

WORDS FROM PASTOR KEN

Every May with great anticipation I look forward to our...session meeting. (Yup- our session meeting. Believe it or not!) Instead of conducting business or coping with the many challenges that arise from time to time, we take that evening to meet with our new officers and listen as they share with us their statements of faith. For many of them this is the first time they have ever been asked to write what they think and feel about their faith. And then to share this in front of a group of people they don't always know that well? It's an act that requires vulnerability and courage. And every year I am in awe that our officers show up to offer statements that are honest, raw, funny, painful, and deeply wise. A lot of churches don't do this. It takes time. It requires people to step out of their comfort zone. It's also one of the practices that I suspect makes this place so full of life. We can only move forward together to the extent that we trust one another. And we can only trust one another to the extent that we know one another. In sharing our faith- we share who we are at the deepest level.

Every year we print these statements of faith so everyone has a chance to get to know our new leaders. I realized I've never shared the statement I had to offer when I entered this Presbytery. So, before offering you the faith statements of our new deacons and elders I thought it only fair to share my own. Given the context of Presbytery my statement is a bit more theological and less personal, but I'm proud to claim this statement. I'd be interested to hear your reaction.

I trust in God who was revealed to a wandering Abraham and Sarah, a wonder working Moses, to justice seeking prophets, and came in the flesh through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I believe Scripture faithfully attests to God by the power of the Holy Spirit. I revel in God who "makes all things new" and continues to be revealed to the world in creative and surprising ways.

Before the world existed God danced a perichoretic circle as a Holy three-in-one, a community that was, is, and ever shall be. As beings created in the image of this triune God, we are also created for relationships marked by such equity and love.

For me this relational God is most fully revealed in the life, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During his life, Jesus' ministry was marked by boundary breaking love. Jesus' crucifixion demonstrates the radical stance God adopts with respect to all creation: this God is for us, even to the point of suffering death on a cross. Jesus' resurrection is an eschatological event anticipating God's coming realm of peace, love, and justice. The resurrection frustrates human desire to fully systematize and understand God and stands as God's promise that nothing, not even death on a cross, will stand in the way of God being with and for us.

Jesus Christ is the one Word of God, and by the power of the Holy Spirit God seals this Word on our hearts through the words written in scripture, proclaimed through preaching, and sealed by baptism and communion. The sacraments are visible means of God's invisible grace with the potential to reunite all the brothers and sisters of Christ's splintered body composing the church universal.

The Christian life is a life of paradox: Christians are at the same time justified and broken by sin. Christ frees believers to pursue sanctification by means of the Holy Spirit, and yet the folks I've most respected in the faith acknowledge we will only attain true wholeness when we meet God face to face and every tear is wiped away. The main distinctive, then, of Christian life is less a rigid theological orthodoxy or a liberal orthopraxy- but a humility and grace-fullness that comes from authentically living into faith, this gift of the Holy Spirit that nurtures our belief and sustains in our doubt.

For me Paul sums up most eloquently my attitude of trust in this living, triune God: "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39



TUESDAY'S TREASURES: May 15, 2018

We were honored to have members of the TPC Session join us for the beginning of our celebration of Carolyn. Session officially decreed that May 15 would forever be designated “**Carolyn Locke Day**” at TPC (mark your calendar). Following a Carolyn tradition, Ken wrote and presented a poem honoring Carolyn. Each Treasure was invited to express something they liked about Carolyn. Phrases like “loving,” “welcoming,” “cards sent to camp” and “loves God” were common themes. We continued to celebrate Carolyn in song, an audience participation story, a touching letter from Steve Ristow, founder of the program, and presentation of a beautiful Mary Shiffer created quilt honoring Carolyn. Treasures made thank you cards for Carolyn and we ended the evening with cake! We are so blessed to have this program at TPC. Thank you Carolyn for 17 years of organization and love – you are a true Treasure and we will miss you.

Mike Shiffer, on behalf of all the TPC Treasures and Treasure Volunteers



Photographs by
The Rev. Dick Wiggers



Mike Shiffer asked me (Carolyn Locke) to give the opening prayer for our Treasure Night. Because I will be moving, it seemed fitting to reflect over our 17 years of Treasure Nights. Here's what I shared:

*Dear God we're glad for this beautiful day
And for this time to gather to pray.*

*We're thankful for all our friendships here
As we begin our Treasure Night's 18th year.*

*Over this time we've had lots of fun
With songs, crafts, and birthdays for everyone.*

*We've had awesome carnivals with fun-filled games
And we've called each other some crazy names
(Cliff Hanger, Susie, Mike/Mike/Mike/mic)*

*The visiting dogs are a most special treat.
They love the attention from the Treasures they meet.*

*But most important are the stories we've told
About our dear Jesus in times of old.*

*We've acted out the special Christmas night,
And the Easter day when he rose out of sight.*

*We know He will guide us and hear our prayers
Because He loves us and shows us He cares.*

*At Treasure nights we are all special here
As children of God we're loved, it's clear.*

*So we'll share love and kindness till we meet again
And thank God for blessing us all. Amen.*

Little did I know that Mike, Mary, Denise and others had planned this Treasure Night to surprise and thank me. (Yes, I was surprised!) In 2001 God called me to start our group and I am so grateful for the privilege of coordinating TPC Treasures since then. Awesome volunteers will keep the program going, serving the Treasures in our community and beyond.

Carolyn Locke, Outgoing TPC Treasures Coordinator

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Join us on **Saturday, May 26**, at 5 pm at the Tigard High School parking lot for “*Drive In, Sleep Out!*” \$5 per person buys a burger or hotdog, drink, chips, etc. Enjoy the fun. If you registered your car for \$25, you are entitled to a parking spot (there will be a parking area for TPCers), a delicious BBQ dinner for up to five people in your group, family friendly live music, and an indoor kid-friendly movie. Either way, come, if you are in town, and enjoy the fun.

You can sign up as **Driver** and sleep in your car; you’ll get breakfast in the morning. Or, you can sign up as a **Backseat Driver**, enjoy all the activities and go home and sleep in your own bed. Either way, we would love for you to do a little fund-raising with your family and friends. There are prizes for most funds raised.

Ken and Sarah have registered cars in this race to help make a difference for families and children who do not have a safe place to sleep each night. If you would like to support Family Promise, make your check out to TPC and write Family Promise on the memo line – you can put the check in the collection plate or give it to Judy Nix.

To register or donate online, go to <https://www.familypromiseoftv.org/> With your support, we’ll make a difference in the lives of homeless children and their families.

ADULT EDGE will not meet Sunday, May 27. In June, Adult Edge will begin a four-week DVD class, *Way of Life* by Brian McLaren. This study will help class members approach and engage the spiritual, theological, and missional proposals in McLaren’s 2016 book, *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World’s Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian*. Participants will explore McLaren’s proposal that shifting from a belief-based focus to a new way of life based on love can lead to more redemptive communities and practices. McLaren challenges readers to focus less on doctrine and more on new ways of reading Scripture and practicing love as manifested in the life of Jesus.

Adult Edge will then take a summer break during the months of July and August. Class will resume in September after Labor Day.



RING A HANDBELL - Sunday, June 10

Sunday, June 10, join us up front after worship and give handbell ringing a try. There are a range of sizes to choose from. Come fall the choir will have several openings.

GREETINGS TO THE TPC FAMILY

This will be my first summer at TPC. Even though the vocal choir and the handbell choir take the summer off, I have been told that TPC has a wonderful tradition of people offering their talents during worship in the summer months.

I would like to ask those who would like to offer their talents to the glory of God to please contact me via email or even talk to me before, during, or after Sunday worship in the coming weeks so I can get you on the schedule.

The following Sundays are open: June (24, 31), July (1,8,15,22,29), August (5,12,19,26).

As I get to know all of you and your many talents, there will be opportunities during the coming year to share your gifts. I am still trying to find my way around TPC and get to know everyone. :-)

I look forward to meeting and talking with you about sharing your talents this summer!

Blessings,
Gary Young, garywayneyoung@gmail.com



FAMILY MINISTRY

Doesn't this look like fun?! Sarah Beck took the youth to the SW Community Center after church on Sunday, May 20.

**SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
May 15, 2018**

The following newly elected officers were accepted and began their terms of office as follows:

Elders Class of 2021: Maureen Wolf, Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin.

Deacons Class of 2021: Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal.

The annual Financial Review performed by the Finance Committee was reviewed and approved. The Review concluded that the Financial Reports provided to the congregation were accurate and complete.

Thanks to Bonnie Nord who has accepted the volunteer position of Coffee Host Coordinator.

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

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

**SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS AND
USHERS NEEDED at 9:30 am**

Every Sunday two people stand by the front door of the church and greet people as they arrive. Two additional people stand near the glass doors leading into the sanctuary and pass out bulletins. Can you help in May, June or July? There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please choose a date that works for you and sign up. Thank you.

Additional details: The front door greeters are also asked to help pass the offering plates. The usher/bulletin people are asked to take a microphone to those who wish to speak during Joys and Concerns and to help pass the offering plates.

POEM FOR DICK WIGGERS

I have a good friend named Dick.
He ministers to those who are sick.

He was hit with a stroke
A switch flipped and he spoke!

We rejoice he recovered so quick.

With prayers for a 'normal' day.

Carolyn Locke

SAFETY

Was your home built between 1970 and 1985? If so, it is possible your pipes could be adding lead to your water which is a major health threat, especially for children and pregnant women. You may be eligible for a free lead-in-water test kit. To find out how to have a kit sent to you or for more information about how to protect your family from lead you can go to the LeadLine at www.leadline.org.

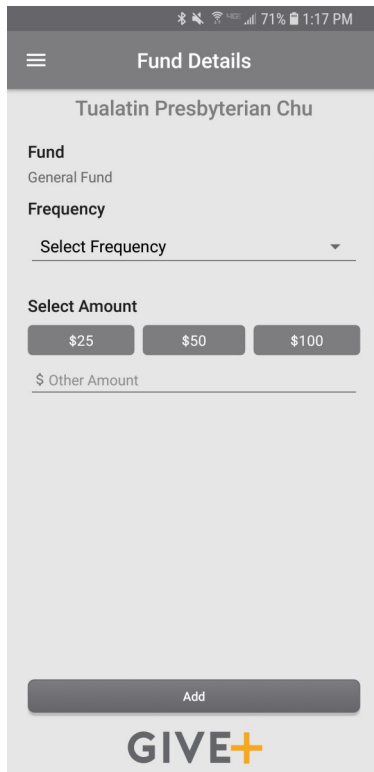
Susan Fee RN, Parish Nurse



It seems like there is a smartphone app for everything these days - paying for coffee, checking in for a flight, arranging for a ride - it's because apps make life easier. We're introducing Give+, a mobile app that allows you to support TPC in a safe, quick and convenient way. You can get started by going to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download for free. For more information, or for assistance, contact our Financial Assistant, Mike Shiffer in the church office of by email at finance@tpcspirit.org.

Benefits for You

- Quickly and easily donate using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account
- Make one-time donations or set up recurring giving
- Choose to create an account (recommended) or donate as a guest.
- Securely and conveniently manage donations using Touch ID/ Fingerprint, PIN or password.



Here's what the app screen looks like.

TAX TIP ON CHARITABLE GIVING

Charitable givers older than age 70-1/2 with an IRA account may find it beneficial to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** from an IRA to a favorite charity. Such a distribution is made directly from the IRA to a qualified charity and limited to \$100,000 annually. A **Qualified Charitable Distribution** from an IRA can be counted as part of the required annual minimum distribution and is excluded from taxable income. This is especially advantageous when a taxpayer is taking the standard deduction. With changes to the tax law, fewer taxpayers will be itemizing deductions, the means by which donations to charity are deductible.

Specific IRS regulations can be complex as to the type of eligible IRA and how the direct contribution is made. If you are older than 70-1/2 with an IRA account, consult your tax advisor as well as your IRA institutional holder to determine if you might benefit by donating through your IRA.

If you have any questions about setting up your donations to TPC, please contact our financial assistant, Mike Shiffer (finance@tpcspirit.org).

Happy Giving!

Maureen Wolf, Jennifer Ayers, Carolyn Barker, Joan Nardi, Mike Shiffer
TPC Finance Team

ITEMS LEFT ON RACK IN HALLWAY

Please check the rack to see if an item hanging there belongs to you. Items left on the rack, over time, are tagged with a date. After two months items still hanging on the rack will be donated.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES

are available on the table to the right as you enter the office. If we run out, more will be printed.

2018 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 4/30/18	\$159,408	\$151,264	8,144
Operating Expenses Year to Date 4/30/18	\$141,664	\$146,377	\$4,713

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on What's Happening, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu.

June, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	4	5	6 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	7 10 am Project Linus 7 pm Bell rehearsal	8	9
10 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship - Family Ministry	11 7 pm Deacon meeting	12 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision	13 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	14	15	16
17 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Community Art	18	19 7 pm Session Meeting	20	21 10-11:30 am Book Group #1	22	23
24 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Community Art	25	26 9 am July newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry	27 10 am Loving Stitches	28 10-11:30 am Book Group #2	29	30
	-----Summer Program in the morning ----- -----Art Camp in the afternoon-----					



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02-Paul Belz-Templeman
04-Bob Eddy
04-Michael Gambill
04-Shari Olsen
04-Bob Paetsch
05-Connie Myers

06-Rich Robertson
07-Julian Awdry
07- Bradley Olson
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-Elliott Grover
21-Gordy Winterrowd
22-Robert Belz-Templeman
23-Lincoln Redding
23-Kim Winslow
28-Barbara Harriman
29-Marilyn Staples-Sundt
29-Gary Young
30-Michele Crawford
30-Herb Zachow



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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, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Gina Olson, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal, Pamela White and Chapin Zakrzewski.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch

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: Diane Paetsch

Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coordinator: Carolyn Locke

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.

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