# **TPC Spirit**



## God's Sign Language

In her thought-provoking book, *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation*, The Reverend Barbara Brown Taylor suggests that "recovering repentance" is the central focus of the season of Lent. The word repent, means "to turn around"- that is, to change direction—not just to reverse course and head off without purpose or destination, but to turn around and walk with God, who in Christ, is forever turning toward us.

The word Lent, comes from the old English word for "spring." This six week season before Easter not only refers to what is happening in the natural world but also to what is happening in the spiritual world, when "the hard, buried bulbs of our souls come into full flower."<sup>1</sup>

I hope this image will give new life to your relationship with Jesus Christ as you take part in the exciting opportunities TPC is offering between now and Easter:



- Lenten Simple Supper Study groups meeting once a week
- Seder Meal on Friday, April 2
- Palm Sunday, April 4 (service includes our children's choir)
- Maundy Thursday (April 8) Communion Service with a dramatic first-person presentation of Simon Peter by Rev. Charlie Brown
- Good Friday (April 9) Tenebrae Service that concludes with "The Cross Maker" (a first-person drama presented by Rev. Charlie Brown)
- Easter (April 11, 6:30 a.m.) A joint Sunrise Worship Service at Tualatin UMC
- Easter (April 11, 10:00 a.m.) Celebration of the Resurrection at TPC

March 2004

"... There is no reason why anyone should ever believe our talk of God's transforming power," writes Taylor, "unless they can also see that transformation taking place in us and through us, in the world. We are the people God has chosen to embody the gospel. Our lives are God's sign language in a sin-sick world, and God has promised us the grace we need to point the way home." <sup>2</sup>

May this be your Lenten discovery!

Grace and Peace, Dick Wiggers, Interim Pastor

<sup>1</sup>Barbara Brown Taylor, *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation* (Boston: Cowley Publications, 2000) p.69 <sup>2</sup> Ibid., p.96

## March 15<sup>th</sup> is a banner day at TPC!!

Join the crew making banners for our Holy Week worship services. Learn fun and easy techniques for turning photo backdrop paper into beautiful paper lace works of art. All you need is a positive attitude and the ability to crawl around on the carpeted floor! We will meet at the church on Monday, March 15 from 7 - 9 pm. Questions? Call Ellen VanSchoiack at (503) 692-7989.



Please keep the following members of this year's Confirmation Class in prayer as they meet together in preparation for Confirmation Sunday, on May 9: Corbin Bowen, David MacKay, Tony

Mitchell, Stacy Bartlett, Michelle Crawford, Mimi Crawford, Molly Winterrowd, Naomi Todd, and Kerry Lambeth.



#### PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

TPC's Church Information Form (CIF) has been approved by TPC Session and by the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. Our information is now included on the web site for the Presbyterian Church USA (PC USA), where ministers seeking a new call search for appropriate opportunities.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has begun receiving Personal Information Forms (PIF) from interested ministers. These PIF's are essentially the resumes for prospective pastors, but are created in a common format to ensure that all necessary information is included. At their meeting on Monday, February 23, the PNC began reviewing PIF's to determine our interest level in a given candidate.

Thus far, we have only received PIF's directly from pastors. Another key step in the process will be the computer match. Through this process, PC USA matches our CIF with appropriate PIF's from pastors in their database. Once the computer match has been completed, we expect our list of prospects to grow many fold.

The process of reviewing PIF's and evaluating the top candidates will continue for the next several months. Through careful and prayerful appraisal of various candidates, your PNC believes we will ultimately be able to recommend the call of the right new pastor to shepherd our congregation for many years to come.

TPC contributed **\$212.71** to the **Souper Bowl** of **Caring** on Souper Bowl Sunday. 9,299 organizations around the country have called in their totals. \$3,277,735.00 has been raised for charity so far.

## **Congregational Meeting**

There will be a congregational meeting on March 14 at the conclusion of worship for the purpose of electing deacons and elders.

#### DEACON FUND

The Deacon Fund was established through proceeds of the TPC Auction. The Fund provides money for congregation members to use for food, shelter, utilities, clothing, transportation, healthcare and medicine.

If you are aware of members of our congregation who have incurred extraordinary emergency expenses beyond their resources, please notify our Pastor. All information will be considered confidential.

## **TPC Prayer Chain**

Anyone who has an interest in joining the Prayer Chain, please contact any one of the members. They are: Dorothy Martin, Greg and Debbie Imus, Charlie Brown, Jeni and Dick Wiggers, Debbie Reid, Chris Robertson, Jaci Smith, Don and Elizabeth Shafer, Lynne and Bob Bolton, Carol Kadel, Del Judy, Mary Shiffer, and Lynn Scroggin. All you need is an email account and some time in your 24-hour days. We pray for/with anyone who requests prayers. Prayers are listed in the Weekly Bulletin only with the permission of the person asking for prayers. All others are held in strictest confidentiality. We can always use another person to tug God's heartstrings.

**Food Bank** needs include laundry soap, chili, hearty soups, stews, canned tuna & dried or canned beans. As always, thank you for your contributions to the barrels located in the narthex.

#### **TPC BIRTHDAYS**

3/1	Paula Miller	3/17	Carolyn Locke
3/4	Terra Shiffer	3/20	Coleman Killinger
3/6	Karen Schmitt	3/21	Crystal Shearer
3/7	Nimmi Senthirajah	3/22	David Norse
3/8	Carolyn Sanco	3/23	Neal Reiling
3/9	Muriel Powers	3/23	Lane Kadel
3/9	Sue Awdry	3/24	Harry Chase
3/11	Dean Wells	3/24	Daniel MacKay
3/11	Shane Breshears	3/26	Tiana Carter
3/13	Brad Killinger	3/26	Josie Reid
3/13	Jennie Wiggers	3/27	Hilde Frey
3/14	Deborah Lewis	3/27	Shirley Dean
3/14	Dick Wiggers	3/29	Mike Shiffer
3/14	Dave Leland	3/30	John Lewis
3/16	Craig Kozak Walker	3/31	Maxine Jenovich

# This month *The Spirit* is featuring the Tenor Section of the TPC Choir.





Roger Smith and Rick Crall

Rick volunteered to direct the TPC Choir from 1989 until Kris Sparks was hired as Director of Music in 1999. He also directed the Children's Choir from

1982 to 1986. He has been part of our tenor section since 1999. Roger has been singing with the choir since 1988. If you or anyone you know might be interested in singing or just coming to a Wednesday night rehearsal to check it out, contact Kris Sparks or any choir member. The choir meets every Wednesday from 7:30 – 9:00 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:30 am before Worship

#### Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Everyone is invited to the presentation of Scouting's highest rank of Eagle Scout presented to David Norse on March 6 at 5:00 p.m. at TPC. A reception immediately follows. Please R.S.V.P. to the Norse family at (503) 625-2372.



#### General Fund Status January 2004



	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 21,892	\$ 17,869
Expense	<u>\$ 15,517</u>	<u>\$14,554</u>
Net	\$ 6,375	\$ 3,315

"Remember that article that you read in *The Spirit* last month about per capita apportionments? Remember that check that you forgot to write? All communicant members are asked to pay their part of the TPC per capita apportionment. This money is used to help pay the administrative costs of running our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. TPC has paid \$21 for each communicant member of our church for you. Your checks for \$21 for each communicant member should be marked "per capita". We still have over \$4,600 to collect.

The finance and stewardship committee asks that you remember the building fund in your contributions. Help us reduce the debt on this wonderful building. Be sure and indicate the portion of your contribution that goes to the building fund on your check."



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people

experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program each receives 32 percent.

TPC will be accepting this offering on Palm Sunday, April 4. Watch for more information and the traditional "fish" banks soon."



We rejoice with Erin & Emily Nelson and their family at the birth of their daughter, Hannah Claire, on February 6. Hannah joins her sister, Abby. Proud grandparents are Jim & Sara Hunt and Mike & Sherry Nelson. Great grandparents are Glynn & Maxine Jenovich and Laura Hughes Smith & T.C. Hund.

We also rejoice with Lane & Candace Kadel and their family at the birth of their son, Kade Jackson Kadel, born on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Dick and Carol Kadel are proud grandparents.

