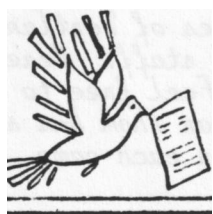


TUALATIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SPIRIT

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The weather may tell us that it is Spring, but for us it is New Years. The steering committee has taken a long and prayerful look at the future of Tualatin Presbyterian Church and come to some decisions and to some dreams.

First, we are a congregation that is small in number but large in spirit. Our commitment is very high to the work of Christ in this church.

Secondly, we need to concentrate on reaching out to people and growing in the number of people who are involved in this adventure of faith. Wayne Prindiville is moderating a committee for outreach and has some exciting ideas to share with us about reaching out and growing in our size. Remember that 80-90 per cent of church members come because they are first invited by friends and neighbors.

Thirdly, we look forward to being chartered by the Presbytery in the next 6 months. This will make the Tualatin Church an official member of the Presbytery and allow us to welcome all of you as members of this church.

Fourthly, we are a church with significant financial resources and talent. We have come very far since that first service in 1982. We can be proud to be part of a fellowship that has accomplished much and a fellowship that now looks ahead and dreams some very significant dreams.

Our dreams for the future begin now. They begin with a re-evaluation of our financial commitment to the work of Christ. This is the first step. The steering committee has asked. Mike Nelson, moderator of the Stewardship committee to conduct an every member canvass of our church family. You will be called and asked to sit down and chat with members of this committee, sharing your dreams for this church, sharing your talents, and re-evaluating your financial commitment to our church and Christ's body. You will be given a talent card and a pledge card and we ask you to return them by May 18.

This will be a chance for you to talk about our church and to make your feeling known. Welcome the opportunity and the stewardship people into your home.

----the Steering Committee----

Mike Nelson, Wayne Prindiville, Don Schmidt, Peggy Hodge, Lynne Bolton, Jim Skinner

I Baptize Thee ...

We are proud to welcome Allison and Erika Myers into the fellowship of Christ's Body. Mike and Connie Myers presented their kids for baptism on April 17. We were delighted to welcome members of the family to our service that morning including parents, and relatives from as far away as Boise. We welcome our sisters into the fellowship of the Church universal and pledge our selves to the Myers in the nurturing of Erika and Allison in the Faith and admonition of the Christ.

Laity Sunday

Members of the congregation will lead the worship service on May 15. Peggy Hodge will be in the pulpit that morning sharing Scripture and preaching the Good News. The other parts of the liturgy will be led by people from our family of faith. There will be Church School for the nursery and primary class. The Junior class will participate in the entire service. Come and worship on May 15 at 10:00 AM as we celebrate the ministry of the laity in our morning worship

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS JUNE 19. "PEOPLE WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE" is our theme. We need people to help design the learning centers and to teach the classes.

STEERING COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURED

The steering committee has two new members. We welcome Lynne Bolton and Wayne Prindiville to the service of this church as members of the Tualatin Steering Committee. Following is a breakdown of the steering committee and the functions of each committee. Each committee is looking for members and our hope is that each person in our church will serve on one of these committees.

ADMINISTRATION: Jim Skinner

Budget, collections, books, personnel and long range planning.

EDUCATION: Peggy Hodge

Adult Education, Church School, Vacation Church School, Teacher Training, Special Events.

Primary class: Barb Crall

Junior class: Dale Prindiville

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION: Don Schmidt

Sunday Worship, Mariners, Ushers and Greeters, Special Events and Social gatherings.

OUTREACH AND PROPERTY: Wayne Prindiville

New Members, Evangelism, Advertising, Assimilation, Property and Building.

STEWARDSHIP: Mike Nelson

Every member canvass and Pledges, Records, Mission.

CLERK AND DEACONS: Lynne Bolton

Session Records, Member Care.

o MERCY COALITION e

We have joined 16 area churches in serving our community. A food and mercy coalition is being formed to meet needs in the Tualatin and Sherwood area. More about this will follow in months ahead. Del Judy is our representative on the coalition.

April Budget Nutshell:

Receipts: 2602.11 D

Disbursements: 3076.09

Balance on Hand: 2896.78

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL: June 27-July1.

An extravaganza of fun and games and learning and fellowship with Tualatin Methodist Church. Teachers and helpers are needed. He will be using the Methodist Church and kids from pre-school -B6th grade are welcome.

SUMMER PRESBYTERY CAMPS FOR 1983

Summer is just around the corner and it is time you made your reservations for camp. Don't wait!! Camps are popular and they are too much fun to miss out on just because you waited around. Camps are all within easy drives of Portland and are led by qualified staff. Here are the camps and the dates. Feel free to call the registrar directly, or Thom has sign-up sheets with brochures on each camp.

Junior Camp:

Camp Adams: Grades 3-4

Cost: \$55 August 14-19

Registrar: Columbia Pres. Church

805 Columbia Ridge Dr.

Vancouver, Wash. 98664

(206-694-7549)

Cardai Hill: Grades 5-6

Cost: \$55 August 7-12

Registrar: Columbia Pres. Church

Junior High Campers

Yamhill: Grades 7-8 July 17-22

Call Rev. Thom

Senior High Camps: Call Rev. Thom

PRESBYTERY SCHOOL AND SUMMER CONFERENCE

Lewis and Clark College hosts this years summer conference July 17-22. Classes in a wide range of theological topics will be led by experts from our own Presbytery and from other areas of the church. Want to learn how to teach kids and adults more effectively, or how to deal with Old Testament theology, or look at the future with a noted futurist ... this is for you. The cost is \$45.00 for the entire week. Talk to Connie Myers ... she's excited about it and is going to attend and would love to tell you more.

Santiam Lodge on the Pass ... Hikes for 83
Santiam Lodge, a lodge on the Santiam Pass conducting a unique outdoor ministry, offers weekly and daily hiking programs. The hikes are in some of the most beautiful country in Oregon and are geared to experts or to beginners. Thom has the scoop on these hikes see him for info.

NEWS FLASH !!!!!!!!!!!

A group of Christians, convinced that faith can move mountains(as our founder said), met for prayer last month in an attempt to move part of the Rockies from Colorado to the formerly flat state of Nebraska. They were surprised to find something had gone amiss when they found Mt. St. Helens towering over North Plate. The Orthodox Churches can't wait for
Ash Wednesday next year. [o'Shea - W.D.]