

**COVID UPDATE** - I am happy to say that more people are becoming eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine; and our supplies are increasing, and it is becoming easier to get scheduled. While you wait to get vaccinated, please be patient and continue to do the things you have been doing to keep yourself safe--face covers, social distancing, handwashing, and avoiding crowds and limiting contact with people outside your household.

To schedule a vaccine in the Portland area by phone, you can call: 833-647-8222 Option #3

The following websites have COVID-19 eligibility and scheduling links, as well as other good information about COVID-19 vaccines:

The Oregon Health Authority website, COVID-19 Vaccine in Oregon, allows you to sign up to be notified when a vaccine is available for you at the Oregon Convention Center.

Home - All 4 Oregon—is another site to sign up for the same list to be notified when a vaccine is available for you. You do not need to sign up twice.

COVID-19 Vaccines: Information and Appointments | OHSU is the OHSU COVID-19 website with links to scheduling at PDX, Hillsboro Stadium, Scappoose, and the Oregon Convention Center.

The CDC, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) | CDC, continues to be my favorite website for all things COVID. And I consider this to be my happy page: When You've Been Fully Vaccinated | CDC.

You can also check with your local pharmacy about COVID-19 vaccines.

I feel very hopeful that I will be able to see you in church again soon.

Susan Fee, Parish Nurse

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The TPC Finance Committee would like to thank everyone for their continued faithful, financial support of our church family's mission. Our annual budget is based on pledged general fund amounts and anticipated unpledged contributions. For those that have pledged, please remember to make your regular pledge payments. Just a reminder to all that you can set up regular contributions to TPC via your financial institution or electronic donations at tpcspirit.org/givenow. The TPC online donation system allows donations from bank accounts and debit/credit cards. You can also mail check donations directly to the church. For more information or help with ways to give, contact our Financial Assistant, Mike Shiffer, finance@tpcspirit.org.



Thank you for your continued support of Family Promise - so FamilyPromise many meals in one week!! Your generosity provides families with food, transition into housing, resources, and hope for the future. TPC provided two weeks of food this quarter due to

your donations. Every once in a while a church is asked to provide an extra week of food and we were able to do that this month. Week of March 15, 16 adults, 16 children fed. Ninety-six meals total. Thx!!!

Our next host week is June 6-12. Family Promise is still housing guests in an extended stay facility that contains basic kitchen implements. We will continue to provide food for all the families for that week. If you would like to help fund this mission, please make donations to TPC with a note for Family Promise food. We really appreciate all your help.

Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen, TPC Family Promise Coordinators



**HOLY WEEK, March 28 through April 3** There will be a Maundy Thursday or Good Friday service; watch for more information from Pastor Ken.

HOLY WEEK A Saturday Easter Vigil, held outside the church, is being planned. Watch for more information from Pastor Ken.

### EASTER AT TPC

To celebrate the sacred season of Easter, this week our church family will receive cards by mail from TPC. The Art Committee commissioned a two foot by four foot oil painting by Megan Nipp, a George Fox University student, of a sacred garden at sunrise. In this garden live a variety of new-life symbols: a frog, a peacock, a rabbit, butterflies and eggs.

In addition to being the subject of our Easter card, the painting is also the basis for five new faux stained glass window panels. This work is paid for by a Calvin Institute of Worship Grant funded by Lilly Endowments, Inc.



Sarah Beck, Jeff Cameron, Jeff Engh, Bob Paetsch, Patrick Ramos, Chris Robertson, Nancy Wilcox, Calvin Grant Committee Members

## **TPC WORSHIP - WAYS TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

Thank you, everyone, who joins us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10:10 AM and to those who watch the recorded service at a later time. In case you haven't found us yet, or are interested in other viewing options, here is where you can find us.

On your online device, use any browser to go to <u>www.tpcspirit.org</u>. On Sunday morning, the service is streamed to our home page. Followed the Sunday broadcast, you will find the latest service on our home page and past services on the video tab.

We simulcast to Facebook Live and to YouTube. On Facebook follow or like Tualatin Presbyterian Church, then check for our livestream on Sunday at 10:10 AM. On YouTube we send our worship stream to the Tualatin Presbyterian Church channel (you can subscribe). In addition to watching on your favorite device, you may be able to view our livestream worship on your TV. Most smart TVs and some cable services allow a direct connection to YouTube. This is a great option for those of us who prefer the advantages of a larger screen.

We'll see you online! Mike Shiffer

#### CONNECT TO TPC

ZOOM enables you to interactively participate in a virtual meeting with other TPC folks. To find the links for regular zoom meetings (the "Virtual Coffee Hour" after Sunday morning worship, and the weekday 9 am Prayer meetings)" go to <u>tpcspirit.org/Links/</u>. That page is updated weekly or as needed.

To join a ZOOM meeting, click the link from a message or web page. If it is outside the times for that meeting you'll get a message, "Please wait for the host to start this meeting" which indicates that your computer is set up properly.

Problems? Look at <u>Zoom Step-by-step</u> or send an email message to <u>support@tpcspirit.org</u>. <u>Zoom Step-by-step</u> also contains useful additional information about navigating some of the features, and alternatives available with Zoom.

#### TPC TREE DAMAGE

TPC is blessed to be located on a beautiful, tree-filled site next to Tualatin's 6.55 acre Little Woodrose Nature Park. The February Ice Storm was an extreme winter event that weighed down many of our trees resulting in substantial damage to many trees. In mid -March we were able to have the damaged trees and downed branches removed. Three trees were damaged by the storm to the



by the storm to the extent that they had to be totally removed and many others were trimmed to remove broken branches. The plum trees along Boones Ferry are damaged and still require attention that we will be addressing in the near future.



Greg Owen, Building and Grounds Elder

#### REFLECTIONS

When our grandson, Sterling, first came to us I was determined to introduce him to birds. Whenever I would spot the Bushtits at the suet feeder, I would scoop him up and carry him right up next to the feeder. Softly I would whisper, "Sterling, these are the Bushtits. Look at their beautiful eyes; they are your friends." Inevitably he would reach his chubby, baby arms towards them and off they would fly.

Yesterday Dave and I went to The Convention Center to get our vaccine. After a year of staying almost completely away from anyone other than our daughter and son-in-law's immediate family, I was an anxious mess. Looking around the room at the hundreds of masked and distanced people did nothing to quell that uneasy feeling welling inside me. It took every ounce of my resolve to make it to the person



giving me my vaccine. Perhaps she sensed my hesitancy, or as I now choose to believe, she was just an amazing human being, but when I sat down she looked me directly in the eyes. She asked how I was doing. That's all it took for the tears to come.

With masks, so much about us is hidden, unless we have close enough access to see a person's eyes. I can't tell you the name of my RN, but I can tell you when I looked into her eyes, I felt as if I had found myself in the presence of grace.

Bird species, like humans, for the most part, stick to their own. The Finches with Finches, Doves with Doves, Bluebirds with Bluebirds. When the Bushtits arrive, however, look and listen closely. You might see a Chickadee and a Kinglet flying with them. If you get the opportunity to stand really close, look at their eyes. In them you will find kindness, in them you will find peace and in them you will find inclusive-ness.

To quote my RN, "It's been a long year." Here's to seeing beyond masks and into the eyes of love.

Rebecca Backen



# ANYA RAMOS'S LOG COLLEGE PROJECT

Anya Ramos's Log College Project presents Reema Zaman, a writer, speaker, actress, and former model who left acting and modeling after a long battle with anorexia and bulimia. Reema will speak about her story, and facilitate an open dialog (on Zoom) about anorexia, bulimia and how to offer emotional, social and spiritual support



to friends and family members going through this experience. Reema Zaman is scheduled to speak on Sunday, April 18 at 2:00 PM.

If you would like to join the conversation, here is the link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/5372273721</u> All are welcome.



**TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY** The Tualatin Food Pantry continues to serve our hungry neighbors. Tualatin Food Pantry invites you to help spread the news by "liking" their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/schoolhousepantry.org .

For the latest hours and information about the pantry, please

#### visit tualatinfoodpantry.org

If you are interested in helping, go to schoolhousepantry.org/signup.

Items needed currently include: peanut butter, canned chili, canned pasta (like Spaghetti O's), canned beans (all varieties), miscellaneous pasta (not spaghetti), canned meats, shampoo, powdered laundry detergent, dry pet food.

Mike Shiffer



#### SPECIAL THANKS from Edda Brown

To the loving Congregation of Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Our family joins me in thanking you for the amazing outpouring of love and comfort in the loss of our "anchor" Charlie.

We were so happy years ago when we made TPC our Church home after he retired from St. Andrew's. He was honored to participate in some of the pastoral needs.

Thank you, Ken, for having been a Pastor to my Charlie; he treasured the friendship and the "zany" humor.

Love and hugs, Edda



## PASTOR CHARLIE BROWN

September 8, 1936 - January 8, 2021

On the morning of January 8, 2021, Charlie Brown died in peace surrounded by his family. What do we write about a man who touched so many lives? That he loved his Lord and was fiercely devoted to his family, who loved him deeply and he loved them back!

Charlie was born in Ocilla, Georgia to Bob and Bev Brown and grew up in Yakima, Washington. He graduated from Whitworth College in Spokane, then earned his Master of Divinity from

Princeton Theological Seminary. For Charlie, relationships were an essential part of his ministry. That was evident as an adored pastor, serving congregations throughout California, including a stint as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Berkeley, California during the tumultuous 1960's. In 1973, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon, extended a call to Charlie as their new Senior Pastor. Edda was the wedding reception coordinator and worked closely with Charlie. Six months after he arrived, she walked into his office and announced "Charlie Brown, I am very strongly attracted to you!" His "I really appreciate that Edda." was NOT the answer she was hoping for. However, 16 months later they were married, blending their five children and eventually, their seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, into one family. Edda's German family loved Charlie from day one and gleefully brought him into their fold.

As Senior Pastor for 28 years, Charlie preached more than 1500 sermons, officiated hundreds of weddings, including his family's; baptized more than 400 souls, including all seven of his grandchildren; and showed us all how to live and love well. He introduced the power of human touch by inviting the congregation to "join hands and close the center aisle" during the benediction. Strangers soon became friends with his open smile and "Hi, my name is Charlie Brown." Posting himself at the back of the sanctuary, Charlie had a hug ready for anyone who wanted or needed it. For some, we learned, it was the only human touch they received throughout the week. When he retired, his friends remembered him this way "You make hugs doable for all. You made the ages-old Bible user-friendly to everyone."

After retiring as Pastor Emeritus, Charlie's faithful service continued as he played a vital role at Tualatin Presbyterian Church, and performed hundreds of weddings at the American Church in Paris. Edda fondly remembers the wonderful friends they made in "the city of love." In 2016, they moved to Mary's Woods, a loving and supportive retirement community in Lake Oswego.

Charlie was a real Mensch! Our Babo will always be remembered as a loving husband, Dad, brother, uncle, counselor, pastor and friend. Our family is missing our anchor now, but we look to the skies for Charlie to send a rainbow our way!

#### You're a good man, Charlie Brown!

Charlie is survived by his wife, Edda; and their children, Susan (Tim), Charlie Jr., Steven (Jessica), Cameron (Breanna), and Chris; as well as his grandchildren, Jamie, Jessi, Nick, Alaila, Houston, Casey (Tia), baby Charlie III, and Lily; sister Barbie (Tom) and their children, Andy (Kara) and Jenny (Amit); and extended family in Washington, Georgia, Germany - Harald (Ilona), and friends worldwide.

With COVID we are not able to announce a service at this time, but we will be gathering when it is safe, to remember and celebrate this amazing man. Memorial gifts may be made in Charlie's name to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tualatin Presbyterian Church and the Adult Community Center in Lake Oswego.

Please sign the online guest book at: www.oregonlive.com/obits

(This obituary was in the Oregonian newspaper February 12 through February 14, 2021.)



## **COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL**

Every now and then, we receive a letter from our sponsored children. Below is the text of a letter sent to us by Sarah Tino who lives in Uganda. Her letter was dated February 23, 2021

Praise God!

Greetings to you in the name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. How is it there and the family? Am well. Thanks for always thinking about me. I appreciate the support that you have sent to me and I received a gift of 174,300 Uganda shillings which helped me to buy the following items:

Two turkeys for 70,000, clothes for 40,000, bed sheets and jacket, 20,000 and fish 4300.

May God richly bless you and the entire congregation. Am happy about the schools. According to the president of Uganda March 1st semi-candidates are going back to school and I am also among the team of people who are going back to school. Thanks be to God.

Here in Uganda we are in a dry season. The sky is clear with very hot days and very cold nights.

We are not doing any garden work this season except clearing the garden for the rainy season.

What is the weather there? What activities do you do in this season?

Despite of the fact that we are in a lock down, we carry so many activities in our project, for example, Bible study. Please share with me this scripture: I Corinthians 11:1-2 which says "Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ the Savior." It's my favorite verse over this season. Bye Bye Sarah

Note: 1 Uganda shilling is equal to .00027 US dollar. Photo from July, 2018.



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 06-Daniel Hormann 07-Brynne Evers-Hood 07-Mike Myers 07-Carol Rhodes 08-Jeff Weener 08-David Whitaker 12-John Casebeer 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 24-Ellen VanSchoiack 24-Rob Wiesenthal 25-Riley Carlson 27-Senthi Senthirajah 29-Jordan Gage 30-Stephanie Hoppe

TPC 2021 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 2/28/21	\$57,984	\$70,860	(\$12,876)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 2/28/21	\$73,280	\$77,930	\$4,650

# **APRIL TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR**

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Maundy Thurs- day 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>2</b> Good Friday 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>3</b> Possible Easter Vigil Service
<b>4</b> Easter 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>5</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>6</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	7 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>8</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	9 9 am prayer on Zoom	10
<b>11</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>12</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon meeting/Zoom	<b>13</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>14</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>15</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	16 9 am prayer on Zoom	17
<b>18</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>19</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>20</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session meeting on Zoom	<b>21</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>22</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	23 9 am prayer on Zoom	24
<b>25</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>26</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	27 9 am prayer on Zoom 9 am May newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>28</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>29</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>30</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	

The church office is closed due to COVID-19; staff members are working from home. The building is not available for meetings.

You are invited to worship with us on line on Sundays starting at 10:10 am. Go to the church website, www.tpcspirit.org Or Facebook, or YouTube.

If you wish to leave a voicemail message, call the church office at 503-692-4160. Messages are checked regularly.



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#### **TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood Parish Associates: The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin, Joan Nardi (acting), Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos, Ian Swanson and Maureen Wolf

**Deacons:** Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck	Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst
Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer	Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall
Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer	Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord
Director of Music Ministries: vacant	Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro	Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov	Parish Nurse: Susan Fee
Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch	Prayer Chain: Greg Imus
Art Director: Chris Robertson	Technology Chair: John Martin
Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall	Treasurer: Chip Kyle
Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron	Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins
Clerk of Session: Liz Belz-Templeman	Video Editor: Thomas Woodbridge
-	Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

The office is closed. Can leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.