



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

Many of you know my introduction to ministry wasn't in a cushy, large congregation as a young associate with a wise pastor to show me the ropes. I started out taking the road much less traveled- I started out doing my best to start a new congregation just west of Austin. Now, I was a good match for many of the folks in our fledgling congregation, but it didn't take me long to wonder if I was a good match for the job at hand. For instance, one of the first things I had to learn early on was how to hook up a diesel F-250 to a 27' trailer (on my own, mind you), drive it to the school, then drive it back and back it into the one spot our office complex allowed us. Have you ever tried to back a small trailer or boat into a single parking space much less a 27' trailer??? Needless to say, this was one of many "they didn't teach me THAT at Princeton" moments.

Now sometimes it's good to stretch ourselves and learn new things. It certainly didn't hurt me to learn how to haul a trailer- in fact in Texas I think it probably improved my image. But sometimes we find ourselves in church trying to help and connect in ways that frustrate us and frustrate those with whom we're working. Whereas the scripture often teaches us to pair the right person with the right job (Paul talks about us being like body parts, each with a particular function), churches often settle for any old warm body that'll show up.

You know, churches often put the horse behind the cart- often we have these ideas of what we oughta' be doing, regardless of whether we have enough or the right people to be doing them. And then it's easy to get discouraged when things don't go well and think that if only people were more committed around here things would go better. Well, what if...dream with me for a minute...what if we did it the other

way around from time to time? What if we spent more time trying to find out about you- who you are, what you are gifted at doing, and what interests you? And then what if we framed new mission opportunities, fellowship activities, and small groups around our strengths- rather than just looking for any ol' warm bodies? It's an interesting thought, isn't it?

Well, we're going to be working at this in a few different ways. This summer at 9:15 AM in adult education we're offering a 6 week, drop-in course from July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> called: "Discover Who You Are". It's a fantastic curriculum designed by a Lutheran pastor and a couple of psychologists that combines some of the best psychological tools like the Myers-Brigg's type indicator as well as tools for the church like a spiritual gifts inventory. Later in the fall, we're going to talk more about discerning your call, and we'll learn more about what our elders are doing and how you can help. And we're going to be learning about forming ministry groups, small teams of people working around a similar interest.

Now sure, as you learn more about yourself this will be helpful for the church. There's no doubt about that. But I think what is most exciting is how these tools might be helpful for you in discerning the best places and people with which to be spending your one, precious life. Honestly, what do you want to be when you grow up? Still wondering? Good. Come and check out Adult Ed on Sunday mornings, and get ready for this fall. I'm so excited about the possibilities!

In Christ,

Ken



## Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

Children ages 4 years old through just completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us July 16-20 from 9:00-11:30 AM for Galilee-By-The-Sea. We will move through the week simulating the times of Jesus in a Galilee village. We'll go to synagogue, talk about Jewish traditions, and witness dramas at the town well. Bring your neighbors and friends! **Pre-registration by July 4** is required so we can have enough crafts and snacks for everyone! Registration forms are available in the narthex on the VBS table.

All junior high students through adults are needed to help with the behind-the-scenes jobs and daily work with the children. Our staff needs at present are:

- **Assistant tribal leaders** to assist with crafts, lead children from station to station, and model positive, engaging behavior;
- **Actors** for the daily skit requiring 20-45 minutes of the day you are assigned to perform;
- **Decorators** who will help paint, assemble, and construct backdrops and props for the week;
- **Shopkeepers** who will work with the children to teach a skill (drilling and painting menorahs, assembling necklaces, baking breads, crafting sandals, toymaker, stone carver), most 2-3 days of the week;
- **Daily registration and sign-out** in charge of welcoming children and getting them to the right parents/adults to go home; and
- **A carpenter** to make some menorah bases (approx. 1"x2"x12" pieces) for the children to drill and transform into their own menorahs.

We also have some item needs for the week. If you have any of the following, we would love to borrow them:

- Pottery jars, urns, bowls, etc.,
- Blankets, rugs, tarps of the Bible-time persuasion/color,
- Fabric to be used for awnings/tents (plain, earth tones or stripes),
- Fishing nets (throwing kind),
- Small rowboat to be used for decoration,
- Styrofoam sheets or blocks,
- Large pieces of cardboard,
- Baskets,
- Earth tone house or poster paints,
- Artificial plants,
- Roman soldier costume,
- Clay oil lamps,
- Menorahs,
- Canopies (preferably the easy set-up type), and
- Cement blocks.

Any questions can be directed to Denise Collins at 503.682.3785 or [collinsd55@hotmail.com](mailto:collinsd55@hotmail.com). Otherwise, call the church office at 503.692.4160. Thanks.

### THANK YOU NOTE FROM CINDY AND THOM NELSON

Dearest friends at TPC-

This is a belated note, but no less sincere. It was so wonderful to celebrate 25 years of ministry with you. It was so fun to share stories, see pictures and to laugh together. There were those who couldn't attend, and I was very sorry to miss them. Otherwise it was a perfect weekend. Let's do it again at 50! What a grand future you have!

Thom just had a pacemaker put in his chest. He is doing well, although complaining that he can't play golf. We will take a vacation next week to upper Wisconsin where he hopes to fish. We will then go to MN to see his parents.

Grace and Peace to you all. Party on!  
Love, Cindy and Thom

### LEARN TO PLAY HANDBELLS!

Have you ever been curious about how the bell choir does it? Find out! Starting this Thursday, June 28 through the summer, we'll have an "Intro to Bells" class from 7:30 to about 8:15 pm. There is no short- or long-term commitment involved. Come, have fun and learn to ring. See or call Martha Wilson for details. (503) 313-7003.

### ANTS IN YOUR PANTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Joanna Martson is coordinating the volunteers for Ants in Your Pants which is an activity time for children during the last part of the morning worship service. Children go downstairs after the Children's Message. Adult volunteers are needed to go downstairs with them. To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet on the tower in the narthex. If you have questions, talk to Joanna.

### ADULT EDUCATION

Starting Sunday, July 1, Chris Robertson and Pastor Ken will present *Life Keys: Discover Who You Are*. It's an opportunity for us to learn more about ourselves and each other. We will explore our interests, values, passions, skills, personality preferences and gifts. The class will meet downstairs in the adult ed room from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM. We hope to see you there.

### PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES SUMMER CAMP 2007

There's still time to register for many camp sessions this summer; the deadline is two weeks before each camp session begins. If interested, please take a camp brochure from the tower in the narthex.

### AUCTION ITEMS

Now is the time to start setting dates and times for the auction items to be held this summer. Several dinners, parties, etc. were bought--so try calling your recipients to see what fits for them. Thank you again for participating in our church fundraiser.

### NEW MEMBERS AT TPC

Cindy and Stephanie Hoppe  
Betty Staples

### STILL GOT STUFF?

Haven't cleaned out the closets or the garage or the study yet this spring? Then here's your opportunity to do so. **Friday, July 6th**, the Tualatin School House Food Pantry will hold a second "Parking Lot Sale" to benefit the local Resource Den. The hours of the sale are 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, and the location is the parking lot of the old Tualatin Elementary School on Boones Ferry Road. The School House Food Pantry is a registered non-profit organization with a 501(c)3 status which means they can legally give you a receipt for your donation which you may use when filing next year's taxes.

Donations of clothing, household items, small appliances, hand tools and books will be accepted. You may drop off your donations during the Food Pantry's hours of operation: Monday 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM, or Wednesday & Friday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, closed July 4.

Thanks for your donations and support of this Tualatin community program.

### A POTLUCK & LABYRINTH

Spiritual Formation invites everyone and anyone to join us for our Sunday, July 15th "field trip". We are meeting at Laura Spurrell's house at 5 p.m. for a potluck supper and conversation. Afterwards, about 7 p.m., we will carpool over to Meridian Park hospital to walk their labyrinth. There is no long term commitment to the group required, and it is a way to meet some of us in the group and find out more about it. If you would like to join us on the 15th, for planning purposes it would be good to call Laura (503-692-7034) and let her know you are coming.

### July Birthdays!

7/02	Rebecca Crall	7/11	Cameron Chase
7/02	Rick Springer	7/14	Dillon Peterson
7/03	Don Schmidt	7/14	Elise Steffen
7/03	Carol Kadel	7/14	William Hammer
7/03	Kris Sparks	7/14	Wyatt Hammer
7/03	Molly Maleta	7/15	Dianne Lemmon
7/04	Marshall Miller	7/22	Bruce MacKay
7/06	Hannah Reid	7/23	Linda Watkins
7/07	Kay Kinyon	7/23	Linda Fukasawa
7/07	Robyn MacKay	7/25	Riley Breshears
7/09	Anne Winterrowd	7/27	Kip Stevenson
7/10	Karl Schultz	7/29	Marilyn Schmidt
7/10	Paul Fukasawa	7/29	Karen Stevenson
7/10	Laura Spurrell	7/31	Shivani Senthirajah

### Social Justice Corner

by Martha Wilson

As promised, I will highlight recent news events that touch on the theme of social justice. I invite you to send me emails notifying me of such events when you become aware of them. This month the governor signed two bills into law that afford justice to gays and lesbians, as well as others who share their lives together. The first bill affords protection against discrimination in most realms of life. The second affords same-sex couples, at the state level, many of the societal, financial and legal protections and benefits found in marriage. While the first bill will likely be left alone, challenges by voters are expected on the second.

Two other recent news events caught my eye this month. While the events appear more as "criminal" issues than social justice issues, I believe the broader context in which these crimes occurred, as is often the case, warrants our attention. The first news item was of a woman, shopping in the Beaverton Fred Meyer store being hit over the head with a hammer by a total stranger. The second involved a mother and her pregnant daughter being assaulted by a stranger while having a cup of coffee in a restaurant. Why am I linking this with social justice? Because I think there's very good reason to believe both men were mentally ill, acting out of their illness and that society's treatment of the mentally ill exacerbates the problem.

When I worked with the mentally ill, a large percentage of those considered chronic were institutionalized. The movement towards deinstitutionalization, in itself a social justice matter, led to these people being released back into the community. Then, when the recession hit in the early 1980's social services budgets were drastically reduced and have continued to be reduced since that time. Resultantly, services needed by the mentally ill, including assistance with housing (a problem for low-income regardless of mental illness,) with tasks of daily living, medical care, social and employment opportunities and with establishing

stable relationships with psychiatric treatment providers have all been significantly impaired if not eliminated. The work of helping someone, particularly if their illness makes them prone to both denying their need for help, and often due to paranoia, avoiding those who would offer it, is cumbersome and requires extensive time, effort and money.

Today there are more homeless mentally ill than hospitalized mentally ill. There are more than twice as many mentally ill people incarcerated in the justice system as there are hospitalized in a medical facility. The chronically mentally ill are estimated to comprise 25-35% of the homeless population. The mentally ill are at greater risk than the general population to be victims of violent crime but are at no higher risk for committing crime. However, when someone steals our car to buy drugs it at least makes sense to us. The apparent senselessness and randomness of the crimes committed by the mentally ill make them sensational enough that they get significant attention and media coverage. "I need money for drugs" is much more understandable than "the voices made me do it."

How can you make a difference? First, don't be afraid to speak to the mentally ill. Paranoia becomes justified when no one will make eye contact or speak to you. Work in, or donate to, services that care for the homeless, and you'll inevitably be caring for the mentally ill. Educate yourself by visiting [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org), the website for the National Alliance on Mentally Illness. Read, or better yet facilitate a group discussion on, the study guide put out by our denomination, available in our Presbytery's library or for purchase from the PCUSA.org website, entitled: Serious Mental Illness: Seeking a Comprehensive Christian Response. The mentally ill need our love and our energies at systemic change, not our fear. Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly.

New Elders and Deacons  
Class of 2010



**Paula Miller**  
Fellowship

Ted, myself and the kids came to Tualatin Presbyterian Church approximately 8 years ago. I have served as a deacon and am presently serving as the fellowship elder. I have been singing in the Chancel Choir for about four years now and have also been involved with the quilters, making baby quilts for Emanuel Hospital. I also had the opportunity to work with Thom Nelson on our first Easter Vigils.

We moved to Tualatin in 1988 and have raised both kids here. We have a 25 year old daughter, Kimberly. My time is occupied with her making wedding plans for a September wedding to Sam Myers. We also have a 21 year old son who works as a mechanic at Wilsonville Toyota.

I have been a loan officer for 15 years and am currently working for West Coast Bank. During my spare time, I like to garden, quilt and have just spent 15 days in Italy.

I look forward to serving TPC as their fellowship elder and welcome any suggestions for events. Just email me at [fellowship@tpcspirit.org](mailto:fellowship@tpcspirit.org).



**Rob Ayers**  
Deacon

As a new deacon I look forward to increased involvement in the church and learning more about the families within parish #8. I have been regularly attending TPC for the past 2 ½ years and became a member in December of 2005. I greatly enjoy the strong sense of community at TPC and the diverse group of caring individuals within our congregation.

I have been married for the past 7 years to my wife, Jennifer, who I met while we both were engineering majors at Oregon State. Shortly after our wedding we purchased a house in Sherwood. Jennifer and I currently enjoy being first time parents to our 21 month old daughter, Lauren. She is a great source of fun entertainment and excitement in our household. For employment I work as a manufacturing engineer for a medical company in Beaverton and I specialize in circuit board assembly. In my free time I also enjoy backpacking, hiking and gardening.

I look forward to getting to know folks more and helping where I can. If anyone needs assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

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**Kathy Sweetland**  
Deacon

I have attended TPC for the past 9 years. My husband, Todd, and I have 3 children – Cameron (9), Anna (6½) and Nicholas (2½). We live in Wilsonville, where we have been for 8 ½ years now. My family and I love the outdoors and we spend a great deal of our time outside biking, hiking, camping, skating, running, scootering, walking, playing, etc. Both Todd and I are from Northern California originally, but we have been here since 1992. All of our extended family still resides in California, so we often have visits from them. I am a stay-at-home mom, but in my past life I was a mental health counselor. I received my Master's degree from Lewis & Clark College and I worked with adults primarily in an inpatient hospital setting.

This is my first time as a deacon. However, I was on the fellowship committee for a short time. I also participate in Tuesday's Treasures events whenever I can. My family and I love to camp at Presbyterian Family Camp in Florence every summer we are able. I am very excited about being a deacon and about getting to know many of you better (I shamefully admit that I have been sitting in the same section at church for the past 9 years). Thank you for this opportunity.



**David Norse**  
Deacon

I have just completed my junior year at Lewis & Clark College in Portland and I am working towards a degree in Religious Studies recently finishing my Thesis, titled "A Truth Much Bigger Than Scripture: Logos and Graphe in John."

I grew up in TPC with my parents Rick and Rachel Norse, and consider it my home. Still my life has taken me far beyond its chairs. I recently returned from a semester at the University of Glasgow in Scotland, where I discovered the Iona Community and the Celtic traditions that have shaped my faith.

For the past three summers, I have been working at Suttle Lake United Methodist Camp in Sisters, Oregon, pursuing my hobbies of photography, hiking, camping, canoeing, swimming, and playing hand drums.

After graduating, I plan to take a year off, volunteering for the Iona Community, traveling through Europe, and working in New Zealand. Afterwards, I hope to attend Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey and pursue the call of ministry wherever it may lead.



Tualatin Presbyterian  
Church Calendar  
July 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Adult Ed – 9:15 am <b>Worship – 10:30 am</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Guitar Jam Session 9:00 am  TPC Jam Session 7:00 pm  Handbell Class 7:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Adult Ed – 9:15 am <b>Worship – 10:30 am</b>  Youth Groups 6:00 pm	<b>9</b> Deacon's Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Guitar Jam Session 9:00 am  TPC Jam Session 7:00 pm  Handbell Class 7:30 pm	<b>13</b> Youngish Adult BBQ @ Evers- Hood's 6:00 pm	<b>14</b> Middle School Activity – Jet Boating on the Willamette
<b>15</b> Adult Ed – 9:15 am <b>Worship – 10:30 am</b>  Spiritual Formation off site 5:00 pm	<b>16</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">             Vacation Bible School 9 – 11:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday -----           </div>	<b>17</b> Fellowship Cmt. 7:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm Session	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Adult Ed – 9:15 am <b>Worship – 10:30 am</b>  Youth Groups 6:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Tues. Treasures Carnival 7:00 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Guitar Jam Session 9:00 am  TPC Jam Session 7:00 pm  Handbell Class 7:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Presbytery of the Cascades Family Camp 7/28 thru 8/4
<b>29 Hymn Sunday</b>  Adult Ed – 9:15 am <b>Worship – 10:30 am</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				