



## STATEMENTS OF FAITH WRITTEN BY OUR NEW ELDERS

Randy Beyer

I believe that God is revealed in the world we see in the world that is hidden from our eyes and from our minds.

I believe that God is in the world with us helping us to feel what we see, helping us to see what is hidden from our eyes, helping us to grasp, a little that is hidden from, our minds.

I believe that The Bible, The Holy Spirit and God's people are the agents helping us. I believe that the stories in the Old and New Testament are the stories of God revealing himself and his people to ourselves.

I believe that God continues to work in the world through the church through my friends to help me to understand God's love for me and for my fellow human beings. I believe that with the help of the Holy Spirit in God's people I can learn things about myself and the person I should be. And yet it is not so much should be as how do I avail myself of the blessings that God has intended for me and the rest of God's children.

Barb Crall

My God is an awesome God. My faith starts with the knowledge that there is a force greater than man. The creator of the universe and life as we know it and life wherever else it exists. I do not believe in the story of creation in six days rather that God is the instigator of the creation. I see the awesomeness of God in his creation—the wonders of this planet, the wide variety of life and yet the way it all connects so that every living need is supplied. I marvel at the complexity of the human mind and all the things we are able to accomplish, and I know that we were not created by accident rather by a creator with a plan for us and all His creation.

My God is an awesome God. Thus, there is much I do not understand. God is too big for me or any human to fully understand or put limits on by claiming to know His plan for mankind and for each of us. Since I cannot fully comprehend God's mind, I have

questions. Just what comes after death? Are we saved by good works or faith — or by the grace of God alone? What about people of other faiths or no faith? These are some of the questions that I cannot answer.

My God is an awesome God. He sent Jesus to be a new covenant with us in spite of all the times we have turned our back on Him. As God's son, Jesus straddled a line that can be heard to comprehend—a man born of a woman, human in body with all the needs that go along with that and yet not only a man but also the son of God able to do wonderful things (even leap tall buildings in a single bound.) I believe in a Jesus who while on earth healed, brought back to life, reached out to the outcast, preached about love and forgiveness and gave his life to bring us closer to God.

My God is an awesome God. He sends the Holy Spirit to us so that we can feel his presence even though we cannot see him. When times are hard and we need to feel God's loving presence, the Holy Spirit calls us to know that there is something beyond ourselves—the God of Creation, the God of love and forgiveness, the God of salvation. The Holy Spirit also calls each of us to act on our faith. We each are called at different times and for different things. We need to be open to the call as it may come when we least expect it. Maybe when we least want it.

In response to my faith, I have sought out a family of faith most of my life. (There were a few years there at the end of college and the beginning of marriage that I did not worship often.) It is important to me to be surrounded by the church for the opportunity to worship, to learn, to teach, to help others, and to enjoy the fellowship of others who are there for the same reasons. Church attendance for me is knowing that I have set aside some time to center myself in something other than my own life. It is at least one time during the week that I face the awesomeness of God.

\*\*\*More Statements of Faith on pages 6 and 7.



# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



## Barb Kozak and Craig Walker

As Deacon representative for Parish #6, I am pleased and honored to have the opportunity to help our church membership learn more about two of my parish members, Barb Kozak and Craig Walker.

### Barb Kozak

Barb was born and grew up in Dallas, Oregon. She and Craig first met when they sat next to each other in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Their first date was the Junior Year Prom. Barb graduated from Dallas High School in 1964 and from Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) in 1968. She taught elementary school for 3 years. After the children were in school, she returned to the classroom as a Teacher's Aide in the Beaverton School District for 15 years. Barb loves to knit, garden, read, and play with her grandchildren.

### Craig Walker

Craig was born in Grand Island, NE and grew up in Dallas, Oregon. He graduated from Dallas High School in 1964 and Oregon State University in 1968. In terms of employment, Craig has spent his whole life in radio, the last 35 years in Portland working for 62KGW and K103 FM. He mentioned that his job has enabled him to have countless fun experiences, i.e. he flew with the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds, raced cars, carried the Olympic Torch, met many famous folks, and was an early visitor to the Mt. St. Helens Crater. He lists his wife Barb, children, and his grandchildren ----- and golf, as his interests and/or hobbies. Craig also enjoys reading.

Both Craig and Barb enjoy traveling and have had many fun trips --- to Europe, Turkey, Greece, the Mediterranean, North Africa, Caribbean, and Hawaii.

Craig and Barb joined TPC 14 years ago and both have been active in VBS. Craig is presently serving as Outreach Elder.

Submitted by Bill Smiley  
Deacon, Parish #6

## To Our TPC Family,

As most of you know, Edda and I will be back in France for 6 months, July 1 through December 31 at the American Church in Paris. This will be our second time at the American Church as a volunteer on the staff. We are honored by the invitation to come.



We look forward to seeing a number of you there, and will do our best to make some wonderful memories with you.

We ask you to please keep up in your prayers, as we will keep you in ours.

See you next year. There will be a word or two in the TPC newsletter from time to time to keep you posted on "what's happening" and how we experience it.

Love and prayers to all,  
Charlie and Edda

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75007 Paris, France

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From the US 011 33 140 62 05 00  
In France 01 40 62 05 00

# WHAT'S GOING ON

## FELLOWSHIP NOTES

### SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Join us after church on Sunday, June 6th to say good-bye to Charlie and Edda Brown on their last Sunday before they fly to Paris for 6 months. After worship there will be cupcakes and fruit to go along with the usual coffee and juice. For more information on Charlie and Edda's forthcoming adventure in France, see page 2.

### CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY JUNE 13

There will be a church picnic on Sunday, June 13 after worship at Tualatin City Park, so wear your picnic clothes to church. To get to the park from church, turn right onto Boones Ferry Road and continue through six stop lights. The park is on your right. Turn in at the first entrance; we'll be at the picnic shelter.

Sausages, buns and condiments will be supplied. Bring a side dish to share; see the sign-up sheet on the Narthex tower. Also bring your own table service.

There will be activities for the kids and games for young and not so young... bocce, horse shoes, etc.

### Mark your calendar—Saturday August 7

The social event of the summer season, the TPC Summer Progressive Dinner, will take place on Saturday, August 7. The long-range weather prediction is for a beautiful evening! We will all gather in one backyard for appetizers and break into smaller groups for the main course and dessert. In July look for more details in the Sunday bulletins and on the tower in the Narthex.

**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AT THE POTLUCK** on Sunday, May 23. Many hands made light work.

Barb Crall  
Fellowship Elder

## YOUTH MISSION

**Sunday, June 6** our children/youth will prepare dessert during Sunday School as part of the dinner TPC will deliver on Wednesday, June 9 to the Essential Health Clinic. All classes, K & Pre-K, Elementary, Middle and High School will prepare a dessert as part of their lesson and mission. All kids are welcome to help even if they do not typically attend Sunday School. Please let us know if your child will participate that day so we can have enough supplies. You can contact Marsha Steffen at 503-692-0120 or by email at mlsteffen@verizon.net.

### *Mission in Motion*

**On Wednesday, June 9** TPC will provide dinner for the volunteers at the Essential Health Clinic in Tigard. Watch the tower in the Narthex for a sign-up sheet to volunteer to provide main course, side dish, salad, or bread. If you have questions, please talk to Joan Nardi, Mission Elder, 503-684-6529.

### TPC FUN NIGHT, FRIDAY, JUNE 11

**June 11** will be an evening of fun for our youth, preschool through high school, and families including movies, air hockey and foosball, board and card games and tons of snacks. The fun starts at 7 p.m.; all are welcome. At 9 p.m. the fun continues for middle school and high school ages. Please RSVP to Craig Bowen. Volunteers are needed.. He'd also like to know if you can bring your favorite snack to share, games or movies. Dr. B can be emailed at drc.bow@verizon.net.

### YOUTH SUNDAY, JUNE 13

**Sunday, June 13** has been designated Youth Sunday. Our youth will help with many components of the service that day. All youth are welcome to help. Youth can pass out bulletins, act as greeters, collect the offering, or read scripture. We are planning the service during Sunday School (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.). If your child would like to participate in this service, please contact Marsha Steffen at 503-692-0120 or at mlsteffen@verizon.net.



**2010 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Joseph Visits TPC This Summer**  
**All Are Welcome!**

Join us at TPC for “Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace,” this year’s Vacation Bible School. We’ll be traveling with Joseph as he dreams, deals with Pharaoh, leads the Jews out of Egypt, and reunites with his family. Along the way, we will sing, dance, visit the marketplace, play some games, and share some yummy snacks.

Reserve the dates of **July 12-16, 9 AM-12 noon** for fun and learning, and Thursday evening, July 15th for the family gathering. Kids from 4 years old thru fifth grade (just finished) are welcome to attend and bring their friends. Cost is \$25 per child (there will be a discount if registering three or more kids from the same family). Scholarships are available.

You may register online at:  
<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/tpc>.

Or you can register using the link on the church website at [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) or by filling out a registration form. Forms are available in the church narthex. Sign-ups for adult and youth helpers is also online.

If you have questions, please contact the church via phone or email, [office@tpcspirit.org](mailto:office@tpcspirit.org).

**TUALATIN VALLEY PRESCHOOL**

Tualatin Valley Preschool meets in the lower level of the church during the school year. They are now enrolling children for the 2010/2011 school year. They have openings for 3 and 4 year olds. Please contact Jill McCarty for more information ([jillmccarty@hotmail.com](mailto:jillmccarty@hotmail.com) or by phone at 503-639-1973. Information is also available on their website at [tualatinvalleypreschool.org](http://tualatinvalleypreschool.org).

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| 2 Olivia Schmitt | 14 Carolyn Hale          |
| 4 Shari Olsen    | 15 Diane Adams           |
| 5 Connie Myers   | 17 Bill Dunlap           |
| 6 Rich Robertson | 17 Judy Nix              |
| 7 Julian Awdry   | 19 Bill Wahl             |
| 7 Bradley Olson  | 21 Gordy Winterrowd      |
| 8 Jackie Norman  | 21 Elliott Grover        |
| 9 Bud Bender     | 24 Tara Schleicher       |
| 11 Jan Bender    | 27 Gwen Hale             |
| 12 Del Judy      | 28 Barbara Harriman      |
| 12 Mike Nelson   | 29 Marilyn Staples-Sundt |
| 13 Rob Ayers     | 30 Herb Zachow           |
| 14 Marilyn Wood  | 30 Michele Crawford      |

**Treasurer’s Report**

Operating Income and Expense at April 30, 2010

|            | Received Year to Date | Year to Date Budget |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| *Income    | \$ 95,716.08          | \$100,293.00        |
| Expense    | \$ 83,643.38          | \$ 87,798.00        |
| Difference | \$ 12,072.70          | \$ 12,495.00        |

\* Includes prepaid pledges of \$14,200

## **Boy Scout Annual Pancake Breakfast**

Tualatin Boy Scout Troop 530 is pleased to announce their 39th Annual Pancake Breakfast, **Sunday, June 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Juanita Pohl Center (formerly the Tualatin Senior Center), located at 8513 SW Tualatin Road. Prices are \$5 per person, family \$15. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and assorted beverages. Tickets are available at the door. Proceeds from the breakfast support scouting activities. See Nick Dannemiller for tickets, or mention his name at the door. Thank you.

## **TUALATIN FARMERS MARKET**

The Tualatin Farmers Market will be held this summer on the Tualatin Commons each Friday evening from 4-8 p.m. starting June 25th and running through September 24. In July and August, the market will run in conjunction with the City's "Concerts on the Commons" series.

Volunteers are needed from 2 pm through 9 pm, for 3 to 4 hour shifts before, during and after the market ends. They're looking for dependable volunteers to help in the following capacities: Manager Assistants—accept volunteer applications, assign volunteer positions and schedule volunteers.

Market Assistants—run errands, carry bags to customers' cars, staff information booth

Set-up Crew—places signs, helps set up the information booth, distributes flyers, directs traffic

Dismantle Crew—takes down signs and the information booth, takes away trash after market closes

Power Washers—washes down the concrete after the market closes

More information is available on the website: [www.tualatinfarmersmarket.com](http://www.tualatinfarmersmarket.com). To volunteer, email to [volunteer@tualatinfarmersmarket.com](mailto:volunteer@tualatinfarmersmarket.com)

## **2010 PRESBYTERY SUMMER CAMP**

Presbytery of the Cascades summer camps are ready for you! Are you ready for camp yet? Camp is getting full, so register soon! We have something for everyone—don't miss out on the wacky games, cool crafts, fantastic campfires, great food, fun hikes and relaxing times at the waterfront. If you have questions about the camping programs, please contact Biz Larkin, Camp Coordinator, at 503-460-3024, visit the website at [www.campcascades.org](http://www.campcascades.org), or email Biz at [biz@campcascades.org](mailto:biz@campcascades.org).

## **PUGET SOUND: MANSIONS AND ORCAS**

Explore Washington's historic towns  
and view wild marine animals

Monday –Thursday, August 16-19, 2010

Once a year senior trip sponsored by

PrimeTime at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church  
Escorted trip, four days, three nights. Visit Port Townsend, Bainbridge Island, Port Gamble and Friday Harbor. All inclusive pricing covers meals (10) motor coach and marine transportation, lodging, taxes, luggage handling, all admissions and driver gratuity. \$605 per person, double occupancy, \$765 per person, single occupancy. For additional information, contact Joy and Ralph Morgan at (503) 639-9204.

## **WHERE DOES THE ART GO?**

When the art comes down, it is usually carefully stored away to be used again in a surprising and new way. But in the case of the handmade paper flowers, thanks to Cathy Lambeth, dozens of our pansies were used to honor a special guest at the Carus Country School's 125th Anniversary Celebration. Cathy said the recipients of our flowers were most appreciative and that TPC was thanked in their program.

Mary Shiffer took the pansy pattern, designed by Ellen VanSchoiack, to a boy scout meeting at the prison. The boys made paper pansies to give to their mothers on Mother's Day. The members of the Art Team are delighted to see TPC artwork spreading out into the community.

### Craig Walker's Statement of Faith

My spiritual road has been shorter than most. I grew up in a happy home with wonderful parents and I wouldn't trade it for anything. But, religion was not much of a factor in our upbringing. My Dad was Roman Catholic and my Mom was Presbyterian, and, as a result, we kids weren't really anything. We would occasionally visit one church or the other, but it never lasted for very long. During one stretch in my early teens, I started attending Catechism classes. But, I didn't understand much of what was going on and, as a result, I stopped going. On several occasions, I also tried Presbyterian Sunday School, but that didn't take either. I was not baptized and I never joined a church.

We happened to live in a small town that, according to Ripley's Believe It or Not, had the most churches per capita of any town in the country. (By the way, I never verified that.) The small school I attended offered Bible School one afternoon a week and I decided to go. Mistake. During one of the classes, I was put into a situation that was so embarrassing and humiliating, I left the class and turned my back on religion for the next 35 years or so.

Then, about 10-12 years ago, our son started talking to us about the church that he was attending. I should point out here that his main motivation for going to church was the fact that his girlfriend was a member. Nevertheless, he said that he thought we might really enjoy the church and the congregation. The church, of course, was Tualatin Presbyterian. And he was right. I was drawn to the size of the church. I was drawn to the Pastor. And, I was really drawn to the people who belonged. Everyone was so welcoming and there were clearly no judgments made based on my lack of church experience or the fact that my personal level of faith was a "work in progress." I have several conversations with the Pastor and he made it clear that my situation was not all that unique and that the church was here to help me find my way. And, you have.

I now take real pride in being a member of this congregation. I pray for this congregation and for this church. And, I find a huge amount of comfort and support when I sit in this church. I try to use the words that are on the wall around our cross as my guideposts in life. I'm not always successful, but I try.

### Katrina Weener's Statement of Faith

First let me say, that to write a "personal statement of faith" is an exciting task. However, I also hesitate to put into words the "essence" of my faith because it is only a snapshot in time; like being stopped mid-dance to describe how you are dancing. From that static picture we may get a sense of what has come before, and what is yet to arrive, but little of the constant movement that gives the dance life. With that caveat, I offer to you a personal Statement of Faith; my snapshot of who I understand God and me and us to be in this moment.

I believe in God, who created all that is, and is intimately connected with all things. Because of this relationship, both the creation and the Creator are in a place of constant movement and exploration and that the intimacy of that relationship works to make all things, all places and all beings sacred.

As human beings we are an important part of the continual evolution of creation. In our creativity, our curiosity and our cognition, as well as a variety of other God-given attributes, we have the ability to participate in God's yearnings and actions. We constantly make choices that affect our lives and the lives of those connected to us—individuals we know, individuals we don't know, and God. At times, our individual or corporate choices create injustice, causing unnecessary pain and imbalance. We work against our responsibility as children of God and disciples of Christ to "love God with all our heart, mind and soul" and "to love our neighbors as we love ourselves." As a disciple of Christ, I am called to think carefully about the consequences of my decisions. I am also called to be open with God about my failings and faults. Through such openness to the Spirit, God might continue to grant me wisdom, strength and compassion. Having received God's grace and love, I work even harder to align myself with God's desire.

As part of the ongoing development of relationship with creation and humankind, the "Word became flesh" in both a mysterious and a tangible way. Through, with and in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, the Word lived with us, offering us ways to be in deeper relationship with God and each other.

Through the continuing gift of the Spirit, individuals work to be faithful to God's call. Sometimes we do

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# TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

## JUNE 2010

| Sun   | Mon   | Tues   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| <b>May 30</b>   | <b>May 31</b>                                 | <b>1</b><br>7 p.m. CEM Meeting<br>7 p.m. Mission Meeting | <b>2</b><br>7 p.m. Note Values 401<br>7:30 p.m. Choir practice | <b>3</b><br>7 or 7:30 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal                            | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                                    |
| <b>6</b><br>9:15 Adult Ed.<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship   | <b>7</b><br>7 pm Spiritual Formation off site | <b>8</b><br>7 pm Fellowship Meeting                      | <b>9</b><br>7-8 pm Choir men rehearse                          | <b>10</b><br>7 or 7:30 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal                           | <b>11</b><br>10 to noon Loving Stitches (N)<br>7 pm Youth Fun Night | <b>12</b>                                   |
| <b>13 Youth Sunday</b><br>9:15 Adult Ed<br>9:30 Last Children's Sunday School until September<br>10:30 Worship<br>Church picnic | <b>14</b><br>7 p.m. Deacon meeting            | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br>7:30-8:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal                    | <b>17</b><br>7 p.m. Session Meeting<br>7 or 7:30 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b><br>7:30-9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast |
| <b>20</b><br>9:15 a.m. Adult Ed<br>10:30 Worship  | <b>21</b>                                     | <b>22</b><br>No July Newsletter                          | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br>10 to noon Loving Stitches (N)                         | <b>26</b>                                   |
| <b>27</b><br>9:15 a.m. Adult Ed<br>10:30 Worship  | <b>28</b><br>7 p.m. Preacher meeting          | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>  |  | Presbytery in Bend  |   |

that alone. At times we gather with other Christians, working together. Other times the Spirit calls us to work with people who believe differently than we do; that we might better understand each other; that we might better understand God; and that we might work to bring healing and wholeness to God's creation.

I believe that the Church is a human institution, finding both its strength and its weakness in its attempts to move in accord with the Holy Spirit. Sometimes our collective dance is filled with a great deal of beauty and grace. At other times we find ourselves out-of-step with each other and with God. Part of the church's saving grace is that it is willing to recognize its missteps and work to change. It's other saving grace is God's readiness to forgive and continue in a relationship with all of us.



Regular TPC office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Please call (503) 692-4160 or email Rhoda@tpcspirit.org if you've moved or changed your email address.

Church website: [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)

There will not be a July newsletter; deadline for the August newsletter is 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 20.

Please email articles to [newsletter@tpcspirit.org](mailto:newsletter@tpcspirit.org). Thank you.

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**Elders:** Randy Beyer, Craig Bowen, Barb Crall, Norm Dannemiller, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Adele Pelletier, Craig Walker and Katrina Weener.

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