



COMING SOON TPC MISSION STUDY



What a great time for TPC! We have recently received and welcomed eight new members, celebrated the baptisms of Tara, Mark, Jackson, and Ben Schleicher, Marian Smith, and Matthew and Adam Buck; and, elected three new elders (Don Schmidt, Mike Shiffer, and Susan Springer), and three new deacons (Mark Maleta, Marc Olson, and Roger Reid), who will be ordained and installed on May 18. We are also in the process of calling a new pastor to lead TPC.

During periods of change and growth such as these, it is important that we take time to reflect on where we've been, where we are, and where God is leading us. One of the most effective ways for us to do this is with a Congregational Mission Study (CMS). In the Presbytery of the Cascades, a CMS is completed when a church is initiating a building project of more than \$100,000 (as we did in 1999), and when a church is preparing to call a new pastor.

TPC's Session initiated our CMS by approving the formation of a Mission Study Task Force at the March 20 meeting. This CMS Task Force includes: Mike Nelson (Chair), Lori Beymer, Connie Myers, Mary Shiffer, and Herb Zachow. Rev. Karen Sapio will serve as our Presbytery liaison. Additional members will be asked to serve with this coordinating team as the Mission Study gets underway.

A CMS involves three major components. First, a written survey of the congregation is conducted to gather program and demographic information. This data helps to provide a broad picture of the members of our congregation, which programs really make a difference, and the communities of people the church already serves. The survey is conducted one time only. TPC will conduct this survey on Sunday, April 27, at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. For those unable to attend that Sunday, surveys will be available in the church office during the following week. A professional research firm will collect the data, tabulate it, and generate a detailed report for our use.

A second component of the CMS is a demographic study of the communities surrounding TPC. Again, a professional research firm conducts surveys of the Tualatin and neighboring communities. This research provides a clear picture, in statistical terms, of the communities in which TPC is called to minister.

These two components are joined with the third and, perhaps, most crucial component which is the Member Reflection Series. Ten reflection groups with 10-15 participants per group will be formed to discuss our church. Each group will be led by one or two TPC members and meet two times. These Reflection groups will meet to talk about TPC, what opportunities and challenges our congregation is facing, as well as our strengths and weaknesses. All of the information will be brought together into a mosaic of what we, as a church family, see about who we are, where we have been, and where we are being led in the future.

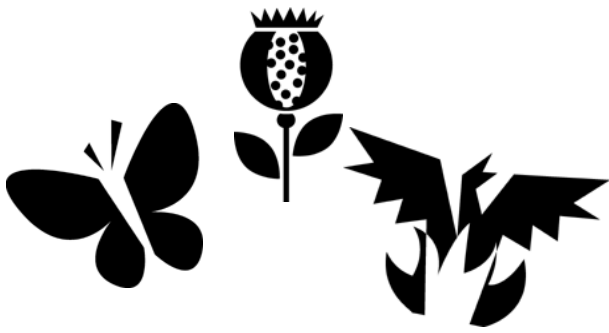
Once all three components are completed, the CMS task force will finalize the Mission Statement for Session approval. Once accepted by the Session, this document will serve as the basis for the Church Information Form (CIF), the core document that will be developed and used by the Pastor Nominating Committee in the search process for our new pastor.

The Session seeks your prayerful support and participation in this important Mission Study process.

Peace and Blessings,
Dick Wiggers, Interim Pastor



The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Matthew & Adam Buck, sons of Brian and Linda Buck on March 16.



The **symbols of Easter Christianity** has many symbols; the most recognizable is, of course, the cross. There are a number of symbols linked with Easter or the Resurrection: the butterfly, the lily, the pomegranate, the phoenix and the peacock.

The butterfly represents the Resurrection and eternal life. It emerges from its cocoon or chrysalis and gloriously rises into the sky in its splendid new body. Similarly, Jesus and his followers are born into a new life on Easter.

The lily is perhaps the most common Easter symbol because it's displayed during Easter worship services and blooms around this time each year. The lily's bulb decays in the earth, yet new life sprouts from it in the form of the flower — reminiscent of the new life that emerged from the tomb so many years ago.

The pomegranate is used as a symbol of the power of Christ and his Resurrection because of the many seeds that burst forth from the fruit. These seeds represent the many believers who follow Christ. They also represent the magnificence of divine grace and the fertility of the Word.

The peacock sheds his feathers annually. Each year the feathers grow back more beautiful and more brilliant in color. This renewal symbolizes eternal life or resurrection. There's also a myth that the peacock's flesh doesn't decay after death — immortality. (The peacock is sometimes used to represent human vanity, because of the way he proudly struts and displays his plumage.)

The phoenix was a mythical bird that lived in the Arabian Desert for five hundred years. It set its own nest on fire and perished in the flames. But on the third day it rose from its own ashes and ascended into the sky as a new and beautiful creature. It's easy to see why the phoenix represents immortal life and the Resurrection.

Lenten Calendar



- Friday, April 11** – Seder Meal – 6:00 pm (Sign up in the Narthex – must be prepaid)
- Sunday, April 13** – Palm Sunday Service at 10:00 am
 Readings: Philippians 2:5-11 and Mark 11: 1 – 11
 Sermon: "He Emptied Himself"
 Brunch Potluck & Easter Egg Hunt after service
- Thursday, April 17** - Maundy Thursday Tennebrae/Communion Service at 7:30 pm
- Sunday, April 20** – Easter Service – 10:00 am only – no communion
 Readings: John 20: 1-18 and Corinthians 15:1 –14
 Sermon: "Your Faith Is Not in Vain"



We have several copies of *Renewed For Life*, a Booklet of daily Lenten meditations by Henri J. M. Nouwen. You may pick one up in the narthex.

Butterflies are Coming!





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help victims of earthquakes and fires, droughts and floods, wars and revolutions. Sometimes these people cannot return to their homes or even their communities. Homeless or displaced people become refugees, and at least 20 million of them live in the world today. Over the next couple of weeks there will be inserts in our weekly church bulletin telling stories about some of the work that has been done through One Great Hour of Sharing. It is through your generous gifts of the past and now that will continue this great effort.

Printed In the March Newsletter was a calendar giving suggestions for the entire family to join in the fun of making contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing. A fish bank was given to children in our Sunday school program for the money to be collected throughout the month. For those who do not have children in Sunday school, please feel free to join in the fun (take any banks left over or use a can, baggy, or such) by putting aside money on a daily basis as the calendar suggests. We will turn all of these "banks" in on Palm Sunday, April, 13th.

Christmas in April

Put away the wrapping paper, bows and ribbons. Get out the paintbrushes, gloves, etc. Lend a hand to help our local community help others. On the last Saturday in April (April 26 to be exact), join with others from TPC as we assist others with helping to repair, paint or clean up yards for others who need our assistance. Volunteers, skilled and unskilled, age 14 & up, are needed to provide home repairs for low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners. We have been asked to assist on a home in our own area – Sherwood. We need 14 or more volunteers. Join in this fun, rewarding program on Saturday, April 26th. Contact Barbara Harriman at 503/649-9439 or sign up on the tower communication board in the narthex.

Facts for Action:

- 1.3 billion people, 20% of the human family, live in absolute poverty with incomes of less than a dollar a day (World Bank)
- 828 million people are hungry – more than the population of the western hemisphere (FAO)
- Children are most vulnerable. Of the 31,000 children under five who die each day in developing nations, half perish from hunger-related causes. That's one child dying for every breath we take. (Grace at the Table)
- 7 million people die from hunger-related causes annually. Famines account for only 3% of these deaths. The vast majority is caused by chronic under-nutrition. (Bread for the World)

Together we are making a Difference:

- Worldwide hunger is declining.
- Child survival programs using simple, inexpensive health measures save millions of lives.
- In the U.S., the Special Supplemental nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) has reduced infant mortality and anemia, and saved taxpayer money!

Join the TPC team on May 18 at 1:15 pm and walk in the area of the Koinonia Center, PSU and Park Blocks of beautiful Portland. If you are unable to join the team, support the team with your financial pledge – mark your check "Crop Walk" on the memo line. Contact Barbara Harriman at 503-649-9439.



General Fund Status
January 1, 2003 – February 28, 2003

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$24,045	\$28,193
Expense	\$23,997	\$22,921



If we missed your birthday, please notify the church office so we may correct our database. Thank you

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| 4/2 - Toni MacHaffie | 4/14 - Steven Springer |
| 4/4 - Lynn Scroggin | 4/16 - Roger Reid |
| 4/5 - Todd Owen | 4/17 - Amaury Vogel |
| 4-5 - David MacKay | 4/18 - Erika Myers |
| 4/6 - Marian Larson | 4/20 - Sarah Bolton |
| 4/6 - Colin Leland | 4/20 - Jean Wells |
| 4/7 - Mike Myers | 4/22 - Andy Shiffer |
| 4/8 - Dusty Shiffer | 4/23 - Cameron Sweetland |
| 4/8 - Ted Lambeth | 4/24 - Ellen Van Schoiack |
| 4/8 - Brian Imus | 4/27 - Senth Senthirajah |
| 4/10 -Priya Kadel | 4/27 - Pamela McGregor |



The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Pat Devore and her family in the death of her husband, Larry who died on March 1.

We continue to remember in prayer the following members and friends: Emily Nelson, Marsha Steffen's sister, Sue Atwood; the families of Leo Chang & Steve Poti (Pat DeVore's sons-in-law), Dee Dee Hansen's sister, Pam Bryant, Barbara Harriman's sister, Nan Bovis; the Hale Family; Harry Chases' sister, Janice; Del Judy's brother, Charles Wheeler; Jordy & Joe Allenbaugh (father & step-mother of Stacy Mauer); Val, (Debbie Reid's friend); Maxine Sullivan (Mary Shiffer's friend); Don Fox (friend of Karen Jones); Don Hamilton (Karen Bosley's brother); Joyce & Maynard Rorman (parents of Karen Jones); all those in our TPC family searching for employment; the five Presbyterian Congregations in Iraq and all the troops fighting for our Country.



The Music Corner

On April 27 we will not only be doing our Congregational Survey as part of our Church mission Study, but we will have **Hymn Request Sunday**. There will be no sermon that Sunday. Instead we will be worshipping with music. Between now and April 27, we would like you to look through your hymnal and jot down your favorite hymn. You can turn your requests in with your offering, to the office, Kris Sparks or Sherry Nelson.

The TPC Quilters

We meet the first Sunday of most months after church for fun, fellowship, food and of course quilting. The TPC group was formed about a year ago to make baby quilts for the ABC Quilts project. ABC Quilts was begun in 1988 and provides quilts to two area hospitals, Emmanuel and St. Vincent's, for babies who are considered "at-risk" to include drug affected, HIV infected and abandoned babies. Many of these babies live all their short lives in the hospital, and ABC Quilts provides a hand-made "blankee" for each little one.



We would like to invite anyone who enjoys handwork such as knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or sewing to join us in our fun version of a 'quilting bee'. We usually begin around 11:45 am and work until 2:30 with time out for a bite of lunch. If you have any questions, please call Jaci Smith or Toni MacHaffie.

OOPs!

We ran out of space last month and missed one of the most important acts of the talent show. Greg Imus and Scott Cameron sang "Wild Thing". What a duo!!!





Chicken Tortellini Soup

9-oz pkg. frozen cut broccoli, thawed
 6 cups water
 3 (10 ¾ oz) cans condensed chicken broth
 10¾ oz. can condensed cream of chicken soup
 2 cups cubed, cooked chicken
 1 cup chopped onions
 1 cup sliced carrots
 ½ cup dry vermouth or water
 2 garlic cloves, minced
 ½ teaspoon basil leaves
 ½ teaspoon oregano leaves
 7-oz pkg. Cheese tortellini
 grated Parmesan cheese, if desired

In large saucepot or Dutch oven, combine water, chicken broth, soup, chicken, onions, carrots, vermouth, garlic, basil and oregano. Bring to a boil; add tortellini. Simmer uncovered 30 minutes. Add broccoli. Simmer an additional 5 to 10 minutes or until broccoli is tender. Serve with cheese. Makes 10 (1½-cup) servings.

Recipe by Pam Cameron



It's wondrous what a hug can do.
 A hug can cheer you when you're blue
 A hug can say I love you so, or gee,
 I hate to see you go.
 A hug is welcome back again, and great
 to see you, where have you been?
 A hug can soothe a small child's pain and
 bring the rainbows after a rain.
 A hug, there's just no doubt about it.
 We scarcely could survive without it.
 A hug delights in warmth and charm.
 It must be why God gave us arms and
 stretch those arms without delay
AND GIVE SOMEONE A HUG TODAY!

**A Note from Heather Chase
 Seminary Student at San Francisco
 Theological Seminary & TPC Member**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY GIFTS

Your Generosity is overwhelming.

Exams are over, so I am catching up with my studies. This semester's courses include: Refashioning Religious Education, Prophets, Dancing Diversity, Quaker Spirituality, Homiletic Form and Greek Reading. While much learning occurs in the classroom I am also enriched by my commute to Berkeley three times a week. One of my jobs is to drive the school vans across the bridge to the Graduate Theological Union (SFTS is part of a nine school consortium with 10 centers of learning) so students can take classes from other seminaries. The van is like a moving classroom. Conversation ranges from current events to theology to movie reviews. The people come from many different walks of life.

This time is a gift. Thanks for helping make it possible.

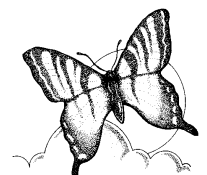
Heather ><>



Springtime Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an
 apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise:
 Butterflies will soon be free!
 In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring
 that waits to be, unrevealed until its season,
 God alone can see.

—Natalie Sleeth,
 The United Methodist Hymnal



TPC Nursery



The CE Nursery is growing and a fun place to be. It is being used more and more with all the new ministries taking place. Stop by sometime and view the new mural and children at play. We are in need of a few items to restock the shelves for young toddlers and preschoolers. Any "like new" or new items are greatly appreciated. Suggestions include but not limited to: baby dolls, 1 Duplo building block set for the Lego table, stuffed animals, floor pillows/cushions, books, puzzle sets (age appropriate), doll house accessories, kitchen set, kitchen accessories, trucks/vehicles, and any educational toys. If you have a train table with Thomas or Brio trains that you are giving away, that would be a very popular item too. (Hey, it doesn't hurt to ask!) Please drop off the donations to the TPC office or bring them by the Nursery on Sunday. Contact Jackie Dannemiller or Pam Bowen for more information.

Debbie Reid would like to thank the following people for helping out in the nursery during the months of January and February: Ted Lambeth, Natalie Craig, Shirl Garcia, Pam McGregor, Pam Cameron, Jodie Breshears and Donna Hoff.

TPC Vacation Bible School

June 23 – June 27



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School. Tentative hours are 9:00 am – noon. Last year's program was a big success for children ages 3 – 12 or grades Pre-K through

5. Youth and Adult volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated. Nursery care will be provided. Contact Pam Bowen for details at 503-625-5910.



On Palm Sunday, April 13, the Christian Education Committee will hold our annual Easter egg hunt and Piñata party right after the potluck. We'll have eggs filled with surprises and 2 piñatas full of goodies for children of all ages.

Children's Activity Packets

As most families with young children have probably noticed, we have activity packets with quiet things for young children to do during worship. They are located in the cabinet in the narthex in the right lower shelves if you do not find them on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary. We would like these to go along with the children's bulletin/activity sheet and encourage parents to help them color or write about things related to spiritual matters or about our church. Please return them to the narthex before you leave Sunday mornings. Thank You!



Thank you to all who taught Sunday School this year. We appreciate your time, creativity and fulfillment of TPC's promise to our children. A special "THANK YOU" is extended to Norm and Jackie Dannemiller for their work in the nursery and the classroom for the third, fourth and fifth graders. They have spent many hours making the nursery and classroom more inviting learning environments. Come down and take a look!



If you have any concerns, comments, ideas or questions related to our youth Sunday School programs, please contact Pam Bowen at 503-625-5910.

TPC PEOPLE AUCTION – April 5

NIGHT OF FUN DURING STRESSED TIMES
Come join us at TPC's PEOPLE AUCTION on April 5th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for Appetizers and bidding on the Silent Auction. Oral Auction starts at 7:00 and will be conducted by our talented Auctioneers Charlie Brown and Jim Bosley. Desserts will be served throughout the event. We have various items that will be raffled off during the evening. Appetizers and desserts are always welcome even if you haven't signed up. Hope to see you there.

Proceeds will go to our **"Helping Hands" Fund** (TPC's own version of Christmas in April). Helping Hands is a new TPC fund, which will be used to help with home repairs or other emergency funds for members of our congregation who are unable to afford needed services. We will have a volunteer weekend to give some time and muscle to do repairs in the summer. Examples might include paint and painting a house or help for people temporarily unemployed or unexpected expenses for people on fixed incomes – i.e. Car repairs etc. If you know of members of our church family in need, this information can be communicated to the pastor or to your deacon.

TPC Spring Cleanup - May 4!

Mark your calendar - it's time once again to wear your work duds to worship, and gather afterwards to spruce up the TPC property for Spring and Summer! We'll provide a lunch, and we'll spend the afternoon weeding, trimming, cleaning, and fellowshiping together. Remember that the property is a bit bigger now, so a big turnout is important! Bring yard tools such as a rake, shovel, bucket, wheelbarrow, gloves, etc. We could use trimming tools if you have them. See you there! Questions? Call Dave Leland at 503-692-6095.

TPC Spirit features Dottie Farrell



Dottie and her husband, Tom, began attending church and bible class when the church was meeting in the VFW Hall. They later joined when the services were moved to the rented church on Boones Ferry Road. They really enjoyed the summer services outside. Tom died in August 1986 after a long battle with kidney failure, dialysis, kidney transplant and finally cancer. His memorial service was held outside on the church property before the building was built. Dottie is a member of the choir and TPC bell choir. She also signs the checks. She volunteers as a disc jockey at KMHD, listener-supported jazz radio station at Mt. Hood Community College. Her son lives on a sailboat in Belize and her daughter lives in Highborne Cay in the Bahamas. She visits them every winter. Dottie has five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Sound Technicians

The newly trained Sound Ministers are: Ted Lambeth, Sherry & Mike Nelson, John Lewis, Rick Crall, Brian Jones, Norm Dannimiller, and Mike Shiffer.

TPC Building Usage

This is just a quick reminder to please be sure that all exterior doors are locked and lights are turned out when leaving the building.

Color Easter Eggs the Natural Way



Here's a fun way to color Easter eggs using all natural ingredients. The longer the eggs are in the coloring the darker they will become.

(NOTE: Some of these colors need to be heated on a stove or in a microwave oven. Be sure to get an adult to help you.)



Golden Brown

Simmer the brown outer skins of onions for 5-10 minutes. The more skins you use, the darker the color.



Blue

Mash blueberries – fresh, frozen or canned – in a pan with a little water. Simmer 5-10 minutes.

Lilac

Dip eggs in cold grape juice. For a darker shade simmer the juice for 5-10 minutes.

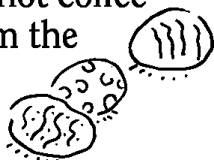


Pale Green

Chop and simmer the green tops of carrots.

Chocolate-colored

Dip eggs in hot coffee straight from the coffeepot.











Just for

KIDS

An Easter Message

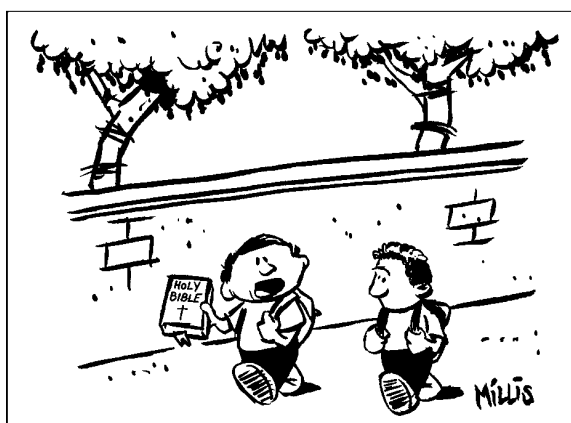
Mary went to the tomb and found it empty! Find the words that an angel spoke to her. Write the name of each picture on the lines. Transfer the letters to the other spaces to find the verse.

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Luke 24:5

Answers: cross; butterfly; flower; sunrise; egg; duck; man; vine; hat. “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!”



“Pastor says all the answers are in here. I guess he never had to take one of Miss Hathorne’s geography exams.”



**Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
April 2003**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bible Study 9:30 –11:30 am Confirmation Class 7:00 pm TPC Bell Choir 6:25 pm Choir-7:30	3 Officer Training 7 – 9 pm	4	5 Confirmation Retreat 9 am – 2 pm TPC Auction 6:00 PM Daylight Savings Time begins at 12am
6 Adult Ed 8:30 – 9:30 Choir – 9:15 am 10:00 am Worship Eucharist Transformation Sunday TPC Quilters – 11:30	7 TPC Volunteers serve lunch at Sr. Center 11 am – 1 pm CE Meeting 7:00 pm	8 Mission Committee 7:00 pm	9 Bible Study 9:30 –11:30 am TPC Bell Choir 6:25 pm Choir-7:30	10 Fellowship Committee 7:00 pm	11 Seder Supper 6 pm	12
13 Deacon's Meeting 8 am @ Hayden's Grill Adult Ed 8:30 – 9:30 Choir – 9:15 am 10:00 am – Palm Sunday Service One Great Hour of Sharing Collection Potluck after worship Easter Egg Hunt	14	15 Tuesday's Treasures 7 – 8:30 pm	16 Bible Study 9:30 - 11:30 am TPC Bell Choir 6:25 pm Choir-7:30	17 Outreach 1 pm Maundy Thursday Tennebrae Service/ Communion 7:30 pm	18 Good Friday	19
20 10:00 am Easter Service Choir - 9:15 am	21 May Newsletter Deadline	22	23 Bible Study 9:30 - 11:30 am Confirmation Class – 7:00 pm TPC Bell Choir 6:25 pm Choir-7:30	24 Session 7 pm	25	26 Christmas in April Workday

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