



Hello Tualatin Presbyterian Church,

It is hard to believe that our time together is wrapping up. TPC is such a special place. When I would share about you with my loved ones and colleagues, there were many times I found myself telling them that this place is in many ways a pastor's dream come true. The excitement that you show about scripture, the openness you have to trying new things, and the way that you care for one another all make you remarkable. I have enjoyed getting to know you this month and spending time with you. You welcomed me warmly and helped me out every step of the way.

I am sad to leave you but excited for you to spend time with the rest of the pastoral leaders who you will work with this summer. I know you will extend the same loving welcome to them that you did to me.

If you would like to continue following my public ministry, you can do so by following me on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [TikTok](#). You can see my preaching and speaking schedule or links to order [my book](#) at my website, [ElleDowd.com](#).

I will be praying for you all and wish you the best. I can't wait to hear what God has in store for you.

In Christ,
Elle

PASTOR KEN IS ON SABBATICAL

While Ken is on sabbatical this summer, three individuals will cover for him. As this month winds down, we say thank you and good bye to Elle Dowd who has lead us, and met with us, during June. What a journey it has been. With the arrival of July, we welcome Telika McCoy, Ph.D.

Dr. McCoy is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She earned a sociology degree from Shaw University and a Master of Divinity degree from Shaw Divinity School, graduating with honors. In 2011, she earned a Ph.D. in human services from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. Her scientific research explored the lived experiences of aspiring pastors and people with disabilities in faith communities.

Dr. McCoy has advised Ph.D. students as a peer mentor at Capella University and is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She volunteered with the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem, served as assistant support coordinator for the Women in Ministry Division of the General Baptist State Convention of NC (GBSC), Inc., and currently holds the office of 4th Vice President of the Congress of Christian Education Division of the GBSC. For two years, Dr. McCoy was a full-time Doctor of Ministry degree mentor and lead faculty of the Christian Education Division for Apex School of Theology in Durham, NC.

Currently, Dr. McCoy serves as youth pastor of Mount Peace Baptist Church, facilitates interactive workshops and discussion forums, and is a post contributor to *GBSConline.org*. She has published two books: *That Child! Preparing for Challenging Moments with Youth* and *That Day! Enjoy the One You Have – Improve the One to Come*. In her leisure, she enjoys the outdoors, reading, writing and riding her Harley Davidson Iron-883 motorcycle.

The Rev. Emily E. Ewing, pronouns they/them/their, will be with us during the month of August. Pastor Emily (they/them) is originally from Colorado, but currently works as Social Justice Pastor of Trinity Las Américas UMC in Des Moines. Pastor Emily cohosts the podcast [Nerds At Church](#), and curates [queerying.org](#), a blog queering and querying the Revised Common Lectionary. They dedicate their life to justice work locally and globally, revel in creativity and art, and are fed by Lutheran theological geekiness.



It happened today, Friday, 6/25/2021. Governor Kate Brown declared the State of Oregon would "Eliminate Oregon's County Risk Level framework and all remaining Covid-19 health and safety restrictions" by June 30 or when we reach a 70% vaccination rate--whichever comes first. Maybe some of you are cheering about that. It sends chills up my spine.

That still means three out of every ten people I meet may not be vaccinated. Sure, I'm fully vaccinated. But just like the flu shot, the Covid-19 vaccine has a failure rate--somewhere in the neighborhood of 5%. And they say the most common variant, the Delta variant, is more contagious and more lethal. Yes, I know, I had the Pfizer vaccine and it is supposed to be effective against the variants.

I don't mean to sound like an alarmist. But I want you all to be safe and healthy. This news sent me looking for an article I read last April--I found it that memorable. It is by Leonard Pitts of the Miami Herald and is entitled "I will not die of stupid." You can google it. In the article, Mr. Pitts says "There's been a lot of talk over who has the power to reopen America's economy. Well, it doesn't belong to the president, nor to the governors. It doesn't even belong to business owners. No, ultimately, it belongs to me. And to you. It belongs to us, as consumers." Next week we may see mask mandates, socially distancing, and capacity limitations all lifted in Oregon. That doesn't mean Covid-19 is gone. We still have over 200 new cases in Oregon every single day. People are still dying every single day.

Mr. Pitts ends with, "But if America wants its economy back--this part of its economy, at least--it better do whatever is necessary to persuade Dr. Anthony Fauci to give the all clear. Look for me two weeks after that." So, I will still wear my mask, avoid crowds, and socially distance every single day until I see our Covid-19 numbers continue to decline further. It has served me well so far.

