



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

One of the assumptions we bring to worship, drilled into us from our years in school no doubt, is that a hymn or a sermon is meaningful to us only if we're able to remember words and details. Well, something I've always been a little embarrassed about is that I'm *not* always able to recall things that have been said in worship that are meaningful to me. (Even when I was the one who was speaking, thank you very much!)

If you are one of these people who remembers every little thing, fantastic. But if you are like me, and you have trouble recalling details, even when you really *were* listening- know that you're not alone. And know that there may be nothing terribly wrong with us either. I think this may come down to the fact that people experience and appreciate worship in different ways.

For me, when I think about worship and the effect it has on me, it reminds me of great architecture. For instance I remember coming up out of the subway into Grand Central Station in New York for the first time. The ceilings seemed to go on and on forever. The space was so vast. I could feel my spirit lift up and my soul expand out into the space around me.

Now, I couldn't tell you a thing about what was painted on the walls, or the little architectural details crafted into the masonry. I can't remember a single face in the crowd jostling around me. What I remember is that feeling of being lifted up, of being exalted. This is how architecture affects me, and it's how a great piece of music or a well worded prayer affects me, too. I feel larger and re-formed back into the wide open person God made me to be. And if, a day or so later, I can't remember the exact words, I can still remember that feeling of being molded back into shape and carry that with me through the week.

The good news is we're not alone in seeing a connection between worship and architecture. Ever since the time of Abraham the Israelites acknowledged special places, raising altars to the Lord in places like Shechem and Bethel. And the book of Exodus goes into excruciating detail regarding the construction of

the great traveling tabernacle in which the presence of the Lord would sometimes dwell during the Israelite's journey through the wilderness. Of course, the ultimate expression of worship and architecture is the temple in Jerusalem. Built by Solomon, Israel believed that while God wasn't confined to the temple, God's presence could always be found at the heart of the temple in the Holy of Holies.

Jesus also talked about the temple, but he did so in a very interesting way. When he walked with us, Jesus referred to himself as the temple. On Palm Sunday he told the disciples not to be too impressed with the great stones of the temple they saw around them, for the day was coming when not one stone would be left standing. Then, on the night Jesus was arrested, one of the reasons for arresting him is that he claimed not only that the temple would be destroyed, but that it would be raised up again in three days. On Good Friday, at the moment Jesus dies Matthew recalls that the temple itself is affected, the great curtain in the temple tears from top to bottom. And finally, on Easter, when Jesus walks from death back into life we see the "temple" rebuilt. One of the ways the church thinks about this is imagining that as Christ's people, we actually become part of this new temple. "Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood." (First Peter 2:5)

This Holy Week our lectionary and liturgical art will reflect this journey with the temple starting with temple itself on Palm Sunday, the threat to destroy and rebuild the temple on Maundy Thursday, the tearing of the curtain on Good Friday, and the rebuilding of the temple with living stones on Easter. I sure hope you'll make it out to worship with us. And if you don't remember all the details of what happens...well, that's OK. You'll be in company. My prayer for us is not for total recall of worship anyway, but for total recall of the One who created us and bends us back into shape in worship.

March in Faith Village



Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all Egg Hunters- our traditional egg hunt will be held following the Pancake Brunch.

Seasons of the Spirit

Lent and Easter invite us to discover God's steadfast love, which surrounds us in all of our times, and beyond time. These seasons encourage us to join our testimony to that of the first witnesses of the Resurrection. Through our witness, we help to form community that embodies Christ's love.

(From Seasons of the Spirit Lent/Easter 2008)

Pastor Ken will be teaching a Confirmation Class with the Middle/High School Sunday School class starting April 6. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join him at 9:30 Sunday mornings.

Kids in Worship

Interested in being part of the processional, collecting the offering, reading, or greeting on Sunday mornings? The children and youth of TPC are invited to be part of all of these aspects of worship. We need a coordinator to get the names of interested kids to the appropriate people. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Shari Olsen at ssjkolsen@msn.com or (503) 635-4019.

Help Needed ~ Bulletin Boards: One or two youth or adults willing to periodically update our boards- flexible hours, materials provided!



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

DEBBY OWEN STEPS DOWN AS TPC SPIRIT NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Some things are easy to take for granted. Things just happen and one doesn't give much thought to what it took to make them happen. Every month a TPC newsletter arrived in members' mailboxes. Who was instrumental in making that happen?

Debby Owen

For the past five plus years, Debby has compiled and edited the newsletter. When she started, the newsletter was largely a cut and paste operation, produced in small print. Under her guidance, it has grown to be more informative and much more readable. She asked others to contribute articles and she wrote some herself. She started working on the newsletter just as Thom Nelson was leaving, continued through the time of Dick Wiggers and on into the time of Pastor Ken.

To announce her stepping down, Debby emailed the following to those who often contribute articles to the newsletter:

"August 2002 was the first TPC newsletter that I worked on. At that time I was not working and saw a need for a change in the format and information for the newsletter. Currently, my job at Regence keeps me really busy along with other projects and we have exciting news that we will be grandparents in August."

So thank you, Debby, for your years of dedication to producing the TPC Newsletter. Though no longer the editor, please continue to contribute articles...don't want you to get rusty!

The TPC Spirit newsletter is usually mailed on the last Thursday of the month. Articles for the newsletter can be submitted at any time to newsletter@tpcspirit.org.

Featured Members of the Month



NEAL AND SANDY REILING

Neal and Sandy were raised in the Hubbard and Portland areas. They met in college at Oregon State.

They lived in Woodburn for 30 years while Neal owned Reiling Farms, Inc. and half of Twin Springs Nursery. He raised grass seed and nursery stock.

Neal and Sandy have three children: Mark, 45; Shari, 43; and Molly, 38. All three children graduated from Oregon State and married Oregon Staters. They all live in Wilsonville, along with eight grandchildren

Neal and Sandy belonged to Woodburn Presbyterian Church for over 25 years. They both served a couple of terms as elders and deacons.

Neal sold their business to their son 7 years ago. They now spend time traveling, playing golf and working in the yard.

They will be in Southern California during March and April and will miss everyone at TPC.

Submitted by Carol Rhodes, Deacon



NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, February 17, 2008, we received the following people as members at Tualatin Presbyterian Church:

Bob and Mary Feiler
Blain and Laura Grover
Sue Hotchkiss
Chip and Kackie Kyle

Welcome all!

SPRING CLEANING DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 8...9 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be a spring clean-up day for the building and grounds at TPC. Our grounds maintenance service has done a wonderful job, yet as the years have gone by, a number of areas need some additional attention, which would be a significant added cost to the budget. So, in the spirit of years gone by, and as stewards of the blessing that is TPC, we are resurrecting a church clean-up day. It is a day to knock out a few items on the "been-meaning-to-get-done" list. Bring your grubby jeans, maybe a rake and/or shovel, gloves and, of course, a rain coat. There will be a variety of tasks, and all ages and abilities are welcome. As we get closer to the date, a list will be posted on the tower in the narthex of specific tasks and any equipment needs. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Norm Dannemiller (503) 885-2405 or Scott Cameron (503) 692-3368 with any Questions/Suggestions/Comments or Concerns.



YOU'RE INVITED!

TPC will provide dinner on **Wed., March 12th**, for the medical volunteers who staff the Essential Health Clinic.

The Essential Health Clinic is a free health clinic for the uninsured or those who are under-insured; located in the Washington County Health facility at 15296 SW Royalty Parkway in Tigard (to the left of the Safeway shopping mall). It is open each Wednesday evening from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and serves those who have medical needs but either no insurance or inadequate coverage.

The clinic utilizes an all-volunteer staff of doctors, nurses, health care providers and interpreters. Local hospitals donate medications and diagnostic supplies. Basically, it is a "win-win" for the community as people in need are served, no tax dollars are used, and it reduces emergency room visits.

We plan the meal for 15 adults, all of whom will come directly from work to the clinic.

The menu is simple: 1 or 2 main dishes, 2 types of salad, rolls and 2 desserts.

Please sign-up on the sheet on the kiosk; we will call to remind you about a week before – so don't be concerned that you might "forget".

THANK YOU FOR CARING



PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2008

All are invited to stay after worship on Palm Sunday for a brunch featuring pancakes and sausages. Please see the sheet on the tower to sign up to bring fruit, dessert or beverages. The oven will be keeping sausages warm; please do not bring items that need to go in the oven. Thanks.



ATTENTION QUILTERS! You are invited to enhance our worship by displaying your quilts during a special service on **April 27th**.

