



STATEMENTS OF FAITH

Susan Fee, Deacon

Although my father was raised Catholic, my mother was not raised with any religious belief. Unfortunately, like my mother, I was not raised in a church either. However, I did have a few missed opportunities to know God when I was young. I remember attending Sunday school for a short time when I was 4-5 years old; and I was a member of a youth organization called Job's Daughters as a teen-ager. I feel like God was letting me know he was there and just waiting for me to invite him into my life.

In my late teen-age years, my parents divorced. My dad remarried, and he and his new wife began attending church regularly. They have lived in Oregon, California, Missouri, Illinois and Texas. I always attended church with them whenever I visited. I still did not have a relationship with God, but I was starting to be interested in seeking that relationship.

A few years ago, a good friend and co-worker asked me if I would like to go to church with her on Easter. It feels like divine intervention because that is all it took. After that Easter, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and invited him into my life. I began looking for a church to attend, and I found TPC. TPC felt like the perfect fit. The congregation is wonderful, and Ken was able to offer the education I had missed earlier in my life.

At TPC, my faith has been able to grow. I have reevaluated my priorities in life. I have learned to try to recognize when enough is enough. Knowing that I have enough, I have restructured my life to be able to give more of myself to those who are struggling. My faith has brought me peace in times of anxiety. My faith has also made me better in my job as a Registered Nurse. I pray to God to put his words in my mouth in difficult situations and he does. I am better able to comfort patients in difficult times. I praise and rejoice in God when I look around at the beauty in our world.

Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Deacon

Formalized religion was not really a part of my upbringing. My father wasn't raised with any religious background whatsoever. In fact, my grandfather had evidently prohibited it, so Dad has only attended church on an occasional Christmas Eve after much pleading from me. My mom would take me to Sunday School at the Presbyterian Church in the town where I grew up. This was in the days when children had Sunday School at the same time the grown-ups had their "real" church service. As I got older, Mom dropped me off at church while she went to her school to work on lessons for the next week, so worshipping together and discussing faith wasn't something we did. I remember memorizing the Apostles' Creed in about the 5th or 6th grade, but after that family and school activities took over the Sundays.

I attended Lewis and Clark College. While it was officially a "non-denominational" college, the chaplain was a Presbyterian minister. It was through chapel, the required Western Civilization courses and the amazing teachings of John Anderson, Carlin Capper-Johnson, Taylor Potter, and Paul Wright that I began to tentatively ask questions and explore my own beliefs. For the first time in my life, worship was meaningful. I have many "gaps" though, and those who have had a much stronger religious background often intimidate me.

I believe in God the Creator who set the Universe in motion and is ever creating. I believe God loves each and every one of us beyond our wildest imagination. I believe that God acknowledges, as His world is populated with many races and many cultures, that there are many paths to Him; there is no "right" path. As we attempt to learn and live the life that God envisions for each of us, He will guide us to Him.

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One of the greatest gifts God has bestowed upon us, but perhaps the one with the greatest responsibility, is the gift of free will. God is not a great puppet master orchestrating our every move. Events are not “God’s will”. Things happen...we often succeed...we often fail. Our successes bring us closer to knowing our own path to God; our failures give us the opportunity to grow and know forgiveness. By acknowledging our errors and accepting God’s forgiveness, we also come closer to knowing our path to Him

I believe God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to dwell among us and serve as a living model for the life He wishes us to live. Jesus demonstrated love for others, compassion, and a willingness to do all in His power to make the lives of others better. He spoke and acted against injustice and wrongdoing by others, even when the perpetrators were powerful governments and religious institutions. He modeled forgiveness, and in His death, gave us the promise of resurrection.

I don’t ask God’s help as often as I should. I wasn’t taught to pray; I wasn’t taught to give things up to God and trust in His direction. Self-sufficiency and the love and support of family were what were taught. That said, there have been instances in my life when I haven’t known what to do and my resources were exhausted. In those times I sought God’s help. The peace that surrounded me was instantaneous, and the paths I took and the decisions I made at those times were never regretted. I want to be a better conversationalist with God. I want to learn to create the stillness that will let me be a better listener.

My life is a wonderful one, and I have been blessed with many opportunities. I am extremely grateful. It is with that gratitude that I seek to give back to all and in all avenues that I can.

Bud Bender, Deacon

My life journey started June 10, 1951 in Salem, Oregon. I was baptized by sprinkling as an infant in the Episcopal Church. We changed to the Lutheran Church when I was still in grade school. I attended church with my family throughout my early years because it was expected.

My dad died when I was in the 8th grade and I went through a difficult time afterwards. I blamed myself for his death, due to the fact that I did not help him rake leaves the day before he died. He had a massive heart attack after completing hole #9 on a golf course. During that time I was in confirmation classes and eventually was confirmed in the Lutheran Church but struggled, wondering how could I/we go on with a dad? I realize now that it was Jesus who saw me/us through.

College found me in church from time to time while away from home. Jan and I were married in 1975 in her home church, Hood River Valley Christian. We went to the Congregational Church in Ashland where we moved in 1978.

In 1981 we moved to Parkston, South Dakota where I started my Nursing Center Administration career. While working for the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, as administrator I was expected to be the Spiritual Leader in the center I worked in; Parkston and Dodge City, Kansas. They trained me on what it meant to be a Spiritual Leader for their company.

As a Good Sam Administrator, I lead daily devotions, started all meetings with prayer and was involved with the Ministerial Association in various communities. It was during my time with Good Samaritan that I realized that something was missing in my life...there was an emptiness/a void.

In Parkston we attended the United Church of Christ and eventually joined Memorial Baptist Church. It was while there that I explored with our pastor that emptiness/void and realized that it was a spiritual void/emptiness that only God could fill. In order to join Memorial Baptist I was baptized by immersion.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

One summer evening in 1983 while Jan and Chelsea were away, I felt drawn/moved/nudged to go to a Sunday evening service. Rain, thunder and lightning filled the evening sky. Evangelist Jerry Beltz was the guest preacher. As he preached he created chalk drawings. Altar calls were not something that I grew up with, but it was during the altar call and the song "Just As I Am Without One Plea" that I once again found myself on my feet being pulled to the altar. It was that evening that I gave my life to Jesus Christ.

I know Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. He has seen me through many dark days/times/incidents/health events/periods in my life. In my later years I vividly remember pondering the question: Is my faith strong enough to see me through a big life challenge? The answer is a resounding yes as there have been numerous times in my life that I have been faced with the opportunity to look for another job which was very hard on Jan. He has seen me through, always and I know that he loves me.

Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through him who gives me strength" is a verse which gives me much comfort.

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES POTLUCK AND VARIETY SHOW

Sunday, June 5, after church

Do you play a musical instrument, can you sing a song, dance, tell jokes, do magic tricks, have a skit to perform, or have a pet that does tricks? We are looking for you! Sign up on the tower in the Narthex for the variety show and for the potluck. Questions? Talk to Barb Crall, 503 692-1677 or barbc@compix.com.



PINOCHLE PARTY Saturday, June 11 at 7 pm

Everyone had such a good time at the last pinochle party that we are doing it again. Come if you are an experienced player, or want to learn, or are anywhere in between. Everyone please bring a snack, dessert or beverage to share.



ALL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, JUNE 26 AFTER WORSHIP

Join your TPC family for a potluck picnic at Tualatin Community Park. Sausages and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a dish to share, your own table service and a beverage. There will be activities for kids and adults. Sign up on the tower.

To get to Tualatin Community Park from the church, turn right onto Boones Ferry Road. Continue through several lights. Just past Haggen and the WES station, turn right into the park. Pass the tennis courts on the left, and turn left into the parking area. We have reserved the covered eating area.



SUMMER Progressive Dinner

Saturday, August 6

We will gather for appetizers at 6 pm and then divide into smaller groups for the main course and dessert. In early July watch the tower for a sign-up sheet and more details.

Salad Lunch



WOMEN'S LUNCH

Saturday, August 27, 11:30 am
The women of TPC will gather on Laura Spurrell's back deck for a potluck salad lunch. More information will follow.

STARLIGHT SYMPHONY presents



Summer Delights

Sunday, June 5

7 pm, here at TPC

Think summer—holidays—the tropics. We're having fun musically and kicking back. You might win a prize if you wear "The Most Colorful Tropical Attire!"

TPC has been given 25 complimentary tickets. They're on the tower in the Narthex and will be there, until they're gone.

General admission tickets: \$14

Seniors: \$10

Students: \$7

12 and under: free

Tickets at the door or online,

www.starlightsymphony.us

Questions? Call 541 386-6400

LEGACY HOSPICE SERVICES is offering local hospice volunteer training starting **June 7th**. Support people living with a terminal illness, and those who care for them. Provide companionship, comfort, respite care, or help with errands. To apply, contact Shelley Wagener, 800 361-8506, swagener@lhs.org.



Dinner for Volunteers at
Essential Health Clinic

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

Wednesday, June 8

The Essential Health Clinic is a free health clinic serving the uninsured and under-insured. It is located in the Washington County Health facility at 15296 SW Royalty Parkway in Tigard (to the left of the Safeway shopping mall). The clinic is open each Wednesday evening from 4:30 to 8:00 pm.

The clinic utilizes an all-volunteer staff of doctors, nurses, health care providers and interpreters. Lo-

cal hospitals donate medications and diagnostic supplies. Basically, it is a "win-win" for the community as people in need are served, no tax dollars are used, and it reduces emergency room visits.

The community is asked to support these volunteers' efforts by providing dinner for them each Wednesday. Several area churches share in this mission project.

Wednesday, June 8th is our next opportunity to feed the medical volunteers.

We need to plan a meal for 15 adults, all of whom come directly from their places of employment to staff the clinic that evening.

We keep it simple: 2 main dishes, 2 types of salad, rolls and 2 desserts.

This can be a great family project – or even a group of friends' project!

Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Joan Nardi at 503 684-6529, if you have questions.

Joan Nardi, Mission Elder



**2011 NW Regional
Labyrinth Gathering**

The 2011 NW Regional Labyrinth Gathering is in Portland this year on **Friday**

Labyrinth Gathering through Sunday, June 24 to 26. Friday night there

will be a public lecture by The Rev. Jill K.H. Geofrion, Ph.D. on *Labyrinth Prayer: Hope in the Midst of Suffering.* It will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland. Tickets for Friday night are \$15. More information and registration can be found at www.labyrinthnetworknorthwest.org or talk to Laura Spurrell 503 692-7034.



**APPRECIATION FROM
BRIAN AND
CAROLYN LOCKE**

Thank you to our TPC family for all the prayers and support surrounding our granddaughter, Naarah Acacia Ash. She was richly blessed by God and family during her brief life on May 5, 2011.

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.” I Thessalonians 5:16-18



**FLOWERS
FOR WORSHIP**

Celebrate a special event or remember a loved one when you provide flowers for worship! This summer everyone is invited to provide a flower arrangement for a Sunday worship service. The event or loved one you celebrate

will be printed in that day’s bulletin. To reserve your special day, please look for a sign-up sheet on the narthex tower. Please place your arrangement on the flower table directly in front of the pulpit. A variety of vases are available in the kitchen, if you need one. You are welcome to take your arrangement home to enjoy during the week. What a lovely way to share the beauty of your garden, enhance our worship and remember those special days in our lives. If you have any questions, please talk to Maureen Richardson, worship elder, 503-691-6711.

FOUR NEW ARMCHAIRS

In response to requests for more arm chairs, we received four new ones for the sanctuary on Friday, May 20. These new chairs blend in nicely with our older chairs. See if you can find them! They look great.



**JUNE is
Men’s Health
Month!**

Anchored by a Congressional health education program, Men’s Health Month is celebrated across the country with screenings, health fairs, media appearances, and other health education and outreach activities.

Goal of Men’s Health Month

The purpose of Men’s Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. This month gives health care providers, public policy makers, the media, and individuals an opportunity to encourage men and boys to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury. The response has been overwhelming with thousands of awareness activities in the USA and around the globe.

A Few Fast Facts

According the Dr. David Gremillion, of the Men’s Health Network, “there is a silent health crisis in America. . . it’s that fact that, on average, American men live sicker and die younger that American women.”

Men die at higher rates that women from the top 10 causes of death and are the victims of over 92% of workplace deaths.

In 1920, women lived, on average, one year longer than men. Now, men, on average, die almost six years earlier than women.

Women are 100% more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventive services than men. (CDC 2001)

For more information, contact the Men’s Health Network at www.menshealthnetwork.org.

Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

Tualatin School House Pantry Needs

Currently the greatest needs are for toilet paper, boxed cereal, sugar (any size) and canned or bottled juices. Items always needed: powdered laundry soap, bars of hand soap and small toothpaste.

Donations of fresh fruit and vegetables can be made directly to the pantry located at Rolling Hills Community Church, 3550 SW Borland Road, Tualatin. To confirm acceptable delivery times, call the pantry at 503-738-0721.

Donations to the Tualatin School House Pantry are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. TSHP is a registered 501©(3) nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID #20-2253741.

BREAD MACHINE IN KITCHEN!?!

There is a bread machine on the back counter in the kitchen and the kitchen crew does not know who it belongs to. We will donate the bread machine to Goodwill in July if it is still there. Please talk to Barb Crall or Pam Cameron if you know anything about this bread machine. Thanks.



**PLEASE PUT HYMNALS
BACK ON CHAIR**

Before leaving the sanctuary after worship on Sunday morning, please take a minute to put The Presbyterian Hymnal and the Sing the Faith hymn books back on your chair. Thanks for your help.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Changes are made to the directory frequently. If your directory is more than a year old, please come to the office and pick up a current one.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 02 Olivia Schmitt | 14 Carolyn Hale |
| 05 Connie Myers | 15 Diane Adams |
| 06 Rich Robertson | 17 Bill Dunlap |
| 07 Julian Awdry | 17 Judy Nix |
| 07 Bradley Olson | 19 Bill Wahl |
| 08 Jackie Norman | 21 Gordy Winterrowd |
| 09 Candace Fant | 21 Elliott Grover |
| 10 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 |

**TPC PER CAPITA EXPENSE
\$22.90 for each member**

If you haven't already, please pay your per capita fee for 2011. The Per Capita Fund is currently about \$2,000 low. Make check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Your treasurer will thank you.

2011 FINANCIALS

Income Year to Date (as of 4-30-2011)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$107,999	\$102,970	\$5,029
Expenses Year to Date (as of 3-31-2011)			
	\$95,731	\$102,101	\$6,371

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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Parish Associates: The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Philip Martin

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

Deacons: Bud Bender, Susan Fee, Barbara Harriman, Ted Lambeth, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Bob Nix, Mary Ortez, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Karen Stevenson, Jeni Wiggers, and Nancy Wilcox.

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon