



HOW DO YOU EAT AN ELEPHANT?

One afternoon, feeling overwhelmed by the stress of pastoring a congregation, a very caring and thoughtful Ruling Elder stopped by my office and asked me a question: “Ken, how do you eat an elephant?” My mind drew a blank, but he continued looking at me with eyes of understanding: “One bite at a time, Ken. One bite at a time.” In my over 34 years of working in churches, both his question and answer have stayed with me. When we

look at all we have to do and have unrealistic expectations for ourselves, expectations which only add to life’s crushing load, it’s good to remember that no matter how difficult the task, every challenge begins by taking small bites, one bite at a time. The Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. put it this way: “Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”

Once Holy Week and Easter have passed with people shouting their hosannas, the disciples eating a meal with Jesus in the upper room, the women rushing to the empty tomb and Susan Springer scrambling to print bulletins, I will be turning our attention more to this interim period as Tualatin Presbyterian Church begins the process of calling a new pastor to lead and serve the people of God. Over the next several months, we will begin to think more about the life and mission of the church, explore TPC’s strengths and weaknesses, and ask hard questions about the congregation’s hopes and dreams for the future. How do we see ourselves? How does our community see us? What are the unique gifts God has given to this congregation? Such questions always require the courage to speak the truth and pray for discernment.

I will also be preaching a two-part sermon series on April 16 and 23 entitled, *The Way is Forward: Sermons on Crossing the Desert*. For two Sundays in worship, we will be exploring stories from the Israelites’ struggles and perseverance to reach The Promised Land. Sound familiar?

By the way, thank you for all your help in furnishing Heather and my apartment. Things are shaping up. Also, a special thanks to Chip and Cackie Kyle for allowing us to house sit while they were on vacation. I am quickly discovering that the TPC congregation is composed of wonderful people with open hearts and generous spirits.

Blessings, Ken Henry

Palm Sunday. Come Walk With Me.
Ken Henry, Interim Pastor

From Palm Sunday to Easter morning, Holy Week is our time to journey with Jesus to the cross. It is a week of remembering that in life and death, we belong to God. The darkness of this world may threaten to extinguish our inner light, but God's love and light will not be deterred by human sin. On Palm Sunday, I invite everyone in attendance to process into the sanctuary: children, youth, adults, visitors, strangers, friends—all God's people. With fern branches waving and voices raised in song, we enter God's sacred space hoping against hope that the *One* riding on a donkey will sooth our fears and be our salvation. Of course, you have the option to walk as far as you want. Some may choose to stay seated. That's perfectly fine. What's a parade without people lining the parade route! Some may choose to start their walk from the narthex/fellowship area and some from just outside the front doors of TPC. But if you're feeling adventurous and up for a longer walk, **at 9:45 meet me at the bottom of the driveway near the doors that lead into the lower level of the building** (weather permitting). It's a short walk to the sanctuary under a canopy of trees.



Some years ago, I learned the wisdom of the Latin phrase, *Solvitur Ambulando*. It means, “It is solved by walking.” Pilgrims who walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain know this phrase. They know a good walk can both enlighten the mind and strengthen the heart. If we have a problem to solve, a decision to make, or desire a fresh perspective on life's ups and downs, taking a walk may be the best medicine. On Palm Sunday, we begin our journey by walking. Come walk with me.

FELLOWSHIP - PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH, April 2

For the first time in three years, TPC will celebrate Palm Sunday with a brunch after the worship service and an Easter Egg hunt for the children. All are invited.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - There will be a Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm on Thursday, April 6.

NO SERVICE ON GOOD FRIDAY - There will NOT be a service on Good Friday, April 7.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 - There will be one Easter Sunday service at TPC, at 10 am.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - Please bring flowers for cross.

A wooden cross will be outside by the front door of the church on Easter Sunday. All are invited to bring cut flowers from your gardens to put on the cross. Thanks.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

I am writing to ask for your financial support for One Great Hour of Sharing. This program has been a vital part of our community for many years, and we are proud to continue to support it each year.

One Great Hour of Sharing is a program that provides direct aid to those who are suffering around the world. Whether it is through providing food, shelter, or medical care, this program is responsible for making a real difference in the lives of countless people.

At TPC, we have consistently supported One Great Hour of Sharing. We believe that it is our responsibility to help those who are less fortunate than us, and we are proud to do so through this program.

We are asking for your support because we know that every dollar makes a difference. Your donation will help to support people who are suffering from poverty, famine, natural disasters, and other tragedies.

Thank you for your consideration and your support. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those who are suffering. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected on Easter Sunday.

The TPC Mission Committee

COFFEE CONNECTION - Women's Group

April's Coffee Connection is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 at 10 am at the Marquis Community Center, 19805 SW Boones Ferry Road, Tualatin. Please come and enjoy coffee, camaraderie and conversation.

Note: As requested at last month's Coffee Connection, Greg Pickering, Tualatin Police Chief, may be able to speak to us about Tualatin policing, training and crime - similar to the Men's Group presentation. We were unable to get confirmation before this newsletter went to print. Watch for more news on this.



MEN'S GROUP MEETING APRIL 15th, at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.- GUEST SPEAKER

Everyone is invited to come hear the April speaker for the Men's Group Meeting on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 10 am in the TPC narthex.

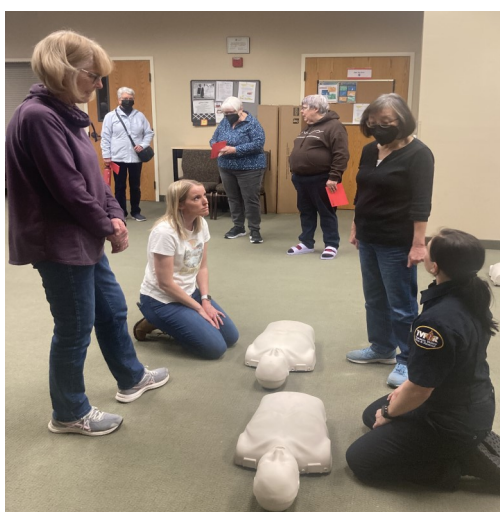
Our speaker is Kelly Dickson from Presbytery who will speak about her efforts studying and discerning new ways of doing worship, especially related to younger generations. She is part of the 1001 Worshiping Communities Team at the General Assembly. This will be an opportunity to find out how to get young people excited about church attendance and worship.

Hope to see you all at the April 15 meeting. Any questions call Dale MacHaffie, 503-784-2476. Ladies, you are welcome to join us.

**ST. PATRICK'S
DAY
CELEBRATION
March 19**

There were 127 gold coins in the jar.

Music with Banjo Bill in the sanctuary.



**CPR TRAINING
SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

More than thirty people came out at 10 am on a Saturday morning to learn CPR. The trainers provided enough Resusci Annes so everyone got a chance to practice giving compressions. They have made the training simpler by deleting the breathing component.

The more people who learn CPR the better for all of us. Time is important when CPR is needed. The trainers emphasized that doing something is better than doing nothing.

In summary: Try to get patient to respond. If no response, tell someone to call 911 and tell someone else to get the AED. Start compressions immediately. Press heel of hand to center of chest.

**SPRING BREAK DROP-IN CAMP,
9 AM TO 3 PM Monday thru
Friday, March 27 through 31.**

Newcomers were welcome. There were four new kids, 2 boys and 2 girls, all elementary aged. A total of 18 youth participated, ages 5 to 18.

Together they created art projects, sewed, and played games. They wrote and performed their own plays (drama). Pastor Ken attended a performance of one of their plays, titled "The Car Wash."

They watched movies. Created centerpieces from wire, buttons and salt shakers. There was no cost to parents who donated lunch and snacks.



The week's activities were lead by Sarah Beck, Director of Family Ministries and Sandy Gurney, Family Ministries Elder.

INTRODUCING BETTY TAYLOR

Betty grew up in Whittier, CA and has been in Oregon since the late 1970's.

Favorite sandwich? Pastrami on Rye

Apples or oranges? Apples but it depends on the season, apples in the fall and oranges at Christmas time

Favorite book (Harry Potter. She has an English version and one from England) – she used to read to her classes and this helped give them incentive to continue reading.

Favorite TV show (Midsummer Murders, she loves a good mystery)

Favorite movie? While You Were Sleeping (during Christmas time)

Most beautiful place you've seen? The grounds at Blenheim Palace and The Grand Tetons

What are you passionate about? Painting, water colors and teaching “because I just loved teaching. I even taught on a military base at one time.”

Submitted by Jason James, Deacon



INTRODUCING OUR TPC NURSE, SUSAN FEE

Susan Fee has kept us informed all through COVID with friendly health reminders in our weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. After our CPR class on Saturday, March 25, Susan took a moment to answer a few get-to-know-her questions!

Favorite sandwich? Tuna Melt.

Apples or Oranges? Apples.

Cats or Dogs? Both!

Most beautiful place you've seen? Her sister's house at McKenzie Bridge.

Why did you become a nurse? Got tired of waitressing! When reading magazines Susan was always drawn to health-related articles. And when it came time to apply, the Oregonian had 5 pages of nurse professional ads!

Thank you, Susan Fee, for keeping us updated on staying healthy!

Submitted by Susan Cameron, Deacon



FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY

Most of all guests are now located at the Quality Inn in Tigard. We are still buying perishable groceries for the food pantry (Donations are welcome - just note your offering is for Family Promise). Food pantry volunteers are needed to help on Wednesdays from 3:30 - 6:30. Family Promise is also offering a hot meal to about 60 - 70 guests on Saturdays from 3:30 - 5:30. If you would like to volunteer at the food pantry or with hot meals, please email me at dabayha@mac.com or call me at 661-747-8447 to get more information. THANKS

Derrilyn Bayha

LETTER FROM ESTALIN DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2023, COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

I greet you in the name of our savior Jesus. Thank you very much for the very nice photo. It's good that you celebrated Christmas together with the church. I am in very good health and my family is also well. In high school you are forced a lot. I took tests on my first period of classes. I have received some subjects in which I have done very well, but in others I have not done very well. During Christmas I went out to watch the games they organized in the place where I live, but since it was raining almost I couldn't play on the soccer field. I always God for you and for everything you help me. I hope our God blesses you because you are very good. I send you many hugs for you and for all your brothers in the church. Please pray for my studies and for the health of my entire family.

I would like to ask you, does snow fall where you live during Christmas? What plans do you have for this year 2023. God is life. (Estalin lives in Ecuador.

PAUL'S CHILI - PAUL AS IN PAUL FUKASAWA

This is a recipe for one of the chilis that was available for tasting on February 12, Super Bowl Sunday.

2 lbs 15% ground beef
6 (15 oz) cans pinto beans
1 large onion, chopped
1 stalk celery, chopped
2 cloves garlic
1 qt. stewed tomatoes
1 (6 oz) can tomato paste
1 T smoked paprika
3 T mild chili powder
6-10 jalapeno slices
1 (32 oz) carton of beef or chicken broth
1 tsp black pepper
2 tsp Johnny's seasoning salt
1/4 tsp ground cumin

NOTE: We use our home grown shallots, canned tomatoes, smoked paprika, smoked Anaheim peppers and jalapeno peppers. We use broth from a ham bone or ham shank vs packaged broth. It gives a little smokiness.

1. Brown the ground beef in a skillet.
2. Drain beef well, place meat in a large pan or a large crock pot.
3. Add some of the fat from the beef back to the skillet and saute onions, garlic and celery until the onion is translucent.
4. Add the onion mix to the pot with the browned beef
5. Add 6 cans of pinto beans (undrained) to the pot.
6. Add the tomatoes and tomato paste.
7. Add smoked paprika, chili powder, black pepper, Johnny's seasoning salt, cumin
8. Add enough broth to cover beans and meat.
9. Simmer with lid on for 2-4 hours.
10. Taste for salt, add salt or seasoning salt to taste.
11. Add jalapeno slices, minced, one slice at a time and taste for spiciness. Stop when hot enough.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Coffee Service Volunteers NEEDED for the following Sundays - April 16 (I will be in CA), April 30, May 14, May 21, and May 28. If it will be your first time to volunteer, I will make sure someone will be in the kitchen to help. It is very easy! If you would like to sign up - you can call me at 661-747-8447 OR [email dabayha@mac.com](mailto:dabayha@mac.com) OR go to tpcspirit.org - click member, click fellowship, After service coffee paragraph click highlighted coffee sign up.

THANKS so much!!! Derrilyn Bayha



Bud Bender passed away on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

ANNUAL PER CAPITA FEE FOR 2023 IS \$45.60. Make check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Place in the offering plate, turn in at the office or mail to TPC. Thanks.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Chancel Choir would love to have another tenor. Interested?

The Bell Choir would love to have one more ringer, so Debbie Ivanov can just direct. Interested?



Does anyone know where this piece of furniture is? If you have seen it, please tell Susan Springer in the office, or email office@tpcspirit.org. Thanks.

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 |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 PALM SUNDAY Communion 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube | 3 9am prayer on Zoom 1 pm Book Discussion in the narthex | 4 9 am prayer on Zoom | 5 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches | 6 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service | 7 9 am prayer on Zoom NO GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | 8 10 am bell choir rehearsal in sanctuary |
| 9 EASTER 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube | 10 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon Meeting | 11 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Coffee Connection 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom | 12 9 am prayer on Zoom | 13 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal | 14 9 am prayer on Zoom | 15 10 am Men's Group meets in the narthex |
| 16 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube | 17 | 18 | 19 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm session meeting | 20 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal | 21 | 22 |
| 23 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube | 24 | 25 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom | 26 May newsletter deadline office@tpcspirit.org | 27 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal | 28 9 am prayer on Zoom | 29 |
| 30 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube | | | | | | |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!!

?? Morgan Olsen
01-Elizabeth Dixon
02-Heather MacHaffie
02-Jeff Taylor
03-Barbara Allen
03-Dan Barker
04-John Hayhurst

04-Lynn Scroggin
05-Todd Owen
07-Brynne Evers-Hood
08-Jeff Weener
08-David Whitaker
16-Katherine MacCluer
17 Nancy Wilcox
19-Robert Beatey
19-Monica Whitaker

21-Cathy 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

| TPC 2023 FINANCIALS | Actuals | Budget | Dollar Difference |
|---|----------|----------|-------------------|
| Operating Income Year to Date 2/28/23 | \$47,236 | \$48,579 | (1,343) |
| Operating Expenses Year to Date 2/28/23 | \$53,690 | \$57,033 | 3,343 |



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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

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Worship; Sandy Gurney, Family Ministries; Lynne Neilson, Stewardship and Administration; Judy Nix, Connections; Greg Owen, Technology and Building and Grounds

Deacons and their parish number: Derrilyn Bayha (5), Susan Cameron (7), Linda Fukasawa (2), Jason James (4), Dianne Lemmon (3), Kerry Weaver (1), and Rosemary Willis (6).

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Julie Flint

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Jennifer Schloming

Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Larry Nord

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: Derrilyn Bayha

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Dale MacHaffie

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Stephen Ministry: Jean Martin, Susan Springer

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Archivist: Rick Crall

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