We hope that you will consider sharing several examples of your work. We would appreciate the participating quilters' help determining the best way to handle and display the quilts.

Please sign up on the tower in the narthex if you would like to participate or if you would like more information. Or call Ellen VanSchoiack at 503-692-7989



THEATER OUTING

LES MISERABLES

Performed by THE BROADWAY ROSE

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 8 p.m.

Deb Fennell Auditorium at Tigard High School
9000 SW Durham Rd., Tigard, OR

Relentless policeman Javert pursues escaped convict Jean Valjean over decades through the turmoil of revolutionary France. Epic, grand and uplifting, the sung-through pop score overflows with melodies including "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," "Bring Him Home" and "One Day More." Recommended for mature audiences.

Fellowship has purchased 30 tickets to this play on Thursday, July 17. For tickets, talk to Paula Miller, Fellowship Elder. Cost is \$22.50 each.



List of Youth Group Books

The latest youth books that have been processed into our church library are listed below:

- Pictures of God Oestreicher, Mark 231
 - The desire of ages White, Ellen 232
 - You choose the ending Parolini, Stephen 246.7
 - Finding your identity Faith 4 Life 250
 - The next level Yaconelli, Mike 250
 - More hot illustrations for youth talks
Rice, Wayne 251
 - Controlled chaos Johnston, Kurt 259.2
 - Great talk outlines for youth ministry Oestreicher
259.2
 - So great a cloud of witnesses We Believe 260
 - Celebrating Lent/Easter Burdick, Faye 264
 - Celebrating Advent/Christmas/Epiphany
Clinefelter, Jim 264
 - Creative junior high programs from A to Z
Dickie, Steve 268.4
 - Crowd breakers and mixers Ideas Library 268.4
 - Incredible! questionnaire for Youth Bundschuh,
Rick 295.2
 - Holiday ideas for youth groups
Youth Specialties 793.9
- These books are now in the regular library under a special "Young Adult" section.

Questions? Contact Diane Barry 503-692-1658.



CLEANING CUPBOARDS?

Bereavement Committee Members would like to have additional dishes and serving bowls for use during receptions following memorial services. Specifically they would like to have: small decorative bowls, two quart-sized bowls, small knives/forks to serve condiments, glass or silver trays, a coffee pot or urn, silver or glass sugar/creamers, nice coffee cups (not mugs). They're also looking for 70-inch diameter round tablecloths. If you have such items to donate, please talk to Pam Cameron at 503-692-3368.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN STONES
NOW AVAILABLE**

Stones for placement in the TPC memorial garden are now available for purchase. The garden, named in honor of member Marjorie Dean, is located in the SE corner of the church property bordering the nature park. Memorials are available in two styles:

12 x 12 Granite blocks, engraved with name and date of birth and death are available for \$85 plus \$1 per character engraved

Natural River Stones, engraved with names only (up to three words) are available for \$20

You are welcome to request memorials for members, family and friends. Order forms are in the church office; payment is due with order.



WHAT IS PER CAPITA?

For 2008, it is \$21.41 per member.

Tualatin Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and, as such, has a relationship with every other church in the denomination, as well as with the governing bodies: Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.

In our Cascades Presbytery, per capita supports meetings of Presbytery, Council and committees, regional offices in Portland, Eugene and Phoenix, work of our Presbytery Stated Clerk and his administrative assistant, basic communications through Omnibus, the Presbytery newspaper, the web site and mailings.

Per capita has been compared to a utility bill. Just as we pay for heat, light, water and telephone in order to remain connected and benefit from the services provided, we also pay per capita so that the Presbyterian system can function for all of us.

Tualatin Presbyterian Church must pay a 2008 per capita fee of \$21.41 for each member. This expense is not included in the annual TPC budget. Each member is asked to pay his/her own per capita fee. Reminder: This is an individual fee, not a family fee. Please make your check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Thank you.

SESSION ROUNDUP

Here's a summary of what happened at the most recent session meeting on February 19.

Session approved the bereavement committee to take a free will offering during the pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday to support the important work of those good folks. Please support them!

-During the clerk's report, the session gave thanks for the 7 new members received on February 17th. Welcome friends!

