

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

Whenever we say the Apostles' Creed, we confess that Jesus descended into hell. Why in the world do we say such a thing? What's the basis for it? And what does it mean?

Though no book of the Bible fully develops a narrative telling the story of Jesus descending into Hell, sketches of this story are scattered throughout scripture. In 1 Peter 3:18 we hear how Christ descends to make a proclamation to those destroyed in the Noahic floods now sitting in "prison". And later in 1 Peter 4:5-6 that the Gospel comes even to the dead, so that "though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does." In the letter to the Ephesians, Ephesians 4:9, Paul teaches not only that Christ has ascended into heaven, but also that Christ descended below the very depths of the Earth as well, the place the ancients believed Sheol, or Hades, to be.

The early church takes these fragments and pieces together a story. Church Fathers such as Melito of Sardis, Tertullian, and Origen began to weave these elements together relating these scriptures to what takes place on Holy Saturday, the night Jesus spends in the tomb, between his death on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter morning. What happens is that on Holy Saturday, Christ descends into Hell itself, destroying the gates of Hell, and preaching the good news to all the denizens of Hell. Then, though the Fathers disagree on how many follow him, Jesus then leaves Hell taking with him whoever wants to follow. Some Fathers, like Tertullian, taught that Christ came to deliver the "good guys" of the Old Testament, people like Adam and Eve and Abraham and Sarah, who were righteous but lived before Jesus came. Other Fathers, like Origen, taught that Christ destroyed the gates of Hell and freed everyone dwelling

inside- not just the good guys but all the occupants of Hell.

The church continued to develop this theme, and around year 1000, a theologian named Aelfric coined the phrase the "Harrowing of Hell" to describe this belief. To harrow is to rake, or destroy, and Aelfric taught that Christ, in his descent into Hell, destroyed Hell and raked from it the righteous who dwelled there.

This Holy Week, we will celebrate an ancient form of the Triduum. While in the modern church Triduum is celebrated beginning with Maundy Thursday and ending with Easter Sunday, the earliest form of Triduum includes just Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. This year, we will follow this ancient pattern, and on Holy Saturday, TPC is putting on a play called "The Harrowing", depicting Christ's descent into Hell, the destruction of Hell, and demonstrating once and for all that what the Psalmist sings is true: "If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there." (Psalm 139.) Put it on your calendar!

In Christ,  
Pastor Ken

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### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 1** – The Palm Sunday 10:30 am worship service will be followed by a pancake and sausage brunch. There will be Sunday school and an Easter egg hunt that day. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected.

**Thursday, April 5** – Maundy Thursday, no service

**Friday, April 6** – Good Friday, worship service at 7:00 pm

**Saturday, April 7** – Easter Vigil Service at 7:30 pm This service is not suitable for small children.

**Sunday, April 8 – Easter worship service at 10:30 am.** No Sunday school. No adult

## **Social Justice Corner**

by Martha Wilson

education classes. Bring Flowers for the cross.

Many years ago, for a multitude of reasons, I decided to leave the denomination of my upbringing. At the time I was working with the severely mentally ill. The denomination with which I was involved was very concerned with mission work, which it defined almost exclusively as overseas evangelism, but failed to demonstrate that they were Christ's hands to the poor, widows, orphans or otherwise marginalized people, including the severely mentally ill, living in Portland, OR. When I made my difficult decision to leave, I began seeking a denomination that placed an emphasis on social justice. The Presbyterian Church USA has long had a reputation for attending to the call of Micah 6:8, which reads: What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Throughout His lifetime, Jesus demonstrated in word and deed that we are to care for the sick, the poor and the outcasts; that we are to work for justice. Justice comes in many forms. It can involve giving of money, or withholding of money (boycotts.) It can involve letter-writing campaigns or sign-carrying marches. It can be as simple as making a conscious and informed choice about where your coffee or clothing originates, as to not be a participant in unfair trade practices or sweatshop working conditions.

The following quote comes from: **PEACEMAKING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE DIRECTORY FOR WORSHIP OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

God sends the church in the power of the Holy Spirit to share with Christ in establishing God's just, peaceable, and loving rule in the world. God's reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of justice and peace. The church in worship proclaims, receives, and enacts reconciliation in Jesus Christ and commits itself to strive for justice and peace in its own life and in the world (W-7.4001)

Justice is the order God sets in human life for fair and honest dealing and for giving rights to those who have no power to claim rights for themselves. The biblical vision of doing justice calls for

- a. dealing honestly in personal and public business,
- b. exercising power for the common good,
- c. supporting people who seek the dignity, freedom, and respect that they have been denied,
- d. working for fair laws and just administration of the law,
- e. welcoming the stranger in the land,
- f. seeking to overcome the disparity between rich and poor,
- g. bearing witness against political oppression and exploitation,
- h. redressing wrongs against individuals, groups, and peoples in the church, in this nation, and in the whole world. (W-7.4001)

There is no peace without justice. Wherever there is brokenness, violence, and injustice the people of God are called to peacemaking ....in the world where nations place national security above all else, where the zealotry of religion, race, or ideology explodes in violence, and where the lust for getting and keeping economic or political power erupts in rioting or war ..... in communities racked by crime and fear .... (W-7.4003)

I hope to begin a regular column for the Spirit that informs you of opportunities to practice social justice. Many of these will come directly from the denomination, PCUSA. Our denomination has many committees (surprise!) designed to work for social justice. You can read about them at the website: [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). These committees include: The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, The Advocacy Committee for Racial and Ethnic Concerns, The Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns, The Presbyterian Health Education and Welfare Association, Presbyterians for Addiction Action, Presbyterian Association for Community Transformation, Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network, Presbyterian AIDS Network, Presbyterians Affirming Reproductive Options, Presbyterian Association of Specialized Pastoral Ministries, Presbyterian Child Advocacy Network, Presbyterians for Disability Concerns, Presbyterian Health Network, Presbyterian Serious

Mental Illness Network, and others. I would love to hear from any of you about specific social justice issues you'd like to see addressed in future articles. Until then, do good work!



## April Birthdays

4/02	Toni MacHaffie	4/13	Melissa Evers-Hood
4/03	Barbara Allen	4/14	Steven Springer
4/04	Lynn Scroggin	4/16	Roger Reid
4/05	David MacKay	4/18	Erika Myers
4/06	Marian Larson	4/20	Jean Wells
4/07	Carol Rhodes	4/23	Stu Larson
4/07	Mike Myers	4/23	Cameron Sweetland
4/08	Ted Lambeth	4/24	Ellen VanSchoiack
4/09	Abby Peterson	4/27	Senthi Senthirajah
4/10	Priya Kadel	4/27	Pamela McGregor



### “Ants in Your Pants” Group looking for adults to spend some time reading books, working puzzles, and overseeing a fun 30-40 minutes on Sunday mornings!

Our new group for kids, the “Ants in Your Pants” group, is launching on April 15th. This will provide an optional activity for preschool to young elementary kids during the last half of the worship service. We are staffing this group with volunteers from the congregation and we would love to have many adults helping out, not only parents. There is **no preparation involved**, just spend 30-40 minutes downstairs getting to know some of our younger folks. We are looking for one adult and one backup adult each Sunday. Resources and activities include: games, puzzles, crafts, felt boards, books, videos, computer games, cards, coloring and activity sheets, play dough, and more! Sound like fun? Please look for sign-up sheets on the tower.

**We are also looking for a coordinator for this group to oversee scheduling- please contact Shari Olsen or the office if you are willing!**

### PICTURE DIRECTORY

Sign up with Scott and Pam Cameron to have your picture taken for the TPC picture directory. They take pictures on Saturdays 1-4 pm and Sundays noon to 4 pm. If you don't want to have your picture taken, you can give a photograph to Scott and Pam. It will be nice to have faces to go with all the names in the church directory.

### MISSION IN MOTION

#### Tuesday Treasures' Sunday a great success!

Treasure Sunday gave ten Treasures and their family members the chance to feel the warmth of TPC through participation in worship followed by a potluck luncheon on February 25<sup>th</sup>. April quickly identified Ted Lambeth in the crowd in the Narthex and insisted he be her escort. Erik and Laura Spurrell jointly led the Call to Worship. Robin's highlight was vacuuming the sanctuary after the potluck. (Cliff was most willing to share the vacuum cleaner!). Our thanks to the Treasure volunteers and everyone from TPC who helped our special guests feel welcomed and loved.

If you are interested in becoming involved in our Treasure program, an outreach to developmentally disabled adults in our community, or would like more information about the program, please contact Carolyn Locke at 503 656-1534.

#### The One Great Hour of Sharing Theme this year is “Who Is My Neighbor”?

In reality, our neighbors are everywhere from those next door - to Louisiana - to the Sudan and anywhere else in the world where there are needs. So, how do we act out our Lord's command to “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:39)?

We know people are hungry; we know about AIDS, street children and the abused; we know about natural disasters, wars and famines. Together we can work to alleviate all types of suffering by joining thousands of other Christians who love their neighbors by giving wholeheartedly of their gifts of time, energy and money.

Our efforts are supporting improved nutrition in Uganda and the Dominican Republic. We are caring for refugees in Sudan and Somalia; we have expanded access for fresh foods for the poor in inner-city Chicago; we maintain programs for recovering alcoholics in California and help them to build new productive lives; we are supporting job training for AIDS victims in Kenya and rebuilding quake-ravaged villages in Pakistan as well as assisting the many, many volunteers who are helping to rebuild communities on the Gulf Coast.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Together we can make a difference. May our gifts transform the lives of all they touch!

**General Fund Status  
January – February 2007**



	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 34,767	\$ 29,617
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$ 34,265</u>	<u>\$ 30,829</u>
<b>Net</b>	\$ 502	\$ -1,212

	<b>February 2007 BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 17,383	\$ 17,116
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$ 17,132</u>	<u>\$ 14,598</u>
<b>Net</b>	\$ 251	\$ 2,518

**PER CAPITA UPDATE**

This year TPC paid over \$5,000 in per capita. So far we have received just over \$1,000 in member payments. Each member is asked to pay their own per capita expense of \$21.26. This is an individual fee, not a family fee. Please make your check payable to TPC, write per capita on the comment line and put it in the offering plate. Thank you.

**A Message from Denise Collins:**

Because of low attendance for the high school Sunday School class, the high schoolers will now join the adult classes for Sunday school.

**TPC Family of the Month**



**Brian & Carolyn Locke** first attended TPC in 1987 on a day of celebration for the Church. It was announced that they had met their pledge goal to proceed with construction of a

permanent TPC Building. Carolyn works in the Department of International Student Services at Lewis & Clark College. Her involvement with TPC has been as an Elder for Mission & Christian Ed. and she served on the Pastor Nominating Committee. She currently plays bells with our TPC Bell Choir, is involved with the Tuesday Treasures Program and TPC's Mission Committee. Brian is a Project Design Engineer for Johnson Controls. He served on the Sprinkler System Committee and the Bldg. & Ground Committee. The Locke's have three children, Janet,

who lives in Japan, Jeff, who is currently working on his PhD in Marine Bio., and Julie, who is working for Evergreen School District.

**57 and Counting**

Since Fall of 2005, Loving Stitches have given 26 knitted or crocheted blankets, 23 quilts, 7 fleece blankets, to the Domestic Violence Center, Project Linus, ABC Quilts (now Lullaby Quilts), for children at Doernbecker Hospital. We also gave 6 fleece blankets (3 were made by Shirley's sister, Mary Hunter in MA) to Candlelight (for children going for cancer treatment). Clare Hohn donated 11 blankets (given by a former gifted crocheter). Nine were trimmed with crochet, and 2 we made into quilts. Two embroidered pillowcases were given by a friend, Marie Brunton.

So far in 2007, we have 8 fleece blankets, 6 tied by Nick Dannemiller, Neil Olson, and Elsie Steffen of the NUMS Youth Group - Thank you!! And thanks to directors Jackie Dannemiller and Marsha Steffen for your help and encouragement. The NUMS Group in 2006 worked on a multiple fabric quilt. We also had 6 blankets and 3 quilts delivered Feb. 14.

Can't you imagine the happy smiles of the children getting a gift of one of these?!

Please call Shirley Schultz (503-625-9810) or Jaci Smith (503-244-6348) to be a part of this fun project.



*To celebrate the impending birth of  
Melissa and Pastor Ken's daughter,*

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A**

**BABY SHOWER  
FOR  
MELISSA EVERS-HOOD**

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007@ 2:00 PM  
TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please RSVP to Deborah Lewis at  
(503) 692-5504 or to [lewisdeb80@hotmail.com](mailto:lewisdeb80@hotmail.com)

### **THE MELISSA AND PASTOR KEN EVERS-HOOD BABY POOL IS NOW OPEN**

Melissa and Pastor Ken are expecting the birth of their second child, a daughter, on Sunday, May 6. But will she really arrive that day? What do you think? Enter the Evers-Hood baby pool and tell us.

**WHAT IS THIS?** On the tower in the narthex is a Baby Pool Calendar for the dates April 22 through May 20...two weeks before the anticipated delivery date to two weeks after. Determine the date AND TIME when you believe little Evers-Hood will arrive. Write your name on the date and write the time when you believe the baby will be born. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY so we can read your handwriting.

**COST:** There's an envelope on the tower near the calendar. Please donate \$1.00 for each guess. You may guess as often as you like; each guess is \$1.00. The money collected will be split between a college account for the baby and a gift certificate for Melissa.

**WHO WINS:** The baby pool winner will be the person who guesses the date and time that is closest, but not after the actual date and time. So if the baby is born at noon, and someone guesses 11:30 am and someone else guesses 12:30 pm on the day of the birth, the 11:30 am guess wins.

**PRIZE:** The winner will be the first member of the congregation to hold the new baby on the Sunday (to be determined) when she is introduced to the congregation; we'll take your picture and print it in the next newsletter.

**DEADLINE:** This pool will close on Sunday, April 22.

Questions? Talk to Susan Springer (503) 692-2893

## *April in Faith Village*

*New Curriculum – In Lent we started “Seasons of the Spirit”, a lectionary-based curriculum connecting worship, learning and service for all ages. The children will be studying stories and ideas related to the lectionary reading for each Sunday.*

*The new curriculum can be taught on a week-to-week basis,  
no long-term commitment is required!  
Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board next to the choir room.*

### **Class Calendar:**

March 25 – *No Sunday School (first weekend of Spring Break)*  
April 1 – *Palm Sunday Regular classes, Egg Hunt following potluck*  
April 8 – *Easter, no Sunday School classes*  
April 22 – *Bible presentation for 4<sup>th</sup> graders during worship*  
April 29 – *Music for Mother's Day – come practice a children's anthem from 9:15-9:30 on 4/29, 5/6, & 5/13.*

**Bible Presentation Sunday April 22:** Please let us know if you have a

4<sup>th</sup> grader (or a 5<sup>th</sup> grader that did not receive a bible last year.)  
E-mail Shari Olsen at [ssjkolsen@msn.com](mailto:ssjkolsen@msn.com) or contact the office.

***Needed: 1 or 2 hand-me-down computers.***

Upcoming CE Committee meeting Thursday, April 5. All are welcome!

**TPC celebrates 25 Years**

**Happy Birthday TPC!**

**Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm**

*Wow! This evening's going to be great! There will be a Dessert Buffet; Gather Round the Piano Hymn Sing; a Slide Show of you and your TPC family and our special guests: Charlie and Edda Brown, Philip and Dorothy Martin, Dick and Jeni Wiggers, Thom and Cindy Nelson and Ken and Melissa Evers-Hood.*

Some words from our special guests\*

"Edda and I have traveled the world, entertained prominent media celebrities in our apartment in Paris and between the two of us, speak at least 3 languages, but *nothing* will compare to this party!"

**Charlie Brown**

"The March on Washington was a special event, but believe me, this event is going to be more memorable. Lincoln said, 'Common looking people are the best in the world: that is the reason the Lord makes so many of them.' and this is a great opportunity to celebrate what we have in common."

**Philip Martin**

'Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time.' (Oswald Chambers, the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Scottish Preacher and Author.) I think of this when I think about why I'm in Reno. See you at the party!"

**Dick Wiggers**

"Until you have lived in Tennessee, you have no idea what its like to be around hundreds of thousands of people wearing bright orange. Cindy and I can't wait to get back to Oregon and put on our orange and black and green and gold!"

**Thom Nelson**

"Thomas Merton's influence has continued to grow, and he is considered by many to be an important 20th century Catholic mystic and thinker. Merton's letters and diaries (and, to a lesser extent, the books published during his lifetime) reveal the intensity with which Merton focused on social justice issues, including the civil rights movement and proliferation of nuclear arms. Incidentally, Merton blocked publication of his letters and diaries until 25 years after his death. Coincidence? I don't think so...25 years is truly a chance to celebrate!"

**Ken Evers-Hood**

**\*Actually NONE of our special guests said any of these things...to find out what they really say,**

**JOIN US MAY 12<sup>th</sup> FOR OUR BIRTHDAY PARTY!**

## 2007 AUCTION WRAP-UP

The dynamic duo of Craig Walker and Charlie Brown spearheaded the oral auction, and with a little help now and then from the congregation, kept the bidding going. Their verbal sparring only added to the atmosphere of fun.

The generosity of the members of the congregation, both in donating items and in purchasing items, made this a very successful auction. More than \$9300 was raised.

A huge thank you to Clare Hahn for organizing this event and for keeping it very visible in the days leading up to it. Thanks to the many volunteers who contributed in a variety of ways...also to Debby Owen for putting together the auction booklet, to Pam and Scott Cameron for selling \$842 of raffle tickets, to Dave Backen, Denise Collins and Del Judy for keeping the paper work flowing during the oral auction. Thanks also to everyone who brought an hors d'oeuvres or a dessert.

And, we must not forget to thank the guys who took the pies in the face, Scott Cameron and Greg Imus. What good sports; a sight to remember.

Good food and laughter abounded. A PAH-TEE. It was a memorable night...for a good cause.



Here are just a few of the articles donated to the Auction.



Charlie Brown & Craig Walker kept the bidding going along with providing a lot of laughs!



Debbie Imus and Karen Jones gave out the bidding paddles.



Dave Backen, Denise Collins & Clare Hahn helped keep things running smoothly!



Pam Cameron outsold Scott for the raffle tickets



Denise and Pam both got Scott



Both Scott and Greg were great sports and I bet the pies tasted good too!

# TREASURE NIGHT PROGRAM

*Tualatin Presbyterian Church has had an active Treasure program since 2001. Our Treasure Night is usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.*

Treasure Nights are one of the programs of **Quiet Waters Outreach**. QWO is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and caregivers by providing services to restore their spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental health.

In addition to supporting Treasure Nights, QWO offers family support services (support groups, counseling, etc.), respite care (Martha's Place, a bed and breakfast for those with developmental disabilities, located in Tigard), and life enhancement services (Bible studies, life-skills training, activity nights, etc.). All services are provided free of charge, except for respite care.

For more information, please visit the QWO website: [www.quietwatersoutreach.org](http://www.quietwatersoutreach.org)

## *What is a Treasure Night?*

A "Treasure Night" is a designated Tuesday of the month for each participating church when volunteers and Treasures get together to sing songs, play games, study a Bible lesson, pray, make crafts, and eat creative snacks. It is a great opportunity for Treasures to interact with others with similar disabilities while building strong friendships.

Sunday, February 25, 2007 was TPC's Tuesday Treasure Sunday. See pictures below:

