



THE REVEREND DAVID NORSE

David Norse grew up with Tualatin Presbyterian Church. His family moved to Sherwood when he was eight and soon started attending TPC. He was involved with the youth choirs, plays, and the youth group. In eighth grade TPC's Deacons stayed with David and his dad, Rick, when his mother, Rachel, suffered a heart attack, an experience that powerfully showed him the love of the church. David went to Magruder church camp in eighth grade, an experience that got him interested in ministry, and that next year he started confirmation classes, which he loved. David first took to our pulpit to read his statement of faith when he became a member, and a few years later he preached for High School Senior Sunday. As a student of Lewis & Clark College he continued to worship and be a part of the church, serving as a deacon, preaching occasionally, and helping lead a high school worship retreat. In college he studied in Scotland and, at the suggestion of Pastor Ken, got involved with the Iona Community. After graduation he returned to Scotland to work at the communities outdoor center, Camas, where he led kayaking. David attended Princeton Theological Seminary, graduated in May, 2013, and was ordained on January 5, 2014 in Philadelphia. Pastor Ken participated in David's ordination.

KEN'S CHARGE TO DAVID NORSE AT HIS ORDINATION ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014

This day, this ordination, your ministry

It's not. About. You.

It's not about you, but the God who lives, breathes, and works in, around, and through you.

You are going to need to remember this

On the morning that you wake up, and can barely crawl out of bed
Because your faith, your faith in what you can do, in your gifts, is dead

Your faith will be dead

Dead because you will know that no matter how much hospitality
you show, how many meals you serve

The hungry will still flow through your doors

Children of God needing more than you could ever have to give

Dead because every time you preach

Some surprised soul will say, "Hey, you're getting better, this time
was OK." And you'll say, "Thanks?"

Scratching your head as you walk away.

Dead because no matter how many times she tells you

this time she's quit for real

Part of you hopes but another part steels yourself for the next time
she uses, comes down, and quits, this time for real...again.

Dead because you will wonder on that morning what's the point of it all

If maybe you shouldn't have gone into social work or law

Where yes you'd have more paperwork but at least you wouldn't have to worry
so much about where the demons lurk

You are going to wake up on that morning and think.

No. Not this. Not any of this. Not today.

And you will feel like walking away.
Fantasize about Iona, India, or even Sherwood, Oregon...given
enough Cabernet.

But on that day you will remember this day. This ordination.
That your ministry.

It's not about you, or me.

But the God who works in, around and through us. The Holy Trinity.

The Father, son, and the laughter between them

The impossible Holy spirit

Dancing in those the world has declared done

Already at work in the darkest places

In the wounds unseen by the sun

This ordination, this ministry is not about you

But the God who works in, around, and through you.

The God of the prodigal, the father standing on the edge of the land

His head cradled his hands but his eyes never leaving the horizon

Scanning for the one, his broken, dead dog of a son

Who spent it all on wine, women, and song

And when it ran out decided to move along

To move...back home. So he came up with a story, maybe even a poem

Thinking if he worked his words enough, spun them just right

Maybe he'd have some place warm to stay that night

But before he could cry his fake tears and sing,

His father's already seen him, already called

For the fatted calf and the ring

And when the boy opens his mouth to talk

His dad just says shut up. Shut up and walk. With me.

Back to the house

Back to the home. Your home.

Where I have never. Stopped. Loving you.

Because this God, the one you serve, is the God who raises the dead

And that will mean you, too.

On that morning when you can barely roll out of bed.

So this day, remember.

It's not about you- but this Lazarus heart God instead.

And...yet. It's not about you? It is, a little, isn't that true.

This day. This ordination. Your ministry.

It is about you.

All you have been through, and all you will do.

