

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear Friends,

The Scriptures call us to observe a difficult tension when it comes to our safety. On the one hand Jesus calls us to risky hospitality. And the Psalmist reminds us our safety lies not in walls and weapons but in the name of the Lord. But, at the same time, Israel did wisely rebuild the protections around Jerusalem when they returned from Exile, and Jesus also taught us to be “wise as serpents and innocent as doves.” (Matthew 10:16 NRSV)

I bring this up, because I want to be as transparent as possible about some of the security issues our own congregation has been facing this summer and some of the actions our session will be taking in response.

In the past twelve years I have served here we have experienced only minor incidents. One of the teachers at Tualatin Valley Preschool experienced a car break in many years ago. The police came and locked us down once when there was a “person of interest” in Little Woodrose Park. For the most part we have been and continue to be a pretty sleepy little place. This summer, however, we have seen some activity that is causing us to be prudent in our response.

The Bells of the Cascades trailer was broken into not once, but twice this summer. In addition our own shed between the church and the park was broken into as well. These incidents were reported to the police, and nothing of great value was taken or damaged.

We also experienced a person going by the name of “Phil” or “Trent” (he has given us both names) acting in an unsafe fashion. When our staff wasn’t present, he was angrily banging on our door trying to gain access. Sarah Beck was bringing our children back from a day trip, and when he yelled at them, she wisely removed the kids from the situation and called the police. While God loves everyone unconditionally, my highest priority as your shepherd is to maintain a safe environment for everyone- especially our little ones. After I consulted with the police department, the session has agreed on a safety plan that involves myself or other leaders asking individuals behaving in an unsafe way to leave the premises or the authorities will be called.

In a related vein we have also seen a spike in individuals from the community making need requests. While this has always been something that ebbs and flows, this summer we have seen people making inappropriate requests during worship and panhandling people as they left worship. This is not ok. In each case I have personally spoken with the individuals in question and let them know that I will always be available to pray with them, read scripture with them, offer a caring ear, and connect them with city and county services best positioned to offer help. But one of the responsibilities I hold most sacred is maintaining an environment where people feel safe to freely enter and exit worship.

Our session has approved a policy similar to that of the Tualatin Food Pantry, clarifying the kinds of help we can provide (listening, praying, and referrals) and the kinds of help we cannot provide (money and lodging.) It’s a challenging time. It’s a challenging time in the world and in our own community. But it’s also an incredible time. So many positive things are happening at TPC. We welcomed people from all over the world when the General Assembly came to town. Sarah Beck is just doing amazing work building our family ministry. We’ve invited a Hispanic congregation to worship in our space as an experiment this summer. Our leaders are doing a fantastic job maintaining an environment where all are welcome and, at the same time, all are safe, too.





*And though she be but little she is fierce. William Shakespeare*  
Meet Joan Nardi. She is little, but she is fierce in her own quiet way. . . .

**Fierce** in her devotion to her family.

Joan was born in a mining town, Jackson, California, where her father was the superintendent of the mine. When the mine closed about 10 months after she was born, the family moved to Stockton where her father worked as a ranch manager on a quarter horse ranch. Her father's favorite joke was that Joan learned to ride a horse before she learned to walk.

When Joan was 6 years old, the family moved to Oregon when her father took a job in a foundry. They lived in Reedville where Joan attended a 4-room school, walking 1 ½ miles to school and then again back home. There were no school buses. The family moved to Aloha when she was in the sixth grade. She was 13 years old when her father died unexpectedly. She had 5 siblings at that time with another one on the way. Out of necessity, Joan took on a lot of responsibility for her siblings. As she says, maturity comes faster under those circumstances.

Her mother remarried when Joan was 17 years old. Her family moved to Tacoma and Joan stayed with a couple that she had long known as her 4-H leader in Beaverton to complete high school. She graduated from Beaverton High School fully intending to go on to college with money she had saved working at Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in the dietician's office and the scholarships she had earned. Unfortunately, the family needed her help, so she moved to Tacoma to be with them.

. . . **Fierce** in her determination to get an education.