#### A Note from Christian Ed

Remember that on the first Sunday of the month, Sunday school children meet together downstairs at 10:00 am for a combined Sunday session. Our theme for March will be Lent and in April will, of course, be Easter. We talk about the theme, read stories, do crafts and other activities to help the kinds lean more about our faith. We can always use helpers for these sessions so contact Pam Bowen to volunteer.

Mark April 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendars! We are gearing up for the annual Easter egg hunt and Piñata party after the Palm Sunday brunch. Kids look forward to this every year and we'd like to have all the kids, fifth grade and younger, take part in the fun. In mid-March, you will find a basket in the narthex to be filled with small goodies to put in the eggs. Please help us out by donating small wrapped candy, jewelry, stickers, bobbles and any other small trinkets that will fit inside a plastic egg. Then, on Palm Sunday, stick around to see the excited faces of the little ones as they open their treasures.

Pam Bowen

# **TPC Member of the Month**



Diane Adams was born in Washington, D.C. and moved to the northwest 25 years ago. Previously she attended Presbyterian churches Marvland and California. She began in attending TPC in the spring of 1988, finally joining in 1996. Diane is married to Don Adams who is employed at OHSU, and they raised three children: Jon Hartinger is a medical student in the LA area; Christina Adams Brown is the music teacher at Tualatin Elementary and David Adams is a student in Job Corps in Astoria. Diane is an RN at Legacy Emanuel and Meridian Park Hospitals. She is a nationally certified in Low Risk Newborn Care as well as a Lactation Consultant, and known for her commitment to family centered care. Her hobbies include photography, reading, and music. Diane sings soprano in the TPC Choir and also in the Lutheran Choral Association every summer.

#### Why should we observe Lent?

We observe Lent because it causes us to STOP. Lent says, "Stop and rest awhile." Lent says, "Stop doing wrong."

We observe Lent because it tells us to LOOK. Look inward for an honest self-examination. Look upward to see the cross of Christ with healing and love. Look forward to the hope of the Resurrection.

We observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN. Listen to the words of Christ. Listen to the voice of God. Listen to the winds of the Spirit of God.

Stop, look and listen. These three words are important for our safety in travel, but they may also be helpful for our journey through the days of Lent.



# TPC New Members



Gary and Marcia Bell were originally from Detroit. They raised two sons (one in Tulsa and one in Colorado) and a daughter in the Los Angeles area. Gary is a selfemployed consultant and Marcia is a medical records manager at Oregon State Hospital. They have been married 37 years and come to us by Reaffirmation of Faith.



Shari Olson has been attending since May of 2003. She and her husband, Steve, are both Optometrists. Shari was born in Kansas City, MO. They have a son, John, who is 7 and a daughter, Katy, 5 who is in preschool. Shari has been ordained as a Deacon and now sings in the TPC Choir. Her Father is a Presbyterian Minister.



Noel and Dee Johnson have been attending TPC since October 2003. They come to us by letter of transfer. They are both ordained as deacons and elders and served on several Presbytery both Committees. Dee sings in the TPC Choir. They have been married 52 years and have two daughters. Noel is a retired lumber broker with Marine Transportation. Dee has retired twice, first from Lewis and Clark College and then seven years with Alzheimer's Association.



Mary Ortez has been part of our TPC family life since the days when we met in the VFW Hall. Born in Corvallis, Mary moved to Tualatin two years ago after her husband died. Her sister is Clare Hahn. Mary is employed by Bon Apetite Corp. as a Food Service Ops Manager at George Fox University and comes to TPC through Reaffirmation of Faith.



#### Look at those smiles!

It is good to be at Tualatin Presbyterian. I enjoyed the opportunity, during my last visit, to do the children's message. Those kids are wonderful! Recently, I led worship at our PHEWA Leadership Development meeting. People from all over the country were there working on HIV/AIDS, Domestic Violence, and other social justice issues. I used some poetry from a young woman with a disability to reflect on Micah 6:8 - What does the Lord require of us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. I have included one of her poems. Speaking of leadership, I just got accepted to attend the World Alliance of Reformed Churches General Council meeting this summer in Accra, Ghana. I will be part of the Global Institute of Theology with other Seminary students from around the world. I am working on raising over \$2,000 for the conference and travel expenses. I am overjoyed to have this opportunity to travel to Africa and be a part of this international ecumenical event.

Life is great! I just got back from vacationing in sunny Florida with my friend Alexis for a week. This semester I am working on my Masters of Arts thesis, completing many projects at my internship and playing with friends. I finished up ordination exams and will get my results back next month. Only a few more months and I will be graduating in San Francisco with my Masters of Divinity degree. How quickly the time goes. Can you believe it was almost four years ago that we started this journey together? Thanks for your support. You are a loving family of faith.

Love from Louisville,

Heather ><>

Sarah, the author of this poem, has Cri-Du-Chat syndrome - a rare disease that affects the fifth chromosone. It affects each person differently, some stay in infancy while others walk and talk. Sarah is gifted writer and Presbyterian.

#### INDEPENDENCE

You say I need to be independent. You demand that I tie my shoes and zip my coat. You push and push never stopping to think how I feel.

I have been trying to zip my coat and tie my shoes since I was four years old. Everyone has tried to teach me. Everyone complains that I should have learned this before. No one understands. I would love to tie my shoes and zip my coat all by myself all the time. I would also love to talk with my voice, run, jump, and be a regular kid. My disability prevents me from doing the things I want to do. It makes my body move like Jell-O. I can't always get my body to move like I want it to. I get very frustrated yet you don't understand. You say I am not focused, not trying, not doing what I did yesterday. You don't understand that if I could do it I would. I hate being the one who needs help. I have learned that people value you less if you need help.

Everyone needs help with something. People just like to believe they are independent. So please think about the things you need help with like understanding homework, car repairs, programming the computer, tax forms, getting a ride somewhere, cleaning your gutters, being on time, finding things you lose, and many other things. You aren't as independent as you think.

Please give me the help that I need when I need it. It is hard to always feel bad because I can't do certain things. You need to see independence differently.

Independence can be very isolating. I want to be interdependent. I need you and you need me. There is strength in recognizing you need others. Be careful about thinking you are great because you are able to do things alone and how superior it makes you feel. Some day you will learn the hard lesson about independence.

Sarah Nettleton

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# **TPC Announcements**



The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Roger Reid and his family at the death of his stepfather, Bill Robertson who

died in Montana on January 28, 2004 and Rhoda Friesen and her family at the death of her mother, Colleen Schrag who died, February 4, 2004 in Vancouver.

**Please remember in prayer:** Ing MacHaffie, Bill Dorman (brother of Dorothy Butts), Mike Dorn, (Lori Beymer's brother), Madelyn Carlson, Christopher Beam (Nancy Catanese's son), the members of our PNC, those who lead and serve our nation, communities and congregations.

<u>Directory Update</u> We're beginning the layout process using photos that represent the heart of our church and faith. If you didn't have a photo taken by Olin Mills and would like to be in the directory, please do one of the following by **March 7th**:

- 1. Provide a color photo of your own, placing it in the manila folder marked "Church Directory" on the church office reception desk counter. You could also email your photo to Debby Owen at: <u>newsletter@tpcspirit.com</u>
- 2. Contact Deb Owen to have a digital photo taken at church. Her phone number is (503) 692-6920.



#### TREASURE SUNDAY

Excitement was in the air as Robin, April, Erik, David, Michael E & Michael R (and their families) joined TPC for worship last Sunday. Of course April's favorite part was getting to sit next to Ted Lambeth, her most favorite volunteer. Now that these Treasures, all Tualatin residents, have experienced worship and TPC warmth they may be willing to come back to worship again. Thanks to the many volunteers who support the Treasure Night outreach program.

#### What is a Treasure?

A "Treasure" is an individual with a developmental disability (Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, brain damage from an accident, etc.). Treasures come from a variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds, financial statuses, ages (12 and up), and living situations (i.e. group homes, private homes, or supported living arrangements). Most of our Treasures live in Tualatin, Sherwood, and Tigard.

#### What is a Treasure Night?

A "Treasure Night" is a designated Tuesday of the month for each participating church when volunteers and Treasures get together to sing songs, play games, study a Bible lesson, pray, make crafts, and eat creative snacks. It is a great opportunity for Treasures to interact with others with similar disabilities while building strong friendships.