Because there will come a moment on another day

When a young kid will enter your office and say

He's confused, he can't remember how it started

But now he can't make it go away

He always liked girls, they were always friends

But now there's this boy and there's no end

To the places they go together, the time they spend

And he's beautiful, this boy- everything about him is beautiful
His face, the way his lean body moves with grace

But he knows they can't be right
These feelings inside of him
Maybe it's the devil, or some kind of sickness or sin

Put them all on an island his dad would say
You're better off dead than gay
And now that's all this kid can think about night and day

Knife, gun, bridge, or pills
But he can't even pick, and his self-hatred fills
Every minute, every hour
Something has to give. He doesn't have the power
To hang on for dear life. Anymore. And so he's there. At your door.

And you. You. This day. This ordination. Your ministry.
It is about you. All you have been and all you will do.
And you will look at him with a love in your eyes
A love stronger than the hate, stronger than the lies
A love born from your own struggle to stand
To be yourself, be your own God created
And God blessed gay man
And to live...it's a look only you can give

And you will rise up before him a lone holy angel
Announcing to him what no one else has before
That there's nothing to fear- these feelings
Being gay, being queer

And because of who you are
What you have known what you have seen
The sadness you have swallowed
And the soul you've felt washed clean ten thousand times over ten thousand
times again

This young man will believe you
And grace will wash over him, too
And maybe
We will lose one less Tyler Clementi
Say one less prayer for Bobby

This day. What we are doing here. It is about you...and it's not.
And you will spend the rest of your days
Feeling wonderfully caught between
The two, sometimes not knowing what to do
But on your best days trusting that knowing that you don't know
Is the very best place to be
To follow after where the one wild spirit is blowing in your ministry

So You Think You Know the Lockes?



Brian and Carolyn Locke have been members of TPC for a fair number of years. They have served this church in a wide variety of ways, including Carolyn's ongoing service as our own TPC Poet

Laureate. But what don't we know about the Lockes? What have they kept from us, their own church family? Here are three little known facts; that just might serve as conversation starters some Sunday morning over coffee and cookies.

Brian and Carolyn first visited TPC on Palm Sunday in 1987. They were members of Southminster at that time. During TPC's "infancy," various neighboring churches donated gently used items to help our newly formed congregation, and Southminster was one. Brian and Carolyn wanted to come visit the young church, perhaps to see if those donated items were being put to good use. As you know, TPC has a history of rather festive Palm Sunday celebrations, complete with waving fern fronds, Easter egg hunts, and food. Palm Sunday in 1987 was all that and more. That particular Sunday everyone was in a very celebratory mood since TPC had reached the pledge goal needed to begin construction of our current (though admittedly smaller) building. It was a bit beyond the normal craziness that Sunday, for which there were many apologies, but Brian and Carolyn found that energy and enthusiasm very appealing. It took a few months, but they made TPC their permanent church home in August of that year.

It pays to get to know other members of TPC; you may find that your paths have crossed in a prior life. Carolyn and Brian discovered just such a connection with Paul and Linda Fukasawa while chatting over one of TPC's brunches a couple of years ago. They discovered that all four had attended Cal Poly State University in San Luis Obispo at the same time during the early '70's. They also discovered that Paul's aunt Kiyo was the amazing and beloved high school math teacher who had taught Carolyn and her four siblings in Ojai, CA. Can you find a similar connection with a member of TPC?

And finally, Brian and Carolyn fuel their vehicles on their own driveway at a price of \$1.24/gallon.

Now before you all start driving by their West Linn house and attempting to get in on this deal, you should know there is a catch. Brian is an expert in the use of compressed natural gas (CNG) to fuel their vehicles. Carolyn's car is CNG only, and Brian's truck runs on either CNG or gasoline. The benefits: CNG is low cost and environmentally friendly. The drawbacks: it takes 8 hours (overnight) for Carolyn to fuel her car, CNG fueling stations, though taking only the "normal" fueling time, are few and far between (hence the reason for having their own set up at home), and the storage tank is larger and takes up valuable space. However, in Brian and Carolyn's mind the cost and environmental benefits far outweigh what they consider to be small inconveniences.