In Tacoma, Joan decided that joining the military would be a stepping stone in getting an education. She joined the Air Force and became a Supply Specialist. She met and married her husband who was also in the Air Force. Though she was stationed other places, she ended up at McChord Air Force base near Tacoma. She terminated her career in the Air Force after 2 ½ years. While she was in the Air Force she started college at University of Puget Sound. As time progressed, she had 2 daughters and continued to pursue her degree, ultimately graduating from Marylhurst.

. . . **Fierce** in her loyalty to her daughters, career, and church.

So much of Joan's life has centered around her 2 daughters, Debbie and Terri. Both girls live nearby. Debbie lives near North Plains and works in Human Resources for Shari's Restaurant. Terri, who lives in Turner, is a Medical Assistant at Salem Clinic. They enjoy the time they spend doing things together, especially going to the beach.

A lot of Joan's early business career involved accounting and payroll activities. She caught the eye of the CFO and CEO of the tech company that she worked for in Beaverton. They realized she had a gift dealing with problems and people as well as numbers. They took her out to lunch one day and asked her to work as the Human Resources manager. She did make that move and worked in that capacity until they closed their office. She was devoted, determined, and relentless in finding jobs for those who were displaced by the closure and she was basically the last one out the door.

It was a blessed day when Laura Spurrell brought Joan to TPC. Joan was looking for a new church home and TPC was a good fit. Joan jumped in and has been a mighty, but quiet, force ever since. She has been a loyal member of the choir functioning as the choir librarian for about 3 years. She has been the Mission Elder twice. Now she is the Worship Elder. Often it is the people behind the scenes who make everyone else look good and Joan is always making sure that things are in order and ready to go for worship.

. . . **Fierce** in her passion for her favorite things.

Music has been a passion for Joan for most of her life. She started singing at age 6. She started a Swing Choir in Tacoma that attracted about 7 youth members to begin with but soon grew to over 40. What a fun time that was! And the passion continues to this day singing with the TPC choir!

She loves nature, the beach, hiking. She has branched into creative writing that demonstrates her love of the things she sees. Enjoy her poem as it creates a beautiful fall scene.

### Autumn's Dance

The silent breeze bows low and whispers to the bashful leaves to  
“come, join in the dance” – one of quick steps and swirling colors.  
At the end of the lane an old farm wagon waits.  
Its bed piled high with sun-ripened pumpkin maidens courted by stately  
shocks of corn and chaperoned by venerable old crows.  
Overhead a flight of mallards unite in chain-like fashion  
creating a rhythm and line dance of their own.  
Two tardy butterflies join in the gala as they  
flirt in an exotic tango between the petunias and the geraniums;  
a solitary tree frog accentuates the beat with his metered solo.  
Nearby the neighbor's kitten practices her ballerina leaps  
while in pursuit of a passing dragonfly.  
As the sun wanes low and twilight fills the sky,  
the dancers take their leave to return again on another autumn day.

Joan, we are so grateful for your fierceness manifested in a calm and peaceful demeanor to get things done at TPC. You continue to make us better.  
Dianne Lemmon, Deacon Parish 1



### PC(USA) leaders issue post-General Assembly letter to the church

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3

June 25, 2016

Portland, Oregon

Brothers and sisters in Christ, there is a new season in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as witnessed by the actions of the 222nd General Assembly (2016). The body of 594 commissioners who gathered June 18-25 in Portland, Oregon, elected Co-Moderators Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, and J. Herbert Nelson as the Stated Clerk. Both were historic, and both signal a new way forward for our church.

The business decisions made by the body also were transformative for the 1,572,660 members and 9,642 churches of the PC(USA). The work wasn't easy, and involved careful deliberations. Collectively, the body acted on nearly 100 overtures by discerning the will of Christ.

Among other things, we now have a new addition to our Book of Confessions – the Confession of Belhar. It is the first of our confessions that comes from the global south. And, the PC(USA) has a new Directory for Worship; and Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and Procedures. God is truly guiding us to be more faithful and just to all of God's creations.

Much discussion has been taking place around the identity and purpose of the denomination, and this week the assembly voted to create a 12-member Way Forward Commission “to study and identify a vision for the structure and function of the General Assembly agencies of the PC(USA),” and a 15-member 2020 Vision Team to “develop a guiding statement for the denomination and make a plan for its implementation.”

To quote Stated Clerk-elect J. Herbert Nelson, “We are not dead ... we are alive, we are reforming and we are transforming this world, one person at a time.”

Looking outward, the assembly voted to engage in selective, phased divestment from fossil-fuel companies through the PC(USA)'s Mission Responsibility Through Investment committee, and re-affirmed a two-state solution for Israel-Palestine.

Please know this is only a snapshot of the actions taken, and just a glimpse at where God is leading this denomination. Complete business actions can be viewed at [www.pc-biz.org](http://www.pc-biz.org).

We are, brothers and sisters, in a new season. It's exciting, but also a little scary. Yet in the midst of it all, take comfort that God is still guiding and controlling all – and we need not fear. God is calling us to hope, and to God be the glory!

**The Reverend Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly**

**The Reverend Denise Anderson and the Reverend Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016)**

**Ruling Elder Tony De La Rosa, Interim Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency**

## WHAT IS HAPPENING

### REFUGEE CARE

If you are interested in joining the conversation around TPC's involvement with the refugee crisis, please join us after worship on **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. Lunch will be provided, and we would love to hear your ideas.

Cathy Lambeth, Mission Elder  
on behalf of the TPC Refugee Care Team

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It's time for our annual school supply drive. We have been asked to adopt the Kindergarteners this year. In the Tigard-Tualatin School District, they anticipate that about fifty kindergarteners will need help.

Kindergarteners need the items listed below. You can provide all of the items in a backpack, or individual items and we will assemble the packs. Or you can donate money; we will happily do the shopping. A complete pack costs about \$60 (please indicate on check or envelope "school supply"). Please turn in your donations to the marked box in the narthex **by Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your generous support of education in our community.

- 1 Backpack
- 12 #2 Ticonderoga pencils
- 1 24 pack of Crayola crayons
- 1 pack, Crayola markers, classic colors, washable thick
- 1 pair Fiskar type safety scissors – round edge
- 1 box gallon sized zip-locked bags
- 12 Solid glue sticks (not gel)
- 1 Crayola watercolor set
- 1 4 oz bottle Elmers glue
- 1 Ream copy paper
- 2 large Tissue boxes
- 1 box baby wipes
- 1 container clorox wipes
- 2 bottles hand sanitizer

Rebecca Olsen, Mission Committee Member

### CHRISTINA'S ATTIC

The Second Annual All Church Art Show begins September 18. It is not too late to produce a new work of art for us to enjoy. All mediums are fine as long as we can hang the finished product on the wall or from the ceiling. More information to follow.

Our second art camp for children ages 4 through 12 begins August 8. Contact Sarah Beck to register...sarah@tpcspirit.org or 503-314-2221.

Creating in the image of our Creator,  
Chris Robertson, Art Director

## HELLO FRIENDS

August already!! A couple of fun events this month in fellowship...our Summer Progressive Dinner will be **Saturday, August 20** with cocktail hour hosted by Candace & Marshall Fant starting at 5:30 p.m. Our progressive dinner begins at the Fant home where we, as a large group, meet together and share beverages and appetizers. An hour or so later we progress, in smaller groups of eight or so, to our next, and final, home for dinner and dessert. If you would like to volunteer to host a smaller group for dinner please let me know :).

Our second event will be...**Friday, August 26**. We'll go to the final summer concert held at the Tualatin Commons. I will head down early and lay out blankets. Come join me for a picnic dinner and some great rock and roll music. You can purchase food from vendors at the Commons or you can bring your own picnic, along with beer and wine. Tons of local fun and great people watching.

Peace ~ Emily Ricker ~ 503/701.3978 ~  
[emilyricker@gmail.com](mailto:emilyricker@gmail.com)

Fellowship and Membership Integration Elder

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY - SALAD LUNCHEON SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH

Summer is just flying by and it doesn't seem possible that August is already here! We have been blessed the past few years in having Laura Spurrell host a salad luncheon for the women of the church. It gives us a chance to reconnect and share summer activities in the shade of Laura's pretty backyard. If you can come, please sign up in the narthex. The details are:  
Date: Saturday, August 27  
Time: 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.  
Place: 10320 SW Paulina – Tualatin

The September Women's Ministry meeting will be a joint effort with the Men's Group on **September 17<sup>th</sup>**. Karen Carlin will talk to us about a mental health issue. More information will be forthcoming.

Judy Nix  
Publicity Coordinator

### SAVE THE DATE: BLOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1 to 6 p.m.

**ADULT EDGE** will resume Sunday, Sept. 11.  
John Casebeer, Adult Education Elder

## TPC SUMMER PROGRAM

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

The “Summer Kid’s Program” continues to grow. Children ages 4 to 12 (and a high school aged helper) come downstairs each Sunday after the Children’s Message. They do an art project, (this



one is pottery) while enjoying a snack from “Kid’s Coffee Hour” and take part in a group discussion. The kids are building community and making friends.

### ART CAMP

Art Camp (July 11 through 15) was attended by twelve children ages 4 to 12. In the morning they created art using a variety of mediums...glass paint, watercolors and salt, embroidery on denim,



fabric paint on muslin and acrylic on canvas. After clean-up, before lunch, they

put on a play for the adult volunteers. Everyone had a good time.



### SUMMER PROGRAM

The Summer Program for children ages 6 to 12, ran two weeks in July. Sarah and a volunteer went on adventures all over the city...Safari Sam’s and Snyder Park in Sherwood, Oregon Zoo, PDX Playdate in NW Portland, West-

moreland Park in Sellwood, Cannon Beach, a farm in Aurora, SW Community Center indoor pool, etc. Members,

non-members and friends of members attended. Sarah and the kids can’t wait until the August Summer Program begins.



### THE AWAKENING

On Wednesday, July 20, the Awakening crew ventured to the Bagdad Theater on Hawthorne to see the movie “Ghostbusters.” Everyone arrived before the opening credits.

Sarah ordered food at concessions; they sat in balcony seats. Food came to them. It was good. The movie was ridiculous. Everyone had a good time.

### WEEKEND SOCIAL

Sarah Beck, Director of Youth and Family Ministries, hosts a weekend social for parents of young kids, from 6 to 9 pm at her house. Each family



brings a dish to share. The kids play together in the backyard, while the parents socialize

and connect with one another. A “parent helper” was on duty keeping an extra eye on the kids, so the parents could relax a little more. For the kids there was a bouncy house, parachute game, toys, sandbox, swing set, and lots of running in and out of the house. It was a lot of fun. (Ken never did catch Ches.)



For more information about the Summer Youth Program, please contact Sarah Beck via email or by phone at 503.314.2221.

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**SPONSORED KIDS:  
MAIL FROM SARAH**

Dear Friends at Tualatin Presby-  
terian Church,

Greetings to you in the name of  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
How are you? I am happy to see  
your letter.

Thank you for my family gift you sent to me of  
132.400 (\$40). I bought a cloth at 50.000, school  
bag at 20.000, blanket at 27.000, flask at 30.000,  
books at 5.000 and bread at 400.

My goat is a brown goat. It has a name called  
Acanit. My goat eats grass. My goat stays in a  
pen. No, my goat is not noisy. It produces two  
young one alive. We do not take goat's milk in  
our village. It's only for the kids. I like keeping  
it.

At school I like English and science. The teacher  
teaches us about the circulatory system. At the  
project I have learned how to make necklaces and  
growing mushrooms.

At home my grandparents are staying well. At  
home I like helping my grandmother in cooking  
food, mostly greens. I like sharing with others  
what I have cooked.

We pray for you and your family. May almighty  
God bless you. Thank you.

Your loving friend, Sarah Tino

(TPC sponsors Sarah, a 15-year old girl in Ugan-  
da, and Estalin, a 9-year old boy in Ecuador.)

Submitted by Carolyn Locke

**JULY SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

At the regular Session Meeting on July 21st a  
new policy giving guidance to officers and staff  
for dealing with individuals requesting monetary  
assistance was approved.

The use of our space for worship by Rios de  
Agua Viva was reviewed and a few minor issues  
are being, or have been, resolved.

The above information has been compiled from Session  
minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are availa-  
ble in the church office.

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

**EMAIL THANK YOU NOTE FROM GA**

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for your participation in the  
Sunday worship services for the 222nd General  
Assembly. Your congregation's willingness to  
welcome folks who were here for GA was an  
important part of their experience of Presbyterians  
in the Northwest. The change away from one big  
Sunday worship service at the Convention Center  
to worshiping in our congregations was, I believe,  
a big opportunity to get delegates and friends out  
among our people. From all reports, this was a  
wonderful success, and an important way to set a  
tone early in the week of GA. Everyone felt well-  
welcomed! All your efforts were necessary to  
make that happen.

