



A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN AND REV. PHILIP

Dear friends,

I invited the Rev. Philip Martin to write our newsletter piece for this month. Knowing Philip, I imagined he had something incredibly interesting in mind making some connection between theology, science, ethics, and our global community. In the last month, however, Philip encountered another kind of situation, a more personal situation, and offers us the gift of his perception. All of us will experience a challenge like this, or we will love someone who will. I'm grateful to Philip for sharing some of his first thoughts with us.

Pastor Ken

April 18, 2008

A Refreshed Appreciation for Prayer

There are times when things happen that give one a fresh focus. Currently this has been true for Dorothy and me in regard to trust and prayer. During a few days of uncertainty recently, we were much supported by the following statement.

"When you have come to the edge of the light you know and are ready to step into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing that one of two things will happen: there will be something solid to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly." (Author unknown)

Those words were shared with Dorothy and me by Evelyn Challis, Director of Chaplaincy here at Mary's Woods. That sharing was on the occasion of what turns out to have been a minor stroke. Initially the symptoms of headache and unclear vision reminded us of my experience with a pituitary tumor eleven years ago. In a context of fine medical care and strong support from many friends, the tumor actually disappeared spontaneously.

My doctor thought my present symptoms were more likely caused by a small stroke located in the occipital lobe of my brain (which processes vision) and confirmed that with tests. For further diagnosis I was referred to a neurologist who ordered more tests and discovered that there is still some instability in that area. Meanwhile I am functioning all right with reduced activity, little reading, no driving and no hiking, for now. Dorothy is most supportive and naturally carrying extra responsibility.

Many in our TPC congregation, at Mary's Woods, in my hiking group and other friends are praying for us. That feels most helpful. Our own prayer is that my brain will be supported in its natural process of reprogramming and healing and that whatever the future holds that Dorothy and I will be enabled to continue living with confident trust in the under girding divine loving care. Given the state of our world, we are already striving to maintain that sense of over-arching expressed in the quote above.

Prayer is for us all, an amazing support and resource for healing and for living. This further heightens my appreciation for our Prayer Chain, an incredible resource for our lives as a faith community.

Philip Martin

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Featured Members of the Month



Marshall and Linda Watkins

What is an oral historian? Ask Linda Watkins because she is one. Who taught math in the 1960's to 8 TPC members at Lake Oswego high school? Marshall Watkins did prior to working for the Clackamas County ESD for many years, designing and running their computer system. Marshall and Linda will celebrate 30 years of marriage this year.

Saint John, Washington, was the birthplace of Marshall. (It is located south of Spokane.) His father and mother were school teachers who were originally from Germany and Finland, respectively. Marshall moved to Portland when he was young. He graduated from Lincoln High School. He served in the Marine Corp in the Far East, and then returned to graduate from Portland State. He went on to get a Master's Degree from University of Oregon and a PhD from University of Colorado. Since retiring from his professional career in education, he now serves as a volunteer for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate for abused and neglected children). He spends time playing guitar for a senior center, a retirement home, and enjoys strumming with other guitar players as well.

Linda was born in Olympia, Washington where her parents, who both were full blooded Swedes, were involved in the lumber business. As a small child she moved to Sheridan, Oregon, where she lived until she went to college at Portland State. It was in

Portland where she met Marshall, when he came to visit her roommate. He found he was more interested in Linda and the rest is history. They have a daughter, Karen, who lives in West Linn. She and her husband, Jay, have three lovely daughters. Linda and Marshall enjoy spending time with the family and especially enjoy activities with the grandchildren.

Linda returned to college after Karen was raised. She studied religion and the ministry receiving a degree from Marylhurst. It was while she was doing work with ministry and visiting the sick, that she realized people needed to tell their stories, for themselves and for their families. She recorded these stories and had them indexed. She has acted as a consultant for others to obtain oral histories. Now she serves as a mentor for high school students. She is currently a Deacon at TPC. She enjoys Tai Chi, finding therapeutic benefits from practicing the art.

Linda and Marshall are on the Board of Directors at the Heritage Center affiliated with Marylhurst. They enjoy reading, both belonging to book groups. Travel has been a priority for them; they have traveled extensively throughout the US and abroad. They have been TPC members for 2½ years.



**Boy Scout Troop 530's
37th Annual Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, June 8, 2008
8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tualatin Senior Center
8513 SW Tualatin Road
\$5.00/adult; child/senior \$3.00;
Family \$15.00**

Menu is mainly Pancakes, Sausage & Eggs (scrambled); and assorted Beverages.

Tickets may be purchased from Nick Dannemiller.

Proceeds from the breakfast directly support the Scouts and their scouting activities.



May in Faith Village

Confirmation Class

Pastor Ken is teaching a Confirmation Class with the Middle/High School Sunday School class on Sunday mornings. Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join him for class from 9:00 to 10:00.

Learning to use the Bible

3rd-5th graders will be working through the book, "Finding Your Way Through the Bible" in May. This self-instruction book was written to help middle and older elementary children become familiar with their Bibles and learn how to use them at their own speed. Students completing this book will be able to find books in the Old or New Testament, find chapter and verse, recognize and use additional helps in a Bible, plus more. Third and fourth graders received their Bibles from TPC on April 13.



QUILT SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2008

How many Presbyterians does it take to put on a quilt show? Here is the answer, along with a big thank you for filling our sanctuary with gifts of beauty, love and comfort!

Participants: Diane Barry, Melissa Evers-Hood, Lisa Fratianni, Sue Hotchkiss, Dee Johnson, Del Judy, Sam Kaltenthaler, Barbara Kerr, Cackie Kyle, Deborah Lewis, Paula Miller, Nina Oliver, Shirley Schultz, Mary Shiffer, Susan Springer, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Barbara Thomason, Katie and Ron VanSchoiack.

Gratefully, Stacy and Ellen The Art Team



Friday, May 16, 2008

Men's Night Out, Women's Night In

The Men's Night Out includes an evening of bowling at the Wilsonville Bowling Alley from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$12 which covers shoes and two hours of bowling. While the men bowl, the women are invited to Night In at the home of Dianne Lemmon for snacks and a movie, starting at 7:00. Sign up to enjoy your night out or in!

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Tualatin City Park, Sunday, June 29

The picnic will be in June this year due to a busy September schedule. Mark your calendars and watch the tower for a sign-up sheet.

THE BROADWAY ROSE THEATER LES MISERABLES

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 8 p.m.

Deb Fennell Auditorium at Tigard High School For tickets, sign up on the tower or talk to Paula Miller, Fellowship Elder. Cost is \$22.50 each.

MEMORIAL STONES AVAILABLE

Stones for placement in the TPC memorial garden are now available for purchase. The garden, named in honor of member Marjorie Dean, is located in the SE corner of the church property bordering the nature park. Memorials are available in two styles:

12 x 12 Granite blocks, engraved with name and date of birth and death are available for \$85 plus \$1 per character engraved.

Natural River Stones, engraved with names only (up to three words) are available for \$20.

You are welcome to request memorials for members, family and friends. Order forms are available in the church office. Forms and payment are due May 1st.

A Secret Mission - and you are invited to participate in a most creative, fun event that will benefit a very important ministry. Watch for more details in the coming weeks. In the meantime, please save your empty paper towel and toilet paper tubes for a unique recycling use. Do we have your curiosity aroused? Great!! Stay tuned for more information. Joan Nardi, Mission Elder

MILK OFFERING

On Sunday, April 13, as part of the Children's Message, Tillimoo (the cow hand puppet) asked for the children's help collecting donations from members of the congregation. The money received would purchase gallons of milk for the Tualatin Food Panty to give away. The children were most successful. They collected about \$400. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Jerry and Christian Shiffer to climb Mt. Hood

Christian and I will be making a summit attempt on Mt. Hood in mid-June in support of the American Lung Association's "Reach the Summit" program. We are climbing in memory of my dad who suffered from lung disease and who died in 2000.

We are currently half way through a total of 16 weekend training hikes and climbs to prepare for the summit. We are also roughly \$2000 short of our required \$6,250 to secure our spot on the team.

We would appreciate your support. Donations can be made online at www.reachthesummit.us. (click on "sponsor a climber" and enter our names.) All donations are tax-deductible. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 503-679-2633 or 503-936-2542. Thanks very much- Jerry and Christian Shiffer



SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School July 14-18

The theme is a continuation of last year's - "Jerusalem Marketplace". All adults who are interested in working on the committee to plan the experience should contact Denise Collins at 503-682-3785 or at collinsd55@hotmail.com. Adult helpers (tribe leaders, shop owners, actors, etc.) and children sign-ups are coming soon! Our hope is to have on-line registration this year.



CONGRATULATIONS DEL JUDY!

On April 17, the Tualatin Chamber of Commerce awarded to Del Judy the prestigious "Citizen of the Year" award for her lasting contributions to the Tualatin Community including her involvement with the Tualatin Historical Society.



May Birthdays

Table with 4 columns: Date, Name, Date, Name. Lists birthdays for Wesley Shiffer, Gary Frey, Craig Walker, Sandy Reiling, Mark Robertson, BJ Stevenson, Ella Evers-Hood, Cackie Kyle, Mari Schuman, Ronn Rhodes, Dave Backen, Emily Mazzuca, Ron VanSchoiack, Jose Corona, Stephanie Bartlett, Brian Jones, Dorothy Martin, Emerson Wood, Alex Lewis, Benjamin Schleicher, Scott Cameron, Matt Winkler.

MISSION IN MOTION

Thank You - the following note was received from Susan Tingley, Volunteer Coordinator for the Essential Health Clinic. "There is nothing like a real home-cooked meal! Our clinic volunteers were thrilled last week to have such a delicious and thoughtful meal prepared by the members of the TPC community. Please pass along our heartfelt thanks. In addition to the medical volunteers that evening, we had a volunteer managers' team meeting and they also enjoyed sharing in the meal you provided. Some even attribute the meeting being very productive to having shared a great meal together! Thanks again!"

Thank you to Adele Pelletier, Cackie Kyle, Deb Lewis, Carolyn Locke and Judy Nix for preparing the meal for the clinic. Our next opportunity to serve the clinic volunteers will be Wednesday, June 11th. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex in May. If you have questions about getting involved with this mission activity, please check with Joan Nardi.

Coming Events

The Pentecost Offering will be taken on Sunday, May 11th. The theme this year is "When you send forth your spirit" Ps 104:30.

So why do we collect an offering on Pentecost Sunday; how are the monies used?

Forty percent of the Offering remains here to assist children at risk in our own community. Each participating church is encouraged to be creative in making a difference right where they live and worship.

The remainder of the offering supports the faith journey of Presbyterian young people, through the Presbyterian Youth Connection where they learn to deepen their faith and how to live an intentional and Spirit-filled life in our complex world.

The funds also support the development of youth for leadership through the Young Adult Volunteer program. More than 25% of these young adults become mission workers, pastors or seminary professors.

We ask you to give generously on Pentecost Sunday to this important work.



*Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
May 2008*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 No Bell Choir rehearsal	2	3
4 7th Sunday of Easter 9:00-10:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship with Communion	5 7:00 pm Spiritual Formation Off site	6 7:00 pm Mission mtg 7:00 pm Guitar Jam	7 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8 7:00 pm Bell Choir	9	10 1-4 p.m. Beading Class Registration required (K,N)
11 Pentecost/Mother's Day 9:00-10:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 p.m. Youth Groups Logos/Kairos	12 7:00 pm CE Meeting 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting	13 7:00 p.m. Guitar Jam	14 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15 7:00 p.m. SESSION MEETING 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir	16	17
18 Trinity Sunday 9:00-10:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	19	20 7:00-8:30 pm Tuesday's Treasures 7:00 pm Fellowship Mtg 7:00 pm Guitar Jam	21 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	22 7:00 pm Bell Choir	23	24
25 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00-10:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	26	27 7:00 pm Guitar Jam	28 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir	30	31 Men's Breakfast