



## JAN AND BUD BENDER

What a fun ride I had hearing stories of Jan and Bud Bender, a delightful and caring couple! The farm where Jan was raised in Hood River is 350 acres of apples and pears, cold storage, packing and shipping still owned and run by her family. They had their own beef cattle to keep three families' freezers full. The three sisters rode horses and participated in 4-H. Jan says "you can take the gal out of the country but you can't take the country out of the gal". She still likes to can fruit and make pickles. Bud would say he benefits from her love of baking pies!

Bud grew up in Salem where his dad was a teacher and his mom was a stay-at-home mom. The Benders met at Oregon State University where Jan pursued a Home Economics degree and Bud a Community Health degree. While at OSU Bud had the opportunity to sing with the Choralaires. They toured Europe with stops in England, Scotland, Denmark, Germany and a home stay on Fedje Island in Norway which was a highlight.

Bud started his career as a Nursing Home Administrator in South Dakota with the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society. During those years in SD their beautiful daughter, Chelsea, was born. It was while on a countryside drive that young Chelsea exclaimed "Mommy, Mommy, look at the mountain" as they passed a pile of rocks, that they thought it might be time to move back to Oregon.

It was during a second opportunity with Good Samaritan in Dodge City, Kansas, that Jan decided that she wanted to pursue a career as a chiropractor. She found out that she could take prerequisites such as organic chemistry and biology for free at a community college in Dodge City! The Benders moved back to Oregon in 1991 and Jan eventually began her 4-year doctoral curriculum at Western States Chiropractic University. Jan credits Bud and Chelsea for her success. Jan feels strongly that physical pain has an emotional component. During her twenty years of working with patients in her downtown Portland office, she has treated the whole person and has ongoing, meaningful relationships with her patients. Her Office Manager has been with her for nineteen years. That says a lot! When asked how she would describe herself, she would like to be foremost an "Encourager".

Bud is a leukemia (AML) and stem cell transplant survivor. He feels blessed by God every day that he not only survived, but that his sister Merna shared her stem cells with him, he had/has the ongoing support and prayers from his TPC family and that his positive attitude stayed intact which helped him through his "Amazing Journey!" Currently he works as a Personal Worker for four men with developmental disabilities, helping them with every day tasks such as grocery shopping, errands, gardening, trips around the region via car and bus/max, hikes, serving meals to the homeless, folding bulletins...whatever the client wants to do. Never a dull moment, and what joy he experiences with his clients and friends.

Bud loves to putter around in the yard. Here at TPC he is a Stephen Minister, helps with Tuesday's Treasures and is a member of our choir. Jan has always been a cross-stitcher and seamstress. Now she is trying to teach herself to knit. She is a member of PEO and attends a book group. They both love to travel and play the piano! Their two grandchildren (Cassidy age 2 and Liam age 5) who live in East Portland are a special part of their lives. Jan and Bud are so generous with their time caring for others but most importantly, they are a couple who support each other in this journey. Julie Nader, Deacon

Postscript: I just finished reading The Library by Susan Olean and her last words make a lot of sense to me. Just substitute "article" for "book". "Crazy courage ---the belief that someone would find his or her book important to read. I was struck by how precious and foolish and brave that belief is, and how necessary, and how full of hope it is to collect these books and manuscripts and preserve them. It declares that all these stories matter, and so does every effort to create something that connects us to one another and to our past and to what is still to come."

Julie Nader



## **TPC - A BRIEF HISTORY - 35th anniversary of its chartering**

In November 1981, the Presbytery of the Cascades called the Rev. Thomas G. Nelson to be the organizing pastor of the Tualatin-Wilsonville New Church Development.

The first worship service was held January 6, 1982 in the living room of Rick and Barb Crall.

Land (3.14 acres) was purchased in the spring of 1983 at Siletz Street and Boones Ferry Road for \$120,000.

**The Presbytery formally chartered Tualatin Presbyterian Church as an organized congregation in February 1985.** The Rev. Thomas G. Nelson continued as pastor. By 1986 the church had moved to the Historic Community Church at 10100 SW Boone's Ferry Road.

Church construction on the Siletz and Boone's Ferry Road property began in 1987.

The sanctuary was dedicated on March 6, 1988.

In 2002 a remodel of the sanctuary and narthex and an addition of the two floors housing the kitchen, church office, rest rooms and downstairs classrooms brought the building into its current configuration.

The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers was designated interim pastor to succeed The Rev. Thomas G. Nelson in 2002. The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood was called to serve as pastor in September 2004.

Today Tualatin Presbyterian Church has about 300 members and continues to grow.

## **DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

### **In the words of Pope Francis**

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

### **March 3 Field Trip to Albertina Kerr's Place**

We still have five seats available on the bus if you (and a friend) would like to enjoy the lunch outing at Albertina Kerr's Place on Tuesday, March 3. The TPC bus will be ready to leave the TPC parking lot at 10 am with the ever delightful John Casebeer as our driver.

There will be time to shop, or browse through the antiques, accessories, and gently used clothing.

We will eat lunch at noon in the Garden Room. The bus will depart at 1 pm for the return to the TPC parking lot.

Please bring cash as each eating table will be given one check. Lunch varies from soup at \$7 to a 3-course lunch for \$17, plus tip. Profits go to important community programs.

To reserve a seat on the bus, contact Carolyn Barker at [BarkerFamily135 @ icloud.com](mailto:BarkerFamily135@icloud.com).

### **42nd Annual Celebration of Creativity Fine Art Exhibit and Sale**

Thursday, March 5 through Sunday, March 8  
Southminster Presbyterian Church  
12250 SW Denney Road  
Beaverton, OR 97008  
503-644-2073

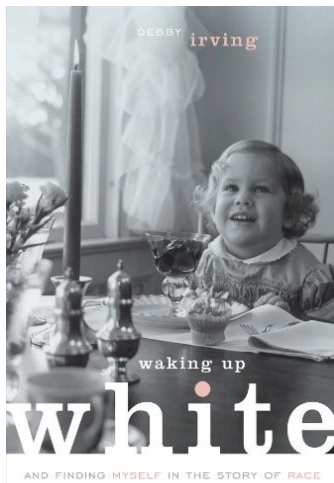
For more information about the events and times each day, go to their website:  
[www.celebrationofcreativity.com](http://www.celebrationofcreativity.com)

**ADULT EDGE - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Sunday mornings at 8:30 am, downstairs

On February 9, we started a 9-week in-depth study of *Waking Up White*, a book recommended by the 2016 General Assembly of the PC(USA). The author, Debby Irving, shares her personal story of moving from white oblivion to white awareness and invites all of us to join her on this journey into our own **unconscious/implicit racial bias**. It will be helpful to share the leadership for this study so we invite you to prayerfully consider signing up to lead a week or two.

Our final 6-week DVD course, Amy Jill Levine's *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*, will take us through the second week of June (our traditional time to break for summer sabbatical).

You are invited to join us downstairs at 8:30 on Sunday mornings in the Adult Education Room.



Jean & John Martin

**TPC SHUTTLE TRAINING - April 25, 2020**

The TPC first-Sunday-of-the-month shuttle needs drivers and helpers to stay operational. On Saturday, April 25th, at TPC, from 9 am to 11 am, shuttle driver training will be offered. If you can dedicate a few Sundays a year to drive the shuttle, please attend this training. No training is required if you are willing to help load and unload shuttle passengers. If either of these volunteer opportunities appeals to you, please email me to let me know that you would like to help. Thank you.

John Casebeer, casebeer58@gmail.com

**NEXT WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING is scheduled for Saturday, May 16.**

Rebecca Wood, Mental Health and Addictions Counselor for Central City Concern, will share information on homelessness and how lack of affordable housing has been a part of the crisis in Portland.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES**

**SPRING GATHERING**  
SATURDAY, May 16, 2020

**TELLING OUR STORIES**

...of courage, insight, mission, stewardship, commitment and lamentations

Keynote Speaker:

Jane Kirkpatrick, Oregon's award-winning writer and Presbyterian woman



Saturday, May 16, 2020

Registration and hospitality: 9:30 am

Program: 10 am to 3 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Portland  
1200 SW Alder St., Portland, OR 97205

Space is limited. Please register early.

Parking: in parking lot marked 1st Presbyterian Church Parking. Car pooling is encouraged.

Enter church in garage on P1 via elevator or by Office Entrance on SW 13th and Alder

Registration due by Friday, May 1, 2020.

Please provide information for all attendees: Name, email address, church, dietary concerns such as gluten-free or vegetarian.

Cost \$15, includes lunch provided by Menucha Retreat and Conference Center.

Send information and check(s) made out to Cascades Presbyterian Women to Mary Lou Williams, 14601 NW 26th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685 (360-576-5364)

## **OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE TPC**

The congregation is served by a number of volunteers in leadership positions. Many of these are selected at the beginning of each year.

DEACONS serve to nurture and care for the members of their parish. They are first responders when members encounter difficult times and work throughout the year to build a sense of family among our members.

ELDERS serve on the Session which functions like a board of directors to guide our church. Typically, each Elder has a designated area of primary responsibility.

COMMISSIONERS are our representatives to the next higher level of Presbyterian government, the Presbytery. They attend three meetings in Oregon each year at various churches around the state.

Deacons and Elders are elected by the congregation at the March Congregational meeting. The nominating committee we chose at the January Congregational meeting is currently working on finding a slate of 4 Deacons and 3 Elders to serve three-years terms. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving in these roles, or to obtain additional information, contact Ken or one of the members of the nominating committee. Members of the 2020 nominating committee are: Russ Carlin, Carolyn Pursinger, Susan Cameron, Reed Gurney, Carolyn Barker, and Cackie Kyle.

Commissioners are appointed to one-year terms by Session, usually at its February meeting. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving in this role, or to obtain additional information, please contact Ken or any member of Session.

Session members are:

Craig Bowen  
Russ Carlin  
John Casebeer  
Jeff Engh  
Joan Nardi, acting elder.  
Greg Owen  
Carolyn Pursinger  
Ian Swanson  
Maureen Wolf

## **SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Greeters...**

Would you like to greet at the front door as people arrive? Come to church about a half hour early, stand by the front doors, greet people as they arrive, help pass the plates during offering, and you're done. That's it! Select a date that works for you and sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### **Ushers/Bulletin People...**

Stand near the glass doors to the sanctuary and pass out bulletins. Arrive about a half hour early, stand by the doors, pass out bulletins, take microphones to individuals during Joys and Concerns and help pass the offering plates and you're done. Select a date you like, and sign up on the bulletin board near the kitchen in the narthex.

### **Coffee Servers...**

You can volunteer to serve coffee and cookies after worship on Sunday, and help with clean up.

To volunteer, talk to Bonnie Nord or sign up on line at (<https://goo.gl/9imGAU>)

Thanks for your help.

## **SANCTUARY ART**

The photos in the sanctuary are of the Judean desert where Jesus fasted for forty days before he began his ministry. The Lenten fast of 40 days was inspired by Jesus.

## **TPC READERS**

In March, 2020 the TPC readers will read and discuss the book *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan.

## **TPC COOKBOOKS**

In 2009 members and friends of Tualatin Presbyterian Church assembled a cookbook entitled "Cooking With Soul." We shared some of our favorite recipes. It was a labor of love.

Copies of this unique cookbook are still available. You can find them on the cabinet outside the church office or on the bookcase inside the office. If you would like one, please help yourself.

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
**February 18th Session Meeting**

At the Stated Session meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, Session approved the following:

- A group of five annual documents that provide details of our administration of the annual budget for 2020.
- The 2020 Special Presbyterian Offerings for Christmas Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking and Pentecost.
- Re-elected Chip Kyle as Treasurer
- Reaffirmed approval of pastor serving communion in accordance with the Book of Order.

Session engaged in an extended discussion of procedures for reaching decisions about controversial subjects, and about the specific question of displaying the American Flag at TPC. An important component of the discussion was the provisions for gathering comments from everyone affected.

The next regular Session meeting will be Saturday, March 14, 2020, as part of that day’s session retreat.

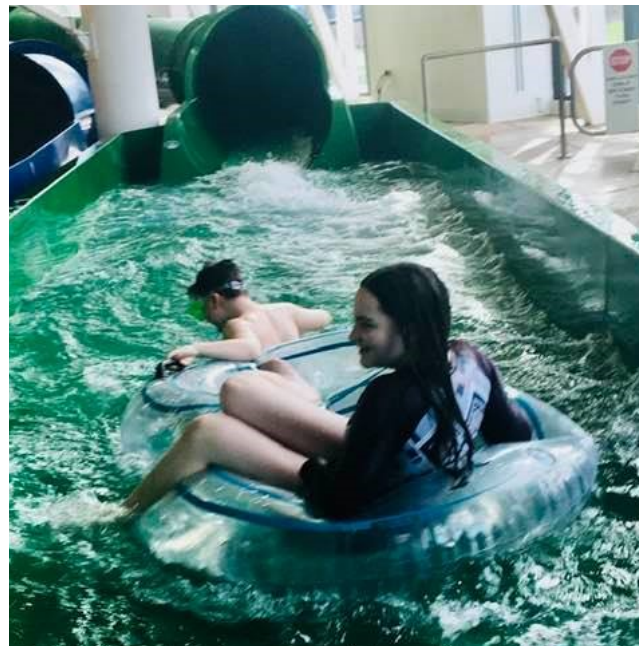
The above information has been compiled from meeting minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.  
 Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

**GO CAMPING 2020**

The Camp and Retreat Ministries of the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church has sent TPC eight of their “Go Camping 2020” brochures. They offer Adult Retreats, Family/ Multi-Generational Camps, Children and Youth Summer Camps. There are six different camp locations, five in Oregon and one in Washington. If you’re interested in learning more, the brochures are on the table to the right as you enter the office. Their website is [gocamping.org](http://gocamping.org).

TPC 2020 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 1/31/20	\$56,362	\$57,363	(\$1,001)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 1/31/20	\$44,016	\$45,038	\$1,022

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020**  
**Wings & Waves Water Park in McMinnville**  
 All wet at the water park!



FAMILY MINISTRY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020



# MARCH TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) and click on EVENTS.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10 am bus leaves for Women's Luncheon at Albertina Kerr	<b>4</b> 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 10 am Sanctuary piano will be tuned.	<b>7</b> BOC rehears- al downstairs 9 am to 4 pm Piano recital in the sanctu- ary, 12-2 pm
<b>8</b> 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School	<b>9</b> 7 pm Deacon Mtg	<b>10</b> 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	<b>11</b> 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 10 am Book Club at Hagan home 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Session Retreat up- stairs, 10-4 Tualatin Ready down- stairs 10-noon
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<b>15</b> 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7 pm Tuesdays' Treasures 7 pm Session Meeting	<b>18</b> 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 10 am Book Club at Hagan home 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	<b>25</b> 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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<b>29</b> 8:30 am Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01-Andrew Beck  
01-James Beck  
01-Paula Miller  
01-Erik Spurrell  
07-Nimmi Senthirajah  
08-Terri Holland  
08-Rod Kerr  
08-Carolyn Meece  
08-Bob Nix  
09-Sue Awdry

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-Dick Wiggers  
15-Scott Long  
15-Maureen Wolf

19-Sandy Gurney  
20-Russ Carlin  
21-Larry Nord  
23-Neil Reiling  
24-Harry Chase  
29-Mike Shiffer  
31-Caitlin Byers  
31-Jason Gibson  
31-Piper Hammer

**OFFICE HOURS** may vary in the months ahead. If you plan to come by the church and need a door to be unlocked, please call ahead to be sure someone is here.  
503-692-4160

Vacations happen. Life happens. Typical hours are:  
Monday, 8 am to noon, Tuesday thru Thursday, 10 am to 3 pm., Friday, 10 am to 1 pm



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Phone: 503-692-4160 Email: [office@tpcspirit.org](mailto:office@tpcspirit.org)

Web Address: [www.tpcspirit.org](http://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, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Joan Nardi (acting), Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Ian Swanson, and Maureen Wolf

**Deacons:** Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Donna Hammersly, Jason James, Julie Nader, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

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  
Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall  
Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron  
Clerk of Session: Rick Crall

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst  
Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall  
Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord  
Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch  
Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver  
Parish Nurse: Susan Fee  
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus  
Treasurer: Chip Kyle  
Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins  
Webmaster: John Martin  
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.