So please, don't be "stupid." And if you have not done so already, please get vaccinated.

Susan Fee, Parish Nurse



Dear Tualatin Presbyterian Church,

My name is Rob Thompson, your new video editor. I have been attending church all my life, growing up catholic until I was ten years old, and attending several non-denominational churches afterward. As of now, this is my first time working with a Presbyterian church, and I must say that I feel very welcomed.

I also have been a film lover all my life, and I have recently graduated in Cinematic Arts at George Fox University. While I am here at TPC, my goal is to grow and expand my skills in editing in a variety of projects and with a variety of people. I love telling stories through film and video, and I see editing at TPC as an opportunity to tell these stories as a ministry. I can't wait to see all of you in person when we come to in-service Sunday gatherings. God bless.

Sincerely,
Rob Thompson



DEACON SUMMER FUN!

Deacons are planning small group gatherings outside at TPC during June, July, and August. Ice Cream Happy Hours! You will receive an email invite from your Deacon. We plan to combine two parishes together at a time. Please RSVP to your deacon, wear a mask, and bring a folding chair.



Car parades have revved up again. Our first summer parade was Saturday, June 19. Thanks to Carolyn Hale for organizing it, to Judy Nix and Pam Cameron for calling everyone, and to Scott Cameron for leading the caravan from one home to another. Thirty-five of us shared fellowship, either from our cars or from our front yards. This

doesn't count the neighbors and other friends along the parade route who joined in the fun.

If you would like to be part of the car line up in July or August, email Carolyn Hale (halec@teleport.com) and she will put you on her email list. Then let Carolyn know when you wish to participate. It is such fun to decorate our cars, make some noise, and spread joy to everyone!

The Deacons

ERIK SPURRELL WILL GO TO CAMP

Erik Spurrell is off to camp this year July 17-30. (yes, 2 weeks). The fires of last September leveled the camp. Many people are working to have the site ready to receive campers. There are all sorts of changes, but mail is always welcome. You are invited to write to Erik and also to address a note to another camper (the staff will fill in the name of someone who does not have family or others to write to them) Notes should be short and printed. Picture and photo cards are always a hit. The address is UP camp at Evans Creek Retreat; 36155 North Fork Rd; Lyons, Oregon 97358.

If you want additional information on helping restore the camp or writing or anything else about camp, feel free to let me know.
Laura Spurrell



MARC OLSON CELEBRATION OF LIFE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 8th, 2 TO 5 PM

Celebration of Life
in loving memory of
Marc Olson

20755 S. Wisteria Rd. - West Linn
Sunday, August 8, from 2 to 5 pm.

We want to celebrate Marc's life in the same manner he lived - with laughter, hospitality, and appreciation. Neil, Bradley, Leah, and I invite you to an open house at our home to celebrate a life well lived. We look forward to hearing some of your favorite memories of Marc. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Please RSVP by August 1st by visiting eventbrite at
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marcs-celebration-of-life-tickets-156037254629>

Additionally, we are producing a celebration of life video that we will be making available on or before August 8th for anyone who would like to celebrate Marc. We are very thankful for all of you and your kindness during Marc's battle with ALS and after he passed. Our church community helped us face this time with grace and strength. We are forever grateful.
Gina Olson



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT TPC, Tuesday, August 24

The Red Cross will bring their bloodmobile bus to TPC on Tuesday, August 24th. The drive will run from 12:30 to 6 pm. All their registration protocol is touchless. Donors will be spread out; one every 15 minutes. There will only be one donor in the screening station and one to two people donating blood at a time.

Only one volunteer is needed for this drive. There will be no cantina, so there is no need for cookies. Scott Cameron is coordinating this blood drive with the Red Cross.



TPC REOPENING COMMITTEE

Session has recently formed a TPC Reopening Committee to address the myriad issues facing the church in order to resume live services in September after Pastor Ken returns from sabbatical. The committee consists of stakeholders from: Worship and Video, Buildings & Grounds, Family Ministries, Mission, Music, Staff & Administration and Finance. Given the uncertainty of the current environment and the guidelines that may be in place from Federal, State and Local entities upon Ken's return, the committee is nevertheless targeting September 12th as the date to reopen the church. Obviously, much can happen between now and then and the date could change. However, we need an objective toward which we can strive.

Chip Kyle, Reopening Committee Chairperson



GOOD NEWS! A total of 21 FPTV households have entered stable housing thus far in 2021! Currently, Family Promise is able to accommodate 15 households and regularly is over capacity as the number of calls they are receiving for assistance has skyrocketed. This is driven

by the eviction moratorium lifting at the end of June. Family Promise continues to offer short-term emergency shelter on occasion and routinely provides financial assistance to prevent homelessness.

THANKS TPC for your Family Promise financial donations. We were able to purchase 5 heaping grocery carts of food for 13 families the week of June 6. Every time TPC has a host week, the groceries cost about \$700. Our financial coffers are getting a bit low, so any additional donations would be greatly appreciated for our next host week. If you would like to make a financial donation to Family Promise, you may send a check to Mike Shiffer at TPC and note that it is for Family Promise Food.

LIKE TO SHOP? WE COULD USE YOUR HELP! Pam and I would like to have 3-4 volunteers to help us shop for groceries and then sort them by family. Your time commitment would be 3-4 hours once per quarter, and our next shopping date is **Monday, September 13**. The groceries are purchased the day before actual delivery, and we meet at Winco in Tigard at a designated time, divide the list, and pick out the items. Pam and I will shop with you and take care of the financial part. After shopping we sort and label groceries per family for delivery to the day center the next day. That's all there is to it! So you need a car, a desire to shop (and can sort and label), and want the satisfaction that you are making a difference to feed families getting back on a stable housing track. If you are interested, either call Derrilyn (661-747-8447) or Pam (503-407-2945) or email dabayha@mac.com.

FAMILY PROMISE DAY CARE REQUESTS: Family Promise needs twin-, full- or queen-sized mattresses along with sheet sets. Additionally, if you or somebody you know would like to volunteer delivering groceries to FPTV households on Wednesdays (note: this is totally different from our TPC request above for grocery shoppers), please reach out to their Volunteer Coordinator, Dannica at volunteer@familypromiseoftv.org.

Many thanks for your continued support of Family Promise,

Pam Bowen and Derrilyn Bayha - Coordinators

Donations
are Greatly
Appreciated!

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US GOING!

The TPC Finance Committee would like to thank all those who have continued to support TPC through your pledges and regular donations. We are a little behind in our expected support, so this is a friendly reminder to continue your faithful support of TPC as you are able. Donations can be mailed to the church or made online on the church website. From the church website, tpcspirit.org,

just click GIVE at the top of the page and then click "Give Now". You will be able to make a one-time contribution or set up regularly scheduled contributions. Mike, our financial assistant, will be sending year-to-date giving statements via email in early July. If you want a statement before then, or if you have questions, you can contact Mike Shiffer at finance@tpcspirit.org



REFLECTIONS by Rebecca Backen

A while back, Dave and I began frequenting a small county park near us. What lured us there after our first visit was spotting two red breasted sapsuckers tending a nest in a large, old dead snag. Each morning we would take our hot tea and walk the mowed path around the park, then plant ourselves under a large tree and observe the comings and goings of the two sapsucker parents.

At first they would fly in about every fifteen minutes. When one would arrive and peek inside their home, the other would fly out. To and fro, to and fro, they flew, while we watched, fascinated. A few weeks back the trips to the nest became much more frequent. Every few minutes they would spell one another. During this period they often flew out with soiled nesting material, so we felt confident there were babies inside.

One day, we heard faint cries coming from the nest and I was beside myself with joy! We declared ourselves sapsucker grandparents. It took several weeks for us to finally see a baby peek its head out of the nest. What a delight! For the parents however, those cries and the constant hunger of their babies must have been beyond any level of exhaustion describable.

When you are sitting quietly just watching nature, your mind has a lot of time to ponder life. One morning as I marveled at the tenacity those adult birds exhibited in the feeding and care of their babies, I was struck with the thought that they were not unlike humans when they are in the thick of caring for babies and toddlers. What really hit home was the thought that so many wonderful parents are working two or three jobs sometimes, and still can't afford enough food to feed their families. They have to turn to food banks for much needed help.

Tualatin Presbyterian has several members who volunteer or have volunteered in the past at Tualatin School House Pantry. Housed in Rolling Hills Church, it is an amazing organization. People in need can get food with virtually no questions asked, while being treated with the utmost respect. There are so many parents working themselves to exhaustion, just like the sapsuckers. If you can and feel so inclined, a donation of food or money to this organization would be a tremendous gift for those hard-working parents struggling to put food on the table.



TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY has volunteer opportunities for you.

You can sign up to help pack food boxes or load food into client vehicles at schoolhousepantry.org/signup. News slots are added on the 15th of each month. **Items needed currently include:** peanut butter, canned

chili, canned pasta (like Spaghetti O's), canned beans (all varieties), miscellaneous pasta (not spaghetti), canned meats, shampoo, powdered laundry detergent, and dry pet food.

Donation times: Mon 830-1130 and 3-7pm, Tues 930-1130, Wed 830-1 & Fri 830-1pm.

Thank you for all your donations.

Mike Shiffer



CHES EVERS-HOOD RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Ches Evers-Hood applied for and received a \$500 scholarship from TPC. Ches graduated from Tualatin High School on Saturday, June 5, 2021. He plans to attend the Honors College of Hawaii and study all things related to the ocean.

Congratulations, Ches. We wish you well as you head off to college.

REMEMBERING CATHY LAMBETH

If you would like to donate to a book fund in memory of Cathy Lambeth, the particulars are below:

Lessons from Lambeth Fund, Carus School. Funds can be Venmo-ed to @NicNel19

Or a check can be mailed to:

Carus Elementary School, Attn: Nicole Nelson, 14412 S Carus Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045



Please make checks out to Carus Elementary with a note specifying the Lambeth Fund. If you have a particular book that you think Cathy would have wanted, feel free to mention that and the school will buy it and add it to their collection. Questions? Reach out to Marilyn Wood.

ADDRESSES:

The Rev. Rick Norse
Maryland Presbyterian Church
1105 Providence Rd.
Towson, MD 21286
(410) 825-0719

The Rev. Thom and Cindy Nelson
6 Acadia St.
Asheville, NC 28806

VANDALS STRIKE CHURCH MINI BUS - AGAIN

Several years ago the mini-bus was the victim of two unsuccessful attempts at stealing gas. While the attempts were unsuccessful the damage caused was significant, but well under our insurance deductible. Changes in how and where we parked the vehicle have resolved this issue.

Early in May, the mini-bus fell victim to the current state-wide problem of the theft of catalytic converters. The cost to replace the stolen unit is in excess of \$1800. Our insurance deductible is \$1000. We are also considering installing a \$400 theft deterrent device that is recommended (but not covered) by our insurance carrier to deter future problems. Greg Owen, Building and Grounds



If you would like an updated church directory in a PDF file, send an email to the office requesting one. Paper copies are also available, if preferred. office@tpcspirit.org.

Susan Springer

JULY TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 am prayer on Zoom	2 9 am prayer on Zoom	3
4 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	5 9 am prayer on Zoom	6 9 am prayer on Zoom	7 9 am prayer on Zoom	8 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	9 9 am prayer on Zoom	10
11 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	12 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon meeting/Zoom	13 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	14 9 am prayer on Zoom	15 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	16 9 am prayer on Zoom	17
18 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	19 9 am prayer on Zoom	20 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session meeting on Zoom	21 9 am prayer on Zoom	22 9 am prayer on Zoom	23 9 am prayer on Zoom RIOS outdoor service 7 to 10 pm	24 RIOS outdoor service 7 to 10 pm
25 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube RIOS outdoor service, 7 to 10 pm.	26 9 am prayer on Zoom	27 9 am prayer on Zoom 9 am August newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	28 9 am prayer on Zoom	29 9 am prayer on Zoom	30. 9 am prayer on Zoom	31



JULY BIRTHDAYS

02-Rebecca Crall
02-Rick Springer
03-Molly Hotchkiss
03-Don Schmidt
07-Kay Kinyon
07-Robyn MacKay

10-Paul Fukasawa
10-Robert Long
10-Laura Spurrell
14-Elise Steffen
15-Bob Carlson
15-Dianne Lemmon
17-Paula Eddy
21-Judith Mears
21-Chapin Zakrzewski
22-Bruce MacKay

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

TPC 2021 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 5/31/21	\$164,065	\$174,040	(\$9,976)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 5/31/21	\$160,743	\$176,683	\$15,940

The church office is closed due to COVID-19.
The building is not available for meetings.

Worship with us on line, Sundays at 10:10 am.
Go to the church website, www.tpcspirit.org
Or Facebook, or YouTube.

To leave a message, call at 503-692-4160.



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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood, on sabbatical June through August, 2021

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Russ Carlin, Sandy Gurney, Lynne Neilson, Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos, Ian Swanson

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Linda Fukasawa, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal and Rosemary Willis.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck
Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer
Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer
Director of Music Ministries: Emily Bavaro
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: Craig Bowen

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst
Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall
Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord
Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch
Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver
Parish Nurse: Susan Fee
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus
Technology Chair: John Martin
Treasurer: Chip Kyle
Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins
Video Editor: Rob Thompson
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

The office is closed. Can leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.