



**BILL AND VALERIE JAMES,
AND GRANDDAUGHTER, ADDIE**

I recently spent a lovely evening, enjoying the summer breeze, in the back yard of Bill and Valerie James. It was nice to get to know them a little better, and found that they are Chicago transplants.

They met in the Chicago Public Library, where Valerie was employed as a librarian. Valerie was raised across Lake Michigan from Chicago in Michigan City, Indiana. Bill is a bona-fide Chicagoan, raised just down the street from Wrigley Field. I suppose it goes without saying that Bill (and Valerie by marriage) is a die-hard Cubbies fan. He remembers going to games at the age of 5. He often sat in the bleachers for the princely sum of 50 cents, became a member of the "Bleacher Bums", and actually has been friends with the man who wrote the Cubs theme song "Go Cubs Go"!

They came to Oregon many times over the years, since 1978 when Rick and Barb Crall moved here, and actually attended TPC with the Cralls for many years while here on vacation.

Valerie continued her career as a librarian, and Bill started as a music therapist, went on to get his master's degree in counseling, and furthered his education to become a clinical psychologist.

Barb and Valerie's parents moved to Oregon. When Bill and Valerie moved here in 2008 with their daughter, Emily, after retiring from fulfilling professional lives, they moved into Valerie's and Barb's parents' home. They have really enjoyed being near their family, having their daughter and grandchildren grow up close to family.

Their daughter, Emily, lives in the Portland area, and they are really enjoying getting to spend time with their granddaughter, Addie. Addie has a new baby brother, Travis James, who is called "TJ" for short. Bill is hoping to make a banjo player out of TJ, and Addie is beginning to take up the violin. (James Family Band in church someday?)

Bill enjoys playing music, and he plays banjo, guitar, piano, and ukelele. Many TPC members have taken ukelele lessons from him. Bill says as a young man, he was living in a coach house when the garage next door caught fire. The coach house also caught fire and he lost his worldly goods. He received \$200 to replace what he had lost in the fire, but chose to buy a banjo instead, and the rest is history! He continues to volunteer at hospitals, using his gifts of counseling and music to help people in need. Valerie continues to be a voracious reader, is the gardener of the family, enjoys doing puzzles, and spends a lot of time "Grandmothering," and carting Addie to her activities.

When asked if they miss Chicago, both said they don't miss the winters or the summers, but they definitely miss Chicago-style deep dish pizza!

Jan Bender, Deacon for Parish 8

HELP OUT A SEMINARIAN! ☺

Our Annica Gage has completed her first year of seminary, and we are taking up a special offering to help support her good work. Annica and Jordan came to TPC several years ago, were active in Adult Edge, and we had the gift of hearing Annica preach several times. We will get to see them again on **Sunday, July 29**; they are in town for Annica to meet with members of Presbytery. If you wish to donate to Annica's seminary expenses, please write Annica's name on either your check or your donation envelope. Thank you.

SUNDAY, JULY 29 - Come join the TPC Youth and the Deacons on the patio for ice cream treats after service! Nothing better than ice cream on a beautiful day surrounded by members of a loving TPC Family.



TUALATIN VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND (TVCB) CONCERT, JULY 29 AT 7 PM

at Bishop-Scheckla Gazbo in Cook Park.

Celebrating 30th Anniversary Year

TVCB Music Director Kevin Soon has a toe-tapping playlist ready for our audience. As part of the anniversary celebration, Steve Heuser, TVCB Director Emeritus, will conduct two pieces that feature various sections in the band. Other special activities are scheduled to recognize TVCB's history and long-term members.

The Bishop-Scheckla Gazebo is an outdoor Carnegie Hall; there is not a bad seat in the house. Bring a chair, some snacks and come enjoy live music.

The Tualatin Valley Community Band is composed of volunteer individuals who have played, or are currently playing, musical instruments in middle school, high school, college, or other performance groups. More information about the band and the "Summer Concert" is available at www.tvcb.org. Please join us for a fun evening of live music for all ages!



AROUND THE WORLD WITH TUESDAY TREASURES

The Annual TPC Tuesday Treasures carnival will be **Tuesday, July 31 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM**. This year's theme is *Around the World*. There

will be games, a photo booth, an ice cream social and lots of fun for everyone. If you have wondered what Treasures is all about, then this is a great time to visit. (You can come to observe or to help with our games) For more information talk to Mike Shiffer, Mary Shiffer or Denise Collins.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It is time again for our annual school supply drive. We have been asked to adopt the kindergarteners again this year. They anticipate that throughout the 9 elementary schools in the Tigard-Tualatin district that about 50 kindergarteners will need help getting their school supplies this year.

The items listed below are needed for kindergarten. You can provide all of the items in a backpack, or individual items and we will assemble the packs. If you prefer to donate money, we will happily do the shopping. A complete pack costs about \$50 (please indicate "school supply" on your check or donation envelope.) Please turn in your donations to the marked box in the narthex by **Sunday, August 12th**. Checks can be placed in the offering plate. Thank you for your generous support of education in our community.

- 1 backpack
- 24 #2 Ticonderoga pencils
- 2 24-packs of Crayola crayons
- 1 pack Crayola markers, classic colors, washable thick
- 1 pack Crayola markers, classic colors, washable thin
- 1 pair Fiskar type safety scissors - round edge
- 8 solid glue sticks (not gel)
- 1 Crayola watercolor set
- 2 Pink Pearl erasers
- 1 ream copy paper
- 1 large tissue box
- 1 box baby wipes
- 1 full size bottle hand sanitizer

BLOOD DRIVE, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1 TO 6 PM. See Scott Cameron to volunteer.

