



FLECK FAMILY

Old McDonald had a farm E I E I O! We were singing this song at the Winter Frolic on Sunday, February 25, when Shawna came up to me and said “we have each of those animals in the song on our farm”!

Shawna and her family live on an 82-acre farm in Canby in a house her parents previously owned. Her parents live down the lane. Every morning, Shawna does her chores and ends up at her parent’s home to have a cup of coffee with them.

This past Saturday when I called Shawna, they had just spent the morning bringing their emu, Kevin, back to their pasture. Kevin had walked through an open gate and gone visiting. The boys hopped on their fun, farm vehicles to coerce Kevin back to where he belongs. Kevin (the boys named him Kevin from the animated movie, UP!) was found 9 years ago in the parking lot of Long’s Lumber in Woodburn. The owner called Dale, knowing he had property and asked if they would take him? And today, Kevin is one of the many animals residing on the farm.

Shawna’s professional career was in nursing. She managed acute care for patients in their homes for 14 years. Then, when she had 3 boys, she stayed home for 9 years. She went back to home health for 3 years, deciding to retire in time to help take care of her dad, Ken Schipporeit. Her nursing is paying off in caring for her parents.

Shawna’s husband, Dale owns Flecks Floor Covering in Woodburn. His dad started the business in the 50’s. He’s quite the artisan with floor covering and Formica counter tops.

Shawna and Dale have 4 kids. Elyse is the oldest at age 24. She graduated from Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL. She’s wanting to go back to school to be a Nurse Anesthetist. The oldest son, Shane, 21, works for Phoenix Electric. He hopes to get an Electrician Apprenticeship. Next, is Travis at 18 years-old. He’s a senior at Canby High School. His Grandpa has been sharing and teaching the farming business with Travis. Travis currently has a beautiful seminal bull, and 4-5 Angus cattle. And he’s learning the ropes in managing the u pick tomato field. Russell, 16, is a sophomore at Canby High School. Everything about Russell is musically creative. He plays the guitar, piano, and drums. He likes to create his own mixes.

When Shawna and Dale get time together, they enjoy salmon fishing, clamming and crabbing. Traditional activities as Shawna calls it.

And what does Shawna do for Shawna? She’s goes to Club Fit, attends a bible study group, and enjoys bike riding. She hopes to invest in a new bike soon, and join a bike riding group out of their local bike shop in Canby.

How do you call your milk cow in for milking? Cup your hands around your mouth and yell, “Come Boss”! Daisy and her calf will come in to be milked twice a day. Daisy is a jersey cow that Shawna is quite fond of.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cameron, Deacon for Parish 3

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

DISTINCTLY BRONZE WEST CONCERT

Sunday, March 11, 4 pm at The Resort at the Mountain in Welches, Oregon.

Concert will feature many of the finest handbell musicians in the world, stunning interpretations of traditional and contemporary music and captivating musical and visual artistry. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Sponsored by Handbell Musicians of America. www.HandbellMusicians.or

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME REMINDER

Daylight savings time goes into effect on Sunday, March 11 at 2 a.m. Move clocks ahead one hour.



LEARN TO RING HANDBELLS rescheduled. We'll let you know when we have a new date.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BRUNCH SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH, 10:30 AM

Last month's program on Kidspire was so interesting, and many thanks to the women who brought shoes, or gave donations to purchase shoes, for children in Kenya. Our generous community never ceases to amaze me!

Spring is just around the corner and time to re-charge our creative batteries. To help us do this, Nancy Wilcox and Dan Barker are going to team up and share their fused glass talents with us. We'll learn how fused glass differs from blowing glass, and we will see samples of their lovely work (and some fails!), types of unfused glass and some molds. We may even do some glass cutting. Sounds fun, doesn't it!

Attendance of the Women's Ministry programs is open to all women (and your friends) of the church. Please sign up in the narthex and/or watch for the email coming to your inbox soon.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Palm Sunday Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us for this most delightful potluck. We will feast and we have our annual Easter Egg hunt for the kiddos. Look for sign-up sheets in the Sunday morning bulletins. Please email fellowship@tpcspirit.org with any questions. Be well.

Love, Emily Ricker,
Fellowship and Membership Integration Elder

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, APRIL 21

TPC is partnering with SOLVE on Saturday, April 21st from 11 am to 2 pm for a fun all-generational clean-up and snack-a-thon starting at TPC. More information soon, see you there!
Mission Leadership Team, Cathy Lambeth, elder



SPONSORED KIDS:

Mail from Sarah (Uganda) written December 12, 2017

Dear Friends,
Praise God! Thanks for the gift you gave me for me in the project. I have known some skills likes tailoring and hair dressing. I am so happy to be in the project*.

Do you know that I am praying for you and your family. My grandparents are also praying for you too. In my home my uncles are greeting for you.

Thank you for the gift you gave which is 136,600 (Ugandan schillings). I bought shoes at 30,000, mattress at 80,000, and bag at 26,000, with sweets at 600 (17 cents ₴).

In Uganda it is now dry season. People are preparing for the next season. I like helping my grandparents*** in some activities like cooking and washing utensils. I also helped them in fetching water and looking for firewood.

I pray to God to continue with the same spirit.
Sarah Tino

Notes of explanation:

- * The 'project' is the Compassion International program.
- ** TPC sent her a gift of \$40 at Christmas. Staff at the project work with the child and family to help them purchase greatly-needed items.
- *** She lives with her grandparents, since her parents died from AIDS.

Carolyn Locke, Mission Committee

2018 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 1/31/18	\$58,159	\$65,087	(\$6,928)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 1/31/18	\$48,762	\$51,608	\$2,846

HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 22nd SESSION MEETING

Session Meeting - Despite uncertain winter weather that caused the February meeting to be held electronically, Session dealt with all the immediate business at hand.

Session approved several annual items of business:

Five documents defining financial authorizations and responsibilities, Re-election of Clerk Rick Crall and Treasurer Jennifer Ayers, Special offerings for 2017, Serving Communion, and Building Usage for January through August.

Session also approved a lease revision to allow the Tualatin Valley Preschool use of the nursery in their launch of a new program for toddlers.

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION - This is church.

Have you ever taught a child to fold their fingers inside their hands and say the rhyme, "here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people?" The wiggling fingers teach children, and adults, too, that the church is not the building - the steeples, windows, or structure, but people gathering to worship God.

There's something else in the children's rhyme. As the child breaks open their hands to reveal the people, they move their fingers back and forth, often as fast as they can. This simple move reminds us that the church is the energy and actions that share the love of Christ.

When a disaster strikes, people give, volunteer, and pray so that those impacted receive help and hope, **this is church.**

When poverty and violence cause hunger and people join together to respond to the need and address its root cases, **this is church.**

When injustice falls on those who are vulnerable and people join hands with one another and lift their voices against the interests of power, **this is church.**

The church is happening right now, all around us - **because we share Christ's love.**

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

ADULT EDGE - SUNDAY MORNINGS

The Sunday morning Adult Edge class is currently studying immigration. To get a better understanding of what immigrants experience when they come to this country, several immigrants who are active in the group, Bridging Cultures, were invited to come to the class and speak. Bridging Cultures is a non-profit organization based in Canby, whose mission is to strengthen our community by bridging cultures through mutually transformative relations,

The immigrants, who all came to the U.S. from Mexico, shared some of their experiences and feelings. They spoke of their dreams and their goals. We learned of their bravery, courage and perseverance...to come to a new country to build a new life. Why did they come? They were looking for jobs. We witnessed their compassion and love of family. Some of it was hard to hear. After coming to the U.S. one man said his dream died. One woman hasn't seen her mother in 22 years; she can't risk going back to Mexico.

Hearing their words put a face on immigration issues. It's one thing to read about immigration in the newspaper, it is quite another to see the faces and hear the words from people who are affected by current laws.



To encourage relationship building, Bridging Cultures hosts adult ESL

classes, sponsors summer picnics in the park, celebrates Thanksgiving with a community-wide feast, and helps people navigate the immigration process. They also have created partnerships with the police, city council, fire department, library, Clackamas Community College, Canby School District, and the North Willamette Research and Extension Center.

