

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends, one of the joyful duties of a Presbyterian Session is spelled out in G-10.1021: [The session shall] instruct, examine, ordain, install, and welcome into common ministry elders and deacons on their election by the congregation and to inquire into their faithfulness in fulfilling their responsibilities. Many churches, scared off by the rubber glove smacking sound the word 'examine' brings, simply fail to meet with new deacons and elders just acting as a rubber stamp to the nominating committee. And to be sure, who would want to take part in some Kafkaesque trial, whereby an imperious Session administers the third degree to well meaning folks who simply want to help? However, an examination doesn't have to be like this. Done well, a good exam can be a time where friends in Christ can come together, explore their faith, share the different pathways on which God has led them, and discern as a body how it is we can best serve Christ. So, during the May meeting of the Session, my favorite meeting of the year, we welcomed our new officers, invited them to read expressions of their faith, and then offered them reflections based on what we heard. But why should the session have all the fun? This month, I'd like to introduce you to our officers in the best way I know; by offering you their statements of faith (see insert). I invite you to take time as you read these statements- enjoy them, allow them speak to you, and listen for how God is working in their lives as well as yours.

### She's here!

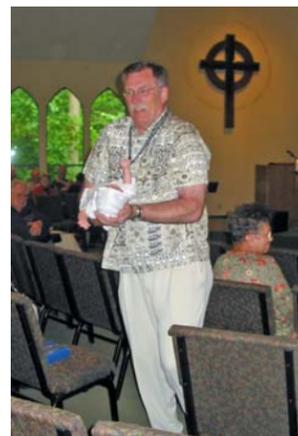
Eleanor Grace made a fashionably late entrance into our world on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. At 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 21 ½ inches long, she'll be wrestling with William in no time. Melissa is recovering extremely quickly and is enjoying her time at home. We are both thankful for the overwhelming outpouring of support by the TPC community through your gifts, meals, and prayers.

Thank you!  
In Christ, Ken



Rev. Charlie Brown baptized Eleanor Grace on May 27

Scott Cameron won the Baby Pool by guessing the date and time that was closest to the actual birth. Scott introduced Eleanor Grace to the congregation after the baptism.



Concert celebrating the many ways of Peace  
May 6, 2007



Tualatin High School  
Crimsonnaires

**A CONCERT CELEBRATING THE MANY WAYS OF PEACE** was held on May 6 at TPC. We wanted to recognize individuals in our community who find ways to make this a better, more peaceful community. Music was performed by our own Tualatin High School Crimsonnaires, directed by Kim Kroeger, and by world-traveled singer and song writer, Linda Allen. There was also an opportunity to contribute food or money to the Tualatin School House Food Pantry.

Mike and Mary Shiffer were the recipients of the Tualatin Peacemaker Award.



Singer Linda Allen performed



Laura Spurrell described the peacemaking activities of the 2007 Peacemaker Award Recipients Mary & Mike Shiffer

**Come One! Come All  
To "Galilee By-the-Sea"**

Our annual summer Vacation Bible School will be mornings Monday July 16th through Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>. This year we will use the **Galilee By-the-Sea** curriculum by Group Publishing. We will turn our church into a Bible Village as we recreate the enthusiasm around the markets in Jesus' time. Check out [www.group.com/vbs](http://www.group.com/vbs) to see an overview!

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex . Please sign up so we will have an idea of who is coming and who can help. *We will preorder all supplies so we will not be able to accommodate walk-ins.* Specific details about cost (usually \$15 per child) will be out later this month. A letter will go out to all children of the church ages 4 years through current 5<sup>th</sup> grade with a registration form. Invite your friends and sign them up on the poster, too! Extra registration forms will be available in the narthex. Watch for more information in your weekly worship bulletin inserts.

To register, or to volunteer to help, sign up on the VBS poster in the narthex, call or email Denise Collins ([collinsd55@hotmail.com](mailto:collinsd55@hotmail.com) or 503.682.3785,) or call or email the church office. Thanks for your prayerful consideration in sharing in this Holy Land adventure.

**BSA TROOP 530 ANNUAL PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Tualatin Senior Center

Adults \$5.00, Seniors/Kids \$3.00, Family \$15.00

All proceeds support Scouts and Scouting activities.

Tickets will be available at the door.

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER  
SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

June 3 – It's party time! Join us for an end-of-the-year Sunday school party at the usual Sunday school time – breakfast, games and more. If you would like to help provide breakfast food, please call Barb Crall (503) 692-1677.

