

# TPC Spirit February 2021

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends, it's almost February as I write this- 2021 somehow got off to a very fast start! And I'm excited to see what 2021 brings. At our annual congregation meeting in January I shared a little bit about what I see ahead for us, and I thought I'd just take a moment and say a bit more...

The most significant change we're anticipating in 2021 is restarting in-person worship. We will need to deep clean the facility before we are ready to safely return. But even after this, we still don't know what kinds of modifications we will need to observe. Will we need to socially distance, which will limit our seating capacity? Can we serve food and beverages in the same informal way, or will we need to shift this? And so many other questions we just can't answer until we get a little bit closer and learn more from our local experts. My personal guestimate is mid-September or October before we are safely prepared to reopen, but I am confident this will happen in 2021 and we will be ready!

Related to physically re-opening but distinct- we are also working on a plan to continue live-streaming our worship service when we are able to physically return. This requires at least three things: equipment; people; and a mental and emotional shift on the part of TPC. As I write this some physical changes are already being implemented. The back wall of the sanctuary is being painted a color that will allow my, uh, pasty complexion, to be a BIT more photogenic. (It's possible the phrase "lipstick on a pig" may have been mentioned, but remembering back to my porcine companion who squealed when I kissed her- I'm taking this as a compliment...) Other physical changes will be put into place to livestream our service taking great care to avoid interfering with the worship experience we had come to appreciate and expect. The emotional shift is simply to acknowledge that even when we're back together- the church isn't the building but the people. Some of our members may continue to worship from home. A more far flung community joining us via the web will continue to be present with us in worship. And, based on conversations with colleagues, I am already planning ways to honor and include these other attendees who are just as much a part of TPC as those of us lucky enough to live here.

Another vital shift in 2021 is we will be welcoming a new music director. I held off on immediately re-hiring after Gary moved to support his wife, Michelle, in Lake Oswego, because it wasn't clear what skills we would need. While we want all of the traditional skills- leading worship, directing the choir, and overseeing the music program- we weren't sure what else we needed this person to be able to do. Given the hybrid nature of worship for the foreseeable future, we now have a better sense for the technical skills we also desire, and we are hopeful to hire someone wonderful within the next two months.

Speaking of new people, we also have to identify and welcome a pastor (or pastors) to cover for my sabbatical this summer. Again, thanks to the grant from the Lily Foundation, TPC will not have to pay for pastoral coverage out of our budget. But we still have to find someone to shepherd the congregation for three months. Because we will still be social distancing, it's possible this person may not need to live here, however, we will still plan for pastoral care on the ground here as well. It's also possible instead of one person, we may hire more than one in order to hear from more voices. It isn't clear just exactly what the Spirit has in mind for us yet, but we are moving quickly to address this as the summer is rapidly approaching.

Two other opportunities I'm excited about. We have been working on shifting our deacons from being a board mainly responding to challenges in our lives like births, deaths, and significant illnesses to being more of a team positively focused on supporting us in our day to day walk. Last year we offered Holy Friends, a deacon led group in which a small group of people worked together to focus on their own growth. This year, they will be offering themselves for short (no more than 30 minutes) meetings inviting you to consider how you would like to grow in 2021, who and what is supporting you in this work, and what obstacles might be in your way. This is not mandatory. (No one HAS to grow!) It is a gift we are

offering for you to sit down with yourself and decide how you want to focus. I will be conducting these interviews with all of the officers, and then you will be hearing from your deacons. This year our intention is to hold one round of conversations between February and March and then another in September and October to see what you've noticed and learned about yourself. I hope you take advantage of this opportunity!

Then, in Lent I will be hosting a six week Lenten Bible study at 7 PM beginning Ash Wednesday. I will be hosting this on Zoom, and all are welcome and encouraged to join. Lent is a wonderful season to pause, reflect, and center yourself for Easter and the year ahead.

And of course morning prayer continues every morning during the week at 9 AM- it's been a gift of a community I didn't even know I was needing until we had started it. And there's always room for more!

In Christ,



## **ANNUAL PER CAPITA**

### **UNDERSTANDING PER CAPITA AND WHY YOUR CONTRIBUTION MATTERS**

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all 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. TPC's Per Capita for 2021 is \$10,549 or \$36.50 for each member.

The regional district, called Presbytery of the Cascades, receives \$22.33 of each \$36.50 paid. Examples of how this money is used include-

- 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. Examples of The Synod spending are-

- Funding projects that help presbytery leaders understand our emerging spiritual context
- Offering 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 utilizes funds to-

- Promote international and ecumenical dialog and partnership,
- Provide legal services and advocacy (a minister in this presbytery received legal help to secure a visa so he could keep serving his congregation)
- Hold 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 (\$36.50 per member) can be paid by check or online. A new link for online donations, [tpcspirit.org/givenow](https://tpcspirit.org/givenow) will take you directly to the donation page. (You can also use the [tpcspirit.org/givenow](https://tpcspirit.org/givenow) link to make other donations to TPC or to set up recurring donations...a great way to ensure your pledge is paid.)

Wishing you the best in 2021,  
Maureen Wolf, Stewardship & Administration Elder

## VACCINES FOR COVID-19

I am happy that COVID-19 vaccinations are on everyone's mind these days. Ask your doctor if you have any doubt about if you should get a COVID-19 vaccination. Also ask your doctor where they recommend you get your vaccine. It may seem like things aren't moving very fast, but the healthcare managers are working very hard to set up vaccination sites, staff, and doses of the vaccine as fast as they can. Please be patient and continue to do the things you have been doing to keep yourself safe--face covers, social distancing, handwashing, avoiding crowds and limiting contact with people outside your household. Here are some sites to go to for more vaccine information.

[https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/?utm\\_source=OHA&utm\\_medium=govstatus\\_redirect&utm\\_campaign=https:%3A%2F%2Fgovstatus.egov.com%2Ffor-oha-covid-vaccine](https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/?utm_source=OHA&utm_medium=govstatus_redirect&utm_campaign=https:%3A%2F%2Fgovstatus.egov.com%2Ffor-oha-covid-vaccine)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits/facts.html>

<https://coronavirus.providence.org/blog/uf/641356738>

<https://www.ohsu.edu/health/covid-19-vaccines>

<https://www.legacyhealth.org/about/news-and-media/COVID-19-Info-page/covid-19-vaccine.aspx>

<https://www.about.kaiserpermanente.org/our-story/news/announcements/5-things-to-know-about-the-covid-19-vaccines>

[Where to get a COVID-19 vaccine: Walmart, Walgreens, hospitals, more - CNET](#)

Susan Fee, Parish Nurse



## FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY UPDATE

The year is off to a good start with 3 families already into housing in the first month of the year!

A question that Pam, Derrilyn, and I often get is how long do we work with graduate families. While we are still providing some follow-up care to families that have been in the program two years, the goal is to continue to provide post graduate assistance for twelve months. During that time, the case manager is checking in at least monthly and providing connection to resources if the family has needs. Within this post graduate time, they are eligible for up to \$500 of rental assistance and for up to \$200 of utility assistance should those needs arise. Always the goal is to keep a family in housing and that has been the case with those families FPTV has worked with.

We continue to get calls regarding furniture donations, so to clarify again, the Family Promise Move In Program consists of the move in baskets provided by TPC and containing a nice supply of cleaning products, kitchen towels, etc. The furniture program is scaled down to include beds (queen and twin only), linens, towels, dishes, flatware and kitchen utensils. If you have items you might want to donate, refer your questions to Dannica Fetters, Volunteer Coordinator at [volunteer@familypromiseoftv.org](mailto:volunteer@familypromiseoftv.org).

As always, it takes a village to make programs of this magnitude function effectively, and we are so grateful for the support of our TPC family. You truly are solving homelessness, one family at a time.

Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen, TPC Family Promise Coordinators  
Judy Nix, Family Promise Move-in Team and Board Member

## *2021 Schedule for TPC Readers*

*By Jean Martin*

There is nothing like a good book to pass these Covid days of sheltering in place! If you enjoy reading, we invite you to join one of the two TPC Readers groups. Both groups meet on Zoom once a month on Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:30 AM—one group meets on Second Thursdays, the other gathers on Third Thursdays. Priscilla Hagan facilitates our lively virtual discussions. We read all fiction and try to choose books that encourage spiritual reflection.

Here are the book selections for 2021. We'd love to have you join our discussion groups—small groups are a great way for newer members to connect and for longer-term members to reconnect when we can't gather at church in person. Please contact Priscilla Hagan (503-620-8275), Carolyn Hale (503-804-9203), or Jean Martin (971-244-5001) if you would like to participate so we can add you to the Zoom link email list. If it's not possible for you to Zoom with us, check out our list of books to add to your personal reading list!

Book Selections for 2021				
Month	Title	Author	Pages	Subject
February 2021	Peace Like a River	Leif Enger	320	Badlands adventure, 1960s; possibility of magic
March	As Bright as Heaven	Susan Meissner	464	1918 flu epidemic, Philadelphia
April	The Rosie Project	Graeme Simsion	295	The Wife Project meets The Father Project!
May	Small Great Things	Jodi Picoult	480	Racism, White supremacy
June	Chronicles of a Radical Hag	Lorna Landvik	320	A life through a half-century of newspaper columns!
July	American Dirt	Jeanine Cummins	400	Mexican refugees
August	The One in a Million Boy	Monica Wood	336	A 104-year-old woman and a young boy figure out life!
September	Once Upon a River	Diane Setterfield	496	An ancient tale of folklore, science, magic, and myth
October	The Underground Railroad	Colson Whitehead	320	Escape from slavery (with a bit of magical realism!)
November	The Tears of Dark Water	Corban Addison	464	Round the world sailing trip plus Somali pirates!
January 2022	To Dance with the White Dog	Terry Kay	192	Elderly man and an invisible white dog!

## TPC ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Tualatin Presbyterian Church was held after worship on Sunday, January 24. Thanks to everyone who participated via Zoom.

At this meeting, the congregation approved the 2021 terms of call for Pastor Ken, approved Patrick Ramos as an Elder, approved Beth Schulke and Dianne Lemmon as Deacons, and elected the 2021 nominating committee: elders Carolyn Pursinger and Russ Carlin, deacon Susan Cameron and at large members Carolyn Barker, Reed Gurney and Cackie Kyle. Additionally, the accomplishments and financial results of 2020 were reviewed and the adopted 2021 budget was presented.

The presentation slides from the meeting and the adopted budget can be viewed at [tpcspirit.org/budget](https://tpcspirit.org/budget). If you have questions about the budget, please direct them to the finance committee at [finance@tpcspirit.org](mailto:finance@tpcspirit.org).

From Mike Shiffer on behalf of TPC Finance Committee

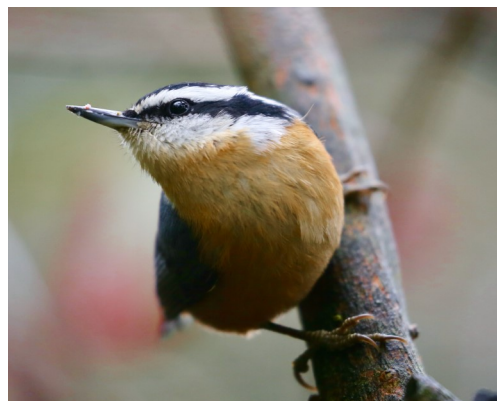
## TPC 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

The TPC 2020 Annual Report was sent out by email last Saturday, January 23, to members and friends for whom we have an email address. This report can now be found on line. Go to the church website, [tpcspirit.org](https://tpcspirit.org), click on Members, then Newsletters. Past issues of the newsletter and past Annual Reports are all listed. Click on the one of interest.

A paper copy of the 2020 Annual Report will be mailed to the eight members/friends to whom we mail the monthly newsletter and for whom we have no email address in the church data base. If you would like to receive a paper copy, please email Susan Springer at [office@tpcspirit.org](mailto:office@tpcspirit.org) or [susan@tpcspirit.org](mailto:susan@tpcspirit.org) and one will be mailed to you. Or call the church office, 503-692-4160, and leave a message asking for a paper copy of the 2020 Annual Report.

## REFLECTIONS

The nasally call of this Red-breasted Nuthatch seems to reverberate throughout our neighborhood. Oftentimes I do not see her, but I know she is near. A very self-assured bird, she is quite enjoyable to observe. Like watching a skilled gymnast, she is equally as adept walking up a tree trunk as she is walking down. She is not easily spooked allowing me to walk within a foot without taking flight.



The reverberations of her call could prove to be indispensable if I could harness them and send them out to all neighborhoods. Saddled with the spirit of cooperation, hope and spaciousness of thought (thank you Ken and Morning Prayer Group for this term; I am trying to incorporate it into many aspects of my life), it would seem to be appropriate to send the Nuthatch's spirit throughout the whole wide world.

In my years of bird watching, I have seen spats amongst most all species. Some are just a momentary blip, others more sustained and frequent. I have never witnessed this with Nuthatches. They seem to be birds which are content with life, knowing their place in the overall schemes of nature and moving through their days with a graciousness and ease of character. Something that sounds oh so easy, but hard to attain.

Rebecca Backen



**The Rev. Charlie Brown died Fri., January 8.** Pastor Ken wrote: “Charlie Brown was an incredible man and pastor. He led many congregations and just had the best stories of his (mostly) holy exploits. He made us laugh. A lot. And we cried with him when he was overcome with emotion and gave us a glimpse into his soul. He touched more lives than any of us will ever know.”

Shirley Schultz’s sister, **Donna Turner**, passed away on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

**Marc Olson died Wednesday, January 27.** Neil Olson wrote: “My dad, Marc, passed away yesterday morning after a long and courageous fight with Lou Gehrig’s Disease (ALS). He was surrounded by family, and I can hardly imagine a more peaceful passing. He fell asleep watching the birds (his companions of late) playing in fresh snow outside his window. I know he was ready for a rest.”

**CONNECT TO TPC - SUNDAY WORSHIP** at 10:10 am. Go to church website, [tpcspirit.org](http://tpcspirit.org). Or Facebook.

ZOOM enables you to interactively participate in a virtual meeting with other TPC folks. To find the links for regular zoom meetings (the “Virtual Coffee Hour” after Sunday morning worship, and the weekday 9 am Prayer meetings)” go to [tpcspirit.org/Links/](http://tpcspirit.org/Links/). That page is updated weekly or as needed.

To join a ZOOM meeting, click the link from a message or web page. If it is outside the times for that meeting you’ll get a message, “Please wait for the host to start this meeting” which indicates that your computer is set up properly.

Problems? Look at [Zoom Step-by-step](#) or send an email message to [support@tpcspirit.org](mailto:support@tpcspirit.org). [Zoom Step-by-step](#) also contains useful additional information about navigating some of the features, and alternatives available with Zoom.

**TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY**

For the latest hours and information about the pantry, please visit [tualatinfoodpantry.org](http://tualatinfoodpantry.org). If you are interested in helping, go to [schoolhousepantry.org/signup](http://schoolhousepantry.org/signup).

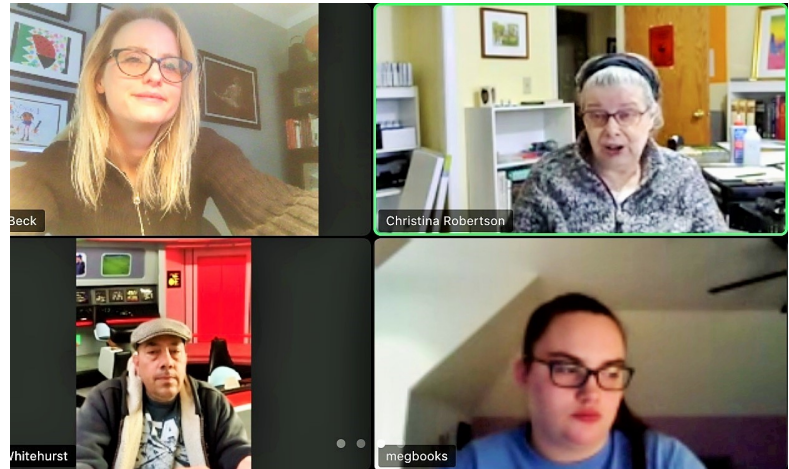
Items needed currently include: canned vegetables (all varieties), hearty soup, peanut butter, canned meats and canned pasta.



**SANCTUARY**

There is new paint on the front wall; lettering goes up next. Thanks to Greg Owen and his volunteers.

Photo below: Youth and their leaders continue to connect via Zoom.



TPC 2020 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 12/31/20	\$443,179	397,192	45,987
Operating Expenses Year to Date 12/31/20	\$374,670	397,192	22,522

# FEBRUARY TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>2</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>3</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>4</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>5</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook.	<b>8</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon meeting/Zoom	<b>9</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>10</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>11</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	<b>12</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook.	<b>15</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>16</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session meeting on Zoom	<b>17</b> <b>Ash Wednes</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom First of 6 weekly sessions of Lenten Bible Study, 7 pm on Zoom	<b>18</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	<b>19</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook.	<b>22</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>23</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 9 am March newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>24</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Lenten Bible Study at 7 PM on Zoom, #2 of 6	<b>25</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>26</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook.						

Happy Birthday!



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01-John Martin  
02-Macy James  
02-Daylene Long  
06-Peggy Gibbons

07-Dale MacHaffie  
07-Patrick Mauer  
09-Lynne Winkler  
11-Tom Hahn  
11-Jason Love  
16-Alexis Holland  
16-Keith Taylor  
19-Mary Ortez  
20-Craig Bowen

20-Arielle Mazzuca  
20-Shirley Schultz  
21-Chip Kyle  
22-Alexandria Winslow  
24-Lynne Bolton  
25-Cathy Chase  
28-Adam Kinyon  
29/March 1 -  
Greg Winterrowd

The church office is closed due to Covid-19; staff members are working from home.  
The building is not available for meetings.

You are invited to worship with us on line on Sundays starting at 10:10 am.  
Go to the church website, [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) Or Facebook.

If you wish to leave a voicemail message, call the church office  
at 503-692-4160. Messages are checked regularly.



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

**Worship Service – Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on line at [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)**

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

**Parish Associates:** The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

**Elders:** Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin, Joan Nardi (acting), Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos, Ian Swanson and Maureen Wolf

**Deacons:** Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck  
Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer  
Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer  
Director of Music Ministries: vacant  
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: Liz Belz-Templeman

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst  
Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall  
Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord  
Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch  
Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver  
Parish Nurse: Susan Fee  
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus  
Technology Chair: John Martin  
Treasurer: Chip Kyle  
Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins  
Video Editor: Thomas Woodbridge  
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

**The office is closed. Can leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.**