



A Message from Pastor Ken

Play a game with me for a moment. Let's say that you and I agree to meet in Portland tomorrow, only we forgot to talk about where or when we want to meet, and neither one of us is able to use our cell phone. So now let's say it's tomorrow and you wake up in the morning, and you head downtown. Where do you decide to go- and when do you want to be there? Seriously, pick a place and a time in your head. Do it now.

Believe it or not this is an actual game played hundreds of times all organized by a Nobel prize winning economist Thomas Schelling. Schelling chose the somewhat larger playground of New York, but he would send groups of people into the city with no ability to communicate and the sole goal of meeting up. And believe it or not, even in a vast city like New York which offers a nearly inexhaustible number of meeting locations and times- over and over again the players stumbled onto what became known as "Schelling points," or mutual agreements that for some reason just seem obvious to us.

In Schelling's New York version of the game nearly every participant picked the time of high noon. And then they tended to divide into thirds with a third of them meeting in Grand Central Station, a third meeting at the Empire State Building (thank you *Sleepless in Seattle*), and a third of them meeting in Times Square. And amazingly, with no ability to communicate at all, every time Schelling ran the game at least some of the players were successful.

These Schelling points, or unspoken meeting places, are crucial to a culture's ability to function. If you are speeding down a one lane road in Eastern Oregon, for example, and a big truck is headed your way, you don't have the ability to communicate with the truck driver about which way to swerve- you just have to decide. Fortunately, assuming the truck driver didn't just return from his English vacation, you will both swerve to the right without even thinking about it.

Schelling points also offer people within a given society a feeling of connection and relationship. Nearly anyone who lived through the experience can tell you exactly where they were and what they were doing when they learned that John F. Kennedy had been assassinated or when they saw or heard the news about the twin towers in New York City. These terri-

ble events now function as Schelling points for entire generations- a gathering place where otherwise very different people can find common ground.

One of the main functions of the church today is that it offers Schelling points to an increasingly disconnected people, bullied by a polarized political environment, bewildered by technology that is changing at a dizzying rate of speed, and fragmented with social media that gives us the ability to create insulating bubbles around ourselves where we tend to hear ideas and opinions in keeping with our own.

The seasons of the church offer particularly powerful Schelling points. A mom I know from day care who doesn't attend church at all but is interested asked me two weeks ago what I was giving up for Lent. I looked at her quizzically, and she said with embarrassment: "You give things up at Lent, right? I mean I don't know. Oh, I shouldn't have said anything." And I smiled saying, "Oh no, you're totally right. That's exactly what a lot of people do during this time." And it led to a really interesting conversation- all because this person who never participated in Lent in her entire life at least knew what it was about. It offered us common ground. A meeting place.

This Easter we will see the same thing. We will see a lot of faces you don't recognize, or some you haven't seen for a long time. And the temptation is so strong for good church people who show up often to feel smug or even annoyed at finding someone sitting in what Adele Pelletier has called our "assigned seats." And when you feel that way, just remember whose house it actually is- neither mine, yours, or theirs. The house is the Lord's. And in our increasingly tribalized culture where we're able to communicate with one another less and less- I'm giving thanks for one of the few meeting places we have left.

And if, for whatever reason you aren't able to make it to Easter, then I'll be happy to meet you at noon at Pioneer Square. That is where you were going to go to meet me, wasn't it? See you there. ☺

In Christ,



IN THE NEWS



DAN AND CAROLYN BARKER

Dan and Carolyn are both active members of Parish 4. They both sing in our choir and are involved in fellowship dinner groups. Carolyn is our Clerk of Session. They also attended the Christian Ed class led by The Rev. Dick Wiggers this past winter.

Carolyn was born in Lebanon, Oregon. Dan was born in Portland, and attended David Douglas High School. They met while attending college. They both graduated with psychology degrees from Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. After college Dan and Carolyn returned to Portland. It was the Viet Nam era. Dan was enrolled in a Ph.D. program at the University of Portland when he received a military induction notice. He completed his Master's Degree by enlisting in the Air Force as an alternative to induction. During his service, he spent 15 months in the Philippines where Carolyn was able to join him for 12 months. After the Philippines, Dan was stationed in Sacramento where Carolyn worked as a secretary in an accounting office and they attended Fremont Presbyterian.

When Dan completed his four years of military service, they returned to Oregon. Dan worked for Linn County Mental Health Programs in Albany. While there he worked to develop programs for people with alcohol and drug problems. Carolyn attended OSU taking classes to fulfill requirements for becoming a CPA. Dan and Carolyn spent a couple years living in Scappoose and attended St. Andrews Presbyterian Church where Charlie Brown was the pastor. They moved to Salem where they lived for 28 years. Dan worked for the state in various administrative capacities and Carolyn worked as a CPA for a local firm. They attended Westminster Presbyterian Church where they were both elders.

Dan and Carolyn have one son, Jeff. After retirement, they moved to Sherwood to be near Jeff, his wife Nicole, and their grandchildren. They have been in Sherwood since October, 2009. Grandson, Ezra, is now 3 years old, and granddaughter Maizie is 15 months. Besides being active in their grandchildren's lives, Dan's interests now include glass fusing and jewelry making. Carolyn's interests include volunteering and reading. They both enjoy traveling especially to places with warm weather.

Their first contact with TPC was while attending Westminster in Salem. Dan came to TPC to listen to a pastoral candidate preach. He was impressed with our own Pastor Ken. They visited TPC a couple times before moving, and fortunately for us decided to become members of our church family.

Susan Fee, Deacon for Parish 4



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 20

At the congregation meeting on Sunday, March 20 we elected elders and deacons for the class of 2014.

Randy Beyer, Katrina Weener and Maureen Richardson were elected elders; Bud Bender, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Karen Stevenson and Nancy Wilcox were elected deacons.

A huge thank you to our retiring worship elder Adele Pelletier, and to Deacons Carolyn Hale, Jack Lemmon, Sherry Nelson and Bill Smiley who have all faithfully served this Family of Faith.

Thank you also to the members of the 2011 nominating committee for their work identifying individuals willing and able to serve as elders and deacons. Members of the 2011 nominating committee are:

Elders: Barb Crall, Adele Pelletier

Deacon: Ted Lambeth

Members at Large: Karen Jones, Mark Maleta, Paula Miller, Marshall Watkins

WHAT'S GOING ON

FITNESS WALKING INTERESTED IN WALKING A HALF MARATHON IN JULY?

A lot of training goes into preparing for such an event. Half the fun will be in working together. If you're interested, sign-up on the tower in the Narthex. If you want to walk with the group without walking the half marathon, sign up as well. **The next group walk will be Saturday, March 26. Meet at TPC at 8 am.**

Wednesday Lenten Simple Suppers and Lenten Services NOTE NEW TIMES

Each Wednesday evening through April 13, there will be a simple supper at **6 pm** followed by a half hour Lenten service at **6:30 pm**.

ADULT ED LENTEN SERIES

What does it mean to be a Disciple?

From the beginning, there was no simple way to be a disciple of Jesus. During Lent, we will explore the various models of discipleship and attempt to answer the question: What does it mean to be a disciple?

This class will run through **April 17**, meeting at 9:15 each Sunday morning in the Adult Ed Room downstairs. The class:

- Introduces the idea of many models of Christian discipleship
- Contrasts the models found in Mark and Matthew
- Explores Luke's understanding of discipleship
- Examines John's model of servant hood
- Looks at Paul's model of the egalitarian community
- Explores the model(s) of discipleship found in the Pastoral Letters.

Come to the class for interesting insights and discussion. Contact Randy Beyer to sign up and receive class notes. He can be reached at ran.fred.beyer@gmail.com and (503)407-8495.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on **Sunday, April 17th**. The theme this year is "Sharing brings joy – to others, to God and to us."

Sometimes as a child, "sharing" seemed to mean giving up something we really wanted to keep for ourselves. In time, as Christians, we come to realize that all of our gifts come from God and that sharing actually enriches us and brings us joy. When we bless others with our gifts, freely given in love, we are also blessed in return.

When we share our resources through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, we make a difference in the lives of others. We are reaching around the world, thereby giving visual shape to the heart of Christ. Whether the need is in Japan, Haiti, or New Orleans, you are there through your offering of love.

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have". Hebrews 13:16a. May we be overcome with joy as people with generous hearts!

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**Sunday, April 17th after worship
Palm Sunday Potluck and Children's Egg Hunt**
There's a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex. Join us for fellowship and good food.

POTLUCK AND TALENT SHOW

has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 5. If you're interested in performing at the Talent Show, please call or email Barb Crall, 503-692-1677 or barbc@compix.com.

TPC WOMEN'S ACTIVITY

Saturday, May 7th at noon, Mad Hatter Tea
Dust off your best spring bonnet and join us for high tea. Do you not have a hat? We will have some for you to borrow. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the tower. We'll be asking for help making sandwiches and cookies.

Dinner for
Clinic
Volunteers

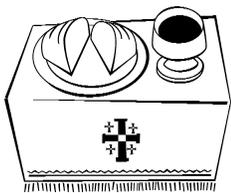


A Local Opportunity to Bring Joy

Wednesday, April 13th is the next opportunity for TPC to share in a local mission by providing dinner for the volunteer staff of the Essential

Health Clinic. We will serve a meal for 15 adults, all of whom will have come directly from their places of employment to staff the clinic that evening. We need your help to serve those who are serving the needs of others.

The Essential Health Clinic is a free health clinic for the uninsured or those who are under-insured; located in the Washington County Health facility at 15296 SW Royalty Parkway in Tigard (to the left of the Safeway shopping mall). It is open every Wednesday evening from 5:00 to 9:00 PM and serves those who have medical needs but either have no insurance or inadequate coverage. We invite you to share your gifts by signing up on the tower in the narthex to provide a dish for the staff's meal. If you have questions, please contact Joan Nardi, Mission Elder, 503-684-6529.



COMMUNION TABLE COVERS FOR ORDINARY TIME

Do you love to sew, quilt or embroider? Then you are just who we are looking for! Please join in a special project to build TPC a library of hand-made, one of a kind, communion table covers! The collection will be rotated throughout the year during the seasons of ordinary time. Except for a few guidelines, each artist is free to design as they see fit. Funds have been set aside to cover the lion's share of your project. The sign-up and project guidelines are available in the narthex. **Deadline to sign up is April 24th.** If you have questions, please talk to Ellen VanSchoiack.

SPECIAL PHOTO EXHIBITION FOR EASTER!



CALLING ALL TPC PHOTOGRAPHERS!

You are invited to share your photographs with the congregation during a special photo show this Easter! The theme of the exhibition is Our Eyes Opened. You are welcome to share color, or black and white 8 x 10 images that best express to you the feeling of Easter. If you wish, you can include a title or artist statement. This invitation is open to all ages and you may share up to three photos!

Please drop off your 8 x 10 images, with your name and phone number on the back, in the Easter Photo box in the narthex by **April 17th**. TPC will provide matching frames. Your artwork will remain on display in the sanctuary until the end of May.

If you have questions, please contact Ellen VanSchoiack at (503) 692-7989 or at ervan2@juno.com

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP DINNER GROUPS



The summer phase of fellowship dinners will start in May and run through August. Fellowship dinners are groups of 7 to 9 people who meet once a month for dinner and fellowship. The groups usually meet in homes, but they have also met in restaurant, parks and at the church. The dinners are simple: the host supplies the main course and the other group members supply side dishes, dessert and drinks. Each group decides the times that work best for all to gather. After four months, the computer software generates new groups.

If you are already participating in the winter/spring program, and would like to continue in the summer, you don't need to do anything. If you are not presently participating, this would be an excellent time to begin. If you wish to skip the

summer session, please let us know. There is a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex, or you may send an email to office@tpcspirit.org.

We would like to form one or more groups for families with young children, so if you fit into that category, please mention that when you sign up. The summer phase may be a more convenient time for families with children to participate.

Please **sign up by April 13th** so the new group assignments can be made by April 17th giving groups time to scheduled their first meeting in May. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Fellowship Dinner Group Steering Committee: Mary Ortez, Rick and Rachel Norse, Rick and Barb Crall, Sherry and Mike Nelson.

Legacy Hospice Services Volunteer Opportunities

Meaningful volunteer opportunities are available for caring people. Hospice volunteers dedicate their time, love and support to provide comfort, compassion and quality care for the terminally ill and their families. Without these volunteers, many hospice services, such as friendly visits, respite for family caregivers and help with general household tasks, would not be possible.

If you are dependable, compassionate, willing to serve patients from diverse backgrounds and can give two to four hours a week, you have what it takes! Volunteers are important members of the interdisciplinary teams at Legacy.

To learn more about how you can help, and dates for the next volunteer training, contact one of our three programs directly:

Legacy Hospice in McMinnville, Shelley Wagener, Volunteer Coordinator, 503-472-9685 or 1-800-361-8506 or swagener@lhs.org.

Legacy Hopewell House, Larry Hansen, Volunteer Coordinator, 503-244-7890 or Lbhansen@lhs.org.

Legacy Hospice in Portland, Tom Frieberg, Volunteer Coordinator, 503-225-6157 or tfrieber@lhs.org.



TPC Memorial Garden

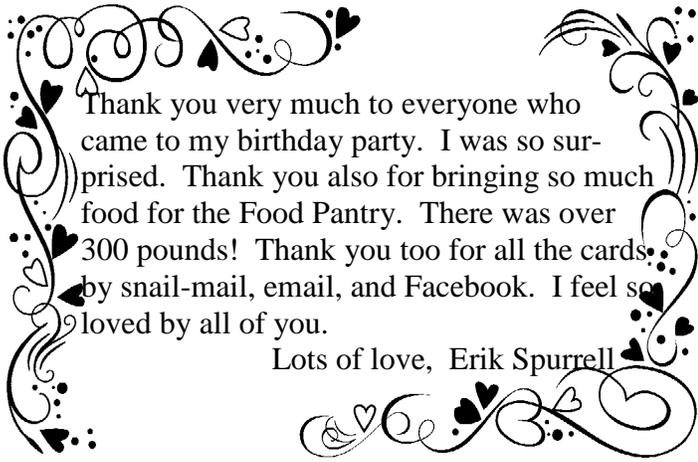
On the east side of the church grounds is our Memorial Garden. It was established in 1987 when the church was first built and has been gradually growing larger in size since then. There are two types of markers in the garden. The granite tiles in the flat boxes are specifically for the names of church members, adherents and their immediate family members and are located in the upper tier of the garden.

There are river rocks scattered in the “River of Life” area of the lower garden and these may be requested by active members of the church in memory of relatives and loved ones who are not members of this church. The river rocks have first names only engraved on them while the granite tiles have the member’s name and the year of their birth and death. The cost of a tile is \$200 and a rock is \$20.

With Easter and spring approaching, we hope you will take a moment to stroll through the garden, reflect on names listed there and enjoy our Memorial Garden. The three newest granite tiles commemorate deaths of our members Jaci Smith, Marian Larson, and Trudy Voogd. Trudy was a member several years ago who was very active in the choir and moved to California just as we were starting the garden; she prepaid for her stone as this church was very dear to her heart.

You may prepay for a tile for yourself, if you wish, as Trudy did, and your request will be honored. Request slips are in the church office.

Submitted by Diane Barry,
Chairman of the Memorial Garden



Thank you very much to everyone who came to my birthday party. I was so surprised. Thank you also for bringing so much food for the Food Pantry. There was over 300 pounds! Thank you too for all the cards by snail-mail, email, and Facebook. I feel so loved by all of you.

Lots of love, Erik Spurrell

Sunday Morning Greeters and Ushers

Interested in meeting more members of your Family of Faith? Greeters come to church at 10 am, welcome people as they arrive, and help with the offering. Bulletin people (aka ushers) also arrive about 10 am, pass out bulletins to people as they enter the sanctuary, help with the offering and walk the microphone to individuals who wish to speak during Joys and Concerns.

If you'd like to volunteer to be a greeter or usher, select a Sunday that fits your schedule and write your name on the sign-up sheet on the tower in the narthex. If you have questions, talk to Clare Hahn, 503-692-4807. Thanks for your help.

Tualatin School House Pantry Needs

- Canned fruit juice
- Granulated sugar (any size)
- Canned fruit (except applesauce)
- Pasta (all varieties)
- Meat (especially chicken thighs, legs, breasts)
- Toilet paper
- Bags of potatoes, any fresh produce
- Powdered laundry detergent



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 02 Toni MacHaffie | 14 Steven Springer |
| 03 Barbara Allen | 17 Nancy Wilcox |
| 03 Dan Barker | 17 Logan Winslow |
| 04 Lynn Scroggin | 20 Jean Wells |
| 05 David MacKay | 22 Andy Shiffer |
| 07 Carol Rhodes | 23 Stu Larson |
| 07 Brynne EversHood | 24 Ellen VanSchoiack |
| 07 Mike Myers | 24 Rob Wiesenthal |
| 08 Ted Lambeth | 27 Senth Senthirajah |
| 08 Jeff Weener | 30 Stephanie Hoppe |
| 13 Melissa EversHood | |

TPC PER CAPITA EXPENSE

\$22.90 for each member

If you haven't already, please pay your per capita fee for 2011. Your treasurer will thank you. Make check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Rhoda makes changes to the directory almost weekly. If your directory is more than a year old, please come to the office and pick up a current one.

2011 FINANCIALS

Income Year to Date (as of 2-28-2011)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$46,170	\$59,420	(\$13,250)
Expenses Year to Date (as of 2-28-2011)			
	\$55,199	\$55,587	\$388

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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Parish Associates: The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Philip Martin

Elders: Randy Beyer, Craig Bowen, Barb Crall, Norm Dannemiller, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Adele Pelletier, Craig Walker and Katrina Weener.

Deacons: Susan Fee, Carolyn Hale, Barbara Harriman, Ted Lambeth, Jack Lemmon, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Sherry Nelson, Bob Nix, Mary Ortez, Bill Smiley, and Jeni Wiggers

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Webmaster: Melissa Evers-Hood
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Art Director: Ellen VanSchoiack

Bereavement Committee: Pam Cameron

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon