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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR KEN

Muhammed wrote, “Whoever saves one life, it is as if he saved all of humanity.” (Quran 5:32.)

The rabbis said, “To save one life is to save the entire world.” (Mishnah 4:5)

And Jesus told a story about a shepherd and a lost sheep. What shepherd, asks Jesus, wouldn't leave his flock to go after the one who was missing? And when he returns home that shepherd will gather with his friends and rejoice for what was lost was now found. (Luke 15:1-7)

Except it isn't this easy, is it? Recently, I drove down to Eugene on a Monday morning to meet with Paul Slovic, a professor of psychology at the University of Oregon and the President and Director of Decision Research. Paul is a legend in the world of behavioral economics and decision theory. Close friends with Amos Tversky and Danny Kahneman who won the Nobel Prize for their work in developing the field, Paul became one of the most prominent leaders in the field.

When the New York Port Authority designed the World Trade Center buildings, they ran into a problem. At the time of their completion the world trade center towers were the tallest buildings in the world. No one knew how much sway people in a building that tall could feel and tolerate. The Port Authority came all the way to Eugene to find out the answer. Paul Slovic and his team constructed a test room within a room, and they put hydraulic rollers used in the logging industry underneath the test room that could make the room rock and sway. Slovic didn't tell people about the rollers and offered free eye exams, all while swaying the room at different rates. It turns out people are far more sensitive to room movement than anyone guessed. The New York Times reported the first response from Les Robertson, the engineer on the project, was: “A billion dollars right down the tubes.” But eventually they discovered a solution in eleven thousand metal shock absorbers, extra reinforcing that allowed the buildings to stand as long as they did after they were struck on 9/11, allowing thousands to escape to safety.

What Slovic is mainly known for, though, is his research on empathy and what he calls “psychic numbing.” We will go to great lengths, it turns out, to save one life, but we tend to glaze over when that number grows. We feel strong feelings about helping one person. But the difference between helping eight people or eighty-one people...is marginal to us. In a paper he sent to me after we met Slovic and his colleagues documented this phenomenon in the Syria refugee conflict. Roughly 250,000 Syrian civilians had already perished in August of 2015. The world response was negligible. Then, Aylan Kurdi's little body washed up on a Turkish shore. In Google data Slovic and his colleagues collected searches for “Syria” and “refugees” dramatically increased. The Red Cross shared with them that giving to Syria showed a similar rise after the photo's release. While this compassion faded over time, it spiked again in significant, measurable ways when bomb victim Omraan Daqneesh's little, dust covered face hit our media two years later.

We are a people that often trust our gut feelings when it comes to perceiving the world. And when it comes to making decisions, we believe that we can trust our natural reactions to guide us. Paul Slovic's work shows that we need to be more thoughtful about ourselves. Slovic knows that our instincts never bothered to show up to algebra much less statistics. We will care about one person we can see, but in order to care for larger groups of people, surely our vocation and birthright as people of faith, we won't be able to rely on our feelings. Our feelings will lead us astray. We will have to be transformed, as the Apostle Paul would put it, by the renewing of our minds. We will have to consciously remind ourselves that even though we still have ninety-nine sheep, the one that is lost is still a life, and a life worth saving.





**RACHEL NORSE**

Rachel Norse with her handsome young men, David on the left and Eric on the right.

Many of you have had the pleasure of knowing Rachel Norse for 25 years. Rachel has been a member here at TPC for 25 years! Over the years Rachel has served on the Worship Committee, as a Deacon, and spent 12 years on the Fellowship Team.



Rachel lives in a lovely community, Villa d' Bois (Village in the Woods) in Wilsonville, and across from the park which her cat, Dash (a rescue from Pastor

Ken's neighborhood), enjoys very much. She travels into Portland to Good Sam 3 days a week where she works for the Health Information Dept. of Good Sam as a Scanner. It's a very detail oriented, complex job. She has been there for 23 years.



Rachel is very proud of her son, the Rev. David J. Norse. He was ordained in the Philadelphia Presbytery. Rachel will be heading to Philly this May to attend David's graduation. He will receive his Masters in Couple

& Family Counseling. She will be happy to spend time with David and Eric, who is a very successful playwright and a writer for Elle Magazine. His column is titled "Eric Reads the News for Elle." David and Eric were married October 15, 2016 at Broadstreet Ministry.

The coast beckons Rachel to come for a visit. She loves going for long drives, especially if the destination is the coast. She enjoys photography and documenting her travels. Rachel has a very creative side to her. From photography to a wide variety of arts and crafts, from felting to beadwork, she plans to keep learning. She loves jewelry and wants to learn how to set stone and fabricate rings.

Rachel is very thankful for Pastor Ken and her family at TPC.

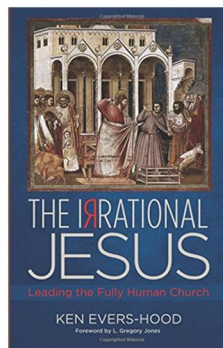
Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Cameron, Deacon

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**ADULT EDGE**

Adult Edge, 8:30 am each Sunday downstairs at TPC, continues the Islam study using the book; *The Muslim Next Door*, as the resource.

This study of Islam will conclude on the last Sunday of March.



On Sunday, April 2 we will begin our study of the brilliant book; *The Irrational Jesus Leading the Fully Human Church*. This study will run each Sunday during April and May, (except for Easter Sunday), and 6 of the 8 sessions will be lead by the author, The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood. Pastor of TPC.

Practice the habit of setting your alarm Saturday night so you can arrive at TPC Sunday morning before 8:30 am.

John Casebeer. Adult Education Elder



**Tualatin Preschool Auction  
and Dinner  
Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-7:30 pm at TPC**

Today a Reader, Tomorrow a Leader – Investing in the future of our preschoolers! Be part of something amazing. Join us for a fun and memorable experience that benefits the children in our community! Enjoy a spaghetti dinner and an Italian Soda Bar. Delight in a raffle and bid on many wonderful items such as theme tickets, event tickets, and a wine tasting at Willamette Vineyards! Adore our Preschool students as they perform three songs and connect with families in your community! Tickets are \$15 for adults, kids 6 years and older \$5, kids under 6 are free. All tickets include dinner, a drink coupon, performance and silent auction.

Bring the whole family for fun and good will!. For more information, tickets or to donate to the auction, contact Barb Crall, [barbjcrall@gmail.com](mailto:barbjcrall@gmail.com) or (503) 692-1677, or contact Valerie James, [billvalem@aol.com](mailto:billvalem@aol.com) or (503) 692-7249. (This is the preschool that meets downstairs at TPC.)

**PALM SUNDAY - April 9th**

~ Hello Friends ~

As we move into our Lenten Season we spend 40 days preparing our hearts and minds for the death and resurrection of Jesus. We will begin to emerge from this solemn time with our Palm Sunday Potluck to be held on Sunday, April 9 after service. There will be opportunities to sign up to bring a dish of your choice as the date gets closer.

Peace & Love ~  
Emily Ricker,  
Fellowship and Member Integration Elder

**CHRISTINA'S ATTIC**

A very special thank you to Becky Backen for sharing her photographs of birds. It was a truly amazing exhibit.

Traditionally during lent we give up something, or take on something new. This year we are giving up color in the sanctuary and appreciating God's creation in black and white.

Chris Robertson, Liturgical Art Director

**MISSION REPORT**

Thank you from Dr. Craig Bowen and the members of his "African Eyes" Team

To say that our mission trip to Tanzania was a success would be a gross under-exaggeration. This is a country of considerable contrasts containing the beauty of the Great Rift Valley, the Serengeti, Mt. Kilimanjaro and the heartbreak of poverty, 68% of Tanzanians live below the poverty line (\$1.25 per day). Our clinic sites were in remote areas of the country and the aid we provided was varied, from cataract surgeries to sunglasses and solar lights for students to use while studying.

One of our two clinic sites located in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area was particularly striking: 66% of patients had cataracts, 41% of individuals were blind, 26% were diagnosed with pterygium (a growth on the white of the eye caused by UV light). We knew we had difficult days but the stark realities were stunning and beyond belief.

Thank you to each individual donor at TPC who helped us make this work possible. Totaling the numbers of all that we dispensed, divided by the patients we saw, gave us a 'Percentage of Help' of 151%! We cannot say thank you enough to TPC for helping us make a difference.



Dr. Craig Bowen and his "African Eyes" student team. From left to right: Andy Mackner, Amanda MacMullen, Ashley Silva, Amrit Jawadi, Ryan Dugan, Dr. Craig Bowen, and Scott Morris.

Note: TPC Deacons have 'adopted' Dr. Bowen's students, and they now receive regular notes and care boxes from our congregation – Thanks Deacons!



## FEBRUARY MISSION MONTH

We celebrated Mission Month in Mardi Gras style! Our congregation supports over 200 'mission'...from the African Eyes to World Affairs Council of Oregon. Congratulations Mission-ers of TPC!

## MUSICAL TREASURE NIGHT



Joyful noise filled the sanctuary on Tuesday, February 21st for our 2nd Annual Musical Treasure Night. TPC musicians John Martin (accordion) and Bill James (mandolin, ukulele) led Treasures, caregivers and volunteers in a variety of fun-filled songs. Special guest Jerry Davis (guitar) who performed at

Treasure Concerts for years, shared some of his favorite compositions. The participatory music was loved by all. Thanks to Bill, John, Jerry, and also Jan Bender who baked beautiful Valentine cookies for a special snack.



The top picture shows, left to right, John Martin and Rob Wiesenthal. The lower picture shows, left to right, Bill James and Neil Krug.

The Tuesday's Treasures program serves adults with disabilities. Everyone is welcome, including volunteers!

Carolyn Locke, TPC Treasures Coordinator

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** - During February the Children's Program focused on parables. Each week Chris Robertson shared a parable while seated about the "camp fire" and then the kids created an art or science project related to the story. They discussed the parable of the Good Samaritan, parable of the Great Pearl, the parable of the Sower, and the parable of the Leaven.

## KID'S BIBLE STUDY



Family Ministries Elder, Christina Robertson, hosted a trial kid's Bible study in the library 8:30 to 9:30 am on Adult Edge mornings. The kids discussed the history of the Bible and tied it in with Gutenberg from their understanding of world history. The kids also learned how to use a concordance. The kids really enjoyed the class. This class has ended and will resume in the fall.

## PRIMARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

On Saturday, February 25 Sarah Beck hosted a second lock-in for the primary and middle school kids that was scheduled to begin at 8 pm. That same Saturday the Latino church held a wedding that lasted longer than anticipated. As the wedding dinner was ending, a giant bouncy house was delivered to the church.



So we did what any church would do in that situation. We invited all the kids from the wedding to jump in the bouncy house with our kids while the adults mingled with the wedding guests and helped clean up. It's all about building community.

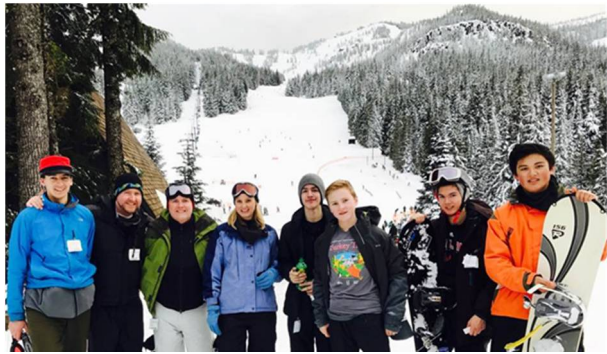
The Deacons provided a variety of snacks for the kids, things like sandwiches, popcorn, drinks, cookies, fruit and pretzels. The kids LOVED it. Activities included running, jumping in the bouncy house, playing dress-up, enacting a wedding, dancing, fighting with nerf guns, watching

movies and much, much more. By the end of the night, the kids had bonded with one another.



Jonathan Ayers took home the prize for the last one standing; he stayed awake all night with Sarah.

The lock-in ended at 8 am on Sunday.



### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

At our last Awakening event (held at Paul Belz-Templeman's home) the high school kids decided they wanted to go up to Mt Hood for the day. We invited Pastor Ken and Alan Grobey to join us. We met in the morning at TPC, broke up into two carpools and headed up to the mountain. We spent the day hanging out, getting to know each other better, and enjoying time with our pastor.



### HIGH SCHOOL MISSION WORK

The fourth Saturday of every month, the Awakening

Youth Group has the opportunity to volunteer at the Tualatin School House Food Pantry from 8 to 10 am serving coffee and hot chocolate to folks, playing with kids and making conversation with families while they wait in line for produce. This happens rain or shine.

### ADULT YOUTH GROUP: DINNER OUT

On January 28th, the TPC Adult (Youth) Group ventured up to North Portland to enjoy some amazing Ethiopian-Etorean food and fellowship. We were an eclectic group of twelve who wanted to try something new. Sarah Beck ordered for the group. We ate and talked together for over two hours. By the end of our meal, we knew each other better and effortlessly strengthened our TPC family. Sarah's favorite part of the dinner was listening to each person tell their story of how they came to TPC. Her least favorite part was figuring out the tip and dividing the bill by twelve.



### SUPPORTING OUR KIDS

On January 27th, Kaity Olsen performed Lady Macbeth at the Lake Oswego High School Black Box. She was amazing!

On Sunday, January 29th after church,

Sarah Beck took a group of TPC primary kids to see Monica Gibson play "Baby Bear" in Shrek the Musical at Tualatin High School. Monica was fantastic. All the kids had a great time watching her perform on stage.



### COMMUNITY BUILDING

On Saturday, January 20th, a group of TPC parishioners and friends marched together in the Portland Women's March downtown. It was 100% peaceful and a very powerful experience for all of us.





## REFUGEE CARE WELCOME HOME KITS

In the narthex is a collection bin for items to purchase if you are interested in supporting mission this way. The "return-purchased-items-by" dates are March 19th and April 16th. If you have questions, ask Liz Belz-Templeman or Cathy Lambeth.

## NEW SIGN

**No matter where you are from,  
we're glad you're our neighbor.**

Have you noticed our new sign above the front door of the church? It is in three languages, Spanish, English and Arabic. We obtained the sign from a non-profit called Bridging Cultures that Marilyn Wood belongs to. Bob Paetsch made the beautiful frame for it.

Liz Belz-Templeman found the following information about the sign on NPR. (Google A Message of Tolerance and Welcome, Spreading from Yard to Yard.)

The sign came from Immanuel Mennonite Church in Harrisburg, VA and has spread by word of mouth and social media across the country. The sign was created in response to a core Mennonite belief. Matthew Bucher, pastor of Immanuel stated that "this is a symbol of Jesus' command to love your neighbors. And as followers of Jesus, we follow someone who was himself a refugee."

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** training continues, every Tuesday night from 7 to 9:30 pm.

## WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?

Learn to run the sound desk during worship on Sunday morning. Training is available. Talk to Mike Shiffer.

The bell choir is looking for another ringer. If you have experience, or if you don't, but are interested, talk to any member of the bell choir...Cackie Kyle, Emily Ricker, Rick Crall, etc. The bell choir rehearses in the sanctuary Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### FEBRUARY 21st SESSION MEETING

#### *Session Meeting*

Session approved annual items of business: Four documents defining financial authorizations and responsibilities, Re-election of Clerk, Rick Crall, and Treasurer, Jennifer Ayers, Special offerings for 2017, Serving Communion, and Scholar-

ship recipients Kaitly Olsen, Elon Grobey and Morgan Olsen.

Session discussed participation in a newly forming group, "Family Promise of Tualatin Valley" that would provide temporary housing to homeless families. They also talked about adding a Youth/Young Adult representative to Session and to the Board of Deacons.

Session members discussed the implications of accepting a large designated gift from an anonymous donor, and agreed to accept the donation contingent on resolving usage and safety concerns.

The above information has been compiled from meeting minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.  
Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01-Andrew Beck	15-Scott Long
01-James Beck	15-Maureen Wolf
01-Paula Miller	16-Tamara Harris
01-Erik Spurrell	17-Carolyn Locke
07-Owen Peterson	20-Russ Carlin
07-Nimmi Senthirajah	20-Blain Grover
08-Terri Holland	20-Morgan Miller
08-Rod Kerr	21-Larry Nord
08-Carolyn Meece	23-Neal Reiling
08-Bob Nix	24-Harry Chase
09-Sue Awdry	24-Daniel MacKay
09-Bob Fitzhenry	25-Mitchell Peterson
09-Andrew MacHaffie	25-Paul Whitaker
09-Owen MacHaffie	26-Ukiah Harris
10-McKenna Martson	26-Drew Pairamore
11-Halah Grobey	27-Hilde Frey
12-Zack Werner	29-Mike Shiffer
13-Jonathan Ayers	30-John Lewis
13-Jeni Wiggers	31-Carilyn Byers
14-Bill Bennett	31-Piper Hammer
14-Deborah Lewis	31-JP Gibson
14-Dick Wiggers	31-Todd Winslow

## FINANCIAL NUMBERS THRU JAN. 2017

2017 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 1/31/17	\$51,895	\$56,464	(\$4,569)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 1/31/17	\$43,789	\$44,251	\$462

# TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) and click on About Us, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu..

## MARCH, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Ash Wednesday 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal	<b>2</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Sunday School	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7 pm Stephen Ministry training (N)	<b>8</b> 10 a.m. Loving Stitches  7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Sunday School	<b>13</b> 7 pm Deacon meeting	<b>14</b> 7 pm Stephen Ministry Training Class 7 pm Mission committee meeting	<b>15</b> 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Women's Retreat, Alton Collins Reservation required.
<b>19</b> 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Sunday School	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 pm Tuesday's Treasures 7 pm Session 7 pm Stephen Ministry training	<b>22</b> 10 am Loving Stitches  7:15 Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> H.S. Youth Group 8-10 am Volunteer at Food Pantry.
<b>26</b> 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Sunday School Congregational Meeting - Election of officers	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9 am April newsletter deadline  7 pm Stephen Ministry training (N)	<b>29</b> 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b>	

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Please call ahead to confirm the office is open.  
Monday, 9 a.m. to noon,  
Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

“No one can force us to feel a certain way. While others’ actions may affect us, how we interpret their actions determines our feelings.” Stephen Ministry Training Manual, page 19



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**Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

**Parish Associates:** The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

**Elders:** Craig Bowen, John Casebeer, Cathy Lambeth, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker and Maureen Wolf

**Deacons:** Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Bob Eddy, Susan Fee, Dianne Lemmon, Deborah Lewis, Bonnie Nord, Jackie Norman, Gina Olson, and Pamela White.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Director of Youth and Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Membership Coordinator: Jeni Wiggers

Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coordinator: Carolyn Locke

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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