



Dear friends,

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

The prophet Isaiah, writing to the exiles who had seen Jerusalem destroyed, offers this word from God: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, and you are mine.” (Isaiah 43:1)

I have found it immeasurably helpful in these strange times of COVID-19 to remember that we are not the first people to endure difficult times. Because it is easy to get pulled into the up and down thrash of the daily news cycle, it is more important than ever to be thoughtful and dedicated about taking breaks to focus on holding fast to what is good and keeping our eyes focused on what endures.

To this end leaders have been doing incredible work to quickly and professionally livestream our worship on Sunday morning across multiple platforms. In particular I want to give thanks to our Communications Elder Ian Swanson who has led this effort. While you can stream us through YouTube or Facebook Live, the easiest way is to just go to our home page, [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org), on Sunday morning at 10 AM and watch from there. Also, Kerry Hormann is working our sound, and Gary Young and Megan Swanson have been sharing their music gifts with us.

One of the innovations we have made is offering a virtual coffee hour afterwards through Zoom. If you haven't yet experienced this, we put the link right on the screen at the end of worship. Zoom is a video conferencing application that is so easy to use. Basically, what happens is after worship we all gather in our zoom room, and I'll moderate a conversation around birthdays and joys and concerns. Friends like Robyn and Bruce MacKay and Annica and Jordan Gage have been able to worship and connect with us, and it's just been such a great way to feel more grounded and part of one family.

Further, I sensed a need for creating a space to pray and center on a daily basis. So every weekday morning at 9 AM people have been joining me in my own Zoom room for poetry, scripture reading, and prayer. Every Monday we hear from Russ Carlin who gives us a balanced, fact-based public health update and every Friday I've been offering a hymn with the story behind it. There are two ways of joining me. You can enter this link into your browser: <http://zoom.us/j/6940456055>. Or you can go to <http://zoom.us> and click on the Join A Meeting button and manually enter my room number: 694-045-6055.

I also want to give a huge shout out to Mike Shiffer who has been working to add ways for people to give online. Giving is so important right now. We continue to pay our staff members whether they are able to work or not. While some of the work can be done from home, many things are just on hold. But we care about our staff and know this virus will pass and we want to care for them in the meantime. Plus, we continue our financial support of our community and community partners in ministry. So, when you are giving to TPC you are helping people you love and people in real need. On our homepage there is a button marked “Give” you can click that will take you to our bank's secure online giving platform. Plus, Mike has now added the ability to use a text-to-give option. I have used this myself. It took me about four minutes to set it up, but it worked seamlessly. Here's how to do it: 1) Text the number 833.610.0073 into your phone with the amount you wish to donate in the text box. 2) The first time they will send you a link to register your debit or credit card. This will take a few minutes. 3) Then give and feel awesome about helping out! Every gift matters, and I am so grateful for you!

None of us expected any of this, and I know we're all wondering when life will return to some semblance of normal. While we're waiting on that, I'm trying my best to be thankful for the good I am seeing. I'm seeing medical professionals put themselves at risk- tens of thousands even coming out of retirement to help. I'm seeing musicians, artists, churches, book groups, friends, and families use Zoom, Skype, and Facetime to find new ways of staying in touch. And in particular I'm seeing this community continue to support our food bank and keep on keeping on when it would be easy, some days, to not.

So, please join us for worship and the virtual coffee hour after. Join me for morning prayer every 9 AM Monday through Friday. And keep giving. I would love for you to contribute to TPC, and I completely support you if you feel moved to give to another organization- please, please, please just keep giving. Now is the time to show the world and one another who we really are.

In Christ, Ken

## STAYING IN TOUCH WHILE STAYING AT HOME

Dick Wiggers, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care

One of my favorite lines I've seen posted recently says, "I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks earlier this month we'd go from standard time to The Twilight Zone." Now that we're under a "stay-at-home" order from Governor Kate Brown to help slow the spread of the coronavirus, so much around us feels surreal. In a matter of days we've moved from practicing safe "social distancing" to hunkering down in place.

Now, I confess, I am not by nature a stay-at-home kind of person. Like many of you, I'm used to being out-and-about, meeting and greeting folks, either one-on-one over coffee, or in one of the many meetings that takes place during the course of a normal week. And, like you, I miss the freedom and luxury of doing that during this unplanned time-out. Especially do I miss being able to visit in your homes, as well as being able to be with those of you who are in the hospital, or in an assisted living facility or rehab center. For the time being, those personal visits are not possible.

However, I am grateful that there are still many ways that we can stay connected even while staying at home. I'm especially thankful for the creative team led by Pastor Ken, Ian and Megan Swanson, and Gary Young, that is making it possible for us to Zoom in for worship on Sunday mornings, and join Ken and friends on weekday mornings for a time of prayer, poetry, and catching up. Being able to see and hear each other after worship and during the week would have been impossible to do in former times. But now, thanks to the power of the internet and cell phones, we can reach out and call, text, email, or video chat with each other without waiting for Sunday morning to roll around. Some among us have even reverted to sending hand written letters and cards.

For the past several years, on Ash Wednesday, we have entered into the forty day season of Lent, by using a responsive liturgy that begins, "This year for Lent, I am going to **Fast from . . .**, So that I can **Feast on . . .** So, this year, how are you staying connected with friends and loved ones while you are Fasting from their close physical presence? I know of a few families who have already hosted Virtual Family Dinners online with family members close by, as well as those who live thousands of miles away. Who knows? Like them, you might even start hearing and seeing from friends and family members you haven't connected with in ages! Keep me posted. I'd love to hear about the ways you are discovering to stay in touch while staying at home.

### CONNECTING TO TPC WORSHIP

To connect to Sunday morning worship on line, just go to our website, [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org). There is no link or anything else you need to do. Just be there between 10 and 11 on Sunday morning. If you want to get to some other part of our website, use the menu items across the top of the page.

We are trying to make access to Sunday morning worship on line during the pandemic as simple and effective as possible. Yet, some folks have experienced problems getting connected.

If you encountered problems, even if you eventually emerged successful, we would like to hear about them and what you did to succeed. Feedback will help us improve the way we offer this means of staying connected.

If your computer does not have a camera or microphone, you can still use ZOOM to just watch. You can use ZOOM from any PC, iPad, or smart phone. Whatever way you use it will require a little setup the first time, and that process is device dependent. So, if you are still having problems, either connecting to the streaming Sunday worship service itself, or to the ZOOM based interactive virtual coffee hour afterwards, or the weekday morning prayer sessions, ask for help. Contact me, [clerk@tpcspirit.org](mailto:clerk@tpcspirit.org), and I will try to answer your questions, or ask someone from our team of volunteers to help you (talk to your deacon).

Any suggestions that connect us, that go beyond the uses of the internet, are most welcome.

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

## GIVING OPTIONS FOR TPC

During this challenging time of healthy precautions while sheltering in place, Tualatin Presbyterian Church is continuing to support our local efforts and paying our staff, though their work schedules will vary. Many of you are asking how you can continue your generous support of TPC without a weekly offering plate. Here are five the ways that you can donate to TPC. These are all safe and secure methods to donate.

Write a personal contribution check and mail to TPC, 9230 SW Siletz Dr., Tualatin, 97062 Mail is picked up daily.

Generate a contribution to TPC via your financial institution's bill pay system. They will mail the check to TPC.

Try online giving. Just click **Give** at the top of any page at [tpcspirit.org](http://tpcspirit.org) and then click **Give Now**. The **Give Now** link is also on the front page of [tpcspirit.org](http://tpcspirit.org) (right below the live stream worship video).

Donate via Text giving. The text number is **833 610 0073**. Just put the amount you want to donate in the body of the text. The first time you will need to enter your payment info but after that it's a piece of cake! There is basic information about text giving at the top of the TPC **Give** page. You will find a link to an information page and on that page, there is a link to a detailed information "training" document.

If are a mobile user and like apps, you can go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church". When you open the app the first time there is a search function to find your church (we hope you look for Tualatin Presbyterian Church). After you enter your donation, you will be able to store your payment information for later use.

Online giving, text giving, and mobile giving will all generate an email messages to you acknowledging your donation (of course text giving will also text you back a confirmation.)

You may contact our Financial Assistant, Mike Shiffer, if you have questions or need assistance with any of these donation options. Mike can be reached at [finance@tpcspirit.org](mailto:finance@tpcspirit.org) or by phone 503-349-2358.

With sincere gratitude, TPC Finance Team



Family Promise is pausing the rotational shelter part of the program until May. The current two families are in local motels and will be moving to apartments soon. TPC's response to items requested to put together "move in" baskets has been outstanding.

In addition, we reached out to Countryside Community Church and were able to secure all the items needed to set up these two family households with beds, linens, and bathroom and kitchen items. Many thanks! Judy says her living room looks like a regular Goodwill store!

The Family Promise staff is continuing to work and are responding to many requests under the Shelter Diversion, Housing Stabilization and post graduate care programs. Please continue to refer requests for help to 503-427-2768. However, the ever popular Memorial weekend Drive In/Sleep out fund raiser is being canceled. Donations are always appreciated and can be made at the website [www.familypromiseoftv.org](http://www.familypromiseoftv.org).

THANKS to everyone for making the recent TPC host week successful. The program is only successful because of you, our outstanding volunteers who willingly participate in meal preparation and serving, family fellowship, overnight hosts, bed transportation, or serve on the set up/take down crew. YOU ARE AWESOME!!

Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen, Host Coordinators

## WAYS TO HELP DURING PANDEMIC - COVID-19 MASK MAKING PROJECT

These masks are not for medical personnel, but rather for patients and families in the emergency waiting rooms. It is a wonderful project. If people want to help, please have them join this group on Facebook: Crafters Against Covid-19 \*PDX\*

It is a private group. You will need to request to join, but they would welcome the help.

To learn more about this new group, go to the link below for an article that appeared in the Oregonian on March 25.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/coronavirus/2020/03/coronavirus-in-oregon-as-safety-supplies-dwindle-crafters-step-in-to-fill-the-gap.html>

Russ Carlin, Mission Committee Elder

## INFORMATION FROM OUR PARISH NURSE, SUSAN FEE, REGARDING Corona Virus (Covid 19)

There are many known types of Human Corona Virus. The one we are currently concerned about is known as Covid 19.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, much is still not known about Covid 19. It is believed symptoms of cough, fever and shortness of breath may occur 2-14 days after exposure. Contact your doctor if you have symptoms, you have been in close contact with someone known to have Covid 19, or if you or someone you have been in close contact with has recently travelled to an area where Covid 19 is widespread. Call your doctor first so they can advise you how to go in without potentially exposing others.

Covid 19 is a respiratory virus. Recommended preventive measures are the same as for other respiratory viruses. Avoid sick contacts. Stay home if you are sick. Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw it in the trash after use. Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces. Wash your hands frequently for 20 seconds with soap and warm water if available, if not use hand sanitizer, especially before eating, after using the bathroom, and after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose. Face masks are not currently recommended for prevention for the general public. They may be recommended to be worn by a person with respiratory symptoms.

For further information and updates go to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or the Oregon Health Authority website [Oregon.gov/oha](https://www.oregon.gov/oha). Another good site is the World Health Organization at [who.int](https://www.who.int)

## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

### In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



## DEACONS - March 8, Shamrock Sunday!

The congregation wrote notes of praises on these shamrocks! These cheerful shamrocks are still up waiting for us to all return! We thank and praise each and every of you! The Deacons

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### March 12 Special Session Meeting

held with Elders participating via ZOOM using the internet on Thursday, March 12, 2020.

The purpose of the meeting was to take the necessary actions in response to the COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC.

Sunday morning worship in the building is suspended beginning March 15, through April 5, to be re-evaluated on April 5.

Staff are to work from home as much as possible.

All use of the building by inside and outside groups is suspended beginning March 15 through April 5, to be re-evaluated on April 5.

All staff of TPC shall be paid their normal salaries during this period.

Rios de Agua Viva shall not be charged any rent for the entire months of March and April.

Next meeting will be April 5th, or before, via Zoom.

### Saturday, March 14 Session Meeting

This meeting was focused on our response to the crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. We worked to identify groups within TPC and the community that will be affected, and discussed in detail actions we should or could take to help keep everyone connected and whole. A number of specific tasks were identified and are being carried out by members of this group and others.

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

### FOOD PANTRY - Mike Shiffer

Right now we are good on volunteers.

Monetary donations can be made at [schoolhousepantry.org](http://schoolhousepantry.org).

Nonperishable food donations can be dropped off during our revised pantry hours.

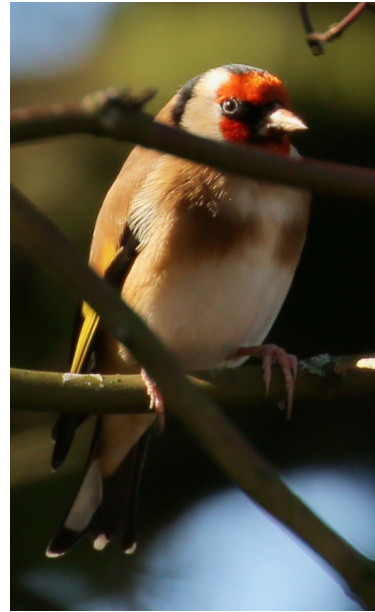
We are providing curbside food distribution for households in Tualatin, Durham area, Lake Oswego, West Linn and Wilsonville

Pantry Hours Effective March 30, 2020

Monday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Wednesday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Recently while sitting outback scanning the trees and yard for my daily friends I spotted someone I did not recognize. After identifying him I was left to ponder how a European Goldfinch could end up in our backyard in Wilsonville, Oregon. An expert from a birding site confirmed this was a rare sighting. This bird was not a native. The thing is, there seems to be no way for it to have arrived here in the boughs of our cooking laurel. This bird was an exotic pet which had either escaped or been set free. This scenario is not nearly as exciting as imagining the journey he might have enjoyed as he made his way from Europe.

Here is the beauty part though, imagine that profound moment when he who had always known life behind the bars of a cage, was suddenly free to fly. Imagine him relying on his own instincts. Imagine him finding his distant species, the American Goldfinches, with which to fly! I've been pondering how we are currently in a much different world. How many folks are feeling caged in the confines of their homes? I would like to think that while this bird had known only the life he was living, somehow there abided in him the ability to dream of the what if's, if ever he was to find freedom. Likewise, I like to hope that when we are given the go ahead to leave our homes freely, we will take away our own what if's, and fly!

Rebecca Backen



**Baptism** in a time of social distancing, Sunday, March 22, Ayden Todd Owen, son of Fenya Snegireff and Todd Michael Owen. Grandparents are Debby and Greg Owen.



**Sarah Beck** connecting with youth, Anya, Ryleigh and Rachel.



**Weekday 9am prayer** with Ken on Zoom.

# APRIL TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) and click on EVENTS.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 10 am on line worship <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Happy Birthday!



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

?? Morgan Olsen  
02 Heather Cameron  
02 Toni MacHaffie  
03 Barbara Allen  
03 Dan Barker  
04 John Hayhurst  
04 Lynn Scroggin

07 Brynne Evers-Hood  
07 Carol Rhodes  
08 Jeff Weener  
08 David Whitaker  
10 Priya Kadel  
12 John Casebeer  
13 Melissa Evers-Hood  
15 Sue Lowry  
16 Katherine MacCluer  
17 Nancy Wilcox  
19 Robert Beatey  
19 Larry Church  
19 Monica Whitaker  
19 Jake Wolf

21 Kathy Chase  
21 Sue Ann Peters  
22 Derrilyn Bayha  
22 Connor Carlin  
23 Maggie James  
23 Stu Larson  
23 Cameron Sweetland  
24 Ellen Van Schoiack  
24 Rob Wiesenthal  
25 Riley Carlson  
27 Senthil Senthirajah  
29 Jordan Gage

The office is closed at this time.

We check phone messages and pick up mail on a daily basis.  
503-692-4160

Worship with us on Sundays at 10 am on line at [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org).

TPC 2020 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 2/29/20	\$92,669	\$87,774	4,895
Operating Expenses Year to Date 2/29/20	\$76,250	\$79,689	\$3,439



**Where are we going Pooh?**

**Home Piglet. We're going home, because that's the best place to be.**

A. A. Milne

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**Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on line at [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)**

**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, Joan Nardi (acting), Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Ian Swanson, and Maureen Wolf

**Deacons:** Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Donna Hammersly, Jason James, Julie Nader, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

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

Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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