



JAMES FAMILY

Left to right, Maggie, Rene'e, Jason and Macy

I am pleased to introduce the James Family - Jason, Rene'e, Macy and Maggie. We are so fortunate to have this energetic, young family as a part of our congregation.

Rene'e is from Minnesota. She is very close to her brother, sister-in-law and their three children, plus her mother and her significant other who all live in Minnesota. They love taking vacations back home visiting family and friends enjoying lake life at cabins up north.

Rene'e graduated from North Dakota State University in 1998 with a Bachelor's degree in exercise science and from University of MN in 2002 with a Master's degree in Physical Therapy. She completed traveling contract PT jobs around the west coast with her best friend after graduation and ended up working in Reno at a spine clinic where she met her future husband, Jason.

Jason grew up in Battle Creek, Michigan where many of his family members still live. He has two brothers, Troy and Chad. He played hockey and golf growing up and continues to have a passion for these sports. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 2003 with a degree in exercise science. Because of his passion for skiing he moved to Reno after graduation where he met Rene'e at the spine clinic. Rene'e and Jason spent many weekends getting to know each other while skiing in Tahoe and having many outdoor adventures.

In 2008 Rene'e and Jason moved to Wilsonville, Oregon as Jason was accepted to Pacific University PT school and Rene'e to a job at a privately owned PT practice in Salem. Jason received a Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy in 2013. Rene'e and Jason continue to be employed at the same PT clinic in Salem, Oregon where they specialize in orthopedics.

In 2010 the James' got married in Minnesota. In 2013 Macy was born, then in 2014 along came Maggie. Both girls are as lively as their parents and love the outdoors, skiing and going camping.

In 2009 before Rene'e and Jason got married, Rene'e knew they needed a church. Rene'e came to TPC, loved the message and the openness of the congregation. She brought Jason back with her and they both decided this was the place for them. No further church hunting!!! They are active members and share a big role in our children's ministry. Thank you, Rene'e and Jason, for your involvement!!!

Presently Jason's mother (Debbie) and her husband (Bob) are staying with the James while they search for a house. It has been a great addition to have them there to help with the girls. Both girls go to day care so now they can stay home a few days a week with their grandparents. Next year Macy will go to kindergarten at Lowrie Primary School in Wilsonville in their Spanish immersion program. The James' are very excited for her.

Rene'e and James are presently in the midst of a challenging but exciting business adventure. They are seeking to open a Physical Therapy clinic in Wilsonville. This involves work changes, co-ordination and patience as it presents some stress!! We're cheering you on!!!

Bonnie Nord, Deacon Parish 4



TANZANIA 2017 - By Dr. Craig Bowen



We have traveled to Tanzania three times in as many years to provide medical eye care. Though there are similarities, each venture in this country has been unique. The landscape is as broad and beautiful as are its people. Our clinic sites in the northeastern portion of the country provided opportunities for us to not only dispense needed care but to experience humanity across culture and language hurdles. We served two distinct populations: one younger and healthier with access to at least some human services and the other older, in poorer health, located far into the bush with little to no care available. The aid we provided ranged from examinations, to diagnosing and treating disease and infection, to removing foreign bodies from the eyes. We dispensed non-prescription sunglasses, prescription eyewear, eye drops for dryness and irritation, as well as medicines.

A four year old patient of ours presented with an eye turned inward toward her nose. We diagnosed her with accommodative esotropia, related to uncorrected farsightedness. With the glasses we dispensed, her eye turned straight with her other eye. Continuing to wear her glasses will allow near full function of that eye over time.



Last year we had the opportunity to help a blind lady in great pain, all four of her lids had rolled inward raking her cornea with every, even slight movement of her eyes. We spent near an hour epilating (pulling) all of her lashes, By the end she was out of pain and we hoped that by removing the stimulus her lids would relax and remain in proper position. We had the fortune to see her in clinic this year, and though still blind, our treatment was successful! She had returned to thank us for the treatment she received last year.



These are just two stories of days worth of tales. We could not have had the impact we did without the assistance of innumerable individuals and organizations. We were able to purchase diagnostic equipment, received donations of glasses and sunglasses, accepted money which will provide cataract surgeries, along with the well wishes of many. Totaling the numbers of all that we dispensed divided by the patients we saw gives us what we call ‘Percentage of Help’, it’s **144%**! We cannot say thank you enough to those who made a difference by helping us in so many ways but we’ll start with this one: ‘thank you’! In Swahili: ‘asante sana!’

NOTE:

Dr. Bowen and his students will share with us some of their experiences in Africa on Saturday, April 21. See page 3 for details.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This special offering will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 1.

MONDAY, APRIL 2 - YOUTH ACTIVITY

There is no school on Monday, April 2nd for students in the Tigard-Tualatin School District; it is a teacher training day. Sooo, members of the TPC primary and middle school youth group are headed to Regal Bridgeport Village Stadium 18 & IMAX Theater to see *A Wrinkle in Time* (rated PG) showing at 12:40 pm. High School Students are welcome, too. Admission Cost: \$5.00; Snacks (optional): \$5.00

We'll meet at the church around 11:45 am. *A Wrinkle in Time* is 1 hour and 49 minutes long, so we should be back to TPC around 3 pm.

If kids need to be picked up and/or dropped off at their homes, please text or email Sarah Beck at (503)314-2221 to coordinate rides. We need a minimum of two kids; there is a maximum of 13.

SPRING EASTER CANTATA - April 8!

Members of the choir, instrumentalists from the congregation, members of the handbell choir, and Stephen Ministers will combine to perform the cantata *A Journey To Hope* during morning worship on Sunday, April 8. This work is a collection of African-American spirituals arranged by Joseph Martin and will showcase many talented individuals from our congregation. Come worship with us in word and song on Sunday, April 8!

Blessings, Gary Young, Director of Music

COMMUNICANTS CLASS will meet for the first time on Sunday, April 8, downstairs from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm. If you have questions, talk to Sarah Beck (503) 314-2221.

NEW ADULT EDGE STARTS APRIL 15

Starting Sunday morning, April 15, Pastor Ken will lead a six-week study of Adam Hamilton's DVD series, *Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling With Questions People Ask*. Similar to the Fall 2017 DVD class on *Christianity's Family Tree*, these sessions require no advance preparation. Each week we will watch a short video presentation, followed by class discussion facilitated by Pastor Ken.

The author of the series, Adam Hamilton, examines Christianity and four major world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism.

Hamilton wrestles (and we will, too) with tough questions: Why are there so many different religions? How should Christians view other religions? How is God at work in other religions? What is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions?

Adult Edge is TPC's version of Sunday morning adult education with an innovative vibe. The class is discussion-focused and question-friendly—a safe and thoughtful space to explore contemporary theology, spiritual practices, and social issues. Sometimes taught by Pastor Ken and sometimes facilitated by class volunteers, Adult Edge uses a variety of learning techniques: books, DVDs, and lecture—but the real richness comes through shared conversation. The class meets downstairs in the Adult Education Room at 8:30 AM. Childcare is available: the nursery opens at 8:30 AM for younger children, and there will be supervision for older kids.

Come join us for this thought-provoking exploration of Christianity's place among major world religions.
Jean & John Martin

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

MEN & WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERING

The Women's and Men's Groups will meet together in April. Dr. Craig Bowen and his students will share experiences/stories from their recent mission trip to Tanzania in East Africa. They went to an extremely remote area and provided medical eye care and vision services to people who may have never seen a doctor. 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 that you no longer use, TPC has a donation box in the hallway near the restrooms. Eye ware of any kind is also collected.

Saturday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m.

Men will cook something delicious, and the women will bring fruit, muffins, etc. All church members (and interested friends) are welcome – see a signup sheet in the narthex to assist in getting a food count.
Judy Nix

ALSO ON SAT., APRIL 21 - READ ON.....

TPC SOLVE's IT! Sat, April 21st, 11am-2pm

SOLVE is on your bucket list, right? TPC is joining in SOLVE's annual Earth Day activities this year! Join us **Saturday April 21st from 11am to 2 pm** as we pick-up, clip-up, and snack-up in our neighborhood. Families, kids, and more experienced adults - we'll work together to make this happen. Our TPC bus will be shuttling teams, and we've got supplies, snacks, and prizes...all you need to do is show up!

Our goal is to turn six teams of picker-uppers loose onto Boone's Ferry Road and in Little Woodrose Park. We'll also help with ivy control in the park. Volunteers are needed for sign-ups, sorting recycling, and stocking the snack table. Gardeners - bring your clippers and rakes. Whatever you are up for...we need you!

Prizes will be awarded for best team name and motto, weirdest thing seen/collected, and more! Bring the kids, wear your TPC t-shirts (or bring \$10 and get a new one) and bring your garden clippers, if you can. Get some fresh air, and get ready to have fun and do some good.

Saturday April 21st from 11 - 2...See you there!

The Mission Team (mission@tpcspirit.org if you have questions)

FIRST AID CLASS,

Saturday, April 28, 10 am to 2 pm

Submitted by Susan Fee, Parish Nurse

Winona Grange is hosting a First Aid Class on Saturday, April 28 from 10 am-2 pm. The 4-hour class includes hands-on CPR training and use of an Automated External Defibrillator.

The cost is \$25. Pre-register and prepay by credit card or PayPal on the First Aid Classes page of the website (www.winonagrang271.org/). Those who complete the course will receive a 2-year certificate from the Health & Safety Institute.

Demand is expected to be high. When we have 32 students signed up, we'll create a waiting list for the next class, to take place in May or June.

**ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME
PORTLAND CROP HUNGER WALK**

Sunday, April 29, sponsored by Church World Service. Meet at First Christian Church, 1314 SW Park, Portland, Oregon

12:30 pm - gather, hand in packets

1 pm Speech, welcome

1:15 pm Walk starts - 5K (3.1 miles)

To register online, go to www.cropwalkonline.org

FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY

Drive In – Sleep Out –

To Benefit Homeless Families –

5 pm May 26 to 8 am May 27 –

Tigard High School Parking Lot

Join us for Drive In, Sleep Out, and help put the brakes on homelessness for families in the Tigard-Tualatin, Sherwood and Lake Oswego school districts. Last year alone, nearly 400 children in these three school districts were affected by housing instability, slept in their cars or found themselves without any shelter at all.

Partner with Family Promise of Tualatin Valley for "Drive In, Sleep Out", an overnight event to be held from 5 pm, Saturday, May 26, to 8 am, Sunday, May 27, 2018, in the Tigard High School parking lot, 9000 SW Durham Rd., Tigard, 97224.

Ask your friends or family to sponsor you to sleep in a car for a night and see what it is like to be homeless and only have your car for shelter...Fact is, some homeless families don't even have a car to use as shelter. Maybe we could get Pastor Ken to sleep in his car?? Sarah Beck, bring the bus and have the Youth Group sleep there?? Judy Nix will be sleeping in her car—Bob may sponsor her big time, so he doesn't have to sleep in the car, too! TPC'ers will have a designated parking area, so you can sleep in your car with your friends close by...much more appealing don't you think?

The \$25 registration fee includes a parking spot, BBQ dinner for you and your family, entertainment, family friendly movie at Tigard High Gymnasium and a light breakfast Sunday morning. Drivers will spend the night in their cars, while Backseat Drivers (i.e. family members who don't want to sleep in the car) can participate in Saturday night activities, and then sleep in their own beds. All participants are encouraged to sponsor their cars, with prizes awarded to cars that raise the most money.

For more information, please email: tvfamilypromise@gmail.com or jcnix@comcast.net.

The link to register is: <https://www.familypromiseoftv.org/drive-in-sleep-out-fundraiser/>

TUESDAY'S TREASURES



Make a joyful noise! TPC's Bill James and John Martin joined us for our 3rd annual Musical Treasure Night, leading us in an evening of joyful noise! As each Treasure and volunteer stated a favorite song, we were all delighted as John and Bill immediately responded by playing almost every selection. With kazooos, cue cards, Philip on the harmonica, and

26 Treasures expressing the joy of music in a variety of ways, it was definitely a participatory event. Huge thanks to John and Bill for sharing their amazing talent and love of music.

The TPC Treasure Night program is a Christian outreach to adults with disabilities. For more information about volunteering with this fun bunch, please contact one of us:



The TPC Treasure Leadership Team, Carolyn Locke, Denise Collins, Mike & Mary Shiffer



SPONSORED KIDS: Mail from Estalin (Ecuador) written January 12, 2018

Dear Friends,

I greet you in the name of our Jesus Christ. First of all, I thank you for the gift* you sent me. I want to tell you that at Christmas I had a good time with the whole family.

I will tell you about my family and what they do. My mother's name is Maria Beatriz Reinoso and she works in an estate. My father's name is Jose Vicente Quilumbaquin Cuascota. My father also works with my mother. My brother is Luis Ricardo Gomez Reinoso works with flowers. My sister Maribel Tania Quilumbaquin Reinoso also works with flowers. My sister, Pamela Sintia Quilumbaquin Reinoso, works in a store. My brother, Santiago Adolfo Quilumbaquin Reinoso works in Quito in a taxi company called La Cooperativa Atucucho. And I just study in Provinciade Loja school. I want to tell you that my mother is 38 years old. My father is 45 years old.

With these few words I say goodbye in the name of Jesus. Please pray for my family, my brothers, my sisters, my grandmas, my grandpas, for my father and my mother.

I would like to ask you, how did you spend Christmas? How did you celebrate New Year's eve? Can you send me a picture about how you spent Christmas?
Estalin

Note of explanation:

* TPC sent him a gift of \$40 at Christmas for his family. We also sent a gift of \$25 for his January 1 birthday. Staff at the Compassion International project work with the child and family to help them purchase greatly-needed items.

Carolyn Locke, Mission Committee

EASTER SUNDAY REQUEST

When you come to church on Easter morning, please bring with you flowers from your garden to decorate the cross outside the front door of the church. Thanks.

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
March 18th Session Meeting
and March 25th Congregational Meeting**

Session Meeting March 18th

Session approved a revision to the Employee Policies to allow unused Paid Time Off in excess of 40 hours to be carried forward to be used for medical leaves of absence.

A new position description for Van Drivers was approved, and some minor clarifying revisions of the Transportation Policy were approved.

A decision to launch a pilot program to provide shuttle service for Sunday morning worship to/from Mary's Woods and local points was approved.

Session is conducting a "mini-retreat" on April 28th to focus on communications strategies and issues.

Congregational Meeting March 25th

In a meeting after worship, the Congregation elected the following officers by unanimous vote.

Elders elected to the Class of 2021 (3-year terms): Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin and Maureen Wolf.

Deacons elected to the class of 2021 (3-year terms): Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Kerry Weaver and Rob Wiesenthal.

Vacated partial term (class of 2020) not yet filled.

The above information has been compiled from meeting minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

FAMILY MINISTRY

March 11 Children's Message - Sarah Beck

Opening Prayer: Gracious and Holy God, please guide us as we put one foot in front of the other and follow the path to becoming the people you want us to become. Give us strength, courage and wisdom, empathy, compassion and connection. Help us to be brave, patient and loving. It is in your name we pray and all the kids say Amen.



SARAH BECK'S CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah started with four empty containers. She poured some vinegar into each container. The vinegar represented Jesus's teaching.

Powdered milk was added to the first container. It did not mix well with the vinegar. Some people curdle like this powdered milk. They complain about how hard it is to follow God and they never grow.

Baking soda was added to the second container. It resulted in fizzing. Some Christians have lots of fizz when they first hear Jesus's words, but there is very little follow-through.

Oil was added to the third container. The two liquids did not mix. Some people never learn how to mix Jesus's words into their lives.

Water was added to the fourth container. What happened? The water became part of the vinegar. In the same way, we can be Christians who become so much like Jesus that people see him when they look at us.

"This is what it means to live a Christ-like life. And when I'm asked, where do you see God? I don't have to look farther than two feet in front of me, because I see him in each of you."

2018 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 2/28/18	\$88,944	\$95,729	(\$6,785)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 2/28/18	\$80,602	\$83,961	\$3,359

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on What's Happening, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu.

April, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER 10:00 Worship and Sunday School One Great Hour of Sharing	2	3	4 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal with bell choir	5 10 am Project Linus	6	7
8 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 11:45 am Communicants Class #1	9 7 pm Deacon meeting	10 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision	11 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	12 7 pm Bell rehearsal	13	14
15 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 11:45 am Communicants Class #2 Scholarship Applications due.	16 7 pm Bell rehearsal	17 7 pm Tuesday's Treasures 7 pm Session Meeting	18 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	19 10-11:30 am Book Group #1	20	21 9 am Men and Women's group meet 11am to 2 pm SOLVE
22 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 11:45 am Communicants Class #3	23	24 9 am May newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry	25 10 a.m. Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	26 10-11:30 am Book Group #2 7 pm Bell rehearsal	27	28 Session Mini Retreat 9 am to 3 pm
29 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 11:45 am Communicants Class #4	30					

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01-Betsy Dixon
02-Heather Cameron
02-Toni MacHaffie
02-Jeff Taylor
03-Barbara Allen
03-Dan Barker
04-John Hayhurst
04-Lynn Scroggin
05-David MacKay
07-Brynne Evers-Hood
07-Mike Myers
07-Carol Rhodes

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
18-Erika Myers
19-Robert Beatey
19-Larry Church
19-Monika Whitaker
19-Jake Wolf

21-Sue Ann Peters
22-Derrilyn Bayha
22-Connor Carlin
22-Alliana Norlin
23-Madgalene James
23-Stu Larson
23-Cameron Sweetland
24-Ellen VanSchoiack
24-Rob Wiesenthal
25-Riley Carlson
27-Senthi Senthirajah
29-Jordan Gage
30-Stephanie Hoppe



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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, Jeff Engh, Cathy Lambeth, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Bob Eddy, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Dianne Lemmon, Bonnie Nord, Gina Olson, Rob Wiesenthal, Pamela White and Chapin Zakrzewski.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch

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: Diane Paetsch

Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coordinator: 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