You can learn more about this organization on the web: <http://www.bridgingculturescanby.org/> Or you can talk to Liz-Belz Templeman and/or Marilyn Wood who are both active in Bridging Cultures.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

It's a touchdown at the Souper Bowl! Team TPC wins! We weighed in at 286 pounds at the Tualatin Food Pantry! Each one of those cans provides a meal. Thank you so much everyone for your contributions.

Deacons left to right: Jan, Pamela, Susan C. Rob, Dianne, Derrilyn, Emily and Bob. Not pictured: Bonnie, Gina, Chapin and Peggy.

UPDATE - FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY (FPTV)

Last month FPTV held their first Community Meeting with over 50 people learning how Family Promise is a local community response to children and family homelessness. Pastor Ken gave the most amazing speech on how Family Promise aligns with the parable of the Good Samaritan. Plus, we were able to Skype with Siri, a program graduate. Through continued reduction in work hours, she missed two rent payments and was evicted. Siri said she "thought she was going to die." She had 2 young children and, fortunately, was directed to a Family Promise Affiliate. While it wasn't easy, she said she learned so much and, as a result, four years later, she has finished college, gotten a better job, and just bought a house! The main focus of Family Promise is to help our future guest families get back into permanent, sustainable housing and employment as quickly as possible. Host congregations are a key component to Family Promise and our ability to serve families. We are currently working to identify 13 congregations of varying faiths and backgrounds to host up to four families for a week, four times a year. Every seven days, one of the 13 congregations provide families with a safe place to sleep, a

warm dinner and items for a cold breakfast and to make a sack lunch. More importantly, congregation volunteers have a chance to put their faith in action by spending quality time with the families. TPC is proud to have the distinction of being the first Host Church to commit to this community ministry. Lots of positive traction has happened since my last update – we now have 5 Host Churches in the works, 2 Support Churches, and are finalizing documents on securing a Day Center.

Beaverton Family Promise is a year ahead of FPTV in securing the development components to become an affiliate, and we are ecstatic that they will be up and running in March! More importantly, they will make a difference immediately, as the Beaverton school district has the largest number of homeless children and families in Oregon.

Family Promise has moved me in ways I didn't realize when I first got involved. It takes an unwavering commitment and the sacrifice of self for the betterment of the whole, but I believe it will be so worth it. While in the Family Promise Program, guests will receive food, a safe place to stay, and comprehensive support services. Guest's families,

through the staff and programs at the Day Center, develop enduring life skills through individualized case management and personal mentoring by volunteers. When we help parents meet their basic needs, and give them the opportunity to create a plan to get back on their feet, they can begin to realize their dreams of providing a better life for their children. This improves the lives of future generations and also changes our community for the better, and what could be better than that?

Other TPC members making a difference in Host Recruitment and who are passionate about Family Promise are Gina Olson and John Casebeer. Many thanks for your volunteer efforts!

Judy Nix, Family Promise of Tualatin Valley

FAMILY MINISTRY



In Chris Robertson's absence, Bob Paetsch and Rich Robertson created the black and white art installation in the sanctuary for the Lenten season.

ASH WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPER



On Monday, February 19, members of the primary and middle school youth group went ice skating at the rink in Sherwood. We had 4 parent chaperones and 11 kids!



In the evening of Monday, February 19, Pastor Ken lead a prayer vigil at Tualatin High School, Demand for Change. Several folks from the congregation attended.



Recent Sunday School discussion topics have been: Can it be proved that God exists? Is God male? How can God be three-in-one? If Jesus is God, why did he have to die?



Sarah Beck at Princeton, in January. Smiles all around.



THE REV DAVID NORSE was installed as pastor at Maryland Presbyterian Church in Towson, Maryland

Below is the text of the invitation to David's installation on Sunday, March 25.

Join the Presbytery of Baltimore, the congregation of Maryland Presbyterian Church, and our friends, families and neighbors as we welcome and install The Rev. David Johnston Norse as our Pastor. Come celebrate and learn about the exciting work God is up to in this place!

Ministers of all traditions are invited to wear robes and red stoles.

Maryland Presbyterian Church is a progressive faith community that strives to love our neighbors as Jesus does; whoever you are, whatever your faith or your doubts, sexual orientation or gender identity, race, ethnicity, or nationality, in our little church in the woods, there is a seat at the Table only you can fill. All is made ready; all that is missing, is you.

Maryland Presbyterian Church
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Towson, MD 21286

Historical note...

David Norse attended TPC with his parents since he was in preschool. After graduating from Sherwood High School, he went on to Lewis and Clark College. We are very proud of all he has achieved and we like to claim him as one of our own.

Congratulations, David. We continue to hold you close to our hearts.



David Norse was honored at the Lewis and Clark College Alumni Honors Banquet on Friday, February 9, 2018.

David was presented the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. This award honors an alumnus for superior performance in his or her chosen field and superior service to his or her chosen community within 15 years of Graduation

The text in the program follows:
David Norse grew up exploring the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest in Sherwood, Oregon. A religious studies major at Lewis & Clark, he delved deeply into biblical studies and the liberating legacy of the reformed Christian tradition. While studying abroad in Scotland with Professor Kim Stafford, David traveled to the Isle of Iona and learned about its small population's peace and justice work and radical hospitality toward queer people. After graduating, David returned to Scotland as a volunteer at the Iona Community's Camas Outdoor Center doing outreach to high-risk, high-promise youth in an ecologically minded place.

In the fall of 2008, he started his studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, focusing on pastoral care and counseling, community organizing and adaptive leadership. David began worshiping at Broad Street Ministry (BSM) in Philadelphia, a progressive faith community that welcomes congregants dedicated to transforming the world. During the week, BSM welcomes guests experiencing poverty and homelessness to a banquet, while also offering a variety of services utilizing a trauma-informed, harm-reduction model. David was ordained to work at BSM in 2014, and began a "faith and doubt" spirituality group for LGBTQ+ young people, along with creating an LGBTQ+ Fellowship.

In 2015 David began studying as a couples and family therapist with the Council of Relationship, and in September of 2017 moved with his husband, R. Eric Thomas, to serve as the pastor of Maryland Presbyterian Church in Towson, Maryland - a progressive, revitalizing faith community.

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on What's Happening, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu.

March, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10 am Project Linus 7 pm Bell rehearsal	2	3
4 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	5	6	7 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	8 No Bell rehearsal	9	10
11 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	12 7 pm Deacon meeting	13 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision	14 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	15 10-11:30 am Book Group #1 7 pm Bell rehearsal	16	17 7 am Men's Breakfast 10:30 am Women's Ministry
18 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	19	20 7 pm Tuesday's Treasures 7 pm Session Meeting	21 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	22 10-11:30 am Book Group #2 7 pm Bell rehearsal	23	24
25 Palm Sunday 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School Palm Sunday Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt	26 Spring Break week	27 9 am April newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	28 10 a.m. Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	29 7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship service	30 7 pm Good Friday Worship Service	31

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01-Andrew Beck
01-James Beck
01-Paula Miller
01-Erik Spurrell
02-Melanie Steele
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

11-Halah Grobey
13-Jonathan Ayers
13-Patrick Ramos
13-Jeni Wiggers
14-Bill Bennett
14-Scott Gibbons
14-Deborah Lewis
14-Dick Wiggers
15-Scott Long
15-Maureen Wolf
16-Tamara Harris
17-Carolyn Locke
20-Russ Carlin
20-Blain Grover
21-Larry Nord

23-Neil Reiling
24-Harry Chase
24-Danny MacKay
25-Paul Whitaker
26-Ukiah Harris
26-Drew Pairamore
27-Hilde Frey
29-Mike Shiffer
30-John Lewis
31-Caitlin Byers
31-JP Gibson
31-Piper Hammer
31-Todd Winslow



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WINTER FROLIC, SUNDAY, FEB. 25, 2018

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Web Address: www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

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, Jeff Engh, Cathy Lambeth, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Bob Eddy, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Dianne Lemmon, Bonnie Nord, Gina Olson, Rob Wiesenthal, Pamela White and Chapin Zakrzewski.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch

Art Director: Chris Robertson

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Clerk of Session: Rick Crall

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

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

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.

Monday – 9:00 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon