33 of that amount. This money funds (among other things)

- Staff and committees which provide resources to pastors and elders
- Warm Springs Presbyterian Church as it provides humanitarian and spiritual services on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation
- Presbytery meetings where commissioners from our 96 congregations discuss and adopt policies that further our common mission in Oregon.

The Synod of the Pacific receives \$5.22 from each member. Our Synod consists of 11 Presbyteries covering Oregon, Idaho, California and Nevada. The Synod (among other things)

- Funds projects that help presbytery leaders understand our emerging spiritual context
- Offers low cost loans for Energy efficiency projects on church properties

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) receives \$8.95 from each member. The General Assembly (among other things)

- promotes international and ecumenical dialog and partnership,
- provides legal services and advocacy (a minister in this presbytery received legal help to secure a visa so he could keep serving his congregation)
- holds conventions and conferences where Presbyterians come together to discern the Spirit’s leading for the future.

Your contribution matters to the Presbyterian Church and directly to TPC. Per Capita payments (\$35.50 per member) can be paid during our regular Sunday offerings or email Mike Shiffer for more information - [finance@tpcspirit.org](mailto:finance@tpcspirit.org).

Maureen Wolf, Stewardship & Admin. Elder

## **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **January 20<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting**

The 41-page TPC 2018 Annual Report was distributed to those who didn’t get one the previous week. If you don’t have one, ask for one in the office – there are copies available. You can also read it on the TPC website [tpcspirit.org](http://tpcspirit.org) (go to MEMBERS, then click Newsletters).

The 2019 Budget as adopted by Session was presented and discussed. The congregation considered two important actions both of which passed unanimously:

Approved the 2018 Nominating Committee consisting of Session representatives Craig Bowen and Russ Carlin, Deacon’s representative Peggy Gibbons, and At Large representatives Jack Allee, Cathy Lambeth, Bob Nix, and Mary Shiffer.

Approved the Terms of Call for our pastor, The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood.

### **January 15<sup>th</sup> Session Meeting**

At the Stated Session meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, Session approved the following:

The 2019 TPC General Fund Budget of \$402,565, unchanged from the budget presented to the congregation at the January 13, 2019 Meeting Before the Meeting after worship.

The 2019 pastoral terms of call for the Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood for submission to the congregation for approval.

Session also discussed and approved:

The Session representatives to the nominating committee Craig Bowen and Russ Carlin.

For the annual Oregon Non-Profit Corporation registration, Judy Nix as President, Rick Crall as Secretary and Registered Agent.

Approved a special arrangement with the Tualatin Valley Preschool for reduced rent for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

Session also received a presentation by Eagle Scout candidate Andrew MacHaffie for a project to enhance the Memorial Garden.

The next regular Session meeting will be Tuesday, February 19, 2018.

The above information has been compiled from meeting minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

## **BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS FROM JAN. 29**

37 donors

5 first time donors (love this)

1 Power Red Donation (counts as 2)

**Collected 37 units on our goal of 35**

Your drive may help up to 111 patients (each pint can help up to 3). Andy shared that it was a really fun drive, and lots of great energy.

Jeannie Greisser, Account Manager

Thank you to everyone who donated blood, cookies or time on 1/29. It takes volunteers and coordination to make these drives happen. A HUGE THANK YOU to Scott Cameron for his continued dedication to hosting blood drives at TPC.

Next blood drive: Wednesday, August 28,  
1 to 6:30 pm. Save the date!!!

## **FEBRUARY**

February is American Heart Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Every year, 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease. The good news? Heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices and manage their health conditions.

If you already have heart disease, you can still improve your health.

Watch your weight.

Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.

Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.

If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.

Get active and eat healthy.

Know your numbers. If you don't know your numbers, make an appointment with your doctor this month. Have your doctor check your weight, your blood pressure, your blood sugar, and your cholesterol. Your doctor will tell you what your personal goals should be based on your overall health; and your doctor will help advise you on how to achieve these goals.

## **TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY**

Currently the pantry is in need of canned fruit, canned soup, canned meals (chili, pasta, etc.), boxed mac and cheese, and powdered laundry detergent. They can always use extra paper grocery bags.

## **FRIENDSHIP**

### **POOH, PIGLET AND EEEYORE**

It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's stick house. Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.

"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet" said Eeyore in a Glum Sounding Voice.

"We just thought we'd check in on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."

Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel rather Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time hanging out with someone who is Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All, would you now?"

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling Sad, or Alone, or Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

Because Pooh and Piglet were There. No more; no less.

A.A. Milne, E.H. Shepard

**THE CLERK OF SESSION WOULD LIKE SOME HELP**

OVERVIEW: The clerk of session is a ruling elder who is elected by the session. At TPC the clerk serves a one-year term that can be renewed. The clerk is an officer of TPC and a non-voting member of session. It is a volunteer position.

In my opinion, the best part of the clerk’s job is the role of representing the congregation and session in the liturgies of the blessing of new members, and in baptisms and ordinations. Most of the rest of the clerk’s work is behind the scenes and invisible to most of the congregation.

Over the years, the clerk’s work has grown such that there is too much for one person. This year, we want to create a task force, or committee of volunteers, to spread the workload. The organization and structure of this group is evolving, and will depend on the insight, skills and suggestions of those who volunteer to help. Below is a list of things that the clerk does. If you see something in this list that interests you, you may be a candidate to help.

Duties of the clerk are:

- Attend, record and prepare minutes of session and congregational meetings.
- Write and submit a summary of these meetings for inclusion in the monthly TPC newsletter.
- Maintain the official TPC membership rolls
- Prepare statistical reports for the Presbytery.
- Compile and print the annual report to the congregation.
- Do the annual membership roll review.
- Maintain the Session calendar.
- Assist in the preparation of the monthly session meeting agenda.
- File reports on behalf of the congregation with the local Presbytery office.
- Complete the annual presbytery review of records (minutes and statistics)
- Communicate with other churches regarding membership transfers, as needed.
- Record ordinations, baptisms and other records pertaining to members.
- Coordinate the session’s representative to deacons’ meetings.
- Keep the church’s operations manual up to date when Session takes actions that affect the manual.

Currently, I am in the process of getting all our church records into digital form so that they are accessible and searchable on a computer, and that’s a big task.

If you are willing to serve TPC in any of these activities, please contact Pastor Ken, or the clerk, Rick Crall, for more information and answers to any questions you have.

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**HEALTHY RECIPE from Susan Fee**

**Mexican Chicken Soup**

**Relish**—mix together:

- ½ C chopped fresh cilantro
- ½ C chopped green onions
- 1 tsp grated lime rind
- 3 oz. crumbled queso fresco
- 1 diced, peeled avocado

**Spice Blend**—mix together:

- 2 ½ tsp chili powder
- 2 tsp cumin
- 1 ½ tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp cracked black pepper
- ½ tsp kosher salt

**Soup:**

- 1 Tbsp olive or avocado oil
- 1 roasted chicken skinned, boned and chopped
- 2 C chopped sweet onion
- 1 red, yellow and green bell pepper chopped
- 1 Tbsp minced garlic
- 2 C fresh corn kernels
- 32 oz. chicken broth
- 28 oz. can fire-roasted crushed tomatoes
- 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice

In a bowl, toss the chicken with 1 ½ Tbsp of the spice blend. Heat the oil in a Dutch oven. Add onion, bell peppers, garlic, and salt. Sprinkle with remaining spice blend. Saute 8 minutes or until vegies are tender. Stir in chicken, corn, broth, and tomatoes; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes. Stir in lime juice. Serve topped with relish.

# TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) and click on EVENTS.

## February, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class	<b>6</b> 7 pm Mission Mtg  7 pm Chancel- Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>  7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 11:15 to 12:15 Neighborly downstrs	<b>11</b> 7 pm Deacon meeting	<b>12</b> 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class, Continuing Ed and Supervision	<b>13</b> 10 am Loving Stitches  7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b>  7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 am Men's Break- fast 10:30 am Women's Ministry
<b>17</b> 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7 pm Tuesdays Treasures 7 pm Session Meeting 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class	<b>20</b>  7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 10-11:30 am Book Club #1 at Hagan home  7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 11:15 to 12:15 Neighborly downstrs	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed and Supervision	<b>27</b> 10 am Loving Stitches  7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 10-11:30 am Book Club #2 at Hagan home.  7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal		

2018 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 12/31/18	\$397,521	\$405,957	(8,436)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 12/31/18	\$387,706	\$405,957	\$18,251

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01-John Martin  
02-Macy James  
06-Peggy Gibbons  
07-Dale MacHaffie  
07-Patrick Mauer  
09-Lynne Winkler  
11-Tom Hahn

11-Jason Love  
12-Marc Olson  
16-Alexis Holland  
16-Keith Taylor  
19-Mary Ortez  
20-Craig Bowen  
20-Arielle Mazzuca  
20-Shirley Schultz

21-Chip Kyle  
22-Alexandria Winslow  
23-Brian Locke  
24-Lynne Bolton  
25-Cathy Chase  
28-Adam Kinyon  
29-Greg Winterrowd



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# February

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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

**Parish Associates:** The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

**Elders:** Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

**Deacons:** Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Gina Olson, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal, Pamela White and Chapin Zakrzewski.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

**Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.**

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