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## A MESSAGE FROM REV. KEN EVERS-HOOD



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### Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Friday – 9:00 am to noon

Dear friends,

How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb? One to make a motion, several more to form a committee, and then a countless throng to bring food for the potluck. Well, they aren't changing light bulbs, but a near countless throng of Presbyterians is gathering this week in San Jose, CA for General Assembly, the highest governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Assembly gathers every two years and makes decisions affecting national and international policy. This month I'll highlight just a few of the things being discussed in San Jose.

The first thing the Assembly does when they gather is elect a moderator. The moderator of the General Assembly acts as the spokesperson and leader for the church during their two-year appointment. Often the choice of the moderator signals the direction which the Assembly believes God is calling. This year the Assembly elected one of the youngest moderators ever, 49 year old Bruce Reyes-Chow. The Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow pastors what he describes as a "funky urban church" in downtown San Francisco. Reyes-Chow speaks articulately about the need for the church to embrace technology in faithful ways as well as our ability to walk together even when we're not all on the same page. May our prayers be with him as he travels the world for the next two years.

Some of you know that in spite of the way TPC embraces chaos, there really is some order underneath all of this blessed disorder. When we ordain and install officers they make vows, and one of their vows is to be governed by the church's polity, or governing structure. One of the best things about being Presbyterian (no joke, folks) is that while we have a lot of flexibility, we also have books called the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions, that, in addition to Holy Scripture, offer a great deal of guidance in almost every situation. This year the Assembly is contemplating making sweeping changes to the Book of Order in an attempt to streamline our polity and help the church adapt with more agility to a constantly changing world. Whether this particular Assembly chooses to adopt these changes is maybe less important than the fact that the church is always open to change if it helps us do the work God is calling us to do.

Issues regarding sexuality continue to come before the Assembly. An interesting development has already taken place at this Assembly. The only reference to homosexuality in either the Book of Order or the Book of Confessions can be found in The Heidelberg Catechism in question 87. Since the catechism was written in German in 1562 and the term 'homosexual' wasn't coined in English until the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, many have questioned this translation. According to testimony at the Assembly the folks who translated the Heidelberg Catechism in English for our church in 1962 were actually conscious of adding this word in attempting to make the document more relevant to the changing North American context. After much debate, the committee voted 33-26 (with two abstentions) to amend the Heidelberg to remove the term 'homosexual' making the translation more accurate.

This week the Assembly will also discuss the continuing war in Iraq, how the church at large might care for those caught in human trafficking, and how as a denomination we might reach out more effectively to young people. Of course this is just the tip of the iceberg of the MANY things to be discussed on what is a filled GA agenda. For more information see <http://www.pcusa.org> and for analysis see <http://www.pres-outlook.com> (and in the spirit of transparency I serve as a board member for the Presbyterian Outlook).

Maybe the best things that happen at General Assembly don't take place in committee discussion. Maybe they take place in worship and in informal conversation. Singer/song writer Daniel LaMotte addressed over 900 people at a breakfast gathering with these words: "Don't write yourself off as unpowerful. The biggest obstacle to change is our belief in limitations we don't have...Every single sea change in history has been made up of a series of small decisions."

These are words not just for General Assemblies but for people in general, are they not?



**THANK YOU** to those of you who regularly make our worship services happen and do it with style and grace!! It is because of your faithful efforts as committee members, volunteers, and staff that all of us can come together and connect as a community of faith and can worship in meaningful and creative ways. Thanks go to: Judy Nix, Carolyn Hale, Dave Backen, Clare and Tom Hahn, Dee Dee and Mark Hansen, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, John and Deborah Lewis, Stacy Mauer, Ellen VanSchoiack, Shari Olsen, Rick Crall, Mike Shiffer, Dee and Noel Johnson, Alex Lewis, Martha Wilson, Ron Fabbro, Susan Springer, Kris Sparks, and of course, Pastor Ken Evers-Hood.

Karen Stevenson, May 4, 2008

**On Teacher Appreciation Sunday** we recognized and thanked a wonderful group of teachers. Thank you for all the time, effort, and love you bring to our Sunday School classrooms!

Barb Crall, Melissa Evers-Hood, Karen Schmitt, Mary Shiffer, Kathy Sweetland, Debbie Reid, Jennifer Ayers, Shari Olsen, Marsha Steffen, Doug Steffen, Gina Olson, Denise Collins, Pam Bowen, Jackie Dannemiller, Ken Evers-Hood. A special thanks to Ted Pelletier for all the time he put into our Sunday School computers this spring.  
Shari Olsen, May 11, 2008

### NOEL JOHNSON AT HOME

We want to thank all the TPC "Spirit" that are keeping us in their prayers, sending cards, and calling us to help keep us going. Noel is doing very well and hopes to see all of you in church very soon.

Blessings and rainbows,  
Noel and Dee Johnson

### NEW MEMBERS

Herb and Maureen Richardson and Debbie Sweeney joined our TPC Family of Faith on Sunday, June 22 during worship. Welcome!

### NEW ARRIVAL

Samuel Nathan Russell, weighing in at 8 pounds, 9 ounces, was born Sunday, June 22. His proud parents are Annemarie and Aaron Russell.

### TPC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Tualatin Presbyterian Church recently awarded scholarships to the following graduating seniors in recognition of their involvement in their church, school and community:

Corbin Bowen  
David MacKay  
Tony Mitchell

Congratulations Corbin, David and Tony!

### De Bruyn Family In The Netherlands

On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, we said goodbye to the De Bruyn Family. Their new address is: Rik, Irene, Marieke, Sjoerd and Tim De Bruyn Laarveldsweg 21  
7481 VR Haaksbergen, Overijssel  
The Netherlands  
Temporary telephone: +31535742588

### Jerry And Christian Shiffer Reach The Top

At 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2008, Jerry and Christian Shiffer reached the summit of Mt. Hood. This followed weeks and weeks of both physical training and fund-raising. Our congratulations to both of them on their achievement!

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

#### Friday, July 4

July 4<sup>th</sup> is a federal holiday commemorating the adoption by the Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

## HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

### ALL CHURCH PICNIC

**Sunday, June 29** at Tualatin City Park following the morning worship service.



### Vacation Bible School

July 14-18,  
9-11:30 AM

If you haven't signed up yet for Vacation Bible School, please go to the church website [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) and register, as soon as possible. (Click on the VBS link.) This experience is designed for children ages 4 years old to those who just finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as adults and young people (middle school and above) who enjoy fun with children. Bring your children and grandchildren; invite your friends and neighbors!

This week will be a fun-filled time of dramas, songs, games, tribe and synagogue times, as well as daily visits to the marketplace village. Shops will include the bakery, pottery, and carpentry shops. A fee to cover the cost of materials and snacks will be collected on the first day (\$25), and scholarships are available.

The fun begins with set-up on Sunday, July 13, after church. Anyone who has a freestanding canopy, artificial trees and plants, pottery, sheets, or blankets that would help us recreate a Jerusalem Marketplace of Jesus's time is asked to bring those items in any time prior to set-up. Items should be marked with your name for easy return. These can be stored in the back office. They will be available for pick-up after VBS on Friday, July 18, or on Sunday, July 20.

Besides set-up, we will need adults/young adults during the week to help with jobs that include drama, nursery care for babies/toddlers of our workers, crafts/shopkeepers, tribe leaders, a rabbi (teacher of a daily lesson), and registrar/sign-out. Kits and curriculum are available! We will happily find a way to include each person in their quest to help – from a 10-minute commitment one day in a drama to being the backbone leaders who are with us each day for the entire time. We cannot do this ministry

without the help of many, and we guarantee you'll have fun!

Thursday evening will include a family dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by a short program and open house. Besides the families who will be with us, we would appreciate help with the dinner preparations.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Collins at home (503-682-3785), at [vbs@tpcspirit.org](mailto:vbs@tpcspirit.org) or call the church office (503-692-4160). Shalom!

### Les Misérables

Performed by The Broadway Rose  
**Thursday, July 17, 2008, 8 p.m.**

Deb Fennell Auditorium, Tigard High School  
Cost per ticket is \$22.50; make checks payable to TPC, write Les Mis on the comment line. **There are three tickets left.** Sign up on the tower in the narthex or talk to Paula Miller, 503-692-5977.

### TPC Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship group is off to a terrific start. At the organizing meeting on the last Saturday of May, 24 men showed up for breakfast at the church, had a great time and kicked-off the fellowship. Three purposes were identified for the organization:



- 1) broaden and deepen the fellowship among the men of TPC;
- 2) develop the spiritual component of our lives;
- and 3) express our fellowship and spirituality through service projects.

The group decided to meet on a regular basis, as well as for periodic events and mission projects. So, mark your calendars – there will be a regular meeting on the third Saturday of every month, beginning at 7:30 AM. Our next breakfast meeting will be on July 19th. Please join us for a great breakfast and good conversation along with a chance to know better other men of our church family. Cost is \$7.00. Cooking duties are pre-determined and change each month.

**TPC Men's Fellowship – continued**

If you are interested in finding out more about us, or have suggestions for programs or service projects, please contact Chip Kyle (chair), Marshall Watkins (vice chair / program development) or Rod Kerr (secretary / treasurer). We hope to see you at the next meeting.

## TPC Mission Committee Heifer International Project



How much are you willing to contribute to see Pastor Ken kiss a pig? The Mission Committee has set an objective to fund a complete Ark – \$5,000 –

before Thanksgiving, and Ken has agreed that if we reach this goal, he will gladly (?) kiss a member of the pwaka family in front of the entire congregation.

Heifer projects are designed to protect the environment by improving soil quality, preventing erosion and promoting forest health. By improving the soil, water and air, Heifer project partners create a more productive, healthy habitat for both animals and humans. Heifer provides quality animals and provides training and support for the project partners so they can properly nurture the animals they receive.

As it was with Noah, the ark is about hope, about a new beginning. An ark launches a boatload of help and hope for hungry people and the earth. An ark consists of pigs, camels, water buffalo, guinea pigs, ducks, chickens, oxen, cows, rabbits, donkeys, beehives, sheep, llamas, geese and goats.

In October, we'll auction off hand-crafted and decorated animals as well as animal-themed hand work, wood work and art work to reach our financial objective. Think about what you can contribute to help us meet our goal. And, every time you see Pastor Ken, tell him to practice puckering!

**Children's Sunday School** will resume in September. **Ants in Your Pants** childcare will continue throughout the summer months.

### ADULT EDUCATION

The Sunday morning adult education class is now studying science and religion. The class views a 30-minute lecture on DVD and then discusses what they've seen. The class meets downstairs in the multi-purpose room from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. All are welcome and invited.

### BRING A SMILE TO A CHILD

Would you like to bring a smile to the face of a child at Doernbecker Children's Hospital, Emmanuel Children's Hospital, or at a shelter for abused women and children? A child in need of a hug will love your gift of a new handmade blanket, whether knitted, crocheted, made from fleece, or quilted.

Thanks to the efforts of the following women, 19 blankets and quilts were recently given: Diane Barry, Mary Feiler, Sue Hotchkiss, Del Judy, Cackie Kyle, Shirley Schultz, Susan Springer, and Barbara Thomason.

If you'd like to help, please contact Shirley Schultz (503-625-9810) for more information.

### DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?

This summer, share the beauty of your garden by providing flowers for our sanctuary! A sign-up list is in the narthex. If you need a vase, we have a variety of sizes available.

### 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	Kris Sparks	7/14	William Hammer
7/03	Molly Maleta	7/14	Wyatt Hammer
7/04	Marshall Miller	7/15	Dianne Lemmon
7/06	Hannah Reid	7/22	Bruce MacKay
7/07	Kay Kinyon	7/23	Linda Watkins
7/07	Robyn MacKay	7/23	Linda Fukasawa
7/08	Steve Hoppe	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

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW DEACONS AND ELDER



**Sherry Nelson**  
Deacon

I grew up in Tigard, Oregon, graduated from Tigard High School, attended the U of O (love my ducks), and graduated from Portland State, where I met Mike, my husband. We have been married for 37 years and have two wonderful children... Erin, our son and Paige, our daughter. Erin is married to Emily (our second daughter) and they have two little girls, Abby and Hannah. Being a grandparent is just the best. Paige lives and works in the Bay area, which is too far from home for me.

We have attended TPC since the very first Sunday in the Crall's living room with the Schmidts and other friends. Attending church at TPC is a family affair that includes my mom, Maxine and my sister, Lynn.

I was the temporary part-time TPC secretary for eight years. I have served as an elder twice; I am currently a deacon for the second time and served as the Sunday School Superintendent. Mike and I are also working with a group of seven other members to organize Fellowship Dinners. I enjoy working with others who go to church.

Dick Wiggers, our interim pastor suggested that as a person of faith we must think of participating in the church as breathing in and out. Breathe in to fill yourself up...come to church, reach out to those who sit beside you, study. Then breathe out and give that back to the church, your friends and the community. I like that image a lot.

As you get to know me, if you don't already, you will probably agree with my daughter who says I am like a golden retriever. I just wish my hair was that color!



**Bill Smiley**  
Deacon

I grew up in Everett, Washington, and attended high school there. At age 9 I became a member of my parent's church (1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church). After high school graduation, I attended and received my undergraduate degree from Washington State University.

Currently, I am working as the Activity Director for Carman Oaks Senior Living Community in Lake Oswego. I am also a retired Faculty Emeritus from Oregon State University.

Immediate family members include: my wife and best friend, Janice, who works for Oregon State University Extension Service, Melanie (a student at the University of Oregon), and Jason (a student at Western Washington State University). We have two grandchildren living in San Diego, California.

I am looking forward to serving as a Deacon again at TPC (second term). Other church involvement includes: serving as Deacon in 4 other churches, Elder, Sunday School teacher (lower grades through high school), Sunday School Superintendent, and off-site Retreat Coordinator.



**Jack Lemmon**

Jack was born in Baker, Oregon. He met his wife, Dianne, in 1967. Jack graduated from OSU and retired from industrial sales one year ago.

Jack enjoys hunting, ATV's, drag racing, sports fishing, OSU football games and NASCAR races.

Jack and Dianne enjoy traveling and love the beach, where they spend much of their free time.

They have two daughters Tara and Kali, who are both married and each has three boys.

Jack has served as Deacon for the past three years.



**Chris Robertson**

Christina "Chris" Robertson joined TPC in 1992. She and her husband, Rich, have three children: Sarah Robertson Beck, Stephanie Robertson Plowman, and Mark Robertson.

Chris is a school psychologist with 37 years experience. Her current employer is Portland Public Schools. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Lewis and Clark College. She holds graduate degrees in psychology and education administration, and did post-graduate studies at the University of Chicago Divinity School.

In her spare time, Chris likes to watch gangster movies, read National Geographic articles about mummies and watch PBS DVDs about galleries. Other areas of interest are medieval art and church history. Her favorite food is cookies. She's recently decided to try her hand at gardening.

Chris's TPC activities include Prayer Chain, Spiritual Formation Group, reader and liturgist for worship and facilitating the adult ed program.



*Tualatin Presbyterian  
Church Calendar  
July 2008*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday/Ord. Time 9:15 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship	7 7:00 p.m. Bell rehearsal  7:00 p.m. Spiritual Formation (off site)	8 7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting	9	10	11 Bell Conference Yakima, WA	12 Youth Mid-High Event
13 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship  Bell Conference Yakima, WA	14 7:00 p.m. Deacon meeting	15 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Meeting	16	17 7:00 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m. Les Misérables,	18	19 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.</b>						
20 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship	21	22 9:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline	23	24 Mail August newsletter	25	26
27 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:15 Adult Ed 10:30 Worship  5:00 p.m. Youth group/Kairos	28	29 Treasure Carnival 7-8:30 p.m.	30	31		

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