



WHERE ARE WE? WHERE ARE WE GOING? WHEN WILL WE BE THERE?



Good questions. They bring back wonderful memories of summer trips when five members of the Wiggers family piled into our station wagon and headed for the Great Smokey Mountains National Park for a week of camping. They also remind Jeni and me that at this time last year, we were wondering about our future. We knew that Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church was getting close to calling their new pastor, but we had no idea where God was leading us. While we were hoping and praying that we could serve a church near Portland, TPC was not yet on our radar screen. In fact, it wasn't until August 23, that Carolyn Hale, Sherry Nelson, and Roger Smith were asked by the Session to serve as the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee. Trusting that God's timing is far better than my own, I remember saying last August, "I'm not anxious about the future, but I sure am curious!" (See Mat. 6:25-34).

As you reflect on all of the changes at TPC since last August, when Thom and Cindy Nelson said goodbye, do these words speak for you? Can you appreciate all that you as a congregation have come through and accomplished in the past year? As you tried to envision what TPC would be like without the Nelsons – for the first time in twenty-one years – you must have had a lot of questions. Will the church survive? Who will step in and fill the leadership void? How will the church change for me and my family? What is God going to do for us, with us, and through us?

Well, twelve months later, while not all of your questions have been answered, God has provided many positive responses. TPC has not only survived, but continues to be a vital, growing congregation. Those of you who were nurtured and loved by Thom and Cindy, while learning that life in the family of God is full of surprises and new beginnings, have remained faithful. The elders

and deacons you elected continue to serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Through worship, music, and the sacraments, you continue to celebrate God's love in Jesus Christ. Since the first of this year, you have confirmed five of your youth, and welcomed several new families and invited them to join you in discovering God's plans for your future. Your bold decision in May to hire Crystal Shearer as Youth Director, is already making a significant difference.

What's next? On August 22-23, your officers and church staff will meet for a planning retreat and work toward finalizing the Church Mission Study to be presented to you this fall. Tentatively on Sunday, October 5, there will be a congregational meeting to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee, whose job it will be to bring to you the candidate whom they believe God is calling as the next installed pastor of TPC. More information about the Pastor Nominating Committee process will be provided soon.

In the meantime, loosely paraphrasing Jesus' words in his sermon on the mount, "It's okay to be curious, but do not be anxious about tomorrow. Take one day at a time." The writer of Proverbs 16:3 adds, "Commit your work to the Lord and your plans will be established."

Grace and Peace,
Dick Wiggers, your Interim Pastor

**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE
TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Tualatin Presbyterian Church is a family of faith called by God to worship, serve and love. As part of the Universal Body of Christ, we seek to better our community and ourselves by living the teachings of Jesus Christ.



A Note from Heather Chase Unexpected Results

It's already August! Wait. What happened to July? Oh yeah, time flies when you are having fun. Fourth of July was great! I spent the day at the beach and the night in Sausalito watching fireworks all over the Bay. Being with friends keeps me busy on the weekends. We had a BIG party at our house complete with cake, ice cream and barbequed hotdogs. It was also wonderful gift to receive my financial support from TPC in July. I had to replace my clutch and timing belt last month. I am looking forward to returning to Chicago in August for the end of my internship and spending time with a friend who just moved there from seminary. The plan after that is to spend some time in Tualatin. I hope to hear lots of summer stories.

Speaking of summer, I thought this summer I would gain skills in ministry like how to recruit volunteers, get people to meetings and make contacts in the community. On top of that I learned about commitments and choices in pastoral ministry.

Within the church there is much to be done and every Sunday we are also called to go out of the church. Pastors are very busy people, which I knew already, I just didn't realize how many organizations/groups vied for their time during the week. How do pastors choose what makes it on their calendar? I struggle with this question as I work on a campaign to help workers get paid a wage so they can take care of basic family needs. How can I not go to the social justice meeting when people in the community are working full time and still cannot afford healthcare? Understanding my boundaries is important in preparation for ministry. I want to be a pastor who fights for justice and takes time to keep myself healthy.

Sometimes that means going to the meeting and sometimes it means going out with friends. Someday I'll be a great pastor, maybe even your pastor.

Thanks again for your continued support. I look forward to being back at TPC in August.

Heather ><>



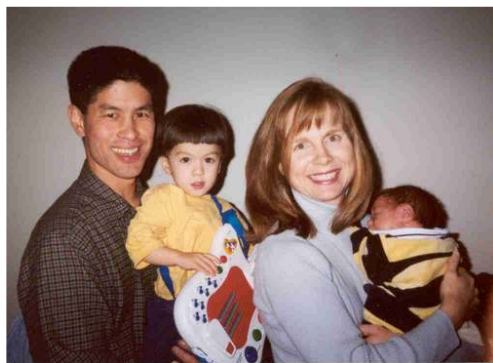
8/2 – Art Barry	8/17 – Virginia Lenneville
8/2 – Stacy Mauer	8/20 – Roger Smith
8/6 – Glynis Flannigan	8/21 – Morgan Maleta
8/8 – Adam Buck	8/21 – Kerry Lambeth
8/8 – John Reed	8/22 – Bob Schuhmann
8/10 – Dixie Bebber	8/24 – Amelia Hammer
8/12 – Mark Maleta	8/25 – Cliff Hoff
8/13 – Tom Sanco	8/25 – Mimi Crawford
8/13 – D.J. Harriman	8/26 – Andy Van Schoiack
8/13 – Christian Shiffer	8/29 – Diane Barry
8/14 – Kimberly Miller	8/20 – Roger Smith



Marion Larson was born in Portland and grew up in Lake Grove, where she was a member of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church. She became a member of TPC in June of 1986. She has served several times on the Worship and Outreach Committees and had been a member of the choir for a number of years as well as being a past Elder and Clerk of Session.

Marion attended Lincoln High School, Reed College and graduated from the University of Portland. She earned a Master of Science degree in Nursing Education from the University of Oregon in 1959.

Marion was a registered nurse, taught nursing and finally retired in 1987. She enjoys gardening, knitting, and reading a good book. Her "Church Family" is the light of her life.



Organizing Pastor Named for Sherwood

The Rev. Leonard (Len) Tang has been named Organizing Pastor of the Sherwood New Church Development. For the past five years, Len served as the Associate Pastor at Birchwood Presbyterian Church in Bellingham, WA. He oversaw evangelism and discipleship ministries, including the Alpha Course, small groups, and adult education. He also helped launch an outreach-oriented Saturday night contemporary worship service.

Len has long dreamed about planting a church that would reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, and enfold them into a loving community. His passion is to equip the church to be a safe place where people of all ages can explore the claims of the Gospel without fear or judgment, and where Christians can grow in their faith through strong biblical teaching. Len has a relational style and his primary spiritual gifts are teaching, administration, leadership, and evangelism.

Len was raised in a nominal Christian family in Pasadena, CA. He received Christ as his Lord and Savior as a freshman at the University of California, Berkeley, where he studied computer science. He then worked in the Silicon Valley before sensing God's call to full-time ordained ministry and leaving to attend Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena.

Len and his wife, Amy, have two sons, Benjamin (2½) and Samuel (5 months). Len and Amy met in college when they went on a summer mission trip together.

They are very excited about the adventure of God's call to plant a church in Sherwood. Lake Grove, Calvin and Sunset Presbyterian are the "parent" churches that will support Len and this New Church Development.

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The ABCs of friendship



A friend:

Accepts you as you are
believes in you
calls you just to say "Hi"
doesn't give up on you
enjoys every bit of you (even the unfinished parts)
forgives your mistakes
gives unconditionally
helps you
invites you over
joins you, even during hard times
keeps you close at heart
loves you for who you are
makes a difference in your life
never judges
offers support
picks you up
quiets your fears
raises your spirits
says nice things about you
tells you the truth when you need to hear it
understands you
values you
walks beside you
xplains things you don't understand
yells when you won't listen and
zaps you back to reality

Recent TPC Baptism



Kathryn Aryanna Dix, was baptized on July 6. Kathryn was born January 10, 2003, in Portland, Oregon and is the daughter of Karyn Dix. Pictured from left to right is Kathryn's Godparents, Kat and Dan Smith Derksen and their two boys, John Clair and baby Jacob, Karyn (holding Kathryn) and Rev. Dick Wiggers.

Youth News

Crystal Shearer
Youth Director

Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday 10-3
Sunday 9:30-12 & 4-8:30

**All August Youth
Meetings are @ 5:30
for both Middle School
& Senior High**

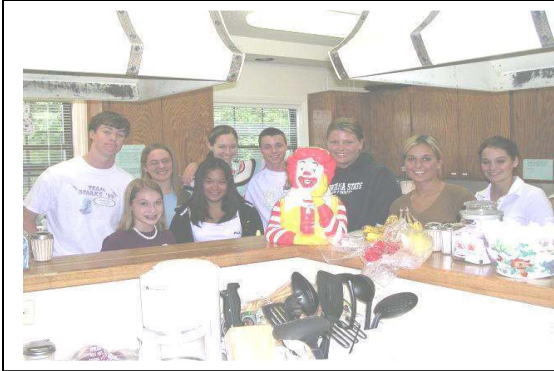
Aug. 3rd – Spiritual Warfare

Aug. 10th – Movie Night

Aug. 17th – Mall Prayers

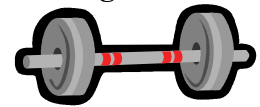
Aug. 24th – Wild Waves

Aug. 31st – Dirt for Dinner



The Youth from TPC spent the evening of July 13th up to their ears in groceries and ice cream. Eleven students gathered at 4:00 to solicit the neighborhood for non-perishable food items to donate to the Ronald McDonald House. In less than one hour the group received ten bags of groceries. They then enjoyed a lovely spaghetti dinner together before heading down to The Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families with children undergoing treatment for life threatening illnesses at Doernbecher Children's Hospital. The house provides some comforts of home to alleviate the anxiety and frustration of the hospital environment. Sixteen families are provided with a room to rest, reflect or even freshen up with a shower. Some families stay for a few days, others for many months. The students of TPC provided all of the makings for banana splits and ice cream sundaes to families at the house. With the help of a red wagon they then proceeded to the Hospital to serve additional families and children. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the spirit of giving. Please keep the families of the Ronald McDonald House in your prayers.

**Health Awareness
Week begins on
August 17th**



Are you a member of Club Sport, but haven't seen the inside of the gym in months? Come work out with me. I am always looking for a work out partner. And remember...a healthy body improves not only your waistline, but your spirit as well.

Save money and support the youth of TPC

The Youth Group will begin a fundraiser on August 17th. For further details please check the weekly worship bulletin or talk with one of the students. They are eager to *entertain* you !

TPC Janitor Position Available

We have one janitor position available this fall, starting in mid-late September. The position requires three hours minimum per week and starts at \$7.50 per hour. The schedule is flexible, as long as the job is done by Sunday. Ideal for our TPC youth! For questions, or to get an application to apply, call Dave Leland at 692-6095.

Landscape Maintenance Service Hired for TPC

As you know, we have struggled to keep up with all the new landscaping at TPC. Our landscaping area now exceeds our ability to maintain it using the volunteer clean-up approach that worked well when we were smaller. At the July meeting, Session approved engaging a professional landscape service for weekly edging, mowing, weed control, fertilization, shrub trimming/pruning/cleanup, and blow off of driveway, parking, and walkway areas. Look for our improved appearance, beginning in August!

The Building and Grounds Committee will focus on landscaping improvements, rather than the ongoing grind of maintenance. Look for opportunities in the future for your help and participation with fun projects!

The Food Bank has a new Name!

The Oregon Food Bank has asked its affiliated organizations to use the term **Food Pantry** in order to avoid confusion. Therefore, TPC will refer to the Tualatin Food Bank as the Tualatin Food Pantry. Nothing else has changed. Donations of canned goods are needed and appreciated. They would like to remind you that in these days of high unemployment and decreasing services, our donations are especially needed. Donations of money are particularly useful as that allows the Food Pantry to purchase the items that are needed to fill in the gaps. Your checks may be made out to TPC with **FOOD PANTRY** noted in the memo.

Adult Education News

Join us for Adult Ed.
August 13th, 20th & 27th
8:30 – 9:30 am

We will be using the book "Listening to God". See Carolyn Hale or Randy Beyer for more information or to order a book.

The Discovery Groups, formerly known as Lenten Supper Groups, have moved into "round two". They have chosen new study topics and are continuing to meet twice a month. Some are simplifying to just dessert and not supper. We have a new group starting under the leadership of Don and Elizabeth Shafer. The Shafer's group is meeting on Monday evenings. Please contact Lynn Scroggin if you wish to plug in to one of our Discovery Groups. Lynn may be reached at 503 579-5966.



The Spirit is published monthly and is also on our website at www.tpcspirit.com. Please contact Debby Owen at 503-692-6920 or e-mail her at newsletter@tpcspirit.com with any news, corrections or ideas. The deadline for the September issue is August 22. She could use your help!

Vacation Bible School Goes SCUBA at TPC!

From approximately 35 children each of the past several years to 61 this year, we would have to say SCUBA at Tualatin Presbyterian was a "splashing" success! That success can be attributed



largely to the willingness of several people to "dive" in and help out! If it weren't for them, there might not have been a vacation bible school this year, let alone the smiles, laughter, and dancing that "washed" over all who attended. Thank you so much to all who helped so many children this year go "Deeper With God": Alex Backen, Kim Beattie, Lori Beymer, Jodi Breshears, Helen Collins, Barb Crall, Mimi Crawford, Stephanie Crawford, Jackie Dannemiller, Jennifer Dionne, Debbie Goodwin, Margaret Girardi, Dora Hills, Brittany Hutchinson, Kristy Hutchinson, Candace Kadel, Carol Kadel, Patricia Killinger, Cathy Lambeth, Pam McGregor, Janelle Minson, Nicole Odell, Gina Olson, Debbie Reid, Sandy Reiling, Martha Rodas-Hills, Kris Sparks, and Crystal Shearer.

Thank you, too, to all the children who shared this special week with us. You shared yourselves by sharing almost 2 barrels of food, soaps, diapers, etc. and collecting over \$10 in donations for the Food Closet in Tualatin. Thank you for your generosity. You shared your gift of song by participating in the worship service the Sunday following VBS. And you shared your joy and energy with all of us and gave us reason to praise the Lord! May God bless all of you as summer comes to an end.

Denise Collins, SCUBA Director



TPC Announcements

Ladies – Mark your Calendars!

This year's women's retreat will be held on September 26, 27, and 28th (Friday evening thru Sunday afternoon). Our special speaker will be a well-known friend of TPC, Rev. Catherine Putnam! More info and registration forms will be available soon.



The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with John Lewis and family at the death of his step-father, Robert Sherman who died on June 26th and with Gordy Winterrowd and family at the death of his step-father, Jim Wallace who died on July 20.

Please remember in prayer: Niko Poti (grandson of Pat DeVore), Rick Mauer, Andy Koning & family (nephew of Kris Sparks), Tiana Carter Killinger, Dave Jones (Brian Jones' father), Judy Freck, (former member of TPC), Jenni Reiling (daughter-in-law of Sandy & Neil Reiling, Karen Stevenson, Homer Perry (Becky Backen's father), Bill & Gwen Hale and family, Bo Johnson (Mike & Christine Jones' nephew), Christopher Beam (Nancy Catanese's son), Janet Sanders (Harry Chase's sister), and those who lead and serve our nation, communities and congregations.

Continuing Ed News Coming in September!

Adult Christian Education 8:30 to 9:45.

Two great classes!

1. THE BIBLE IN DEPTH - This is a series of studies of the great themes of the Bible.
2. The second class will be a series of videos and discussions.

More information to come in following weeks.

Nursery

Special thanks to the following for their help in the Nursery for the months of June and July: Norm Dannemiller, Candace and Lane Kadel, Emily Nelson, Kim Warnes and Jodi Breshears

Congratulations Eagle Scout Brian Jones!



Brian Jones has passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review. He is now an Eagle Scout! His Eagle project was to build five benches for TPC.

Brian worked with Art Berry to come up with the designs for the benches. All of the materials for the benches were donated. The wood was cut in Art's shop. Several Scouts helped to sand and stain the benches. Brian and Art assembled them. A total of 197 hours were put into carrying out the project. The benches will eventually be placed outside. The two park-style benches will be placed at the front of the church and the other three will be placed on the back patio. Congratulations to Brian on obtaining his Eagle.

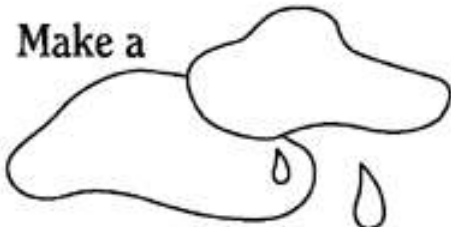
General Fund Status January – June 2003



	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$74,812	\$75,104
Expense	\$69,477	\$72,989
Net	\$ 5,335	\$ 2,115

	June 2003 BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$13,741	\$13,055
Expense	\$10,393	\$13,837
Net	\$ 3,348	(\$ 782)

Make a



Rainy Day Picture

This is a fun art project you can do on a rainy day.

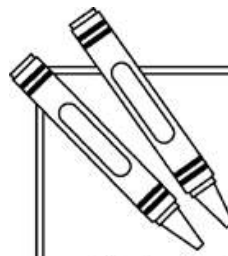
You will need:

- ☽ rain
- ☽ paper
- ☽ water-soluble markers
- ☽ old newspapers

How to make the picture:

- ☽ In the house, use the markers to draw shapes, lines and designs on the paper.
- ☽ Go outside and put your picture in the rain for about 20 seconds.
- ☽ Take it back into the house and lay it on some newspapers to dry.

The rain helped you create a masterpiece!

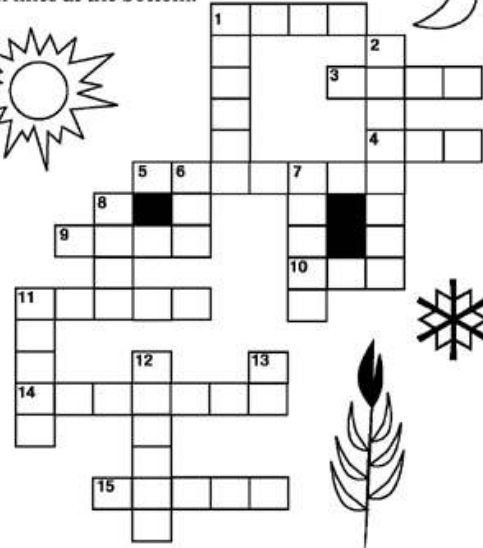


Just for KIDS

God's Promise

The Lord made a promise to Noah in Genesis 8:22. It was a covenant. Fit the words from the list into the crossword puzzle. Then use the numbers to match the words to the blank lines at the bottom.

- as
- and
- the
- day
- cold
- long
- heat
- will
- earth
- night
- never
- cease
- winter
- summer
- harvest
- endures
- seedtime



“ _____ ”
 13 8 13 10 7 14

 2 6 5 9 6

 3 12 6 1 Down 4

 6 11 Across 1 Across 11 Down 15

Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

The unintentional accomplice



A pastor noticed a small boy trying to ring a doorbell, but he could not reach it. Wanting to be of help, the cleric walked up to the child and asked him if he wanted help in ringing the doorbell.

"Yes," said the lad.

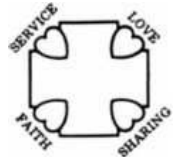
The pastor put his finger on the bell, looked down and said,

"And now what, my little man?"

"Now," said the boy while scampering off the porch, "we run!"



**Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
August 2003**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship – 10:00 am Communion Middle School Youth @ 5:30 pm High School Youth @ 6:30 pm	4 Volunteers serve lunch at Sr. Center 11 am – 1pm	5	6	7	8	9 Family Camp
10 Family Camp Worship – 10:00 am Rev. Charlie Brown	11 CE Meeting 7:00 pm	12 All Treasures BBQ 6 – 8:30 pm	13	14	15 →	16
17 Worship – 10:00 am	18	19	20 Wednesday Study Group & Lunch 10:30 am	21	22 Session Retreat → 6:00 pm	23
24 Worship – 10:00 am	25 Worship Committee 7:00 pm	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship – 10:00 am						

Mark your Calendars: Women's Retreat September 26, 27 & 28

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