

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) - UPDATE FOR MAY

More good news! Our Mission Discernment Profile (MDP) was approved by the Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of the Cascades! That means the MDP has been released and posted in the Opportunity Search that will match TPC with the Personal Discernment Profiles (PDP) of potential candidates. The Opportunity Search also posts our MDP on the PCUSA website for viewing by other prospective pastors who might be interested but were missed in the matching process. Since this approval, we have started to receive self-referred candidates who have seen our posting.

The process of reviewing the candidates and evaluating our top choices will continue for the next several months. During this time your PNC will be hard at work as we carefully consider the candidates to find the right person for TPC.

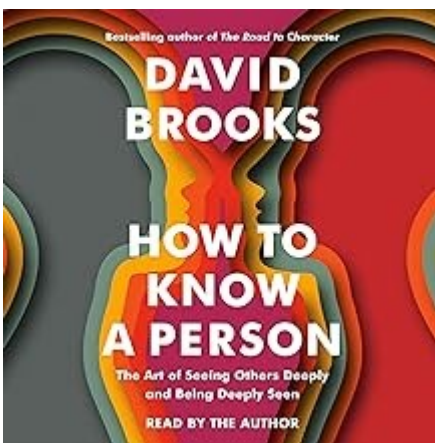
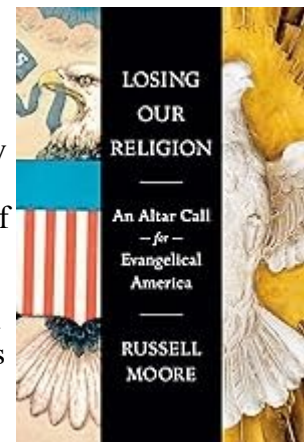
Please continue to keep the PNC in your prayers as we enter this phase of our search.

Alan Grobey, PNC Chairperson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Susan Cameron, LaVette Columbo, Alan Kelchner, Chip Kyle, Judy Nix, Liz Reding, Jim Walchenbach and Gordy Winterrowd

WHAT I'M READING THIS SUMMER

This summer, I'm planning to read two books that spark my pastoral and personal interests. The first book is *Losing Our Religion: An Altar Call for Evangelical America* by Russell Moore. Although Moore tells readers his book is a "way to move forward for confused and wounded evangelicals," I am intrigued by the fact that Russell was excommunicated from evangelical leadership circles because he would not endorse Donald Trump as President. This book raises issues of politics, faith, personal convictions, and how political party affiliations can skew our understanding of following Christ. Moore writes, "Let me tell you about on-going racism and nationalism trying to masquerade as Jesus." If you're interested in reflecting on how to be a thoughtful Christian in midst of any election year, this might be your book.



This summer, I'm also going to be reading David Brooks' new book, *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Seen*. Obviously, this book is a departure from Moore's treatise on faith and politics, and yet . . . if you are a person who continues to struggle with interpersonal challenges, this book might be worth your time and energy. Brooks writes: "There is one skill that lies at the heart of any healthy person, family, school, community organization, or society: the ability to see someone else deeply and make them feel seen—to accurately know another person, to let them feel valued, heard, and understood."

I'm reading these books because I'm hoping these two authors will inform, comfort, challenge, and touch a deeper need within me: the need to learn and grow as a person seeking God's loving presence in the messiness of humanity. Paul Tillich once wrote that faith "is the state of being grasped by an ultimate concern." I'm concerned about these issues and I'm sure many of you share my concern.

If you decide to purchase one or both of these books for your own summer reading, feel free to contact me at pastor@tpcspirit.org If there are enough of us, I will definitely set up a date and time to discuss our insights and reactions.

Blessings on your summer reading. Ken

SUMMERTIME FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

In many ways, summertime Fellowship Dinners offer the best opportunities of the year. There are more possible venues and the weather is nicer in the summer. Although some folks skip the summer because it is more challenging to schedule around vacations and travel, it is worth the extra effort.

The summer phase of fellowship dinners will run from June through September and **signup for this phase has begun..** Watch for announcements in the Newsletter and Bulletins. Rick Crall



COFFEE CONNECTION—for all who are interested. All are welcome and invited. Some interesting and fun things are coming up for Coffee Connection.

On **Tuesday, May 14, at 10:00 am** guest speaker, Ben Richardson, will tell us about the current online scams that are out there these days. Learn how to protect yourself from getting taken advantage of. We will meet in TPC's narthex. There will be Starbucks coffee and treats. Ben's presentation is 30 minutes long. We will have time for questions, so our gathering will be over at 11:00 am as usual.

