



Father's Day, Sunday, June 15th

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## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN EVERS-HOOD

Dear friends,

If you've been paying much attention to the news the last couple of months you have probably heard the phrase "black liberation theology" uttered quite a few times in reference to Sen. Barack Obama's former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright. Well, you might be wondering what the heck black liberation theology is? Well, here is a primer!

The founder of black liberation theology is Dr. James Cone, currently the Charles Briggs Distinguished Professor of Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Dr. Cone was born in 1938 in Arkansas and grew up in the segregated South. Cone articulated the tenets of black theology in his 1969 book Black Theology and Black Power and his 1970 classic Black Liberation Theology.

Cone's most fundamental premise is that God cares for the poor. Citing the Exodus story in which God literally frees the Israelite slaves from Egyptian oppression to Jesus' opening words in Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor," Cone notes over and over again that with God there is right and wrong and God always stands against those who misuse power and privilege.

Where Cone becomes uncomfortably prophetic is when he isn't talking about Egyptians but Americans, and he reminds us no matter how much progress we have made, the black underclass (as defined by single parent families living under the poverty line) has more than tripled since 1980 according to the Urban Institute, and black men are more likely to be in jail than in college according to a recent Justice Policy Institute study. And these statistics represent just the tip of a dangerous iceberg reminding us it is often terribly dangerous to grow up black in America.

Cone's theology is an attempt to speak directly to blacks living in this situation to tell young black Americans "that God is on the side of those who feel voiceless and weak and that God has not made them for exploitation but for freedom." Part of what speaks to me personally is how this theology comes directly out of Cone's own life. He says he remembers as a boy going to church where he saw the maids and the servants all of a sudden standing up there as the deacons and the pastors and the leaders of the congregation. And he heard preachers read Paul's words telling everybody that all are one in Christ whether they be slave or free, Jew or Gentile, woman or man.

But what about the problems folks are raising with this theology? For instance the harshest concern leveled against Cone is that he's really a separatist,

that he believes God prefers blacks to whites. And doesn't God love everybody? So, does Cone believe God only loves impoverished African Americans? Of course not. In a March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 interview with Terry Gross, Cone states clearly that: "God is not just for black people...but this theology is for black people in that it comes out of and focuses on blacks who are living in poverty and who are voiceless in this society." In other words God cares about everybody, ESPECIALLY those who are unloved, and Cone is simply reminding us in America today blacks are more than twice as likely to live in poverty as anyone else. I'll tell you, as a white pastor, I read James Cone less as someone telling me how bad I am, but as someone telling me how bad life is for folks I honestly don't know all that much about. And my response as I listen to him isn't to tell him he isn't being fair to me, but to wonder how I might work to make the world around me more fair for others.

But isn't this kind of theology angry? Well, I would say that anger is present in Cone's works, but no more than it is present in Amos and the other prophets and in Jesus' own ministry when they witnessed societies motivated more by the love of money than the love of God.

Well, is the Rev. Jeremiah Wright a good spokesperson for black liberation theology? Here I'm going to be more careful and express my longing for a more circumspect public debate regarding this. On the one hand I agree with Sen. Obama that when Wright misspeaks about a government conspiracy to propagate AIDS among blacks, the Rev. Wright is flat out wrong and unhelpful. However, after watching the most popular clips of Wright IN CONTEXT, I find the clips make much more sense in light of the whole. I know you could certainly make me sound MUCH more crazy than I actually am. ☺

In the end I'm left with the impression that we are forming opinions of black liberation theology and its leaders without actually reading much they have written and by only listening to very small samples of sermons taken out of context. This isn't to say that I think black liberation theology is actually warm and fuzzy and will really pat Tualatinites like myself on the back if we take the time to listen. I found Cone's words uncomfortable in seminary and uncomfortable today. But, while disturbing, I didn't find them all that extreme. They simply were coming from a place I know very little about. And given my own desire to follow after Jesus, a man who lived and died for those on the margins, I wonder if maybe it's OK to be made a little uncomfortable. Honestly, I wonder in God's eyes if it isn't the least I can do.



## FEATURED MEMBER OF THE MONTH



The featured member of the month for June is Barbara Allen. She has been attending TPC for the past 11 years ever since moving from Long Beach, California to be closer to family following a stroke. Barbara currently lives in Wilsonville with the family of her daughter Bonnie, son-in-law and two grandchildren. She is also blessed to have another daughter who lives only minutes away along with three additional grandchildren. When not in Wilsonville, Barbara recently enjoyed a trip to North Carolina last Christmas to visit with two other children who live outside of Oregon. Her son, Mike, who lives in Washington DC, is a writer for the Politico newspaper. Keeping up with her four children and seven grandchildren certainly keeps Barbara busy and is a great source of joy.

Barbara has been worshipping and serving in Presbyterian churches for quite some time. Prior to TPC she served both as a deacon and an elder within large Presbyterian congregations in California. This included serving as the superintendent of Sunday school programs for ten years at a congregation with more than 900 members. Barbara's love of children was strengthened with a degree in childhood education from the University of Redlands in southern California.

When asked about fun trips that she had taken, one of Barbara's favorites was a trip to Egypt taken nearly 16 years ago. She was able to witness the pyramids and even took a ride on a camel.

Barbara would like to express her sincere thanks to the many wonderful folks at TPC who regularly give her rides to and from church each Sunday. These volunteers are very special to Barbara and allow her to continue worshipping at a place where she is truly welcome and a valued member of our congregation.

### FATHER'S DAY Sunday, June 15th

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908 in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, WA, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924 President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.

### A FATHER'S INFLUENCE

Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there's a 16 percent chance that the rest of the family will also attend. Yet when a father attends worship, there's a 93 percent chance that other family members will be present, too. Dads...hope to see you in church this weekend!

From The NewsletterNewsletter, June 2008

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP Start-up Breakfast

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 a.m. at TPC**

The goal of this breakfast is to enjoy good food and fellowship and to generate ideas for future fellowship gatherings. If you're interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the tower in the narthex. Have questions? Talk to Mike Nelson, Ronn Rhodes, Chip Kyle or Craig Bowen.

### MISSION STUDY

**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

What are we doing? We will be thinking about where the church has been, where we are, and where we would like to go in the future. This study is a required step in the process of discerning whether to call a new ordained staff person. The Rev. Renee Minshew from Valley Community Presbyterian Church will lead us. There's a sign-up sheet on the tower in the narthex. For this mission study we need a group of 25 people.

**Sunday School End-of-Year Party** – Please bring your kids and come join us downstairs for the end-of-year party on **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 10:20 a.m.** A continental breakfast will be provided; we just need you to make it complete. We will have fun activities for the kids. Don't miss out.

**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**, is another opportunity to serve those who are serving the medically needy in our own communities. It is TPC's evening to provide dinner for the Essential Health Clinic volunteers. A sign-up sheet is on the tower in the narthex detailing the dinner items needed. Please continue to share the great hospitality of TPC by participating in this local mission event. If you have questions, please contact Joan Nardi.

### BELLS AND BERRIES!

Save the date: **Saturday, June 21 at 7 p.m.!** Our handbell choir will be presenting their annual summer concert. This year our concert is entitled "Ringing Around the Globe" and will feature music from Spain, France, Japan, and Mexico as well as our own USA. A strawberry shortcake

feed will follow our concert. It promises to be a night of delightful music and delicious food. It's also a perfect opportunity to introduce your friends and neighbors to TPC, and through your attendance, to show the bell choir how much you appreciate their music and the effort they put into bringing it to you each month. There is no admission fee, although an offering will be taken to support the bell purchase fund.

### ALL CHURCH PICNIC

**Sunday, June 29** at Tualatin City Park following the morning worship service.

### *Les Misérables*

Performed by The Broadway Rose  
**Thursday, July 17, 2008, 8 p.m.**

Deb Fennell Auditorium, Tigard High School  
The fellowship committee has 30 tickets to this play on Thursday, July 17. Cost per ticket is \$22.50. If you'd like tickets, sign the sheet on the tower in the narthex, or talk to Paula Miller, Fellowship Elder, 503-692-5977. At this writing, there are 6 tickets left.

### Jerusalem Marketplace Group's Holy Land Adventure – is back! Mark your calendars for July 14-18!

This year's vacation bible school experience will be an extension of last year's. The Jerusalem village returns with more singing and dancing around the well. New stories and crafts will appear, along with some of the favorites from last year, like the bakery! We are in the process of planning for that all-fun week of Vacation Bible School, and now it's time for you to join us.

At this point, we have three needs:

- others who would like to be on the VBS planning committee,
- children who want to be a part of the fun, and
- adults who enjoy being a part of kid fun!

The planning committee is meeting on **Monday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m.** at the church. All who would like to serve are asked to call Denise Collins at 503-682-3785 or email her at [vbs@tpcspirit.org](mailto:vbs@tpcspirit.org) and leave her a message.



Children ages 4 years old through just finishing 5<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as adults and middle schoolers who want to help, are invited to register on line at: <https://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/tpc/vbs2008>. To insure that we are able to secure the crafts and supplies we need, though, we need everyone to register as soon as possible. Call your friends and bring them with you! Registration fees and other needs for VBS will be announced later.

Shalom!

### MISSION IN MOTION

*The animals are coming; the animals are coming!!*  
In support of world missions, we are planning to fill an “ark” for Heifer International. This international organization supplies live animals to people in third-world countries and teaches them how to properly raise the animals and share their animals’ offspring with others in their community as a direct means of self-help and community support.

During the month of October, we have a goal to raise \$5,000 which will buy an ark of animals. The great news is that all of our funds will be matched by a dollar for dollar grant; so our \$5,000 will become \$10,000.

There is a wide variety of events being planned to highlight Heifer’s programs throughout the month of October. So how can you help? Use your great imagination to craft a project that involves an animal theme such as a painting, wood carving, needlework, framed photography, and etcetera; this could even be a family project. At the end of October, there will be an auction/sale of these items as part of our fund raising, so get those creative juices flowing and stay tuned!

If you have questions or ideas you would like to share, please see Laura Spurrell, and either Chip or Cackie Kyle. Oh, yes, and keep those paper towel and paper tubes coming.

## REFLECTIONS...and more

### HANDBELL CHOIR NEWS

By Martha Wilson

This has been a great year for the handbell choir with three new members joining us, two of whom were completely new to handbells! The choir’s level of music has really progressed and they’re now playing at the upper end of the intermediate level of handbell music. In July they’ll be going to Yakima (yes, we know... Yakima in July!) to represent TPC in the biannual conference of NW handbell choirs. They’ll each attend classes of their choosing from a large selection, and will also perform several pieces with 800 other ringers, rehearsing through the weekend for the final massed choir concert on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition, they’ve taken a bold step and will actually perform a solo piece in a concert for all the other bell ringers in attendance on either Saturday or Sunday. As always it is my honor and privilege to get to work with this wonderful, dedicated and adventurous group and I’m very grateful for them and the gift they bring to me weekly and to the larger congregation each month.

### DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?

This summer, share the beauty of your garden by providing flowers for our sanctuary! A sign-up list is in the narthex. If you need a vase, we have a variety of sizes available.

### June Birthdays

6/2	Evan Friese	6/14	Marilyn Wood
6/2	Olivia Schmitt	6/15	Diane Adams
6/3	Anna Hinkle	6/17	Bill Dunlap
6/4	Shari Olsen	6/17	Judy Nix
6/5	Connie Myers	6/19	Bill Wahl
6/6	Rich Robertson	6/21	Gordy Winterrowd
6/6	Erin Nelson	6/21	Elliott Grover
6/6	Brennen Gardner	6/23	Tim DeBruyn
6/7	Julian Awdry	6/24	Tara Schleicher
6/7	Bradley Olson	6/27	Gwen Hale
6/10	Noel Johnson	6/28	Barbara Harriman
6/12	Del Judy	6/29	Marilyn Staples-Sundt
6/12	Mike Nelson	6/30	Herb Zachow
6/13	Rob Ayers	6/30	Michelle Crawford
6/14	Carolyn Hale		

Per capita for 2008 is \$21.41 for each member

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS



**Adele Pelletier**  
Worship Elder

Two important facts about me are that I am a twin, and I was born in Montana. At ten I was uprooted to San Diego, and spent many years in California. My dad’s family is from the Northwest so almost all of us have migrated back. After school I joined the business community. After a brief time in the stock market, I spent 23 years in banking. I was a personal banker for a while, and developed valued friendships with my customers. It was rewarding work. After I began volunteering at a community dinner, or soup kitchen, I felt it was time to move on from my career. I became a full time volunteer at the dinner and at a related food pantry, as well as with a youth shelter and in my local church. I met Ted at the dinner, and we just celebrated our 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I was truly blessed, since I inherited three adult children with Ted, and now have four grandchildren.

Ted and I spent 3 ½ years traveling the country in a fifth wheel trailer, but always returned here. We settled down so we could become involved in a church as well as local activities, and after a few years of searching, we found TPC. I joined last month, and look forward to involvement in a church that warmly welcomed us, supports us, challenges us and entertains us. I now work part time at the area schools as a substitute aide, as well as having volunteer commitments to the American Red Cross, All-Classical FM radio and Loaves and Fishes. In my spare time I practice needle arts, reading, running and gardening. I look forward to my commitment as Worship Elder.



**Marsha Steffen**  
Christian Education Elder

Originally from California I have been in Oregon since I was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade (1968). I have 4 older sisters. I graduated from the University of Oregon and began my career in Property and Asset Management. I worked for private sector property management and construction companies, the State of Oregon and then established my own consulting business in 1995. Currently, I consult part-time in between volunteering at the Church and our daughter’s schools.

Doug and I met through a mutual friend in 1989. We were married in 1993 and have two daughters Elise (14) and Emma (11). We live on the east border of Tualatin consequently our girls attend school in West Linn-Wilsonville School District. I am very involved with both our daughter’s schools and have served on various committees and in various positions.

We started attending TPC in 1997 and joined the Church in 1998. I have served on the Worship Committee, Christian Education Committee, and was co-chair of the Building Committee during our expansion. I also volunteer to help with Tuesday’s Treasures.

The very first time I attended TPC I remember Cathy Lambeth and Cindy Nelson doing a skit from StarTrek. Of course this was for the Annual Stewardship Drive. It must have impressed me because here we are over 10 years later!



**Edda Brown  
Deacon**

I was born and raised in Pforzheim, Germany, a city also known as the "Gold Stadt," which makes fine jewelry and watches. Growing up during and after the War

was tough, since our city was bombed, and it came down to staying alive and surviving.

In 1960 I met and married a man from Portland, and I have lived here ever since. It was quite a new world for me, new country, new language, new social structure, building a house, and expecting a baby girl all within fifteen months. A couple years later we had a boy, and life seemed complete. But as most of us know, relationships can change. After twelve years we were divorced.

I had joined St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, and Charlie Brown arrived in 1973 as the new senior pastor. I was on the staff as wedding reception hostess, and over time we grew in love. In 1975 we blended "our" five children together, when we were married in the church, with the whole congregation cheering us on. With great thanksgiving we realized that the "kids" really fit together well, and now they are all in their forties, still great friends and "siblings" and have given us seven grandchildren.

After Charlie retired from the church after 28 years, we have been blessed with wonderful travels. Our most special one took place 3 years ago, at the American Church in Paris, for 6 months.

I have worked at La Rog Jewelers in Wash. Square for 19 years, but have cut my work

to "mostly" one day a week, Wednesdays. I have made many special clients and friends.

We have attended TPC for several years, and I became a member last September. Charlie is a member of Presbytery. You all have welcomed us with open arms and hearts, and we look forward to sharing the love of Christ with our Brothers and Sisters wherever we are. Thank you for inviting me to be a deacon; I will do my best to be a good team member.



**Carolyn Hale  
Deacon**

Carolyn has been a member of TPC since 1988, raising her two girls, Kelly and Kimberly, in the church. Kim is the mother of Ali, who is often with Carolyn on Sundays.

Carolyn has previously served as both a deacon and an elder. She also served on the Mission Committee and has volunteered as a Sunday School teacher.

She is a dermatologist in Keizer, OR. Carolyn's twin sister Marilyn, brother-in-law Emerson, and mother, Gwen, also attend TPC.

Next month watch for bios and pictures of our other new or returning elders and deacons: Bill Smiley, Sherry Nelson, Chris Robertson, and Jack Lemmon.



*Tualatin Presbyterian  
Church Calendar  
June 2008*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00-10:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship with communion	<b>2</b> 7:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation (off site)	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. Mission committee meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday/Ord. Time 9:00-10:00 Confirmation Class 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School End-of-Year-Party 10:30 Worship 5:00 pm Youth group/Kairos/Logos	<b>9</b> 7:00 p.m. CE Meeting 7:00 p.m. Deacon meeting 7:00 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Guitar Jam	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time FATHER'S DAY CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:15 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. CE Meeting 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting	<b>17</b> 7:00 p.m. Guitar Jam	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. SESSION MEETING 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> A.M. bell choir rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Concert
<b>22</b> 12 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship 5:00 pm Youth group/Kairos/Logos	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 p.m. Guitar Jam	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> No Bell choir rehearsal	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship CHURCH PICNIC TUALATIN CITY PARK FOLLOWING WORSHIP	<b>30</b> 7:00 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal					