

Dear friends,

In early June we started announcing in worship that the Institute of Youth Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary selected TPC to be one of 50 congregations to create a “community of engagement.” Around 360 congregations applied nation wide, and the congregations chosen received a mysterious package inviting us to take something of a journey imagining what forms family ministry might take in the 21st century.

Sarah Beck and I have been co-leading this effort. The actions they invited us to take: assess how open and willing our congregation is of engaging change; consider what leaders might be willing to lean in for an intensive month of effort. (And yes, I said a month. We received the package in early June and were given a deadline of July 1st to complete the tasks and report back what we learned.) Sarah and I nervously looked at our very full calendars and invited ten people representing different aspects of TPC to join us. To our great joy we didn’t have a hard time recruiting folks willing to take a chance.

After worship on June 3rd we held our first meeting. I explained the project a bit further, giving as much detail as I had (which honestly wasn’t that much.) And then, I handed out the ten tasks we were given designed to help us learn more about ourselves. The tasks were varied- everything from hosting a multicultural dinner (like the dinner we had with Rios De Agua Viva I preached about on June 17th) to interviews, to brainstorming sessions, to interviews, to exploring the history of TPC, to researching the different moods people of differing age experienced at different times of the day. (That one was a curve ball to all of us.)

It was a lot of work, but the team dove right in and accomplished all ten tasks. (Part of what the grant directors look for is how willing and able the various congregations are to be handed a project like this and actually perform the challenges they offer. After speaking with the director of the program, I learned we are unique not only in how much we accomplished but also in how much fun we had doing it.)

After two weeks of work we met for a second time to go over what we had learned and to explore an innovation game they call the Ministry Blueprint. (Cue the exciting music!) The ministry blueprint gamifies what many of you know as a SWOT analysis asking about our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. We opened decks of cards posing various questions. The first set were element cards. Using the metaphor of construction these inquired after our space, budget, materials, zoning, permission, and other elements relating to what we’re working with. We listed thoughts on sticky notes and then arranged these elements around the board in terms of whether we felt we had a strength, weakness, opportunity, or threat. Then we explored tools and equipment cards with cards like the bulldozer card (Are there things we should stop doing?); the tape measure card (What and how should we measure what we’re doing?); and shovel (Do we have a culture of people willing to show up to do the work family ministry requires?); and so on. It was illuminating for us to see not only the strengths and opportunities before us (we have an engaged, flexible, hopeful congregation willing to support new ideas) but also to acknowledge our weaknesses (people have a lot on their plate and young people are increasingly busy.)

The last step was communicating this with the congregation. So, last Sunday, while I was experiencing a grueling, yet amazing weekend in Santa Barbara learning about myself and developing better personal coaching skills, about fifty people gathered at my home to hear from Sarah and Jeff Engh about our work. While I honestly would have liked to have been present, I think it was actually great that I wasn’t. Pastors don’t and shouldn’t run the church, and sometimes the best way to honor this is by using my absence as a way of supporting the excellent leadership of others.☺ That turnout was above and beyond what I expected, and I’m incredibly grateful for all who made it happen and especially for those who came early and stayed late to help with the clean up.

We aren’t sure what will come from this. For right now I can not say whether we are one of the 12 congregations that will receive the grant. We engaged in some activities Sarah and I have long been talking about doing, but hadn’t made onto our calendars. This process forced us (with love) into thinking more comprehensively about her work, into meeting with the youngest cohort and their parents, and into having dinner with the Rios community and building bridges among the younger generation. One major takeaway for us: people tend to only think they are connected to family ministry if they have a young person who shows up fairly regularly on Sunday morning. And of course these families are vital to our efforts. But we have many families who consider TPC their church home but aren’t able to attend often, and loving grandparents whose grandchildren participate, adults who volunteer, and there are families that only tend to participate in the summer programs Sarah runs. All of these people together compose our family ministry, and my dearest hope is that we cultivate a greater ability to witness, honor, and welcome all of these people however they are involved and help them to feel what it is we feel: that they matter and are dearly loved.



(Pastor Ken)

CHURCH PICNIC IS SUNDAY, JULY 1 AFTER WORSHIP AT TUALATIN CITY PARK

It is my distinct honour and privilege to introduce you to
my faithful parishioner and friend, Rosemary Willis.

Rob Wiesenthal, Deacon for Parish 7



ROSEMARY WILLIS

At age 19 I married Wayne Willis and the only thing he promised me was that it wouldn't be boring. So far, he has kept his promise. When I married Wayne, he was the proud owner of a Choose n Cut Christmas Tree Farm by the name of Saddleback Pines, located in Stanton, Calif. It was a definite learning experience as we had to budget our income over 12 months. "Saddleback Pines" was a wonderful experience but we were ready to be done and sold the farm in 1985.

We have two, fantastic children and their spouses, Travis & Jessica Willis, and Tracy & Greg Norris, as well as 3 incredible grandchildren. Shane is a sophomore in college and loves computers, Delaney is a sophomore in high school and her love is horses and Wyatt will be a first-year student in high school and is the athlete of the bunch. There have always been dogs in our life starting with Bridget. Bridget was a wandering dog who attended the Friends Church across the street from us on a regular basis. Many a Sunday or Wednesday evening, that was pot luck night, someone from the church called us to come get Bridget. We now have a dog named Maxx who was a rescue given to us by a friend. Wayne is learning to speak "Maxx" and is now in training to do Maxx's bidding.

I have always been self employed from Christmas Trees, to Construction and finally in Real Estate. My daughter and I are partners known as "The Willis Team." Most of our business comes from repeat and referral. We have been partnered up for 21 years and don't even fight. I can't say the same when she was between 16 & 18. We love what we do and have the best clients in the business. It is our greatest joy to help clients navigate the process of buying and selling of homes. We are also a resource if you need a contractor or to guide you to the best professional to help with your questions or concerns. Sometimes people say, "But I love my house". And I say "great, then you should stay in your home." However, if you know someone who needs our services, we promise to give them top notch service.

Why I love TPC: We have been attending TPC for about 9 years. What made me want to be a part of this church was Ken's statement that "everyone was welcome, no matter their fears, doubts or beliefs." How wonderful is that. We all have our own opinions and thoughts and it is nice to know that it is okay to be yourself. I love the congregation and the friendly, welcome faces we see when we enter the church. On our first visit, one of the parishioners asked if she could introduce us. Of course, Wayne said yes. Another thing I love is how involved we are in the community from collecting hats, gloves & scarves for the homeless youth to the food pantry and the backpack buddy program. I am proud that we are part of the Family Promise Program as so many families don't know where to turn. TPC feels like family and I know that if I have a need or concern there are people available in the church that I can turn to.

It is such a joy to be a part of this awesome congregation!

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

"Coffee servers needed and always appreciated!! You can sign up on the TPC web site (<https://goo.gl/9imGAU>) OR notify Bonnie Nord (nordb51@gmail.com) and she will sign you up. When there are coffee servers, there will be cookies!!! Thank you, thank you"



Dick and Jeni Wiggers are a couple that needs no introduction in the TPC community. They've been a part of TPC since 2002 and there aren't many activities that they aren't involved with. You'll see Jeni singing in the choir on Sundays, and have likely heard Dick sharing joys and concerns as our Parish Associate for pastoral care. For those of you who more recently joined TPC though, like myself, there is more to know, both about their TPC history and longer contributions to churches across the country.

The couple met their freshman year at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. According to Dick, he spotted Jeni across the dining hall and that was that. They have been married 54 years. They have three children, Scott (51), Craig (48), and Christy (46), and four grandchildren. They shared fond memories of a 14-month sabbatical that took them 24,000 miles in a motor home.

As Parish Associate for pastoral care, Dick makes hospital and home visits, and personal calls that many of us have received and appreciated. He also participates in the men's group and adult edge. Photography is a love. Both Jeni and Dick work at the food pantry and volunteer as mentors at Tigard High School. Along with being a choir member, Jeni has served as a deacon and was the new member coordinator at TPC. She "dabbles" in weaving and crafts. Her musical background is extensive, and a family trait. Her mother was trained as a concert violinist, and Jeni played violin for six years in the Pensacola Symphony. She worked as a teacher, and specialized in biology. Locally, she has served as a long-term substitute at Tualatin High and Sherwood Middle School.

Following a 13-year career in hotel and restaurant management, Dick felt called to go to seminary. He and Jeni worked with high school youth groups in Detroit and Dallas, and credit their experience with the youth and participation in a multi-denominational, home-based bible study group as significant influencers in their faith journey. He attended Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and was ordained in 1983. His journey as a pastor has taken them to Springhill Presbyterian in Mobile, Alabama, Northminster in Pensacola, Florida, Laguna Niguel in Southern California, Tualatin, Calvin, and First Presbyterian in the Portland area. His final full-time call, before settling back into the Portland metro area was at St. John's Presbyterian in Reno, Nevada.

Dick and Jeni are part of the foundation of our church, from its humble beginnings in the Crall family living room (a recent revelation they shared). The Wiggers always have a warm greeting both for long-term friends and those who are new to the church. In speaking with them, I'm reminded that following your heart and caring for those around you can lead you to exactly where you want to be.

Emily Gibson, Deacon, Parish 6



Sunday, June 3, 2018 - Stephen Ministry - The One-Year Anniversary of the Commissioning of the first class of Stephen Ministers. Pictured left to right Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers: Herb Zachow, Pastor Ken, Susan Springer, Jackie Norman, Beth Schulke, Jean Martin, Larry Church, Carol Rhodes, Nancy Wilcox, Nikki Martin, Bud Bender, Eileen Eakins, Trish Ames, Melinda Woods, and Stephen Ricker.

SUMMER VEGGIES

Paul Fukasawa will bring veggies for sale, starting Sunday, July 1. As an experiment we will also bring a few bouquets of flowers. As with Paul's Produce, monies collected for flowers will be given to the Family Ministry Fund. (Paul started the flowers in a greenhouse and bell choir members are raising them.)

MEDICAL TEAMS INTERNATIONAL Healthy Women Healthy World

Please join us for the:

2018 Summer Movie: *Human Flow*

Filmed in 23 countries in one year, this epic documentary directed by the internationally renowned artist Ali Weiwei illuminates the staggering scale of the refugee crisis and its profoundly personal human impact.

Thursday, July 19, 2018, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

McMenamins Mission Theater and Pub
1624 N.W. Glisan, Portland, OR 97209

Special Guest:

Martha Holley Newsome

President and CEO of Medical Teams Internat'l

Reserve your seat! Purchase tickets for \$20 each at medicalteams.org/humanflow. (Admission price includes movie, pizza, and sodas. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase separately. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Healthy Women, Healthy World is an initiative of Medical Teams International.

OUR MISSION: Mobilizing women to be champions for global health issues that impact women and their children. Sarah Beck is willing to drive individuals who do not wish to drive at night.
The above information provided by Angie Allee.



AROUND THE WORLD WITH TUESDAY TREASURES

The Annual TPC Tuesday Treasures carnival will be on **Tuesday, July 31 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM**. This year's theme is *Around the World*. There will be games, a photo booth, an ice cream social and lots of fun for everyone. If you have wondered what Treasures is all about, then this is a great time to visit. (You can come to observe or to help with our games) For more information talk to Mike Shiffer, Mary Shiffer or Denise Collins.

GREETINGS TO THE TPC FAMILY

This will be my first summer at TPC. Even though the vocal choir and the handbell choir take the summer off, I have been told that TPC has a wonderful tradition of people offering their talents during worship in the summer months.

I would like to ask those who would like to offer their talents to the glory of God to please contact me via email or even talk to me before, during, or after Sunday worship in the coming weeks so I can get you on the schedule

As I get to know all of you and your many talents, there will be opportunities during the coming year to share your gifts. I am still trying to find my way around TPC and get to know everyone. :-)

I look forward to meeting and talking with you about sharing your talents this summer!

Blessings,

Gary Young, garywayneyoung@gmail.com

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Create an experience that you and others will embrace by sharing your Worship Reflection in July or August. I assure you that participation is exhilarating. Email me if you are interested.

John Casebeer, Elder of Story Catching

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

If you would like to support Family Promise, make your check out to TPC and write Family Promise on the memo line – you can put the check in the collection plate or give it to Judy Nix.

To donate online, go to <https://www.familypromiseoftv.org/> With your support, we'll make a difference in the lives of homeless children and their families.

ADULT EDGE is on summer break. Sunday morning classes will resume in September after Labor Day.

RING HANDBELLS? INTERESTED?

The bell choir anticipates having three openings in the fall. Think about it. Rehearsals will resume after Labor Day in September.



SPONSORED KIDS: Mail from Sarah (Uganda) written May 5, 2018

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
How is there? But now in Uganda we are experiencing wet season and we are growing crops like ground nuts, rice and we also plant trees.

I want to thank you for your support and majorly the letter you sent to me. I received it and it was very lovely and enjoyable. Thank you for the birthday wishes. I liked the verse 1 Chronicles 16:10 so I have learned to rejoice always. Thank you for the flowers (stickers) and they were nice. I really liked the flowers.

Thank you for your love for me. I also love you so much. Thank you for your prayers to me and our family and I want to request you to always be praying for me and I will also pray for you. Our family members greet you all and they say that they love you.

Thank you for praying for me in my education and I am now in secondary level. I also want to inform you that I am in praise and worship team. I love God so much. What activity have you also taken in church services?

I love you so much and God loves you. May God bless you.

Thank you, Sarah Tino

LETTER WRITERS NEEDED:

Four years ago TPC began sponsorship for two needy children through Compassion International. Sarah Tino, in Uganda, is now 17 and Estalin Quimbulaquin Reinoso, in Ecuador, is now 11. Not only do we sponsor them financially (\$38/month per child) but also we support them through correspondence.

While I have enjoyed writing to Sarah and Estalin, I am moving to Olympia WA. Therefore it is time for one or more people from TPC to continue this special connection with Sarah and Estalin. If you are interested in helping in this way or have questions about what is involved, please contact me: clockezoo@gmail.com

Thank you,
Carolyn Locke, Mission Committee

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER TRAINING

To support our Stephen Ministry program at TPC, session has approved sending two current Stephen Ministers to Stephen Ministry Leader training. Eileen Eakins will travel to Dallas for training July 15-21. Jean Martin will travel to Pittsburgh for training August 5-11. Safe travels!

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
June 19, 2018

The Stephen Ministry program has become effective and is working well. To keep it functioning we need to periodically add trained Stephen Ministry Leaders. Two candidates have been identified and need to be sent to training and those costs were approved by Session.

Renewal of the building lease with Rios de Agua Viva for the following year was approved. They use the building twice weekly for their worship services.

Session is still looking for someone to hire to drive the church van to provide a Sunday morning shuttle service, and new ideas were discussed to help us find someone. Any leads would be appreciated.

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

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS AND USHERS NEEDED at 9:30 am

Every Sunday two people stand by the front door of the church and greet people as they arrive. Two additional people stand near the glass doors leading into the sanctuary and pass out bulletins. Can you help in May, June or July? There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please choose a date that works for you and sign up. Thank you.

Additional details: The front door greeters are also asked to help pass the offering plates. The usher/bulletin people are asked to take a microphone to those who wish to speak during Joys and Concerns and to help pass the offering plates.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES

are available on the table to the right as you enter the office. If we run out, more will be printed.



SUMMER PROGRAM FOR YOUTH - June 25 through 29.

The week was filled with activities. Sarah Beck took the kids to the North Clackamas Aquatic Park, the zoo, Fir Point Farms, Peninsula Park, and Mt. Scott. When not out and about, the kids worked on art projects, played sardines and a variety of other games. By Thursday, they admitted to being a bit tired. Thanks to Jeff Engh, Athena Erickson, Ches Evers-Hood, Morgan Olsen, Carol Rhodes, and Susan Springer for joining in the fun.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUNE 16-23, 2018 - from Pastor Ken

Whew! A lot happens when Presbyterians gather for our national conference known as the General Assembly. This year, Presbyterians descended upon St. Louis for our 223rd meeting. Our own Annica Gage, Paul Belz-Templeman, Robert Belz-Templeman, and David Norse were there. Among the first things that happens is the assembly elects new leadership. Giving thanks to the leadership of The Revs. Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, the assembly again elected co-moderators. This year we elected Ruling Elder Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri and The Rev. Cindy Kohlmann. They will represent our denomination across the nation and around the world for the next two years.

One of the most important and debated items is also the most complicated to explain. The assembly dealt with a report from The Way Forward Committee regarding how the highest denominational offices should be structured. Basically, the question centered on who should have a place at the board table. If you are REALLY interested and beg me, I might be willing to give you more details, but essentially, we agreed to a restructure.

Easier to explain? The assembly voted in favor of a significant increase in per capita. As Presbyterian congregations have struggled, decreased giving has impacted the denomination at the highest levels. Every active member of the PC(USA) is asked to pay per capita. This gift supports the work of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. In 2018 per capita was \$32.00 per member. \$19.05 of this went to Presbytery; \$5.22 supported Synod; and \$7.72 went to the General Assembly. I am not sure what per capita will be in the future, but I can tell you it will increase.

On a more personal level many exciting things happened at GA. The body voted unanimously to affirm the gifts of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. While the PC(USA) allows for LGBTI pastors and defines marriage as being between two people, many still felt more tolerated than blessed. Hopefully, this action will begin to heal those feelings. The body also put their money where their mouth is and marched, en masse, to the courthouse making a gift of \$47,200 to prisoners unable to raise the money for bail. Also, our denomination approved a powerful statement regarding the humanity of all people regardless of citizenship and decried the practice of separating families at our borders.

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on What's Happening,
then select Calendar from the drop-down menu.

July, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship and Community Art Church Picnic	2	3	4 Fourth of July Holiday	5 10 am Project Linus	6	7
8 10:00 Worship and Community Art	9 7 pm Deacon meeting	10 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision	11 10 am Loving Stitches	12	13	14
15 10:00 Worship and Community Art	16	17 7 pm Session Meeting	18	19	20	21
22 10:00 Worship and Community Art	23	24 9 am August newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision	25 10 am Loving Stitches	26	27	28
29 10:00 Worship and Community Art	30	31 7 pm Tuesday's Treasures Carnival				

JULY BIRTHDAYS

02-Rebecca Crall
02-Timothy Pairamore
02-Rick Springer
03-Molly Maleta
03-Don Schmidt
07-Kay Kinyon
07-Robyn MacKay
09-Valerie Kress

09-Anne Winterrowd
10-Paul Fukasawa
10-Laura Spurrell
10-Karl Schultz
14-Dillon Peterson
14-Elise Steffen
14-William Hammer
14-Wyatt Hammer
15-Bob Carlson

15-Don Shafer
15-Dianne Lemmon
17-Paula Eddy
21-Judith Mears
21-Chapin Zakrzewski
22-Bruce MacKay
23-Laura Grover
23-Linda Fukasawa

23-Linda Watkins
26-Sue Hayhurst
27-Kip Stevenson
27-Marshall Fant
29-Karen Stevenson
29-Marilyn Schmidt
30-Martha Bennett
31-Shivani Senthirajah

2018 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 5/31/18	\$181,769	\$175,617	6,153
Operating Expenses Year to Date 5/31/18	\$172,732	\$179,885	\$7,153



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Welcome
JULY

The word "JULY" is written in large, bold, capital letters. Each letter contains a different nature scene: the "J" shows a sunset over water, the "U" shows a forest, the "L" shows a field with a path, and the "Y" shows a close-up of foliage.

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Web Address: www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

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

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

Parish Associates: The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Gina Olson, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal, Pamela White and Chapin Zakrzewski.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coordinators: Mike Shiffer, etc.

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.

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