There will no children's Sunday school over the summer. However, Ants in the Pants will continue during worship.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School, July 16-20 from 9:00 to 11:30 every morning with classes for pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms will be available soon.

**BELL CONCERT JUNE 10TH AT 3:30 PM**

Favorite hymns and other songs will be performed by our bell choir on Sunday afternoon, June 10 at 3:30 pm. Please mark your calendars and create an enjoyable afternoon for yourself and support our bell choir by your attendance.

**June Birthdays!**

6/02	Evan Friese	6/13	Rob Ayers
6/02	Olivia Schmitt	6/14	Marilyn Wood
6/03	Anna Hinkle	6/14	Carolyn Hale
6/04	Shari Olsen	6/15	Diane Adams
6/05	Connie Myers	6/17	Judy Nix
6/06	Rich Robertson	6/19	Bill Wahl
6/06	Erin Nelson	6/20	Kaia Kadel
6/06	Brennen Gardner	6/21	Gordy Winterrowd
6/06	Tate Kadel	6/23	Tim DeBruyn
6/07	Julian Awdry	6/24	Tara Schleicher
6/07	Bradley Olson	6/27	Gwen Hale
6/10	Noel Johnson	6/28	Barb Harriman
6/11	Lori Beymer	6/29	Marilyn Staples-Sundt
6/12	Del Judy	6/30	Herb Zachow
6/12	Mike Nelson	6/30	Michele Crawford

**General Fund Status  
January – April 2007**

	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 69,533	\$ 62,276
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$ 71,879</u>	<u>\$ 67,778</u>
<b>Net</b>	\$ -2,346	\$ -5,502

<b>April 2007</b>		
	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 17,383	\$ 17,357
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$ 18,157</u>	<u>\$ 17,131</u>
<b>Net</b>	\$ - 774	\$ 226



## MEET THE SWEETLANDS



They're really just the family down the street. Todd and Kathy became members at TPC

almost 9½ years ago, when they were expecting their first child. Since then, Cameron (9), Anna (6) and Nicholas (2) have come along and made the Sweetland's house into a home. This family of five lives in Wilsonville where they really enjoy the small town feel. If you are ever traveling down Wilsonville Rd. – keep an eye out for the Sweetlands riding their bikes, running, scootering or walking baby joggers through town.

Todd and Kathy met in 1990, while Kathy was interning for NASA at Moffett Field in CA and while Todd was working as a test engineer for Lockheed in the same building. Todd used to fly out frequently to Kennedy Space Center to work readying life science experiments for flight on the space shuttle. Kathy worked in crew training, developing the training procedures for the astronauts. Both Kathy and Todd were raised in California, where all of their family still resides. While on their honeymoon in 1992, both Todd and Kathy decided to leave their exciting jobs behind and to head for the northwest. Todd had gone to college at the University of Portland – so the area was somewhat familiar to him. What an adventure that was! They knew that everything would work out and they are very grateful for their TPC family who have always made them feel at home here.

Todd works for Micro Power Electronics in Beaverton, where he is their Technology Manager. Micro Power Electronics develops new battery technology and custom battery configurations for many of our world's ever evolving electronic products. His duties there include developing new patents, new technology design and providing technical project assistance. Todd has been with Micro Power for 13 years.

Kathy has a Masters in Counseling Psychology and has worked in mental health hospitals, primarily with inpatient adults. Since becoming a mom---she decided that having too many balls up in the air wasn't for her

(even though she can juggle). Full-time mommyhood fills up most of her time, but Kathy also volunteers at Boones Ferry Primary School, kid swaps to be able to volunteer, taxis kids to dance, soccer, baseball and more, runs whenever possible, hosts frequent houseguests from California, spends lots of time with Sudoku puzzles and looks for exciting new family adventures to keep the family on their toes.

The Sweetlands love the outdoors and they spend much of their summers camping or lodging in Northern California, on the Oregon Coast and in Bend. "We are the happiest when we are all outdoors frolicking together in God's beautiful wilderness."

Todd and Kathy will celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this September.

## MEET THE OLSENS

Shari, Steve, John and Kaity Olsen first came to TPC to visit with family friends, the Steffens, and returned later when they were looking for a new church home.

Shari is currently the Christian Ed Elder and sings in the TPC Choir. John likes to help with the Sunday offering collection and both kids enjoy their classes and friends at TPC. Steve provides the support that allows Shari to give her time to the church!



Steve and Shari are both optometrists practicing in Lake Oswego. They came to Oregon to attend Optometry school in Forest Grove in 1984 and never left. Shari works part-time, allowing her to volunteer at school and church. John and Kaity are in elementary school and enjoy acting club and a variety of sports.

## FORREST GUMP GOES TO HEAVEN

The day finally arrived. Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven. He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed, and Forrest approaches the gatekeeper.

St. Peter said, "Well, Forrest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we have been administering an entrance exam for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven."

Forrest responds, "It sure is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever told me about any entrance exam. I sure hope that the test ain't too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was."

St. Peter continued, "Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions." First: What two days of the week begin with the letter T? Second: How many seconds are there in a year? Third: What is God's first name?"

Forrest leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up, and says, "Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers."

Forrest replied, "Well, the first one -- which two days in the week begin with the letter "T"? Shucks, that one is easy. That would be Today and Tomorrow."

The Saint's eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, "Forrest, that is not exactly what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?" asked St. Peter. "How many seconds in a year?"

Now that one is harder," replied Forrest, but I think and think about that, and I guess the only answer can be twelve."

Astounded, St. Peter said, "Twelve? Twelve? Forrest, how in heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?"

Forrest replied, "Shucks, there's got to be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd.... "

"Hold it," interrupts St. Peter. "I see where you are going with this, and I see your point, though that was not quite what I had in mind.....but I will have to give you credit for that one, too." Let us go on with the third and final question. Can you tell me God's first name"?

"Sure," Forrest replied, "it's Andy." "Andy?" exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St Peter. "Ok, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?"

"Shucks, that was the easiest one of all," Forrest replied. "I learnt it from the song, "ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN. . ."

St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates, and said: "Run, Forrest, run!"

## COOKIES NEEDED FOR SUNDAY

**MORNING...**Our cookie supply in the freezer is low. If you would like to bake cookies, bars, brownies, etc., please talk to Pat DeVore. Thanks.

## SUNDAY MORNING VERBAL

**ANNOUNCEMENTS...**If you would like to make an announcement on Sunday morning, please email Pastor Ken by the preceding Wednesday at [pastor@tpcspirit.org](mailto:pastor@tpcspirit.org)

**ROOM RESERVATIONS...**If you would like to use a room in the church on a particular date, please fill out a Calendar Reservation Form (on the bulletin board on the wall in back of the copy machine in the office) and leave the form on the desk in the office. Barring a conflict, this will reserve the room for your use.

## LEAVING NOTES IN THE OFFICE

Rhoda and Susan appreciate the notes that people leave in the office, but please sign them. Without a signature, we don't know who to contact should we have questions. Thank you.

We're still collecting pop cans and bottles. Thanks to all who continue to donate.

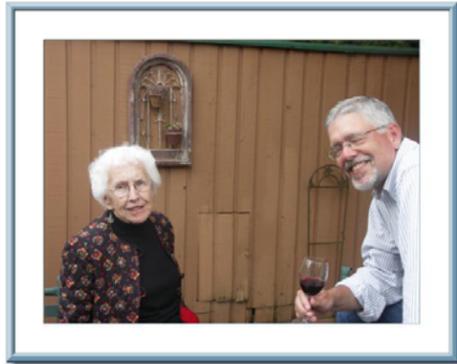
**TPC CELEBRATES 25 YEARS  
MAY 2007**



Cindy Nelson, Martha Wilson, Rev. Thom Nelson



Mike Nelson, Philip Martin, Rev. Brown, Edda Brown



Del Judy and Rev. Thomas G. Nelson



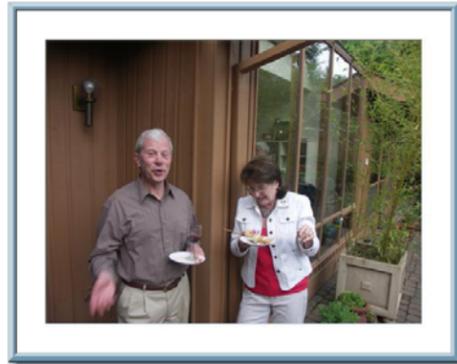
Peggy and Bill Hodge



Mike Nelson and Bill Hodge



Dale Prindiville and Sherry Nelson



Rick Crall and Jeni Wiggers



Pam Cameron, Lynn Bolton, Peggy Hodge, Dottie Farrell