



This month I have the honor of introducing you to Shari, Steve, John and Kaity Olsen, though they truly do not need an introduction as they have been active members of TPC for the past 10 years. Shari has served as an elder, and as an active parent/support for youth ministries. She currently sings in the choir. John and Kaity have both served on many youth mission trips.

### **PASSIONS IN THE LIVES OF THE OLSENS FAMILY**

Shari grew up in Colorado as the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. Her parents are now retired in Colorado, but they make the drive to Oregon once or twice a year to visit. She has a brother in Colorado and one in California. Shari always thought she would live close to family but college and career brought her to Oregon where she met her husband, Stephen, while attending Pacific University School of Optometry. Steve is from Montana. His parents and eleven siblings live in Montana and other western states (lots of Montana people at TPC!!). Shari and Steve have been married for 21 years. Their two children, who are also members of TPC, are actively involved in The Awakening Youth Group. John is a freshman at Oberlin College in Ohio where he is studying economics and participating in track and field. Kaity is a junior at Lake Oswego High school and enjoys theater and friends. Kaity and John are both going on fun adventures for spring break (John to Myrtle Beach for a track event and Kaity to New York and Broadway shows!) while their parents stay home and work!! The Olsens truly are very proud of their children.

### **OPTOMETRY**

After graduating from Colorado State University, Shari attended Pacific University and became an optometrist in 1987. Shari has worked with Oregon Eye Specialists since 1999, where she specializes in refractive, and postoperative cataract surgery care. Stephen also graduated from Pacific University as an optometrist. He has owned a private practice in Lake Oswego for 19 years. Both kids have worked at the practice, but don't like "eye doctor" talk at the dinner table!

### **PHILANTHROPY**

Philanthropy is very important to the Olsen family. The definition of philanthropy is to promote the welfare of others and the love of humanity, in the sense of caring and nourishing others. Shari is passionate about her family's involvement. In addition to being active members of TPC, they are involved in the American Cancer Society's Evening of Hope, the National Charity League (which Shari and her daughter joined as a mother/daughter project), and Northwest Children's Outreach. During our time together, it was obvious that philanthropy is higher on Shari's list than talking about "Bucket Lists, Dream Vacations, and Leisure time." (Shari's note: I have those, too! We just haven't gotten around to that yet.) The Olsens find enjoyment in serving others and spending time with friends and extended family in Colorado, Montana and Sisters, Oregon. And for Shari, an occasional hike would be great!!!

Thank you to the Olsens for being such an inspiration and for all that they do for the congregation at TPC.

Bonnie Nord, Parish 4 Deacon



## MIKE SHIFFER Financial Assistant

We are pleased to announce that Mike Shiffer has assumed the TPC staff position of Financial Assistant. Mike spent his career in the world of technology, focusing on financial systems support for

major corporations. He currently is President of the Board of the Tualatin School House Pantry and does all the budget development, financial reporting, account reconciliation and payroll management. He also serves on the Board of the Oregon Food Bank. Mike has been an active volunteer at TPC, having held roles such as Treasurer (2001-2008), Deacon, Mission Elder, Sunday School Teacher and volunteer with Tuesday's Treasures. He currently serves on the TPC Technology Committee.

Mike was instrumental in developing the Financial Assistant position eight years ago, as well as selecting and implementing the Church Windows software currently used for the donations, financials and membership.

Please join me in welcoming Mike to this staff position. We believe he will be a strong contributor and are anticipating a seamless transition as Rhoda Friesen returns to retirement.

Judy Nix, Human Resources Elder

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TPC

### MISSION AND TUESDAY'S TREASURES

#### Birthday Bags!

Members of Tuesday's Treasures are collecting items for the Tualatin Food Pantry's Birthday Bag Program. Throughout the month of April please bring birthday party items to TPC for this fun stewardship project, and thanks!

Needed items include:

cake mix, frosting, birthday plates, cups, and napkins, candles, birthday cards (child/young adult), streamers, party favors (e.g. hats, noise makers, etc., but no balloons), disposable cake pan and birthday gift bags large enough to hold the above items.

Carolyn Locke,  
Member of TPC Mission Committee

### ADULT EDGE 8:45 A.M. ON SUNDAYS

We are discussing the book *Permission Granted: Take the Bible into Your Own Hands*, written by Jennifer Bird. All are welcome. Won't you join us? John Casebeer, Adult Education Elder

### TUALATIN VALLEY SYMPHONY

**CONCERT on Sunday, April 3, 7 pm at TPC**  
Featuring works by Dvorak, Smetana & Debussy.



W O M E N ' S  
Ministry

Our next meeting will be Saturday, April 16 starting at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Craig Bowen will tell us about his recent mission trip to Tanzania in East Africa.

Craig and a group of students went to an extremely remote area and provided medical eye care and vision services to people who may have never seen a doctor of any kind. These people essentially live their entire lives outside near the equator where UV light is more intense. Thus, there is a staggering amount of pathology and blindness, much of which could be lessened by wearing non-prescription sunglasses. If you have sunglasses, or prescription glasses, that you no longer use, TPC has a donation box in the hallway near the restrooms.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to indicate whether you wish to bring a brunch item, participate in set-up, or help with cleanup. To the left of the sign-up sheet there are "take ones" for our two mission projects: Backpack Buddy Program and Days for Girls. Any items you can donate to these worthy causes are most appreciated.

This women's group is open to all TPC women who want to strengthen the bonds of fellowship and grow spiritually. Please feel free to bring a friend.

The **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Women's Ministry** meeting will feature a Panel Discussion of Presbyterian Minister Wives, including Melissa Evers-Hood, Jeni Wiggers and Edda Brown. While each of these amazing women has had her own professional life, they have also had the challenge of being married to a minister. The ultimate goal of this panel discussion is to learn how we, the women of the church, can better support our pastor's wives in this role given them by virtue of marriage.

Judy Nix, Publicity Coordinator

## CHRISTINA'S ATTIC

Our Art Vision Retreat was a wonderful experience. Our art team will be taking a little different direction as a result. We will not be applying for a Calvin Institute Grant. The congregation, represented by retreat members, sees no need to expand worship art beyond its present scope, and wants to re-use art installations that already exist along with new projects.

We got a clear directive from the group that we need to expand the art camp program. This is in line with my conversations with Ken and various Session members. Art camp is a valuable service and outreach to our community.

Because we cancelled VBS last year due to lack of interest, this year we're morphing VBS into "Spirit Art Camp" led by volunteers from TPC. We will have a Biblical/Christian theme, and art projects using various media. I am hoping for some great "sideways" conversations about matters of faith and plan to encourage campers to ask faith questions while we create. **Spirit Art Camp will run July 11-15, 9 to 11:30 a.m. "Generic" Art Camp" will run August 8-12, 9 to 11:30 a.m.** There will be no religious instruction. Shelley Chamberlin, a working artist and professional instructor, will lead the camp with the help of TPC volunteers.

If you have questions, or want to volunteer, please see Chris Robertson.

Creating in the image of our Creator,  
Chris Robertson, Art Director

## CASCADES PRESBYTERY FAMILY CAMP

Jessie Honeyman State Park  
Florence, Oregon  
July 23 to July 30, 2016

If you're interested in learning more about Family Camp, talk to Mark Maleta (503) 858-0482, Or talk to members of these families who have already signed up to attend 2016 Family Camp...Maletas, Lambeths, MacKays, Bennetts and Barb Harriman. It's a week of outdoor worship and fellowship.

It's not too late to register; there are still several camping sites available.

## TUESDAY'S TREASURES TIDBITS

The spirit of Easter was alive and well at the March Treasure Night. Every year Treasures, adults with disabilities, look forward to our annual Easter

play. This year Jolene (Awdry's retired guide dog for the blind) was assigned the part of Jesus, as she was the only attendee who could easily fit into the 'tomb' (the space under the communion table). Mike Shiffer's amazing "Egg in the Bottle" performance is another favorite tradition. Easter-themed craft and snack, as well as our prayer request sharing time, rounded out the evening.

