



A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. CHARLIE BROWN

My Co-Ministers in Christ,

Lent is to be among many things a time to reflect and access our faith journeys. All too rarely do we take the time to think about that journey. Respond to the following questions. Where do your answers come from and where do they take you?

I want to encourage you to take some time and write down what has been most encouraging and most difficult in your personal journey. Be honest, be open, and list both the "good" and "bad." No one else needs to see your responses. There will be no grades listed. This is for your use to better see how your journey is progressing. Blessings on your trip.

1. Who was the first person you knew loved you? How did you experience that?
2. Who was the first person you loved? How did they experience that?
3. When did you know that God loved you? What occurred to make you know that?
4. Has God disappointed you? Have you disappointed God?
5. From whom have you received forgiveness? Who have you forgiven? What were those experiences like?

I have two favorite biblical verses/concepts that challenge and help me in my journey:

Mark 9:24 (NRSV)

Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

Mark 12:30-31 (NRSV)

you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' [31] The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Have a good trip. I look forward to sharing it with you.

Love, joy and peace,

Charlie

April in Faith Village



Confirmation Class

Pastor Ken will teach a Confirmation Class with the Middle/High School Sunday School class starting April 6. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join him for class from 9:00 to 10:00 on Sunday mornings.

Seasons of the Spirit

Lent and Easter invite us to discover God's steadfast love, which surrounds us in all of our times, and beyond time. These seasons encourage us to join our testimony to that of the first witnesses of the Resurrection. Through our witness, we help to form a community that embodies Christ's love.

(From Seasons of the Spirit Lent/Easter 2008)

Bibles for 4th graders will be presented during Worship on Sunday, April 13.

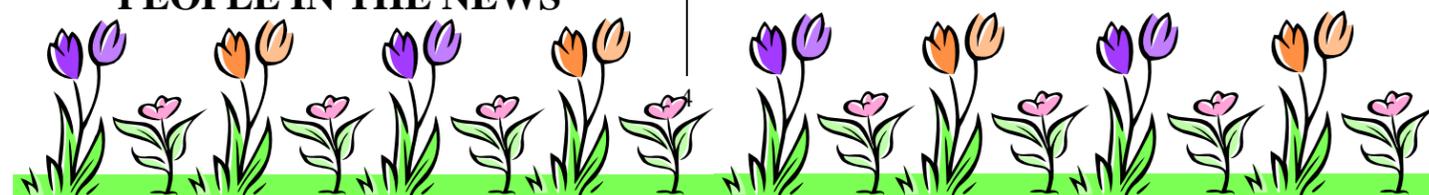
Kids in Worship

Interested in being part of the processional, collecting the offering, reading, or greeting on Sunday mornings? The children and youth of TPC are invited to be part of all of these aspects of worship. We need a coordinator to get the names of interested kids to the appropriate people. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Shari Olsen at ssjkolsen@msn.com or (503) 635-4019.

Help Needed ~ Bulletin Boards: One or two youth or adults willing to periodically update our boards- flexible hours, materials provided!

Next Christian Ed Meeting: Monday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Featured Members of the Month



Mark, Molly, Morgan and Mary Maleta

Native Oregonians Mark and Mary Maleta have lived in Oregon all but two years of their lives. Mark graduated from Tigard High School and the University of Oregon. Mary is a graduate of Parkrose High School in Northeast Portland and attended Portland Community College.

Mark and Mary have been married for 28 years. Morgan was born in Woodinville, Wash. where they lived for two years. They moved to Durham in 1986, where Molly was born and where they currently reside.

They began attending TPC in 1998 after visiting several churches in the area. Mary grew up going to Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southeast Portland, so TPC seemed like the natural fit for her. Having been raised Catholic, Mark liked the laid-back, comfortable, family atmosphere, so he agreed.

Mark works for Coe Newnes McGehee in Tigard, where he is the Business Development Manager. He travels extensively in North America and overseas developing business for a new Lumber Grading Vision System. He has served a term as a Deacon at TPC.

Mary works part-time at two jobs. At Westside Dance and Gymnastics Academy she works in the After School Care program during the school year and the All Day Activity Camp in the

summer. At Community Newspapers she works for The Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood Times and The Beaverton Valley Times. Look for her "Out & About" column in the "Living Here" section. She also inputs the Business Calendar, Religion Notes, weddings, scouts, military news, school notes and many other local happenings.

Morgan and Molly graduated from Tualatin High School.

Morgan, 23, lives at home and works at Bridgeport Village. She is a huge fan of the Oregon Ducks and the Portland Trail Blazers.

Molly, 20, is a junior at Western Oregon University where she is majoring in American Sign Language/English interpreting, with a minor in special education. She spent the last term volunteering at Oregon School for the Deaf, which she really enjoyed. She learned that high school students are more difficult to work with than elementary students are. When she is not studying or working on homework she likes to hang out with her roommates and other friends.

As a family, the Maleta's enjoy snow skiing, camping and going to the Oregon coast to a family cabin in Neskowin.



COMPUTER RESCUE

It could have been a "normal" week...if the computer had continued to work correctly. But no, it stopped communicating with the printer. Not good...at any time. Help!

Fortunately TPC has Ted Pelletier and Mike Shiffer to turn to when computers act up. Ted spent hours and hours here in the office troubleshooting the computer and rebuilding a new one. And he had just spent days and days networking the Sunday School computers.

Thank you so much Ted, for your expertise, time and perseverance. Oh, how we needed you!

SPRING CLEANING DAY

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the Church Clean-Up on Saturday, March 8. A lot of work was done and the outside looks great.



**SOUND SYSTEM TRAINING
SUNDAY APRIL 13, 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

John Lewis will teach a short class in how to operate the sound system. All are invited to come learn a new skill. No previous sound board experience is required.



SEDER, SATURDAY, April 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for the TPC version of the celebration of the Jewish Passover. It's a fun-filled evening filled with the story of the Jewish Passover that culminates in a yummy dinner of soups, stews and salad. Sign up on the tower in the narthex. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child under the age of 12.



ATTENTION QUILTERS! You are invited to enhance our worship by displaying your quilts during a special service on **April 27th**.

We hope you will share several examples of your work. We would appreciate the participating quilters' help determining the best way to handle and display the quilts.

Please sign up on the tower in the narthex if you would like to participate or if you would like more information. Or call Ellen VanSchoiack at 503-692-7989



POETRY AND YOGA WORKSHOP

Adult Education invites you to a day of relaxation and self-discovery. On **Saturday, May 3**, Richard Brown returns to TPC to present "The House as a Healing Metaphor: Exploring the Rooms of Our Lives through Yoga and Poetry." The workshop will be in the sanctuary. It will start at **9:15 am** and run until about **3:30 pm**. Please wear loose, comfortable clothes, bring a journal and something to write with. We will write poetry, but this is *not* a writers' workshop. We will use poetry as a means to personal growth. Anyone can do it. Sign up on the tower in the narthex. For more information, contact Chris Robertson at (503) 612-0963 or Joan Nardi (503)684-6529.

**JEWELRY MAKING CLASS
SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1:00-4:00 P.M.**

This class will be led by Nancy Wilcox who is a "master jewelry maker." It will cover necklaces,

bracelets and earrings and is open to everyone middle-school aged to adult. Cost is \$15 for the tools and basic supplies, plus the cost of whatever beads and wires you choose to use during the class. Class size is limited to 15. Sign-up on the tower in the narthex.



**THE BROADWAY ROSE THEATER
LES MISERABLES
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 8 p.m.**

Deb Fennell Auditorium at Tigard High School For tickets, sign up on the tower or talk to Paula Miller, Fellowship Elder. Cost is \$22.50 each.



Adult Mission Trip

The Mission Committee is discussing opportunities for an adult mission trip and would like your input. In the past, the church has had many successful youth mission trips, but has not had one geared strictly for adults. Now is the time! The general format of the trip would be a hands-on work effort of approximately a week's duration. Timing for the trip is undetermined at this point, but would be no sooner than six to nine months from now. We have given thought to the possibility of International, National or Regional trips. Examples might include: 1. a trip to Central America with the objective of providing clean water or needed, basic facilities working with the Presbyterian Border Ministry; 2. a trip to the Gulf Coast to continue with the much needed repair and rebuild after Katrina working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; 3. a trip to the Pendleton area to improve existing facilities at a camp and conference center run by the Synod of the Pacific; or 4. a trip to the Weed, California area to construct low income housing working with the local Presbyterian church and Habitat for Humanity.



The opportunities are numerous! It only takes the interest and the willingness of congregational members to participate and serve. We are looking for your thoughts and comments. If an adult mission trip is of interest to you, or if you have other ideas for a trip, or know of other needed efforts, we would like to hear from you. Please contact either Joan Nardi (503) 684-6529, jnardi@polyvision.com or Chip Kyle (503) 387-3940, cvkyle@comcast.net with comments and suggestions.





*Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
April 2008*



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		7:00 p.m. Mission	No morning Bible Study No choir rehearsal	7:00 p.m. bell choir rehearsal		
6 3 rd Sunday of Easter 9:00-10:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship with Communion CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	7 Spiritual Formation 7:00 pm Off site	8 7:00 pm Fellowship meeting Guitar Jam 7:00 pm	9 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.	10 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	11	12
13 4 th Sunday of Easter 9:00-10:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45-12:30 p.m. Sound System training 5:00 p.m. Youth Groups Logos/Kairos	14 7:00 pm CE Meeting 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting	15 7:00 p.m. Guitar Jam 7:00-8:30 pm Tuesday's Treasures	16 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	17 SESSION MEETING 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 pm	18	19 Seder Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
20 5 th Sunday of Easter 9:00-10:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	21	22 Guitar Jam 7:00 pm	23 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm	24 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	25	26
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ADULT EDUCATION

Starting March 30, the Sunday morning Adult Education class will start a 12-week study of Islam. This is a DVD lecture series by John Esposito, Professor of Islamic Studies at Georgetown University. A discussion will follow each 30 minute lecture. The class will meet in the Adult Ed classroom downstairs from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.