



I am excited to introduce the Pursinger family - Branden, Carolyn and Natalie.

Branden grew up in Troutdale, Oregon near the Sandy River. Carolyn was raised in San Mateo, California near San Francisco. They met while studying at Lewis & Clark College where Branden majored in Political Science (with a focus of Political Philosophy and Constitutional Law) and Carolyn majored in Sociology/Anthropology with a minor in Music. They started dating in March of 2009 and have been together ever since, despite Carolyn living/studying/working in California, Oregon, Washington D.C., and Ghana, and Branden living/studying/working in Oregon, Greece, and Turkey during that time. Branden and Carolyn were married in Los Gatos, California in October of 2014, and finally settled together in Oregon after their wedding. In February of 2017, they welcomed their first child, Natalie Amelia Pursinger, to the world. Natalie is a bundle of energy and always has something to say.

Carolyn now works as a HR Manager for a software company based in California and occasionally travels to California, Utah, and New York. Branden is a Policy Analyst in the Oregon State Senate focusing on business issues, K-16 education in the state, as well as the Oregon State Budget.

In their free time, they love spending time together as a family. Branden enjoys playing trumpet in a Jazz Band, and is an amateur astronomer. Carolyn enjoys finding new tea shops, Broadway musicals, and is trying to learn woodworking.

Carolyn and Branden joined TPC in 2017 and are excited to get more involved in the TPC community! Carolyn will be serving as an Elder.

Derrilyn Bayha, Deacon of Parish 5

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 31, AFTER WORSHIP

Sunday, March 31, after worship there will be a brief congregational meeting to elect officers and deacons for the class of 2019-2022. The following slate will be presented by the 2019 nominating committee: Elders: Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Ian Swanson

Deacons: Julie Nader, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Shipporeit



**MONDAY, APRIL 1 - NO FOOLING - 10 AM
KITCHEN UPGRADES DONE
TIME TO CLEAN**

The kitchen has a new electric range and two additional ovens. Wiring was added, the dust has settled. It's time to clean.

Monday, April 1 at 10 am, Pam Cameron will spearhead this cleaning event. If you can help, please come to TPC at 10 am Monday, April 1. Enjoy fellowship while you clean!



**TPC FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK
Sunday, March 31 through Sunday, April 7**
We are joining over 200 Family Promise affiliates in over 40 states who are helping to address homelessness for families and children on a grassroots level. Forty-eight wonderful volunteers have signed up to help in our first Family Promise Host Week, and we are ready! Thank you in advance for your willingness to get involved in a program that will help children and families return to stable housing. Having a safe sleeping space, nutritious meals, and the fellowship of caring and non-judgmental volunteers contributes in ways yet unseen. We are loving our neighbors just as Jesus did.

Mathew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in; I needed clothes and you clothed me."



**WOMEN'S MINISTRY, TUESDAY, APRIL 9
Women's Luncheon Field Trip**

Experience a favorite Portland tradition by visiting Albertina's Place for a delicious lunch at the restaurant, shopping (or just looking) for antiques and collectibles, gently used clothes, and accessories. Meet at the church at **10 am on Tuesday, April 9** to either ride the TPC bus or carpool. There is a signup in the Narthex, along with a typical menu, and a "take one," with all the details. As a reminder, the restaurant would like for us to pay in cash, so don't forget to bring that almost unheard of item...money! The bus leaves at 1 pm to take you back to TPC. RSVP by April 7th by signing up in the narthex or emailing Carolyn Barker @ barker-family135@icloud.com



**PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT
AFTER WORSHIP SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

There will be two separate, simultaneous Easter Egg Hunts on Palm Sunday, April 14.. The toddlers and preschool egg hunt will be in the rock/memorial garden. The primary and middle school egg hunt will be next to the church and into the prayer garden. Bring a basket or paper bag to collect eggs. Everyone starts at the same time. Meet Sarah Beck outside, by the front door of the church after worship. Start time will be about 11:30 am.



NEIGHBORLY - means reaching out to one another - will meet again on Sunday, April 28th

Who are these people who worship with us and live around us, and around TPC? How can we love all

these neighbors? Children might start by talking to anyone sitting nearby. On the second and fourth Sunday each month after worship, downstairs until noon, anyone interested in a place where you can sit and talk with others, without judgement or agenda, should come and visit. What used to happen naturally from a front porch has a new NEIGHBORLY address. Hooray. This is a place to practice our humanity in conversation, while getting to know and enjoy our neighbors, which is also called Love. Hope to see you downstairs after worship on **Sunday, April 28.**

John Casebeer, Story Catching Elder

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY, SAT., MARCH 16
Peace for Paul Foundation**

The women who attended the Women's Ministry gathering on Saturday, March 16 learned about a foundation in Uganda that helps children break the cycle of poverty. The group was introduced to this organization by Jackie Norman. Below Jackie shares how she came to know about the Peace for Paul Foundation.



I met Heidi Kaltur back in October 2014 when she became my husband Joel's hospice nurse. She was with me for the last months of his life until he passed in January 2015.

She was an amazing support to me during those difficult months. One day, shortly after he passed, I found her selling raffle tickets as a fund raiser for her orphanage in Uganda. An orphanage in Uganda? News to me!

Back in 2008, after breaking up with a fiancé who was cheating on her, she decided to travel to Uganda and work with a charity in Jinja to help heal her broken heart. While eating at an outdoor cafe one day, she was approached by five street kids who asked to share her lunch. After taking the food, one of them returned, looked her in the eye, and said, "Thank you very much".

Something happened at that moment with Paul (the namesake of Peace for Paul). She made sure that the five boys were cared for after she returned to the states, but couldn't get them out of her mind. They were members of the Karamajong nomadic tribe. Life is difficult for them, as they leave the villages to escape extreme poverty. Children resort to begging. Abductions and sex trafficking are common. With no formal education and speaking a different language, many are unable to find work and resort to drugs or alcohol.

Heidi returned the following year to ensure that these five boys were provided with permanent shelter, education and medical care. What started in 2009, has now grown to 156 children. Half of them live in girls' and boys' dorms, and half of them live at home but are educated and assisted with sponsorship funds. All of these children, who once had little hope of anything other than a life of poverty and despair, are **guaranteed an education well into vocational schooling and university.**

Heidi's orphanage is one of just three orphanages that remained open after the government recently shut down dozens of other orphanages. Peace for Paul has attained the platinum level of Seal of Transparency by Guidestar by being completely open and transparent. They house, educate, provide medical care and counseling, to these children who have lived very traumatic lives. All of the children participate in chores for the good of all - whether it be cleaning and helping with meals, or raising farm animals, or tilling a community garden.

It is the wonder of hope that shines in the eyes of these young people. The original five are now in their late teens and early twenties. As they transition out of the program, they still come back to mentor the young ones, and assist with programs in any way they can. I am always amazed at what Heidi Kaltur has done over the years for these kids. Where there was no hope, there are achievable dreams for each one...guaranteed.

To learn more, or to contribute, go their Facebook page at Peace for Paul Foundation.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is the church saying....

“We’ll be there when you need us.”

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Your gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

This offering will be collected on Easter Sunday. To learn more about One Great Hour of Sharing, visit pcusa.org/oghs.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS March 19th Session Meeting

At the Stated Session meeting on March 19th, Session took the following actions:

Minor updates to the Accompanist job description were approved

We’ll begin parking the church van in a more prominent part of the parking lot to try to eliminate attempts to siphon gas.

Rick Crall was elected to the position of Clerk of Session for a one-year term.

John and Jean Martin were elected to be our commissioners to Presbytery for a one-year term.

The TPC scholarship award to Micah Grobey was approved

Building Usage to August 31, 2019 and the Session Calendar for 2019 were approved.

The next regular Session meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

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

TPC SHUTTLE - Ride-Along Volunteers

The TPC First Sunday (Communion Sunday) shuttle marks a successful six month anniversary. We have drivers. We need a second person, to travel with the driver, to help with the loading and unloading of passengers. No training is required. To volunteer, please email John Casebeer at casebeer58@gmail.com.

PER CAPITA AND WHY CONTRIBUTING MATTERS (\$35.50 PER MEMBER)

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. For a detailed description of Per Capita, please review the February newsletter at www.tpcspirit.org

TPC’s total per capita cost for 2019 is \$10,828, or \$35.50 per member. Your donation is a tremendous help to our budget. Make contributions payable to TPC (by check or at tpcspirit.org - GIVING). Please note that the donation is for Per Capita. Maureen Wolf, Stewardship Elder

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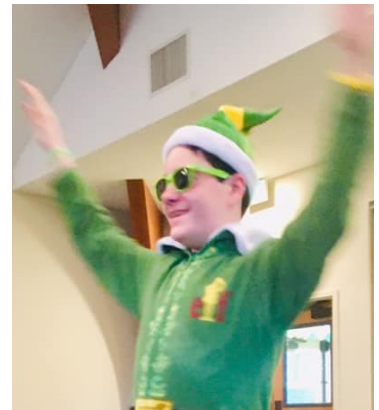
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AMAZON SMILE

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (Smile.Amazon.com) you are prompted to select a charitable organization from their list of eligible organizations. Once you’ve selected TPC, subsequent eligible purchases made on AmazonSmile will benefit TPC.

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to your designated charity! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Maureen Wolf, Stewardship Elder



**STEPHEN MINISTERS
THE AFTER PEOPLE**

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

Stephen Ministers are there:

...after the phone call you hoped you’d never get.

...after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.

...after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in.

...after the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”

...after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”

...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away and the house suddenly seems empty.

...after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

...after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please talk to Pastor Ken or one of the Stephen Leaders: Eileen Eakins, Jean Martin, Nikki Martin, Stephen Ricker or Susan Springer. To request a Stephen Minister, fill out a pink card (cards are on the cabinet outside the church office) and place it in the box provided.

MUSTARD SAUCE RECIPE

Mustard Sauce for Easter Ham or Vegetables

From Carolyn Hale’s Grandmother obtained on her honeymoon in Bend, Oregon, 1908.

- 1 T. mustard
- 1 T. flour
- ½ cup vinegar
- Butter the size of an egg
- Salt and pepper

Boil up once good and then remove from heat – let cool.

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

Currently the pantry is in need of canned fruit, canned soup, canned meals (chili, pasta, etc.), boxed mac and cheese, and powdered laundry detergent. They can always use extra paper grocery bags.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

Coffee servers are always appreciated!! You can sign up on the TPC web site (<https://goo.gl/9imGAU>) OR notify Bonnie Nord (nordb51@gmail.com) and she will sign you up. When there are coffee servers, there will be cookies after worship on Sunday mornings!!! Thank you, thank you.

SUNDAY GREETERS & USHERS at 9:30 am

Every Sunday two people stand by the front door of the church and greet people as they arrive. Two additional people stand near the glass doors leading into the sanctuary and pass out bulletins. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex if you would like to help. Choose a date that works for you and sign up. Thank you.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES

are available on the table to the right as you enter the office. If we run out, more will be printed.

TPC 2019 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 2/28/19	\$92,911	\$93,383	(\$472)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 2/28/19	\$83,587	\$87,318	\$3,731

- 2 egg yolks beaten added gradually to above mix
- Add ½ cup sugar and mix well

Serve hot or cold.

This mustard sauce is delicious with ham, and is also good over asparagus.

Submitted by Judy Nix.

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on EVENTS.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 2019	1 10 am kitchen cleaning with Pam Cameron. Join us!	2 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class	3 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	4 10 am Project Linus 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	8 7 pm Deacon meeting	9 10 am Women's Ministry lunch at Alberta's Place 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	10 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 Palm Sunday 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School Brunch and egg hunt after worship	15	16 7 pm Tuesdays Treasures 7 pm Session 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class	17 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 Maundy Thursday 10-11:30 am Book Club #1 at Hagan home 7 pm Worship Service Bell Choir Rehearsal after worship	19 Good Friday 7 pm Worship Service	20 7:00 am Men's Brkfst
21 EASTER 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	22	23 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	24 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	25 10-11:30 am Book Club #2 at Hagan home. 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	26	27
28 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 11:15 Neighborly downstairs	29	30 9 am May Newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class				

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

??-Morgan Olsen
01-Elizabeth 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-Lyric Ball
07-Brynne Evers-Hood
07-Carol Rhodes

08-Jeff Weener
08-David Whitaker
12-John Casebeer
13-Melissa Evers-Hood
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-Kathy Chase
21-Sue Ann Peters

22-Derrilyn Bayha
22-Connor Carlin
22-Elliana Norlin
23-Madgalene James
23-Stu Larsen
34-Cameron Sweetland
24-Ellen Van Schoiack
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, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Gina Olson, Kerry Weaver, 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

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

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