



## HOW DO YOU EAT AN ELEPHANT?

### Questions and Answers About Searching For a New Pastor

by Rev. Ken Henry, Interim Pastor

For the next several months, I hope this column, “How Do You Eat An Elephant?” will help answer any questions you may have regarding how Presbyterians go about calling pastors to serve their congregations. Laying aside the answer “One bite at a time,” Presbyterians do have an ordered process for calling pastors and getting congregations ready to receive new pastoral leadership.

### What is a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and when can we have one?

The TPC Session is currently creating a timeline for both a meaningful and expedient search process. So far, this timeline includes an online survey, small group informational gatherings, re-writing the current mission statement (i.e. found in the bulletin each Sunday) and answering certain questions that will guide the PNC in their work. According to *The Book of Order*:

The Session shall call a congregational meeting to elect a pastor nominating committee (PNC) that shall be representative of the whole congregation. The committee’s duty shall be to nominate a pastor for election by the congregation.” (G-2.0802)

We have yet to determine how large the PNC committee will be, but the Session hopes to have a congregational meeting by mid-October to nominate and elect a PNC.

### Who can serve on the PNC? Who can vote for the new pastor?

If you are an active member and on the membership rolls of Tualatin Presbyterian Church, you could be asked to serve on the PNC. Other qualifications for serving on this very important committee are as follows: worship attendance, committee involvement, leadership, and a passion for the current and future life of this congregation. The Session will also be looking to nominate members who are faithful, loving, supportive, and willing to work cooperatively with other committee members. **Only active members** can vote for the new pastor. Again, according to the *Book of Order*, “All active members of the congregation are entitled to vote. [This includes] calling a pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor.” ( G-1.0501, G-1.0503)

That said, if you want to serve on the PNC or vote for the next pastor, consider becoming an active member this summer. I know some of you have attended TPC for several years now. Why not become a member? Maybe, this is right time. It’s not that hard.



### What’s the name of that very cute stuffed elephant in the narthex?

We have yet to assign an official name to the church elephant. But we’re open to suggestions. If you have a name that fits, please let Sarah Beck or Susan Springer know. Everyone and every creature needs a name--even elephants.

Ken Henry, Interim Pastor



**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BUD BENDER** will be **Friday, June 2 at 11 am** at Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Bud said he wants this to be a joyous occasion. With that in mind, please wear orange (Bud's favorite color) or Hawaiian attire to the memorial service.



**BELLS OF THE CASCADES** is an advanced nonprofit community handbell choir from the greater Portland, Oregon area. From its beginning in 1990, Bells of the Cascades' mission has been to advance handbell ringing through performance and education.

This bell choir rehearses on Tuesday nights downstairs here at TPC. The results of all this rehearsing will be shared at two concerts they are presenting in June. Details below.

**A Handbell Concert - From Sea to Skye**

**Sat., June 3 at 7 pm at Salmon Creek United Methodist Church, 11217 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA**

**Sunday, June 4 at 2 pm, Concert at Tualatin Presbyterian Church**

**Editor's Note: This is a really good bell choir. If you have never heard an advanced hand bell choir perform, here is your opportunity. If you have heard this choir ring, you know just how good they are. Debbie Ivanov, our TPC bell choir director, is a member of this choir.**

Admission is \$15 adults, \$5 students, children under 6 free, and as always, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Tickets can be purchased at the door with cash, card, or check.

For more information: website <https://www.bellofthecascades.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/bellofthecascades>



**SIX NEW MEMBERS**

We are delighted to welcome six new members to TPC. They will be introduced during the **June 11th** worship service. They are: LaVette Columbo, Peggy and Glen Kelley, Sharon and Dave Grove and Miran Park

**PEACE POLE - Dedication Service**

On Sunday, June 11 there will be a short dedication service after worship at the Peace Pole located near the Tualatin Presbyterian Church sign at the corner of Boones Ferry Road and S.W. Siletz Drive.

**WHAT IS A PEACE POLE?** In 1955 a Japanese Philosopher, Masahisa Goi, coined the phrase "May Peace Prevail on Earth." By 1976 the idea of placing Peace Poles on display as a visual representation of Peace began to grow. With over 200,000 Peace Poles displayed worldwide, they come in an variety of languages, materials and sizes. The languages on the signs are selected by the sponsoring organization and generally represent the population in the community.

Julie Nader



**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE** - TPC needs volunteers to help prep, serve and clean up coffee service on the following dates. **June 11, June 18 and June 25.**

(Arrive 20 minutes early and stay about 30 minutes after service)

If you would like to sign up, you can click the link below OR just email me the date you can help.

THANKS so much for lending a helping hand.

([https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545abaa2da4fb6-coffee#/\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090545abaa2da4fb6-coffee#/)

Thanks, Derrilyn Bayha, 661-747-8447

### COFFEE CONNECTION

What fun our May gathering was. Bunny Lewis shared her Kenya mission trip with us through slides and stories. Eighteen women attended. Dianne Lemmon graciously hosted the gathering at her home. June's Coffee Connection will be at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, June 13th** at the Marquis Community Center, 19805 SW Community Center, Tualatin. This is an informal time to connect over coffee or tea and get to know each other better.

Judy Nix



### MEN'S GROUP MEETING

**Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in TPC narthex**

The Men's June Saturday Meeting will meet on June 17th, 2023, a week later than normal due to high school graduations! Everyone is invited 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Donuts and coffee included!

Sarah Beck, TPC Director of Family Ministries and Sandy Gurney, TPC Family Ministries Elder will talk about the church's Children's Programs. As written in TPC's Annual Report, "TPC practices an open door, holistic approach to family ministry which means we learn as we go in conversation with God and each other building community in sustained relationship over time, embodying hospitality, kindness, and compassion, as well as developing our moral compass rooted in a Christ like life!" Fun activities are a priority as well as constructive projects in the TPC Community. There may be future opportunities for the men's group to partner with the TPC youth in helping people who are in need. Please come and listen to the opportunities for the youth of TPC and find out how we can help them reach their goals! Call Dale MacHaffie if you have questions 503-784-2476!



### FAMILY PROMISE - There is lots going on and there are lots of opportunities to volunteer.

Currently Family Promise families are mostly housed at the Quality Inn in Tigard. Volunteers help run the food pantry, shop for groceries and provide a hot meal on Saturdays. Special THANKS to Dee Dee Hansen for doing the inventory at the food pantry every week.

### SATURDAY DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Having a delicious hot meal provided on Saturday nights is a weekly highlight for our guests. They have microwaves and small refrigerators in their rooms, which limit what they can prepare. A guest recently stated, "Being provided the hot meal is like receiving a mini vacation every night I don't have to cook, and we are very appreciative."

We are searching for friend groups, church groups, or work groups to provide a hot meal for approximately **70 guests. Hot meals are needed on June 10, June 17, and June 24.**

**\*\*TPC is thinking about providing the meal on June 10. We need 7 volunteers to prepare a crock pot filled with soup or chili. If you are interested, please let me know before June 5. You can either bring the meal to church on June 10 between 3:30 and 4 OR deliver it to the Quality Inn between 4:30 and 5.**

## FAMILY PROMISE - CONTINUED

### GROCERY SHOPPING

TPC will shop for perishables and cold items for 70 Family Promise guests on **Wednesday, June 14**. If you are interested in helping shop or can provide a donation for the groceries, please contact Derrilyn Bayha @ [dabayha@mac.com](mailto:dabayha@mac.com) or 661-747-8447.

### ANOTHER NEED - MOVING TEAM

We need immediate assistance with facilitating moves for program participants. Some of these tasks include lifting and delivering mattresses (covered trailer required), while other jobs include selecting household items from our storage building in Sherwood. This is an exciting time for our guests, which is made even more positive by having household essentials donated and delivered.

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Gina Olson at: [Gina@familypromiseoftv.org](mailto:Gina@familypromiseoftv.org)

### OTHER DONATIONS NEEDED

- \$50 WinCo gift cards which are included in the move-in baskets for our guests as they transition to stable housing
- Gently used household items: flatware, serving utensils, pots and pans, dishes, glassware, dish towels, bath towels, bedding- comforters and sheets and new pillows.
- Dressers.

To drop off donations to FPTV, please contact our Donation Coordinator at 503-260-9609 or Derrilyn Bayha at 661-747-8447.

**THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OF FAMILY PROMISE!!!**



### TPC PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JULY 16

Mark your calendar for the TPC picnic, which will be held right after worship on Sunday, July 16th at Tualatin Community Park, 8515 SW Tualatin Road. We reserved the covered Main Picnic Shelter (South Side). Barb Crall, picnic organizer, says the menu will include brats with all the fixings, buns and plenty of lemonade and water to drink. Please bring a dish to share.

### FIRST TPC STAFF MEETING

We found a date when we could all meet in person: April 26.

It was very interesting to hear from people new to the church, to hear what their first impressions were. Clearly we need to improve our signage to make it easier for people to find us. The trees have grown taller and spread out so it's harder to see the church from the street.

Meeting attendees from left to right around the table:

Debbie Ivanov, Julie Flint, Susan Springer, Rev. Dick Wiggers, Rev. Ken Henry, Dr. Evan C. Paul, Larry Nord, Jennifer Schloming. Sarah Beck is not pictured; she took the picture.



**IN MEMORIUM** - Cathy Chase passed away, after a long battle with MS, on **Tuesday, May 16**. We send prayers of support and love to her husband, Harry and their children.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, May 21** - A congregational meeting was held on Sunday, May 21 right after worship to nominate and elect two elders.

Sandy Gurney and Eileen Eakins were nominated and elected as elders in the class of 2026. Their terms start in June, 2023. Sandy will be serving a second term as Family Ministries Elder. Thank you, Sandy! Eileen Eakins will be our new worship elder. Thank you, Eileen.

We also want to thank Dave Backen, who has completed his term as Worship Elder, for his years of service to TPC. And in particular, thank you for serving during COVID when flexibility was a must and during the transition between Pastor Ken Hood and Pastor Ken Henry.



### **TPC SOUND AND VIDEO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Thank you to the volunteers who have been helping TPC stream Sunday worship. Our live worship service can be seen on the TPC web page, on Facebook and on YouTube. Every week it takes two or three volunteers to make this happen. Our current volunteers are Greg Owen, Rick Crall, Mike Shiffer, Bob Carlson, Jim Walchenbach and Erik Spurrell. We need to build our sound and video team volunteer list. Interested volunteers (no prior experience needed) can contact Mike Shiffer at 503 349-2358 or [mshiffer@tpcspirit.org](mailto:mshiffer@tpcspirit.org) to learn more.

### **PLEDGE UPDATE**

Watch for an email (if you have one) or a mailed statement from TPC showing what you have given so far this year. Check that the statement matches your records. If the paid amount is below your pledged or planned giving, please consider bringing it up to date. Currently pledged and general giving is below the expected level. Thank you for your faithful and continued support of TPC.

Lynne Neilson, Finance/Admin Elder

### **PENTECOST OFFERING - was collected Sunday, May 28**

We are writing to thank you for your financial support for the Pentecost offering. This program has been part of our community for many years and we are proud to support it each year.

The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. With our gifts we are there to build these youngest members of the body of Christ into people God would have them become.

As one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) the Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and to inspire them to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world.

The TPC Mission Committee



### **TPC SIGNAGE**

This sign is located on the side of Boones Ferry Road. It is much more visible since it was power washed by Larry Nord. Thank you, Larry. It looks sooooo much better.

Several letters are missing from the sign on the brick wall at the corner of Boones Ferry Road and Siletz. There is a plan in place to get replacements letters, it just is taking some time. Stay tuned.

## HERE IS THE 4TH OF 5 RECIPES FROM SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY SOUP & CHILI TASTING

### CROCK POT CHICKEN TACO CHILI, recipe from Susan Cameron

1 onion, chopped  
1 16-oz can black beans, do not drain  
1 16-oz can kidney beans, do not drain  
1 8-oz tomato sauce (more)  
1 10-oz package frozen corn kernels  
1 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes with chilies  
1 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes  
1 packet of taco seasoning  
1 T cumin  
1 T chili powder  
3 boneless skinless chicken breasts  
Chili peppers - optional  
Chopped fresh cilantro

Combine ALL in a slow cooker. Place chicken on top and cover. Cook on low for 10 hours or on high for 6 hours. Half hour before serving, remove chicken and shred. Return chicken to slow cooker and stir in. Top with fresh cilantro. Other good toppings are sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, and avocado.

**ANNUAL PER CAPITA FEE FOR 2023 IS \$45.60.** Make check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Place in the offering plate, turn in at the office or mail to TPC. Thanks.

Pastor Ken Henry can be reached at [pastor@tpcspirit.org](mailto:pastor@tpcspirit.org).

### TUALATIN PREBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MAY



# JUNE TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11 am Memorial Ser- vice for Bud Bender at TPC	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org <b>2 pm Concert at TPC Bells of the Cascades</b> Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC	<b>8</b> 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube New member welcome	<b>12</b> 7 pm Deacon Meeting	<b>13</b> 10 am Coffee Connection  7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10 am Men's Group meets in the narthex
<b>18</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC  7 pm session meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>28</b> July newsletter deadline office@tpcspirit.org	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	



**JUNE  
BIRTHDAYS!!!**

04-Bob Eddy  
04-Shari Olsen  
04-Bob Paetsch

05-Connie Myers  
07-Julian Awdry  
07-Bradley Olson  
08-Jackie Norman  
09-Sarah Beck  
09-Candace Fant  
11-Jan Bender  
12-Mike Nelson  
13-Rob Ayers  
14-Carolyn Hale

14-Marilyn Wood  
15-Diane Adams  
17-Bill Dunlap  
17-Judy Nix  
21-Gordy Winterrowd  
23-Lincoln Redding  
28-Barbara Harriman  
29-Marilyn Staples-  
Sundt  
30-Herb Zachow

TPC 2023 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 4/30/23	\$104,896	\$115,362	(\$10,466)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 4/30/23	\$114,551	\$119,157	\$4,606



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

**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

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

**Elders:** Dave Backen, Worship; Sandy Gurney, Family Ministries; Chip Kyle, Mission; Lynne Neilson, Stewardship and Administration; Judy Nix, Connections; Greg Owen, Technology and Building and Grounds

**Deacons and their parish number:** Derrilyn Bayha (5), Susan Cameron (7), Linda Fukasawa (2), Jason James (4), Dianne Lemmon (3), Kerry Weaver (1), and Rosemary Willis (6).

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Julie Flint

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Jennifer Schloming

Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Larry Nord

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: Derrilyn Bayha

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Dale MacHaffie

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Stephen Ministry: Jean Martin, Susan Springer

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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**The office is open limited hours. Leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.**