



## We are the Family of God

One of my favorite songs is "We Are the Family of God." I love the lyrics.

"We are the family of God,  
Yes, we are the family of God,  
And God's brought us together  
To be one in Him,

That we might bring light to the world."

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This chorus and the simple melody line remind us that God is bringing new members of all ages from many different backgrounds into the Tualatin Presbyterian Church family.

How exciting to receive six new families who have joined TPC. As you will discover, these nine adults and their eleven children, who have been led by God to join you in making their commitment to Christ at TPC, are a wonderfully diverse and gifted group of individuals. It is my prayer that many of you will form new friendships and experience the joy of living and serving together.

Whether you are someone whose membership dates back to the first worship service TPC held in the living room of Rick and Barb Crall's home in Tualatin, or you are one of the newer kids on the block, I want to encourage you to find ways to get to know and appreciate each other. Remember that God loves each and every one of you and that God brought you here for a purpose.

As Jeni and I have moved around the country, in a very real sense, the church has been our extended family, especially during the years when we lived so far from our families of birth. But God provided for us an extended family of faith right next door. Even though we lived in a new place, we were no longer strangers. In time we found a place of belonging. As we entered into the life of each congregation, we felt ourselves being nurtured, loved, accepted, and challenged.

Life in the family of God is a two-way relationship. We need each other. God has brought us together to bring light to the world.

Please join me in welcoming these new friends who joined TPC on June 1.



**Barbara Allen**, along with her mother, Muriel Powers (a member of TPC), moved to Wilsonville five years ago from southern California. She recently transferred her membership from Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Los Alamitos, California, where she served three terms as an elder, was Sunday School Superintendent, and sang in the choir for forty years. Barbara has two daughters who live in Wilsonville, two sons who live in the Southeast, and six grandchildren.



**Stacy & Robin Hughes** joined TPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. While they have known each other since high school, they were married

about two years ago. Stacy, who formerly served as a pastor in the Christian Church in southern Florida, is now in the insurance business in Tualatin. Robin is a physical therapist at Meridian Park Hospital. Their three children now living with them keep their lives exciting - John is a rising Senior at Tualatin High School; Ryan, is going into the ninth grade; and Jackie, will be a fifth grader.



**Sally Mader**, who grew up in N. Bend, Oregon, is employed as an administrative assistant with the State of

Oregon WIC program. Sally and her two children, Parker (age two), and Natalie (4 months and held by Sally's Mother, Margo Devones) were baptized at TPC on May 18.



**Scott & Terri Mitchell** recently moved to Tualatin from Spokane, Washington, where they were members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Scott is a manager with Hollywood

Entertainment in Wilsonville. Terri is employed with Safeway Super Markets. Their oldest son, Andy will be completing his senior year of

high school in Spokane. His brother, Tony, is going into the eighth grade, and is now taking part in our TPC youth group. In addition, Scott is an ordained Presbyterian elder, and Terri is a trained Stephen Minister, and both share a strong interest in youth ministry and Christian education.



**Crystal Shearer**, TPC's new Youth Director, has transferred her membership from First Presbyterian Church in Salem. She grew up in California, and received her

undergraduate degree in Religious Studies at the University of Oregon. Crystal is married to Ian Shearer, who is in corporate sales with Airborne Express. Their three-year-old son, Jack, is in pre-school.

**Clint & Kim Warne** moved to Tualatin from the Sacramento, California area a few years ago, and have joined TPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. Kim is originally from Pennsylvania and Clint grew up in Ohio. Clint is an anesthesiologist at Providence Newberg Hospital, and Kim is a homemaker. Their three children are, Colston, who is going into the second grade; Elisabeth, who is going into Kindergarten; and James, who is 1 ½ , and will be baptized in September.

