

ADULT EDUCATION ELDER'S STATEMENT OF FAITH



JOHN CASEBEER

What is meaning and what has meaning? What is the meaning of God? What is the meaning of me? I have always been, since a very early age, a seeker of answers, a poser of questions, a hopeful recipient of truth, a believer in the good, as I grapple to understand the opposite of it all.

I truly feel like I am walking next to eternal truth in purity, just a molecule away from this life that I enjoy.

Death has been part of my life from early on as well, as I attended many funerals which my Father, a minister, presided over. My understanding around age 8 that all life around me will die at some point helped create my acceptance of this inevitable part of our living existence. Even with this acceptance, the early deaths of my mother and father impacted my adult and spiritual maturity.

My father, somewhat like my eternal Father, was in many traits, a mystery to me. At age 12 a single event that happened to him changed the trajectory of my adult life. He was minister at a large Christian Church in California for 25 years and he decided that it was time to move on because they needed to build a larger church and he didn't feel he was the best choice to be the centerpiece to raise this money. When he came home one night after an Elder's meeting releasing him from his role of minister, the elders told him that the church would not provide him any retirement, even though he was 60 at that time and had believed they were creating a retirement for him all those decades. That night I decided that I would never allow my present or future to be in the hands of the organized church and I would work for a company whose promises I trusted, especially those regarding retirement.

I share this story because I immediately became enraged with organized religion as a whole and God for being part of this mess.

The silver lining in this cloud was meeting my wife, whose unorthodox view of the trinity and scriptures intrigued me to begin considering that I might be short sighted in my limited view of God's hand, His Son, and Spirit. I also had the pleasure of being enlightened by the spiritual and natural viewpoints of Dr. Gene Scott, who helped me get practical about faith and building character. Then Father Tom at St. Francis Catholic Church in Sherwood exuded compassion that allowed me to hear scripture like a child for the first time, which removed the preconceived ideas I had formed over decades. And finally, I arrived at the TPC Adult Education group that shocked me with likeminded souls moving in similar journeys as my own, and with Ken's revelatory sharing during worship.

My father, my parent, loved me, and I knew it sometimes, and I tried to return love sometimes, but I did not know him or make efforts to understand him with the type of dedication I made seeking truth and understanding in music, art, stories, other people, science, philosophy, love, science fiction, the cosmos, animals, and the unknown.

I stopped being flat out mad at God in recent years and through his grace of continual and absolute forgiveness he has allowed me to begin to become the man I hoped I would be.

The coming about full circle applies as well to the church as a whole because TPC is administered with methods I fully admire and respect, capped with loving souls that I feel wonderful being part of and participating with in life's passion play.

So I stopped being mad at God and the Church, and I make this statement of faith for myself and to share, if one knocks on God's door, the door opens, but we can't control it, or always understand why, or accept it, or love it, or explain it, but we will someday, together. Even better than that, the door is always open, light on, hand out stretched, smiling as he sees me coming down the path. I am so thankful he waited for me to come back home.

**Youth Mission Trip Members
return Sunday, June 29.**

**SUMMER PROGRESSIVE DINNER
SATURDAY, JULY 12**

A fun and festive TPC annual event, we all gather at one home for hors d'oeuvres and beverages then separate into smaller groups and progress to a second home to enjoy dinner and dessert. Sign-ups will be in the narthex. If you are in town, this would be a great way to spend an evening!!
Thanks for reading!!

Emily Ricker, Fellowship and Integration Elder

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS
Sunday, July 13 after worship**

We will have new member orientation/information meetings three times a year during which we will share a light lunch as we discuss a bit of Presbyterian history, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and specifically, what it means to be part of TPC. We will answer questions and have a chance to get to know one another better. If you're thinking about joining TPC, or would just like to learn more about the Presbyterian Church, mark your calendar and plan on meeting with us on Sunday, July 13 after worship. Please RSVP to the church office at office@tpcspirit.org or call 503-692-4160.

Jeni Wiggers, New Member Coor.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) will be 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Monday, July 14 through Friday, July 18.** This year's theme is **WILDERNESS ESCAPE** where children will learn more about their God and His beautiful plans for their lives. The week costs \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional sibling. VBS is for children 4 years of age, up to children who have just finished 5th grade.

To register your child, or to volunteer to help at VBS, please go this website:
www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/tpc

Hope to see you at VBS!
Andrew Hall, Dir. of Youth and Family Ministries

The Tualatin Valley Community Band (TVCB) will perform a free, family-friendly concert at the Bishop-Scheckla Gazebo in Cook Park on **Sunday, July 20th at 7 p.m.** Bring blankets, folding chairs, and snacks to listen to live music performed by local musicians. The concert will feature the popular music of Percy Granger, John Williams, Robert Russell Bennett and John Philip Sousa. Visit www.tvcb.org to learn more

TUESDAY'S TREASURES

Carolyn Locke, Treasures Coordinator
The 14th annual **TPC Treasures Carnival** is coming...and we need some volunteers to help with the games at this event which is open to developmentally disabled adults in our community. The carnival will be held **Tuesday, July 29 @ TPC**, with volunteers helping from 6:30 - 8:45 pm. If you have questions or want to help, please contact Carolyn Locke clocke-zoo@gmail.com Thank you!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood drive at TPC on **Wednesday, August 27**, with donor hours from 2 to 7 p.m. Watch for Scott Cameron and his clipboard.

SUMMER IS ON THE WAY and summer in Sherwood, Tualatin and Lake Oswego includes Music on the Green Summer Concerts at Stella Olsen Memorial Park in Old Town Sherwood, 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in July and August. We are creating an email list for either planning ahead or for those impromptu evenings when some conversation and music is just the thing...bring your blanket, pack a picnic and enjoy an evening with friends. Email list sign-up is on the tower in the narthex.

Emily Ricker, Fellowship and Integration Elder

ADULT MISSION TRIP PART 2

Newburg, Saturday June 21
Several TPC members returned for a second round of construction on a single story Habitat for Humanity home located in Newburg, Oregon. The

initial team placed trusses for the roof and moved a significant amount of gravel for future landscape areas and the front entrance. The home is coming together nicely and this second team spent the day hanging siding on the front and back of the home. It is anticipated that the new owners will take possession of their home in late August.

Members of the TPC work team were: Larry Church, Larry Nord, Karl Schultz, Wade Fee and Russ Carlin. Three members of the Newberg Kiwanis joined them. Also working were several future Habitat homeowners who were laying sand and pavers for an outdoor patio/parking area. Roy, the Habitat supervisor, was pleased with the progress and



shared that TPC is always welcome on his job sites. Nice work fellas. Challenge: Can you find all four guys in this photo? Look closely and you'll see, left to right... Karl Schultz, Wade Fee, Larry Church and Larry Nord.

Russ Carlin, Mission Committee Member
and Deacon of Parish #5

WHAT A PICNIC!

On June 22 the weather cooperated and the food appeared. We do know how to put together a yummy potluck. Thanks to Fellowship Elder Emily Ricker and her committee for organizing and making this time of good food and fellowship such a success.

FRESH VEGETABLES

Please save your grocery sacks, both paper and plastic. Summer produce is here.

Paul Fukasawa

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

Currently the pantry is in need of pasta (any kind except spaghetti), hygiene items (any and all, especially TP) and common condiments (mayo, mustard, salad dressing, jelly, syrup, bbq sauce, etc.). If you have extra produce from your garden, we would love to receive that as well. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

With summer coming, the pantry also needs additional volunteers to help clients shop for food. Call to volunteer. The pantry is open Monday 3 to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tracy Smith, Program Coordinator
Tualatin School House Pantry 503-783-0721

ESCAPE FROM THE ORDINARY

Women you asked for it! Yes...

A Women's Retreat!

*Reserve Saturday, October 18 on your
calendars... Watch for details!*

June 19 Session Meeting Highlights Carolyn Barker, Clerk of Session

Action Items:

Active membership now stands at 292 with the addition of the following members: Trish Ames, Robert Carlson, Deb Carlson, Matthew Dannemiller, Patty Farrell, Arielle Mazzucca, Emily Mazzucca, Bradley Olson, John Olsen, Kaity Olsen, Cameron Sweetland, and Megan Weener.

Committee Reports and Other Information:

- Representatives from the Presbytery Commission on Ministry scheduled their triennial visit and met with session in June to provide a time of sharing together.
- A SCRIP program to fund mission projects will not be implemented because surveys indicated there was not enough support to proceed.
- Moisture ant control and repair work in the youth room is nearing completion.
- A new projector has been purchased with Shark Tank money.

Over the summer a communication planning team will be surveying the congregation as they prepare to update website, logo and other communication tools.

The above information has been compiled from Session minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.

From the Art Director's Notebook

I have never liked rushing holiday seasons, but there is a good reason that Advent and Christmas art are on my mind this month. Last fall when ideas were discussed for the liturgical year, Chrismons were suggested for Advent and Christmas. Shirley Schultz worked with a group of children and made Chrismons that marked the way to the manger on the back wall of the sanctuary. Plans for an all-church project to make Chrismons came out of the children's work. Having time to plan, to teach families how and to produce elegant Chrismons and then to craft symbols representative of Jesus became a priority.

What are Chrismons? They are ornaments which depict symbols that have historically represented Jesus Christ. Initiated by Mrs. Frances Kipps Spencer in 1957, they became part of the Advent tradition of Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia. Other congregations of various Christian denominations have adopted the Chrismon concept and decorated trees with the ornaments and clear twinkling lights. The ornaments are constructed of white and gold to represent the purity and majesty of Jesus. Various materials, such as beads, needle work, wire, wood and paint can be used in their construction

Our project will include both ancient historic symbols of Jesus as well as newly invented symbols by TPC families and individuals. They will be predominantly gold and white, but we will also include some icons with gold and other colors. The symbols will be used to decorate the greens surrounding the sanctuary.

Materials will be provided by the art committee along with patterns for traditional symbols. There will be opportunities to work together in small groups. Everyone who makes a Chrismon for TPC will also have materials to make a Chrismon for their own Christmas tree. The creative process will begin in August and September. The art committee hopes that this will be the beginning of a new tradition at TPC and that our Chrismons will become valued heirlooms in our church and in our families.

Mary Shiffer, Art Director

SUNGLASSES BUYING GUIDE

by Berkeley Wellness, August 13, 2013

Many people choose sunglasses by how they look and feel. But the most important feature to consider is how well they shield your eyes from ultraviolet rays (high-frequency invisible energy emitted by the sun), as well as blue light (high-frequency visible light).

Chronic ultraviolet (UV) exposure is implicated in a range of eye conditions, including cataracts, benign growths on the surface of the eye, skin cancer on the eyelid and around the eyes and even melanoma of the eye itself. Blue light is particularly damaging to internal eye tissues and over time may permanently damage the retina, leading to macular degeneration.

Sun damage is cumulative, so the more time you spend outdoors with your eyes unprotected, the greater your lifetime risk. The good news is that it's not hard to find affordable sunglasses that are fashion-forward *and* protective.

Everyone who spends time outside should wear sunglasses. That includes children (whose eyes are especially vulnerable to UV) and people who wear contacts (even if UV-treated, they don't cover the whole eye). Sunglasses are a necessity for people who are sun-sensitive due to medications (such as tetracycline) or other reasons, and for those who have had cataract surgery, especially if they have an older intraocular lens that provides no UV protection. Light-colored eyes are especially vulnerable to UV. Even on overcast and hazy days, your eyes can be exposed to significant UV radiation.

Here's more reason to wear a pair: Very bright sunlight can irritate eyes—and even burn the cornea, a temporary but painful condition called photokeratitis or “snow blindness.” Sunglasses also shield eyes from wind, dust and drying, and help reduce glare, which can be hazardous when driving, biking, or playing sports.

Submitted by Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

YOUTH SUNDAY, JUNE 8

It was a truly remarkable Sunday.

Photographs by Shari Olsen.



THE PHONE RANG

When you answer a church phone, you never know who's going to be on the other end.

One day in May, a man called. He and his mother and two dogs had driven to Oregon from the Midwest to accept a job on the Oregon coast. Only when they arrived, there was no job.

No job? After driving all those miles! Now what?

They lived in their car and worked their cell phones. They applied for jobs on line. They called churches and other organizations for assistance. One church allowed them to park in their lot overnight. Some gave gift cards for local stores. Some gave cash. They found places to shower and do laundry. They located food pantries. They pieced together an existence waiting, praying for a job offer for one of them. It was difficult. You could see the stress in the man's face and you could hear it in his voice.

In June the mom got a job offer from a company in San Diego. Now how to get there? With cash donations from several churches, TPC included, they decided to start driving south. When they came by the church on their way out of town that Friday in June, they were different people. They were smiling. Their eyes were bright. The weight on their shoulders had been lifted. They had hope.

As of June 19, they have a 2-bedroom apartment in San Diego. The mom is working and the son is looking for a job. We made a difference.

Susan Springer, Administrative Assistant

ANNUAL PER CAPITA (can be thought of as Presbyterian Membership Dues)

TPC's annual per capita expense (over \$7,000 this year) is not covered by income from our pledges; there is a separate income line item for per capita. Therefore, we ask that each member pays their own per capita in addition to their regular pledge or tithe. This year's amount is \$25.24/member. Please make sure your check memo line or offering envelope is marked "per capita." Thank you.

Rhoda Friesen, Financial Assistant

SHOP ON AMAZON AND DONATE TO TPC

Do you shop on Amazon.com? If so, you can help TPC! Amazon will donate 1/2 of 1% of your purchases to a charity of choice, if you start your purchase on the website *smile*.amazon.com. When asked to select a charity, choose Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Then shop as normal. Easy!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Rick Springer
2 - Rebecca Crall
2 - Olivia Schmitt
2 - Timothy Pairamore
3 - Don Schmidt
3 - Molly Maleta
3 - Kris Sparks
4 - Marshall Miller
7 - Kay Kinyon
7 - Robyn MacKay
8 - Steve Hoppe
9 - Anne Winterrowd
10 - Karl Schultz

10 - Paul Fukasawa
10 - Laura Spurrell
10 - Robert Long
14 - Dillon Peterson
14 - Elise Steffen
14 - William Hammer
14 - Wyatt Hammer
15 - Don Shafer
15 - Dianne Lemmon
15 - Bob Carlson
17 - Paula Eddy
21 - Judith Mears
21 - Chapin Zakrzewski

22 - Bruce MacKay
23 - Linda Watkins
23 - Linda Fukasawa
23 - Laura Grover
26 - Mary Feiler
26 - Sue Hayhurst
27 - Kip Stevenson
27 - Marshall Fant
29 - Marilyn Schmidt
29 - Karen Stevenson
30 - Martha Bennett
31 - Shivani Senthirajah
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:30 p.m. Awakening for youth	3	4 Holiday	5
6 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship	7	8 7 p.m. Mission meeting 7 p.m. Fellowship meeting	9	10 7 p.m. Building and Grounds committee meeting	11 10 to noon Loving Stitches	12 Summer Progressive Dinner
13 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship 11:30 a.m. New Member Orientation downstairs	14 7 p.m. Deacon meeting	15	16 7:30 p.m. The Awakening—youth	17 7 p.m. Session Meeting	18	19 First day of Family Camp at Honeyman State Park in Florence, OR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						
20 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship	21	22 9 a.m. August Newsletter deadline	23	24	25 10 to noon Loving Stitches	26 Last day of Family Camp
FAMILY CAMP AT HONEYMAN STATE PARK IN FLORENCE, OR						
27 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship	28	29 7 p.m. Tuesdays Treasures Carnival	30	31		

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel."

-Maya Angelou *Interview* for *Beautifully Said Magazine* (2012)

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on calendar.

Regular TPC office hours are Monday through Thursday,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.
Office hours can vary; call ahead to confirm the office is open.

2014 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 5/31/14	\$133,263	\$148,048	(\$14,785)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 5/31/14	\$140,582	\$145,207	\$4,625



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The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood, Pastor

Phone: 503-692-4160 **Web Address:** www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Associate: The Rev. Charlie Brown

Elders: Dave Backen, John Casebeer, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Bob Paetsch, Emily Ricker, Kathy Sweetland, and Katrina Weener.

Deacons: Julian Awdry, Becky Backen, Dan Barker, Karen Black, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Rebecca Crall, Susan Fee, Barbara Harriman, Barb Kerr, Mary Maleta, Jackie Norman.

Office Administrator: Susan Springer
Financial Assistant: Rhoda Friesen
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov
Director of Youth and Family Ministries: Andrew Hall
Art Director: Mary Shiffer
Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall
Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Carolyn Barker
Cookie Coordinator: Myrna Friese
Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer
Parish Nurse: Dianne Lemmon
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Tuesdays Treasures: Carolyn Locke
Webmaster: John Martin
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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