For **Tuesday, June 11th's** Coffee Connection, we will meet at **10 am at Tualatin Island Greens**, 20400 SW Cipole Road, where we will play miniature golf. It's all fun, no need to keep score, foot wedges are okay and picking up your ball is perfectly fine, too. The fee is \$6 for 18 holes and balls and putters are included. (Bring your own putter, if you have a favorite.) Come have some morning fun. Afterwards, Bob Nix will grill hamburgers/veggie burgers at the Nixes, 10678 SW Dogwood Street in Tualatin. We'll have salads and all the fixins', too. If you don't want to play golf, you can just come for lunch at noon. More details will be shared as we get closer to June 11. Judy Nix, Connections Elder

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

There will be a potluck lunch after worship on Sunday, May 19. We will have finger foods, such as sandwiches, chips, fruit, veggies, cookies and brownies. Afterwards, join Bill James in the sanctuary for a rousing game of music bingo. Have fun while learning a new way to play bingo, and perhaps win a prize!!! Barb Crall, Fellowship Director

PENTECOST OFFERING - EMBRACING HOPE

Annually here at TPC we support four denominational offerings of the wider Presbyterian Church. Pentecost holds deep significance and symbolizes the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. As such, the Pentecost Offering is targeted at the future of the church – our youth.

The Offering supports three specific ministries:

Young Adult Volunteers – provides an opportunity for young adults to spend a year serving in various communities through mission work;

Ministries in Youth – supports youth-focused programs such as summer camps, conferences and leadership development programs;

Child Advocacy – advocates for the rights and well-being of children around the world.

Normally, the entire proceeds of a special offering are forwarded to the national church. This one is different. TPC retains 40% of the local offering for use to support our youth and the ministries they are involved with. The Mission Committee, together with the Director of Family Ministries, have elected to direct TPC's portion of the proceeds to the program in which our young adults are actively engaged: The Good Neighbor Center.

The Pentecost Offering will be taken on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

TPC has generously supported this offering in the past and we hope you will do so again this year. Our youth represent the future of this and the wider church as well. On behalf of the Mission Committee and our youth, thank you. Chip Kyle, Mission Committee Chair



PENTECOST NEW MEMBER/INQUIRER CLASS

If you are interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church (USA) and/or becoming a member at TPC, please plan on meeting with me next **Sunday, May 19th and/or on May 26th**. We will gather outside the church office door at 11:20

following worship. From there, we'll find a place to sit down and chat about TPC over a cup of coffee or tea. Come with your questions.

Blessings, Ken Henry, Interim Pastor

FELLOWSHIP ON TAP AT *Ancestry Brewing*

On **Thursday, May 23rd from 6:30-8:00**, I will be over at Ancestry Brewing (20585 SW 115th Ave, Tualatin, OR 97062) waiting for anyone from TPC who desires an informal conversation with the interim pastor—that's me! This event will be primarily a social gathering (with beer if you desire). All topics of conversation are welcome: last week's sermon, the pastor search process, The Ducks, The Beavers, aching backs, summer plans, Italy, Presbyterianism, flyfishing, etc. No need to RSVP, just come as you are. I'm looking forward to this casual time of connection and fellowship outside of Sunday morning.

Ken Henry, Interim Pastor



TPC RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, July 13, from 9am to 3pm. It will be one day only. Payment will be by cash only. Family Ministries is organizing this event as a **fundraiser for TPC's General Fund**. We feel this will give our youth and other adults in our church community a time to connect with each other.

Since we have a storage problem, please hang onto your items to donate until two weeks before July 13. We can start **accepting donations June 30 after church until 2pm**. More dates will be added. Please bring your donations to the downstairs side door by the patio, on the left side as you face the church.

Several people have asked what donations we will accept. Donations we are accepting include: housewares, small appliances, bed and bath items, clothing and shoes, backpacks and purses, books and media, exercise and sporting goods, games and toys, tools and gardening items.

We need plastic bags, such as one gallon or quart size bags. These will be used to store small multiple items for sale like socks, jewelry, lego's, office supplies, games, etc. We also need paper or plastic grocery size bags and boxes for people to collect their purchased items. We can accept any of these items between now and July 13.

Thank you to those who have reached out to me to volunteer. **Wednesday, May 15 at 10 am** there will be a meeting to discuss scheduling work dates, advertising, etc. All are invited to join in this meeting.

Sandy Gurney, Family Ministries Elder

COFFEE HELPERS Coffee and cookies are such a treat after service. Volunteers are needed to get it ready on Sundays. If you would like to help, sign up at <https://goo.gl/9imGAU> or on the TPC website go to members - fellowship - and click on coffee sign up. If you are new to volunteering, let me know and I will make sure someone will be there to help.

THANKS. Derrilyn Bayha -dabayha@mac.com or 661-747-8447

THE BUDDY BACKPACK PROGRAM NOW CALLED “PACKED WITH PRIDE”

The Buddy Backpack Program we supported in the past has a newname and distribution model. It is now called “Packed with Pride.” and is owned by the non-profit Foundation for Tigard and Tualatin Schools.

The food program started in March, 2020 due to COVID 19 closing schools. Over 400 food boxes were distributed on each first and third Wednesdays. The food boxes were designed to feed a family of 5 for two weeks. The food box pick up site is located at the Tigard Swim Center parking lot by Tigard High School.

Monetary and food donations, plus volunteers are needed. Please contact the Foundation for Tigard and Tualatin Schools or “Packed with Pride.” The Oregon Food Bank also supports “Packed with Pride.”

Donna Hammersly



BIRTHDAY CHICKEN—A TRADITION AT TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On the second and the fourth Sundays of the month, early in the worship service, we take a few minutes to recognize people who have had a recent birthday. Individuals walk to the front of the church, line up, and one by one, put pennies in a chicken-shaped basket, one penny for each year of life. The birthday people are blessed by the liturgist and the congregation sings Happy Birthday.

Pennies in the birthday chicken is a TPC tradition. It was initiated by our founding pastor, Rev. Dr. Thom Nelson and has continued to this day. Our pastors may come and go, but the chicken remains.

Why do we do this? To build community. To welcome people. To include people. To engage with people. To challenge our math skills. To share a laugh. Everyone has a birthday!

Why a chicken basket? Probably because initially monies collected were donated to the Heifer Project. Currently monies received are donated to Medical Teams International.



COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

John Whitehurst and Andrew Perkins

TPC continues to support two children through Compassion International. What is Compassion International all about? What does the organization do?

The mission of Compassion International is to release as many children from poverty in Jesus' name as possible. Children who live in poverty

are at higher risk of abuse and trafficking than those who are not. As an organization working to release children from poverty in Jesus' name, Compassion is serious about keeping children safe.

For \$43 a month, a sponsored child receives:

Educational assistance, tutoring, skills training and career development.

Nutritional support, proper sanitation and medical care

An opportunity for a future of thriving and sharing the love of Jesus

Mentorship, safe friendships and the love of local church staff and volunteers

Age-appropriate Christian teaching and individual discipleship.

Visit [Compassion.com/financial](https://www.compassion.com/financial) for more information, or talk to Andrew Perkins or John Whitehurst.



Thanks so much for all your support by volunteering and/or by donating. We take donations that are submitted to TPC that are identified to be used for Family Promise and purchase grocery items needed for the food pantry. We usually provide these groceries once or twice a month. Other items needed are listed below

-Kitchen basics:

- Sets of dishes (plates and bowls)
- Sets of pots & pans
- Sets of silverware

Birthday gifts for teens:

- Birthday recognition gifts for teens, such as gift cards to Fred Meyer or Amazon: \$20, \$25, or \$30
- Bike helmets
- Google Play and Apple gift cards \$15-20 for our monthly bingo nights

Other items:

- Diapers: especially sizes 2, 5 and 6.
- Baby wipes
- Dog food
- Over-the-counter medicine
- Clorox wipes
- Extension cords
- Clothes baskets
- Bubbles
- Chalk
- Plastic or paper bags for our food pantry

VOLUNTEER Opportunities- If you would like information about how to sign up, contact Derrilyn Bayha - 661-747-8447 or dabayha@mac.com

Biggest Volunteer Needs:

- Bilingual (English/Spanish) tutor for Coco Club Tuesday and Thursday 4-5:30**
- Food Program Volunteers**
- Grounds Maintenance Volunteers**

Food pantry: Many of the dates are open. Volunteers staff our food pantry filling orders for our guests in our motel shelter program on Wednesdays from 3:30-6:15 pm in room 223.

Meal prep: Work alongside FPTV's community chef to assist with meal preparation at local churches Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 1-4pm. Helpers especially needed on upcoming Mondays. On-line training is not required. The prep work is completed at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church or Rise Church.

Meal service and cleanup: Volunteer spots are open on most Wednesdays and Fridays. Please consider joining us. Work alongside FPTV's community chef to assist with serving community dinners and cleaning up afterwards. Shifts are from 5-7:30pm.

Grounds Maintenance Saturday, May 11th: Please reach out to Gina to learn how you can help.
Gina@familypromiseoftv.org

MONICA GIBSON

Monica Gibson was our liturgist and guest soloist on Sunday, April 14.

Monica is the soprano division winner of the Portland Area Solo and Ensemble Competition.

During worship she sang the three songs that she will present in the state competition in May.

She sang Ridente LaCalma by Mozart, Leid der Mignon by Franz Schubert and Early in the Morning by Ned Rorem.

Thank you, Monica.



DEACONS AND ELDERS WILL BE ORDAINED ON SUNDAY, MAY 19

Every year about this time, we elect and install elders and deacons for a 3-year term of service. It’s time to do that again.

Outgoing elders
Chip Kyle, Mission Elder
Lynn Neilson, Stewardship & Admin.

Incoming elders, Class of 2027
Bunny Lewis, Mission Elder
Susan Kelchner, Stewardship and Administration Elder

Outgoing deacons:
Kerry Weaver, Parish 1
Linda Fukasawa, Parish 2
Dianne Lemmon, Parish 3
Derrilyn Bayha, Parish 5

Incoming deacons, Class of 2027
Macy Walchenbach, Parish 1
Merle Olson, Parish 2
Candy Richards, Parish 3
Candy Ferguson, Parish 5

The incoming elders and deacons will start their term of service in June, 2024.

NO MEN’S GROUP MEETING IN MAY. Their next scheduled meeting is June 9.

WAYS TO DONATE TO TPC Scan this code with your smart phone to donate to TPC by debit/credit card or bank account. Scanning this code takes you to the TPC donation page. Questions? Talk to Mike Shiffer.



WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPATION

Are you interested in being a part of an upcoming service? Front-door greeters, liturgists, and communion servers are always needed and all are welcome to sign-up. A brief job description and the sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex after each service.

Eileen Eakins, Worship Elder

THANK YOU for the two new office computers and to Mike Shiffer for getting them up and running. Such an improvement!!!

ADULT EDGE (Adult Education)

This class meets downstairs on Sunday morning from 9 to 9:45 am to discuss the scriptures of the day.

DO YOU HAVE A FINANCIAL QUESTION? - For answers, contact, Julie Flint, our financial assistant. She can be reached at finance@tpcspirit.org. Reminder: **PER CAPITA** for 2024 is \$45.60 per member.

KEN’S EMAIL ADDRESS is pastor@tpcspirit.org

MAY TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC	2 12:45 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 9 am Adult Edge 10 am in-person, and on-line worship	6	7	8	9 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	10	11 Outdoor Clean Up 9 am to 1 pm
12 Mother's Day 9 am Adult Edge 10 am in-person, and on-line worship	13 7 pm Deacon Meeting	14 Connections 10 am at TPC	15 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC NO session meeting	16 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 12:45 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	17	18
19 9 am Adult Edge 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Ordain/Install deacons and elders Sandwich Potluck	20	21 7 pm Stephen Ministry/ZOOM	22	23 Ancestry Brewing 6:30 to 8 pm w/Pastor Ken 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 9am Adult Edge 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Youth Sunday	27	28	29	30	31	



MAY BIRTHDAYS

01-Elise Schmidt
02-Candy Ferguson
02-Craig Walker
03-Joan Nardi
03-Yvonne Wagner

04-Scott MacCluer
04-Rick Mauer
06-Michael Weaver
07-Reed Gurney
08-Diane Paetsch
09-Robert Weener
10-Emery Phillips
11-Dave Backen
11-Ron VanSchoiack
14-Karen Black
14-Megan Weener
14-Benjamin Whitaker

15-Laura Byers
17-Scott Cameron
17-Sandy Reiling
21-Cackie Kyle
23-Emily Mazzuca
24-Emerson Wood
29-Fenya Owen
30-Susan Cameron
30-Monica Gibson
30-Matt Winkler
31-Scott Mazzuca

TPC 2024 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 3/31/24	\$101,363	\$82,544	\$18,819
Operating Expenses Year to Date 3/31/24	\$86,556	\$90,596	\$4,040



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2024

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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

Elders: Eileen Eakins, Worship; Sandy Gurney, Family Ministries; Chip Kyle, Mission; 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: Open
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: Judy Nix
Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Dale MacHaffie
Parish Nurse: Open
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.