

CONCERT SATURDAY
March 26, 2022 at 4 pm at TPC



MUSIC 
FOR LENT

featuring
Pergolesi's Stabat Mater

with
Emily Bavaro, *soprano*
Sarah Beaty, *mezzo soprano*
Element String Quartet
Evan C. Paul, *piano*

Saturday, March 26th, 2022 at 4PM

**Tualatin Presbyterian Church
9230 SW Siletz Drive
Tualatin, OR 97062**

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN



Dear friends,

Consent is a pretty great thing when it comes to being in relationship, right? Like, it's nice to be asked about what you need and want and what expectations you have for yourself and for whoever else you are in relationship with, yes? I mean it sounds pretty obvious, but it's honestly pretty rare to have clear and intentional conversations about what we expect from one another- especially in the church.

The church seems particularly afflicted by that great relationship bugaboo- unspoken assumptions. Most of us show up in church spaces with some previous experience from at least one another congregation. Because of this, and without being super aware of it, we naturally bring expectations about how things are supposed to be. And when we find ourselves surprised, we rarely stop and wonder if we've taken the time to express ourselves clearly. We tend to jump pretty quickly to feeling misunderstood or disappointed. And sometimes we resent the suggestion that we should have to express ourselves clearly- like aren't our wants and needs obvious?

Well, the short answer to that question is no. (The long answer is noooooooooooooo...) No, our wants and needs are rarely obvious to others if we don't express ourselves. And there are as many ways of being and doing church as there are people out there.

One of the places I see great room for improvement in terms of role clarity is with our delightful deacons. First off, I am just so grateful for them. They have supported my own family both when Eleanor was in the PICU for 10 days with a nearly fatal case of RSV pneumonia and this last year when my dad was dying. Their support and encouragement were invaluable.

But easy for me to say- I'm the dang pastor around here. Of course I know the deacons and understand how to work with them and ask them for help. But what if I came to this community more recently? Would I even know what a deacon is? Or what if I had been a member here for years and years- would I know who my current deacon is, what I can reasonably ask them, and what they can expect from me? Most assuredly not!

And why? Well...because to my knowledge we've never had a real conversation about it. We've never asked the congregation what folks need and want from a deacon. And we've never had a clear conversation regarding what a deacon should reasonably expect from us. And at TPC we've never really made having a deacon an option, something vital to being in a healthy relationship- we've just assigned folks into parishes. All of this happened with good intentions. But we can do better.

As we're coming out of COVID (knock on wood), a lot of folks are reassessing their lives. We don't just have to unthinkingly return to things as they were. We never asked most of you if you wanted a deacon; we just assigned you one. And we never had a conscious conversation about what you needed and wanted and what your deacon could expect from you.

For now I'd like to start by inviting you to give us some feedback. 1) If the deacons have been helpful to you in the past, we'd like to hear about it. Was it a card? Meals? The deacon organized car parade? Deacon dogs? Deacon desserts? 2) What would you like to see from your deacon? Do you appreciate a monthly email check in? Do you want more? Do you want something different? 3) Consider that every relationship is a two-way street. What are you willing to do to be in relationship with your parish? Is responding to a monthly email something you will do? Would you be willing to help on larger projects like sending care packages to our young people away at school? Or are there other ways you might imagine working with the deacons to make TPC a more welcoming and supportive community?

We'll start with the classic suggestion box in the narthex and see what happens. We look forward to hearing from you.



In Christ, Ken

Things are definitely quieter in the Covid world right now. Many people are returning to their pre-Covid routines--no masks, traveling and gathering.

There are still some rumblings of possible new variants coming our way, but details as to transmissibility and severity are unknown. I would encourage people

to realize we may never be safely back to pre-Covid days. I think of it as getting to our new normal. Please use judgement regarding mask wearing when you are indoors or around large groups of people. There may be additional vaccines recommended in the near future. Please get them if they are recommended for you. Lastly, if you are sick--stay home!

Susan Fee, Parish Nurse



Family Promise is grateful for everyone who rolls up their sleeves and opens their hearts and pocketbooks to support the FPTV program. They can't do it without each and every one of you!!

FPTV Clothing Closet has made a great start THANKS to everyone who donated clothing. Each month when donations are needed, a different church is asked to supply the donations. We will let you know when they are in need of more clothes from TPC. Thanks

TPC provided two weeks of groceries for 14 families during the month of March. THANKS for your donations (you can make a donation through TPC and label it Family Promise groceries). A big THANK YOU to Candy Ferguson, Diane Paetsch, Kathy MacCluer and Dee Dee Hanson for shopping, sorting and delivering the groceries to the Day Center.

Pam Bowen, pamelaabowen@gmail.com and Derrilyn Bayha, dabayha@mac.com

REBECCA'S REFLECTIONS

A few weeks back Dave and I watched the most amazing bird rom-com as we were walking along a water-filled pond, lined by shrubs and trees. As often is the case we spotted movement in a shrub and walked closer to identify what we were seeing. There was the sweetest little ruby crowned kinglet you would ever want to happen upon. Kinglets are generally very frenetic little birds. They flit to and fro with such speed it is hard to capture a nice photo of them. Not so on this day. Other than a quite thorough preening this little gem was staying primarily in one spot. After a few moments of observation we were able to deduce why. She was hoping to attract the attention of a male suitor who was very nearby.



He was the Jerry Lewis of birds with his clumsy physical comedy. We watched him fly close and completely expose to her his brilliant ruby red crown, a sign he was aiming to impress. She would have had to be sleeping to miss the signal, but she was not. She repositioned herself in another shrub, but he seemed confused and flew in the opposite direction. She sat and sat, occasionally trying a new spot as he flew in and past, overhead and around. "Hey friend," I tried to tell him, "she's interested, she's outfitted in her finest feathers and is right here, and she's getting tired of your antics." He didn't listen, I don't think he understood my birdspeak.

For about forty five minutes we continued to watch and finally had to leave. I will never know if a love connection was made, but I do know one thing, she could not have looked any finer and all that time spent priming and waiting would not go to waste. She was a self confident bird, and knew she looked fine and had much to offer, which in and of itself, was enough.

Rebecca Backen

CONNECTIONS HAPPENINGS

Lenten Bible Study

As of this newsletter we are entering the fourth week of Lent. So far the 22 people in the Tuesday in-person group and the Thursday evening Zoom group have learned how ordinary objects (such as dust, bread, crosses, coins) show God is inviting us to have a relationship with him.

Coffee Connections

Three coffee connections have been held and 14 people have had the chance to visit and get to know each other a little better. The next Coffee Connection is planned for Tuesday, April 19, at La Provence in Lake Oswego, 16350 Boones Ferry Road, at 10 a.m. Other opportunities to connect are being planned for April/May, which will be announced in the newsletter and/or weekly bulletin.

“Everything is interconnected...recognize the beauty in relationships and the importance of connecting with each other.” If you have ideas for ways in which we can get members or potential members engaged, please contact Judy Nix, Connections Elder at jcnix@comcast.net or 503.735.5127.



STRENGTHENING MINISTRY GRANT

Sarah Beck, Director of Family Ministries, met with Judy Nix and members of the Women's Ministry committee last month. She requested input for a \$5,000 Duke Divinity Foundations of Christian Leadership Strengthening Ministries Grant, which would be used to support a retreat for TPC women in the coming year. The Women's Ministry is in conversation

with Marianne Borg to possibly lead the retreat. Marianne is the founding chair of the Marcus J. Borg Foundation. She is also a retired Episcopal priest who served 18 years at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland. Sarah Beck should know the status of the grant application by April 15th.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN in the Presbytery of the Cascades

Virtual Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 30, 2022, 10 am to 12:30 pm

BROADENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH: Treatment. Mental Health Conditions. Warning Signs and Symptoms. Support. Advocacy. Compassion and Caring.

Exploring the issues surrounding mental health and learning about the resources available to the community through the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Speakers:

Linda Jackson-Shaw: NAMI Family to Family State trainer and Director of “Gloria” a non profit that provides resources and support to family members with loved ones on the journey with mental health.

Louise K. Langley: NAMI Peer 2 Peer Instructor; IOOV Presenter and Connections Group Facilitator

This meeting will be held via Zoom. There is no registration. The invitation link will be sent to everyone on our email list a few days before the event. Those not regularly receiving emails from Cascades Presbyterian Women should send their email address to rojewel@gmail.com.

Offering for the Spring Gathering - In lieu of a registration fee for this program, we encourage you to send an offering to us in support of NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Please send checks made out to Cascades Presbyterian Women to:

Mary Lou Williams, 14601 NW 26th Ave, Vancouver WA 98685. Please write NAMI in the memo area.



Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's Fire and Life Safety Division presents its spring edition of the "[Safety First](#)" online newsletter for residents, businesses, and families.

This edition provides helpful information on simple steps you can take to best prepare your home and family as we near wildfire season. Those who would like to learn more are invited to participate in a webinar via Zoom, highlighting the first step in the "Ready, Set, GO!" campaign. The first session in the virtual series will focus on creating and maintaining defensible space around your home, forming emergency plans, preparing emergency kits, and more. Visit www.tvfr.com/wildfire to sign up for the March 29 online event and gain access to additional wildfire safety and planning information.

Other newsletter articles in this edition cover the importance of servicing fire and life safety equipment, a spotlight on electrical panels, consumer product safety recalls, safety lessons learned from devastating fires, and tips to help you invest in your health and well-being.

If you have ideas on topics you would like to see covered in future editions or have questions, please email SafetyFirst@tvfr.com.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED ON EASTER, 4/17

Monies received in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering used to support three programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) - receives 32% of funds

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) - receives 36% of funds

Self-Development of People (SDPO) - receives 32% of funds raised

TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY APPOINTS FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Danielle Schneider has been named Executive Director of the Tualatin Food Pantry. Schneider, who assumed the role on January 18, is responsible for the professional management of the organization. Schneider will also lead fundraising efforts as well as marketing and community engagement initiatives.

BottleDrop

TPC now has an account with BottleDrop. This means we can drop off bags of redeemable bottles and cans rather than having to feed them into a machine one by one.

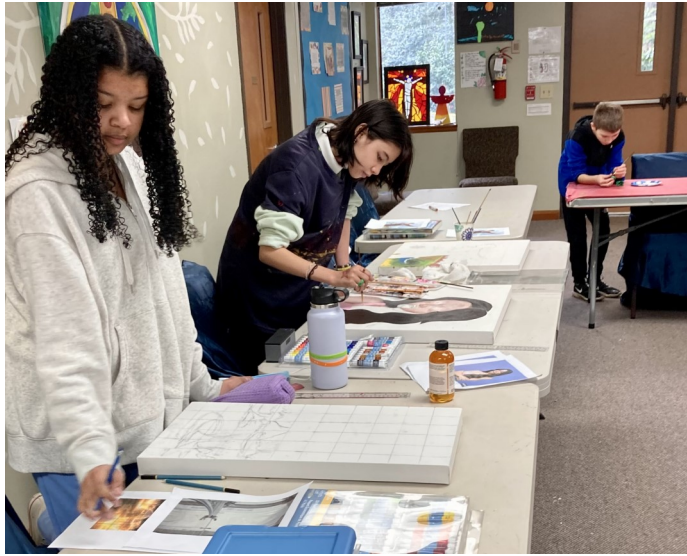
If you have cans and bottles to donate to TPC, you can put them in the alcove to the left of the front door of the church, or, if you have lots of cans and bottles, you can pick up a blue bag (for non-profits), fill the bag and then drop it off at a store such as Fred Meyer. The sticker has a QR code that when placed under the scanner, will open the BottleDrop door. (It took me a couple of tries, but it does work.)

Bags are available in the church office, on the table to the right, as you walk in the door. If you have questions, talk to Susan Springer.

PLAY STRUCTURE IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

The play structure in the church parking lot was taken down on Thursday, March 24. The initial plan was to repair it, but upon closer inspection, too many logs had rotted; rebuilding was not an option.

ARE YOU MISSING CONTAINERS, DISHES OR BOWLS? Please check the items on the table outside the kitchen and take home any that belong to you. Thank you.



TPC 2022 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 2/28/22	\$56,777	\$53,563	\$3,214
Operating Expenses Year to Date 2/28/22	\$66,183	\$72,784	\$6,601

APRIL 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
					1 9 am prayer on Zoom	2
3 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	4 9 am prayer on Zoom	5 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	6 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal	7 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm bell choir	8 9 am prayer on Zoom	9
10 Palm Sunday 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	11 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon Meeting	12 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session Meeting	13 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal	14 Maundy Thursday 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm bell choir	15 Good Friday 9 am prayer on Zoom	16
17 Easter 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	18 9 am prayer on Zoom	19 9 am prayer on Zoom May newsletter deadline	20 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal	21 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm bell choir	22 9 am prayer on Zoom	23
24 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	25 9 am prayer on Zoom	26 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	27 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal	28 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm bell choir	29 9 am prayer on Zoom	30



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-Todd Owen

07-Brynne Evers-Hood
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
23-Maggie James
23-Stu Larson
24-Ellen VanSchoiack
24-Rob Wiesenthal
25 Riley Carlson
27-Senthi Senthirajah
29-Jordan Gage



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Web Address: www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

Worship Service – Sundays at 10 a.m. in person, and on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Sandy Gurney, Lynne Neilson, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Patrick Ramos, Ian Swanson

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Linda Fukasawa, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal and Rosemary Willis.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Emily Bavaro

Accompanist: Open

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Open

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Craig Bowen

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

Technology Chair: Open

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Video Editor: Rob Thompson

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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