### **Recommended reading**



Reading opens the door to people, places, and ideas that expand our understanding of our

world, our God, and those with whom we share the human experience. I love the way my friend, Rev. Bob Walkup's grandmother, whetted his appetite for reading. On a day that changed Bob's life forever, his maternal grandmother—who raised Bob and his twin brother, after their parents died—took him into the one room of her home that previously had been "off-limits." As she opened door to the library, she took Bob by the hand, and said, "I'd like you to meet some of my dearest friends." And, as she walked him around the room, she said, "This is Mr. Alfred Lord Tennyson, Mr. Robert Lewis Stevenson, Mr. William Shakespeare." Bob Walkup said, "And that was just the beginning. I was born again!"

I've recently been asked about some of the books and authors that are speaking to my life and shaping my faith. Here are just a few that come to mind:

#### **Eugene H. Peterson, The Message: The Bible** *in Contemporary Language* (Colorado Springs: Navpress, 2002)

At this stage of my life, I am finding reading God's Word in *The Message* as fresh and exciting as I found *The Good News Bible* to be for me when I first tried reading God's Word when I was 28.

Others say: "A wonderfully fresh, inviting paraphrase of God's Word."

Eugene Peterson is a Presbyterian pastor, scholar, writer and poet. For 29 years he was the founding pastor of Christ Our King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Maryland. He is Professor Emeritus of Spiritual Theology at Regent College in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, and now lives in Montana.

#### Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Luminous Web: Essays on Science and Religion* (Cambridge: Cowley Publications, 2000)

In these essays on the dialogue between science and Christian faith, Barbara Brown Taylor describes her own journey as a preacher who is trying to learn what the insights of quantum physics, the new biology, and chaos theory can

teach the believer. She seeks to discover why scientists sometimes sound like poets, and why physicists often use the language of imagination, ambiguity, and mystery also found in scripture.

#### **Barbara Brown Taylor,** *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation* (Cambridge: Cowley Publications, 2000)

In *Speaking of Sin*, Barbara Brown Taylor asks, "Why, then should we speak of sin anymore?" Contrary to the prevailing view, Taylor calls sin, "a helpful, hopeful word." Naming our sins, she contends, enables us to move form "guilt to grace." In recovering this "lost language of salvation" in our worship and in the fabric of our individual lives, we have an opportunity to "take part in the divine work of redemption."

**Jimmy Carter**, *Living Faith* (New York: Times Book, Random House, 1996)

"For President Carter, faith finds its deepest expression in a life of compassion, reconciliation, and service to others. *Living Faith* is filled with stories of people whose lives have touched his...

# Walter Wangerin, Jr., *The Book of God: The Bible as a Novel*

(Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996)

"Walter Wangerin, Jr., has accomplished a feat of imagination and faith. What a modern paraphrase does for the words, sentences, and paragraphs of the Bible, Wangerin does for its underlying narrative. He does not analyze, preach, or commentate—he renders." Philip Yancey

# Philip Yancey, Soul Survivor: How My Faith Survived the Church

(New York: Doubleday, 2001)

Yancey writes, "The thirteen people you will meet here have one thing in common: their impact on me...Over time, the people I have profiled became shapers of my faith, my personal 'cloud of witnesses.' If I were invited to a convention full of skeptics, or representatives of another religion, and asked to explain my faith, these are the companions I would want along..." p. 10. Yancey devotes his chapters to: Martin Luther King, Jr., G. K. Chesterton, Dr. Paul Brand, Dr. Robert Coles, Leo Tolstoy and Feodor Dostoevsky, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. C. Everett Koop, John Doone, Annie Dillard, Frederick Buechner, Shusaku Endo, and Henri Nouwen.

# Philip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*

(Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1997).

An extremely thought provoking book that after reading twice, reminds me that "we speak of grace often. But do we understand it? More important, do we truly *believe* in it …and do our lives proclaim it as powerfully as our words?"

# Max Lucado, In The Grip of Grace: You can't Fall Beyond His Love

(Dallas: Word Publishing, 1996)

"My strategy," writes Lucado, "is for us to spend some time walking the mountains of Paul's letter to the Romans. An epistle for the self-sufficient, Romans contrasts the plight of people who choose to dress in self-made garments with those who gladly accept the robes of grace..." xiii

# Anne Lamott, *Traveling Mercies:* Some *Thoughts on Faith*

(New York: Pantheon Books, 1999)

"...In a narrative spiced with stories and scripture, with diatribes, laughter, and tears, Lamott tells how, against all odds, she came to believe in God and then, even more miraculously, in herself."

#### **TPC Church Officers**

TPC extends a special "Thank you!" to elders Del Judy, Dave Leland, and Erin Nelson; and deacons Marion Beyer, Tom Hahn, and Paula Miller for their past three years of faithful service.

We offer our prayers of encouragement and our personal support to our new elders, Art Barry, Deborah Lewis, and Greg Owen; and deacons, Greg Imus, Karen Jones, Toni MacHaffie, Paula Miller, Rachel Norse, and Jay Wilcox, who were ordained and installed on Sunday, May 23.

At the Session meeting on May 20, the new officers were asked to share something personal from their own faith journey, and to answer questions related to the material covered during their time of preparation for ordained service. During the time of sharing, Greg Imus offered the following prayer:

### My Prayer of Faith

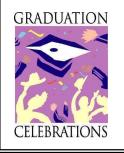
A Reflection of my personal faith – Greg Imus

Dear God – Thank you for your gift of grace through Jesus Christ, which is freely offered and which I freely accept.

Thank you ...

- For your invitation to lay my burdens, fears, anxieties, and sins at the base of the cross.
- For your offer, through Jesus, to pick me up and carry me over the rough places, where I just cannot walk without your help
- For the sacrifice you made and the pain & humiliation you suffered in order to redeem me.
- For your words and lessons that, when applied to everyday life, make all the difference.
- For your patience when I forget to apply your words and lessons to everyday life.
- For allowing me to be part of a family of faith, sharing love, support, and fellowship with one another.
- And, now I thank you for the opportunity to share my time and energy to serve you and my church family in the role of deacon.

In Jesus' name I pray... AMEN



Heather Chase received her Masters of Divinity degree on May 22, 2004 at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Way to go Heather! TPC is very proud.

#### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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6/1	Colston Warne	6/14	Marilyn Wood
6/5	Connie Myers	6/15	Diane Adams
6/6	Erin Nelson	6/19	Bill Wahl
6/6	Rich Robertson	6/21	Gordy Winterrowd
6/6	Tate Kadel	6/27	Gwen Hale
6/7	Bradley Olson	6/28	Barbara Harriman
6/9	Neil Marshall	6/28	Evan Friese
6/11	Lori Beymer	6/29	Marilyn Staples-Sundt
6/12	Del Judy	6/30	Michele Crawford
6/12	Mike Nelson	6/30	Herb Zachow
6/14	Carolyn Hale		



The Tualatin Riverkeepers recently honored **Joan Patterson** with its Green Heron Award for efforts to protect the Tualatin River and its tributaries. Joan, who worked with an

outdoor program during the three years that she and her husband, Phil, lived in Kansas, started doing volunteer work at the refuge about two years ago. She leads adults and school children on hikes around restored wetlands, grassland and other property near the Tualatin River. She also has served on the Friends of the Refuge board since 1995 and currently is co-president.

**Please remember in prayer:** Diane Barry, Marion Beyer, Leo Chang (son-in-law of Pat Devore), Bill Dorman (brother of Dorothy Butts), Irvin Kessler (Connie Myers' father), Janet Nesbit (Debbie Imus' mother), Charles Wheeler (Del Judy's brother), and the members of our PNC, those who lead and serve our nation, communities and congregations.

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The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Mimi Crawford on May 9. Mimi was also confirmed on that date.



Don't forget VBS will be held June 21 – June 25 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. **SO POWER UP!** 

### **PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has moved into an important new phase in the selection process. With nearly 120 interested pastors from whom to choose, we have identified the eight finalists who most closely match the needs for our congregation.

To get to this point, the review process has included studying each candidate's PIF (Professional Information Form): checking professional references; reviewing written responses to some key additional questions; and listening to recorded sermons.

We have now held telephone interviews with each of these top eight candidates to determine the 3-4 who will be more thoroughly reviewed by the PNC and by the Presbytery of the Cascades. The next steps for the PNC will include holding personal interviews and attending worship services led by our candidates. If a candidate's church is beyond driving distance, we will arrange a neutral pulpit in the local area and fly in the candidate to lead worship in that church.

There are many steps to be taken to complete this process, but we are hoping to call a new permanent pastor before September. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to discern God's will for Tualatin Presbyterian Church.

### General Fund Status April 2004

Income Expense Net	\$ \$	<b>DGET</b> 14,372 1 <u>5,417</u> 1,045)	<b>ACTUAL</b> \$12,794 <u>\$14,001</u> (\$ 2,207)							
Jan. – April 2004 BUDGET ACTUAL										
Income	\$	65,007	\$ 68,618							
Expense	ŝ	63 018	\$ 59 979							

The Building Fund contributions in April were less than \$3,000. This was not enough to cover our \$4,000 mortgage payment. The additional monthly was taken from the building fund balance. The session requests that everyone prayerfully consider a monthly contribution to the building fund.

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Net

8.639

## **Communicants Class**



Confirmation Retreat









Congratulations to this year's Confirmation Class! Confirmed Sunday, May 9: Mimi Crawford, David MacKay, Tony Mitchell, Corbin Bowen, Kerry Lambeth, Naomi Todd, Stacy Bartlett, and Michelle Crawford.





















Dear Friends,

With the support of our Session, a grant request was recently submitted to the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. It is a pleasure to announce that our proposal was one of those selected for funding in 2004!

The grant proposal was for a yearlong program exploring the potential use of visual art to enrich and enhance our community worship. It will allow us the luxury to experiment with our worship space and to learn how to create art that best supports meaningful worship. Watch the newsletter for your opportunity to participate. This will be a great time for fellowship and to learn something new!

One thing that we all can offer this effort is a willingness to offer suggestions and feedback regarding your experience regarding the visual art in worship. Consider how the art impacted your worship experience. Did it make the service more meaningful? Did it support the message of the specific service? Did it amplify the emotion of the service or was it a distraction? Your honest and careful feedback will help us learn and improve throughout the year.

If you would like to take part in the planning and evaluation of this program please call the church office or Ellen VanSchoiack at 503-692-7989.

This program is made possible through a Worship Renewal Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Looking forward to a year of creative worship,

Ellen



### CALVIN INSTITUTE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP ANNOUNCES GRANT RECIPIENTS

Tualatin Presbyterian Church has received a grant for a congregation wide exploration of worship renewal through visual art. The Worship Renewal grant was awarded by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Over the next year, members of the Tualatin Presbyterian Church will plan, produce and evaluate a variety of visual arts projects designed to enhance the worship experience.

The Calvin Institute of Christian Worship grant program, in its fifth year, generated interest from nearly every part of North America and from many denominations. This year the Institute awarded more than \$700,000 to 56 churches and organizations.

Several grant recipients will offer worship education programs designed to train youth and adults in the meaning of worship and worship leadership skills. Some grant projects will develop models of planning and leading worship, which includes all generations. Other projects seek to integrate the arts in worship, to develop worship models that meet the special needs of the elderly, and to identify spiritual needs of youth in urban and rural settings and create worship to meet those needs. Grant recipients represent congregations and schools from 16 denominations in the United States and Canada.

"We have learned through the grant program that as congregations seek to renew worship, they reflect on their worship experiences, discover the meaning of new and familiar expressions of worship, and develop habits of worship that continue the process of renewal for many years," said Betty Grit, Program Manager of the Worship Renewal Grants Program.

This year the Institute received almost 200 proposals from 26 denominations and 40 states and three provinces. "Because of the tremendous response, the selection process was extremely difficult. We are especially grateful for so many proposals that give evidence of deep theological reflection on the meaning of worship," said John Witvliet, director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. The Institute worked with a seven-member national advisory board to evaluate proposals.

Funds for the program were provided through a grant from Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. Founded in 1937, the Endowment's major areas of concern are community development, education, and religion.

Contact: Betty Grit at 616-526-8890 or <u>worshipgrants@calvin.edu</u>. or see the Institute's website at <u>http://www.calvin.edu/worship</u> for a list of grant recipients, for pictures, bios, etc.

Youth Sunday- May 9

We thank Dianne Lemmon for playing the piano this morning and Shari Olsen for her work leading the Cherub Choir.

Special thank you to our TPC teachers and their students for leading us in worship this morning!

Pam Bowen Jackie Dannemiller Pam McGregor Lori Beymer Marsha Steffen Barbara Crall Denise Collins & Crystal Shearer Middle & High School

Sunday School Superintendent Nursery Ages 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - 3 Ages 4 – Kindergarten Grades 1-2Grades 3-5

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The Cherub Choir directed by Shari Olsen



Elise Steffen played the Offertory

### **CROP WALK**

These are the people from TPC who participated in the 2004 Crop Walk on the afternoon of Palm Sunday. TPC was the largest group participating and raised over \$800 to help feed the hungry. We walked three miles. Participants (front to back) were David MacKay, Crystal Shearer, Jack Shearer, Mimi Crawford, Jeni Wiggers, Dick Wiggers, Del Judy, Mike Shiffer, Cathy Lambeth, Alex Lewis, Will Lambeth, Corbin Bowen and Danny MacKay.



The Children's Message was given by Marsha Steffen



TPC celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rev. Philip Martin's ordination on May 16.



In 1954, Philip's first call was to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Presbyterian Church in inner city Chicago. There he worked to strengthen the community of a congregation that was becoming ethnically and culturally mixed in a rapidly changing old Italian neighborhood.

After a challenging  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years, he was called to serve as associate pastor at a large downtown church in Wilmington, Delaware.

In 1965 he left to join the Philadelphia Presbytery staff as Urban Church Specialist and to become staff representative to the Church and Society Committee. After 12 years, Philip decided it was time for a change and a visit to the west.

He interviewed for a position on the staff of the Golden Gate Mission area, made up of three Northern California coastal presbyteries. There he served as staff consultant developing and conducting planning processes for churches wanting to make changes in their programming. Three years later, the Mission Area was reorganized and his position was eliminated.

Subsequently, he received a call to come to the Cascades Presbytery as staff person focusing on personnel work and working with the Church and Society Committee.

Over the years, he talked about wanting to serve in a congregation before he retired. In 1986, the opportunity came for him to resign and to become an interim. His first assignment was McMinnville when Jack Hodges left to go east. Subsequently he served the Presbyterian Church in Roswell, New Mexico for 15 months and Kelso, Washington for 22 months.

Philip retired in 1990, but continued for six more years to train interim pastors. Today he preaches monthly at the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Portland and often preaches in other churches during the year.

His wife Dorothy is very active on TPC's Worship Committee. Her hobbies include needlepoint, quilting, and community activities at Mary's Woods. Philip enjoys reading and hiking, and they both enjoy traveling and sightseeing in Oregon.

# A heart felt "thank you" from Philip and Dorothy Martin

What a surprise. When I entered church for worship on Sunday, May 17, I caught a few clues that my 50 years of ordination would be noted. But I had no idea of all that was to come: a whole addendum to morning worship. Dorothy and I are not usually very good at keeping secrets from each other. This time she really pulled off a surprise for me. The event itself and the wonderful cards from so many of you provide continuing warmth.

It is indeed wonderful to have my lifetime of ministry reviewed, recognized and affirmed. The years have been both a challenging and a very enriching experience. Actually, challenging and enriching usually do go together. So in retrospect I am glad that God called me into a variety of challenging ministry experiences.

On Sunday you all stood in for a lot of other people who over the years have participated with me in a lot of good communities of faith trying to live out the gospel in the uncertain currents of human life. You of this congregation are very special because of my staff role in your beginnings in 1981 and because of your welcome to Dorothy and me in my "retirement years" from 1990 on. Thank you for taking us into your hearts and offering opportunities for us to continue using our accumulated skills and experience. I do look forward to more years of life together in this community of trust in God and love for God's world. We extend our thanks to all of those who helped with the refreshments and to all who joined in the celebration.

## Announcements

#### **College/Trade School Scholarships Awarded** TPC awarded scholarships to six deserving high school seniors. Alex Backen, Anne Winterrowd, Brian Jones, Casey Sparks, David Norse and Kerry Lambeth all received scholarships to further their education in the fall of 2004 at colleges across the U.S.

The TPC Scholarship Endowment needs additional funds to support future TPC high school seniors furthering their education. Put your contribution marked 'scholarship fund donation' in the weekly offering or send it to the church office. Please talk with Don Schmidt if you have questions.

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, get well cards and letters. It feels good to be in God's loving hands and to be a part of the TPC congregation.

Love and Peace Marion Beyer and Marian Larson

### Congratulations Brian!

**Brian Jones** recently attended the 3-day State FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) competition. He placed 10th in accounting.

#### **DEACON FUND**

The Deacon Fund was established through proceeds of the TPC Auction. The Fund provides money for Congregation Members to use for food, shelter, utilities, clothing, transportation, healthcare and medicine.

If you are aware of members of our congregation who have incurred extraordinary emergency expenses beyond their resources, please notify our Pastor. All information will be considered in strictest confidence.

**Tualatin Food Pantry** thanks TPC for their ongoing support and specifically for the soaps and paper products that we have supplied over the last month, as well as the large number of items that we took over last week. Current needs are staples such as hearty soups, stew, chili, spaghetti sauce, and tuna or any other items that you may wish to contribute.

### **TPC Family of the Month**

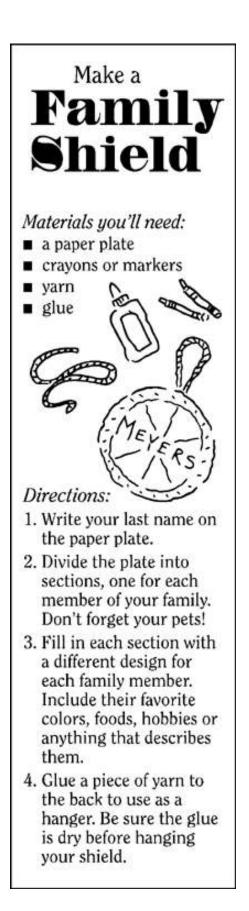


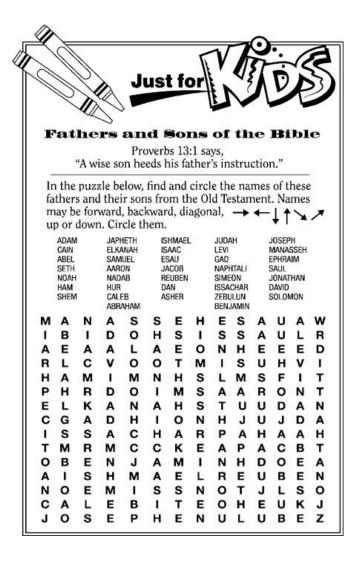
The MacKay family joined the church in 1988. Bruce is recently retired from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) where he managed the 24hour operation of the Federal Columbia River Hydro system for power generation and was heavily involved in de-regulation of electricity and the changing power environment. He is now consulting on such matters part time (when he is not out steelhead fishing or hunting.) Robyn continues to work at BPA. She is currently working as a trainer for a new power scheduling computer program. Yes, they met at BPA and have been married almost nineteen years. Robyn has been involved with the children's Sunday school program and has been a deacon at TPC. She enjoys gardening, reading and traveling. Danny is a sophomore at Tigard High. He enjoys sports, fishing, hunting and hanging out with his friends. He is anxiously awaiting Sr. High Adventure Camp again this year. David is finishing up the eight grade at Fowler Middle School. He enjoys art, sports, fishing, and video games. Both boys enjoy the youth program at TPC. Grandma Dessie, Bruce's mother, and Duke, our golden retriever, completes the family at the Tigard location. Erica, Bruce's daughter is now married and living in North Carolina with her husband.



**Boy Scout Troop 530** is hosting their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 6th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the

Tualatin Senior Center adjacent to Tualatin City Park. Breakfast will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, orange juice, milk and coffee. Here's an opportunity for off-site fellowship. The scouts are willing to set aside tables for TPC. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids and seniors, or \$15.00 for a family. See Alex Lewis for tickets. Let's support the scouts...and take a break from potlucks









## *Tualatin Presbyterian Church Calendar June 2004*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sun		1	2	3	4	5
		Mission 7:00 pm	Bells – 6:25 pm Choir – 7:30 pm			
<b>6</b> Adult Ed. – 8:30 am Choir – 9:20 am 9:30 am – end of year Sunday School Party <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Rev. David Lee</b> Quilters – 11:30 am Pancake Breakfast 8am – 1 pm Troop 530	<b>7</b> Volunteers serve @ Sr. Center 11:00 - 1:30 PNC - 7:00 pm CE – 7:00 pm	<b>8</b> All-Treasure Activity Square Dance/Sock Hop 7 – 8:30 pm @ Hillsboro Presbyterian	<b>9</b> Bells – 6:25 pm Choir – 7:30 pm	10	11	12
<b>13</b> Adult Ed. – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am Led by graduating High School Seniors Bells of the Cascades and TPC Ringers Concert - 4:00 pm	Deacons potluck dinner 5:45 pm	15	<b>16</b> Bells – 6:25 pm Choir – 7:30 pm	<b>17</b> Outreach 1:00pm Session 7:00 pm	18	19
20 Adult Ed. – 8:30 am Choir – 9:20 am Worship – 10:00 am Rev. Charlie Brown	<b>21</b> VBS —	22	<b>23</b> Bells – 6:25 pm Choir – 7:30 pm	24	25	26
27 Adult Ed. – 8:30 am Choir – 9:20 am Worship – 10:00 am Rev. Charlie Brown Rev. Dick Wiggers	28 Worship Cmt 7:00 pm	29	<b>30</b> Bells – 6:25 pm Choir – 7:30 pm			

#### Upcoming Dates to Remember :

<u>July 11 – 16</u> – Cascades Summer Conference will be held at Linfield College. Brochures are available in the church office.

July 18 – All Church Picnic at Tualatin City Park

<u>July 24 – 30, 2004</u> Presbytery of the Cascades Family Camp at Honeyman State Park. (*Brochures are available in the church office or see Susan Springer for more information.*)

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# There is no Holy One like The LORD, There is no ROCK like our God.

1 Samuel 2:2

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**Treasurer:** Mike Shiffer e-mail: <u>treasurer@tpcspirit.com</u> Music Director: Kris Sparks e-mail: <u>music.director@tpcspirit.com</u>

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#### Church Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00am – 12:30pm and 1:00pm – 3:00 pm Friday – 9:00am to noon. Pastor Wiggers is in the office Monday – Thursday. Please call for an appointment.