



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

*“The clock or watch somehow contains the time. And yet time refuses to be bottled up like a genie stuffed in a lamp. Whether it flows as sand or turns on wheels within wheels, times escapes irretrievably, while we watch. Even when the bulbs of the hourglass shatter, when darkness withholds the shadow from the sundial, when the mainspring winds down so far that the clock hands hold still as death, time itself keeps on. The most we can hope a watch to do is mark that progress. And since time sets its own tempo, like a heartbeat or an ebb tide, timepieces don’t really keep time. They just keep up with it, if they’re able.” (pp. 34-35 from Longitude: The true story of a lone genius who solved the greatest scientific problem of his time, by Dava Sobel.)*

In her fantastic book, Longitude, Dava Sobel tells the story of John Harrison, an Englishman who in 1741 fashioned time pieces able to travel in ships thereby allowing them to discern the longitude upon which they were sailing. Without going into the details, suffice it to say that while there are other ways of accounting for longitude, Harrison found that the most dependable relies on the ability to know two things: you have to know what time it is at the place you left; and you have to know what time it is at the point to which you have traveled. Now before Harrison’s invention, sailors were only able to know with accuracy their location according to latitude but not longitude. Countless numbers of lives have been lost over the course of human history- all due to the difficulty in keeping track of two separate time zones.

It strikes me that the same is true for us in the church- we who are people who live by two different calendars. It strikes me that we are best able to keep our bearings when we are living according to the seasons of the world around us *and* the liturgical seasons of the

church, or the seasons of the spirit, as some call them. When we only know what quarter it is in our work life, or what time it is in our child’s school year, and don’t have access the seasons of renewal and retreat in the church- how easy it is to get lost in all the chaos of our lives. And the flip side is no better- folks who only live according to the liturgical seasons and maintain pious ignorance of the so-called secular world will be able to care for precious few of God’s children in the world beyond the pew, the world for which Jesus lived and died.

Now, my sense of our community here at TPC is that we are fairly expert at attuning ourselves to the schedule and calendar of the world around us. We are men and women and youth who work, live, and breathe mainly in the world beyond the pew. Indeed some of you reading this are already muttering to yourself, “What on earth is he talking about, anyway? What is a liturgical season?” Well, I’m glad you asked that.

Ever since the birth of the church, church leaders have acknowledged we keep time differently from those around us. The high points of the church year have always been Lent and Easter, the first official holidays of the Christian church. Over time, more and more high and low points have been added to our calendar, until in 1570 the church finally fixed the ‘liturgical calendar’ in writing, a calendar that with only a few changes, the church keeps to this day.

Well, how do you know what time it is in the church? Since we don’t have Hallmark, the church has had to come up with a different way of broadcasting the liturgical season: the church uses colors. Many of you often notice that the colors of my stole and the colors of

the vestments and art in our sanctuary change periodically, but many are unaware that we change colors to mark the seasons of the church, not simply because we like change.

So how does our calendar flow? Another great question. Unlike the Julian calendar we follow in our daily lives in which the year begins in January (named for the two-faced Roman god Janus who looks back over the year finished and forward to the year to come), our year begins in Advent, the season in which we prepare for Christ's arrival into our world. The color of this season is purple or blue, representing royalty. We then celebrate Christmas and the birth of Christ. The color here is white, standing for holiness and purity.

After Epiphany and a brief stint of ordinary time, we find ourselves in Lent, marked by the color purple. While purple stands for royalty, it also represents suffering, and in Lent we remember Christ's sufferings as well as those of the people of Israel lost in the wilderness. The white and gold of Easter relieves the darkness of Lenten purple, and after the season of Easter we find ourselves enjoying the red of Pentecost. Red is the color of fire and reminds us of the Holy Spirit given to the church on Pentecost nearly two thousand years ago. And then, and honestly it might be my favorite season at the moment, we don't find ourselves just hung out to dry between Pentecost and Advent- we find ourselves in ordinary time. The word ordinary comes from Latin originally and means 'daily'. In ordinary time, marked by the color of green, we focus on growth and settling ourselves more deeply into God's love.

Well, this just scratches the surfaces of the church calendar, but I hope it's a helpful primer for you. The main challenge facing all of us, just like it was for Harrison, is how to live in both worlds by two different clocks? Or in other words how to honor the emperor and worship God, as the writer of I Peter puts it. And if these questions are too much on a nice summer day, I will at least rest more easily knowing that the next time you see purple in the sanctuary, you'll know it's not just because

we received the latest Pottery Barn catalogue. God be with you all.

In Christ, Ken

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### Please remember in prayer:



Maureen Goodrich who is facing another round of cancer treatment; Chris Robertson's niece Amy; The Herberts who are facing serious health issues while on mission in Latvia; A friend of Shari Olsen's family, Andrew, who is having a brain tumor removed next week; Tanya Parker who is now receiving Hospice Care; Pat Thomason who is facing long term affects from an ankle injury; and Tina Smith who is receiving treatment for non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Ronnie Lee King (Cameron family) who is still having seizures; Angie Massey's recovery from brain surgery; TJ Grand and his mom Lillieth; Craig Wiggers who was deployed July 5 to Bagdad on assignment for the US Marines; Pat DeVore who had back surgery; and all of those families who have suffered loss and injury in the London bombings.

***The Prayer Request Box is located in the narthex. Prayer requests can be made confidentially, if desired. You may indicate whether you would like prayers to be shared in the service, or added to the prayer chain.***

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### Food Pantry Needs Fruit and Juice

Tualatin School House Food Pantry is currently very low on canned or dried fruit. There also continues to be a shortage of canned or bottled fruit juice. From now through September, please make fruit and juice #1 on your food pantry shopping list. You can put your contributions in the food barrels in the narthex, or you can deliver direct to the pantry during the hours of operation. The food pantry provides emergency food boxes to hungry families in the Tualatin / Durham area. The pantry is located in the basement of the old Tualatin Elementary School on Boones Ferry Road and is open Mondays from 3:00 PM until 6:30 PM and Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## You are invited to attend a TPC luncheon on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.



Lunch will be provided, followed by a presentation about the Rotation Workshop Learning Model we will be utilizing in Sunday School this fall. We are hoping for congregational support in a variety of ways and would like for everyone at TPC to attend!

The approach we have been using in the past has provided many years of excellent teaching. We hope that this new model will provide us with fresh and inspiring ideas to continue to do this important work.

- ❖ In this model the content is intensively taught – repeated over several weeks. Repetition helps with retention and understanding.
- ❖ More adults can be involved in the lives of the church's children, working in their area of interest and experience. Rotational learning is exciting for students and teachers alike, as teachers teach to their strengths and students experience Bible stories in ways they learn best.
- ❖ Teaching commitment is for one rotation at a time, usually about 4 weeks. Teachers present the same lesson, with age-level adjustments, for the length of the rotation.

Workshop stations include:

Art  
Creative Cooking  
Music / Movement  
Storytelling and Video

Computer  
Games  
Science  
Mission

**Please come join us for this event and discover how we will be utilizing the interests, skills, ideas and resources of our congregation to teach the children of TPC about God's word. Childcare will be provided.**

Yours in Christ,

Shari Olsen, Crystal Shearer and members of the CE Committee



As we move to this new teaching model, we also hope to address an important need in our Christian Education program.

- ◆ Our pool of teachers and leaders needs to be expanded in order to allow everyone to participate regularly in Sunday morning worship. Our current group of very dedicated shepherds / teachers spends the majority of their Sundays downstairs.
- ◆ We are planning to shift recruitment of teachers and leaders from the shepherds to Crystal Shearer, the Director of Christian Education. The Rotational Model requires new Workshop leaders approximately every 4 weeks and recruitment could become an enormous task.
- ❖ We want to encourage TPC to be a model church that is excited and proactive about meeting the needs of its children's Christian Education. This would allow Crystal to spend her time ministering to our children and youth and would give more opportunities for everyone to share in worship with the congregation.

### Wish List for Sunday School

- Computers (Minimum req'd: 300MHz, 64 megs Ram, 32xCD, Windows 98/ME)
- Computer Printers
- Striped Fabric for awnings
- "Persian"-type rugs
- Silk plants

# TPC Vacation Bible School, Serengeti Trek July 11 - 17, 2005



**A BIG THANK YOU** to the following individuals for helping out during this past week at our Serengeti Trek VBS: Lillieth Grand, Ken Evers-Hood, Shari Olsen, Myrna Friese, Lynn Friese, Gina Olson, Linda Nelson, Virginia Lenneville-Hutchinson, Denise Collins, Jodi Breshears, Cathy Lambeth, Erik Spurrell, Jackie Dannemiller, Nick Dannemiller, Molly Maleta, Michelle Crawford, Danny MacKay, David MacKay, Terri Mitchell, Tony Mitchell, Stacy Bartlett, Mimi Crawford, Sherry, Nelson, Emily Nelson, Mary Shiffer, Corbin Bowen, Kathy Sweetland, Josh Grivette, Sarah Price, Annie Statum, Chris Robertson. Thanks also to Crystal Shearer for directing the entire event and Tigard Baptist and Southminster Presbyterian for the loan of decorations and props.



# TPC HAPPENINGS



## August Birthdays

8/02	Stacy Mauer	8/17	Marian Smith
8/02	Art Barry	8/20	Bob Lenneville
8/07	Barb Larson	8/20	Roger Smith
8/08	Adam Buck	8/21	Morgan Maleta
8/09	Donna Hoff	8/21	Kerry Lambeth
8/10	Dixie Bebber	8/22	Bob Schuhmann
8/12	Mark Maleta	8/24	Amelia Hammer
8/13	Tom Sanco	8/25	Cliff Hoff
8/13	D.J. Harriman	8/25	Mimi Crawford
8/13	Christian Shiffer	8/26	Andy VanSchoiack
8/14	Kim Miller	8/29	Diane Barry

### Salmon Creek hike August 6th.



We plan to leave the church at 9:00 and carpool to Welches. Come join us for the 7 mile hike. Kids welcome with a parent. Call Deborah or John Lewis if you have questions 503-692-5504



## Weddings



**Karly and Jose Corona**

Karly Imus, daughter of Greg and Debbie Imus, and Jose Corona, son of Jose and Maria Corona of California, were united in marriage on July 23. Ask Greg about his Spanish!

## TPC PICNIC – JULY 17



# Make a Postcard Puzzle

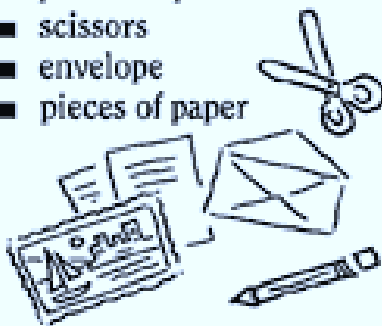


*What adventures did you have this summer? Share your travels with your friends and family.*

## Here's what you need:

A postcard or picture from your summer adventures

- pencil or pen
- scissors
- envelope
- pieces of paper



## Here's how to make it:


1. Cut your postcard or picture into 8 or 10 pieces of different shapes.



2. On a piece of paper, write a note telling about your trip or draw a picture of your favorite part of your summer.

3. Put the puzzle pieces and the note into an envelope.

4. Mail or give the envelope to a friend or family member. If you need to mail it, make sure you have the right address and the correct postage stamp. (A grownup can help.)




## Postcards from Paul

The Apostle Paul went on many journeys. He wrote many letters to his friends and to churches he had visited.

▶▶▶▶ Unscramble the letters to find some of the places Paul visited.

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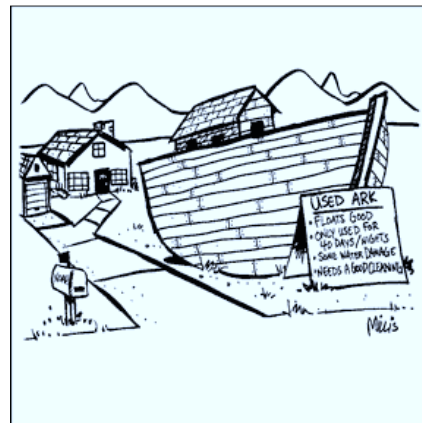


**What did Paul do on his journeys?**

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 Lord Jesus Christ ....”

— Acts 28:31, KJV

ANSWERS: PERGA, PHILIPPI, ANTIOCH, CORINTH, EPHESUS, CYPRUS, ICONIUM, TARSUS, ATHENS, ROME; PREACHING, TEACHING



## Youth Group Update

We had an amazing time in Mexico! Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. The memories we have will last a lifetime. Stock Holders and members of the congregation are invited to a Mission Presentation on September 11<sup>th</sup> following worship.



### *Building Hope*

Hope is a concrete floor. Hope is four strong walls. Hope is a roof that doesn't leak. Hope is giving more than you can. Hope is getting back more than you gave. How can 7 kids and 2 adults give hope? By helping build 6 houses for Mexican families in a little over a week. By seeing the face of Christ in strangers transformed into neighbors. By learning that fun and service aren't mutually exclusive. Thanks for making hope possible!



## August Calendar of Events

- Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>** Youth Group encouraged to participate in the TPC Day hike
- Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>** Youth Group 5:30-7:00
- Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>** Youth Group assisting with C.E. Lunch – Bring money for an afternoon trip to the movies. No evening mtg.
- Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>** Rafting with Medford & North Bend  
\*Drivers may be needed depending on # of students\*
- Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>** Ice Cream Social
- Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>** Youth meeting 5:30 – 7:00  
We are looking for people to provide dinner for 10 students (reimbursed) for the following dates  
Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> \*Talk to Susan Springer\*



**Tualatin Presbyterian  
Church Calendar  
August 2005**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Mission - 7:00 pm	3	4 Bells – 7:30 pm	5	6 Day Hike @ Salmon Cr. 9:00 am 6:30 pm Newcomers BBQ @ Nix's
7 Adult Ed – 8:30 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b> Youth Group 5:30 pm	8 Deacons - 6:30 pm  Dance Class 7:00 pm	9 Tuesdays Treasures Picnic 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  CE Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Outreach 7:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Adult Ed – 8:30 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b> CE Informational Lunch 11:30 am	15 Dance Class 7:00 pm  Worship Committee – 7:00 pm	16	17	18 Session 7:00 pm  Bells – 7:30 pm  Youth River Rafting Trip 18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	19	20
21 Adult Ed – 8:30 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b>  Youth BBQ & Ice cream social – 5:30 pm	18 Dance Class 7:00 pm	19	20	21 Bells – 7:30 pm	22	23
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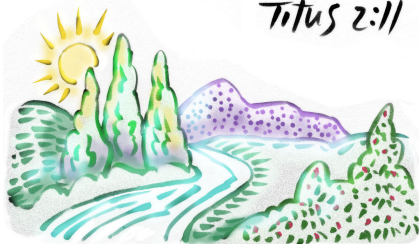


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*For the grace  
of God  
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to all.*

*Titus 2:11*



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Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00am – 12:30pm and 1:00pm – 3:00 pm  
Friday – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.