



Something New for Lent

Ash Wednesday, which is March 5th this year, ushers in the season of Lent—a period of forty weekdays and six Sundays, concluding with Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. At 7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday, we will gather at TPC for worship and enter into this season to reflect on what we need to keep, what it is we need to change, and what it is we need to turn around so that God can be fully present in our lives.

The word "Lent," comes from the old English word *Lenten*, meaning "spring." The Reverend Barbara Brown Taylor reminds us that Lent is "an invitation to a springtime for the soul . . . forty days to remember what it is like to live by the grace of God alone and not by what we can supply for ourselves."

Often the question is asked, "What are you giving up for Lent?" While following this practice may result in shedding a few unwanted pounds, I would like to suggest instead that you take on something new this year by taking part in one of the Lenten Simple Supper Study Groups. These small groups will meet in various members' homes to share a simple supper and a Bible study based on 2 Corinthians 3-5 called, "Clay Jar Christians in God's Service." This study prepared by Dr. Darrell Guder is a timely guide on what it means to be "ambassadors for Christ."

Come experience this "springtime for the soul" each week, beginning with the Ash Wednesday through Holy Week.

Grace and Peace, Dick Wiggers, Interim Pastor

Seminary Student Recognition Day – March 9

On March 9, TPC will be recognizing and honoring Heather Chase, daughter of Harry and Cathy Chase. Heather is a TPC member and Seminary student at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Last November, Heather was accepted by Presbytery as a candidate for ordination as Minister of the Word and Sacrament. There will be a free will offering to help support Heather's schooling.

A Note from Heather Thank you for your prayers!

The last couple of weeks have been intense. Taking three major ordination exams in less than 30 hours was tough. I feel confident that I did well and I have one more left - exegesis. It is due Thursday and it will be tough too, especially on top of classes. It is a good thing God doesn't give us more than we can handle. As I wrote my exams, I thought about what ordination means. I am excited about the prospect of being a minister. I am looking at internships and have an interview coming up on March 8th. Please keep me in your prayers.

Sending rays of sunshine your way, Heather

Joys and Concerns

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Barbara Crall in the death of her mother, Adelaide Miller, who died on February 25.

We continue to remember in prayer the following members and friends: Muriel Powers; Marsha Steffen's sister, Sue; Pam Leland, Melissa Smith, Barbara Harriman's sister, Nan; Marian Larson's great grandson, Brandon; Cliff Hoff's brother-in-law, Jim; Karen Bosley's brother, Don, the Hale Family and all those in our TPC family searching for employment.



General Fund Status January 31, 2003

	BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Income	\$13,331	\$17,675		
Expense	\$10,397	\$10,004		

(Note that January income includes prepaid pledges paid in 2002 as well as 2002 pledge payments received in January)

Per capita payments are due - \$20.00 per communicant member.



TPC BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 Paula Miller
- 3/4 Terra Shiffer
- 3/6 Karen Schmitt
- 3/7 Nimmi Senthirajah
- 3/8 Carolyn Sanco
- 3/9 Muriel Powers Sue Awdry
- 3/10 Chris Clouten
- 3/11 Dean Wells
 - **Shane Breshears**
- 3/13 Jeni Wiggers Tiana Carter
- 3/14 Dave Leland **Deborah Lewis Dick Wiggers**
- 3/16 Craig Walker
- 3/17 Carolyn Locke
- 3/19 John Hutchinson Shari Marshall
- 3/22 David Norse
- 3/23 Lane Kadel
 - **Neal Reiling**
- 3/24 Harry Chase Nancy Zachow Daniel MacKay
- 3/26 Josie Reid Adam Gonzales Brad Killinger
- 3/27 Shirley Dean Hilde Frey
- 3/29 Mike Shiffer
- 3/30 John Lewis
- 3/31 Maxine Jenovich

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Brian, Linda, Matthew & Adam Buck



Tara, Mark (holding Ben) and Jackson Schleicher



Jeni Wiggers



Marian Smith



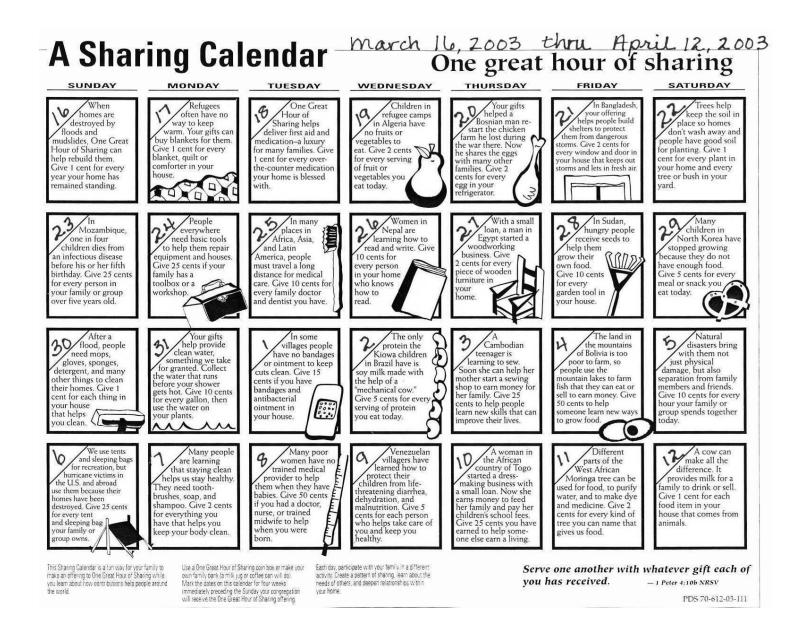
Karyn & Kathryn Dix

Also joining but not pictured is Dorothy Butts.



Baptisms February 23, 2003 Mark and Tara Schleicher Jackson and Ben Schleicher Marian Smith

A WARM TPC WELCOME TO



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help victims of earthquakes and fires, droughts and floods, wars and revolutions. Sometimes these people cannot return to their homes or even their communities. Homeless or displaced people become refugees, and at least 20 million of them live in the world today. Over the next couple of weeks there will be inserts in our weekly church bulletin telling stories about some of the work that has been done through One Great Hour of Sharing. It is through your generous gifts of the past and now that will continue this great effort.

Above you will find a calendar giving suggestions for the entire family to join in the fun of making contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing. A fish bank will be given to children in our Sunday school program for the money to be collected throughout the month. For those who do not have children in Sunday school, please feel free to join in the fun (take any banks left over or use a can, baggy, or such) by putting aside money on a daily basis as the calendar suggests. We will turn all of these "banks" in on Palm Sunday, April, 13th.

TPC Saturday Night Live Talent Show Highlights



Greg Imus was a hit as the emcee!



Martha Wilson sang two Carly Simon songs



Greg Owen had a great time on the drums



Dick sang "Rindercella" along with Jeni's help



No, it's not the Andrew Sisters! It's the TPC Sisters singing "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy of Company B" accompanied by Kris Sparks on piano and Greg Owen on drums



Mitchell Lenneville-Hutchinson performed his version of "I'm a Little Teapot".

Or is he a sugar bowl?



Herb Zachow, Harry Chase, Rick Crall and Roger Smith made a great Barber Shop Quarter!



Kristin Friesen played "I Can't Take You Nowhere" composed by a local jazz artist



Dick and Jeni played 2 duets.



The "Lyn" Sisters sang their own rendition of "Sisters".



Carolyn Locke is such a talented poet:

CATHERINE (SMITH) HOYLE

Our notoriety spread the word right 'Round the world 'bout this talent show night.

In the city of Delft (Netherlands)
Catherine heard from an elf
Left grad school and took the next flight.
(And we're glad that she's with us tonight!)

MIKE NELSON

This amazing TPC member
Performed for us just last November.
Now is it pure luck
Or because he's a Duck

That all questions Karmak can remember?

MIKE SHIFFER

In Mike countless talents abound:
He's King of our system of sound,
Christmas kids' play director,
And church pledge collector.

We better keep him around!

DENISE COLLINS

Have you noticed that Denise is quite short?

Or at least that's the latest report.

Despite teasing from folks With all the short jokes

Her smile shows that she's a great sport.

DICK WIGGERS

When Dick became part of this staff "Wear green!" Sherry warned, with a laugh.

A green sweater he wore Neil Reiling was sore! Dick may need to wear half and half.

MARTHA WILSON

There's new music about, can you tell?

Martha's commenced the ringing of bells

She's no ding-a-ling

She has taught me to ring!

With strong arms you can join in as well.

SCOTT CAMERON

We all know the big guy named Scott.
Who always speaks truthfully—NOT!
Whenever he counts
Birthday money amounts
One's age is increased by a lot.

TPC PEOPLE AUCTION

Proceeds will go to our "Helping Hands" Fund (TPC's own version of Christmas in April)

Come join the fun on the night of April 5th. CRAIG WALKER and CHARLIE BROWN will be giving us a Knock Down Fun Time as our auctioneers. The doors will open at 6:00 for everyone to preview the items and also bid on Silent Auction items. The Oral Auction will start at 7:00. We have a couple of surprises for that night so don't miss out on the FUN. A sign-up sheet is on the black tower in the Narthex for any donated items. We have several items so far but expect lots more. Keeps those juices flowing.... If you are interested in signing up to help with the auction booklet, cashiering, being an auctioneer's assistant or helping serve desserts from the kitchen, let Clare Hahn know. (503-692-4807)

Crop Walk

Get those walking shoes out of the closet and sign-up to walk for hunger. Join the TPC team on May 18th. You can walk and eat a little along the way. (There are many restaurants along the way to enjoy if you desire). Contact Barbara Harriman for more information.

Christmas in April

Put away the wrapping paper, bows and ribbons. Get out the paintbrushes, gloves, etc. Lend a hand to help our local community help others. On the last Saturday in April (April 26 to be exact), join with others from TPC as we assist others with helping to repair, paint or clean up yards for others who need our assistance. Contact Barbara Harriman at 503/649-9439 to join.

Sound Technicians

"Would you like to be a TPC sound minister? Sound ministry training will be held on Tuesday, March 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The training will be conducted by Ross Madsen from Sonic Art Audio. Ross installed the TPC sound system. Please contact Mike Shiffer if you are interested in attending this training."

Building and Grounds Committee Report, March 2003

The Building Committee has been busy over the past several months, working on finishing up details associated with the new building and the integration of our original space. We donated the excess building materials, including linoleum and carpet to Habitat for Humanity who will put those materials to great use! The former "green room" downstairs, which served our Youth so well in years past, has been repainted and refurbished in preparation for its next life as a Sunday School room thanks to Norm Dannemiller. You've noticed the new and highly visible address board on our sign on Boones Ferry Rd, thanks to Scott Cameron and Art Barry. We've built shelves in the downstairs storeroom to make better use of that space. Bruce Benner reconfigured the desk and counter in the office to accommodate our new copier. Finally, thanks to Scott Cameron and Greg Imus for donations of hand tools, leaf blowers, and a trimmer. We'll get to use those new toys at the TPC Spring Grounds Cleanup, scheduled for May 4 -mark your calendars now, more details later. So far, our intrepid little Building and Grounds group includes Norm Dannemiller, Scott Cameron, Rick Mauer, Roger Reid, Greg Owen, and yours truly, Dave Leland - Building and Grounds Elder. We don't meet a lot – we just try to do what needs doing. Questions? Want to join in? Call Dave at 503-692-6095.



Tualatin Food Bank

Thank you for your continuing support. Our donations at TPC help to supplement food that is purchased through the

Oregon Food Bank. Items that would be useful in the next few weeks are paper products, small bottles of dish soap, and staples such as hearty soups, tuna, peanut butter and spaghetti sauce with meat. Call Toni MacHaffie for more information.

LENTEN AND EASTER INFORMATION

Shrove Tuesday - Then and Now

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, sometimes called "Fat Tuesday." Centuries ago Christians often stuffed themselves with food before beginning 40 days of fasting for Lent. In those days, many Christians used up all the food containing fat, including dairy products. Because so many foods, including pancakes, used those fat products, many churches had huge feasts. A lot of people ate until they could hold no more — the beginnings of all-you-can eat dinners. Today many congregations still keep at least a semblance of the tradition. In communities around the world, churches serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. But today the purpose is to have Christian fellowship, not to devour everything in sight.

Spring Cleaning

March 5th, 2003, is Ash Wednesday. From that day until Easter we will be into the 40 days of Lent. Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us. More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our Creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature. becomina knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life. Lent is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us, and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ.

Lenten Calendar

Just so you will have a head start on the Easter season, Lent begins on March 5 this year.

March 5 – Ash Wednesday at 7 pm (choir practice will start right after worship)

April 11 – Seder Supper

April 13 – Palm Sunday at 10:00 am

April 17 – Communion and Tennebrae

Service at 7:30 pm

April 20 – Easter worship at 10:00 am (one service only)

Lenten Simple Supper Groups

The Worship and Fellowship Committees are organizing groups that will meet for 5-6 weeks to share a simple soup and bread supper and participate in a short Bible based discussion pertaining to Lent and Easter. These small groups will meet in members' homes and choose the best meeting time for their specific needs. Some groups may choose to involve children, others will not. A sign up sheet is on the Tower in the Narthex. Call Sherry Nelson for more information.

TPC Sunday Brunch – April 13

Look for the more information and the sign-up sheet on the Tower in the Narthex. Call Pam Cameron for more information.

THE MUSIC CORNER

What's the name of that song I like so well?

Do you have a favorite hymn we haven't sung for a while? Well, we are taking requests. If you want to hear a hymn that hasn't been on our list, let us know and we will try to work it into worship. You can talk to Rev. Wiggers, Kris Sparks or Sherry Nelson.

Make a Snack to Share With a Friend

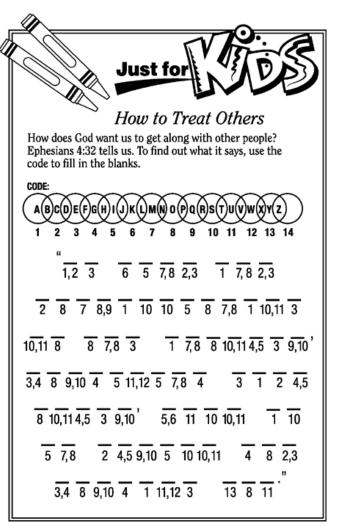
You will need:

- @ large bowl
- S small bowl
- § spoon
- @ fork
- § 4 cups toasted oat cereal
- § 1 can (6-1/2 oz.) peanuts*
- § 1 cup raisins
- 2 1/4-cup margarine
- § 1 package (6 oz.) semisweet chocolate chips
- B plastic sandwich bags

How to make the treats:

- Mix the cereal, peanuts* and raisins in the large bowl.
- Melt the margarine in the small bowl using a microwave oven. (Please ask an adult to help with this step.)
- Pour the margarine over the cereal mixture.
- Use the fork to lightly toss the mixture until it's coated with margarine.
- Sprinkle the chocolate chips into the mixture and toss again.
- Spoon the mixture into the bags and share them with friends for a snack.

*Caution: Some people are very allergic to nuts. You can leave the peanuts out if you need to.



as in Christ God forgave you."

Answer: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just



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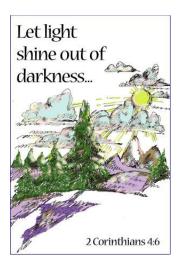


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Adult Ed 8:30 – 9:30 Choir – 9:15 am 10:00 am Worship Eucharist Transformation Sunday TPC Quilters – 11:30 HS & MS Youth @	TPC Volunteers serve lunch at Sr. Center Worship Committee 7:00 pm CE Mtg – 7:00	Shrove Tuesday Sound Ministry Training 7 – 9 pm	Bible Study 9:30 –11:30 am Ash Wednesday Service – 7pm Choir/ Bell Choir 7:30 pm	Fellowship Committee 7:00 pm	7 World Day of Prayer	8
TPC - 5 - 7pm 9 Deacon's Meeting 8 am @ Hayden's Grill Adult Ed 8:30 - 9:30 Choir - 9:15 am 10:00 am Worship Seminary Student Recognition Day Lenton Simple Suppers Begin	10	11	Bible Study 9:30 - 11:30 am Confirmation Class – 7:00 pm TPC Bell Choir 6:25 pm Choir-7:30 Mission Cmt. 7:00 pm	13	14	MS/HS @ Winterhawks Game 7 – 9 pm
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23 Adult Ed 8:30 – 9:30 Choir – 9:15 am 10:00 am Worship 30 Adult Ed 8:30 – 9:30 Choir – 9:15 am 10:00 am Worship MS/HS movie night	31 Worship Committee 7:00 pm	25	Bible Study 9:30 - 11:30 am TPC Bell Choir 6:25 pm Choir - 7:30	27	28	29

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