Grateful to be a part of your family,

Your Interim Pastor,  
Dick Wiggers

## MISSION STUDY UPDATE



The past weeks have been filled with activity as the Mission Study Committee has been gathering information through the survey and getting personal

feedback from the congregation in the small group discussion groups. 138 surveys were turned in and the data were analyzed by PERCEPT, a national firm that helps churches with gathering information for mission studies. The data were presented to members of the TPC congregation at two meetings, June 8 and 9. Forty-eight people attended these two meetings. Not all of the small group discussions have been completed, but Session is concerned that there are many people who still may wish to join in on the discussions, but were unable to fit the meetings into their schedules. The mission study committee has been asked by Session to offer a few more opportunities for group discussions. Even if you did not fill out the survey or attend the large group, you are welcome and encouraged to let your thoughts be known. Please call Mike Nelson, 503-692-3156, Herb Zachow, 503-638-4872 or Mary Shiffer 503-692-3405. The committee will put together several more opportunities for you to participate in the coming weeks. This is very important. It is the information on which the Pastor Nominating Committee develops the church profile that will attract our new Pastor.

Session has requested that a rough draft of the mission study be ready for the Session/Deacon Retreat August 22 and 23. The ultimate goal is to have the final draft ready for Session to approve in September.



### **What's happening in our search for a Pastor, or How much of the iceberg is melted?**

The process needed to call a new pastor is proceeding at a steady pace. The mission study is well underway. The survey filled out in May has been analyzed by PERCEPT and the report returned to the committee. The demographic information about the community obtained from PERCEPT is currently being written into a descriptive statement. When the small group discussions are complete, the committee will begin compiling the information and writing the description of TPC as we are now and hope to be in the future.

So how much of the iceberg is gone? Almost half. We are 11 months into the transition process and this is about where we expected to be if we follow the Presbytery's rule of thumb that says it takes about one month for each year the previous pastor served to reach the point of calling the new pastor. Thom Nelson was here 21 years so that would suggest a 21-month process at the minimum.

Session and the mission study committee request your prayers as they continue this awesome responsibility.

Mary Shiffer  
Clerk of Session

## TPC Spirit Features Denise Collins



Originally from Illinois via Fargo, North Dakota, and Des Moines, Iowa, Denise has been a member of TPC since 1994. She and her family transferred from Reedville Presbyterian Church in Aloha where Denise was the Christian Educator. Since joining TPC, Denise has served as Christian Education Elder, Church School Superintendent, choir member and Vacation Bible School committee member. Denise can also be found teaching Sunday School, helping the Youth Group or taking part in our Tuesdays Treasures Program. After eight years as an Instructional Assistant at Boeckman Creek Primary School in Wilsonville, Denise will return to the teaching field this fall, newly hired to the Three Rivers Charter School in West Linn. Denise is married to her husband of 25 years, Victor, who works for Key Business Products in Beaverton. They have two sons, John, who will be a sophomore at University of Oregon; David, who will be a sophomore at Wilsonville High School; and a "daughter", Destiny, a 55 lb. Lab-chow mix.

### A Note From TPC's Treasurer –

**Mike Shiffer**  
**General Fund Status**  
**January – May 2003**



	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$61,071	\$62,049
<b>Expense</b>	\$59,084	\$59,152
<b>Net</b>	\$ 1,987	\$ 2,897

	<b>May 2003</b>	
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$13,215	\$11,778
<b>Expense</b>	\$13,600	\$14,145
<b>Net</b>	\$ 385 -	\$ 2,367 -

Church general fund income for May was 11% (\$1437) below the budgeted amount. The expenses were very close to budget. Early in 2003 we had a large surplus. This is the third month in a row that income has been below our budget. With typical summer giving patters we will likely fall below our budgeted net income. Please don't forget the church over the summer.

The building fund income in May was \$3,215. The targeted amount is \$5,000 per month.

### Youth Director Going Strong!

Crystal Shearer has been on the TPC staff for just over a month. Already we are seeing great growth in our program. Thank you Crystal for your skills, enthusiasm, faith, spirit, smiles and all that other good stuff you bring to us. We are so lucky to have you.

And now a reminder to the TPC family ... Hiring Crystal was a big step for TPC. Thank you God for helping us know that the time was right. When we made the decision to hire a youth director we moved \$20,000 from the church contingency fund into a special fund to pay for this position. At that time the congregation was challenged to match that amount and more. In order to continue to have a great program we need to know that the congregation supports our youth program. You can do that with your time, your talents and yes, your financial contributions. You can talk to Crystal about ways that you can help with time and talent. You can contribute to the youth fund along with your regular offering (be sure to indicate the portion of your contribution that is for youth) or you can make a separate youth pledge. Remember our kids!



Karen Stevenson; Jean Popp (Janet Winterrowd's mother); Muriel Powers; Peggy Locke (mother-in-law of Carolyn Locke); Ronnie Lee King (grandson of Pam & Scott Cameron); Homer Perry (Becky Backen's father); Bill & Gwen Hale and family; Bo Johnson (Mike & Christine Jones' nephew); Christopher Beam (Nancy Catanese's son); Janet Sanders (Harry Chase's sister); Louise Ludwig's grandson, Michael; John Lewis's stepfather, Roger Sherman; and those who lead and serve our nations, communities and congregations.

## **FELLOWSHIP HAS A NEW ELDER...**

an elder who went to her first fellowship meeting a week ago. Since then I've heard some wonderful ideas for future fellowship activities that were suggested at recent focus group meetings. How exciting!

I'd like to translate suggestions into happenings and I'd like to get up to speed. To this end, I invite all current fellowship committee members and all those who would like to be involved with fellowship activities to a meeting to help make things happen on Monday, June 30 at 7 p.m. at the church.

We'll discuss what fellowship has done in the past, what fellowship would like to do in the future and put dates on the calendar for various events. How about an activity at the end of July? I invite you to come join us!

Can't come to the meeting, but have an idea? Call me, or if you prefer, send an email to [susan.springer@attbi.com](mailto:susan.springer@attbi.com) THANKS.

Susan Springer, New Fellowship Elder  
503 692-2893

## **FAMILY CAMP**

Saturday, August 9 - Friday, August 15  
Sponsored by the Presbytery of the Cascades

Do you like to camp? Do you like the coast? Then maybe Family Camp is for you!

Family Camp is, as its' name implies, a week of camping for families. We pitch tents or park RV's at sites at Honeyman State Park on the coast in Florence. Activities for all ages are offered. You chose the activities you wish to participate in. There are opportunities for worship, fellowship and free time. Families from Presbyterian churches around the state of Oregon attend each year.

Last year the following TPC families went to Family Camp: Cameron, Harriman, Jones, Maleta, Springer and Van Schoiack. Talk to members of these families; they'll tell you how much fun we had. Camp runs from Saturday, August 9 through Friday, August 15. Last month's TPC newsletter included a sign-up form. Additional copies are available in the office.

We've been going to Family Camp since our kids were little; our younger child is now 18. For us, it's a MUST each summer. Come join the fun! Susan Springer, Family Camp Registrar and your newly appointed Fellowship Elder

## **Help needed for Carnival!**

The Tuesday Treasure group (made up of young adults who are developmentally disabled) will enjoy the 3rd annual TPC TT Carnival night on Tuesday July 29 7-8:30 pm. If you would like to help run a carnival game ('fishing', ring toss, etc) at our event please contact Carolyn Locke 503-656-1534. We will supply props and prizes. We welcome families, youth, adults--anyone who would like to help out that evening. We guarantee a fun and heart-warming experience.

## **A NOTE FROM HEATHER CHASE!**

I love my new internship with the Interfaith Committee in Sonoma County. After three days of work I felt like I crammed three weeks of information into my head. There is so much to learn!! I talk with different pastors, priests and rabbis all the time. My job is to educate the faith community about local issues of injustice and help them organize to support justice movements. Please keep my internship in your prayers.

I am living in Sonoma during the week and San Anselmo on the weekends. I am enjoying the time living on my own (especially having a swimming pool nearby) and coming home to my community on the weekends. The driving isn't too bad. It's through Wine County, which is beautiful!

I also enjoyed my trip to Colorado to attend General Assembly and visit with family. The training I attended in Chicago, after GA, on community organizing was intense. Five days of non-stop learning! Except for Wednesday night when we went salsa dancing! It was great fun!

I hope to come to Oregon in August after our debrief in Chicago for my internship. I look forward to hearing more about what's going on at TPC. Thank you for your continued support!

With great hope,  
Heather ><>

## Continuing Ed News

TPC is looking for someone to staff our nursery on Sunday mornings starting in September from about 8:25 am to 10:30 am. This coverage will be for families involved in Adult CE, which is scheduled prior to our Worship Service. They will also help during the first part of the service. It is a paid position. Do you know of anyone who might be interested in such a job? Please contact Pam Bowen if you have any ideas. Thank You!

Thanks again to all who have helped with our Sunday School Program this year so far. The summer Sunday school schedule has started. Remember we will offer two classes. One will be for children Kindergarten down to about three years old. The other will be First grade through Fifth grade. **We still need teachers for the Summer!** It is a one-Sunday commitment and we have curriculum and many resources to help you prepare. Please call Pam Bowen with any questions or simply sign up in the narthex to volunteer.

### Nursery

Special thanks to the following for their help in the Nursery for the months of April and May:

\*Kim Warne                      \*Jodi Breshears  
 \*Pam Cameron                \*Scott Cameron  
 \*Roger Reid                   \*Pam McGregor  
 \*Norm Dannemiller

Their time and commitment to our little ones is GREATLY appreciated!!

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 Debbie Reid

### Spring Cleanup



John Lewis

Thanks to all the TPC'ers who helped spruce up the grounds on June 21. We pulled a lot of weeds and really improved our "curb appeal"! Thanks also to the members of Boy Scout Troop 530 for their help!



Susan Springer & Rhoda Friesen



Phil Friesen



If we missed your birthday, please notify the church office so we may update our database. Thank you

7/2 – Robin Hughes	7/10 – Elizabeth Warne
7/2 – Rebecca Crall	7/11 – Cameron Chase
7/2 – Rick Springer	7/13 – Kim Warne
7/3 – Carol Kadel	7/14 – Elise Steffen
7/3 – Molly Maleta	7/15 – Julie Gonzales
7/3 – Kris Sparks	7/18 – Brian Buck
7/3 – Don Schmidt	7/25 – Riley Breshears
7/4 – Marshall Miller	7/27 – Kip Stevenson
7/6 – Hannah Reid	7/29 – Marilyn Schmidt
7/7 – Robyn MacKay	7/29 – Karen Stevenson
7/7 – Kay Kinyon	7/31 – Shivani Senthirajah
7/9 – Anne Winterrowd	7/11 – Cameron Chase

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# Youth News By Crystal Shearer

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# TPC Picnic – June 22, 2003



Special thanks to all who helped organize, serve, clean up, and bring food. Also thank you to the people who donated "junk food" for the junk food walk. We had 25 kids participate.





## MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY June 22, 2003

The following poem was written by Carolyn Locke, TPC Member:

On our Mission Study Survey  
We ranked our music high.  
It really should be no surprise,  
But I will tell you why.

When it comes to musical talent  
We've most certainly been blessed  
With an amazing duo  
Who gives us all their best.

Together they found the piano  
After searching far and near.  
Not only is it beautiful  
It gives great sound to hear.

The piano is only one instrument  
On which the two excel  
Bells, guitar, and violin  
They've shared with us as well.

Kris, you know, directs our choir  
With energy and organization  
Bringing varied, joyous, and meaningful songs  
To worship for our congregation.

"Enunciate! Say the 'p's and 't's"  
She frequently is asking  
While she both directs and plays.  
(She's into multi-tasking!)

Over the course of time we've seen  
The size of our choir grow.  
Quality is also key:  
"It's 'ah' not 'aaa'" you know.

Likewise Martha leads a choir,  
As an expert ding-a-ling,  
Who wanted others to experience joy  
That comes when handbells ring.

There's focus on the arm technique  
And she teaches musical terms:  
'rit' means "Watch the director!"  
On that one she stands firm.

Enthusiasm and encouragement  
Is what they're both made of.  
In addition to their musical skill  
They lead with faith and love.

For their many gifts to TPC  
The bottom line is this:  
Thank you for sharing with us.  
We appreciate you, Martha  
and Kris!



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Also many thanks to the members of the **choir**:

**Sopranos** - Jaci Smith, Rebecca Crall,  
Mary Shiffer, Diane Adams, Martha  
Wilson, Denise Collins, Debby Owen

**Altos** - Diane Barry, Dottie Farrell,  
Carolyn Hale, Jeni Wiggers, Sherry  
Nelson, Stacy Mauer, Paula Miller,  
Dianne Lemmon

**Tenors** - Rick Crall, Roger Smith

**Basses** - Mark Maleta, Harry Chase,  
Herb Zachow

**Instrumentalists:** Phil Friesen, trombone,  
Casey Sparks, trombone, Greg Owen, drums,  
David Norse, congas, Kendra Staples-Sundt,  
piano, Susan Springer, flute, Mike Brest,  
trumpet & Martha Wilson & Dick Wiggers on  
guitar.

**Bell Choir Members:** Barb Crall, Rebecca  
Crall, Rick Crall, Dottie Farrell, Jeni Wiggers,  
Del Judy, Diane Barry, Connie Myers, Roger  
Smith, Carolyn Locke, Brian Locke, Gwen Hale,  
Marilyn Wood & Susan Springer

**Soloist:** Francisco Jauer Perez Rivera,  
Denise Collins

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This month, the choir will consist of any TPC members who would like to "drop-in" at 9:15 on Sunday and learn a simple anthem for the morning worship service. In August, we like to have our TPC members offer to share their musical gifts with the congregation. If you would like to play an instrument, or sing a solo, duet, or be a part of a small ensemble, contact Kris.

## Traveling Games

A lot of people take vacations in the summer.

Here are two fun games you can play during trips in the car!



### "NOW!"

1. The driver picks an object he sees a mile or so down the road.
2. Players close their eyes.
3. When a player thinks the car is about to pass the object, he or she calls out, "Now!"

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### Alphabet Race

Find the letters of the alphabet in order using the letters on the license plates of other cars.

A

To make it more challenging, start at the letter Z and work backwards to A.

b c Z

Another way to play the game is to pick a word and then try to find the letters that spell your word.

JESUS  
Love



## Vacation Time

Where do you like to go on vacation? Check out these places from the Bible. Use the Scripture verses below to find these places in the puzzle. (If a verse has more than one place, only one is in the puzzle. Figure out which one.) Circle each place in the puzzle.

Answers go: → ↓ ↘



Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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### Heaven bound

One Sunday morning during the children's sermon a preacher sat on the chancel steps with children of the congregation gathered around him.

"Believing that Jesus is your Savior is the way to get to heaven," the pastor told the kids. "Where would you like to go?"

"Heaven!" the children answered in unison.

"And what do you have to be in order to get to heaven?" he asked, expecting them to answer "A Christian."

One little boy quickly blurted, "Dead!"



**Tualatin Presbyterian  
Church Calendar  
July 2003**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 TPC Bell Choir Time - TBD	3	4	5
6 Choir – 9:15 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b> Communion	7 TPC Volunteers serve lunch at Sr. Center 11 am – 1pm	8	9 TPC Bell Choir Time - TBD	10	11	12
13 Adult CE – 8:30 am Choir – 9:15 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b>	14	15	16 Bible Study & Lunch  TPC Bell Choir Time - TBD	17	18	19
20 Adult CE – 8:30 am Choir – 9:15 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b>	21	22	23 TPC Bell Choir Time - TBD	24	25	26
27 Adult CE – 8:30 am Choir – 9:15 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b>	28 Worship Committee 7:00 pm	29 TPC Treasures Carnival Night 7 – 8:30 pm	30 TPC Bell Choir Time - TBD	31		

**Coming Next Month:**  
August 9 – 15 – Family Camp

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**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday from 9am - 1:30 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 9am to noon and Thursday from 9am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Wiggers is in the office Monday – Thursday. Please call for an appointment.