

FINANCE

While 2021 has certainly made a notable entrance, there is still time to make your 2021 pledge to TPC! The pledge commitments allow us to ensure our budget planning is on track. We also want to thank all of you who have pledged or continue to contribute this year. As a friendly reminder for those using automatic checking transfers, please confirm those contributions are setup to continue in 2021. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Mike Shiffer at finance@tpcspirit.org

On behalf of the finance team, thank you for your continued support of TPC. We appreciate you!

Maureen Wolf, Stewardship Elder



VACCINES FOR COVID

The article below appeared in February's newsletter. It is repeated here in case you are wanting to learn more about the vaccines.

I am happy that COVID-19 vaccinations are on everyone's mind these days. Ask your doctor if you have any doubt about if you should get a COVID-19 vaccination. Also ask your doctor where they recommend you get your vaccine. It may seem like things aren't moving very fast, but the healthcare managers are working very hard to set up vaccination sites, staff, and doses of the vaccine as fast as they can. Please be patient and continue to do the things you have been doing to keep yourself safe--face covers, social distancing, handwashing, avoiding crowds and limiting contact with people outside your household. Here are some sites to go to for more vaccine information.

https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov/?utm_source=OHA&utm_medium=govstatus_redirect&utm_campaign=https:%3A%2F%2Fgovstatus.egov.com%2Ffor-oha-covid-vaccine

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits/facts.html>

<https://coronavirus.providence.org/blog/uf/641356738>

<https://www.ohsu.edu/health/covid-19-vaccines>

<https://www.legacyhealth.org/about/news-and-media/COVID-19-Info-page/covid-19-vaccine.aspx>

<https://www.about.kaiserpermanente.org/our-story/news/announcements/5-things-to-know-about-the-covid-19-vaccines>

[Where to get a COVID-19 vaccine: Walmart, Walgreens, hospitals, more - CNET](#)

Susan Fee, Parish Nurse

Was it EASY? No, not all of it, but sometimes the harder we work, the more the reward.....at least that is what I've found. After two months in the Family Promise Program, with the combined efforts of my wonderful case manager, other volunteers and organizations, my property debt will be paid in full and I'm again in my own apartment.

There was never an issue that Family Promise couldn't help me deal with, from keeping me at the motel with a kitchenette where I could prepare the food that was delivered weekly to my door, gas cards to help pay transportation, to paying my phone bill, and the most touching and AMAZING Christmas I've had in years. The best step in the right direction I have ever taken. Thank you Family Promise of Tualatin Valley.

We continue to be grateful for your support of Family Promise helping families get into sustainable housing. Together we are making a difference!

Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen, TPC Family Promise Coordinators

REFLECTIONS



Tonight I overheard the newscaster speaking of a milestone America reached today; 500,071 deaths from COVID.

Unfortunately, in some ways I am becoming numb to these numbers. My heart is feeling frozen like the ice on the branch from which this bird is launching. Embarrassing to admit, but a way of coping. Over the last year we have found ourselves in the midst of a pandemic, we have lost cities and forests to wildfires, we watched in horror as our country has dealt with heartbreaking social justice issues, a presidential election which resulted in armed insurrection on our capital, an ice storm the likes of which we have not experienced in over forty years.

This does not touch on what we are experiencing on a more intimate level within the walls of our homes, the chambers of our hearts. When I captured this picture I was looking at the ice-encased branches of a tree which was bent, but not broken. I was hearing the song of a Robin as it

serenaded the universe. I watched that bird as it left the tree, its wings embracing the warmth in the air, giving them lift. When I captured this picture, my soul was at rest, falling into the familiar ease and peace in which nature blankets me.

Some days it almost seems wrong to rest in contentment and to experience unadulterated happiness. To laugh raucously and love ourselves lavishly. There is so much heaviness in this time in this big, old world. But, this big, old world is wise and is a survivor. It has trembled and groaned as quakes have shaken its core. It has crackled and snapped as flames have scorched its limbs. It has shed tremendous weight as floods have flooded and washed away its topsoil.

In its wisdom though, it has stored away songs as old as time, in the brains of the birds. It has planted magic beneath the soil in the forms of shoots and buds of croci and trillium springing forth. It laughs uproariously with the winds whose sounds can mimic that of the oceans. This earth is wise, it spins and shimmies, laughs and cries. It takes and gives and is always teaching. It can do two things, hold two emotions simultaneously.

This earth, this world, is always teaching and the blending of dark and light is the gloaming. The gloaming is the magic, the trick of balancing. It's a fine balance, and thus far I have not heard of it toppling.

Rebecca Backen

BOOKS THE READERS HAVE READ

Here is the cumulative list of books the readers have enjoyed. Folks are welcome to join the reading groups. Please contact Jean Martin or Priscilla Hagan with questions. Jean's phone number is 971-244-5001 and email johnjeanmartin@me.com; Priscilla's phone is 503-620-8275, email phagan41@comcast.net.

| <i>TPC Readers Cumulative List of Books Read 2017—2020</i> | | | |
|---|--------------|--|-----------------------|
| Year | Month | Title | Author |
| 2017 | September | <i>Ordinary Grace</i> | William Kent Krueger |
| | October | <i>The Light Between Oceans</i> | M. L. Stedman |
| | November | <i>Till We Have Faces</i> | C. S. Lewis |
| 2018 | January | <i>I Heard the Owl Call My Name</i> | Margaret Craven |
| | February | <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> | Madeleine L'Engle |
| | March | <i>A Man Called Ove</i> | Fredrick Backman |
| | April | <i>Invention of Wings</i> | Sue Monk Kidd |
| | May | <i>God Help the Child</i> | Toni Morrison |
| | June | <i>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</i> | Rachel Joyce |
| | September | <i>Jimmy Bluefeather</i> | Kim Heacox |
| | October | <i>Mornings in Jenin</i> | Susan Abulhawa |
| | November | <i>Benediction</i> | Kent Haruf |
| 2019 | January | <i>The Giver</i> | Lois Lowry |
| | February | <i>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</i> | Jamie Ford |
| | March | <i>A River Runs Through It</i> | Norman Maclean |
| | April | <i>Caleb's Crossing</i> | Geraldine Brooks |
| | May | <i>The Plain Truth</i> | Jodi Picoult |
| | June | <i>The Cellist of Sarajevo</i> | Steven Galloway |
| | September | <i>The Book Thief</i> | Martin Zusak |
| | October | <i>The Hate U Give</i> | Angie Thomas |
| | November | <i>In the Midst of Winter</i> | Isabel Allende |
| 2020 | January | <i>Before the Wind</i> | Jim Lynch |
| | February | <i>Ragged Company</i> | Richard Wagamese |
| | March | <i>The Children Act</i> | Ian McEwan |
| | June | <i>The Chilbury Ladies' Choir</i> | Jennifer Ryan |
| | July | <i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> | Delia Owens |
| | August | <i>All She Left Behind</i> | Jane Kirkpatrick |
| | September | <i>This Tender Land</i> | William Kent Krueger |
| | October | <i>Gardens of Water</i> | Alan Drew |
| | November | <i>Orphan Train</i> | Christina Baker Kline |
| 2021 | January | <i>The Alchemist</i> | Paul Coelho |

SANCTUARY STREAMING MODIFICATIONS - UPDATE

In February, the Streaming Committee started the modifications to the sanctuary to facilitate the live streaming of services after we return to in-church services. Phase one of the upgrades included re-lamping of all room light fixtures with higher light level bulbs with a consistent color, cleaning all of the high areas in the Sanctuary, painting the south wall of the Sanctuary to provide a video compatible background, and modifying the Choir down lights so the lightbulbs are less visible. Replacement words for around the cross were obtained and will be installed later. The new words are slightly larger and are of a better contrasting color which will improve visibility.

I would like to thank the following individuals who assisted in this phase of the project: Rick Mauer, Emery Phillips, Chris Robertson, Jeff Cameron, Rick Crall, Bob and Deb Carlson, Todd Owen and Jackie Dannemiller and the Scouts from Troop 530.

The work continues on Phase 2. We are currently modifying the lighting control in the Sanctuary (thanks again to Rick Mauer) and constructing an elevated platform for Audio, Video and Lighting control for streaming. (Thanks again to Emery Phillips.)

Greg Owen, Building and Grounds Elder



DEACONS SEND CARE PACKAGES TO COLLEGE STUDENTS



Deacons Carolyn Hale, Susan Cameron, and Dianne Lemmon package up Valentine cards and candy for our TPC college students!

RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS



Left: Faux stained glass photo panel; “Resiliency”
From the branch of an old tree, a new tree grows.
Photo taken by Jeff Cameron in Central Oregon

Above: Tree damage from the February ice storm.



Greg Owen,
Building and
Grounds Elder,
above.

The sanctuary
takes on a new
look as work pro-
gresses. Thanks
to Greg Owen and
all the volunteers.

Photos by Sarah
Beck.



CONNECT TO TPC - SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:10 am. Go to church website, tpcspirit.org. Or Facebook, or YouTube.

ZOOM enables you to interactively participate in a virtual meeting with other TPC folks. To find the links for regular zoom meetings (the “Virtual Coffee Hour” after Sunday morning worship, and the weekday 9 am Prayer meetings)” go to tpcspirit.org/Links/. That page is updated weekly or as needed.

To join a ZOOM meeting, click the link from a message or web page. If it is outside the times for that meeting you’ll get a message, “Please wait for the host to start this meeting” which indicates that your computer is set up properly.

Problems? Look at [Zoom Step-by-step](#) or send an email message to support@tpcspirit.org. [Zoom Step-by-step](#) also contains useful additional information about navigating some of the features, and alternatives available with Zoom.

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

For the latest hours and information about the pantry, please visit tualatinfoodpantry.org
If you are interested in helping, go to schoolhousepantry.org/signup.

Items needed currently include: peanut butter, canned chili, canned pasta (like Spaghetti O’s), canned beans (all varieties), miscellaneous pasta (not spaghetti), canned meats, shampoo, powdered laundry detergent, dry pet food.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01-Andrew Beck
01-James Beck
01-Paula Miller
01-Erik Spurrell
04-Terra Shiffer
07-Nimmi Senthirajah

08-Terri Holland
08-Rod Kerr
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-Dick Wiggers
15-Scott Long
15-Maureen Wolf
19-Sandy Gurney
20-Russ Carlin
20-Blain Grover
21-Larry Nord
23-Neal Reiling
24-Harry Chase
29-Mike Shiffer
31-Caitlin Byers
31-Jason Gibson

| TPC 2021 FINANCIALS | Actuals | Budget | Dollar Difference |
|---|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Operating Income Year to Date 1/31/21 | \$28,743 | \$36,300 | (\$7,557) |
| Operating Expenses Year to Date 1/31/21 | \$46,396 | \$48,165 | \$1,769 |

MARCH TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

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

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|--|----------------------------------|-----------|
| | 1 9 am prayer on Zoom | 2 9 am prayer on Zoom | 3 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Lenten Bible Study at 7 PM on Zoom, #3 of 6 | 4 9 am prayer on Zoom | 5 9 am prayer on Zoom | 6 |
| 7 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube | 8 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon meeting/Zoom | 9 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom | 10 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Lenten Bible Study at 7 PM on Zoom, #4 of 6 | 11 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom | 12 9 am prayer on Zoom | 13 |
| 14 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube | 15 9 am prayer on Zoom | 16 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session meeting on Zoom | 17 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Lenten Bible Study at 7 PM on Zoom, #5 of 6 | 18 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom | 19 9 am prayer on Zoom | 20 |
| 21 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube | 22 9 am prayer on Zoom | 23 9 am prayer on Zoom 9 am March newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom | 24 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Lenten Bible Study at 7 PM on Zoom, #6 of 6 | 25 9 am prayer on Zoom | 26 9 am prayer on Zoom | 27 |
| 28 Palm Sunday 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube | 29 9 am prayer on Zoom | 30 9 am prayer on Zoom | 31 9 am prayer on Zoom | | | |

The church office is closed due to COVID-19; staff members are working from home.
The building is not available for meetings.

You are invited to worship with us on line on Sundays starting at 10:10 am.
Go to the church website, www.tpcspirit.org Or Facebook, or YouTube.

If you wish to leave a voicemail message, call the church office
at 503-692-4160. Messages are checked regularly.



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well hello, march

2021

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9230 SW Siletz Drive, Tualatin, OR 97062

Phone: 503-692-4160 **Email:** office@tpcspirit.org

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

Worship Service – Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood

Parish Associates: The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin, Joan Nardi (acting), Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos, Ian Swanson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: vacant

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: Liz Belz-Templeman

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

Technology Chair: John Martin

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Video Editor: Thomas Woodbridge

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

The office is closed. Can leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.