

We are so fortunate at TPC to be able to welcome a number of new visitors each Sunday. It is exciting to be your interim pastor during this time of transition as we meet new friends and invite them to make TPC their church home. The following article, "I Am a Visitor," offers several ways we can practice the art of hospitality.

### "I Am A Visitor"

Won't you please...

**... Smile at me as I walk in the door.** You are my first impression of the church, during the first few moments I am in your building, and this first impression will probably stay with me a long time.

**...Help me find my place in the service.** I will not find your help an intrusion. In fact, I will remember your kindness.

**... Speak to me during the fellowship time after worship.** I know you want to see your friends and settle that piece of committee business.

**...Tell me good things about your church and your minister.** I want to believe that I have come to a place where people love each other and where they believe that they are doing something exciting and important for the Lord.

**... Notice me – even if I am not a "family."** I don't want to feel left out just because I am unmarried, a single parent, a teenager, or an older person.

**...Talk to me again the second week when I come back, and the third and fourth.** I am still not a part of your congregational family.

**...Invite me to become part of some church group or activity.** I need more than worship every Sunday. I need to know that I am accepted and affirmed by a group of people within the church who know me by my first name and who care about me as an individual.

**...If you can find it in your heart to do these things for me, I will come back...the second week, the third, and maybe forever.** I will worship with you, join your choir, work at your

events, teach your Sunday School, contribute to your projects, and become a highly involved member of your church; and in so doing, I will find my own life immeasurably enriched as a result of having become a member of your church.

**"... I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ..." Mat. 25:35**

Peace and Blessings,  
Dick Wiggers, Interim Pastor

### NEW MEMBER CLASSES

**May 4, 18, and June 1**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

A three-week series of classes related to Presbyterian beliefs, the Christian faith, and Tualatin Presbyterian Church will be offered for anyone who is considering membership at TPC. These classes provide an excellent opportunity to form new friendships, to explore the meaning of church membership, and to become better acquainted with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Pastor Dick Wiggers, Rev. Philip Martin, and TPC members will be sharing the leadership. We will meet after worship from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A light lunch and childcare will be provided.

The Sacrament of Baptism and new member reception was administered to Barry Dean on March 30.



We continue to remember in prayer the following members and friends: Don Schmidt, Karly Imus, Lorraine Forte, Homer Perry (Becky Backen's father), Patricia & Brad Killinger and family, Bill and Gwen Hale and family, Christopher Beam (Nancy Catanese's son), Janet Sanders (Harry Chase's sister), Pam Bryant (Dee Dee Hansen's sister) Dessie MacKay (Bruce MacKay's mother), Sue Atwood (Marsha Steffen's sister), Fred Shaer (Barry Dean's step-father), Doug Kennedy (Mary Maleta's father), Marian Larson, and all those in our TPC family searching for employment.



## TPC WELCOMES OUR NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR CRYSTAL SHEARER



We are pleased to announce that Crystal Shearer will be joining the staff of TPC as our new Youth Director. Crystal will begin work the week of May 11. As our part-time Youth Director, she will be working 15-20 hours/week, with office hours on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. Her specific responsibilities will be to:

1. Develop and lead the high school and middle school youth group programs to include planning, implementing, and participating in weekly meetings and activities for youth.
2. Provide opportunities for fun and fellowship balanced with opportunities for spiritual growth, maturity and knowledge.
3. Develop and implement an outreach plan, growing the program to include youth within TPC and in the community.

4. Provide leadership for the Youth Committee to build youth ministry teams, developing and encouraging relationships with others in TPC's family of faith.
5. Recruit and coordinate volunteers to assist in implementing youth activities and programs.
6. Actively participate in the TPC congregation.

Crystal brings a great deal of energy, enthusiasm, and experience to her new position at TPC, including four years as the Education Director responsible for youth ministry at West Linn Lutheran Church. In addition to welcoming Crystal, I want to express my appreciation to the members of the Youth Director Search Committee -- Dave Backen, Debra Clouten, Cathy Lambeth, Deborah Lewis, Erin Nelson, Jerry Shiffer, and Jaci Smith for the great job they did.

As you can tell from her own words, Crystal is also looking forward to serving with us:



"I am excited to be joining TPC and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. God has great plans

for the youth of this congregation and I am honored to guide them. I graduated from U of O (yes, I hear there is quite a rivalry here with some of the Beavers, but I've already forgiven them) with a degree in Religious Studies and found my calling in Youth Ministry. My husband, Ian, and I met in college and have been married for 7 years. We have a 3½-year-old son name Jack, and a variety of pets. I love to read, exercise, and go white water rafting. Hopefully as my time here passes, we'll find out more about one another."

# TPC Committee and Group News

## A Word from the Mission Committee

### Christmas in April

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who helped with "Christmas in April: (new name "Rebuilding Together): Marc Olson, Randy Beyer, Rhoda Friesen, Phil Friesen, Brian Buck, Norm Dannermiller, Cliff Hoff, Rick Mauer, Susan Springer, Dave Leland and Barbara Harriman. We were able to help an individual in our area (Sherwood) with repairs to their home. What a wonderful experience. Watch for pictures on the Tower Communication Board of our hard work.



### Facts for Action:

- 36 million people, 13% of the U.S. population, fall below the official poverty line. (U.S. Census)
- One U.S. child in five lives in poverty. For children under age five, it is one in four. (One in Four)
- 11.3 million children in the U.S. are without health insurance. (Children's Defense Fund)
- The rate of child poverty in the U.S. is triple the average for other industrial nations. (Grace at the Table)

### TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

- Worldwide hunger is declining.
- Child survival programs using simple, inexpensive health measures save millions of lives.
- In the U.S., the Special Supplemental nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) has reduced infant mortality and anemia, and saved taxpayer money!

Join the TPC team on May 18 at 1:15 pm and walk in the area of the Koinonia Center, PSU and Park Blocks of beautiful Portland. If you are unable to join the team, support the team with your financial pledge – mark your check "Crop Walk" on the memo line. Contact Barbara Harriman at 503-649-9439.

### News from the Food Bank

The Tualatin Food Bank continues to provide food and other necessities to people in our community who have trouble making ends meet, many of the families have children. Items that are always in short supply are chili, stew, soups, spaghetti sauce, and dried beans such as pinto or lentils. A large tub of laundry soap serves about 10 families, and dish and hand soap is also appreciated. Thanks very much for your continued contributions. Contact Toni MacHaffie for more information.

### TPC Quilters

The TPC Quilters will meet after church on Sunday, May 4. We make baby blankets for the ABC Quilts project, which provides quilts for at-risk babies at two of the area hospitals. We would love to have you join us for fun, food, and quilting, usually finishing by three o'clock or before. If you have any questions, please contact Jaci Smith or Toni MacHaffie.



### A Note from the Mission Study Committee

If you have not already completed the Mission Study Survey, please drop by the church office to complete one no later than May 4. This is the first step in finding a permanent pastor and everyone's input is very important. All members, including high school and college students are asked to participate. Contact Mike Nelson for further details.

***The Outreach Committee needs members. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 1:00 pm. Also, people are needed to help serve at the Tualatin Senior Center the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. Contact Del Judy for more information.***

***The Spirit*** is published monthly and is also on our website at [www.tpcspirit.com](http://www.tpcspirit.com). Please contact Debby Owen at 503-692-6920 or e-mail her at [newsletter@tpcspirit.com](mailto:newsletter@tpcspirit.com) with any news, corrections or ideas. The deadline for the June issue is May 22. She could use your help!

# TPC People Auction

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone for their donations. Without them, there would not have been an auction.

Our Auctioneers, Charlie Brown and Jim Bosley (along with the standup Craig Walker) and Dick Wiggers were the stars of the show! What fun we had, and it put everyone in a very giving mood. With that, you helped us raise \$6,700.00.

A special **THANK YOU** to Tom Hahn, Mike Nelson and Roger Reid for being such good sports and taking a few pies in the face for such a worthy cause (see next page)!

We would like to thank the following people who either served on the Committee or helped make this auction a success: Carolyn Hale, Pam & Scott Cameron, Debra Lewis, Greg & Debbie Imus, Tom & Clare Hahn, Jay Wilcox, Karen Bosley, Carol Kadel, Denise Collins, Del Judy, Ellen & Ron Van Schoaick, Stacey Mauer, Toni MacHaffie, Mary Ortez, Diane Barry, John Lewis, Sherry Nelson, Lynne Bolton, Debby Owen, and Mike Shiffer. Thank you!

Proceeds will go to our **"Helping Hands" Fund** (TPC's own version of Christmas in April). Helping Hands is a new TPC fund, which will be used to help with home repairs or other emergency funds for members of our congregation who are unable to afford needed services. We will have a volunteer weekend to give some time and muscle to do repairs in the summer. Examples might include paint and painting a house or help for people temporarily unemployed or unexpected expenses for people on fixed incomes – i.e. Car repairs etc. If you know of members of our church family in need, this information can be communicated to the pastor or to your deacon.



Our famous auctioneers, Charlie Brown & Jim Bosley



--and lets not forget the great standup – Craig Walker



Even this picture was auctioned off!!!



Looks like Toni, Carolyn & Marilyn were having a great time!



Big thanks to Clare Hahn for coordinating this great event.



Denise Collins & Roger Reid were ready!



Little did Roger know that Clare had a pie for him!



Roger Smith and Dick Kadel - armed with pies



Mike was a great sport!

# Discovery Groups - The Church within The Church

We want to invite you to take part in our new Discovery groups - a small group ministry that helps us experience the church within the church. Especially during transitional periods, small groups add extra nurturing to the church family. As a member of a Discovery Group, you will have a time of prayer, study, and fellowship with others in our church family. You will meet and get to know more deeply those with whom you worship each Sunday. The early church met in homes, shared meals, and worshipped God. Acts 2:42 states, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer". These meetings flourished even during persecution, and with God's help gradually led to the growth of the Christian church. Small groups, in a real sense, get us back to basics. They also help us to have a sense of unity while we live through times of change such as times between installed pastors. Three groups have evolved from our Lenten simple supper series this year, and we hope to expand to several more.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and ministry within our church.

The groups will meet every other week. Dessert or snacks will be served. We will help facilitators to convene the groups, and we have suggestions for study materials.

Fill out the form below and get it to the church office or turn it in with your offering next Sunday.

If you have any questions, call Jeni Wiggers: (503) 625-9566.

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## Discovery Group Sign Up

I wish to be part of one of the Discovery Groups: \_\_\_\_\_

The best day of the week for me to attend is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to \_\_\_\_\_ be a facilitator.

\_\_\_\_\_ offer my home for meetings.

My phone number is : \_\_\_\_\_

# Easter Morning at TPC

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## A note from Heather Chase, TPC Member and Seminary Student at San Francisco Theological Seminary

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I'm almost there.

As friends prepare to graduate and seek their new place in life, I think about how soon that will be me. Three years of seminary almost complete. When I came to San Anselmo all I knew was that God called me to seminary. There was no booming voice. No flash of lightening. Just "Go." So why am I here? That first year I got good at saying, "I don't know, but I am supposed to be here." You'd think that closing in on the home stretch I would hear from my graduating friends, "Oh yeah, I am an associate pastor for young adults type or solo pastor material." Nope. They have ideas, but many are applying to be solo pastors and associates at various sized churches. One of the things I have learned in seminary is to get used to uncertainty.

I just got back my ordination exams. I passed the Theology and Bible Content exams. It feels good to have those done. As I was reading the graders' feedback I reflected on how in our ministries we make tough choices and believe that God will provide us wisdom for these moments. These situations are no different from discerning God's path for our ministry. As Christians we are all called to ministry. It is one of the certainties. The uncertainty comes when we discern where/which of our many gifts are to be used. In the world today it is clear people's gifts are needed. How do we determine where our gifts are used? It is a tough choice with all the needs and I believe that God is pleased when we seek guidance and do our best to follow.

Over the past three years I have learned how God loves me through dance, the bible, relationships and prayer. This preparation gives me strength to go into the world and share that love with others. I know that I am called to ordained ministry through your support, the Presbytery's and many others. I have been affirmed. The light is getting brighter as I get closer to the end of the tunnel and discover where my gifts will be used, but it is an ongoing process. Thank you for continuing to share your love abundantly with me through your generous giving and prayer.

Enjoying the light,

Heather ><>

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**If we missed your birthday, please notify the church office so we may update our database. Thank you**

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| 5/5 - Glenn Carlson       | 5/17 - Scott Cameron    |
| 5/7 - Mark Robertson      | 5/18 - Glynn Jenovich   |
| 5/11 - Dave Backen        | 5/19 - Nancy Wilcox     |
| 5/11 - Ron Van Schoiack   | 5/19 - B.J. Stevenson   |
| 5/14 - David Burggren     | 5/20 - Becky Wood       |
| 5/15 - Stephanie Bartlett | 5/21 - Elizabeth Beymer |
| 5/15 - Dorothy Martin     | 5/24 - Emerson Wood     |
| 5/16 - Madeline Brenden   | 5/24 - Brian Jones      |
| 5/16 - Alex Lewis         | 5/27 - Sarah Springer   |
| 5/17 - Gary Frey          | 5/27 - Brad Weaver      |
| 5/17 - Sandy Reiling      | 5/28 - Joe Griffin      |
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Mark your calendar for May 4 after service. It's time once again to wear your work duds to worship, and gather afterwards to spruce up the TPC property for spring and summer! We'll provide a lunch, and we'll spend the afternoon weeding, trimming, cleaning, and fellowshipping together. Remember that the property is a bit bigger now, so a big turnout is important! Bring yard tools such as a rake, shovel, bucket, wheelbarrow, gloves, etc. We could use trimming tools if you have them. See you there! Questions? Call Dave Leland at 503-692-6095.







## The Birth of Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an Act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.

## New Babies



Carolyn Hale is a proud grandmother. Alexandria Kelly Fife was born February 22. Parents are Carolyn's daughter Kim and Danny Fife from Chicago.

Robert James Skinner was born March 17 to Lynn and Robert Skinner. Lynn is the daughter of Nancy Catanese.

We also rejoice with Tracy and Derek Peterson on the birth of their daughter, born April 9. Bob and Tomette Schuhmann are the proud grandparents!

## General Fund Status January 1 – March 31, 2003



	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$33,860	\$39,756
<b>Expense</b>	\$34,490	\$32,349

(Note that additional March expense of \$1,148 was not paid until April and is not included in the actual expense total)

Remember your per capita payments. The amount per communicant member is \$20.00. Remaining amount to be collected is \$2,312.



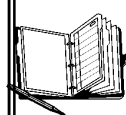
TPC will now be offering Sunday school for children up through 5<sup>th</sup> grade on the first Sunday of the month, which is Communion Sunday. Our children will start downstairs at 10:00 am sharp and return to the sanctuary before communion. At that time, they will join their families for communion and the rest of the service. This will begin in May and continue each month after that. The middle school and high school kids will not have Sunday school that day so that they will be able to enjoy the service with their families.

## TPC Vacation Bible School

**June 23 – June 27**



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School. Tentative hours are 9:00 am – noon. Last year's program was a big success for children ages 3 – 12 or grades Pre-K through 5. Youth and Adult volunteers are greatly needed and appreciated. Nursery care will be provided. Contact Pam Bowen for details at 503-625-5910.



Mark your calendars for TPC's annual Picnic on June 22!!!

Make a  
**photo Flower**

for someone you love

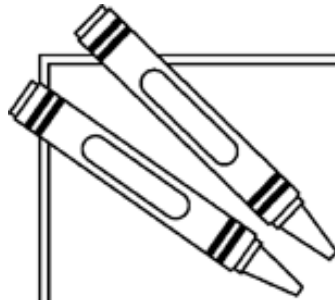
You will need:

- ✿ colored construction paper
- ✿ 2 green pipe cleaners
- ✿ small flower pot
- ✿ green florist foam (to fit in pot)
- ✿ scissors
- ✿ tape
- ✿ glue
- ✿ a photo of you!



