



A MESSAGE from Pastor Ken

Greetings all,

What a spring! I realize Oregonians might be used to the explosion of cherry blossoms and riot of bulbs all erupting from the ground, but this is all extraordinary for me. Before moving here I actually wondered whether I would even notice winter much because of all the color from the evergreens. I realize now how profoundly the land changes around here from what Shakespear might have called the bare, ruined choirs of oaks and maples surrounding us to a world more akin to Whitman's live oak with it's joyous leaves of dark green and rude, lusty look that reminded him of himself. What a time of transformation. What a time for Easter.

Ever wonder how Easter came by it's name? Well, interestingly enough the term 'Easter' comes from the Tuetonic (German) goddess of spring, Eostre, which is another name for the Middle Eastern deity, Astarte. Eostre is associated with rabbits, eggs, and another fertility symbols- hence the Easter bunny we know and love. And mainly, Eostre is connected with the change from winter to spring and from death to life. Now, I know hearing about Eostre can be a little disconcerting, but I actually find it deeply helpful. The medieval church made the connection between Christ's transformation and with the change we see in the world around us, and it invites us to see Easter as a time for personal change and growth as well. Now is the time to think about change. Now, is the time to clean out our closets, clean out our lives, to allow new things to birth in our souls, and let old parts die- now is the time for change.

For those of us contemplating change this season, let me relate some fantastic words I remember from a colleague of mine giving a lecture regarding negotiating change. My friend happened to be a rock climber for much of his earlier life, and shared a few climbing fundamentals that translate well into life lessons for the rest of us.

First off, an experienced climber never starts out a climb unless she knows she has the strength and the endurance to finish safely. Sometimes this means a climber will train for months simply to scale a difficult and novel mountain face. Inexperienced climbers on the other hand, he noted, are famous for

starting up a climb quickly, only to find themselves dangerously weak and in pain when they reach closer and closer to the top. Their lack of preparation puts themselves and others at risk- a risk that patience could prevent.

Second, an experienced climber only moves one limb at a time when searching for a new foothold. Change takes place- but it takes place slowly and surely. At every point on the journey upward, at least three points will be grounded, while only one is allowed free to explore the rock face for a hold. When you watch new climbers, one of the first things you notice is how they try to climb like they walk- with both their hands and their legs moving at the same time. Because a two point base does not provide the stability necessary for sustainable progress- young climbers may make progress faster at first, but they also tend to fall more as well. Apparently, in rock climbing as in turtle racing, slow and steady wins the race. ☺

Finally, as important as strength training is, as important as good technique is, no climber in the world will succeed for long unless they have good gear and a support team they can trust. Clean and dry ropes, and an alert and caring support team all keep each other safe- it takes more than one person to make progress over a long period of time. It takes a team.

So, as I think about change this Easter season- whether we are discerning we need to let something new take root in our souls, or whether we need to allow some ancient anger and bitterness go somehow; I think my friend's wisdom here is helpful. When negotiating change, we do need to make sure our minds and bodies are strong enough to carry the change through- or we might consider waiting until a time we are stronger. When negotiating change, we should focus on one, small, aspect of our soul at a time- too many moving parts at the same time can only be distracting. And, and maybe this is most important- we should make sure when we're negotiating change that we are surrounded by folks who will care about us and be there to keep us from falling too far.

I wish you all strength for the journey this month.

Pax, Ken

HAPPY EASTER!!! CHRIST IS RISEN!!!

Let me tell you, I am glad Lent is over. It was a challenging season for me. I am working at an Episcopal church nearby as an ecumenical Youth Minister. They still like me, even though I am Presbyterian. My job there keeps me very busy as a part time staff member. I run the confirmation class, the youth Sunday school program, the youth group and this month I got to preach. I am tired and glad there are 50 days after Lent until Pentecost. I am also blessed to have a support system at the church that keeps our group in prayer every month. I hope you had a less stressful Lent, but just as challenging as Lent is a time of growth for our faith.

One other note this month: I know you've heard me talk about the Taco Bell boycott over the years and last month I talked about how the people of the church can affect change through their denominations and religious organizations. This last month, the boycott ended. Yum! Corporation, who owns Taco Bell, negotiated a deal with the Immokalee workers in Florida who started the campaign. Last week instead of a rally at Yum! Headquarters in protest, there was a celebration of the new contract at 100 Witherspoon, the national offices of the PC (USA). You can check out the PC (USA) website for more details - <http://www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2005/05145.htm> or <http://www.pcusa.org/boycott/>

I may get frustrated with the church because of how slow some things happen (just 50 years ago women were ordained by the PCUSA), but things are happening (women are serving in pulpits around the country). We have opportunities, as people of faith, to share our concerns with the wider church and see things change. We may not be able to turn water into wine or raise Lazarus from the dead like Jesus did, but we are able to do amazing things in our lives. Like raise our children in loving homes, work for the rights of all people and be Christian in our daily lives at work, play and in the home. Nobody said being Christian was easy, but at times like Easter we can celebrate our hope in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Thanks for being a reminder of that hope in my life.

Shalom,
Heather Chase ><>

MISSION NEWS Mike Shiffer, Elder

Join the TPC REBUILDING TOGETHER Team

On Saturday, April 30, TPC will participate in REBUILDING TOGETHER. (This was formerly known as Christmas in April). Rebuilding Together's mission is to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, assuring that low-



income homeowners, from the elderly and disabled to families with children, live in warmth, safety, and independence. Our project will be to paint a house! And the great news is that the 89th Ct Group Home has been approved as our project. We need 20 or so volunteers (14 or older) for this project. Everything (including the food) is provided - we just need you ready to get a little paint in your hair (but mostly on the house). **Contact Barbara Harriman** or look for the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Food Pantry – Help Wanted

Tualatin School House Pantry is looking for help in picking up the weekly food order from the Food Bank located in Hillsboro. We must pick up our order every Tuesday at 2:30 PM. We need volunteers who can make the trip to Hillsboro, pick up the food and bring it back to our pantry in Tualatin. The food must then be unloaded and taken into the pantry for shelving and storage. This opportunity requires lifting and loading boxes weighing up to 30 pounds.

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Remember to check the TPC website frequently for the latest announcements and news. Copies of recent sermons and newsletters are also found there. And watch for an exciting new look coming soon to www.tpcspirit.com

"God Revealed Through Nature"

All Church Photo Exhibition

Tualatin Presbyterian Church
April 24, 2005

Please share a personal photograph that you feel expresses the amazing way God is revealed through creation. These photographs will be enlarged, framed and on display during our worship on April 24th

You may provide a photo, negative or digital image saved to a disk or CD. The art committee will enlarge and frame your image.

Photos must be turned in by April 17th at the display in the narthex. Please identify with your name and phone number so we may return your photo or CD to you.

contact: Ellen VanSchoiack 503-692-7989

This program is made possible through a Worship Renewal Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan through funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Art News

What color is joy? What shape is suffering and defeat? These were the questions the art production team wrestled with when designing artwork for Good Friday and Easter worship services. Please take a moment to consider how our efforts may have helped you move from the despair and disappointment of the crucifixion into the joy and relief of the resurrection. Your feedback helps us evaluate our work!

Share your comments with our art team, whom we thank for the many hours they dedicated to this project: Stacy and Rick Mauer, Susan Springer, Deb Lewis, Karen Stevenson, Laura Spurrell, Rachel Norse, Rebecca Crall, Dee Johnson, Ron and Ellen VanSchoiack.

General Fund Status January – February 2005



	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 38,266	\$ 34,110
Expense	<u>\$ 36,326</u>	<u>\$ 32,629</u>
Net	\$ 1,940	\$ 1,481

	February 2005 BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 19,133	\$ 18,394
Expense	<u>\$ 18,163</u>	<u>\$ 16,437</u>
Net	\$ 970	\$ 1,957

The offerings collected from the “**BirthDay Chicken**” are given to Heifer Project International. Since 1944, Heifer International has helped more than 4.5 million families in need, providing more than 29 types of food- and income-producing animals and intensive training in animal management and farming and community development.



SERMONS

If you miss a Sunday, or would like to review a past sermon, we now have DVD and CD copies available for checkout in the office.

May 22 – Ordination Sunday

New Elders and Deacons that were voted in on March 13 are as follows:

Adult Education Elder- **Randy Beyer**
 Christian Education Elder- **Shari Olsen**
 Worship Elder - **Dave Backen**
 Deacon - **Pat Devore**
 Deacon - **Jack Lemmon**
 Deacon - **Terri Mitchell**
 Deacon - **Carol Rhodes**

THANK YOU to the outgoing elders and deacons for their years of service to TPC: Carolyn Hale, Sherry Nelson, Janet Winterrowd, Debbie Imus, Dee Dee Hansen, Paula Miller and Lynn Scroggin.

Also thank you to your nominating committee: Susan Springer, Deborah Lewis, Paula Miller, Ted Lambeth, Scott Mitchell, Debbie Reid, Herb Zachow

Christians and laughter



Of all the people on earth, Christians ought to have smiles on their faces and be ready to laugh. After all, if God has defeated death by raising Christ from the dead, we have cause for joy at all times.

After a long day at work, two ministers decided to take a walk before darkness came. As they walked, they told humorous stories and were soon laughing heartily. It felt so good, so therapeutic, that one pastor turned to the other and said, “Theodore, let’s kneel down and thank God for laughter.”

They did just that. Then they arose and went joyfully on their way.

Remember that we are abundantly blessed by God and have cause to laugh often. After all, the Savior lives and we are his friends.

TPC Announcements



April Birthdays

4/02	Toni MacHaffie	4/10	Priya Kadel
4/03	Barbara Allen	4/13	Melissa Evers-Hood
4/04	Lynn Scroggin	4/14	Steven Springer
4/05	David MacKay	4/16	Barry Dean
4/06	Marian Larson	4/16	Roger Reid
4/06	Colin Leland	4/18	Erika Myers
4/07	Carol Rhodes	4/20	Jean Wells
4/07	Mike Myers	4/22	Andy Shiffer
4/07	Sally Mader	4/23	Stu Larson
4/08	Ted Lambeth	4/23	Cameron Sweetland
4/08	Brian Imus	4/24	Ellen VanSchoiack
4/08	Dusty Shiffer	4/27	Senthi Senthirajah
4/09	Abby Petron	4/27	Pam McGregor

New Members

Jack & Dianne Lemmon
 Stephen Kyes
 Karl & Shirley Schultz
 Meg Lewis-Price and Sarah Price

Baptisms

Ryan Schleicher son of Mark & Tara Schleicher was baptized on March 6.

New Babies

Congratulations! Twin sons were born to Scott and Nancy MacHaffie on March 9. Andrew Clark weighed in at 9 lbs 7 oz and Owen Robert weighted 7 lbs 12 oz. Proud Grandparents are Dale and Toni MacHaffie and Great Grandmother Ing MacHaffie.

Please remember in prayer:



The MacHaffie family, June Jackson and Judy Eberhardt (friends of Dorothy Butts), Patty Binegar, (mother of Deborah Lewis), Merle Imus and the Imus family, Robert & Faye Hood (Grandparents of Ken Evers-Hood), Jim Tinnemeyer (friend an colleague of Ken Evers-Hood), Aunt Julie (Hahn and Ortez family), Maureen Goodrich, Alison Schmidt (friend of Alex Backen), Ronnie Lee King (Cameron family).

The Prayer Request Box is located in the narthex. Prayer requests can be made confidentially, if desired. You may indicate whether you would like prayers to be shared in the service, or added to the prayer chain.

Featured TPC Family of the Month



The Lemmons

Jack and Dianne were born at the same hospital in Baker, Oregon. Though they both grew up in Baker, they did not meet until 1967, the Summer of Love. They were married shortly after that. Jack graduated from OSU, Dianne from University of California at Chico. They have two daughters, Tara and Kali, who are both married and each has three boys. Jack has worked for Signode Corporation for 35 years as an Industrial Salesman. Dianne works at OHSU as a research nurse in prostate cancer.

Jack enjoys hunting, sport fishing, and NASCAR races. He is an avid OSU football fan. Dianne loves to cook, garden, quilt, and play the piano. They like to go four wheeling on their quads in eastern Oregon. They also like to travel and love the beach, where they spend much of their free time.

The eyes of the poet and God

Henry David Thoreau, who slipped away to live at Walden Pond for 2 years (1845-1847), began to observe carefully the work of God in nature. In his Journal, written in 1845, he penned these thoughtful words: "Nature doth thus kindly heal every wound. By the mediation of a thousand little mosses and fungi, the most unsightly objects become radiant of beauty. There seem to be two sides of this world, presented us at different times, as we see things in growth or dissolution, in life or death. And seen with the eye of the poet, as God sees them, all things are alive and beautiful."

Save for a Rainy Day



Any day is a good day to start saving money for a rainy day. Make your own "Rainy Day Fund" bank.

Here's what you'll need:

- A clean plastic jar (peanut butter jars work well)
- Scissors
- Felt
- White glue
- Permanent marker



Here's how to make it:

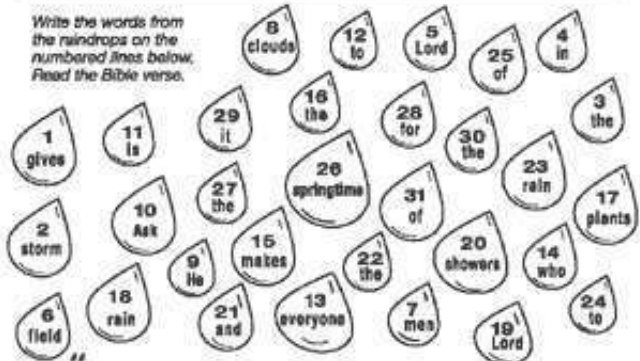
1. Clean and remove the label from the plastic jar.
2. Cut out an umbrella shape from felt and glue it to the side of the jar.
3. Use the marker to write "Rainy Day Fund" on the jar.
4. Cut a slot in the lid (you may need an adult to help).
5. When you get your allowance or earn money doing something for someone, put the money in the lid's slot.
6. Save the money for something special or important. Spend money wisely and remember to give an offering to your church or Sunday school.



Thank God for Rain

Each spring the Lord sends April showers to water the earth. Without rain to nourish our trees, plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables, there would be a poor growing season and very little to harvest. Thank God for rainy weather!

Write the words from the raindrops on the numbered lines below. Read the Bible verse.



10	16	5	28	18	
4		22	26		
29	11	3	19	14	15
27		2	8		
9	1	20	31	23	
12	7	21	17	25	
30	6	24	13		

Zechariah 10:1 *new*

Answer: "Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men; and plants of the field to everyone." Zechariah 10:1

Thank God for CHURCH LADIES WITH TYPEWRITERS. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

- Announcement in a church bulletin for a national PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals."
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."



**Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
April 2005**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Turn your clock ahead!
3 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am Communion	4 Spiritual Formation Group - 7:00 pm (off site) Dance Class 7:30 pm	5 CE Meeting 7:00 pm	6 Bible Study 10:00 am Bells – 6:15 pm Choir 7:30 pm	7 Women's Bible Study @ Evers-Hood Home 7:00 pm	8	9 Communion Servers Retreat
10 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am	11 Deacons Mtg 6:30 pm Spiritual Formation Group - 7:00 pm (off site) Dance Class 7:30 pm	12 Fellowship Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Bible Study 10:00 am Bells – 6:15 pm Choir 7:30 pm	14	15	16
17 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am	18 Spiritual Formation Group - 7:00 pm (off site) Worship Cmt 7:00 pm Dance Class 7:30 pm	19 Tues. Treasures 7:00 pm	20 Bible Study 10:00 am Bells – 6:15 pm Choir 7:30 pm	21 Session 7:00 pm	22	23 Seder Supper 6:00 pm
24 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am	25 Spiritual Formation Group - 7:00 pm (off site) Dance Class 7:30 pm	26	27 Bible Study 10:00 am Bells – 6:15 pm Choir 7:30 pm	28	29	30 Presbytery Lay Mission Conf. 30 th – 5/1 Rebuilding Together – WA County 89 th Ct. house painting

Upcoming Events:

- May 21 – Hiking at Silver Creek Falls
- May 22 – Deacon Sunday & Mexican Food Potluck
- July ? – TPC Picnic
- July 31 – August 5 – Presbytery of the Cascades Family Camp

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**And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us
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Matthew 6:13

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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 9:30am – 12:30pm and 1:00pm – 3:30 pm
Friday – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES 2005

SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd – Seder



A Seder Meal is a family dinner that reflects the Passover story. It is one of the great tools used and developed by the Hebrews to teach the faith. The Seder gives us a process that helps us understand Passover night and may deepen the meaning of the sacrament of communion. Sign up sheet is on the Tower.

SATURDAY, May 21st- Hiking



Come join us for a hike at Silver Creek Falls. We will leave TPC at 10:00 and have a picnic on the trail. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up sheet on the Tower.

SUNDAY, May 22nd – Deacon Sunday & Mexican Food Potluck



Come meet your deacon and join us for your favorite Mexican food.

SUNDAY, July ? – Church Picnic



It's still too soon to reserve Tualatin City Park for July. We hope the picnic will be either July 17 or 24th. We'll let you know.

Presbytery of the Cascades Family Camp – July 31st to August 5th



Honeyman State Park on the coast at Florence, Oregon. Brochures for family camp are available in the narthex. If you would like to know what goes on at Family Camp, talk to the members of the following families who have attended: Cameron, Garcia, Harriman, Jones, Lambeth, Lewis, Maleta, MacKay, Robertson, Sparks, Wilson, Springer, Sweetland and Van Schoick.

Family Camp Website

home.comcast.net/~cascadesfamilycamp

Check out pictures from past years' Family Camps

Youth News

Summer Mission Trip 2 Mexico June 17th-27th

We will be partnering with Westminster Presbyterian Church in Medford, Oregon for our 2005 Mission Trip. Three additional Presbyterian churches and one Lutheran church will also be traveling with us as we work with AMOR Ministries in Tijuana, Mexico. I encourage you to visit www.amor.org for additional information on their organization.

The AMOR mission trip is a short-term mission trip based on serving the local church in Mexico, while creating cross-cultural understanding through direct exposure to the Mexican culture. We do not want our group to just build a house in a developing nation. We want our students to understand the conditions of poverty through immersion. We will build an 11'x22', two room home with a slab floor, stucco-finished exterior, two windows, and a door. The house is a simple design, built according to the standards of the community so that a group without skilled labor or power tools can still complete the project. Our project may also include a double house for larger families, schools, churches and medical clinics, but these are dependent upon the needs of the community and the total number of mission trip participants in our group. We expect over 100 participants to travel with us this summer.

Anyone over the age of 14 is invited to join us! Please talk with Crystal for further information.

Cost: \$450 for students, \$300 for adults

Seder Meal April 23rd

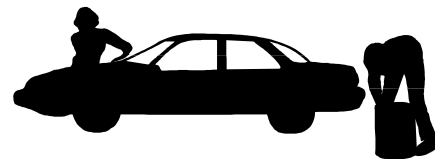
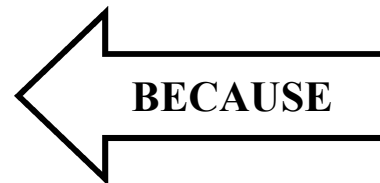
Students are encouraged to attend with their parents. This is not a youth specific event.

YOUTH GROUP

**5:30 – 7:00 pm
(Dinner Included)**

**EVERY SUNDAY
IN APRIL**

**Fundraisers are
On the Way!**



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YOUTH TEE-SHIRTS ARE ON THE WAY!