Photograph to the right - the guards take Jesus.

Sharon Metsker, Julian Awdry, Jolene, and Neil Krug



Upper left - Egg in the Bottle - Mike Shiffer

Upper right - Easter craft, Brenda Lee

Photographs by Carolyn Locke.

## DOOR STOP TRANSITION

"The Case of the Missing Door Stop Wedges" Have you wondered where the venerable door stop wedges we've used for many years have gone? It's always been a frustrating problem for us to keep the wedges at, or near, the doors that need them. As a solution, I have installed either "kick-stand" or magnetic-type door stops to take the place of nearly all of the old wedges. Hopefully, these new door stops will do a good job of holding open our doors and eliminating the need for those pesky wedges.

Bob Paetsch, Building & Grounds Elder



## 222nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) June 18-25, 2016 in Portland, OR

Hosted by the Presbytery of the Cascades and united under the theme “The Hope in Our Calling,” from Ephesians 1:18, the General Assembly will include vibrant worship services, the election of the Moderator and Vice Moderator, and action on a plethora of overtures and more.

Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 171 PC(USA) presbyteries, coupled with other delegates and observers from around the world, will converge on the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) in downtown Portland for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination’s biennial gathering.



The following information about General Assembly is taken from The April-May 2016 issue of the *Omnibus*, published by the Presbytery of the Cascades, Vol. XLII, No. 2. The *Omnibus* can be read in its entirety at: <https://cascadespresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2016-April-May-Omnibus.pdf>

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) COMES TO PORTLAND OREGON JUNE 18-25, 2016

The 222nd General Assembly (GA) will meet June 18-25 in the Oregon Convention Center.

For GA in June, we pray the hovering Spirit of God will infuse the Assembly with holiness rising from those gathered for worship and service. It is the Presbyterian Church at its best, making decisions together about being the people of God in the 21st century. It is also a week-long worship service beginning with Opening Worship on June 18 and continuing with worship nearly every day.  
**EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

### WHAT IS GA? June 18-25, 2016 in Portland, Oregon

General Assembly (GA) is the bi-annual gathering of our denomination, the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). It is where business and concerns are brought before the whole church for discernment. But, as the largest gathering of Presbyterians in North America it is a whole lot more. Worship is a constant heartbeat of GA; we celebrate mission, and it serves as a sort of family reunion.

The structure of the Presbyterian Church traces back to 1789 when both the Presbyterian Church and the Continental Congress met separately in Philadelphia. There are several parallels between the Presbyterian structure and our U.S. government. Our presbyteries, synods and General Assembly mirror our city, state and national government.

GA is representative democracy at its best. Often changes to the Book of Order are brought to GA through overtures originating in sessions and presbyteries. At GA, committees review, debate and vote what to do with these overtures. Some of these make it to the floor (plenary sessions) for debate and vote. Some pass; some fail, and many are amended to reflect a broader understanding through GA conversations.

So a bit part of what happens is this discernment process where the delegates, representing the nationwide PCUSA membership, strive to govern the church from their collective understanding of the will of God. You won't want to miss witnessing this exciting event.

### General Assembly Commissioners to Worship with Local Congregations

On Sunday, June 19, over thirty congregations in the Presbytery of the Cascades (of which TPC is a member) will welcome assembly participants and host their guests for lunch. Transportation departs from the Oregon Convention Center and people will return in time for the 2 p.m. business meeting.

Tualatin Presbyterian Church is one of those hosting congregations. A group of General Assembly delegates will worship and have lunch with us here at TPC on Sunday, June 19.

The delegates get to choose which church they would like to attend. The following text appears in the delegate's packet describing TPC.

Tualatin Presbyterian Church, Tualatin. Worship begins at 10 a.m.; transportation departs at 9 a.m. This is a suburban church of about 300 members, serving the local area since the mid 1980s. We describe worship at TPC as "creative traditional." Grateful for our grandmothers and grandfathers in the faith, we follow a traditional Presbyterian order of worship...but what happens within this order is as fresh and unique as each person who attends. Our worship is both formal and informal. Ever since its inception, TPC has opened worship by celebrating birthdays. Whether you are 9 or 99, if you have had a birthday recently you will be welcomed to come forward, place an offering into the "birthday chicken" that supports Medical Teams international and then receive a blessing. Our facility is fully accessible to anyone with special needs.

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

Pastors: The Reverend Dr. Ken Evers-Hood; The Reverend Charlie Brown, parish associate.

## MANY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The organizers of the general assembly are asking for 1500 volunteers. Here's where the help is needed:

Airport - Total: 142

Security Greeter (28)

Helpdesk Kiosk (72)

Airport MAX Greeter (10)

Convention Center MAX Greeter (16)

Pioneer MAX Greeter (16)

Hotels - Total: 120

Hotel greeters (120)

Convention Center Setup Teardown - Total: 58

Register Packet Prep (10)

GA Setup Assistance (30)

Exhibit Booth Setup (2)

GA Teardown (10)

Exhibit Booth Teardown (2)

Information Center Teardown (2)

Convention Center General - Total: 405

Convention Center Greeter (128)

Volunteer Checkin (52)

GA Registration Assistant (68)

Plenary Hall Usher (20)

Information Center Volunteer (48)

Exhibit Booth Host (34)

Final Day Luggage Assistance (55)

Worship and Communion - Total: 750

Communion Elements Manager (12)

Communion Servers (490)

Communion Elements Prep (40)

Communion Elements Cleanup (40)

Prayer Room Host (42)

Spiritual Directors (42)

Worship Service Ushers (84)

If you would like to volunteer, keep reading.

When you volunteer, the following happens:

Advance registration fee is waived (\$95 value)

Volunteer name badge is received (provides same access as the GA Observer badge)

May attend all worship services, committee meetings, business meetings (plenary), and you have access to the exhibit hall

**To register on the volunteer site, go to [www.gaportland.com](http://www.gaportland.com) and choose your volunteer tasks.**

<http://www.gaportland.com/volunteer-to-help-with-ga/>

## WHY COME TO GA 222?

To worship with thousands of Presbyterians, ecumenical partners, and guests from across the country and around the world

### Why come?

God has need of your service. You can offer your hospitality through volunteering and help each guest feel they are greeted as if it is Christ himself who is served - in fact he is!

### Why come?

To see history being made as the PC(USA) deliberates, discerns and acts by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

### Why come?

To be inspired, educated and resourced by the connections of our PC(USA) for your own calling in your local congregation or community.

### Why come? Why not?

You have this opportunity to respond to God through the Body of Christ.

### Why come?

Because without you, we are less of who God calls us to be.

## KITCHEN CLEANING

It's that time again! Time to clean the kitchen. And what a difference it makes! Pam Cameron is available the following dates to lead a crew of cleaners.

Friday, April 1  
Wednesday, April 13  
Wednesday, April 27  
Friday, April 29

When might you be able to help? All are invited to participate. Please email back the dates that work best for you. When a date is set, I'll get back to you. Thanks, in advance, for your help.

Susan Springer - Susan@tpcspirit.org

## TUALATIN VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND

Four local concert bands present a "Spring Showcase," concert of free music on Saturday, April 9, at 2 p.m. at Tigard High School, 9000 SW Durham Road, Tigard, OR 97224.

Audience members will enjoy a broad range of music performances by the Tualatin Valley Community Band, the Portland Community Wind Band, the Tigard High School Wind Ensemble, and The Beat Goes On Marching Band. Please join us for a fun afternoon of live music!

More information about each band and the 'Spring Showcase' concert is available at the following websites.

Tualatin Valley Community Band –  
[www.tvcv.org](http://www.tvcv.org)

Portland Community Wind Band -

[www.pcwb.org](http://www.pcwb.org)

Tigard High School Wind Ensemble - [http://ths.ttsdschools.org/pages/TigardHS/Academics/Performing\\_Arts](http://ths.ttsdschools.org/pages/TigardHS/Academics/Performing_Arts)

The Beat Goes On Marching Band - <http://www.thebeatgoesonmb.org/>



Phil Pasteris

President, Tualatin Valley Community Band  
503-639-9740, [www.tvcv.org](http://www.tvcv.org)

2016 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 2/29/16	\$84,286	\$86,242	(\$1,957)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 2/29/16	\$75,814	\$77,402	\$1,588

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

?? - Morgan Olsen  
02 - Toni MacHaffie  
02 - Jeff Taylor  
02 - Heather Cameron  
03 - Barbara Allen  
03 - Dan Barker  
04 - Lynn Scroggin  
04 - John Hayhurst  
05 - David MacKay  
07 - Carol Rhodes  
07 - Lyric Ball  
07 - Brynne Evers-Hood  
08 - Ted Lambeth

08 - Jeff Weener  
08 - David Whitaker  
12 - John Casebeer  
13 - Melissa Evers-Hood  
15 - Sue Lowry  
16 - Katherine MacCluer  
17 - Nancy Wilcox  
17 - Logan Winslow  
19 - Robert Beatey  
19 - Larry Church  
19 - Monica Whitaker  
19 - Jake Wolf  
21 - Sue Ann Peters

22 - Derrilyn Bayha  
22 - Andrew Hall  
22 - Connor Carlin  
22 - Elliana Norlin  
23 - Stu Larson  
23 - Cameron Sweetland  
23 - Madgalene James  
24 - Ellen VanSchoiack  
24 - Rob Wiesenthal  
25 - Riley Carlson  
27 - Senti Senthirajah  
29 - Jordan Gage  
30 - Stephanie Hoppe

# TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) and click on About Us,  
then select Calendar from the drop-down menu..

## APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6-7:30 p.m. Preschool Fund Raiser here at TPC
<b>3</b> 8:45 Adult Edge class 10:00 Worship Sunday School 5 p.m. The Awakening for youth with Andrew Hall. 7 pm Tualatin Valley Symphony Concert 7-8:30 p.m. Nights Discussion w/Ken	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	<b>7</b> 10 a.m. Project Linus  7 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:45 Adult Edge class 10:00 Worship	<b>11</b> 7 p.m. Deacon Meeting	<b>12</b> 7 p.m. Mission meeting.  7 p.m. Fellowship meeting	<b>13</b> 10 a.m. Loving Stitches  7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	<b>14</b> 7 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Brunch
<b>17</b> 8:45 Adult Edge class 10:00 Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7 p.m. Tuesday's Treasures  7 pm Session Meeting	<b>20</b> 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	<b>21</b> 7 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 8:45 Adult Edge class 10:00 Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9 a.m. May newsletter deadline	<b>27</b> 10 a.m. Loving Stitches  7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	<b>28</b> 7 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

### WANT TO JOIN US?

Would you like to become a member of Tualatin Presbyterian Church? If yes, let us know!

Email Jeni Wiggers, Membership Coordinator, at [wiggerscal@gmail.com](mailto:wiggerscal@gmail.com). She will get back to you.

### 2016 PER CAPITA - \$29.89 for each member

Please make your check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Thank you.

### UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

Copies of the church directory are available in the office on the small table to the right as you enter.

TPC office hours can vary. Call ahead to confirm the office is open.

Monday, 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.



9230 SW Siletz Drive  
Tualatin, OR 97062



TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9230 SW Siletz Drive, Tualatin, OR 97062

**Phone:** 503-692-4160 **Email:** [office@tpcspirit.org](mailto:office@tpcspirit.org)

**Web Address:** [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) We're also on Facebook.

**Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

**Parish Associates:** The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

**Elders:** Craig Bowen, John Casebeer, Cathy Lambeth, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Bob Paetsch, Emily Ricker and Maureen Wolf

**Deacons:** Becky Backen, Karen Black, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Rebecca Crall, Bob Eddy, Susan Fee, Dianne Lemmon, Deborah Lewis, Mary Maleta, Bonnie Nord, and Jackie Norman.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Director of Youth Ministries: Andrew Hall

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Membership Coordinator: Jeni Wiggers

Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Parish Nurse: Dianne Lemmon

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures: Carolyn Locke

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

**Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.**

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