



With the arrival of spring comes the end of terms of service for elders and deacons in the class of 2009. In a “normal” year, if there be such a thing, the nominating committee would need to identify individuals to fill three elder and four deacon positions. However this is not such a year.

Two of our current elders are willing to serve a second term: Joan Nardi, as Mission Elder and Craig Bowen, as Youth Elder. Scott Mitchell is finishing his 3-year term as Administration Elder and hence, we need to find someone to fill that position. The Administration Elder oversees church finances, investments, stewardship and personnel matters for church employees. Scott will still be involved, as he will change hats and take on the position of treasurer when his elder term ends in May.

In addition to identifying one person for an elder position, the nominating committee needs to identify four individuals to take on the role of deacon. That’s where we, the members of the nominating committee, could use your help. But what are we asking of these future elders and deacons? What do elders and deacons do?

An ELDER serves on the Session and attends a monthly meeting, usually the third Thursday of each month. The Session leads and governs the congregation. Each elder oversees one of the nine areas of ministry that is integral to the management of the church and to the implementation of its mission. From worship to outreach, adult education to youth, administration to building and grounds...there’s an opportunity to share one’s energy, talents and vision for TPC.

A DEACON serves our church family by taking a special interest in his or her “parish” group. Parish members may go to their deacon with questions, joys and concerns. Deacons often act in a supportive roll for parish members in need. Deacons meet once a month, usually on the second Monday of the month, to discuss what is happening within their parishes and what can be done for our church family.

You can help by giving us the names of TPC members who you think would welcome the opportunity to share their time, talents and ideas. **YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATING THEM** in any way. You are helping create a list of names to be considered for these positions. Your suggestions can be written on a piece of paper and placed in the offering plate, or you can speak to one of us on the nominating committee.

Pastor Ken will conduct training sessions to give guidance to the new elders and deacons. The current elders and deacons will help the newly “elected” feel prepared for their new positions.

Faith and works go hand in hand. One, without the other, is intention without commitment. Each of us has faith or we wouldn’t attend TPC. In becoming an elder or deacon, that person may embark on a new journey, one that will enrich you and our church family.

Thank you for your suggestions. We appreciate your help! Please feel free to contact us if you have questions.

Your 2009 Nominating Committee  
Elders: Norman Dannemiller, Chris Robertson  
Deacon: Kathy Sweetland  
Members at Large: Diane Adams, Karen Jones, Susan Springer, Jay Wilcox



# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**DAVID NORSE**— is headed off to the Iona Community in Scotland. What's that?

The Iona Community is a dispersed Christian ecumenical community working for peace and social justice, rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship. The community came out of the rebuilding of the abbey on the Island of Iona, a place of Christian Pilgrimage in Scotland since 750 C.E. The Camas center has been around since the 1940's with the mission of exposing underprivileged and urban youth with opportunities to experience God thinly veiled in creation. Sea kayaking, repelling, hiking (known as hill walking to the Scots) and living in community are fundamental parts of that ministry. David Norse will join them on April 14<sup>th</sup> and will remain through August 28<sup>th</sup>. While there he will focus on kayaking and learning about worship, Celtic understandings of theology, and God's own calling for his life. To see David's Blog and get a link to his pictures, please go to [revelinthethinplaces.wordpress.com](http://revelinthethinplaces.wordpress.com)

## BEFORE DAVID LEAVES... A LOOK BACK

David Norse has been at TPC since he was eight years old. In that time he has graduated from high school, attended and graduated from Lewis & Clark College with a degree in Religious studies, and has been accepted to Princeton Theological Seminary. Currently he is in the process of coming under the care of the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry, with the goal of entering into ordained ministry as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. For the past four years he has worked with Valley Community Presbyterian Church's high school youth group. The position of intern was offered to him, and he had never really considered working with youth until that point. Now youth ministry is a strong passion of his. Three summers of working as staff at Suttle Lake United Methodist Camp also helped shape David into a passionate supporter of outdoor education and Christian Community building while in God's creation.



The son of Rick and Rachel Norse, David is also an avid photographer, loves to hike and sea kayak, and play music with his friends. TPC has been a formative part of him these past fifteen years and he is grateful for the blessing of its love and support.



TPC Men's Group  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ski Day  
Top of The Magic Mile above  
Timberline Lodge  
Saturday, February 28, 2009

Pictured left to right:  
Bob Feiler, Craig Bowen, Kay Kinyon, Doug Steffen and Mark Maleta. Not pictured are Gordy Winterrowd and Scott Cameron (the man taking the picture).

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## **The Seder Dinner...sign up and come**

At TPC when you come to the Seder dinner on Saturday, April 4, at 6 PM you will be given a script. Over the course of the meal, through the use of readings, symbols and movement, such as leaning to the left, we will tell the story of Passover and the lessons learned from it.

The Hebrews developed and used the Seder as a tool to teach their faith. By retelling the events of Passover, we're reminded of the need for eternal vigilance in the struggle to preserve and advance the cause of freedom and human dignity.

## **Seder Symbols**

A roasted shankbone serves as a reminder of the Paschal Lamb. Jewish families were instructed to take a lamb and slaughter it at twilight on the 14th day of the month and take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel (crossbar) of the houses in which they ate. The Lord would pass over the homes marked by blood and spare the first born.

An egg is the symbol of new life. A roasted egg is a reminder of the sacrifice that took place in the temple of old. The egg is eaten to remind us of the destruction of the Temple and the obligation of all to aid in the rebuilding of God's people.

Maror—These bitter herbs (horseradish) are a reminder of the bitterness of slavery.

Haroset—a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon and wine represents the mortar the Israelite slaves used while enslaved in Egypt.

Matzah— is unleavened bread. It commemorates the unleavened bread that the Jews took with them as they fled Egypt; there was no time to wait for the bread to rise.

Parsley—is a symbol of springtime and the miracle of nature's renewal. It is dipped into a dish of salt water which probably symbolizes the salty tears shed by the Israelites while in captivity.

Four cups of wine—The drinking of wine at four points in the Seder service symbolizes the four-fold promise of redemption in Exodus 6:6-7.

Say therefore to the Israelites, 'I am the Lord,

and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. [7] I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians.

The four cups of wine consumed during the Seder also mark the four divisions of the Seder Service: sanctifying the feast, reading the Exodus story, the blessing after the meal, and the concluding psalms and prayers.

Leaning to the left while eating is a symbol of freedom. Slaves ate standing or squatting; their masters ate reclining on couches. To show that they were now free, Israelites reclined while eating.

When the Christian community celebrates the Seder, we respectfully add a symbolic candle lighting not present in the traditional Seder meal. The lighting of candles is a symbol of the coming of Christ the Messiah, the Light of the World.

## **Holy Week Services**

### **Palm Sunday, April 5, 10:30 AM**

Commemorates Jesus's entry to the city of Jerusalem. Pancake breakfast and egg hunt to follow.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7 PM**

Commemorates the last supper of Jesus Christ with his disciples, as well as the washing of the disciples feet by Jesus.

### **Good Friday, April 10, 7 PM**

Commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Golgotha.

### **Easter Vigil, April 11, 7 PM**

Commemorates the night Christ lay in the tomb as the disciples held vigil.

### **Easter, April 12**

Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

## EASTER EGG HUNT ON PALM SUNDAY

The Children's Education and Ministries Committee will provide an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Palm Sunday, April 5. They've put plastic eggs in baskets on a table near the front door of the Narthex and ask that you either take some plastic eggs and fill them, or place donations in the baskets and members of the committee will fill the eggs. Either way, thanks, in advance, for your help.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

### SATURDAY, April 18th, 7:30 AM

The Men's Fellowship meeting in April will have a different format. Norm Dannemiller, our building and grounds elder, has a list of tasks, both inside and out, that need attention at our church home. Please join us on Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 AM for breakfast, followed by a couple of hours of work. Use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Chip Kyle ([cvkyle@comcast.net](mailto:cvkyle@comcast.net) / 503-387-3940) to let us know that you'd like to participate. This is not just a men's event; all are welcome to come help with the work to be done.

## Congregation Invited to Open House

Adult Education and Children's Education & Ministries will sponsor an after-service coffee and open house downstairs on **Sunday, May 3** immediately following the worship service. Please join us as we show you our classrooms, the Nursery, the Adult Education room, and our well-stocked library. We will provide assistance to those who desire help getting to the lower level.

Faithfully yours,

Christina Robertson, Adult Education Elder and  
Marsha Steffen, Children's Ministry & Education Elder

## ART NEWS

The TPC Art Team is sponsoring a series of art classes that begin this spring. We will offer a wide variety of classes including: container garden design, concrete casting, jewelry making and fish printing! To receive our class email announcements, please sign up in the Narthex. There is also a sign-up sheet on the tower if you're interested in opportunities to build or install worship art.

## General Fund Status

### January and February, 2009

	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 46,500	\$ 48,670
<b>Expense</b>	\$ 40,098	\$ 40,653
<b>Net</b>	\$ 6,402	\$ 8,017

### Treasurer's Summary

Expenses are over budget for February mostly due to the delay of posting January expenses. Overall, expenses are slightly higher than budget. This is partly caused by spreading expenses (e.g. utilities) evenly across all twelve months when January is likely more expensive than other months.

Income for February was less than budgeted by almost 10%. However, year-to-date is better than forecast. This should be closely monitored over the next couple of months as January was possibly effected (and improved) by December weather.

## LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church has a job seekers group meeting every Monday from 8 to 10 AM in room 204. It is staffed by professionals who have done this at the church for the past 10-15 years. Their mission is "To help you help yourself find a job." About 20 people regularly attend. It is an excellent opportunity for networking, resume review, support, advice on obtaining a job, practice interviewing, etc. The two Lake Grove contacts are Larry Bowman (503) 636-1757 and Tim Thomas (503) 675-0727. The church is located at 4040 Sunset Drive, Lake Oswego 97035.

Several weeks ago, Marshall Watkins and Karl Schultz attended a Monday morning session at Lake Grove to determine whether TPC should start a similar group or advise TPC people to attend the one at Lake Grove. Our opinion is that it would be much better, with their expertise and background, to go to Lake Grove.

For further information, talk to Marshall or Karl. There is also a posting on the tower in the Narthex.

## TPC COOKBOOK

The sheets for submitting recipes are now available on the tower in the Narthex. If you email me, I will send you a format sheet.

The most important way you can support us now is to submit recipes and ask your family and friends to submit their favorite recipes using the format presented.

We Presbyterians are famous for sharing our coffee, cookies, soup and stories. Join us in presenting our TPC history in this interesting format. Lynn Scroggin [lynn44@verizon.net](mailto:lynn44@verizon.net)

## TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

The food pantry continues to feed many local families. They're low on sugar, canned fruit and fruit juice, but all kinds of food are appreciated.

"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body" (Proverbs 16:24, NRSV).

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/2	Toni MacHaffie	4/14	Steven Springer
4/3	Barbara Allen	4/16	Roger Reid
4/4	Lynn Scroggin	4/17	Nancy Wilcox
4/5	David MacKay	4/20	Jean Wells
4/6	Marian Larson	4/22	Andy Shiffer
4/7	Carol Rhodes	4/23	Stu Larson
4/7	Mike Myers	4/23	Cameron Sweetland
4/7	Soren Gall	4/24	Ellen VanSchoiack
4/8	Ted Lambeth	4/27	Senthi Senthirajah
4/8	Dusty Shiffer	4/28	Sarah Gall
4/9	Abby Peterson	4/30	Stephanie Hoppe
4/13	Melissa Evers-Hood		



## Vacation Bible School 2009 "Discovery Canyon"

Dear Sunday School Families and Friends,

Come and explore Discovery Canyon VBS at  
Tualatin Presbyterian Church  
Monday through Friday,  
July 6-10, 9 AM to noon

Family BBQ, Thursday, July 9 at 6 PM

Mark your calendar now for a week of wonder and fun. This VBS is for children ages Pre-K through 5th grade.

Set in the rugged and majestic Discovery Canyon, this year's VBS has something for everyone. The week will be filled with adventure with kids crafting away in Cavern Crafts, running, jumping and playing Gully Games, singing a set of new tunes that ROCK, and hearing the good news echoing off the canyon walls.

This is the VBS you won't want to miss! It's all about connecting with others, learning and having fun, of course.

Sign up today! Registration begins now. Bring a friend. There's a registration form on page 6 of this newsletter. Additional forms are available in the TPC main office. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9-3 and Friday, 9 to noon. For additional information, contact Jackie Dannemiller, (503)885-2405 or email [ndannemi@spiritone.com](mailto:ndannemi@spiritone.com)

Yours in Christ,  
Jackie Dannemiller  
Discovery Canyon VBS Team Leader

# Discovery Canyon VBS 2009 Registration Form

Confidential Form Deadline for Submission is June 14, 2009

Please return to TPC's Main Office.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ M or F

Last grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency (in case parent/guardian cannot be reached)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

List allergies/medical needs:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible for picking up child at the end of VBS daily:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle or write below if you can volunteer:

Site Guide Assistant

Daily Attendance

Other

BBQ

Activities Leader

Tell us anything special we need to know about your child:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Family BBQ RSVP: Total attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, July 9 – 6:00 pm**

# TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CALENDAR

### April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Choir practice 7-8 PM Men 8-9 PM All	<b>2</b> 7:15 PM Bell choir rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Seder Dinner—Sign up by 3/29
<b>5 PALM SUNDAY</b> 9:15 AM Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Pancake breakfast after worship Easter egg hunt	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Bell practice	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 PM Bell practice 7:15 PM Choir practice	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	<b>10</b> 10 AM to noon Loving Stitches (N) 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	<b>11</b> 7:00 PM Easter Vigil Service
<b>12 EASTER</b> 9:15 AM Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Deacon meeting 7:00 PM Bell practice	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Mission meeting	<b>15</b> NO Choir practice	<b>16</b> 7:00 Session meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Men's Breakfast 7:30-9:00 AM
<b>19</b> 9:15 AM Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Bell practice	<b>21</b> 7:00-8:30 PM Tuesdays Treasures (S,N,K) 7:00 PM Fellowship meeting	<b>22</b> 7:15 PM Choir practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10 AM to noon Loving Stitches (N)	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:15 AM Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Congregational Mtg 5:00 Youth Group Fiesta	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm Bell practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:15 PM Choir practice	<b>30</b>		Saturday May 9 Fellowship Dance with live band



TPC office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM and Friday, 9 AM to noon.

Have you moved or changed your email address? Please let us know.

Call (503) 692-4160 or email Rhoda@tpcspirit.org

Church website: [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)

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**Elders:** Craig Bowen, Norm Dannemiller, Paula Miller, Scott Mitchell, Joan Nardi, Adele Pelletier, Meg Price, Chris Robertson and Marsha Steffen

**Deacons:** Rob Ayers, Edda Brown, Pam Cameron, Carolyn Hale, Jack Lemmon, Sherry Nelson, Judy Nix, Bill Smiley, Kathy Sweetland, Julie Van Buren, Linda Watkins

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**Art Director:** Ellen VanSchoiack

**Bereavement Committee:** Pam Cameron

**Wedding Coordinator:** Stacy Mauer

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM– 3:00 PM, Friday – 9:00 AM to noon