



A Message from Pastor Ken

Dear friends,

So many aspects of life at TPC are fantastic. We just celebrated another wonderful Holy Week. Easter morning found us scrounging for chairs. (Some helpful gremlin even raided my office for seating. If only they had cleaned up my desk, too... ☺) We are blessed by inspired music and art programs. Our fellowship dinners are connecting us on deeper levels. Those who wander down to the adult education room before worship on Sunday will discover some of the most interesting discussions you will hear anywhere in Tualatin.

But, there's a missing piece.

While so many aspects of TPC are great, our ministry to our youth and children does not reflect the value I believe this congregation honestly places on upholding our baptismal vows to them. Some of you remember Nicole Reibe, who two years ago, blessed us as our pastoral resident. During her year with us, Nicole often taught Sunday school and helped with the Sunday evening youth program. After Nicole left to go back to school, the congregation supported opening a new pastoral position focusing on family ministry. Unfortunately, the world economy experienced a near collapse that continues to impact our region and our church. While a series of congregational meetings affirmed the importance of family ministry and the need for additional staffing to support this ministry, we were unable to increase our annual giving enough to make a new hire a reality.

But did Abraham give up when God asked him to leave his country and his family to travel to a strange land? Did Moses shrink in the face of a seemingly undefeatable Egyptian empire? No, we say! And while the Session decided not to hire simply in the hope that our giving would increase to meet the need, the Session did not give up thinking of other ways that we might address this challenge.

This past fall Session elected a small committee and asked them to develop a plan whereby we could afford to hire a part time staff member for family ministry. After a number of meetings, this committee came up with an idea and a way to implement it. What if, instead of trying to raise annual giving, we focused on retiring our mortgage? We currently owe just under \$331,000.00. Every month we make a mortgage payment of a little over \$3,000.00. If we pay off this debt, two good things will happen: we will be debt free; and we will free up \$3,000 each month, which would adequately cover the expenses of adding a part-time new hire.

Wanting to determine the feasibility of retiring this debt, the committee organized two small gatherings last fall and a third gathering early this year to ask members how they felt about this plan to retire the debt and if they were willing and able to make a pledge toward this end. The results were encouraging. Melis and I have offered to give \$15,000 to this effort over a period of three years while maintaining our annual giving at or above our current level. Others have responded positively as well and to date we have received pledges totaling \$157,500.00. We're well on our way!

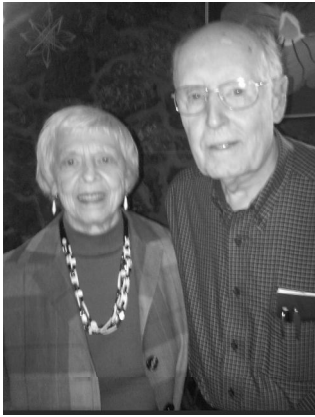
On Sunday May 15th, we will continue our efforts by officially kicking off a three year campaign to retire the debt and provide for our future. I ask you now to begin prayerfully considering how you might be a part of this exciting and bold step.

Christ is risen, friends- he is risen indeed!

In Christ,



IN THE NEWS



Imagine that you are 11 years old and you are traveling from Nebraska to Los Angeles on a train by yourself in the 1930's, leaving your grandparents home to go live with your mother in California.

Now that sounds like an adventure, and it was one for Dorothy Martin.

Think about how it was to see Martin Luther King, Jr. give his famous civil rights address in Washington D.C. and arranging for 22 busloads of people to accompany you. What is it like to be the only white member of a black congregation and to be an active part of the grass roots integration here in the U.S.? Philip Martin can tell you how that feels. He was a part of it.

They have led such interesting lives. She as a special education teacher and mother of two sons, he as a geologist surveying ground water resources prior to receiving his call to the ministry and becoming a father to a son and daughter. When Dorothy and Philip met in San Francisco, one of the deciding factors in establishing their relationship was a backpacking trip with the Sierra Club where they could see each other's strengths in difficult situations.

After they married, they came to Oregon where Philip continued his ministry with the Cascade Presbytery working in New Church Development. We can thank Philip that TPC stands where it is today as he was involved in securing the property for the church. He also became an interim pastor. One place of interest where he served was Roswell, New Mexico. About the UFP incident that Roswell is so famous for, Philip's comment was that what happened there was "quite beyond the realm of his understanding."

Jack Lemmon
Deacon, Parish 5

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Sunday, May 22

Elders:

Randy Beyer, Adult Education
Katrina Weener, Christian Ed and Ministries
Maureen Richardson, Worship

Deacons:

Bud Bender
Marilyn Staples-Sundt
Karen Stevenson
Nancy Wilcox

ADULT EDUCATION

Randy Beyer, Elder

What Do Presbyterians Believe?

On Sunday, May 1 the adult education class starts a two-part study of what distinguishes Presbyterianism from other Christian denominations.

Uppity Women of the Bible

On Sunday, May 15 the class will start a seven-part study of *Uppity Women of the Bible* by Dr. Lisa Wolfe, a professor of Hebrew. It is an exciting series of lessons on the Book of Ruth exploring Ruth, Naomi and Orpha in the context of:

- The bittersweet—Ruth and Naomi, an unlikely team, stop speaking,
- In case of emergency—Later conversations between Ruth and Naomi,
- The Go'el—An ancient way of caring,
- A King's Ancestry—Levirate marriage and Boaz's negotiation with the next of kin.
- Understanding Ruth—Her place in the Bible and History
- An Uppity woman? - So what is Uppity?
- Grace and hospitality—With implications for our spiritual journey.

We look forward to your presence (men and women) at this exciting series each beginning with a short CD lesson followed by conversation and questions as only adults can do it.

WHAT'S GOING ON

WOMEN'S MAD HATTER TEA

**SATURDAY, MAY 7
AT NOON**



The ladies of TPC are invited to a tea in honor of Mother's Day. Bring your mother, your grandmother, your daughter, your daughter-in-law, your granddaughter, your aunt, your niece, your sister, a friend and yourself and join us for an afternoon tea. Dig out your spring bonnet. If you don't have one, we will have extras for you to try on.

We are looking for volunteers to be table hostesses. Hostesses will be responsible for providing teacups and plates (we have table cloths for the round tables or you may bring your own) and whatever else you would like to use to set and decorate the table. You can decorate your table either Friday afternoon, May 6, between 3 and 5, or Saturday morning after 10 am. We will also be looking for women to make tea sandwiches or tea sweets. You can find ideas for tea sandwiches and sweets on the internet or we will supply recipes if you would like. We will need several teapots for each table so we are looking for teapots to borrow. We might also need to borrow tea cups/or luncheon size china plates.

You can respond by email (barbc@compix.com), by phone (Barb Crall 503-692-1677), or by putting your name on the sign-up sheet on the tower in the narthex. When you sign up, please indicate how many guests you will bring.



MUSICAL COMING SUNDAY, MAY 8TH!

You won't want to miss worship on Sunday, May 8th when our own Chancel Choir will present "Celebrate Life." This musical from the 1970's tells the story of Jesus in simple, dramatic terms. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John share their faith and some of their experiences. The music surrounding their narratives is warm and worshipful. Plan to come and be moved by this very powerful musical experience!!

POTLUCK AND VARIETY SHOW

Sunday, June 5, after church

Do you play a musical instrument, can you sing a song, tell jokes, do magic tricks, have a skit to perform, or have a pet that does tricks? We are looking for you! Sign up on the tower in the Narthex for the Variety Show. Questions? Talk to Barb Crall, 503-692-1677 or barbc@compix.com.



PINOCHLE PARTY

Saturday, June 11 at 7 pm

Everyone had such a good time at the last pinochle party that we are doing it again. Come if you are an experienced player, or want to learn, or are anywhere in between. Everyone please bring a snack or beverage to share.



Church Picnic

ALL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 26 AFTER WORSHIP

Join your TPC family for a potluck picnic at Tualatin City Park. Sausages and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a dish to share, your own table service and beverage. We are looking for someone to lead games and activities for the kids. Let Barb Crall (barbc@compix.com) know if you can help with that.

SUMMER PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, August 6

Look for details in the June newsletter.

BREAD MACHINE IN KITCHEN

Did you leave your bread machine in the kitchen? There is one on the back counter in front of the refrigerators and the kitchen crew does not know to whom it belongs. If it is yours, please contact Barb Crall 503-692-1677 or Pam Cameron 503-692-3368.



BELLS, BELLS, BELLS

Bells of the Cascades will present a concert,

Places

a musical journey

on **Sat., April 30, 7:30 pm**

Savage Memorial Presbyterian Church
1740 SE 139th Avenue, Portland, OR 97223

Sunday, May 1, 2011, 7:30 pm

Calvin Presbyterian Church
10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, OR 97224

Let the music of handbells transport your mind to places of beauty and interest.

Our bell choir director, Martha Wilson rings in this choir, as do others who substitute in the TPC bell choir: Alex Arnhold, Sarah Breckenridge, David Jordan, Brian Parrot, and Nancy Patton.

Tickets are Adult \$12, Student/Senior \$10, Family \$30. Tickets will be available at the door, or go to www.brownpapertickets.com. The choir's website is www.bellsofthecascades.org.

2011 Music at the Mount

presents a Celtic Style Concert
by Beltaine, entitled "Brilliant Fire."

We, TPC members and friends, are invited by Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church to attend this free concert on **Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m.** Mt. Carmel is located at 515 SW Maplecrest Drive, PDX, 97219.

The easiest way to reach the church is to take I-5 to the Terwilliger exit, go South toward Lewis and Clark College Just past the school, and just before the light at Boones Ferry, turn right onto Maplecrest. Alternately if you go up Boones Ferry Rd, just after you turn left onto Terwilliger, it is an immediate left onto Maplecrest. It is easy to miss! If you have questions, talk to Laura Spurrell.

2011 NW Regional Labyrinth Gathering

The 2011 NW Regional Labyrinth Gathering is in Portland this year on Friday through Sunday, June 24 through 26. Friday night there will be a public lecture by The Rev. Jill K.H. Geoffrion, Ph.D. on *Labyrinth prayer: Hope in the Midst of Suffering.*

It will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland. Tickets for Friday night are \$15. More information and registration can be found at www.labyrinthnetworknorthwest.org or talk to Laura Spurrell 503 692-7034.



PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES SUMMER CAMP

There are a variety of camps offered this summer. Registration fees are lower if paid before May 5th, so now is a good time to check your summer calendar.

CAMLOTSOFUN

June 19-24, 6-8 Middle School, Suttle Lake

THE JOURNEY

June 27-July 2, 9-12 Adventure Camp, Central, OR

CAMPAWESOME

July 10-15, 3-4 Youth, Magruder

CAMPSOGR8

July 10-15, 5-6 Youth, Magruder

CAMPAPALOOZE

July 10-15, 6-8 Middle School, Magruder

MOMS AND MES

July 15-17, K-2nd Mom and Me, Magruder

GREATEST CAMP EVER X

July 17-22, 9-12 High School Camp, Magruder

Camp brochures are on the tower in the Narthex. The camp grade level is based on the grade the camper completes in June 2011. Register on line at www.campcascades.org registration page.

FAMILY CAMP AT HONEYMAN STATE

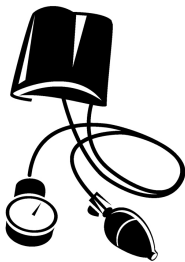
PARK July 23-30th. Early bird registration ends June 1, deadline is July 10th. The registration form can be found on line.

PUN...for those who enjoy an occasional pun.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

MAY IS NATIONAL HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE EDUCATION MONTH

and this year's theme highlights the threat of uncontrolled hypertension. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) urges Americans: "If Your Blood Pressure Is Not Lower Than 140/90, Ask Your Doctor Why." The NHLBI is part of the National Institutes of Health. NHLBI sponsors the hypertension month effort



BLOOD PRESSURE EDUCATION

with the National High Blood Pressure Education Program (NHBPEP), which it coordinates.

High blood pressure affects about 50 million—or one in four—American adults. Of those with hypertension, about 68 percent are aware of their condition—but only 27 percent have it under control. The reasons for this include not taking drugs as prescribed and/or not taking a medication that sufficiently lowers blood pressure. Hypertension can lead to stroke, heart failure, or kidney damage. To help prevent that, blood pressure must be lowered to less than 140/90 mm Hg (millimeters of mercury). Normal blood pressure is less than 130/less than 85 mm Hg. "We advise Americans to talk about their blood pressure with their doctor," said NHLBI Director Dr. Claude Lenfant. "They should have their blood pressure checked and, if it's high, ask about adjusting their medication and whether they've made the necessary lifestyle changes to bring it to below 140/90."

The lifestyle changes to control blood pressure are: lose weight, if overweight, become physically active; choose foods lower in salt and sodium; and limit alcohol intake. More information can be found at <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov>.

Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

Thanks to everyone who helped create twenty-two blankets for children in Japan. This effort was coordinated by Project Linus. Nationally the group provided 70,000 blankets.

Shirley Schultz,
Loving Stitches

COOK'S CORNER—Lynn Scroggin

Curried Chicken Thighs

Curried chicken thighs are great to serve with rice and broccoli.

Ingredients:

6 chicken thighs or more
4 T. butter (I use 2 T butter and 2 T olive oil)
1/2 c. honey
1/4 c. mustard
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. curry powder

Directions

Melt butter, then add the rest of the ingredients, except the chicken. Remove skin and excess fat from the chicken. Roll chicken in sauce and put in greased baking dish. Pour remaining sauce over chicken. Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for an hour. (I like to baste every 15 minutes or so.) Makes 6 servings. I make just 6 thighs for my family but there is plenty of sauce for more thighs.

Roasted Butternut Chowder w/Apples & Bacon

Ingredients:

1 butternut squash, peeled, seeded, cut in cubes
1 large onion, chopped
2 large apples, peeled, cored, chopped
4 bacon slices (optional)
1 T minced garlic
Salt and pepper
3 T olive oil
1 T chopped fresh sage or 1 tsp. dried sage
1/2 C dry white wine or water
6 C vegetable or chicken stock or water

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Spread squash, onion, apples, garlic in a deep roasting pan or baking sheet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and drizzle with oil. Roast until all are tender and browned, approximately 45 minutes. Cook bacon until crisp in separate pan.

Place cooked vegetables and fruit in soup pot including browned pieces from pan. Add sage and wine. Add stock and cook approximately 25 minutes. You can stir and break up pieces, if you wish. Serve with crisp bacon as topping, or without, for a vegetarian meal. Makes 4 servings.



Sunday Greeters and Ushers

Interested in meeting more members of your Family of Faith? Greeters come to church at 10 am, welcome people as they arrive, and help with the offering. Bulletin people (aka

ushers) also arrive about 10 am, pass out bulletins to people as they enter the sanctuary, help with the offering and walk the microphone to individuals who wish to speak during Joys and Concerns.

If you'd like to volunteer to be a greeter or usher, select a Sunday that fits your schedule and write your name on a sign-up sheet on the tower in the narthex. If you have questions, talk to Clare Hahn, 503-692-4807. Thanks for your help.

Tualatin School House Pantry Needs

Tualatin School House Pantry's Immediate and Ongoing Needs:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Potatoes
- Canned goods such as tuna, fruit, corn, hearty soups with protein
- Cereal, hot or cold
- Dried beans and rice
- Cooking oil, flour and sugar
- Hygiene items such as toilet paper, soap, shampoo and laundry soap

All items can be placed in the bin by the front door of the church.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Rhoda makes changes to the directory almost weekly. If your directory is more than a year old, please come to the office and pick up a current one.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

01	Elise Steffen	17	Sandy Reiling
02	Craig Walker	17	Gary Frey
02	Wesley Shiffer	17	Scott Cameron
03	Joan Nardi	19	BJ Stevenson
04	Rick Mauer	20	Rebecca Wood
07	Mark Robertson	21	Ronn Rhodes
09	Robert Weener	21	Cackie Kyle
09	Ella Evers-Hood	23	Emily Mazzuca
11	Ron Van Schoiack	24	Emerson Wood
11	Dave Backen	24	Jose Corona
14	Megan Weener	24	Brian Jones
15	Dorothy Martin	27	Benjamin Schleicher
15	Stephanie Bartlett	30	Matt Winkler
15	Jackson Cobb	31	Scott Mazzuca
16	Alex Lewis		

TPC PER CAPITA EXPENSE

\$22.90 for each member

If you haven't already, please pay your per capita fee for 2011. Your treasurer will thank you. Make check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line.

2011 FINANCIALS

Income Year to Date (as of 3-31-2011)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$82,977	\$79,090	\$3,887
Expenses Year to Date (as of 3-31-2011)			
	\$75,167	\$79,569	\$4,402

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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Parish Associates: The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Philip Martin

Elders: Randy Beyer, Craig Bowen, Barb Crall, Norm Dannemiller, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Adele Pelletier, Craig Walker and Katrina Weener.

Deacons: Susan Fee, Carolyn Hale, Barbara Harriman, Ted Lambeth, Jack Lemmon, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Sherry Nelson, Bob Nix, Mary Ortez, Bill Smiley, and Jeni Wiggers

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon