



**Russ and Karen Carlin
Carole Slater
LIFE IS A CIRCLE**

Carole Slater was born in Louisville, Kentucky. She was an only child and while in college, she met a handsome airman named Jack Slater. Jack was a terrific athlete, playing basketball for Adolf Rupp at University of Kentucky. Needless to say, they courted, were married and later had two children, **Karen** and Keith.

Karen's allergies to that Kentucky bluegrass led the family to move to Florida. Jack worked for Chrysler on the finance side of things and Carole kept the home. Carole would later return to college and work for the American Cancer Society.

As president of the local Kiwanis club, Jack led the group's sponsorship of a performance of the international musical group, **Up With People**. Remember them in the 1970's? Jack and Carole hosted the advance team and performers in their home. It made quite an impression on Karen, who dreamed she would travel with them one day.

In the summer of 1978, Karen received her acceptance letter, and packed her bags. Four hundred singers, dancers, musicians from all over the world descended on the University of Arizona campus for six weeks to learn a two-hour musical production. Four casts were formed to be sent off to different parts of the world, building communication bridges between people all over the world.

On the other side of the country, a young boy loved to sing. **Russ Carlin** was actually pretty good at it and could always be found around the school's music department. It was his passion and when Up With People came through his city, he was speechless. They were young, beautiful, talented and fun. He knew he HAD to travel with them and he applied, was accepted, and hasn't stopped singing since. When the casts were divided, a dancer from Florida and a young singer from Coos Bay ended up traveling together in Cast A. They were scheduled to travel through the Southwest United States, Mexico and Argentina.

So they fell in love, right? If they did, they kept it to themselves. They were friends. At the end of the year, Karen returned to Florida and enrolled in the University of South Florida. Russ jumped the first plane back to Portland and the Oregon Ducks.

Karen and Russ married other good people, had kids, wrote Christmas cards and stayed in touch. The friendship was lasting; their marriages did not. Things were pretty dark for Karen when Jack died from cancer. Karen and her children moved home to be with Carole.

About the same time, Russ was rebuilding his life with his daughter Melissa, when he got a card from Karen asking if he was attending the UWP 20-year reunion in Denver. HMMMMM... After thoughtful reflection, he went to Denver.

It was wonderful to be back with friends; and there was an undeniable spark with Karen. They parted Denver and started four years of cross-country dating. It had to be right with the kids. Finally, Karen's daughter Caitlin said, "Well, if you HAVE to marry somebody, Russ is a good one". Plans were made to get married on a cruise ship and to take the kids on the honeymoon. Their son, Connor was too young to be alone so Carole came along.

This ship didn't have a chapel so they were married on the highest point, the Viking Lounge. How many people can say they were married in a bar! That was almost 14 years, three high school graduations, two college commencements, three weddings, an Air Force enlistment and a first grandchild ago.

Karen teaches Mental Health First Aid to Clackamas County staff, and answers the crisis line. She is also a partner in her firm, Applied Mental Health Solutions, providing mental health training to Multnomah County and other mental health agencies. Russ is a partner and Chief Marketing Officer for Forensic Analytical Consulting Services. The company focuses on healthy living environments for hospitals, hotels, plants, and other complex buildings. Russ also deals with major disaster work situations.

This family has a wonderful and rich history. It is a family that is full of love. It is also a family that is proud to call TPC home and that delights in hearing a good story. Life is a circle....

Submitted by Deacon Jackie Norman, for Deacon Susan Fee

WHAT IS HAPPENING

ADULT EDGE

Sunday, June 12, Jennifer Grace Bird will speak to members of the Adult Edge class about her book, *Permission Granted: Take the Bible into Your Own Hands*, and will answer questions from class members, many of whom have read and discussed a chapter a week for the past 10 weeks.



Sunday, June 19 Adult Edge will not meet, due to the potluck for the General Assembly delegates.

Adult Edge will meet on Sunday, June 26th; they will be doing art. Adult Edge will not meet in July or August. Class will resume on Sunday, Sept. 11.

John Casebeer, Adult Education Elder



Hello Friends ~

We have guests coming! Portland is the 2016 host city for the 222nd General Assembly of the PC (USA) and as a local church we

will be hosting visitors on Fathers Day, **Sunday, June 19.** Our guests will join us for service with a luncheon potluck to follow. Let's welcome folks to our fair church and celebrate fathers on what is sure to be a beautiful Oregon spring day. There will be ample opportunity to serve at this event and if you would like to be involved, contact me. If not....I will be contacting you...teehee...

Emily Ricker,

Fellowship and Member Integration Elder

YOUTH MISSION TRIP will be

June 21 through June 27 led by Andrew Hall.



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP TPC MISSION THIS SUMMER

Northwest Children's Outreach

The Olson family will deliver our collections at the end of the school year

in mid-June. Clean out the closet and bring in your used children's and young adult clothing items - quick!

Backpack Buddies and Days for Girls

Please continue to contribute small snack items (juice boxes, fruit cups, granola bars, etc.) that do not need refrigeration to be distributed to students who need food over the weekend.

To support Days for Girls, bring cotton washcloths (as colorful as possible), Ziplock gallon size freezer bags (non-zipper-style-Ziploc brand only) and small "hotel" soaps

Tualatin Food Pantry

TPC supports the Tualatin Food Pantry with supplies, money, and volunteer time. Continue to bring in non-perishable good like tuna, toilet paper, and peanut butter. The Food Pantry relies on volunteers to function. Whether you can spend a few hours or commit to a regular schedule, the Food Pantry needs your help!

Refugee Care Collective

The Mission Team and TPC Session has connected with a local organization, *The Refugee Care Collective*, to begin to address the crisis our global community is experiencing. Beginning in July, you will hear lots more about how our congregation can assist in this global crises. To explore this organization, check out refugeecarecollective.org.

Peace, Cathy Lambeth, Mission Elder

CHRISTINA'S ATTIC

We are hard at work on a big surprise which will be installed in the sanctuary for GA Sunday, June 19.

Spirit Art Camp for children aged 4 through 12 will run Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15, 9 to 11:30 a.m. There is no cost to participants. Registration forms will be on the church website soon. We will do a different art activity every day, using a variety of media, including water color, glass painting, sculpy sculpture, embroidery on canvas and either wire sculpture or pencil drawing.

This is the second summer for Spirit Art Camp. Those who came last year had a great time; this camp is Brynne approved.

For more details, talk to Chris Robertson or Sarah Beck.

Creating in the image of our Creator,
Chris Robertson, Art Director



222nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) June 18-25, 2016 in Portland, OR at the Oregon Convention Center

WHAT IS GA?

General Assembly (GA) is the bi-annual gathering of our denomination, the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). It is where business and concerns are brought before the whole church for discernment. But, as the largest gathering of Presbyterians in North America, it is a whole lot more. Worship is a constant heartbeat of GA; we celebrate mission, and it serves as a sort of family reunion.

GA is representative democracy at its best. Often changes to the Book of Order are brought to GA through overtures originating in sessions and presbyteries. At GA, committees review, debate and vote what to do with these overtures. Some of these make it to the floor (plenary sessions) for debate and vote. Some pass; some fail, and many are amended to reflect a broader understanding through GA conversations.

WHO COMES TO GA?

Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 171 PC(USA) presbyteries, coupled with other delegates and observers from around the world, will converge on the Oregon Convention Center (OCC) in downtown Portland for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering.

Hosted by the Presbytery of the Cascades and united under the theme "The Hope in Our Calling," from Ephesians 1:18, the General Assembly will include vibrant worship services, the election of the Moderator and Vice Moderator, and action on a variety of overtures and more.

The Opening Worship Service is on Saturday, June 18 at 11 a.m. EVERYONE IS INVITED. The service will last about 90 minutes.

STILL MANY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Many people have volunteered to help with General Assembly, but there are still volunteer vacancies that need to be filled. Please log on to <http://www.gaportland.com>. Click on Volunteer.

Some of the current needs include:

Airport Help-Desk Kiosk Support on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 16, 17 and 18.

Max Greeter - Oregon Convention Center Station, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Max Greeter - Pioneer Courthouse Station, Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Hotel greeters: There are still many slots available on Thursday and Friday, June 18 and 19 at 8 hotels in NE and SW Portland.

For more details, go to the website <http://www.gaportland.com>. Click on Volunteer.

When you volunteer, the following happens:

- The advance registration fee is waived (\$95 value)

- You receive a volunteer name badge which provides the same access as the GA Observer badge

- You may attend all worship services, committee meetings, business meetings (plenary), and you have access to the exhibit hall.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

TPC SUNDAY SCHOOL

Happy Mother's Day! On Sunday, May 8th, Family Ministries Elder, Christina Robertson and Director of Youth & Family Ministries, Sarah Beck, implemented a new Sunday school curriculum. The topic was focused on honoring Mothers. Chris and Sarah showed a video clip in the Youth room and taught a short Bible lesson on honoring our Mothers. Then the kids enjoyed a snack at "kid's coffee hour" and made a nice Mother's Day gift. Some of the feedback received from parents was as follows:

From one parent to another, "Sarah, thanks to you and your Mom for hosting Sunday School this morning. I love my bracelet!" – Angie (first time visitor)

Necklace (choker?) - Look what my son "made me in Sunday school for Mother's Day. He enjoyed Sunday school and wants to go back..." - Kitty



Mother's Day necklace



Our first kid's coffee hour



Kids working on their necklaces

BUILDING COMMUNITY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 15th and Sunday, May 22nd, the kids sat together at a large table downstairs. They used watercolor pencils, Sharpies, heavy paper and gel pens to illustrate what God represents to us and what we are thankful for right now. Several of the kids drew and painted pictures of their families and pets, while others drew "fire launchers" ...in honor of Pentecost. One child took colored construction paper, Scotch tape and scissors to make a 3-D image of "friends" with National flags representing Mexico and the United States and titled it "The Lord made us all friends Mexican or American."



Left: Rebecca Olsen and the kids are chatting during Sunday school.



Center: The kids are hard at work. Right: "The Lord made us all friends, Mexican or American. Lower right: Brynne's painting: "God is nice."



All of the kids took part in our Sunday school morning group conversation(s). Family Ministries Elder, Christina Robertson and Director of Youth & Family Ministries, Sarah Beck plan a new Sunday school curriculum that will run during the summer months.



THE AWAKENING

On Sunday, May 15th, Drew took part in his last official “Awakening” meeting with the high school kids; “Sarah Beck” the new Director of Youth & Family Ministries lead her first meeting. The goal for the evening was to get to know a little about Sarah and for Sarah to get to know a little about the high school kids.

Sarah shared a video she made for NW Regional ESD about how Northwest Regional ESD's Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special

Education staff and programs have supported her along her journey of parenting twin boys with autism. Then the group discussed (Sarah’s cause) “Special Education” and Drew’s cause (caring for the homeless). The remainder of the evening was spent answering icebreaker “get-to-know-you questions.” Some answers were very funny and some were more serious, but all in all, the answers the kids and youth leaders gave were very honest. How else would we learn that Drew took tap dancing lessons and wore a pink, sequined tuxedo. Awesome!

TREASURES AND THE BIRTHDAY BAGS

In honor of the TPC Tuesday’s Treasure group’s 15th birthday, the Treasures and TPC community donated boxes of cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, cups, napkins and other birthday items to brighten the birthdays of local children.

At their Treasure Night meeting, seventeen Treasures had great fun filling the bags with all the supplies needed for a birthday party. On Treasure Sunday, five days later, they presented the 60+ birthday bags during a special worship service attended by Treasures Erik, Rob, Neil, and Nick and his family. The festive, filled bags have been taken to the Tualatin Food Pantry and they will be passed on to hungry families who have a child celebrating a birthday.

As Rob said, We are especially grateful, God for these birthday bags. We give thanks for everyone who helped whether they went to the store or helped put them together, may these bags bring smiles and joy. May these bags show young people at the food panty that they matter - to you and to us. Amen.” Thanks to all for making this project a success.

Carolyn Locke, Treasures Coordinator



Left: Mike Shiffer and Jackie Norman offer bags for Mary Stuller to fill.

Center: Erik Spurrell displays the collection of birthday bags.

Right: Neil Krug and Nick Tietje enjoy the Treasures Sunday cake.

ELDERS AND DEACONS

On Sunday, May 22, during the worship service, Pastor Ken Evers-Hood thanked our outgoing elder and deacons who finished a three-year term: Building and Grounds Elder Bob Paetsch and Deacons Becky Backen, Karen Black, Rebecca Crall and Mary Maleta.

He then ordained and installed incoming, and returning, elders and deacons:

Judy Nix (second term as Human Resources Elder), Emily Ricker (second term as Fellowship and Member Integration Elder) and Greg Owen (returning Building and Grounds Elder, who has held this position previously) and Chris Robertson, Family Ministry Elder.

Deacons: Jan Bender, Gina Olson, Andrew Perkins and Pamela White.

LIGHTS IN THE SANCTUARY

Have you looked up in the Sanctuary lately? Noticed any additional light shining on Pastor Ken during his sermons? Members of the Tech Committee recently installed five LED spotlights in the vaulted area toward the back of the Sanctuary, just above the horizontal wooden beam. The purpose of these fixtures is to focus more light on Ken and to eliminate shadows that have been apparent in our website videos. The equipment will allow for the remote-controlled adjustment of the spot lights for other possible uses. Previously installed electronics will provide dimming capabilities, as well.

Bob Paetsch,

Now Retired Building and Grounds Elder



MAY SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At a special Session Meeting Sunday, May 15th, the interest of a small congregation in renting worship space was discussed, and discussions with them are continuing. An expenditure for enrollment in the Stephen Ministry program was approved.

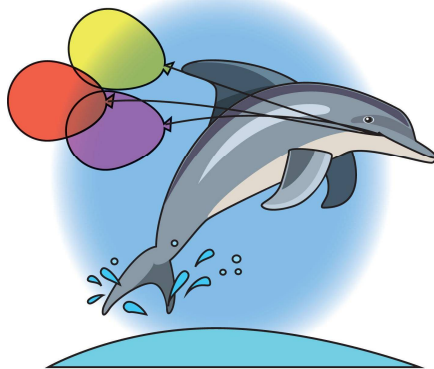
At the regular Session meeting, May 19th, newly elected ruling elders and deacons presented their faith statements, were examined and received by session. A six-month trial period with Vanco for on-line giving was approved.

Our hosting of 50 General Assembly delegates for worship and lunch on Sunday, June 19th is in full swing. Watch for opportunities to help. Also, there are still many opportunities and needs for volunteers for on-site help at the General Assembly meeting, June 18 through June 25.

The annual financial review of 2015 TPC 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 2015 Annual Report were found to be an accurate representation of the financial condition of the church. The review team made a few recommendations for implementation or further study by the finance committee.

The above information has been compiled from session minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02 - Paul Belz-Templeman
04 - Robert Eddy
04 - Bob Paetsch
04 - Michael Gambill
04 - Shari Olsen
06 - Rich Robertson
07 - Julian Awdry
07 - Bradley Olson
08 - Joan Beyer
08 - Jackie Norman
09 - Sarah Beck
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 - Gordy Winterrowd
21 - Elliot Grover
22 - Robert Belz-Templeman
23 - Kim Winslow
28 - Barbara Harriman
29 - Marilyn Staples-Sundt
30 - Herb Zachow
30 - Michele Crawford

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on About Us, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu..

JUNE 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	2 10 a.m. Project Linus 7 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal	3	4
5 8:45 Adult Edge class with Jennifer Bird 10:00 Worship Congregational Mtg Sunday School	6	7	8 10 a.m. Loving Stitches 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	9 7 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal	10 Treasure Dance at Sunset Presbyterian Church	11
12 8:45 Adult Ed class w/book author, Jennifer Bird 10:00 Worship Sunday School	13 7 p.m. Deacon Meeting	14 7 p.m. Mission meeting	15	16	17	18 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast General Assembly Starts
19 8:45 Adult Edge class 10:00 Worship Sunday School General Assembly Potluck	20	21 7 pm Session Meeting Start of Youth Mission Trip	22 10 a.m. Loving Stitches	23	24	25 General Assembly Ends
26 8:45 Adult Edge class 10:00 Worship Sunday School	27 End of Youth Mission Trip	28 9 a.m. July newsletter deadline	29	30		

2016 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 4/30/16	\$130,004	\$136,023	(\$6,019)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 4/30/16	\$127,726	\$135,243	\$7,517

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

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

Parish Associates: The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Craig Bowen, John Casebeer, Cathy Lambeth, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Bob Eddy, Susan Fee, Dianne Lemmon, Deborah Lewis, Bonnie Nord, Jackie Norman, Gina Olson, Andrew Perkins, and Pamela White.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer
Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov
Director of Youth and Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Art Director: Chris Robertson
Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall
Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall
Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst
Membership Coordinator: Jeni Wiggers
Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer
Parish Nurse: Dianne Lemmon
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus
Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers
Tuesdays Treasures Coordinator: Carolyn Locke
Webmaster: John Martin
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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