I also believe the folks in St. Louis for the 2018  
General Assembly will have a hard time matching  
the welcome we offered together. We set the bar  
respectably high!

On behalf of the Committee on Local Arrange-  
ments, and our specific committee on Sunday  
Worship, thank you. Perhaps Cascades Presbytery  
will have another chance to host GA in another 50  
years, and then you can be sure we will be back in  
touch. In the meantime, may God continue to  
bless you in the worship and important work we  
all do day by day, week after week. Ours is a  
privilege and a joy in participating in the Body of  
Christ.

Yours in Faith,

Chris Grewe, co chair for the Sunday Morning  
Worship Committee, Pat Berger, co-chair, Chuck  
Falconer, Janet Mills, Garry Rawdon, Mollis  
Rawson, and Cheryl Seiler

**DISHES LEFT BEHIND...**

On a table outside the kitchen door is an assort-  
ment of dishes that do not have a home in the TPC  
kitchen. We believe they have a home with mem-  
bers and friends of TPC. Please look at the items  
on the table and take home any that belong to you.  
Thanks. Those not picked up will find a new  
home at Goodwill.

# TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) and click on About Us, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu..

## AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00 Worship Sunday School	8 7 p.m. Deacon Meeting	9 7 p.m. Mission meeting	10 9:30 am to 2:30 pm Quilting Bee  10 a.m. Loving Stitches	11 7 p.m. Session Meeting	12	13
14 10:00 Worship Sunday School	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 10:00 Worship Sunday School	22	23 9 a.m. Sep- tember news- letter deadline	24 10 a.m. Loving Stitches	25	26	27
28 10:00 Worship Sunday School	29	30	31 1-6 p.m. August Blood Drive			

2016 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 6/30/16	\$187,299	\$190,180	(\$2,881)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 6/30/16	\$193,244	\$194,405	\$1,161

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

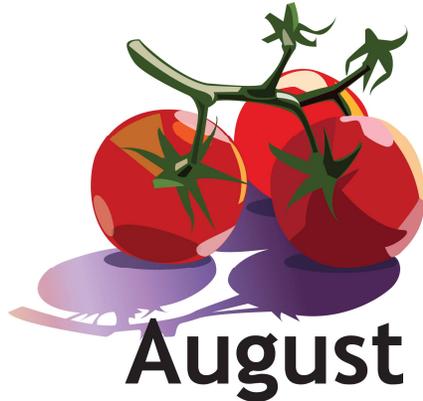
02 - Art Barry  
02 - Stacy Mauer  
04 - Andrew Perkins  
06 - Stan Heath  
06 - Maureen Richardson  
06 - Quentin Shiffer  
07 - Barb Larson  
09 - Donna Hoff  
12 - Mark Maleta  
13 - Carson Grover  
14 - Liz Belz Templeman  
15 - Jacob Holland  
17 - Taryn Ball

17 - Marilyn Heath  
17 - Marian Smith  
19 - Patrick Gibson  
21 - Morgan Maleta  
22 - Teagan Cameron  
22 - Bob Schumann  
24 - Ginny Fitzhenry  
24 - Amelia Hammer  
25 - Cliff Hoff  
25 - Mimi Robb  
27 - John Cameron  
29 - Diane Barry  
29 - Maegan Cameron  
29 - Jean Martin

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Monday, 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.



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**Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

**Parish Associates:** The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

**Elders:** Craig Bowen, John Casebeer, Cathy Lambeth, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker and Maureen Wolf

**Deacons:** Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Bob Eddy, Susan Fee, Dianne Lemmon, Deborah Lewis, Bonnie Nord, Jackie Norman, Gina Olson, Andrew Perkins, and Pamela White.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer  
Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer  
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly  
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro  
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov  
Director of Youth and Family Ministries: Sarah Beck  
Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch  
Art Director: Chris Robertson  
Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall  
Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall  
Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst  
Membership Coordinator: Jeni Wiggers  
Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer  
Parish Nurse: Susan Fee  
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus  
Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers  
Tuesdays Treasures Coordinator: Carolyn Locke  
Webmaster: John Martin  
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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