



Ken Henry
Interim Pastor Report

March 1st marked my one-year tenure at Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Serving as your interim pastor has been a great joy for me. Heather and I came at the beginning of Lent. We walked toward the cross together, we celebrated the Resurrection together, and from there, we kept walking. Remember the congregational survey? The congregational survey revealed to us that TPC is a place of belonging and unconditional love. 91% of those who participated in the survey agreed that at TPC, we help each other in times of trouble. 65% of our members have been at TPC for more than 10 years. 69% enjoy our worship style. 99% enjoy inspiring sermons and many of us are open to new ideas (85%). This survey has become a helpful tool for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they seek God’s guidance in discerning who will be the next installed pastor at TPC. Thanks for taking time to work through all those tedious questions.

As a congregation, we worked through budgetary challenges, grieved over the loss of dear friends, struggled with the changing nature of the church, and, along the way, celebrated several birthdays during worship (with the help of a chicken). Over the year, I hope I have demonstrated for you that it’s okay to be different and try new approaches in worship. While preaching and offering public prayers is my jam, I’m never opposed to pulling out my guitar and singing an introit or a prayerful song. (Someone once told me that when we sing to God, we pray twice.) On any given Sunday morning, I’ve been known to light a single candle of remembrance, invite us to engage in a time of silent prayer and, occasionally, I’ve even orchestrated and spoken the children’s sermon while standing on top of a ladder. And when life’s difficulties seek to overwhelm both your mind and heart, please ask me to pray for you. Praying for and supporting one another is what makes TPC a place of God’s healing love.

A few thank you’s and acknowledgements. While I wish to thank all the TPC congregation for encouraging me to preach, lead, write, and ask hard questions about God and living out our Christian witness, I also want to give thanks for people like Susan Springer, Sarah Beck, Larry Nord, Jennifer Schloming, Evan Paul, Julie Flint and all the sound/video guys (esp. Mike Shiffer and Rick Crall). As I assess the vitality of TPC, your staff, deacons, session members, and volunteers are the amazing people who dedicate both their time and energy so that all can experience what it means to live and breathe within a spiritual community.

Remember, I’m here at TPC until your new pastor arrives. That means, I will be here for the next 6 to 8 months serving the church’s needs and leading worship. We’ll see what God has in store for 2024. And yet, until my parting day, if you want to meet for coffee or receive a visit at your home or talk in my office at TPC, please reach out. I would love to hear your story. I’m at the church every week Wednesday through Sunday.



Come celebrate the journey and praise the Lord!
Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

THANK YOU PASTOR KEN HENRY

On March 1st, the Rev. Dr. Ken Henry celebrated a full year at Tualatin Presbyterian Church as our interim pastor. Thank you, Ken, for your leadership, and counsel these past twelve months.



Experience a week of spiritual significance from Sunday, March 24 through Sunday, March 31 at Tualatin Presbyterian Church, as Holy Week unfolds with various events. Commencing on **Palm Sunday, March 24**, Pastor Ken Henry will lead the Palm Sunday Processional starting at 9:45 am outside on the lower parking area, adjacent to the Memorial Garden. Fern Leaves (Oregon Palms) will be provided for children and anyone interested in carrying a palm. Following the procession, kids will place their palms on the front table of the sanctuary and join Sarah for the children's message.

After the worship service on Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt(s) are planned for 11:15 am. Preschool to kindergarteners will hunt for eggs in the memorial garden, while kids aged 6-12 are invited to explore the church grounds. Participants should meet Sarah in front of the church and bring a bag for egg collection. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Following the church service, a Palm Sunday brunch is planned. For further details, please reach out to Judy Nix or Barb Crall. Look for additional information on page four of this newsletter.



On **Maundy Thursday, March 28**, a service reflecting Jesus' words, "I give you a new commandment," will take place in the sanctuary at 7 pm.

Embrace introspection on **Good Friday, March 29**, from 3-6 pm, as the church sanctuary will be open for meditation, labyrinth walking, candle lighting, and silent release of heaviness and darkness.

Finally, **Easter Sunday, March 31**, join TPC for a joyous celebration. Participate in worship, experience the egg in the bottle children's message, and enjoy fellowship after the service, celebrating the resurrection with the triumphant declaration, "He has risen! He has risen indeed."

Please bring flowers from your garden for the cross on Easter Sunday. Thanks.

ANNUAL REPORT for 2023 - NOW IS THE TIME

Even though the deadline for submitting articles for the Annual Report has passed, we would still like to hear from those who haven't quite gotten around to emailing their article. (**Thank you so much** to those who have already emailed your articles.) If you haven't sent your article, it's not too late. Please email to annualreport@tpcspirit.org. Please send ASAP. Many thanks.

We need time to consolidate the articles into a single report to have it ready for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 17. Rick Crall, Susan Springer

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

The members of the PNC are happy to report that we have nearly completed the draft of TPC's MDP Form (Ministry Discernment Profile Form). The profile we create is an important step in the process of matching pastors with churches. By creating an MDP that reflects our congregation, and the mission of our church, we facilitate potential pastor candidates to determine if they wish to apply for our pastoral call. The matching process is a two-way street as we strive to find a good mutual fit between church and pastor.

Our next step is to present the MDP to TPC's Session. Once approved by Session, the MDP will be reviewed by the COM (Commission on Ministry) of the Presbytery of the Cascades. Once approved by the COM and any appropriate changes have been made, our MDP will be entered into the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) database of the Presbyterian Church USA. This system will then match TPC with prospective candidates and we will receive applications from pastors who fit our stated criteria. The MDP will also appear on the Presbyterian Church's website for review by other prospective pastors who might have been missed on the computer matching process.

The review and approval process for the MDP is expected to take us into April or May before it is completed. We will then spend the next months working to find potential candidates that are a good fit for Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Please keep the members of the PNC in your prayers as we continue this important work for our family of faith.

Alan Grobey, Chairperson



COFFEE CONNECTION

On Tuesday, March 12th, we will meet at **The Marquis Community Center at 10 a.m.** Everyone will have a chance to choose a new focus word for 2024. The Marquis Community Center is located at 19805 SW Boones Ferry Road, Tualatin, just a few minutes north of TPC.

COFFEE CONNECTION is open to all women of the church for a chance to renew connections and create joy in conversation with your TPC friends of faith. Please let Judy Nix know if you need transportation (503) 735-5127.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 01-Andrew Beck
- 01-James Beck
- 01-Erik Spurrell
- 07-Nimmi Senthirajah
- 08-Terri Holland

- 08-Peggy Kelley
- 08-Rod Kerr
- 08-Bob Nix
- 09-Sue Awdry
- 10-Glen Kelley
- 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
- 20-Blain Grover
- 21-Larry Nord
- 23-Neal Reiling
- 24-Harry Chase
- 25-Paul Whitaker
- 29-Mike Shiffer
- 31-Caitlin Byers
- 31-Jason Gibson



STAY AND PLAY SPRING BREAK

Help bring some vacation FUN to the 85 children at Bridge to Home!

For families experiencing homelessness and who are residing in small shelter rooms, Spring Break can be stressful as budgets are tight leaving most people without the means to do something special over break.

PLEASE join FPTV’s efforts to support families this Spring Break by helping fund educational and exciting experiences at Bridge to Home.

Activities for your donation might support:

Pizza Party, Art Day, Kona Shaved Ice, Oregon Reptile Man, Lego Night and more!!

HOW TO DONATE -

- send checks to: Family Promise of Tualatin Valley
Attn: Spring Break Stay and Play Coordinator
11460 SW Pacific Hwy.
Tigard, OR. 97223
- donate on the website - familypromiseoftv.org and select “I’d like to dedicate this gift and write “Client Special Services”

Please donate by March 18. If you have questions, contact Gina Olson 503-826-6472



MEN’S MEETING - Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10 a.m.

All are welcome to attend the March Men’s Group Meeting the fourth Saturday in March at TPC in the Narthex. Fun and surprises plus a time for learning about the higher education system in Oregon. We will have at least one speaker, if not a couple of them. We will learn about the various schools of higher education in Oregon and what is available to Oregon’s graduating high school seniors to help finance a college education.

We hope to have several representatives from an assortment of colleges. Young people thinking of going to college are encouraged to attend this get together. Refreshments will be available. We hope to see any one interested in finding out what is available to finance post high school studies. If you have questions, call Dale MacHaffie 503-784-2476



Palm Sunday Potluck

PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK/BRUNCH

SUNDAY, March 24 after worship service in the narthex

Starting Sunday, March 10, there will be RSVP forms in the worship bulletin for the Palm Sunday Brunch on Sunday, March 24.

You can sign up to bring:

- Breakfast Casserole
- Sausage or Ham
- Coffee Cake, or similar
- Fruit
- Deviled Eggs

Also, please sign up if you can help with setup and/or cleanup.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - Sundays March 24 and March 31

For the past 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger and oppression millions of people lack access to food, water, sanitation, education and opportunity.

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that supports three vital mission areas: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. Together, these ministries work tirelessly to address immediate needs, promote sustainable solutions, and empower communities to overcome the challenges of poverty, injustice, and disaster.

TPC has been a consistent supporter of this denominational offering and we urge you to do so again this year. The offering will be taken on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday - the last two weeks of March. Look for inserts and offering envelopes in the bulletins of those two Sundays. You can also donate through the TPC website specifying your gift for "One Great Hour".

Mission Committee, Chip Kyle, Mission Elder

TPC RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

Family Ministries is happy to announce that we are organizing a fundraiser for TPC. We plan to have a Rummage Sale, Saturday, July 13 from 9am - 3pm. The youth of our church learned about the church's short fall in pledged money to meet the 2024 budget, and the need to dip into our reserves. Their idea to help our church was to organize a church-wide garage sale. Let's support our kids as they work hard for TPC to have a successful Rummage sale (the church doesn't have a garage so we are calling it a Rummage Sale).

We would like to ask you to gather gently used, clean, workable items for this sale. We will not accept dirty, damaged items, or old computer monitors. We do have a storage problem, so if you could hold onto your items until July 1. We will have multiple drop off dates and times between July 1 and July 12 set up.

Please save plastic shopping bags and boxes for us to use the day of the sale. Those items we can accept anytime. If you would like to help now with organizing or have any questions, please contact Sandy Gurney at rsgurney@gmail.com or 541-290-0568. I am excited to organize this fundraiser with our youth. Please call or talk with me on Sundays if you have any questions on your donations.

Grace and Blessings, Sandy Gurney, Elder Family Ministry

LEARN TO MAKE A PILLOW CASE

Mary Elaine Shiffer is offering to teach people, one on one, to sew a pillow case. Each pillow case requires one yard of 42-inch fabric and 1/4 yard of a contrasting fabric. If you need fabric, Mary can provide it.

If you are interested in learning how to make a pillow case, contact Mary at 503-349-2359. You can text or call. This project will take about an hour.

NOTE: This is a mission project to make pillow cases for the Janus Youth Program in Portland (homeless youth services).

SANCTUARY PIANO

Many, many thanks to those who responded to our request for contributions toward the cost of piano repairs. The piano in the sanctuary was purchased with contributions from TPC members in 2002, and though it has been regularly tuned, years of use have taken their toll and the repairs couldn't be put off any longer. Due to your generosity, the entire cost of the repair will be covered. Thank you for helping to care for this essential part of our music ministry.
Eileen Eakins, Worship Elder

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY RESULTS

We donated more cans this year than last, 486 pounds last year, and 547 pounds this year. Thank you to everyone who bought cans of hearty soup to church. The people at the Food Pantry were most pleased.
Organized by the Deacons skcameron530@gmail.com

ADULT EDGE (Adult Education)

This class meets downstairs on Sunday morning from 9 to 9:45 am to discuss the scriptures of the day.

PER CAPITA - For 2024, per capita remains \$45.60 per member. If you have a financial question, you can contact Julie Flint, our financial assistant, at finance@tpcspirit.org.

COFFEE HELPERS Coffee and cookies are such a treat after service. Volunteers are needed to get it ready on Sundays. If you would like to help, sign up at <https://goo.gl/9imGAU> or TPC website and go to members - fellowship - and click on coffee sign up. If you are new to volunteering, let me know and I will make sure someone will be there to help. THANKS. Derrilyn Bayha -dabayha@mac.com or 661-747-8447

PASTOR KEN'S EMAIL ADDRESS IS PASTOR@TPCSPIRIT.ORG

WAYS TO DONATE TO TPC Scan this code with your smart phone to donate to TPC by debit/credit card or bank account. Scanning this code takes you to the TPC donation page. Questions? Talk to Mike Shiffer.



WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPATION

Are you interested in being a part of an upcoming service? Front-door greeters, liturgists, and communion servers are always needed and all are welcome to sign-up. A brief job description and the sign-up sheet are available in the narthex after each service.
Eileen Eakins, Worship Elder

IDENTIFY YOUR DONATION

If you are making a payment toward your 2024 Building Improvement pledge, please make sure to make a note on your payment/check so we ensure it is applied properly. Thank you again for your support of TPC.

HOW TO FIND SUNDAY MORNING BULLETIN ON LINE SINCE WEBSITE CHANGED

From the TPC home page, click on "click here to watch our live stream service." The worship bulletin can be accessed below the video screen. Scroll down. Look for Order of Worship/Readings. Click to view. The bulletin will open in a new window.

TINA CLARK'S MEMORIAL SERVICE, which took place Friday, February 23 at 2 pm is available for viewing on line at tpcspirit.org/tina.

MARCH TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9 am Adult Edge 10 am in-person, and on-line worship	4	5	6 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC 12:30-2 pm Food for the Soul - Narthex	7 12:45 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 9 am Adult Edge 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Daylight savings time begins	11 7 pm Deacon Meeting	12 10 am Coffee Connection	13 12:30-2 pm Food for the Soul - Narthex	14 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 12:45 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	15	16
17 9 am Adult Edge 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Congregational Mtg after worship service	18	19 10:45 am Ste- phen Ministry	20 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC 12:30-2 pm Food for the Soul - Narthex 7 pm Session meeting	21 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 12:45 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	22	23 Men's Meeting in Narthex 10-11:30 am
24 9am Adult Edge 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Palm Sunday / Potluck	25	26	27 April newsletter deadline office@tpcspirit.org	28 12:45 pm Uke practice 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 Good Friday - see page 2	30
31 9am Adult Edge 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Easter / egg hunt						

TPC 2024 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 1/31/24	\$24,107	\$19,260	\$4,847
Operating Expenses Year to Date 1/31/24	\$27,121	\$32,825	\$5,704

Worship with us at the church, or on line
Sundays at 10 am.
To find us on line, go to the church website, www.tpcspirit.org,
or Facebook, or YouTube.
To leave a message at the church, call 503-692-4160.
Pastor Ken Henry can be reached at
pastor@tpcspirit.org



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Worship Service – Sundays at 10 a.m. in person, and on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

Elders: Eileen Eakins, Worship; Sandy Gurney, Family Ministries; Chip Kyle, Mission; 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: Open
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: Open
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.