-The session approved worship to move forward with building more risers for the sanctuary. These risers will be used by the music program, for drama, and liturgical art. Bruce Benner has already constructed two new risers that are just fantastic. Thanks Bruce!

-Session discussed the requirements from the Committee on Ministry from the Presbytery of the Cascades regarding establishing a new pastoral position. Ken presented a plan to complete these requirements and receive approval from COM to establish an associate pastor nominating committee by September of 2008. To complete the COM requirements session will receive a mission study that will address the needs of TPC, the scope of a new position, and whether it should start out part time, half time, or full time. The congregation will be engaged in this process and will vote to approve an associate pastor nominating committee.



**GENERAL FUND STATUS
January 2008**

	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 31,750	\$ 31,715
Expense	<u>\$ 19,054</u>	<u>\$ 16,984</u>
Net	\$ 12,696	\$ 14,731



WOMEN'S RETREAT - COME AND GONE

If comments from the evaluation forms are any indication, WHAT A GREAT WEEKEND! Attendees described our speaker, Jane Kirkpatrick, thusly:

"Excellent, very 'down to earth'; spoke from the heart."

"Jane is gentle, real and very inspiring and uplifting."

"She offered us much to take out into our world."

Jane started Friday night by giving us an assignment. What experience did each of us want to get from the weekend? Why did we come? Did we come for nurture? For connection? For wisdom...to get answers? For inspiration? We were urged to think about ourselves in different ways, to pay attention to the inner part, and to follow our hearts.



**HAVE YOU MOVED OR
CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?**

If yes, please call or email Rhoda or Susan in the office (503) 692-4160 or Rhoda@tpcspirit.org or Susan@tpcspirit.org. Thanks for your help in keeping our data base current.



MILEPOSTS

Del Judy became a great grandmother when Jack Clayton Judy was born on February 4, 2008. He weighed 6 lbs 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long. If you catch Del smiling even more than usual, this might be why!

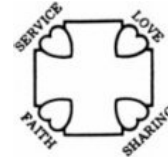


March Birthdays

3/01 Paula Miller	3/17 Carolyn Locke
3/01 Erik Spurrell	3/19 John Hutchinson
3/04 Terra Shiffer	3/22 David Norse
3/06 Karen Schmitt	3/23 Neil Reiling
3/07 Nimmi Senthirajah	3/24 Harry Chase
3/08 Bob Nix	3/24 Daniel MacKay
3/08 Carolyn Sanco	3/25 Mitchell Peterson
3/09 Muriel Powers	3/26 Josie Reid
3/09 Owen MacHaffie	3/27 Lisa Ewing
3/09 Andrew MacHaffie	3/27 Hilde Frey
3/11 Dean Wells	3/29 Mike Shiffer
3/11 Shane Breshears	3/30 John Lewis
3/14 Deborah Lewis	3/31 Maxine Jenovich
3/15 Shannon Buckmaster	3/31 Piper Hammer



Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
March 2008



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 4 th Sunday in Lent Worship – 10:30 am Communion	3	4 Guitar Jam 7:00 pm Mission Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.	6 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	7	8 Church Clean-up 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Outside
9 5 th Sunday in Lent Worship – 10:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting after worship 5:00 p.m. Youth Groups Logos/Kairos Daylight Savings	10 CE Meeting 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Guitar Jam 7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	13 SESSION MEETING 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 pm	14	15
16 Palm Sunday Worship – 10:30 am Pancake Brunch following worship	17	18 Guitar Jam 7:00 pm Tuesday's Treasures 7:00 pm	19 No morning Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	20 Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00 p.m.	21 Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 p.m.	22
23 Easter Sunday Worship – 10:30 am No youth group meeting this evening	24 Spring Break Week	25 7:00 p.m. Guitar Jam	26 No morning Bible Study Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	27 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	28	29
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Church Service – Sundays at 10:30 am

Elders: Shari Olsen, Karen Stevenson, Joan Nardi, Chris Robertson, Craig Bowen, Scott Mitchell, Norm Dannemiller, Paula Miller and Meg Price

Deacons: Terri Mitchell, Carol Rhodes, Jack Lemmon, Lynn Scroggin, Pam Cameron, Julie Van Buren, Judy Nix, Noel Johnson, Kathy Sweetland, Rob Ayers, Linda Watkins and David Norse

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Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 9:00am – 3:00 pm, Friday – 9:00 am to 12:00