So now you have three little known facts about Brian and Carolyn Locke. What will you share with them?

Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Deacon of Parish 3

WE LAY DOWN OUR BURDENS

The liturgical season of Lent begins March 5 with Ash Wednesday. The six weeks of Lent are traditionally a time of penance, prayer and reflection. It is a time of reconciliation, mending our relationship with God, mending our human relationships and finding ways to remove physical, spiritual and emotional burdens that separate us from God and neighbors.

The Worship Art Committee brings a challenge to the whole TPC community. We ask everyone to join us in identifying and Laying Down Our Burdens symbolically in front of the Communion Table. Stones of various sizes and colors will represent our burdens. Throughout Lent, a basket of stones will be placed by the Baptismal Font. Each Sunday we invite you to choose a stone (or stones) and place it around the small cross in front of the Communion Table. During the week we hope that each person will reflect on the release of their stumbling blocks and pray that God will help us live a life more in the image of our Lord and Savior, a life that truly shows that we are Christians.

You may ask "What are these burdens? Are they big? Do I have to tell others what my burden is?" A burden can be anything that interferes with a relationship, prevents us from being our best, causes pain to us or others. This is a personal communication be-

tween each of us and God. Examples could include, an unkind word, a negative, selfish, or superior attitude. Nothing is too large or too small. A burden could be beyond our control such as illness, depression, unemployment or any situation that we allow to impact our self-worth, joy of living each day or interacting with others. (That includes God.) No one will know what our rocks represent. Even if you can't identify the burden that you carry, place a rock at the cross. God knows.

Jesus redeemed us through His death on the cross. When we celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter we will have a visual representation that Jesus is victorious over death and all our burdens. He has released us from the burdens that separate us from God and prevent us from entering into true relationship with God and all of God's creation.

May you find grace and peace during Lent and arrive at Easter with a light step, a happy heart and a calm mind and spirit, in other words, Burden Free.

The Worship Art Committee, Mary Shiffer, Director

ANDREW (aka DREW) SPLOSION!!!



Students in grades 6 through 12 and their parents are invited to a gathering at Pastor Ken and Melissa's home on **Sunday, March 2 from 5:30 to**

8:30 p.m. Come meet Drew Hall, if you haven't already, and hear what he has planned. We'll play games. Crazy Sock Competition: everyone please wear your most outlandish pair. Remote control helicopter obstacle course trials. Prizes, too! It will be a time for connecting, learning what's on the docket, eating and FUN! The meal will be potluck, like an indoor picnic. Main dish provided. Please bring a side dish to share.



Ash Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
For early risers, Pastor Ken will be at the church for imposition of ashes from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

In the evening, join us for a simple soup supper at 6 p.m. followed by a brief Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. Bring a soup, salad, bread or dessert and enjoy a meal together as we move into the Lenten season of contemplation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 9 after worship

We'll elect elders and deacons.

BABY GOATS: A Place for Youth Ministry ELEMENTARY

The Heifer International Read to Feed program ends on Sunday, March 30. Each page read helps feed the hungry of the world.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

In March The Awakening will meet on Wednesday the 5th and the 19th. This is a time of fellowship, with food, games, worship and a good word. All students in grades 6 through 12 are invited.

The 40-HOUR FAST begins with a commencement ceremony on Friday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. The fast starts at 8 p.m. and ends Sunday, March 9 at noon. This is for all 6th through 12th graders.

The LOCK-IN starts on Saturday, March 8 at 8 p.m. and ends Sunday, March 9 at noon.

Would you like to help staff PARENTS NIGHT OUT on Friday, March 14 from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m.? If yes, email Andrew at andrew@tpcspirit.org.

WANT TO GO ON THE JUNE MISSION TRIP?
Deadline to sign up is Saturday, March 15. Send an email to andrew@tpcspirit.org. Cost is \$700.

PARENTS...The next PARENTS NIGHT OUT is Friday, March 14 from 5 to 9 p.m. Sign up by sending an email to andrew@tpcspirit.org or at tpcym.eventbrite.com.

The answer to last month's riddle was "short."

Godspeed, Andrew T. Hall,
Director of Youth and Family Ministries

MARCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY BRUNCH A Celebration!

All TPC women are invited to brunch on Saturday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Come, celebrate, and learn about the most joyous Jewish holiday of Purim, also sometimes referred to as Jewish Mardi Gras. Dr. Cathy Lambeth will share the story of Esther, Mordechai, and Haman from the Book of Esther. Explore the megillah, use your grogger and learn how to make hamantashen.

Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex. Our gathering usually lasts until noon.

One Purim tradition is providing baskets for those less fortunate; this links nicely with our two mission projects: **HopeSprings Mission Support** and the **Backpack Buddy Program**. Currently, the **Backpack Buddy Program has the greatest need**. Donated food items help ensure students don't go hungry over the weekend. To help, bring food item(s) to the brunch. Most needed are: canned pasta/protein (especially Spaghetti's and Mini Ravioli), canned chicken, boxes of chicken helper, boxed cereal (except oatmeal), peanut butter, jam or jelly, canned fruit, individual fruit cups and Capri 100% juice drinks. Joan Nardi accepts these items at any time.

Your HopeSpring donations have us well supplied for the families in transition. However, donations of the square laundry baskets are especially welcomed. If this is something you wish to donate, please let Joan Nardi know.

The Women's Ministry Group is open to all TPC women who want to strengthen their bonds of fellowship and grow spiritually. Please feel free to bring a friend—all are welcome.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Minute for Mission Presenters

During February members shared their personal sense of mission and how they responded to the call. Special thanks to Herb Richardson, Ted and Adele Pelletier, Leah Olson, and Mary Ortez for giving first hand examples of how to reach out and serve others. Their outreach is inspiring.

Adult Mission Trips

There will be two adult mission trips this year. The first is a one-day trip to help Habitat for Humanity in Newberg. On the Saturday after Easter, April 26th, we will be in Newberg from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. There is a 10-person maximum. If interested, sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

The second is a four-day trip to Bend to support that community's Habitat for Humanity organization. We will depart after church on Sunday, August 3rd and work three days on site, Monday through Wednesday, August 4th - 6th. We will

again stay at the Three Sisters Adventist School and prepare our own meals. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. For more information, about either of these mission trips, talk to Chip Kyle or any member of the mission committee.

Chip Kyle, Mission Elder

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death from cancer in the United States.

The number of new colorectal cancer cases and the number of deaths from colorectal cancer are both decreasing a little bit each year. However, in adults younger than 50 years, the number of new colorectal cancer cases has slowly increased since 1998. Finding and treating colorectal cancer early may prevent death from colorectal cancer. Screening tests may be used to find colorectal cancer.

The colon and rectum are part of the large intestine. Colorectal cancer occurs when tumors form in the lining of the large intestine. It is common in both men and women. The risk of developing colorectal cancer rises after age 50. You're also more likely to get it if you have colorectal polyps, a family history of colorectal cancer, ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease, eat a diet high in fat, or smoke.

Symptoms of colorectal cancer include

- Diarrhea or constipation
- A feeling that your bowel does not empty completely
- Blood (either bright red or very dark) in your stool
- Stools that are narrower than usual
- Frequent gas pains or cramps, or feeling full or bloated
- Weight loss with no known reason
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting

Because you may not have symptoms at first, it's important to have screening tests. Everyone over 50 should get screened. Tests include colonoscopy and tests for blood in the stool. Treatments for colorectal cancer include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, or a combination. Surgery can usually cure it when it is found early.

National Cancer Institute

Submitted by Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

MARCH 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 8:45 Adult Ed 10:00 Worship Primary Sunday School before worship 5:30 p.m. 6th to 12 graders and parents invited to Ken and Melissa's home—Drew Splosion! | 3 7 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal | 4 | 5 Ash Wed. 7 a.m. Imposition of Ashes 6 p.m. Simple Supper 7 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. The Awakening-Youth Choir rehearsal after worship | 6 7 p.m. Spiritual formation, - off site | 7 7:30 p.m. Fast Commencement Ceremony 8 p.m. 40-Hour Fast Begins | 8 8 p.m. Lock-In Begins |
| 9 8:45 Adult Ed 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship Congregational meeting after worship Noon—40-Hour Fast and Lock-In End | 10 7 p.m. Deacon meeting 7 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal | 11 7 p.m. Mission meeting | 12 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal | 13 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting | 14 10 to noon Loving Stitches 5-9 p.m. Parents Night Out | 15 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Women's Ministry |
| 16 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship | 17 St. Patrick's Day 7 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal | 18 7 p.m. Tuesdays Treasures | 19 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m. The Awakening—youth | 20 7 p.m. Session Meeting | 21 | 22 Meals on Wheels Pancake Breakfast and Auction, Tigard 8 to 10:30 a.m. 503-684-1008 |
| 23 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship | 24 7 p.m. Bell Choir rehearsal | 25 9 a.m. Newsletter deadline | 26 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal | 27 | 28 10 to noon Loving Stitches | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

SAVE THE DATE: SEDER SAT. APRIL 5, 5-8 p.m.

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

2014 FINANCIALS

| Operating Income Year to Date 1/31/14 | Actuals | Budget | Dollar Difference |
|--|----------|----------|----------------------|
| | \$35,134 | \$37,680 | (\$2,546) |
| Operating Expenses Year to Date 1/31/14 | | | |
| | \$44,264 | \$46,264 | \$1,942 |

Regular TPC office hours are:
Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and
Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.
Office hours can vary; call ahead to
confirm the office is open.

Please call (503) 692-4160 or email
Susan@tpcspirit.org if you've moved, changed
your email address or phone number. Thanks.



- 01 Paula Miller
- 01 Erik Spurrell
- 02 Robert Forrest
- 06 Karen Schmitt
- 07 Nimmi Senthirajah
- 08 Terri Holland
- 08 Rod Kerr
- 08 Carolyn Meece
- 08 Bob Nix
- 09 Sue Awdry
- 09 Bob Fitzhenry
- 09 Andrew MacHaffie
- 09 Owen MacHaffie
- 10 McKenna Martson
- 11 Marieke DeBruyn
- 13 Jonathan Ayers
- 13 Jeni Wiggers
- 14 Deborah Lewis
- 14 Dick Wiggers
- 15 Scott Long
- 15 Maureen Wolf
- 16 Tamara Harris
- 17 Carolyn Locke
- 20 Blain Grover
- 22 David Norse
- 23 Neal Reiling
- 24 Harry Chase
- 24 Daniel MacKay
- 26 Ukiah Harris
- 26 Drew Pairamore
- 27 Hilde Frey
- 29 Mike Shiffer
- 30 John Lewis
- 30 Russ Carlin
- 31 Caitlin Beyers
- 31 JP Gibson
- 31 Piper Hammer
- 31 Maxine Jenovich
- 31 Todd Winslow

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!

YOUTH MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP

After worship on Sunday, January 26 a group of youth, lead by Youth Elder, Kathy Sweetland headed off to Fred Meyer, Wilsonville, to purchase pajamas for kids. They then walked over to Sleep Country and donated them to the Foster Kid's Pajama Drive. Following this mission project, they moved on to the Wilsonville Family Fun Center for an afternoon of pizza and fun! Participants are pictured below. Lots of smiles! Photo by Kathy Sweetland.

Back row left to right are: Cameron Sweetland, James Olsen, Morgan Olsen, Emily Mazzuca
 Middle row: Elon Grobey, Halah Grobey, Arielle Mazzuca, Megan Weener, Anna Sweetland
 Front row: Nicholas Sweetland, Bobby Weener



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The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood, Pastor
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