

A MESSAGE from Pastor Ken

So...How Do I Join the Church?

At TPC we welcome everyone to worship and take part in the life of the church.

Presbyterians actively share leadership between pastors and members. For this reason, participants are encouraged to join as active members of local congregations. While in some denominations pastors make the lion's share of the decisions, in Presbyterian churches members share in this gift and responsibility. Members elect officers who govern the church, members vote on their pastor's annual terms of call, and members vote on issues regarding the buying and selling of real property. Members have voice and a vote in all meetings of the congregation. Membership in the church does not confer privilege or make a person more important; membership is a sign of commitment and acceptance of greater responsibility.

So...how does someone become a member? There are many paths by which people have joined TPC. Here's a description of one of the most common paths. The first step most people take is simply showing up to worship and becoming involved in some aspect of the life of the church. For some people this first step may be as short as a few weeks, while for others it can take years. But getting to know the congregation through worship, fellowship, and service provides the foundation for everything that follows.

Next, most folks meet with Pastor Ken to talk about their faith journey and ask any questions they have for him or about the church. Less than half of the current membership of TPC grew up with a Presbyterian background. Often, people have questions about what it means to be Presbyterian. Others who have grown up Presbyterian note that TPC... um...doesn't always do things exactly like the other Presbyterian churches they've known. And they're curious about that. Pastor Ken loves to meet and get to know people better and loves nothing better than describing his first encounter with the birthday chicken. It was new to him, too.

Along with meeting with Pastor Ken we encourage everyone interested in joining the congregation to attend a new member orientation. Jeni Wiggers and Pastor Ken host these meetings. They occur after worship on a Sunday and offer a Presbyterian 101 and a TPC 101. Lunch is provided; it's just a great way to get to know more folks at TPC.

If and when you decide that membership is right for you, or right for your family, the next step is meeting with the session. The session of TPC consists of nine men and women who are elected by the congregation to govern the church. One of their happiest responsibilities is meeting with people interested in joining. You may meet with the full session at the beginning of one of their monthly meetings. Or you may meet with a small group of session members after church on a Sunday. Either way the elders will ask you about your faith journey and what is bringing you to TPC. They want to know how they can support you and what ministries at TPC might interest you. While the session does vote after meeting with prospective members, this meeting is not a theological grilling. Nearly everyone reports leaving this meeting feeling good after having talked about their faith in a supportive, encouraging environment.

Finally, many of you have seen the most visible step of the membership process. Following session's approval of membership, Pastor Ken and Jeni Wiggers work with new members to select a Sunday when the new members can be blessed at the font and welcomed into the life of the congregation. We bless you at the font, if the group is not too large, as a way of reminding ourselves that baptism is the entrance rite into the church. We reaffirm our faith, because it doesn't matter how long we've been going to church, we always have more to learn and we can always use a reminder that faith is not a work of our own but a gift from God. And we do this in worship, because we feel this happy decision you are making is a response to what God is already doing in your life and worship is the perfect place to give thanks for this.

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Pastor Ken, located at the end of the message.



MEET ANDREW PERKINS

Andrew Perkins has been attending TPC since last fall, and is one of our newest members.

Andrew's mother was a nurse and waitress, and his father was a carpenter and construction worker. They raised Andrew and his two half-brothers on the Long Beach Peninsula in Washington. He grew up Episcopalian and Lutheran, and credits this background in leading him to hold funerals for the birds, worms and other beings that died in his neighborhood. When he was eight years old he reports being the president of the Americana Club and he held bake sales to benefit the March of Dimes. He set up an office in his bedroom with a desk and calculator. He was showing signs of the man he would become.

Andrew attended Clark Community College, and although he says he did not do well in math he ended up working in accounting for 37 years. His last job was with ESCO steel company where he balanced the books of 43 companies working with many different currencies and systems around the world. He continues to be interested in helping others and in the cultures of others. He helped five people from Eastern Africa settle in the U.S. and remains in contact with some of them 27 years later. He says they taught him about their culture while also helping him appreciate the freedoms we enjoy in the U.S. He still loves animals—mainly cats and dogs for their companionship. In a short amount of time he has met 40 neighbors in his apartment complex and 15 dogs and 4 cats. He says it is like a United Nations of cultures and languages.

Among his passions, Andrew lists the Lord and TPC; music—Jazz, R&B, Big Band, Classical, Alicia Keys, Usher, John Legend, Tony Bennett, Ella Fitzgerald and The Carpenters; British Culture—films and the royal family; and NBA basketball. His favorite team is Oklahoma City where his favorite player, Kevin Durant, is a committed Christian. His favorite food is Italian at the Olive Garden. His favorite movies are *On Golden Pond* and *The Sound of Music*. He also enjoys the Oregon Symphony and touring Broadway plays and is very impressed with the music program we are fortunate to have at TPC.

Andrew's dream would be to move to Maine and either open a Bed and Breakfast or become a lighthouse keeper. Closer to home, he would like to take trips to local parks and Cannon Beach.

Andrew recently had some health problems that required a 37 day hospital stay including 8 operations. He now sees these health issues as an opportunity to share God's love and grow spiritually and physically. He greatly appreciates this congregation and all the doctors and nurses who have helped him through this experience. He is thankful for the love and fellowship he has received at TPC and considers TPC to be a blessing for which he is thankful each day.

Andrew is a very nice and interesting man. I'm so glad he has joined us here at TPC. I hope you will stop and say hello to him and get to know him.

Susan Fee, Parish 6 Deacon

Starlight Symphony Concert at TPC Sunday, June 1, 7 pm

Presenting an evening of "Richly Romantic" music for your listening pleasure!

Carl Maria von Weber: Overture to *Der Freischütz*

Alexander Porfiryevich Borodin: *In the Steppes of Central Asia*

Alexis Emmanuel Chabrier: *Habañera*

Johannes Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 68

Admission: \$12 General, \$10 Students and Seniors. Children age 12 and under are free with a paying adult.

LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION invites all choral singers to be part of its 77th season. The 100+ voice choir rehearses during the summer and has 5 concerts in the metropolitan area in the fall (beginning September 7 this year). There is no audition, but choral experience is most helpful. The choir has a Lutheran tradition, but is open to all who love to sing God's praises.

Rehearsals are **Mondays evenings at 7 p.m. beginning June 2** at Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N. Rosa Parks Way (I-5) exit 304), Portland. Please arrive early (about 6:30) for the first rehearsal for registration and music.

More information is available at lutheranchoral.org or by calling Ken Dale, President, Lutheran Choral Association, 530-515-8935.

YOUTH OF THE WORLD SUNDAY, JUNE 8

PENTECOST OFFERING, SUNDAY, JUNE 8

KITCHEN CLEAN UP—Let's do it!

Pam Cameron will spearhead a kitchen cleaning session on **Tuesday, June 10** from 10 a.m. to noon. To join this cleaning crew, call either Pam at home (503) 692-3368 or Susan Springer in the office (503) 692-4160. Thanks so much.

ADULT MISSION TRIP PART 2—We will return to the same house in Newberg on **Saturday, June 21** to continue its construction. We have space for 7 team members. If you are interested, sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex. Any questions, see Chip Kyle or any mission committee member.

Youth Mission Trip departs Sunday, June 22!

LET'S PICNIC!! TPC's annual All Church Picnic is **Sunday, June 22** after worship at Tualatin Community Park in the main shelter area. Great food, great company and activities for the kids. Brats and sausages provided. Please sign-up for side dishes on the narthex tower. See you there!!

Emily Ricker, Fellowship and Integration Elder

SUMMER PROGRESSIVE DINNER SATURDAY, JULY 12

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS Sunday, July 13 after worship

We will have new member orientation/information meetings three times a year during which we will share a light lunch as we discuss a bit of Presbyterian history, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and specifically, what it means to be part of TPC. We will answer questions and have a chance to get to know one another better. If you're thinking about joining TPC, mark your calendar and plan on meeting with us on Sunday, July 13 after worship.

Jeni Wiggers, New Member Coordinator

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) will be 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18.** This year's theme is **WILDERNESS ESCAPE** where children will learn more about their God and His beautiful plans for their lives. The week costs \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional sibling. Please register at:
www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/tpc Andrew Hall

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood drive at TPC on **Wednesday, August 27**, with donor hours from 2 to 7 p.m. Watch for Scott Cameron and his clipboard.

Summer is on the way and summer in Sherwood, Tualatin and Lake Oswego includes Music on the Green Summer Concerts at Stella Olsen Memorial Park in Old Town Sherwood, 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in July and August. We are creating an email list for either planning ahead or for those impromptu evenings when some conversation and music is just the thing...bring your blanket, pack a picnic and enjoy an evening with friends. Email list sign-up is on the tower in the narthex.

Emily Ricker, Fellowship and Integration Elder

Ordinary Time Does Not Mean Common!

Ordinary Time begins with Trinity Sunday and continues until the new church year begins with the first Sunday of Advent. Ordinary Time comes from the word *ordinal* and means 'counting.' The 33 or 34 Sundays in Counting Time are considered a time of hope and growth coming forth from the Resurrection. The liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green and that is the perfect representation of growth and hope. In the Pacific Northwest we are blest with every increment and hue of green throughout the year but particularly in spring. Our spirits lift and soar with the first leaf bud of palest green.

The paramount banners for Ordinary Time are created from 60 different green fabrics ranging from pale yellow greens of new growth to the deep blue green of a conifer forest. Some greens will appear brown in the halogen lighting of the sanctuary, but in natural light they are really green. Their underlying green is much like the natural process of 'fall color changes' as the yellow, red and brown leaf pigments become predominant over green each fall.

The banners are pieced in an original design, inspired by the colors and designs of the fabric which is based on a traditional quilt pattern called 'North Wind'. The banners are machine quilted to enhance the color design. As the designer and crafter. I did discover the promise of growth in life and hope as I cut and stitched my way through the weeks following Easter. It is my sincere prayer that each of you will find inspiration and additional meaning in the promise of Ordinary Time and a new life of hope in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ as you worship in TPC's Sacred Space. Mary Shiffer Worship Art Director.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Ed is touring ancient Rome around the Mediterranean sea, following the paths of the early Christians, discussing the culture, politics, and religious forces at work as the apostle Paul and others move within the world of their day. We start the morning with a brief check in with every soul that attends this fun and informative group, and then we watch a few minutes of an educational DVD teaching based on seeing the actual sites just mentioned, then onward with Pastor Ken leading a very engaging time of teaching and interaction with everyone. The coffee is hot, but the gathering is cool stream of enjoyment. Come downstairs at 8:45am Sundays to participate in this fabulous one of a kind group experience. John Casebeer, Adult Education Elder

MANY THANKS to the volunteers who participated in two work projects at the church on **Saturday, May 17**. The first project involved the installation of a low-voltage lighting system that better illuminates the "new" TPC sign on Boones Ferry Road. The second project



entailed cleaning out the storm drains in our parking lot. Bob Paetsch, Building & Grounds Elder

Pictured at the bottom of the left column, left to right: Larry Nord, Bob Nix, Karl Schultz, Wayne Willis. Thanks, guys!

WE CELEBRATED ELDERS, DEACONS, AND A NEW DR.

On Sunday, May 18 we ordained and installed elders and deacons of the class of 2017.

Elders include John Casebeer (Adult Education Elder), Joan Nardi (Worship Elder) and Katrina Weener (Children's Education and Ministries Elder).

Deacons include Jackie Norman (Parish #2), Susan Cameron (Parish #3), Russ Carlin (Parish #5) and Susan Fee (Parish #6).

We also celebrated the graduation of The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Scott Evers-Hood from the School of Divinity of Duke University. And there was cake.



Many thanks to the elder and deacons who completed their terms of service: Randy Beyer, Bub Bender, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Karen Stevenson, and Nancy Wilcox.

TUESDAY'S TREASURES "God loves us and wants us to share His love" was the theme of our May 20 Treasure Night. Treasures and Treasure volunteers each explained how they share God's love: help everybody, show forgiveness, hold the door open for someone, focus on good things, help my family and neighbors, pray, sing, teach Sunday School, be with family and friends especially at hard times, smile, care for pets, go to church, teach sewing to people in prison, clean up after myself, show compassion for those who are sick, hug friends, be happy.

How do **you** share God's love? Volunteering with our Treasure Night program is an option! For more information about how to get involved, please con-

tact Carolyn Locke, TPC Treasure Coordinator (clockezoo@gmail.com) or talk to Erik Spurrell or Rob Wiesenthal, who are both Treasures and members of our congregation. You can make a difference!

'Tuesday's Treasures' is an outreach program serving developmentally disabled adults in our community.
Carolyn Locke, Treasures Coordinator



**April and May
Session Meeting Highlights
Carolyn Barker
Clerk of Session**

Action Items:

- The following new members were accepted into membership: Bill and Martha Bennett, Spencer and Maegan Cameron, John Casebeer, Linda Duncan, John and Sue Hayhurst, Jason and Wendy Love, Joen Morris, Larry and Bonnie Nord, Andrew Perkins, Jeremy and Elizabeth Reding, Gary and Linda Roth, Greg and Melinda Woods.
 - Approval was given to obtain a church credit card to be used for program purchases by the Director of Youth and Family Ministries.
 - Session members were assigned to carry out approved Shark Tank Projects.
 - Newly elected ruling elders and deacons presented their faith statements, were examined and received by session.
 - A youth triennium fund was established.
 - Fundraising approval was given for the youth mission trip spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Approval was given for a summer produce sale fundraiser to benefit the youth triennium fund and CEM Fund.
- Housekeeping approval was given to remove an inactive member from the rolls.

Committee Reports and Other Information:

- Easter service attendance was 349.
 - Session discussed the feasibility of starting a SCRIP program to benefit mission programs. A survey is being conducted to determine whether there is sufficient interest.
- The annual financial review of 2013 accounting records was conducted in accordance with Presbytery requirements. The accounting records were found to be in good order and the published financial statements in the 2013 Annual Report were found to be an accurate representation of the financial condition of the church. The review team made a few recommen-

dations for implementation or further study by the finance committee.

This information has been compiled from Session minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.

COOKIES FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Bakers, please fire up your ovens. The freezer is running low and our appetite for cookies is not decreasing. Please date your cookies when you put them in the freezer so they can be eaten first in, first out. Thx.

FRESH VEGETABLES

Please save your grocery sacks, both paper and plastic. Summer produce is coming. Paul Fukasawa



**TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE
PANTRY**

Currently the pantry is in need of pasta (any kind except spaghetti), hygiene items (any and all, especially TP) and common condiments (mayo, mustard, salad dressing, jelly, syrup, bbq sauce, etc.). All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

With summer coming, the pantry also needs additional volunteers to help clients shop for food. Call to volunteer. The pantry is open Monday 3 to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tracy Smith, Program Coordinator
Tualatin School House Pantry 503-783-0721

For a heart-healthy snack, eat strawberries. In a small new study in the *Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry*, participants who ate a lot of strawberries (about 3 cups, sliced, a day) for a month lowered their LDL ("bad") cholesterol by 14 percent and triglycerides by 21 percent. They also showed improvements in platelet function and other cardiovascular blood markers. Like other berries, strawberries are rich in flavonoids (notably anthocyanins, which give them their red color), along with vitamin C and fiber. It's likely that more reasonable amounts of strawberries (and other berries) are also beneficial, though to a lesser degree. Because strawberries tend to be sprayed heavily with pesticides, rinse them well and, if possible, buy organic.

from the Berkeley Wellness Letter
Submitted by Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

ANNUAL PER CAPITA (can be thought of as Presbyterian Membership Dues)

TPC's annual per capita expense (over \$7,000 this year) is not covered by income from our pledges; there is a separate income line item for per capita.

Therefore, we ask that each member pay their own per capita in addition to their regular pledge or tithe. This year's amount is \$25.24/member.

Please make sure your check memo line or offering envelope is marked "per capita." Thank you.

Rhoda Friesen, Financial Assistant

held **May 17**, was the culmination of months of practice by all three choirs. Many thanks to Debbie Ivanov, our wonderful TPC bell choir director, whose expertise, encouragement and laughter prepared our choir for this amazing collaborative event..

Pictured back row, left to right: Director Debbie Ivanov, Adele Pelletier, Carolyn Hale, Marilyn Wood, Susan Springer, Cackie Kyle, Barbara Crall, Emily Ricker, Larry Church. Front row: Cathy Lambeth, Frieda Nichols, Carolyn Locke, Rick Crall. Caitlin Byers could not attend.

BELL CONCERT, SATURDAY, MAY 17

Our TPC bell choir along with Bells of Cascade participated in an Invitational Handbell Concert sponsored by King's Ringers of Calvin Presbyterian Church. Special guest conductor and handbell composer Fred Gramman, Director of Music at the American Church in Paris, led the combined choirs in three massed pieces. In addition each choir performed three pieces individually, including pieces composed by Fred. The concert,



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 04—Robert Eddy
- 04—Sherry Olsen
- 04—Robert Paetsch
- 05—Connie Myers
- 06—Rich Robertson
- 07—Julian Awdry
- 07—Bradley Olson
- 08—Joan Beyer
- 08—Jackie Norman
- 09—Candace Fant

- 10—Bud Bender
- 11—Jan Bender
- 12—Del Judy
- 12—Mike Nelson
- 13—Rob Ayers
- 14—Carolyn Hale
- 14—Marilyn Wood
- 15—Diane Adams
- 17—Bill Dunlap
- 17—Judy Nix

- 21—Grover Elliott
- 21—Gordy Winterrowd
- 23—Kim Winslow
- 28—Barbara Harriman
- 29—Marilyn Staples-Sundt
- 30—Michele Crawford
- 30—Herb Zachow

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE 2014

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship 6 p.m. Confirmation class meets/session 7 p.m. Starlight Symphony concert | 2 | 3 | 4 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal | 5 7 p.m. Spiritual formation, - off site | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Pentecost 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Youth of the World Sunday No Children's Sunday School | 9 7 p.m. Deacon meeting | 10 10 a.m. Kitchen Clean Up 7 p.m. Mission meeting 7 p.m. Fellowship meeting | 11 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal | 12 | 13 10 to noon Loving Stitches Parents Night Out Cancelled | 14 |
| 15 Father's Day 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Children's Sunday School will resume in September. | 16 | 17 | 18 7:30 p.m. The Awakening—youth | 19 7 p.m. Session Meeting | 20 All Treasure Summer Dance 6:30 p.m. at Sunset Presby. Church. | 21 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast One Day Mission Trip to Newberg |
| 22 Youth mission trip departs 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Church Picnic at Tualatin City Park after worship. | 23 | 24 9 a.m. July Newsletter deadline | 25 | 26 | 27 10 to noon Loving Stitches Presbytery Meeting in Eugene | 28 |
| 29 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Youth mission trip returns in the afternoon | 30 | | | | | |

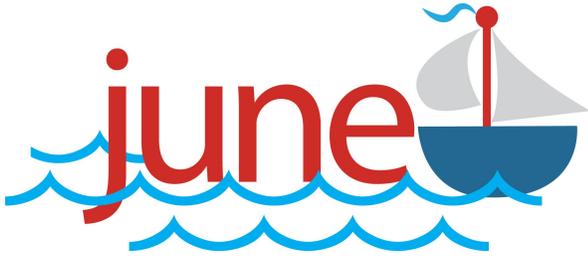
For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on calendar.

Regular TPC office hours are Monday through Thursday,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.
Office hours can vary; call ahead to confirm the office is open.

| 2014 FINANCIALS | Actuals | Budget | Dollar Difference |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Operating Income Year to Date 4/30/14 | \$108,999 | \$127,268 | (\$18,269) |
| Operating Expenses Year to Date 4/30/14 | \$115,898 | \$119,764 | \$3,866 |



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The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood, Pastor

Phone: 503-692-4160 **Web Address:** www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Associate: The Rev. Charlie Brown

Elders: Dave Backen, John Casebeer, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Bob Paetsch, Emily Ricker, Kathy Sweetland, and Katrina Weener.

Deacons: Julian Awdry, Becky Backen, Dan Barker, Karen Black, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Rebecca Crall, Susan Fee, Barbara Harriman, Barb Kerr, Mary Maleta, Jackie Norman.

Office Administrator: Susan Springer
Financial Assistant: Rhoda Friesen
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov
Director of Youth and Family Ministries: Andrew Hall
Art Director: Mary Shiffer
Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall
Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Carolyn Barker
Cookie Coordinator: Myrna Friese
Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer
Parish Nurse: Dianne Lemmon
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus
Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers
Tuesdays Treasures: Carolyn Locke
Webmaster: John Martin
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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