



Hello Tualatin Presbyterian Church,

I am so excited to be with you for the month of June! I have heard a little bit about TPC from Pastor Ken, and I am already impressed with your creativity, openness, resilience, and flexibility. I am grateful to have the opportunity beginning June 1 to join in the tradition of people who have been a part of your community, even if it is just for one month this summer.

Some of my particular ministry interests are in areas of queer biblical interpretation, sex and body positivity, and liberation theology. I am looking forward to learning more about your

own passions, and seeing the ways these interests will show up in our time together. As you might already know, I am also an author, a community organizer, and a mom of two Black teenage girls (Jessica, the tall one, and Alice, the shorter one). All of these parts of my identity work in tandem with one another and inform how I operate as a pastor. I do a lot of public ministry as well; leading workshops, writing articles, and creating online ministry communities. If you are interested and have time, you are invited to participate in any of those events as well. You can find a lot of my online ministry at my public [Facebook page](#), by checking out the calendar on my [website](#), or by clicking through some of the links on my [linktree here](#).

Most of all, I am looking forward to our time together because, from what I have heard, TPC is the sort of place that I believe I can bring my whole self. I have heard that you are able to be in deep relationship with one another despite your differences, that you welcome risk-takers and people who think outside the box. I am hopeful that when they join us for online worship, my children will feel included and safe, even though our multi-racial, queer, family formed by adoption might be different than the stereotypical nuclear family. Many of us who have felt harmed or excluded by society – especially by the church – know how rare of a quality that is. It is a beautiful witness of God’s scandalous, ever-widening love that I can bring all of who I am into this space. I hope you will feel safe to be your whole selves with me, too. Like all communities, I am sure that TPC has challenges. I know you will be missing Pastor Ken. But I am so excited to grow in relationship with each one of you through our time together and to see the unique ways that the Divine is at work in your lives.

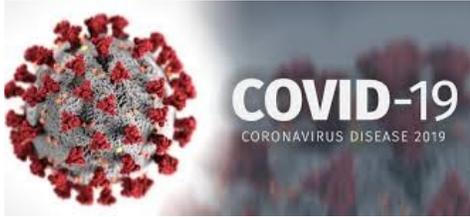
In Christ,  
Elle Dowd  
she/her/her’s  
Author, Educator, Candidate for Ministry

## **PASTOR KEN IS ON SABBATICAL**

Three individuals will cover for Ken in his absence, one in June, one in July and one in August. Each will preach and lead Sunday morning worship, moderate our zoom room after worship on Sunday morning, and lead morning prayer during the week. For the month of June, we welcome Elle Dowd!



The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers will moderate session and care for emergent situations on the ground while Ken is gone.



## COVID UPDATE

Happy June Everyone. We seem to be gaining ground on this nasty virus. I hope you have all been vaccinated. I know we all want to enjoy the summer with friends and family. Even if you have been fully vaccinated, please keep the following safety recommendations from the Oregon Health Authority in mind. Just like with the flu shot, the Covid-19 vaccine is not 100% effective.

Chi Pisa La Chike (Choctaw for “Until We Meet Again”; I am part Choctaw)  
Susan Fee, TPC Parish Nurse

### **Celebrate life events in the safest way this summer**

Summer is on the way and some of you may be planning to marry, or celebrate an anniversary, graduation, or other significant event. Celebrating life events in person is something many of us have missed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With vaccination as a tool for protection, you may be able to start thinking about resuming these celebrations. Once Oregon meets the statewide vaccination target of 70%, many restrictions will be lifted, but hosting the safest event will still require precautions.

Here’s what to keep in mind when planning a summer celebration:

- Outdoor events are generally much safer than indoor events.
- Wearing face coverings slows the spread of COVID-19.
- Limit capacity to allow for spacing between guests.
- Vaccination reduces the spread of COVID-19 and prevents severe illness and hospitalization in most people.

Follow local guidance while risk levels remain in place. <https://sharedsystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le3461.pdf>

You’ll also need to follow Oregon Health Authority guidance for your event:

Outdoors in public venues like a garden, follow [“Outdoor Entertainment Establishments”](#).

Indoor in public spaces, follow [“Indoor Entertainment Establishments”](#).

In a religious institution such as a temple, mosque, synagogue or church, follow [the guidance](#) for Faith institutions.



### **DEACON SUMMER FUN!**

Deacons are excited to see all of you! As COVID restrictions lift a bit we would like to create some summer fun for all of us!

Deacons are planning small group outside gatherings at TPC for June, July, and August. Ice Cream Happy Hours! You will receive an email invite from your Deacon. We plan to gather two parishes together at a time. Just need to RSVP, wear a mask, and bring a folding chair.

Car parades are revving up again for June, July, and August. If you would like to be part of the car line up, email Carolyn Hale ([halec@teleport.com](mailto:halec@teleport.com)). Carolyn will put you on the email list and just respond to the dates when you can participate. So much fun to decorate our cars, make some noise, and spread joy to everyone!

The Deacons

**SAVE THE DATE - MARC OLSON CELEBRATION OF LIFE - SUNDAY, AUG. 8th, 2 TO 5 PM**  
Neil, Bradley, Leah, and I would love to invite you to celebrate Marc's life during an open house in our home on Sunday, August 8th from 2 to 5pm. If you would like to join us, please watch for additional details in the July and August TPC newsletters. You are also welcome to contact Gina at [mgolson5@comcast.net](mailto:mgolson5@comcast.net). Additionally, we are producing a celebration of life video that we will be making available on or before August 8th for anyone who would like to celebrate Marc. We are very thankful for all of you and your kindness during Marc's battle with ALS and after he passed. Our church community helped us face this time with grace and strength. We are forever grateful.  
Gina Olson

### **THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US GOING!**

The TPC Finance Committee would like to thank all those who have continued to support TPC through your pledges and regular donations. We are a little behind in our expected support, so this is a friendly reminder to continue your faithful support of TPC as you are able. Donations can be mailed to the church or made online on the church website. From the church website, [tpcspirit.org](http://tpcspirit.org), just click GIVE at the top of the page and then click "Give Now". You will be able to make a one-time contribution or set up regularly scheduled contributions. Mike, our financial assistant, will be sending year-to-date giving statements via email in early July. If you want a statement before then, or if you have questions, you can contact Mike Shiffer at [finance@tpcspirit.org](mailto:finance@tpcspirit.org)



TPC's next grocery delivery week is June 7. If you would like to make a donation, send it to TPC and label it for Family Promise. Also if you need to downsize, they need queen or twin mattresses and bed frames. THANKS so much!!

One of TPC's youth, Emma Swanson made and sold bracelets and donated all the money to Family Promise. (Her parents matched the donation). Her \$500 donation was very much appreciated.

Below is information from the Day Center - Family Promise Giving Day was a huge success raising nearly \$13,000! With our matching grant of \$10,000 from Family Promise national this will give us \$23,000 to put toward our PREVENTION program. THANK YOU for supporting FPTV and our efforts to help keep people in their homes. We couldn't do this without your help.

Below is a story about one family that reflects how Family Promise weekly food delivery is appreciated. Andrea and her 2 young children entered shelter after the death of a relative and subsequent loss of housing. Exhausted, full of grief, and fear, Andrea recounted the years she has experienced cyclical homelessness. Many hardships and challenges throughout the last several years disrupted Andrea's progress towards housing stability for herself and her children. Weekly, our case manager, Leah, would meet with Andrea to work through the steps towards rehousing by resolving barriers and to deliver the weekly food support provided by our volunteers. Andrea would surprise the team with the amount of work she would accomplish in one day. Before we knew it her barriers were addressed and it was time to start the apartment hunt. It was as if nothing was going to stand in her way! One day, Andrea was working with Leah over the phone. Her children could be heard in the background asking 'Mom, who's on the phone, who are you talking with?' in response, Andrea shared "it's the fishy lady." Andrea explained to Leah that the kids excitedly look forward to the weekly food delivery because they always receive a box of goldfish.

As you can see, your support is so appreciated. THANKS  
Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen - FPTV Coordinators

### **DEACONS AND ELDERS ELECTED at Virtual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 23, 2021**

Newly elected officers take office on June 1, 2021.

Deacons elected: Linda Fukasawa Class of 2023, and Rosemary Willis, Class of 2023

Elders elected:

Family Ministry: Sandy Gurney, Class of 2023

Finance and Administration: Lynne Nielson, Class of 2024

Worship: Dave Backen, Class of 2023

Two elder positions remain open: Mission and Connections.

Our newly elected clerk of session is Craig Bowen. Thank you, Liz Belz-Templeman, for your service.

## LOG COLLEGE PROJECT

Tualatin Presbyterian Church was selected by Princeton Theological Seminary to receive a \$15,000 innovation grant as part of the Log College Project. The Log College Project is a grant for building new ministries that take theology and young people seriously; our design team offered our young people mini-grants. The kids worked from their homes on individual ministries focused on social justice and community needs. These projects helped us enable our young people to experience Christianity in a way that encourages empowerment and resilience during these unprecedented times. The following are short descriptions of the nine individual ministries funded by the Log College Project.



**Rachel Maxwell** chose to support a black, woman-owned business in Los Angeles, California called, Shon Simon, Co, that manufactures COVID-19 masks and sells them in bulk. She emailed several homeless shelters, health care providers, and resource centers that support underserved families in our local community and offered to donate masks as her Log College project. Six hundred masks were shipped to her house. Rachel divided up the masks and delivered them to the Good Neighbor Center, Love, Inc. and the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center. The Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center sent Rachel a thank you letter for all her support. Rachel continues to follow Shone Simon on Instagram.



**Anya Ramos** worked with author, public speaker, actress, screenwriter, and former model who left acting and modeling after a long battle with anorexia and bulimia, among other things, Reema Zaman <https://www.reemazaman.com> . Anya met with Reema in January 2021 via Zoom and decided to hire Reema to present her story and co-facilitate an open virtual dialog about anorexia, bulimia and how to offer emotional, social and spiritual support to friends and family members going through this experience. The presentation took place on Sunday, April 18th; it was open to the entire church community. Anya paid Reema \$1,400.00 for her time. She also purchased copies of Reema's memoir, I Am Yours for approximately \$100.00, which Reema signed for the kids who participated in the dialog.



**Monica Gibson** emailed several homeless shelters in Portland and inquired about their need for art supplies. Several shelters responded with a list of what they could use. Monica chose four small businesses in Portland from which to purchase the art supplies. They are as follows: Scrap, Ecrú Modern Stationer, Collage, and Wallace Books in Sellwood. She made lists of items for purchase, bought, organized and made arrangements to deliver the art supplies to all the homeless shelters on Saturday, May 15th. LeAnn Dolan, owner of ECRU Modern Stationer, sent Monica a heartfelt thank you email for supporting her business. Wallace Books continues to donate adult coloring books to Monica's ministry and Transition Project featured Monica in one of their Instagram posts.



**Jackson Allee** chose to create a "lawyer trust account" at Marandas Sinlapasai Garcia, LLC to assist individuals seeking immigration legal services. Attorney John Marandas reduced fee consultations (from \$200 to \$150) as well as other legal fees or expenses such as DACA filing fees. Jackson met with John Marandas at his office in Lake Oswego on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. John wanted to thank him in-person for supporting immigrants and refugees. Jackson has input regarding how the funds are spent.



**Ryleigh Christopherson-Engh** commissioned George Fox art student, Nicole Williford, to create a piece of artwork about the importance of Black Lives Matter and climate change. She created a moodboard of images that illustrated her passion for social justice. Art is something that connects with all kinds of people when they are at a loss for words. Nicole made the art piece out of recycled materials. She completed her work of art on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Ryleigh donated the piece to Princeton Theological Seminary.



**Ella Evers-Hood** used her culinary gifts and talents to create and prepare a four-course meal for 30+ people living at a homeless shelter during the COVID-19 pandemic. She went through cookbooks looking for the perfect dinner, sides, drinks and dessert recipes. Ella went shopping for ingredients on Wednesday and purchased all new containers, jars, kitchen utensils and reusable shopping bags to make and store her meals; she spent about \$500. On Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> (Ella's birthday weekend) she cooked all day and delivered her no-contact meals to the shelter in the evening. In addition, she decided to give the remainder of her Log College budget to the shelter. It's enough to feed 2 children for a month (2 x \$200.00), provide a meal for a family of 4 (4 x \$25.00), and pay the first month's subsidized rent for a family in the Home Stabilizing Program (\$500.00).



**Lauren Ayers** volunteers at the Tualatin Valley Family Promise, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to serving families with children who are homeless. As the Family Promise program assists families with finding new homes, the program is unable to offer furnished move-in ready apartments. Community Warehouse partners with Family Promise. They are a local furniture bank that collects donated home goods and works with social service agencies to give away items to people who need them. Families are able to go into the warehouse and "shop" for the items they need to fully furnish their new homes for \$400.00. Community Warehouse will also deliver furniture, and set up beds for kids. Lauren paid for four families to begin their new lives with fully furnished apartments they can call home.

<https://www.communitywarehouse.org/>



**Emma Swanson** is making and selling bracelets. She is selling them for \$2.00 apiece for charity. She wants to help kids in her community who are homeless and who need books, food, and toys. She said, "I'm going to cuddle with my Log College money at night and then give it away." Emma made \$500 and chose to donate it to Family Promise.

**Special thank you** to the Log College Design Team and Sarah Beck, the Director of Family Ministries, who worked with the youth during the life of this three-year grant. It took a lot of work, imagination and dedication. Well done!!!

The Design Team Members were: Ken Hood, Ella Evers-Hood, Susan Cameron, Patrick Ramos, Karen Ramos, Anya Ramos, Bob Paetsch, Renee James, Jean Martin, Jeff Engh, Ryleigh Christopherson-Engh, John Casebeer, and Ian Swanson, as well as parents, grandparents, mentors kids and helpers.

## REFLECTIONS

The first Cedar Waxwing I recall seeing appeared in the cherry tree, right on the property line in our Sherwood backyard. I was gobsmacked. Back then I could not have told you the difference between a Sparrow or Finch, an Anna's or a Rufous. I just knew it was, in my opinion, a medium size bird with some fawn, pale yellow and black colorings with bright red tips on the wings. After they flew I scanned the yard for hours hoping to catch one more glimpse. I remember searching the computer for quite some time trying to identify exactly what that magical creation was called.



Fast forward to now, so many years past that initial sighting, I still get absolutely giddy when I spot the Waxwings, or a species I've yet to meet. A few weeks back after returning from our new birding haunt, I looked out at the feeders and foraging on the ground was such a friend. It was small and looked much like many sparrows that frequent this area. There was one difference that my brain immediately honed in on; it had a rufous-colored head. "Ahhh," I said to myself, "That is a Chipping Sparrow." I grabbed my camera and ever so slowly opened the door hoping to get a picture. That little guy made it quite easy and I had the privilege of taking his portrait several times over a three-day period.

Much like anything in life, we continue to learn about the things we love. We study, research, listen, try and fail, all in an effort to hone a skill or master a passion. It is humbling to have someone ask me about a bird. I am still a rank amateur in my birding community, but I delight in knowing my passion has perhaps ignited an interest in birds and birding to those around me.

One day I told Dave I believe people at TPC may think birding is all I know. That is probably correct. What you may not know is I am passionate about poetry and gardening, baking and politics. Those things might be revealed if we spend some time together and a mutual trust is established. Like the Hummingbirds and Waxwings did for me, my wish is for each of us to find at least one thing that makes us radiate with happiness when it is spoken about. It is a great jumping off point and icebreaker to perhaps even more life-enhancing moments and intimate conversations.

Rebecca Backen

**TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY** has volunteer opportunities for you. You can sign up to help pack food boxes or load food into client vehicles at [schoolhousepantry.org/signup](http://schoolhousepantry.org/signup). News slots are added on the 15th of each month. June slots are available now! **Items needed currently include:** chili, canned pasta, toilet paper, canned meats (all varieties) and birthday bag supplies for kids (cake mix, frosting, party plates/cups/napkins). Donation times: Mon 830-1130 and 3-7pm, Tues 930-1130, Wed 830-1 & Fri 830-1pm. Thank you for all your donations. Mike Shiffer



**SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS**  
Sunday, May 16  
at 7 PM  
outside at TPC

## VIRTUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE REV. CHARLIE BROWN, WAS SUN., MAY 23

The edited recording of Charlie's memorial is ready. You can view the video from the link(s) and you can download it. Note that the two hour video is very large (7.22 GB) so you might want to download it to a flash drive.

Click this link to go directly to the video  [Remembering Charlie Brown](#)

The actual link is very long; here is a shortcut you can type into your browser [bit.ly/CTBrown](https://bit.ly/CTBrown)



Rick Norse passed away on Sunday, May 30. Please keep Rachel, David and Eric in your prayers.

# JUNE TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) and click on EVENTS.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>2</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>3</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>4</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>7</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>8</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>9</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>10</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	<b>11</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>12</b> Tualatin High School Graduation
<b>13</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>14</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon meeting/Zoom	<b>15</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session meeting on Zoom	<b>16</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>17</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	<b>18</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>21</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>22</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom 9 am July newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>23</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>24</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>25</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10:10 am on-line worship at <a href="http://www.tpcspirit.org">www.tpcspirit.org</a> Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>28</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>29</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>30</b> 9 am prayer on Zoom	<b>Red Cross Blood Drive, Tuesday, August 24, 12:30 to 6 pm</b>	For updated church directory, send email to <a href="mailto:office@tpcspirit.org">office@tpcspirit.org</a> .	



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02-Paul Belz-Templeman  
04-Robert Eddy  
04-Shari Olsen  
04-Robert Paetsch  
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-Mike Nelson  
13-Rob Ayers  
14-Carolyn Hale  
14-Marilyn Wood  
15-Diane Adams

16-Russ Murphy  
17-Bill Dunlap  
17-Judy Nix  
21-Gordy Winterrowd  
22-Robert Belz-Templeman  
23-Lincoln Redding  
28-Barbara Harriman  
29-Marilyn Staples-Sundt  
30-Herb Zachow

TPC 2021 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 4/30/21	\$131,721	\$138,380	(\$6,659)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 4/30/21	\$129,598	\$144,015	\$14,417

The church office is closed due to COVID-19.  
The building is not available for meetings.

Worship with us on line, Sundays at 10:10 am.  
Go to the church website, [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)  
Or Facebook, or YouTube.

To leave a message, call at 503-692-4160.



2021



Preaching/recording during a pandemic.

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**Worship Service – Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on line at [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood, on sabbatical June through August, 2021

**Parish Associate:** The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

**Elders:** Dave Backen, Sandy Gurney, Lynne Neilson, Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos, Ian Swanson

**Deacons:** Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Linda Fukasawa, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schippleit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal and Rosemary Willis.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Emily Bavaro

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: Craig Bowen

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Technology Chair: John Martin

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Video Editor: Open - Mike Shiffer covering. Thanks, Mike.

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

**The office is closed. Can leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.**