

**THE REV. DR. KEN HENRY IS HERE!!!!**

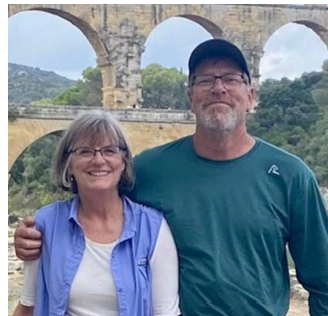
The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry, our new interim pastor, gave his first sermon at Tualatin Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 5, 2023. The picture to the right shows him serving communion with the help of our own The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers.



**MANY THANKS** to the Session Interview Team of Chip Kyle, Sarah Beck, Greg Owen, and Judy Nix for the time spent interviewing the five candidates for Interim Pastor. Three additional session members, Lynne Neilson, Sandy Gurney, and Dave Backen, were present at the second interviews and participated in the final decision making. Session members believe that The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry will provide the necessary leadership, we, the members of the congregation, need during this time of transition.

Please give Pastor Ken Henry a warm welcome. He is looking forward to meeting all of us over the next few months.

Judy Nix, Connections Elder



Greetings! My name is Ken Henry, and I will soon be the new Interim Pastor at Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Over the past 35 years of pastoral ministry, I have served Presbyterian congregations in Santa Cruz, CA; Vancouver, WA; Eugene, OR; San Jose, CA and, most recently, in Charlottesville, VA. I also taught communication studies for three years at Northwest Christian College in Eugene.

I received my Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and my interim pastor training from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. I attended San Francisco Theological Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary for my Masters of Divinity. And yet, with all my traveling from here to there and back again, my roots (and heart) have always remained in Oregon.

I graduated from Beaverton High and Western Oregon State College. I'm an Oregon native and am so grateful to be back on the West Coast. I grew up at Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Raleigh Hills and even met my wife, Heather, there. We have two wonderful grown daughters, some property near Seaside, and a big black cat named "Boo."

Over the years, I have enjoyed working in congregations and seeing what God can do. There is one question that is asked to every ruling and teaching elder, and this question has shaped my ministry: "Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?" My hope, in this transitional time, is that we can live out this question together as TPC seeks new pastoral leadership.

Blessings, Ken

## GREEN LIGHTS AND PARKING SPACES

By Christina Robertson

One Sunday morning about nine months ago, I found myself in Marietta, Georgia at Christ the King Anglican Church listening to Father Tony Melton's sermon. It took me by surprise. I couldn't believe what he was saying. I'd never heard those words before, and they resonated with something deep inside me. Maybe I didn't have to feel embarrassed or silly. Maybe I really could ignore those people who had ridiculed me the few times I had shared my secret. Maybe I didn't have to keep a secret. What a freeing possibility.

I wouldn't say I left church that morning a totally changed person. But I had reframed an important part of my way of being in the world. I left church feeling normal. Not childish. Not naïve. Not obsessive. Not irrational. Normal.

So here goes. I'm going to share my secret. Ever since I was a child growing up in a scary and totally dysfunctional household, I have prayed for everything I needed. And I mean everything. I still do. I pray for green lights and parking spaces, especially at the airport. I pray for safe lane changes on the freeway and strength to unscrew tight jar lids. I pray for short waits at the meat counter and the location of misplaced keys. I am praying for words as I write this.

My old college classmate, Elaine, thinks I'm ridiculous. The last time I visited her we tried to go to an art fair but couldn't find a parking place. Instead, we drove to another neighborhood where we were able to park and enjoyed a glass of wine at a nearby restaurant. Elaine wanted to know if I had prayed for a parking place. Of course, I had. It's what I do. She proceeded to tell me that my prayer hadn't worked. Why do I bother to pray for things that don't work? If the prayer had "worked," we'd be at the art fair. Didn't I know that an omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God is going to do what such a God wants? And there is nothing we can do about it. Why should a rational, educated woman like me engage in such childish behavior? She sounded really irked and I wondered if I had hit a raw nerve of some sort. I wish Father Tony had been there.

Father Tony said in his sermon that as Christians we should pray for everything, the more prayers the better. One reason for prayer is that with each prayer, we acknowledge to God and to ourselves that we are totally and completely dependent on God to meet our needs.

We might do well to consider God's words to Abraham. "You will be my people and I will be your God." Perhaps asking God to meet our needs is what we are to do as God's people. Perhaps making provision is what God does as our God. Is it possible that what comes to us after we pray is God's provision, whether it's a happy windfall or strength to endure the unbearable? We ask and God provides. Ask and look for provision. Ask and look for provision. Could that be one way of walking with God?

### **MEN'S GROUP MEETINGS IN MARCH AND APRIL, GUEST SPEAKERS**

All TPC men are invited to the **March 11** and **April 15, 2023** Saturday Men's Group Meetings. The guest speakers at both meetings will be covering interesting and exciting topics. The March meeting is the second Saturday, March 11, at 10:00AM. The speaker will be Greg Pickering, Tualatin Chief of Police. He will be talking about what kind of crime is most prevalent in our city and how the church can help in making it a safer place for all of us.

The April 15th meeting is the third Saturday at 10:00 AM in the Narthex. It is the third Saturday to avoid Easter weekend. Kelly Dickson from Presbytery will speak about her efforts studying and discerning new ways of doing worship, especially related to younger generations. She is part of the 1001 Worshipping Communities team at the General Assembly level. She is dynamic and has a heart for the church but more importantly, for the future of the church and ministry of Jesus Christ. This will be an opportunity to find out how to get young people excited about church and worship. We would love to have you attend both meetings and bring your ideas, questions, and concerns; we want to hear them all. Donuts and coffee supplied. Hope to see you at the Saturday Men's meetings. Questions call Dale MacHaffie 503-784-2476.

## COFFEE CONNECTION

February's Valentine Coffee Connection at Donna's Hammersley's Portera was full of lively conversation and fun for the 16 women who attended. Our no-agenda gathering featured, flowers, balloons, hearts, treats, readings of how 5-8 year olds define love, an update from Gina Olson on Family Promise on Stay and Play gift certificates, and an introduction of the Ki wellness classes being held for TPC at 10 am on Thursdays, off site.

Next month's Coffee Connection is **March 14 at 10 am in the TPC narthex with Starbucks coffee and a treat.** We can help Sarah Beck by stuffing plastic eggs for the Palm Sunday Easter egg hunt while enjoying conversation, connection, and coffee/tea for an hour.

## SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 9 TO NOON

As I write this it is the end of February and it is snowing in Tualatin. Will Winter ever end?? Spring arrives on March 20<sup>th</sup> and in celebration of this event we will be holding a Spring Clean-up Day (really morning) at the TPC on **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM till Noon.** Please bring rakes, push brooms and pressure washers (if you have one) for this fun-filled morning.

Greg Owen, Building and Grounds Elder

## WHAT DO DAMAR HAMLIN AND ALAN GROBEY HAVE IN COMMON?

They both survived sudden cardiac arrest.

August 2021 changed our lives forever. Alan and I had gone to bed after a typical summer day. However, in the middle of the night I woke to Alan snoring unusually. I elbowed him once. When he didn't respond, I elbowed him again and called his name. Not getting a response again, I turned on the light. His color was not good and he wasn't breathing. I immediately called 911 and started CPR. After 17 minutes of CPR, the paramedics finally arrived and took over. After 45 more minutes of CPR and defibrillation, they were able to get a consistent heartbeat and he was rushed to the hospital. Alan walked out of the hospital after nine days in ICU. He has since recovered fully. We continue to thank God for every day we are given!

I cannot express enough gratitude for the first responders and doctors and nurses who were a part of Alan's survival & recovery. I am thankful for the CPR training that I had over 20 years ago. Although the 911 dispatcher was instrumental in coaching me through that night (she was my lifeline!), I know the prior CPR training helped me to quickly and confidently administer the lifesaving procedure.

I NEVER thought I would ever need to use my CPR training. I am learning that those who have, have often had to use it on their loved ones. I am ready to take a refresher CPR class and am looking forward to learning how to use an AED. Anyone want to join me?  
Cynthia Grobey

**We are offering a CPR class at TPC on Saturday, March 25 from 10 to 11 am. There is no cost. Please send me an email at [wnsfee@gmail.com](mailto:wnsfee@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning or refreshing your CPR. If you have already sent me an email, I have you on my list.**

Most people end up using CPR on a friend or loved one. Please consider this and send me an email.  
Susan Fee, [wnsfee@gmail.com](mailto:wnsfee@gmail.com)

## ARE WE READY TO RESTART THE FELLOWSHIP DINNER GROUPS?

After a three-year break for COVID, we may be ready to resume the Fellowship Dinner Group program. If you are ready, please find the sign-up sheet in the narthex or send an email to [Rick@TPCSpirit.org](mailto:Rick@TPCSpirit.org)

The sign-up period will be from March 1 to March 19<sup>th</sup>. From those who sign up, groups of 7 to 9 members will be formed and these groups will be announced on or before March 26<sup>th</sup>. Normally there is one dinner a month for four months, April, May, June and July. After four months, new groups will be formed and the next phase will begin. This gives everybody the chance to connect and meet more people.

Groups of 7-9 adults will be formed to share Fellowship Dinners once a month at different people's homes or at TPC, a park, or a restaurant. The dinners are simple. The host supplies the main course and the others in the group supply the side dishes, dessert, and drinks. Each group will decide what dates and times work best for all to gather. A breakfast, brunch, or lunch are also possible meeting times.

If you have any questions, contact anyone on the steering committee: Mary Ortez 503-612-1993, Kerry Weaver 503-691-0745, Rick & Barb Crall 503-692-1677, Julie Nader 503-625-3882, Pam & Scott Cameron 503-730-9493.

## **FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY**

We thought we would share this from the FPTV newsletter -

"This week, one family decided to share their reflections with us. I want to share their story with you now as a reminder of the impact FPTV and our extended community, including you, create in our guests' lives." *"Grief brought us to the streets. We lost our 11-year-old son in April 2015. After 8 years living in the bushes of Washington County, we received a life saving gift. Hopeless in our circumstances out of no where we were given hope. We literally lived in the darkness. Family Promise of Tualatin Valley was the light that reached in to save US!!! Family Promise led us out of the death sentence of homelessness. They gave us shelter and a start at re-entering life. FP is C.P.R breathing life into us as human beings. Bringing us back to life from a life of death. Gratitude is all we have. When no one else cared; our family, friends, it was a stranger who found worth in us as human beings to remind us that we are human."*

**EXCITING NEWS** - We will soon be cooking dinner for our families twice a week. We are looking forward to lots of volunteers signing up. Please watch for more details on how to sign up.

We are still purchasing perishable grocery items for the Family Promise food bank. Due to room availability, food banks will be located at two locations for our families. Food bank volunteers will be needed Monday morning and Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Derrilyn Bayha at [dabayha@mac.com](mailto:dabayha@mac.com) or call 661-747-8447.

Congrats to TPC member Gina Olson who has joined the Family Promise Staff. Her next project is Stay and Play Spring Break. Thanks for supporting our families with gift cards.



## **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY UPDATE -**

**SUNDAY FEB. 12, 2023**

We actually brought in 486 lbs. of soup to the Tualatin Food Pantry! Very successful day! We had a lot of TPC Team Spirit, bringing in soup and tasting 6 different chili's. Recipes, as space allows, will be included in this newsletter. Kurt from the Pantry called and left a message with the TPC office, stating, "It's just how incredible the giving spirit was, and we just can't say enough. It

came at a time when we really needed some goods such as the hearty soups and so on. And please pass on to your congregation how much we appreciate all their donations and all their love..."

Many thanks from The Deacons

## WORSHIP AT TPC CANCELLED ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 DUE TO THE WEATHER

Once the decision was made to cancel worship on Sunday, February 26, a mass email was sent to let people know. A notice of the cancellation was also put on the home page of the church website, [tpcspirit.org](http://tpcspirit.org). In the future if the weather forecast says snow and ice, or any other type of severe weather, please check your email and the church website for updated information.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023** This picture was taken during worship on Sunday, March 5, 2023. It was the first Sunday for our interim pastor, The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry....He's wearing the white stoll.

### INTRODUCING DIANE BARRY, Member of Parish 2 as told to Linda Fukasawa

An interesting bunch of questions!

**My favorite book:** "Winnie the Pooh" -- I must have read it 100 times as a child.

**Most beautiful spot** -- Flathead Lake in western Montana

**What do you want your grandkids to remember you for?** The family history I assembled several years ago, and the baby blankets I knitted each of them

**I am passionate about** doing good for others and leaving the world a better place for my having been here.

**An act of kindness** -- my neighbors in Davis, CA gave me a farewell coffee time as we prepared to move to Oregon after having been in that special neighborhood for 14 years and all their thoughts, tears and smiles.



### KITCHEN CLEANUP

The kitchen received a thorough cleaning on Saturday morning, February 4. Many thanks to those who came and cleaned. Pam Cameron lead the group to new heights of cleanliness. Many thanks to all who helped: Pam Cameron, Donna Hammersly, Carolyn Hale, Judy Nix, Jackie Norman, Derrilyn Bayha and Sandy Reiling.

## A GIFT OF HOPE A WORLD AWAY - KENYA VOLUNTEER IN MISSION TEAM

Bunny Lewis left for Kenya on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### BOOK STUDY FOR LENT

Jeannette Beeger's Lenten Book Study started on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>; it continues through April 3<sup>rd</sup>. These class sessions are held in person in the narthex from 1-2:30 pm with Jeannette facilitating. The book being studied is Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. While we offered an online and evening study session, we did not have any expressed interest, so there will just be the in-person study this year.

Judy Nix, Connections Elder

### FELLOWSHIP - ASH WEDNESDAY SIMPLE SUPPER AND SERVICE, FEBRUARY 22

Our Simple Supper and Ash Wednesday service had some competition as snow started falling that afternoon with 10.8 inches ultimately falling in the Portland area. The 36 members who braced the weather enjoyed camaraderie, connection and wonderful soups, salads, bread and cookies. The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers conducted a meaningful Ash Wednesday service despite Jennifer and Evan being snowed in.

### LETTER FROM SARAH TINO DATED JANUARY 24, 2023, COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Warm and grateful greetings to you from your sponsored youth. How is Oregon?

Thanks very much for your latest letter that I read. I celebrated my Christmas with nice things like new songs, clothes.

Wow! Thanks for the decoration that you organized at the church. Congratulations! Here now it is summer season. We are now clearing land for the next season and burning charcoal.

Thanks for including my photo in your organization and the party that took place there.

This morning I read on Proverbs 3:6 which says "Remember the Lord God in everything you do and he is the one to show you the right way. I have liked this book very much and I do normally tell the people about it. Reminder: Sarah lives in Uganda.

### RECIPE FROM SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

#### BEST EVER CHILI RECIPE - Pam Cameron

1 T olive oil

1 small onion, diced

1 green pepper, diced

2 garlic cloves, minced

2 lbs lean ground beef

2 C beef broth (more)

1 8-oz can tomato sauce

1 15-oz can diced tomatoes, undrained

1 15-oz can pinto beans

1 15-oz can kidney beans

3 T chili powder

1 T oregano

1 tsp cumin

1 tsp coriander

1 tsp salt

1. In a large pot add the olive oil over medium high heat. Add the onion, bell pepper and garlic and saute until almost tender. Add in the ground beef and cook and crumble until brown.

2. Add in the beef broth, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, pinto beans, kidney beans, chili powder, oregano, cumin, coriander, salt and cayenne.

3. Bring to a boil and reduce to a simmer until it starts to thicken and flavors combine, about 30 minutes.

**ANNUAL PER CAPITA FEE FOR 2023 IS \$45.60.** Make check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Place in the offering plate, turn in at the office or mail to TPC. Thanks.

### MORNING PRAYER

If you are interested in joining a morning prayer group, there is one that meets weekly, Monday through Friday on Zoom from 9 to 10 a.m. All are invited. To join, go to the church website, [tpcspirit.org](http://tpcspirit.org) and scroll to the bottom of the home page. Click on "Join Morning Prayer."

# 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> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 an Loving Stitches The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry's first day at TPC!	<b>2</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>4</b> Choir rehearsal 9 am to noon
<b>5</b> Communion 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>6</b> 9am prayer on Zoom 1 pm Book Discussion in the narthex	<b>7</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>8</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>9</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>11</b> 10 am Men's Group meets in the narthex
<b>12</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>13</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 1 pm Book Discussion in the narthex 7 pm Deacon Meeting	<b>14</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Tuesday Coffee Connection at TPC 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom	<b>15</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Session Meeting at TPC	<b>16</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>18</b> Greg Owen - grounds clean up 9 to noon
<b>19</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>20</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 1 pm Book Discussion in the narthex	<b>21</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>22</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>23</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>25</b> CPR class 10 to 11 am. No cost. Sign up.
<b>26</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>27</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 1 pm Book Discussion in the narthex	<b>28</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom	<b>29</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom April newsletter deadline of- fice@tpcspirit.org	<b>30</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS!!!

01-Andrew Beck  
01-James Beck  
01-Erik Spurrell  
07-Nimmi Senthirajah  
08-Terri Holland  
08-Rod Kerr  
08-Bob Nix

09-Sue Awdry  
09-Andrew MacHaffie  
09-Owen MacHaffie  
11-Halah Grobey  
13-Jonathan Ayers  
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-Neal Reiling  
24-Harry Chase  
25-Paul Whitaker  
29-Mike Shiffer  
31-Caitlin Byers  
31-Jason Gibson

TPC 2023 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 1/31/23	\$20,210	\$23,470	(3,260)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 1/31/23	\$22,000	\$24,083	2,083



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**Worship Service – Sundays at 10 a.m. in person, and on line at [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)**

**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

**Parish Associate:** The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers

**Elders:** Dave Backen, Worship; Sandy Gurney, Family Ministries; Lynne Neilson, Stewardship and Administration; Judy Nix, Connections; Greg Owen, Technology and Building and Grounds

**Deacons and their parish number:** Derrilyn Bayha (5), Susan Cameron (7), Linda Fukasawa (2), Jason James (4), Dianne Lemmon (3), Kerry Weaver (1), and Rosemary Willis (6).

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Julie Flint

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Jennifer Schloming

Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Larry Nord

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Craig Bowen

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall

Hospitality Coordinator: Derrilyn Bayha

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Dale MacHaffie

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Stephen Ministry: Jean Martin, Susan Springer

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Archivist: Rick Crall

**The office is open limited hours. Leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.**