#### When and where are Treasure Nights?

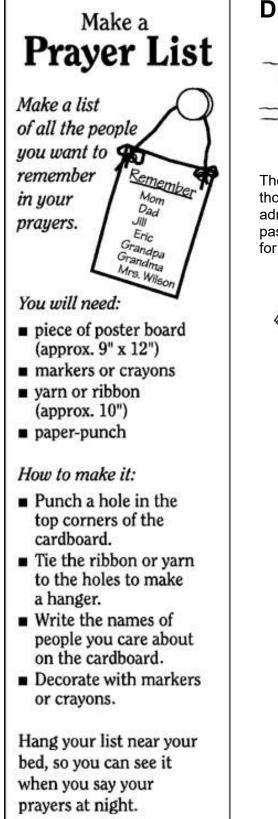
Currently Treasure Nights are operated by six churches in Washington County, utilizing over 300 volunteers to serve over 250 Treasures and their caregivers. Treasure Nights are held from 7-8:30 pm once a month on a Tuesday night at each hosting church: Tualatin Presbyterian, Hillsboro Presbyterian, Sunset Presbyterian, Calvary Chapel of Aloha, Beaverton Foursquare, and Westgate Baptist.

#### How can I help?

\*Help identify Treasures: if you know of an individual with a developmental disability, please share information about Treasure Nights and the other services of QWO.

\*Help with our Treasure Night: as a volunteer you can help by providing snack or transportation; lead a prayer, craft, game or song; help with set-up and clean-up.

\*Help by giving a tax-deductible contribution to QWO or to TPC, designated for the Treasure Night program. For more information about our TPC Treasure Night program, please contact TPC TT Coordinator: Carolyn Locke (503) 656-1534.



# **Discount for children**



The little boy had not been to many worship services. He thought the offering plate was where one put money for admission to the church. When the collection plate was being passed along their pew, he whispered to his father, "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm only five."

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# *Tualatin Presbyterian Church Calendar March 2004*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Volunteers serve at Sr. Center 11:00 – 1:30pm PNC - 7:00 pm CE Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> Mission – 7:00 pm	<b>3</b> Bible Study 10:00 am Bells – 6:25 pm	4	<b>5</b> World Day of Prayer	<b>6</b> Eagle Scout Court of Honor for David Norse 5:00 pm
<b>7</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Adult Ed. – 8:30am Worship – 10:00 am Quilters -11:30 am Confirmation Class – 4:30	<b>8</b> PNC - 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> Fellowship 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> Bible Study 10:30 am Bells – 6:25 pm Choir – 7:30 pm	11	12	13
<b>14</b> 3rd Sunday in Lent Deacons @ Haydens 8:30 am Adult Ed. – 8:30am Worship – 10:00 am Congregational Meeting Potluck after Worship Confirmation Class – 4:30	<b>15</b> PNC - 7:00 pm Banner Making 7:00 – 9:00 pm	<b>16</b> Tuesday Treasure 7 – 8:30 pm	<b>17</b> Bible Study 10:30 am Bells – 6:25 pm Choir – 7:30 pm	<b>18</b> Outreach 1:00 pm Session 7:00 pm	19	20
<b>21</b> 4th Sunday in Lent Adult Ed. – 8:30 am Choir – 9:25 am Worship – 10:00 am Treasure Sunday	<b>22</b> PNC - 7:00 pm Worship Cmt. – 7:00 pm	23	<b>24</b> Bible Study 10:30 am Bells – 6:25 pm Choir – 7:30 pm	25	26	27
<b>28</b> 5th Sunday in Lent Adult Ed. – 8:30 am Choir – 9:25 am Worship – 10:00 am	<b>29</b> PNC - 7:00 pm	30	<b>31</b> Bible Study 10:30 am Bells – 6:25 pm Choir – 7:30 pm			

#### Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- April 2 Seder Supper 6:00 pm
- April 4 Palm Sunday (Communion) with potluck brunch to follow/Easter Egg Hunt
- April 4 Daylight Savings time begins
- April 8 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30 pm Communion)
- April 9 Good Friday/Tennebrae Worship 7:30 pm
- April 11 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Tualatin United Methodist Church 6:30 am
  - TPC Worship 10:00 am (no communion)

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**Church Office Hours**: Tuesday from 9am - 1:30 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 9am to noon and Thursday from 9am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Wiggers is in the office Monday – Thursday. Please call for an appointment.