



To The Saints:

“Hello,” I said as I rushed past the gentleman in Room 6 of a local care facility.

I continued on to see a dear friend at the opposite end of the hall. I heard a voice call out, “young man!” The old gentleman pushed his walker down the hall, came close, pushed his finger in my face and said, “It takes time to say hello the right way.”

He was correct of course. We have taken our time and said hello the “right way.” Twenty-one years, five buildings, one thousand sermons – storied times. It doesn’t seem real to be saying “goodbye”.

This month has been an emotional one because we have had the patient gift of time together. I am sad to say goodbye. I love this church and will miss you very much. Yet, it is time for goodbye and I am excited about what this pesky God has for Cindy and me in the future.

We thank you for the embraces, the words of sorrow and encouragement, the party and gift. But most of all we thank you because you have treated us as friends. And that, in a nutshell, is why “goodbye” is so tough. We wouldn’t want it any other way.

Grace and Peace,

To the Nelsons,

Grace and Peace. We will miss you!

Your family at TPC



TPC NEWS

August 4 - Jack Hodges, Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Cascades will be preaching. There will be a question and answer period after church to learn what will be happening next.

August 11 – Rev. Tom Johnson will be with us.

August 18 – TPC’s own Heather Chase, San Francisco Theological Seminary Student, will be in the pulpit.

August 25 – Rev. Charlie Brown will be returning.

Session Members: Dave Leland, Barb Harriman, Sherry Nelson, Erin Nelson, Jerry Shiffer, Del Judy, Roger Smith, Pam Bowen, Janet Winterrowd, Carolyn Hale

Deacons: Becky Backen, Lynn Scroggin, Dee Dee Hansen, Bob Bolton, Debbie Imus, Paula Miller, Collin Dayley, Tom Hahn and Marion Beyer

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday from 9am - 1:30 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 9am to noon and Thursday from 9am - 2:30 pm.

The **TPC Spirit** has a new look! E-mail Debby Owen at newsletter@tpcspirit.com or call her at 503-692-6920 with any news, suggestions or corrections. **Deadline for the September newsletter is August 26.**

Want to see the newsletter in color? Visit www.tpcspirit.com. E-mail Mike Shiffer at webmaster@tpcspirit.com with ideas and information.

Committee News

Worship Committee

Please contact Sherry Nelson or e-mail her at sherrynelson47@yahoo.com if you would like to be on the Worship Committee. The next meeting will be August 12 at 7:30 pm at the Church.



Recent TPC Graduates **Tualatin High Grads**

Kendall Nelson plans to attend Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa majoring in Spanish Education.

Greg Winterrowd will be attending Montana State with a major in Film.

Katie Van Schoiack is going to Southern Oregon University majoring in Fine Arts.

Colin Leland plans to attend University of Oregon with a major in Architecture.

Wilsonville High Grad

John Collins will be attending University of Oregon majoring in Political Science.

College Graduates

Karly Imus graduated from University of Nevada – Reno with a major in Journalism.

Gretchen Friesen is a graduate of University of Idaho with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Todd Owen recently graduated from Portland State University with a major in Architecture.

Congratulations to All!



Baptisms - July 21

Abigail Sara Nelson, daughter of Emily and Erin Nelson

Josie Anne Reid, daughter of Debbie & Roger Reid



General Fund Status January 1, 2002 – June 30, 2002

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$68,620	\$70,243
Expense	\$73,516	\$69,222

The general fund income is used for all church operating and regular program expense.

Building fund income for June was \$5,800. Budgeted income per month is \$6,000.

Contribution statements for the first half of 2002 were recently mailed. Contact Mike Shiffer if you have questions or corrections to your statement.

PER CAPITA

All Presbyterian Church USA congregations support the mission and program of the church through the PER CAPITA contribution. This year the TPC share of this assessment is **\$20 per communicant member**. The church has paid this out of the general fund. So far just over half of this payment has been collected. If you have not paid your per capita contribution this year, you can help us out by writing a check to TPC marked PER CAPITA.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS was held June 24 - 28th. Thanks to Denise Collins, Gina Olson, Lori Beymer Kendall Nelson Marion Beyer, Jackie Dannemiller, Pam McGregor, Alex & Beckie Backen, Sherry Nelson, Margaret Girardi, Susan Saari, Jeanine Fodge, Pam Bowen, Martha Rodas-Hills, Candi Kadel, Kathy Sweetland and everyone else who made this such a success. Thanks!



August Birthdays

Art Barry – 8/2	Roger Smith – 8/20
Steve Clouten – 8/8	Kerry Lambeth – 8/21
John Reed – 8/8	Morgan Maleta – 8/21
Dixie Bebber – 8/10	Bob Schuhmann – 8/22
Mark Maleta – 8/12	Amy Hoff – 8/24
D.J. Harriman – 8/13	Cliff Hoff - 8/25
Tom Sanco – 8/13	Andy Van Schoiack – 8/26
Christian Shiffer – 8/13	Diane Barry – 8/29
Kimberly Miller – 8/14	

TPC Activities

Race for the Cure

A Team from TPC is being formed for the race on Sunday, Sept. 15. Contact Barb Harriman for more information.

TPC Women's Retreat - Sept 13 - 15

Please note that there will be an additional fee if you have not registered by August 11. Contact Martha Wilson for more details.

"ABC" Quilters

All levels of quilters are welcome. They meet the 1st Sunday of the month after church. Contact Jaci Smith or Toni MacHaffie for more info.

Tualatin Food Bank

The Tualatin Food Bank wants to thank TPC for our continued support. All food and household items are appreciated. Special needs at this time are spaghetti sauce with either vegetables or meat, dishwashing detergent, lentils and split peas. Food may be brought to the church at any time.

TPC Picnic



Special thanks to Ted Lambeth, Barb Crall, Mark Hansen and everyone who helped make our annual picnic a great success.

The Music Corner



Kris Sparks, a native Oregonian, attended Lake Oswego schools from 3rd grade through high school and has been teaching music in that same district since 1973. Next year, after being in Lake Oswego Schools for a total of 39 years she will finally graduate (retire!) Kris attended Lake Grove Presbyterian Church from 1959 until 1995. She was the early service accompanist at Lake Grove for 20 years. After leaving Lake Grove, she directed the children's choir at First Presbyterian in Portland for two years. She, along with her son Casey and partner Martha Wilson, has been attending TPC since May 1997 and started her position as choir director/pianist in the fall of 1999. Kris has a bachelor's degree in music education from Washington State University. She obtained her M.Mus.Ed. degree from Lewis and Clark College. In her free time she dotes on Madelyn, a yorkie-poo and Annie, a bichon frise. She enjoys reading, attending concerts and sporting events and sipping lemonade in the rose garden.



Handbells

Yes, the bells are coming to TPC!

We have been given indefinite use of a set of 5 octaves of handbells. We can accommodate many ringers, and welcome anyone from middle school age upward. You do not have to have experience or read music, though both are helpful. There will be two meetings, though you need only attend one or the other, if you're interested in ringing. They will be held immediately after church on Aug 11 and Aug 18. It is informational only, you won't be ringing or committing to anything. Come with an open mind and discuss the possibilities. If you can't make either meeting or have questions, contact Martha Wilson.