How to make it:

- ✿ Cut out your face from the photo. Make it a circle about 1-1/2" round.
- ✿ Fold a piece of colored paper in half and cut out 2 flower shapes.
- ✿ Glue your round photo in the center of one flower.
- ✿ Make a stem by folding a pipe cleaner in half and twisting it to make it stronger.
- ✿ Glue or tape the "stem" to the back of the flower that has your picture.
- ✿ Glue the other flower to the back of the first one. Make sure the "stem" is in between and sticks out from the bottom.
- ✿ Cut the other pipe cleaner in half to make leaves and then attach them to the "stem."
- ✿ Put the green foam in the pot.
- ✿ Plant your flower in the foam.
- ✿ Give the flower pot to someone you love.

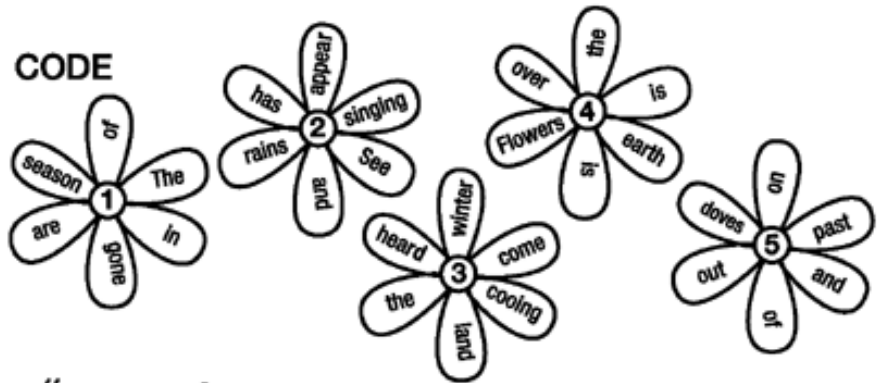


Just for **KIDS**

*Song of Solomon 2:11-12*

Find the beautiful springtime words from Song of Solomon. Use the flower code to fill in the blanks.

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Answer: "See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."



**Tualatin Presbyterian  
Church Calendar  
May 2003**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Presbytery Mission Conference May 3 – May 6
<b>4</b> Choir – 9:15 am  <b>10:00 am Worship</b> <b>Eucharist</b> <i>Surveys Due!</i> New Member's Class 11:30 – 1pm  TPC Quilters – 11:30 TPC Spring Cleanup	<b>5</b> TPC Volunteers serve lunch at Sr. Center 11 am – 1 pm  CE Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>6</b> Mission Committee 7:00 pm  Finance Committee 7:00 pm	<b>7</b> TPC Bell Choir 6:25 pm Choir - 7:30  Confirmation Dinner – 6 pm	<b>8</b> Deacon/ Elder Training 7 – 9 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <u>Choir – 9:15 am</u>  10:00 am Worship Confirmation Sunday  <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Bible Study 9:30 - 11:30 am  TPC Bell Choir 6:25 pm Choir - 7:30	<b>15</b> Outreach 1:00 pm  Session 7:00 pm Deacon/ Elder Training 7:30 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <u>Choir - 9:15 am</u>  <b>10:00 am Worship</b> <b>Installation &amp; Ordination of Deacons &amp; Elders</b>  New Member Class 11:30 – 1pm Crop Walk – 1:30 pm	<b>19</b> Worship Committee 7:00 pm	<b>20</b> Tuesday's Treasures 7 – 8:30 pm	<b>21</b> Bible Study 9:30 - 11:30 am  Confirmation Class – 7:00 pm  TPC Bell Choir 6:25 pm Choir - 7:30	<b>22</b> June Newsletter Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Choir – 9:15 am  <b>10:00 am Worship</b>	<b>26</b> Memorial Day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bible Study 9:30 - 11:30 am  TPC Bell Choir 6:25 pm Choir - 7:30	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**Coming Next Month:**

June 1 – High School Senior Recognition Sunday

June 22 – TPC Picnic

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**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday from 9am - 1:30 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 9am to noon and Thursday from 9am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Wiggers is in the office Monday – Thursday. Please call for an appointment.