

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

Are you feeling experimental? I hope so.

One of the perennial challenges all churches face is how to communicate information well. Except for high days like Easter and Christmas, we've been using worship as a space to make announcements ever since I've been here. There is a good reason for this. More of us gather together at worship than any other time. There are some disadvantages, however. One of the primary challenges of announcements is we never quite know how many we'll have. On mornings when a bunch of folks jump up it can have a significant impact on our time together.



Starting in May I'd like to try something. I'd like us to try placing the announcements at a new time. During the welcome I will be more than happy to lift up and amplify an announcement in the bulletin or an upcoming event on your behalf. I'd love it if you emailed me about this before the week, but I'll probably be nice enough to talk to you on Sunday morning. Probably. ☺ Then, **after the postlude**, we will leave the standing mic on and whoever would like to address the body can line up to do so.

There are some nice things about this. First, you don't have to worry about talking with me about making an announcement. Just jump up there and let her rip. Second, you can be as long as you like. People might not stick around, but that's actually an advantage. The people who stick around will be truly interested. The single greatest advantage is really for us as a community. Putting announcements after the postlude stewards our time together. And these days few things are more valuable than our time.

We will have a survey linked to our website, and I invite you to give us feedback using that survey. I fully acknowledge there might be disadvantages we don't know about yet. But that's why we try things. If it doesn't work, we can always go back to "how it's always been done." But if it does work, we'll improve how we spend our time together on Sunday mornings.

Grace and peace,



Mike and Mary Shiffer
A Lifetime of Giving

Mike and Mary are unique individuals. Both native Oregonians, they grew up in Portland. Mary remembers where Mike sat when they met in their eighth grade math class. They were friends at Marshall High School, but it wasn't until Mike invited Mary to their senior prom, Royal Splendor, that things really became official. They were a couple.

After high school graduation, it was time to earn some college degrees. Mary left the state to attend The College of St. Teresa in Winona, Minnesota. The college did not measure up to Mary's expectations so after one semester, she returned to Portland and enrolled at Portland State University where she later earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education. Mike, too, was college bound and he studied at Lewis and Clark earning a degree in mathematics. He was one of five math students in his class and actually considered graduating with a double major, in English Literature.

In 1967, Mike and Mary were married at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in Oregon City. They honeymooned in San Francisco and shared their devotion for a total of 45 days before Mike joined the Army. Mike was off to Vietnam where he used his mathematical skills in Artillery Fire Direction; he helped sight in rounds during combat. Mike was good at it, so good that he had a perfect score during his program testing and was transferred to a training center on the central Vietnam coast. Mike was later transferred to Fort Sill in Oklahoma as an instructor. That was a blessing.

From there it is a blur with stops in Portland and Tacoma at Fort Lewis. Mary was teaching and at one point selling Avon. Larisa and Matthew were born and in 1976 the family returned to Portland.

You would think they would slow down, but that is not their style. Mike started a 22-year career in the financial industry working for Computer Service Bureau in commercial loans where he worked with computer hardware and software. Mary was busy teaching and then went back to PSU to earn her Master's Degree in speech pathology. She worked in different capacities throughout the region focusing her skill sets on assessment and diagnosis. She was well suited to help children with speech, autism and learning disabilities. Both Mike and Mary retired in 2009.

Time to relax? No. Mike and Mary had come across TPC in 1991 and true to their nature, threw themselves into studying, rejoicing, laughing and helping with the duties of the church. Thom Nelson was the pastor and Mike was part of the Pastor Nominating Committee that brought us the Evers-Hoods. Additionally Mike served as the Treasurer during the building expansion, has served as the Administration and Mission Elder and has also served as a Deacon. Mary has been equally active in her roles as Clerk of Session for Pastor Thom, Dick Wiggers and Ken Evers-Hood. She has also served as worship elder and recently as the Art Director bringing beautiful art to the sanctuary. Along the way they have both sung in the choir, provided support to Vacation Bible School and also Tuesday's Treasures. I'm certain they have also provided unnoticed support to others when they needed it most.

They will both be unhappy with me for sharing all of this, but it is important to note that it doesn't stop here. Forget Mike's recent heart valve replacement or Mary's broken foot and the tendonitis in her left forearm. I can't fathom that Mary contracted polio at the age of eight. These two simply refuse to stop.

Mike is a founding member of the School House Pantry which serves between 600 and 700 families each month and is also an Advisor Representative on the Oregon Food Bank Board of Directors. Mike is proud that TPC contributes more volunteers to the food bank than any other faith based group in the area.

Mike and Mary also ran a Boy Scout Program at the Coffee Creek Correctional facility matching

boys with their mothers who were learning parenting skills and how to build families. They ran that program from 2006-2013.

Mary is still active at the prison with the Coffee Creek quilters where she works with women in minimum security to teach them how to make this treasured art form while also learning math and social skills. She often has up to 10 women per class and shares her unique skills to help them overcome any learning disabilities. Mary also has written a novel, *Out of Lonely Places*. It's available at Amazon.com and be sure to ask her about the title.

I'm also happy to report that Mike and Mary *do relax*. They have traveled to Europe, taken four trips to Fiji, shared many trips to Ashland for the Shakespearean Theater, attended many local professional and high school theaters in the area, cheered the Portland Winterhawks whenever possible and are celebrating 46 years of marriage. Did I mention their seven grandchildren?

Yes, theirs is a Lifetime of Giving.

Russ Carlin
Deacon, Parish 5



**BELLS OF THE CASCADES IN CONCERT,
SATURDAY, APRIL 25 AT 7:30 P.M.
at Central Lutheran Church
1820 NE 21st Ave., Portland, 97212**

TPC has a longstanding relationship with Bells of the Cascades. They rehearse here and we borrow several of their bells. Our current handbell director, Debbie Ivanov, and Kris Sparks and Martha Wilson, all ring in Bells of the Cascades.

Everyone is invited to hear this handbell choir ring in concert: Celebrating 25 Years! With alumni, former directors and guest artists, they will perform favorite pieces from the past 25 years. Their new CD, *Hitting Things!*, will be available. There is a \$10 admission charge; however, no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

MASK AND MIRROR COMMUNITY THEATER



Presents

The Curious Savage by John Patrick

**April 24, 25, 26 and May
1,2,3,8,9,10**

7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays
2 p.m. Sundays

Admission: \$15 Adults, \$7 Children under 10

\$12 Seniors, students and military

Location: "The Stage" at Calvin Pres. Church

10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard

For tickets, call 503-333-1139

Email—Tickets@maskandmirror.com

www.maskandmirror.com

Play description provided by Wikipedia:

The Curious Savage, written by John Patrick, is a comedic play about Ethel P. Savage, a woman whose husband recently died and left her approximately ten million dollars. Contrasting the kindness and loyalty of psychiatric patients with the avarice and vanity of "respectable" public figures, it calls into question conventional definitions of sanity while lampooning celebrity culture. The play was first produced in New York by the Theatre Guild and Lewis & Young at the Martin Beck Theatre and opened on October 24, 1950.



THIRD ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Shop from a huge selection of annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, herbs, house plants, succulents and tropical. Demos and workshops on canning and preserving, urban permaculture and how to cook the food you grow. Master gardeners on hand to answer questions.

Friday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Juanita Pohl Center

8513 SW Tualatin Rd., Tualatin

Adjacent to Tualatin City Park.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDGE IN MAY

Never Pray Again?

Join Rev. Aric Clark for a three-week conversation about the nature of prayer and discipleship which will challenge common assumptions and encourage an experimental, active approach to Christian living.

May 10 - The Psychology of Ritual: What is happening in our sub-conscious when we pray? Who are we becoming?

May 17 - Countering Our Intuition: How to Praise, Love, and Beg with integrity.

May 24 - Experimental Faith: How to become a Christian practitioner

The material for this course will draw from the book which Aric co-authored *Never Pray Again: Lift Your Head, Unfold Your Hands, and Get to Work*. There will be copies available for sale at the class, or in all formats from Amazon or other online book retailers. It isn't necessary to read anything before coming to the discussion.

Aric Clark is a writer, a speaker, and Presbyterian minister who lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife and two gremlins pretending to be his sons. He is the co-author of *Never Pray Again: Lift Your Head, Unfold Your Hands, and Get To Work*, a book which challenges readers to embrace a concrete other-centered spirituality. He is the creator and host of the Youtube series *LectionARIC* which analyzes scripture with geeky irreverence. When he is not writing, preaching, or parenting, Aric can be found engaging his tabletop gaming hobby, or cooking for a crowd of random strangers he invited home without his wife's permission. He is a pacifist and he still can't grow a beard. John Casebeer, Adult Education Elder

WOMEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM

Women's Ministry Brunch – May 16 -10:30

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Gordon and Mary Ann Dickey talk about "*The Future of the Catholic Church under Pope Francis*." The Dickey's have interesting backgrounds, having been a former Catholic nun and priest before they left the Church to marry.

See the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know you're coming and whether you wish to bring a brunch item, participate in setup, or help with clean-up. Our gathering usually lasts until noon.

The **Backpack Buddy Program** continues to need assistance. Donated food items help ensure students don't go hungry over the weekend. To help, please take a list of needed items from the tower in the Narthex and bring items to our brunch on May 16, or give them to Joan Nardi at any time.

Exciting New Mission Project

At our April 18 meeting, the Women's Ministry group decided to get involved in the *Days for Girls International* program. We are going to venture into this endeavor slowly, but feel compelled to help since the need is so great to provide access to quality sustainable feminine hygiene. Nancy Church is our leader on this mission project, and we will be providing some specific things you can do to contribute to this worthwhile effort. Watch for future bulletin inserts and postings on the tower.

The Women's Ministry Group is open to all TPC women who want to strengthen their bonds of fellowship and grow spiritually. Please feel free to bring a friend—all are welcome. Judy Nix

WANT TO SING AND DANCE?

Mask and Mirror Community Theatre invites you to audition for this summer's first Tualatin Community Musical - the 1950s classic "Singin' in the Rain" - to be performed August 14-16 and 21-23 at the Tualatin High School auditorium.

We're looking for Tualatin actors, singers and dancers to come and join us! Auditions will be held **Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19 and 20 (6:30 pm to 9 pm)** at the Tualatin High School band and choir rooms. More details on the show and our coming auditions can be found on our web site at www.maskandmirror.com. If you'd like to audition, please follow the directions for signing up online for an audition spot.

Or if you'd like to work back stage, build sets or help in the box office, please contact us at info@maskandmirror.com. Come and help make Tualatin's first Community Musical come to life this summer! John Bartholomew

Mask and Mirror Community Theatre is an all volunteer 501(c)3 non-profit theatre group; all positions are volunteer.

CHRISTINA'S ATTIC

This month the butterfly garden gives way to fire from heaven for **Pentecost Sunday on May 24**. Don't forget to wear red on May 24 when we celebrate the birthday of the Church. During June we will have an amazing exhibit by Kathryn Casebeer.

Looking Ahead: Art Camp will be August 10-14; sign-ups start in May. Please starting thinking about and preparing for the all-church art exhibit in September. All mediums, i.e., photography, painting, quilting, weaving, etc. are welcome. Details to come. Creating in the image of our Creator,

Chris Robertson, Art Director

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Elders and deacons will be ordained and installed during the worship service on Sunday, May 31.

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 6 and 7. The deadline for the Saturday night dinner has passed, but **Sunday, June 7** during their 10 a.m. worship service they will have special music with nationally acclaimed violinist, David Southorn and Calvin Choir with alumni voices.

Sincerely, Golden Anniversary Committee:
Ray Beyer, Murray Breen, Gerry Brosy, Dave Geiger, Sandi Hagen, Marty Herr, Judy Madsen.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Adult Mission Trip to Bend. We are now taking sign-ups for the multi day trip to Bend to work for that community's Habitat for Humanity. The trip is scheduled for **July 5-8**. The plan is to attend church on Sunday, July 5th and then carpool to Bend that afternoon. We will again be staying at the Three Sisters School and preparing all of our meals there. Work days will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 6-8, returning to Tualatin Wednesday evening. We will have an organizational meeting before we go to answer any questions. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Chip Kyle, Mission Committee Elder

ANDREW'S NEWS

TPC Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2015 registration is NOW OPEN! Please register your child and their friends (K-5th) for VBS at:
www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/tpc

We look forward to scaling MOUNT EVEREST with your children this summer 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.,
Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 17.

APRIL 16 SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Andrew Hall reported the success of the Taco Dinner to help support the 17 youth and leaders going on the Summer Youth Mission Trip.

The following were approved:

A new fundraising policy and procedure.

An updated TPC Emergency Plan

The job description for the new position of Parish Associate

Presbyterian Family Camp's request to use the TPC street address for its non-profit status registration

Session approved \$500 scholarships for five high school seniors: Heather Cameron, Emily Kelly, Bradley Olson, John Olsen and Emma Steffen.

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

MISSION COMMITTEE

One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you for your generous contributions to this denomination-wide offering. A total of just over \$800 was received. All of this will be forwarded to the national church to help sustain programs for disaster relief, food and clean water for people across the globe. You are a generous congregation and your support is well appreciated.

Adult Mission Trip to Forest Grove. Nine members of the congregation participated in the one day build for Habitat for Humanity in Forest Grove. Myrna and Lynn Friese, Paula and Ted Miller, Stephen Ricker, Melanie and Doug Steele and Cackie and Chip Kyle staged material, installed insulation and put up sheet rock in one of the four houses that are in active construction. While the day was cool, the participants were able to avoid the periodic rain showers as all the work was inside. Thanks to all nine workers for contributing their time and energy to this project.

Chip Kyle, Mission Committee Elder

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS IN SANCTUARY

Did you know a connector box has been installed in the floor of the Sanctuary near the location of the video projector table? Thanks to Rick Maurer, Rod Kerr, John Martin (chair) and other members of the Technology Committee, we now have a connector that can provide power for the projector, as well as connectivity to the other audio/visual components used in the Sanctuary. The new connector will eliminate the need to have cords and cables on top of the floor, which creates tripping hazards.

Bob Paetsch, Building & Grounds Elder

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING TPC?

If yes, let us know! Mark the “Wish to Join This Church” box on the Attendance Registration form that passes down the rows on Sunday morning. Or send an email to office@tpcspirit.org. Or speak with our Membership Coordinator, Jeni Wiggers. However you choose to let us know of your interest, we will get back to you!!!

SUNDAY GREETERS AND USHERS

Would you like to act as a greeter at the front door or hand out bulletins at the glass doors on Sunday morning? Sign-up on the sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex (near the kitchen).

PER CAPITA

Thank you to everyone who has paid their 2015 per capita expense. The per capita fee in the Presbyterian Church is similar to a membership fee. The amount for each member is \$27.96. Please make your check payable to TPC and write “per capita” on the memo line. Thank you.

AMAZON SMILE FOUNDATION

Do you buy items from Amazon? If yes, if you use this link:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0967181>

when you make purchases, TPC will receive 1/2% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases. TPC received \$20.71 from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of purchases made on AmazonSmile between October 1 and December 31, 2014.



MAY

- 2—Craig Walker
- 2—Wesley Shiffer
- 3—Yvonne Wagner
- 3—Joan Nardi
- 3—Michael Ratliff
- 4—Scott MacCluer
- 4—Rick Mauer
- 4—Olivia Fujiwara
- 5—Don Lowry
- 6—Michael Weaver
- 7—Emmons Ratliff

- 8—Diane Paetsch
- 9—Robert Weener
- 9—Ella Evers-Hood
- 11—Ron VanSchoiack
- 11—Dave Backen
- 14—Karen Black
- 14—Benjamin Whitaker
- 14—Megan Weener
- 15—Dorothy Martin
- 15—Laura Byers
- 16—Alex Lewis
- 17—Sandy Reiling
- 17—Gary Frey

- 17—Scott Cameron
- 20—Rebecca Wood
- 21—Ronn Rhodes
- 21—Cackie Kyle
- 23—Emily Mazzuca
- 24—Emerson Wood
- 24—Jose Corona
- 24—Brian Jones
- 25—Regan Fant
- 30—Susan Cameron
- 30—Matt Winkler
- 30—Monica Gibson
- 31—Scott Mazzuca

2015 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 3/31/15	\$96,528	\$107,062	(\$10,524)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 3/31/15	\$91,411	\$96,577	\$5,166

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on calendar.

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10 am Miriam Schmidt Memorial Service
3 8:45 am Adult EDGE 10:00 Worship Sunday School 5 pm The Awakening	4	5	6 7 pm Choir rehearsal	7 6:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal	8 Youth Laser Tag Lock-in overnight; starts at 10:45 pm	9 Youth Laser Tag Lock-in ends at 6 am
10 8:45 am Adult EDGE 10:00 Worship Sunday School	11 7 pm Deacon meeting	12 7 pm Mission meeting 7 pm Fellowship meeting	13 10 am to noon Loving Stitches 7 pm Choir rehearsal	14 6:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal	15	16 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:30 am Women's Ministry
17 8:45 am Adult EDGE 10:00 Worship Sunday School 5 pm The Awakening	18	19 7 pm Tuesdays Treasures	20 7 pm Choir rehearsal	21 6:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7 pm Session Meeting	22	23
24 8:45 am Adult EDGE 10:00 Worship Sunday School	25	26 9 am June newsletter deadline	27 10 am to noon Loving Stitches 7 pm Choir rehearsal	28 6:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal	29	30
31 8:45 am Adult EDGE 10:00 Worship Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons Sunday School 5 pm The Awakening						

PASTOR KEN'S SERMONS ON LINE

Each Sunday, John Martin tapes Ken's sermons. If you miss a Sunday, you can catch up on the sermon by going to the church website, tpcspirit.org. Hover over Worship, then click on Sermons from the pull-down menu. Select the date, then start the video by clicking on the arrow on the left side of the screen.



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The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood, Pastor

Phone: 503-692-4160 **Web Address:** www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Associate: The Rev. Charlie Brown

Elders: Dave Backen, John Casebeer, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Bob Paetsch, Emily Ricker, Kathy Sweetland and Katrina Weener.

Deacons: Julian Awdry, Becky Backen, Dan Barker, Karen Black, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Rebecca Crall, Susan Fee, Barbara Harriman, Barb Kerr, Mary Maleta, Jackie Norman.

Office Manager: Susan Springer
Financial Assistant: Rhoda Friesen
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov
Director of Youth & Fam. Min.: Andrew Hall

Art Director: Dr. Christina Robertson
Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall
Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall
Cookie Coordinator: Myrna Friese
Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer
Parish Nurse: Dianne Lemmon
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus
Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers
Tuesdays Treasures: Carolyn Locke
Webmaster: John Martin
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.

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