



STATEMENT OF FAITH

Maureen Richardson

The following statements form the basis of my faith:

*God loves me--there are no conditions to his love.

*I must trust God and obey him--all his directions are for my good; God will never take me to a place where he will not be with me. Obedience to him is not optional.

*God will save me from death through the resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ.

*God will be with me even though I sometimes have doubts, questions and fears.

*Listening for God's words can help me grow daily in my faith.

*The Bible is the word of God--it is not for analysis or picking out the parts I like or don't like, what I choose to believe or not believe--it is God's holy word and his word is to be followed.

*It is through prayer that I can find God and know his will for me. God hears me every time I worship him or call to him, he listens, he answers prayer--and sometimes his answer is "no."

My earliest remembrances of the presence of God was through my grandmother's beautiful piano music. She had played professionally for an opera company in Belfast, Northern Ireland before moving to New York as a young bride in 1912. There was time for music in her life every day--and each session started and ended with hymns. My mother and aunts, and many years later my sister and I, were taught to sing with her as she played. She often took the time to explain the words of the hymns to us. My grandfather usually sang along in his beautiful Irish baritone. Every hymn-sing had to include *Abide With Me*, Papa's favorite! While there were many miles between my grandparent's home and mine, this part of our frequent visits while I was growing up were "magic" to me. More importantly, Nana taught me that God was an integral part of her life--and mine.

My grandparents knew adversity: long separations when Papa was at sea on one of the Cunard liners on which he served as an engineer; near starvation during the Great Depression when Nana made "make-believe" sandwiches for her girls of bread and lettuce leaves (that she pretended was roast beef or some other delicacy); when she had to sell her piano that had been brought from Ireland to help with expenses; and lastly, the birth of a little girl with Down Syndrome which meant my grandparents could never return to their beloved Belfast because the British Government deemed their Dorothy to be an "undesirable alien." They never faltered in their faith. God was real and always present in their lives. The Bible was read daily, prayers were said, and they taught their faith through kindness, generosity and beautiful example. Not once did I ever hear a complaint from either of them--only words of thanks to their God. Dorothy was cherished and lived to an amazing age of 58.

My parents made sure that their four children attended Sunday School each week. We dreaded going! The Sunday School Superintendent was "ancient" in our eyes, delivering lengthy sermons full of fire and brimstone while he waved his Bible in the air and threatened us with dire consequences if we were not good. He terrified us and for the most part, we children didn't even understand what he was talking about. While he undoubtedly meant well, I feel he did great harm. In my late teens I found myself pulling away from this church which talked only of misery and punishment. It made no sense to me! Perhaps this was an important element in my faith journey--to leave the church and then come to realize that there was a void in my life without it.

I turned back to the Methodist Church in which I had been confirmed after college graduation. It was a blessing to find Herbert K. Robinson there, a Godly minister who loved the Lord, loved his parishioners and helped me to understand God's plan for my life. With Reverend Robinson's



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guidance, I committed myself to becoming the best Christian I could possibly be. Reverend Robinson so often comes to my mind though he passed away many years ago. He was the shining example of what I would love to be. I know he is in Heaven and I know in my heart that I will see him again.

I have received so many blessings over the years: the love of a precious, decent, God-loving good husband; treasured relatives and friends and---beloved dogs. All have been such an important part of my life. I thank God daily for the blessings of their company because I know he had a hand in bringing each to me. There have been wonderful jobs, exciting travel, and many experiences that I delight in remembering. I thank God daily for his goodness to me because all these were also his gifts. There have been challenges as well: frequent absences of my Marine Corps husband during his years of active duty with the Corps; deaths of loved ones, serious illnesses in our family and a world that sometimes stuns me with its cruelty and ignorance of a loving God. Too often people have disappointed me; more often, though, I am thrilled with the kindness and goodness of people. I believe that from everything that makes up my world there are lessons to be learned. I pray for the grace (and patience) to understand them. I want to be what God wants me to be.

There were many churches my husband and I attended over the years as we traveled. They were all important to us and we took active roles in each. An unfortunate choice of an area church when we moved to Tualatin 19 years ago left us saddened, disappointed and angry. For a time we chose not to attend services, then fully realizing that this was not God's plan, we started our search for a caring and loving church. My faith tells me that God has a plan for us and we need only listen for him to direct us. I also believe he blesses us daily in a million ways. He bestowed a true blessing the day he led us to the Tualatin Presbyterian Church. We know it was part of his plan!

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES



S U M M E R
Progressive Dinner

Saturday, August 6

We will gather at Jan and Bud Bender's home for appetizers at 6 pm and then divide into smaller groups for the main course and dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the tower.

Salad Lunch



WOMEN'S LUNCH

Saturday, August 27, 11:30 am
The women of TPC will gather on Laura Spurrell's back deck for a potluck salad lunch. More information will follow.

SANCTUARY THERMOSTAT

Sometimes when you walk into the sanctuary it might feel a bit too cold or a bit too warm. The temptation is to go to the thermostat and start pushing buttons. Please don't.

There is only one button that anyone should need to push. That's the button labeled "Temporary Occupied." The Sanctuary is a large space, so the effect on the system will take 10 minutes (or so) to be noticeable. If you are there for more than 3 hours, press the button again for another 3 hours. On the display the System and Fan status should both say Auto. With everything in Auto mode, when you press Temporary Occupied, the system will do what it needs to do to heat or cool the room. The system is set to 66 degrees, which appears to be low; it is a large space and by the time the thermostat senses 66 degrees, the rest of the space is 70-72 degrees.

Norman Dannemiller, Building & Grounds Elder.

KITCHEN REJUVENATION

Have you looked at the kitchen recently? It's been cleaned and tidied up! A special thank you to Pam Cameron and Carolyn Barker who each spent several hours on Friday, June 17 cleaning and organizing the kitchen. Thanks, ladies!!!

OPPORTUNITIES



FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Please remember that you can celebrate a special event or remember a loved one by providing flowers for worship! This can be such a lovely way to enhance our worship and remember the special people and events in our lives. Flowers from your garden would be wonderful! To reserve your special day, please sign up on the Flower Sheet on the Narthex tower. Your message will be placed in Sunday's bulletin.

Also, knowing that flowers can be a beautiful acknowledgement of very special new lives, we would like to reinstate a practice used at TPC a number of years ago. A rose is placed on the communion table to honor a new baby (or grandbaby or great grandbaby) who is now a member of "our family." The name of the baby and the TPC member associated with the child will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Additionally, we will be presenting a rose to parents at the conclusion of baptism services.

Please contact Maureen Richardson, Worship Elder, if you have any questions or would like to request a "new baby" rose: 503-691-6711 or maureenr@frontier.com.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking several people to make our "visitors" feel even more welcome when they enter TPC on Sunday mornings. It is hard for our regular greeters to leave their positions at the front door in order to show newcomers around and to introduce them to others. Therefore, we are looking for people who would stand near the front door for the express purpose of spending time with our guests and making sure that their visit is an even more warm and welcoming experience.

Additionally, we are also seeking people who would be stationed at the desk where our guest book is kept and who will make sure that we get names and addresses of our visitors for later follow-up with them.

Volunteers and/or suggestions for "volunteers" would be very welcome.

Please contact Maureen Richardson, Worship Elder: 503-691-6711 or maureenr@frontier.com.

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

Currently the greatest needs are for toilet paper, boxed cereal, sugar (any size) and canned or bottled juices. Items that are always needed are powdered laundry soap, bars of hand soap and small toothpaste.

Donations of fresh fruit and vegetables can be made directly to the pantry located at Rolling Hills Community Church, 3550 SW Borland Road, Tualatin. To confirm acceptable delivery times, call the pantry at 503-738-0721.

Donations to the Tualatin School House Pantry are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. TSHP is a registered 501 C(3) nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID #20-2253741.



HEART-FELT THANKS

to the team from the Men's Fellowship Group that recently spent a Saturday painting one of the bedrooms and adjoining bath at Martha's Place. The team also made some needed repairs. Martha's Place is a non-profit respite facility providing both daycare and three-day weekend respite care for mentally handicapped adults. Thanks again, gentlemen, for giving of your time and talents!
Joan Nardi, Mission Elder

PLEASE PUT HYMNALS BACK ON CHAIR



Before leaving the sanctuary after worship on Sunday morning, please take a minute to put The Presbyterian Hymnal and the Sing the Faith hymn books back on your chair. Thanks .

TUALATIN LIONS CLUB AMERICAN FLAGS FOR FIRST GRADERS



Tualatin Lions Club Member, Ed Casey, presenting a flag to Byrom Elementary School First Grader, Will Evers-Hood, June 14.

On June 14, 2011, local Tualatin Lions Club members Ed Casey and Jackie Dannemiller provided 200 “American Flags for First Graders” at Byrom Elementary School and Tualatin Elementary School. Every year for Flag Day, the Tualatin Lions visit local first graders and present each student with a small flag, a

wooden Lions flag holder and a brochure to take home and share with their family. As first graders, the students have been learning to say the pledge of allegiance and have talked about our country’s presidents during the school year and it gives them an opportunity to actually share what they have learned about the history of our flag. Many students wonder what the colors represent. They learn that the red represents courage, the white represents liberty and the blue represents loyalty. The first graders are asked to recite the pledge of allegiance to the flag, and one school, led by their first grade teachers, sing “You’re a Grand Old Flag” before being presented with their own small flag. They are told that it’s their personal flag, how to care for it and its importance. The Lions then remind them to be proud of their flag and to be proud to be an American.

Lions Clubs International was founded in the United States on June 7, 1917 by Melvin Jones, a Chicago businessman. Jones asked, with regard to his colleagues, “What if these men, who are successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition, were to put their talents to work improving their communities?” Jones’s personal code, “You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else,” reminds many Lions of the importance of community service. The Lions motto is “We Serve.” Local Lions Club programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, in-

ternational relations, environmental issues, and other programs.

The Tualatin Lions Club has been active in the Tualatin Community since 1973 and is looking for new members to help support our community’s youth activities such as Tualatin Haunted House, Tualatin’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Crawfish Festival, newsprint recycling at Tualatin High School, American Flags for First Graders, Tualatin Schoolhouse Food Bank collection, Eyeglass Collection, Sight Night, Peace Poster contest, Sight and Hearing Health Mobile, holiday socials, joint activities with other local civic groups and sponsoring of youth groups, teams, scouting units, Tualatin High School’s athletic teams, Tualatin High and Hazelbrook Middle School’s music programs and more. If you are interested in participating in local events that give back to the community, please contact Ed Casey, 503-692-0513 or Jackie Dannemiller, 503-885-2405. Join the Tualatin Lions Club and make a difference in your life and in the lives of countless others.

HAVE A SAFE AND SANE 4TH OF JULY



July is National Fireworks Safety Month. Each year Americans spend 201 million dollars on fireworks. We cause 20 million dollars worth of property loss and 7,000 people have to go to the emergency room. Here are some tips to keep you safe during the holiday season.

- Only use fireworks outside
- Buy only fireworks listed on the State Fire Marshall’s Web site listed as sparklers
- Children under 16 should have adult supervision
- Always have a bucket of water or a hose nearby
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix
- Sparklers reach temperatures up to 1800 degrees—do not touch the lit portion
- If the sparklers explode or fly, they’re most likely illegal—don’t use them
- When all else fails, use common sense. Respect fireworks and sparklers to keep our country’s heritage going strong.

Submitted by Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse



SUNLIGHT AND SUNSCREEN

In the belief that summer and sunlight will come to Oregon, here is information from the American Academy of Dermatology's website, compliments of Carolyn Hale, MD.

Sunlight consists of two types of harmful rays: Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays and Ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. UVA rays (which pass through window glass) penetrate deeper into the dermis, the thickest layer of the skin. UVA rays can cause suppression of the immune system, and is known to lead to signs of premature aging of the skin such as wrinkling and age spots.

The UVB rays are the sun's burning rays (which are blocked by window glass) and are the primary cause of sunburn. Excessive exposure to both forms of UV rays can lead to the development of skin cancer.

Sunscreen should be applied every day to exposed skin, and not just if you are going to be in the sun. UVB rays cannot penetrate glass windows, but UVA rays can, leaving you prone to these damaging effects if unprotected. Sun protection is the principal means of preventing premature aging and skin cancer. It's never too late to protect yourself from the sun and minimize your future risk of skin cancer.

Don't reserve the use of sunscreen only for sunny days. Even on a cloudy day, up to 80 percent of the sun's ultraviolet rays can pass through the clouds.

Sunscreens should be applied to dry skin 15 to 30 minutes BEFORE going outdoors. When using sunscreen, be sure to apply it to all exposed areas and pay particular attention to the face, ears, hands and arms. Coat the skin liberally and rub it in thoroughly—most people apply only 25 to 50 percent of the recommended amount of sunscreen.

How to choose a sunscreen?

Ideally, sunscreens should be water-resistant, so they cannot be easily removed by sweating or swimming, and should have an SPF of 30 or higher that provides broad-spectrum coverage against both UVA and UVB light. Ingredients to look for

on the sunscreen label to ensure broad-spectrum coverage include:

Avobenzene
Cinoxate
Ecamsule
Menthyl anthranilate
Octyl methoxycinnamate
Octyl salicylate
Oxybenzone
Sulisobenzene
Titanium dioxide
Zinc oxide

Be Sun Smart

Generously apply a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 to all exposed skin. "Broad-spectrum" provides protection from both UVA and UVB rays. Reapply about every two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating.

Wear proactive clothing, such as a long-sleeved shirt, pants, a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses, where possible.

Seek shade when appropriate, remembering that the sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If your shadow is shorter than you are, seek shade.

Use extra caution near water, snow and sand because they reflect the damaging rays of the sun, which can increase your chance of sunburn.

Get vitamin D safely through a healthy diet that may include vitamin supplements. Don't seek the sun.

Avoid tanning beds.

Check your birthday suit on your birthday. If you notice anything changing, growing or bleeding on your skin, see a dermatologist. Skin cancer is very treatable when caught early.

There is no safe way to tan. A tan damages the skin.

OFFERING FOR JAPAN

Thank you to all who shared in the relief offering for Japan. The total received for this international mission project was \$2,215, which has been sent to Presbytery for assistance in Japan. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Joan Nardi, Mission Elder

POP CAN RECEIPTS

Thank you to everyone who has donated pop cans and bottles. Monies received go into the Community Help Fund to assist local people. In 2010 we recycled \$307.65 worth, or 6,153 containers. Thus far in 2011 we have recycled \$157.20 worth, or 3,144 containers. That’s a lot of cans and bottles!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS READY

A summary of your giving for the first six months of 2011 is available. The statements are in a box on a table in the Narthex near the kitchen. Please take your statement and save the postage cost.

Thanks very much.

Rhoda Friesen



PLEDGE PAYMENTS

There is no vacation from church expenses; they continue every month of the year at a consistent and predictable pace. Our monthly income fluctuates, especially during the summer months. If you have

made a pledge to the church, we encourage you to keep your pledge current. We are half way through the calendar year, but we have received less than 40% of our pledged income. (This percentage includes those families that have already completely paid their full year’s pledge.) Even though you may be traveling on business or be away on vacation, please consider bringing your pledge up to date.

Chip Kyle, Admin. Elder



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 02 | Rebecca Crall | 10 | Robert Long |
| 02 | Rick Springer | 14 | Elise Steffen |
| 02 | Olivia Schmitt | 14 | William Hammer |
| 03 | Don Schmidt | 14 | Wyatt Hammer |
| 03 | Kris Sparks | 15 | Dianne Lemmon |
| 03 | Molly Maleta | 21 | Judith Mears |
| 04 | Marshall Miller | 22 | Bruce MacKay |
| 07 | Kay Kinyon | 23 | Linda Watkins |
| 07 | Robyn MacKay | 23 | Linda Fukasawa |
| 08 | Steve Hoppe | 23 | Laura Grover |
| 09 | Jacoby Cobb | 27 | Marshall Fant |
| 09 | Anne Winterrowd | 27 | Kip Stevenson |
| 10 | Karl Schultz | 29 | Marilyn Schmidt |
| 10 | Paul Fukasawa | 29 | Karen Stevenson |
| 10 | Laura Spurrell | 31 | Shivani Senthirajah |

TPC PER CAPITA EXPENSE

\$22.90 for each member

If you haven’t already, please pay your per capita fee for 2011. Make check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Your treasurer will thank you. We’re currently short \$1,816.81

2011 FINANCIALS

Income Year to Date (as of 5-31-2011)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$129,655	\$128,700	\$955
Expenses Year to Date (as of 5-31-2011)			
	\$118,995	\$125,098	\$6,103

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon