



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

Sometimes it's the things that don't fit, the things that annoy us, that lead to the most amazing discoveries. For instance up until about fifty years ago geologists thought they understood the Northwest pretty well. They believed volcanoes were responsible for the Cascade and Coastal ranges, and the high desert, and that glaciers carved out the Columbia and Willamette river valleys. Basically, they assumed that everything we see beneath our feet has been here for a long, long time.

The problem was there were these stupid rocks that didn't belong. First, geologists noticed them in Cache Creek, British Columbia, and then later in Washington and Oregon, too. They were rocks with marine fossils of animals who only lived far away in Japan, China, and Southern Asia. How on earth did Asian animals wind up in the mountains of the American Northwest? What the heck were they doing there?

The scientists who persevered in asking this question, J. Tuzo Wilson and James A. Whipple, radically changed the way we understand the Pacific Northwest today. So what were those fossils doing there? To make a long story short they took a very long, and slow trip across the Pacific ocean riding along the Pacific plate that slammed into the North American continental plate about 150 million years ago.

See, around 200 million years all of the continental plates were connected together, forming the supercontinent geologists call pangea. Over time, pangea broke apart, due to the spreading and rifting action that occurred where the cool crust met the hot mantle. But before pangea even split apart, geologists believe the original Pacific Northwest broke off along where the present day Rocky mountains tower above the earth. Comparing samples of rock and soil, geologists believe this original chunk of North America (all of Oregon, most of Washington, and most of British Columbia) now resides in Siberia.

So if original Oregon (we'll call it Oregon 1.0) isn't what we're living on, what are we living on? What is Oregon 2.0? Well, thanks to the

Pacific plate and the Juan de Fuca plate currently subducting underneath us, a wandering minicontinent began to push together and took aim at present day Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. A motley assortment of parts of Asia (hence those crazy fossils in the Cache Creek rocks) and volcanic islands all slammed into North America around 150 million years ago forming most of the foundation of Oregon 2.0.

Only then did volcanoes and glaciers come into play molding and sculpting the beautiful environment we know today. About 40 million years ago volcanoes created the foundation for the Cascade and Coastal ranges. (Isn't it nice to know SOMETHING is native around here?) The present landscape came into view around 14,000 to 10,000 years ago as glaciers receded and great floods scoured the Columbia and Willamette river basins.

So, a couple of things to remember as you enjoy the rest of your summer vacation. First, the good news: Oregon is a place for change and new ideas. Hey, even the oldest Oregonian family hasn't been here THAT long in the great scheme of things. Heck, even the land beneath our feet isn't even native. This is a great place to try something different once in a while- isn't that refreshing? The bad news? Well, as the Juan de Fuca plate subducts underneath our feet, it has actually created a massive strike-slip fault running all the way to California. I hate to tell you this, but it's true. Oregon's worst fears are coming true- the entire state of California is, at this very minute, rushing towards us at the rate of about two inches a year. At this rate in 50 million years Los Angeles will be at the same latitude as Seattle. Sigh. So, before the housing market truly goes through the roof- let's enjoy this place while we can.

As you vacation this August- keep your eyes peeled for things that seem out of place. Who knows, what you notice might lead us to rethink everything we think we "know".

In Christ,



Norm Dannemiller
Buildings and Grounds Elder

Jackie, my wife of 19 years, and I have attended TPC since moving to Tualatin from Colorado in 2000, and Matthew (now 6) joined us in October of that year. Nicholas (now 13), and Matthew were baptized at the Easter Vigil in 2001, and that remains a very powerful experience for me. It seemed that the home we had been seeking was found. I haven't quite grown up yet. Dirt and Tonka toys have been a continuous theme in my life, which fits with the Engineering degree I received from the Colorado School of Mines, and the off-highway equipment manufacturer in Sherwood that I work for. We became more actively involved in various activities around the church after the big remodel, including painting, sprinkler systems, and creating a nursery that would become a great place to hang out for a few years as a Shepherd. I enjoy camping, hiking, outdoor activities, gardening, working on projects, and spending time with our sons in pursuit of their interests.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you on session as your Building and Grounds elder, and please let me know of any ideas or concerns you may have.



Meg Lewis-Price
Outreach Elder

My family moved to Oregon in 2003 and we started attending TPC in the summer of 2004, just a few weeks before Ken started. I remember how excited Mike Shiffer and Kathy Lambeth were because a new pastor coming!! We officially joined in the spring of 2005. I've helped with the High School youth group, first going with the kids on the

New Elders & Deacons Class of 2010

mission trip to Mexico in June 2005 and then helping regularly with the Sunday night programming in 2005 and 2006. Going with the youth group to Mexico again in June 2006 was a high point of my year--that kind of trip is simply non-stop fun for me.

I have three children: Sarah, 17 who will be a senior at Tualatin HS, Robbie, almost 12, who will be in 6th grade, and Hannah, almost 12, who also is starting 6th grade this fall. I am a fulltime student at Marylhurst University and am finishing my second year in the Masters of Divinity program.



Linda Watkins
Deacon

Becoming a deacon for Parish #11 is a great way to get to know more of the people at TPC. My husband of 49 years, Marshall,

and I transferred our thirty-year membership at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church two years ago. We have a daughter, Karen, who lives in West Linn with her husband and our three granddaughters. We have been very blessed to participate in many of their activities as the girls have grown. We also enjoy traveling together as a family.

I went to Marylhurst University at age 45 and graduated at 50 with a degree in Religion and Ministry. During my time there I did three internships. One in Women's Ministries at LGPC; another as a chaplain at Providence Hospital in Portland, and the third in oral history at the Oregon Historical Society. After graduating, I opened my own business in recording oral family histories. I also worked at the Oregon Historical Society helping them set up a family history department as well as giving seminars in how to do oral history. Eventually I branched out into doing business histories.

Retired now, I enjoy spending time with my family, relaxing at our beach cottage in Seaside, reading and traveling. It is a true joy to be at TPC and I look forward to learning more about TPC, its' people and helping in any way I can.



Ron VanSchoiack



Greg Imus, Scott Cameron and Kay Kinyon

On Monday evening, July 2, Scott Cameron, Kay Kinyon and Greg Imus went Shad fishing on the Willamette near Oregon City with Ron VanSchoiack. They bought the excursion at the TPC auction and their able guide, Ron, did not disappoint them. Not only did his wife, Ellen, prepare gourmet sandwiches and provide exotic soda pop from Italy, but Ron anchored them at a spot where they landed no less than 40 fish in about 3 hours! Shad really aren't good for eating – although Kay kept about four of them for crab bait. It was a really great evening – plenty of fish and plenty of laughs.

TPC Family of the Month- Annemarie and Aaron Russell

Written By Rob Ayers

Annemarie and Aaron Russell have enjoyed attending TPC for almost a year. You probably recognize them best by their adorable 2 year old daughter Maya who joins them on Sundays. Despite being in their early 30's, the Russell's background is quite interesting and filled with many meaningful life experiences.



The couple originally met in Spokane while working on their undergraduate degrees at Whitworth College, which is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church. They were married in July of 2000 and just celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary. Shortly after being wed, they moved to Eugene where Annemarie finished her Masters degree at the University of Oregon to further advance her career in public education. She now teaches English literature at Oregon City High School.

Like Annemarie, Aaron has always gravitated towards working with youth as well. For five years he worked as a juvenile probation officer. Aaron is now attending George Fox University in Newberg working towards his PhD in Clinical Psychology so he can then work specifically with children and adolescents. Aaron is quite busy both with course work and spending practicum time with patients in a clinical setting. After completing his course work in 2008 the family is excited to see where things take them as Aaron enters into his final residency.

Another interesting fact about Annemarie and Aaron is that several years ago both of them quit their jobs and moved cross country to spend a year with AmeriCorps in urban Philadelphia. This was quite an eye opening experience and period of growth for the couple on many fronts.

The couple now calls Canby home. When not busy working and studying, the family enjoys watching Maya grow, hiking and spending time with numerous musical activities. Both play multiple instruments and Annemarie is also a gifted singer and songwriter. She has recorded two studio albums with music that blends acoustic folk with a more driving rock-pop. You can check out more information about Annemarie's music on her web site at www.annemarierussell.com.



from Galilee By-The-Sea VBS

Thanks to all who attended and helped with Vacation Bible School this year. We prayed, learned, sang and danced together as we ministered to 37 children and their families, as well as to each other in a team of 31 adults and middle school youth who led and helped in the activities! We hosted about 60 people at a picnic Thursday evening to celebrate and share our fun. Thank you, too, to those who loaned us trees, blankets, canopies, and more. You will find your things ready for pick-up in the back office. Vacation Bible School was a success because of all of you!

A huge thank you to Denise Collins who spear-headed this year's VBS.

LEARN TO PLAY HANDBELLS!

Want to learn to play handbells? Then come to the "Intro to Bells" class on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. No long-term commitment required. It's fun! Questions? See or call Martha Wilson at (503) 313-7003.

ADULT EDUCATION

On Sunday mornings before worship, Chris Robertson and Pastor Ken are presenting *Life Keys: Discover Who You Are*. It's an opportunity to learn more about ourselves and each other. We'll explore our interests, values, passions, skills, personality preferences and gifts. The class meets downstairs in the adult education room from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. All are invited. Questions? Talk to Chris Robertson (503) 612-0963.

PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES SUMMER CAMP 2007

There's still time to register for many camp sessions this summer; the deadline is two weeks before each camp session begins. Help yourself to a camp brochure from the tower in the narthex.

ANTS IN YOUR PANTS – OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

After the Children's Message in the morning worship service, children have the option of going down stairs for an activity time during the last part of the service. Adult volunteers are needed to go downstairs with the children. Joanna Martson is coordinating this activity

time, called Ants in Your Pants. She has put a sign-up sheet on the tower in the narthex. To volunteer, please sign your name on the date you're available. If you have questions, talk to Joanna.

COOKIES NEEDED FOR SUNDAY

MORNING...Our cookie supply in the freezer is low. If you would like to bake cookies, bars, brownies, etc., please talk to Pat DeVore, or sign up on the sheet on the tower in the narthex. Thanks.

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEER HELP

this summer on Mondays between 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM. Volunteers assist clients in selecting their food, stocking shelves and general support. It is not necessary to commit to all Mondays. Please contact Mike Shiffer (503 692-3405 or 503 349-2358) if you can help or if you would like more information. Volunteers should be high school age and older.

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY

We are in desperate need of drivers for the Tualatin Food Pantry. Every Tuesday, we have to drive to Hillsboro and pick up our food order from the Oregon Food Bank. It ranges in size from 2,000-4,000 pounds. We usually schedule 2 drivers...one with a pick up or van and one with an SUV. Our Doc time in Hillsboro is 2:15 p.m. That means the drivers need to leave Tualatin by 1:30 and return to Tualatin by 3:00. We could also use help unloading the order and restocking the Pantry after the order arrives at 3:00 p.m.

To volunteer, call or email Linda Moholt, cell 503-869-0901, www.agelesslife.com/MoholtL

TPC WEBSITE - Did you know that you can find current sermon transcripts and newsletters on the church website? www.tpcspirit.org Also, if you see anything incorrect on the website with respect to programs, times, etc, please let Melissa know at webmaster@tpcspirit.org. The email link is at the bottom of every page of the website.

We're still collecting pop cans and bottles. Thanks to all who continue to donate.

SESSION ROUND UP – WHAT’S GOING ON?

To better connect you with what’s going on at TPC, here is a summary of the Thursday, July 19th session meeting.

The members of session welcomed Kris Sparks who shared with us some of the changes the choir has experienced this year (i.e. the All-Comers Choir) and her plans for fall.

Our clerk reported that 3 new members joined in July by reaffirmation of faith: Betty Boyd, and Cindy and Stephanie Hoppe. Session voted to receive Stan and Marilyn Heath by letter of transfer. The clerk also read notes from local high schools thanking the session for supporting their respective Grad Night Parties.

Dr. Craig Bowen reported on the progress he has made regarding evening worship. This summer the youth have been invited to meet for dinner at 6:00 PM and Ken has led worship with them at 6:30. In the fall the full 2-hour program will be implemented on Sunday nights including games, learning, food, and worship. Great job, Craig!

Scott Mitchell reported on great progress made in revising the way admin reports our finances. Our goal is to compare present actual data with historic data, to give us a better idea if we are ahead or behind of where we want to be.

Finally, Ken presented his ideas for fall and the members of session did a fantastic job shaping and improving these ideas. This fall we will focus on vocation and we will support this focus in sermons, worship art, and by hosting two special after-church meetings to highlight ways to get involved. On **September 23rd** we will host an Opportunity Fair where elders will present what they’ve done, what they plan to do this year, and what they would like to do if they had additional volunteer support. On **October 14th** we will hold a Mission Fair where we will inform the church about different mission opportunities and introduce the concept of ministry groups, which are small groups of people who work together on a shared goal.

TUESDAY’S TREASURES CARNIVAL A ROUSING SUCCESS *by Susan Springer*

Tuesday, July 24, twenty-nine (!) Treasures gathered at Tualatin Presbyterian Church for an evening of carnival fun filled with prayer, games and fellowship. The narthex was decorated in a pirate theme and this theme carried through the variety of participatory games that were offered. Some Treasures spent a great deal of time playing bingo in the sanctuary while others spent a long time stringing beads. There were eight stations in all; some found time to visit all of them.

A boat (carry over from VBS) provided the backdrop for the Treasures to have their picture taken. A stuffed parrot for the shoulder and an eye patch were optional. Mike Shiffer made copies of the pictures so each Treasure could have one to take home.

A HUGE thank you to Carolyn Locke who does a fabulous job organizing Tuesday’s Treasures. Just before the Treasures arrived, she whipped a list out of her pocket to check that all was done and ready. Her list illustrated how much thought and preparation was required to make the evening successful. But she didn’t do her magic alone. Many volunteers are needed and last night there were plenty, some dressed in the pirate theme. Thanks to all. Perhaps the evening was best summed up by Treasure Michael Edge who proclaimed as he was leaving, “We had fun”

August Birthdays!

8/02	Stacy Mauer	8/20	Bob Lenneville
8/02	Art Barry	8/20	Roger Smith
8/06	Quentin Shiffer	8/21	Morgan Maleta
8/07	Barb Larson	8/21	Kerry Lambeth
8/09	Vermadel Gibson	8/22	Bob Schuhmann
8/09	Donna Hoff	8/24	Amelia Hammer
8/12	Mark Maleta	8/25	Cliff Hoff
8/13	DJ Harriman	8/25	Mimi Crawford
8/13	Christian Shiffer	8/26	Andy VanSchoiack
8/17	Virginia Lenneville	8/26	Diane Barry
8/17	Marian Smith		

FELLOWSHIP HIKE, SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH

John Lewis will lead a moderate-level hike on Saturday, August 18th at Silver Creek Falls. Interested? Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the tower.

PER CAPITA...still accepting payments

In January 2007, TPC paid \$5,506 in per capita. Many members have paid their per capita expense (thank you very much), but we’re still short about \$1600. If you haven’t paid your annual per capita expense (this year it is \$21.26 per member), please write a check to TPC, write per capita on the comment line and put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or mail it to the church office.

**General Fund Status
January – June 2007**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 104,300	\$ 92,770
Expense	\$ 108,195	\$ 101,307
Net	\$ -3,895	\$ -8,537

	June 2007 BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 17,383	\$ 12,767
Expense	\$ 18,157	\$ 16,032
Net	\$ - 774	\$ -3,265

LITURGISTS NEEDED!!

Sunday worship services are in need of liturgists, both those who can do the regular liturgist's duties as well as those who can do the expanded role. We need you!! If you have been trained and haven't lead worship for a while, now is the time!! Please contact Dave Backen at 503-625-4965 or email him at dab.mavis@verizon.net. Thanks!

OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

After a year, Rhoda Friesen and Susan Springer, administrative assistants, have a new division of labor. Rhoda now handles all financial matters and keeps track of people...members, repeat visitors and new people. Susan takes care of the Sunday morning bulletin and insert and tracks room reservations.

The newsletter will remain a combined effort with the goal of printing and mailing the week following the monthly session meeting (third Thursday of the month). Keys and church equipment (tables/chairs) can be checked out from either person.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. In a “normal” week, Rhoda works Monday and Wednesday; Susan works Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. There is a staff meeting on Tuesdays at 2 pm. During this meeting all phone calls go to voice mail; we will call you back.

CHANGES TO OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESSES

Previously, to email Rhoda and Susan in the office, the address of choice was Office@tpcspirit.org. But that’s been changed. Now Rhoda and Susan each has her own email address: Rhoda@tpcspirit.org and Susan@tpcspirit.org.

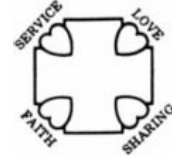
The Office@tpcspirit.org email address is still valid, but it goes only to Susan’s inbox. If you want to be sure both Rhoda and Susan read your email, address it to both. Note that since Office@tpcspirit.org goes to Susan, it will be read on the days that Susan works...Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning.

USED PRINTERS

There are three printers in the office that do not work. We are, therefore, planning to get rid of them. Before we do, we want to give members the opportunity to step forward and say, “I can use that, or I know some organization that can use it. Don’t recycle it!” To save the machine(s), send an email to Susan@tpcspirit.org. If we don’t hear from anyone by August 15, the machines will be history/gone/recycled.



Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
August 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Handbell Class 7:30 pm	3	4
5 Adult Ed – 9:15 am Worship – 10:30 am Connections BBQ	6	7	8	9 Handbell Class 7:30 pm	10	11 Middle School Activity – River Tubing
12 Adult Ed – 9:15 am Worship – 10:30 am	13 Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm	14 All Tues. Treasures BBQ @ Hillsboro Pres. 6:30 pm	15	16 7:00 pm Session Handbell Class 7:30 pm	17	18 Fellowship Hike with John Lewis
19 Adult Ed – 9:15 am Worship – 10:30 am	20	21	22	23 Handbell Class 7:30 pm	24	25
26 Adult Ed – 9:15 am Worship – 10:30 am	27	28	29	30 Handbell Class 7:30 pm	31	