

TWO THINGS

Lennie, my boss, told me many times that everything he knew about running a county special education district he learned in the US Marine Corps. He was a retired sergeant and a WWII veteran, and never let us forget it. He intimidated all of us. No one wanted to get called into his office for one of his “talks”.

One day I was walking down the hall and Lennie stepped out of the conference room and got right in my face. His nose was about three inches from mine, and he stared right into my eyes.

“So, you’re the new intern school psychologist?”

“Yes sir,” I said.

“So, tell me something, intern school psychologist, what does it take to make a school?”

I froze and then stammered out an answer. I was scared and intimidated. “A school building? A principal?”

“Didn’t they teach you anything in that university? It takes two things to make a school. Two things. A teacher and a student. Everybody else is extra. If you aren’t busy supporting either a teacher or a student, you aren’t doing the job and we don’t need you. And by the way, I used to be a school psychologist, so I know how long it takes to give a Stanford Binet. Just don’t get any ideas about sitting upstairs in that office of yours and polishing your nails.”

I lived by Lennie’s words as best I could throughout my forty-two year-long career. It kept me focused, centered, and professional through administrative upheavals, lawsuits, hearings, and the burnout that comes from giving the same cognitive tests 2000 times. Lennie’s words were the last thing I shared with my colleagues when I retired.

They inspired the first question I asked myself when I learned that our church was entering into this period of transition. What does it take to make a church? A building? A pastor? A choir? A Sunday School Teacher? TPC was a church before it had a building, a choir or a Sunday School program. We’re a church now, even though we have no pastor of call. What does it take to make a church?

Maybe it takes two things: God and God’s people. We are to love God with everything we are and have. We are to love and serve each other with everything we are and have. If we do this, we are doing the work of the church. As we do this, we are the church. If we fall short, we have God’s grace, and we remain the church.

Regardless of how we are blessed or how we suffer, what we gain or lose, how much we are changed or remain the same, we are the church. Regardless how unclear or uncertain the way ahead appears, we do not need to be afraid. We know who we are. We are the church.

Christina Robertson

PRAYER FROM MORNING PRAYER

Contrarian God,

We give you thanks for questioners, for those willing to break out of the boxes of manmade expectations, those willing to go against a perceived grain in hopes of finding the true grain, You.

Artist God,

We give you thanks for skies in palettes of deepest corals, near blinding golds and shocking reds. We thank you for such minute details in nature, that no human mind could ever have conceived. Patterns and combinations of colors on flower petals, birds and insects, upon close observation, most all would say, “that’s not real, it’s too much,” but with You, those words are never the case.



Musician God,
God of wind songs and drumming thunder, Maestro of crashing waves and the singing of cricket legs, we are surrounded by song each day that we are alive, whether the cadence is of our own heartbeats or the ticking of a beloved clock. Each note a gift that when we are in tuned to, may cause our souls to arise and sing. Thank you.

Grief stricken God,
God of ending seasons and leaf bare branches, we thank you for winters' scarcity, for the nakedness of many trees and shrubs. In their un-robing, we can see the strength of their skeletons, of their good bones. In this bleak season we may witness branches listing so low they may graze the earth, but their bending is not weakness, for they are limber and do not break. Thank you, God for giving us this realization, life may at times find us bent, but we do not have to be broken.

God of all things,
God of words too inadequate to convey what can never be truly conveyed, we just thank you for letting us see you in every living thing, in every waking hour, in every everything.

Thank you, thank you. Rebecca Backen

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH!

Get ready for Game Day TPC! Please bring cans of HEARTY soup to church to donate to the Tualatin Food Pantry! We average donating 400 lbs. a year! Check out the grocery store sales the next couple of weeks and stock up! Thank you!

Along with collecting soup, we will be having a chili/soup taste testing after service before you head home to watch the game! Email Susan Cameron if you want to bring a crock pot of chili/soup for Souper Bowl Sunday!

GO TEAM TPC! Organized by the Deacons skcameron530@gmail.com

COFFEE CONNECTION - 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH at 10 am

Eighteen women gathered at the home of Judy Nix for camaraderie, coffee, and connection in January. We chose "focus" words for 2023, and attendees shared why they chose the word they did. Was fun to find out what our TPC women were going to focus on for the coming year: emerge, active, intentional, declutter, meditate, productive, creative were just a few of the words shared.

February's Coffee Connection will be at **10:00 am on Tuesday, February 14th**. Donna Hammersley has arranged for us to meet in the club house of her Wilsonville apartment building, Portera at the Grove, 8945 SW Ash Meadows Circle. Parking is limited, so let's do some ride sharing or carpool from the church—just 12 minutes from church. Portera is a lifestyle community for 55 and older, so it will be fun to see. There will be coffee and Valentine's Day treats. Come and enjoy some time together.

LENT BOOK DISCUSSION

See Jeannette Beegeer's write up on page 3 about the upcoming Lenten Book Study starting February 20th from 1:00-2:30 pm on Mondays through April 3rd. These are held in person in the narthex, with Jeannette facilitating. Don't miss out on another great opportunity for conversation and the exploration of light even when it is dark.

Judy Nix, Connections Elder

TPC WOMEN: Lent Book Discussion: **Learning to Walk in the Dark**, by Barbara Brown Taylor
Mondays February 20 through April 3, 1-2:30 pm in the Narthex

The purpose of our group is to grow our faith and connection with one another through reading and discussing books that inspire spiritual growth. This will be an enjoyable and encouraging read. As the publisher says, “With her characteristic charm and wisdom, Taylor is our guide through a spirituality of the nighttime, teaching us how to find God even in darkness and giving us a way to let darkness teach us what we need to know.”

Questions? Call or email Jeannette Beeger 541-408-8318 or jeannettebeeger@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP - ASH WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPER

Barb Crall and her team are planning a simple supper on **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm** before the Ash Wednesday Service, which begins at 7 pm. So get your crockpots out, and be thinking about a simple soup/chili to make—or you can bring a salad, bread or cookies. Join us as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season with Dick Wiggers leading the service and distributing the ashes. More information with be forthcoming.

MORNING PRAYER

If you are interested in joining a morning prayer group, there is one that meets weekly, Monday through Friday on Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. All are invited. To join, go to the church website, tpcspirit.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page. Click on “Join Morning Prayer.”

WHAT DO DAMAR HAMLIN AND ALAN GROBEY HAVE IN COMMON?

They both survived sudden cardiac arrest.

August 2021 changed our lives forever. Alan and I had gone to bed after a typical summer day. However, in the middle of the night I woke to Alan snoring unusually. I elbowed him once. When he didn't respond, I elbowed him again and called his name. Not getting a response again, I turned on the light. His color was not good and he wasn't breathing. I immediately called 911 and started CPR. After 17 minutes of CPR, the paramedics finally arrived and took over. After 45 more minutes of CPR and defibrillation, they were able to get a consistent heartbeat and he was rushed to the hospital. Alan walked out of the hospital after nine days in ICU. He has since recovered fully. We continue to thank God for every day we are given!

I cannot express enough gratitude for the first responders and doctors and nurses who were a part of Alan's survival & recovery. I am thankful for the CPR training that I had over 20 years ago. Although the 911 dispatcher was instrumental in coaching me through that night (she was my lifeline!), I know the prior CPR training helped me to quickly and confidently administer the lifesaving procedure.

I NEVER thought I would ever need to use my CPR training. I am learning that those who have, have often had to use it on their loved ones. I am ready to take a refresher CPR class and am looking forward to learning how to use an AED. Anyone want to join me?
Cynthia Grobey

I am working on setting up a CPR class at the church. Please send me an email at wnsfee@gmail.com if you are interested in learning or refreshing your CPR. If you have already sent me an email, I have you on my list. Another resource is to email Washington County at EMS@washingtoncountyor.gov and tell them you are interested in registering for "adult and child CPR and AED only" and ask them about upcoming classes.

Most people end up using CPR on a friend or loved one. Please consider this and send me an email.

Susan Fee
wnsfee@gmail.com

CHANCEL CHOIR

It has been my experience that TPC Choir members give 100%. In theater, 80% is considered a good show. I am grateful to be working with singers who come to this as a committed spiritual practice.

Divining the balance between safe distance and time in close proximity is still a two-step, given the exotic cocktail of viruses we're living in. For now, choir members learn a group of upcoming anthems during occasional longer Saturday rehearsals, and then revisit them in Sunday morning warm-ups as they are programmed. This formula expects a discipline of independent practice in the week before performance. While acknowledging this practice demand, a choir is also about relationships, and I know that folks are missing the fellowship of mid-week rehearsals. We all look forward to a chance to reclaim that when we've left COVID, RSV, and flu risks in the rear-view mirror.

I have no doubt that choir members appreciate the importance of their whole-hearted service during the search for a new pastor. The continuity of musical identity helps invite a lyrical suppleness to uncertainty. We will sing ourselves into something new.

Jennifer Schloming, Director

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FUND RAISER

Pastor Ken donated a piece he painted to be used as a Women's Ministry fund raiser. On Sunday, February 5th and 12th, you will have an opportunity to purchase tickets for a chance to own a piece of original art by Ken while supporting Women's Ministry. Look for the artwork and your chance to buy tickets in the narthex next Sunday.

Judy Nix

COMPASSION SUNDAY 2022's Global Impact Report

Compassion Sunday at TPC was Sunday, November 27. Here are the worldwide results from that day.
1,765 churches hosted Compassion Sunday events this year.
Events were sponsored in 26 difference countries
9,533 children were sponsored through Compassion Sunday.

What an incredible result! We hope you are as encouraged by these numbers as we are. Each one represents a child whose life will never be the same. Thanks to you and other amazing Compassion Sunday hosts, these children are now looking forward to a future full of hope! Thank you again for your commitment to releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name.
Your friends at Compassion International

Andrew Perkins, Advocate at TPC

2023 Schedule for TPC Readers

There is nothing like a good book to enjoy on these rainy winter days! If you like reading and talking about the books you read, 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 2023. 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. Please contact Priscilla Hagan (503-620-8275), Carolyn Hale (503-804-9203), or Jean Martin (817-422-1834) if you would like to participate. We have several openings in the Second Thursday group and one in the Third Thursday group. If it's not possible for you to Zoom with us, check out our list of books for 2023 to add to your personal reading list!

Book Selections for 2023

Month	Title	Author	Pages	Subject
February 2023	The Outside Boy: A Novel	Jeanine Cummins	384	1950s: Irish traveler boy must learn how to live a more conventional life, discovers secrets in his mother's past.
March	The Sentence	Louise Erdrich	400	A Native American woman works in a haunted bookstore during Covid and death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.
April	Cutting for Stone	Abraham Verghese	667	Orphaned and abandoned twins find love and betrayal, medicine and miracles in Ethiopia and the U.S.
May	Remarkably Bright Creatures	Shelby Van Pelt	368	Widow working at aquarium befriends an octopus, who knows what happened to her lost son.
June	A Harvest of Thorns	Corban Addison	368	Exploitation of workers in poor countries to manufacture clothing for the richest countries.
July	Lessons in Chemistry	Bonnie Garmus	400	Woman scientist in 1960s struggles for equality, finds love, and ends up the star of a cooking show.
August	The Music of Bees: A Novel	Eileen Garvin	336	Three lonely strangers in rural Oregon become friends on a local honeybee farm.
September	While Justice Sleeps	Stacey Abrams	544	Legal thriller set within halls of the U.S. Supreme Court.
October	The Seed Keeper: A Novel	Diane Wilson	392	Native American themes: remembering original relationship to seeds—to past and future generations.
November	Horse: A Novel	Geraldine Brooks	413	A discarded painting, a Smithsonian skeleton, the greatest racehorse, and America's unfinished racism.
January 2024	The Japanese Lover	Isabel Allende	336	Tender love story between Alma, escapee from Poland during WWII, and Ichimei, son of Japanese gardener.



ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

The following individuals were elected to be members of the 2023 nominating committee:

Lynne Neilson, elder

Carolyn Hale, deacon

Cackie Kyle, Scott Cameron, members at large

A recording of the annual meeting and other related documents is available. There is a link on the TPC website tpcspirit.org toward the bottom of the page (just above the morning prayer link). You can also find the information by going to tpcspirit.org/annualmeeting

Mike Shiffer

ANNUAL PER CAPITA FEE FOR 2023 IS \$45.60. Make check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Place in the offering plate, turn in at the office or mail to TPC. Thanks.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

What an amazing blood drive. Another perfect day, and those cookies, they looked scrumptious. No wonder you have so many donors.

We are truly grateful for all your hard work and success; you collected 3 units over goal. Super job! Please extend our thanks to everyone who participated. I did have a chance to visit with Pam while she was donating and some of your other volunteers. Here are the results:

-28 registered blood donors including 1 first time donor.

-2 deferrals and 0 incompletes

-Collected 23 whole blood and 3 power reds (which count as 2 each) for a total of 29 on our goal of 26.

Up to 72 patients may be receiving the gift of life in the coming days and weeks thanks to you, Tualatin Presbyterian Church, your volunteers and all your great blood donors. Our next blood drive at TPC will be August 23, 2023.

Jeanie Greisser, Red Cross Senior Account Manager

THANKS FROM PAULA EDDY

I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your thoughtfulness after my recent mishap. Thank you for the food, offers of food, phone calls, cards, emails and notes. I am progressing quite well and hope to be back to church, in person, soon. I hope all of you are having a good start to the new year.

Blessings to all,
Paula Eddy

A GIFT OF HOPE A WORLD AWAY - KENYA VOLUNTEER IN MISSION TEAM

Bunny Lewis is leaving for Kenya on February 16th. We invite others who believe there is a bigger world, and a bigger need out there than just our "back yards" to join with us in raising needed funds. We believe so strongly in what we are doing that we have made our financial commitment to this holy work. The support of others to fund the projects continues through Sunday, February 5th. We ask you to join us in that commitment. No gift is too large or too small to help out!

CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO: First United Methodist Church of Portland
BE SURE TO NOTE THE CHECK IS FOR "KENYA VIM TEAM 2023"

The check may be given to Bunny Lewis after church or mailed to:

FUMC of Portland, c/o Paul Cosgrove, 6211 Buena Vista Dr., Vancouver, WA 98661

Other ways to support:

School supplies, such as pencils New, #2 pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, erasers, children's scissors, and coloring books can be delivered to the box in the entry area until February 12th.

FEBRUARY TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on EVENTS.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 an Loving Stitches	2 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	3 9 am prayer on Zoom	4
5 Communion 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	6 9 am prayer on Zoom	7 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom	8 9 am prayer on Zoom	9 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	10 9 am prayer on Zoom	11 10 am Men's Group meets in the narthex
12 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube Souper Bowl Sunday	13 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon Meeting	14 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Tuesday Coffee Connect	15 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	16 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	17 9 am prayer on Zoom	18
19 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	20 9 am prayer on Zoom 1 pm Book Discussion in the narthex	21 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session Meeting	22 9 am prayer on Zoom Ash Wednesday 6 pm potluck 7 pm service	23 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	24 9 am prayer on Zoom	25
26 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	27 9 am prayer on Zoom 1 pm Book Discussion in the narthex	28 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom March newsletter deadline of- face@tpcspirit.org				

TPC 2022 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 12/31/22	\$383,786	\$371,031	\$12,755
Operating Expenses Year to Date 12/31/22	\$331,643	\$371,031	39,388



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!!
 02-Macy James
 02-Daylene Long
 06-Peggy Gibbons
 07-Dale MacHaffie

09-Lynne Winkler
 11-Tom Hahn
 11-Jason Love
 14-Ayen Owen
 16-Alexis Holland
 16-Keith Taylor

19-Mary Ortez
 20-Craig Bowen
 20-Arielle Mazzuca
 21-Chip Kyle
 25-Cathy Chase
 29-Greg Winterrowd



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Worship Service – Sundays at 10 a.m. in person, and on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: Open

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Worship; Sandy Gurney, Family Ministries; Lynne Neilson, Stewardship and Administration; Judy Nix, Connections; Greg Owen, Technology and Building and Grounds

Deacons and their parish number: Derrilyn Bayha (5), Susan Cameron (7), Linda Fukasawa (2), Jason James (4), Dianne Lemmon (3), Kerry Weaver (1), and Rosemary Willis (6).

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Julie Flint

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Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Larry Nord

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The office is open limited hours. Leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.