TPC Adult Edge Resumes September 9, 2018

by Jean Martin

After a summer sabbatical, Adult Edge will resume the Sunday after Labor Day, September 9, 2018. If you are unfamiliar with Adult Edge, it is TPC's version of Sunday morning adult education with an innovative vibe. The class is discussion-focused and question-friendly—a safe and thoughtful space to explore contemporary theology, spiritual formation, and social issues. Sometimes taught by Pastor Ken and sometimes facilitated by class volunteers, Adult Edge uses a variety of learning methods—books, DVDs, and lecture—but the real richness comes through shared conversation. Adult Edge meets on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM, downstairs in the Adult Education room. Childcare is available. All are welcome!

We will spend time on Sunday, the 9th, catching up on what is going on in your lives and hearing about all of our summer adventures. I think I shared once about a tradition in the Unitarian church near where we lived in Fort Worth called the *Ingathering of the Waters*. I found the idea inspiring and would like to try it in Adult Edge. If you still have adventure plans for the rest of the summer, take a small jar or bottle along with you and collect some water—from a lake or river or ocean or the tap of an old friend—and bring it to Adult Edge with you Sunday, September 9. As we check in, we will pour our collected waters into a common bowl and share the source of the water and why it is meaningful to us. If you have already done all your adventuring or forget your water, you can give a verbal version!

We will also watch the trailer for our next study, *Reclaiming Jesus, A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis*. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met this summer in St. Louis (one of our youth, Robert Belz-Templeman was a Young Adult Advisory Delegate, and Annica Gage, our seminarian, was a Presbyterian Peace Fellowship intern). One of the actions taken by the GA is to enter a period of study to evaluate the possibility of adding two new confessions to our *Book of Confessions*: “Reclaiming Jesus, A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis” and Martin Luther King’s “Letter from a Birmingham Jail.” We will participate in this period of study by looking at both these documents, beginning with *Reclaiming Jesus*, Sunday, September 16.

TPC Readers Continue in the Fall of 2018

by Jean Martin

Although we have been taking a summer break during July and August, two TPC reading groups—the Third Thursday Readers and the Fourth Thursday Readers—have been reading and discussing fiction books with spiritual themes since September 2017. We started off last fall with *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger and finished up in June with the *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce.

Priscilla Hagan graciously opens her home every third and fourth Thursday mornings and deftly facilitates our discussions. Each group meets once a month from 10 to 11:30 AM in Priscilla's home to talk about the book.

Our 2018 discussions have taken us from the fundamental truths of the First Nations People in the Pacific Northwest (*I Heard the Owl Call My Name*), through grief and the power of community (*A Man Called Ove*), to sobering perspectives on historical feminist and abolitionist movements (*The Invention of Wings*), and a contemporary look at skin color in America (*God Help the Child*). It has been richly rewarding to hear each reader's insights and experience a deeper connection with other TPC members.

We will resume reading in September 2018 with *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff* by Christopher Moore, a humorous take on Jesus from the perspective of a childhood buddy. Next, we will go back to 1948 and follow the multigenerational story of displaced Palestinian refugees in *Mornings in Jenin* by Susan Abulhawa. Our November title is *Benediction* by Kent Haruf, a contemporary look at life and death and the family ties that bind. We will finish up 2018 with a Christmas brunch at Priscilla's to share book suggestions for 2019.

We have room for two more people in the Third Thursday Readers (Dick Wiggers says, “Please won't another man sign up?”); and there is one open slot in the Fourth Thursday group. If you are interested in joining either of these groups, please contact Priscilla Hagan, Laura Spurrell, or Jean Martin. If more people are interested than we have room for right now, we can explore starting up another group—perhaps on a different day or time. Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex in August and September.

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Create an experience that you and others will embrace by sharing your Worship Reflection in July or August. I assure you that participation is exhilarating. Email me if you are interested.

John Casebeer, Elder of Story Catching



FAMILY PROMISE HAPPENINGS

I am excited to report that we are closing in on 10 committed Host Congregations and we have plenty of Support Congregational volunteers. Our Day Center is slated for modifications in September. The magic number of Host Congregations is 13, allowing each congregation to host just once per quarter. We received a \$12,000 grant from Suburban Door earmarked for our Day Center plus \$5,000 in doors and window products.

Sustainable income is our next big challenge, as we get educated from Family Promise national on grants, campaigns and the like. Several on the FPTV Board and Leadership Team have submitted grants, but we need a serious grant writer to join us. If you, or anyone you know, has that expertise, please talk or email Gina Olson (mgolson5@comcast.net) or Judy Nix (jcnix@comcast.net).

Thanks again to our TPC Family for your support in the recent *Drive-in/Sleep-Out* campaign. It really made a difference. Judy Nix

P.S...to donate online, go to <https://www.familypromiseoftv.org/>



SHARE YOUR AMERICA WITH A HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM ONE OF 70 COUNTRIES

We are looking for local families to “Share *Your America*” with a high school exchange student from one of 70 European, South American, Asian, or African countries during the upcoming school year. Sponsored by PAX – Program of Academic Exchange (PAX), these students arrive in the U.S. in August.

PAX students are 15-18 years old, have studied English for at least three years, and are motivated to learn more about the U.S. by attending high school and living with a host family. PAX students are eager to experience American activities—backyard barbecues, birthday celebrations, and holidays—with their host families. They are covered by comprehensive medical insurance and have their own spending money for incidentals.

Volunteer host families provide PAX students with a bed, a quiet place to study, a seat at the dining table, a warm and supportive home environment, and encouragement to engage in everyday American life. With their exchange students, host families experience such activities through fresh eyes while also learning about the exchange student’s country and culture. All types of families—single parents, young couples, retirees, and parents with teenagers—are welcome to host.

Founded in 1990, PAX is a not-for-profit educational organization and one of a select few U.S. Department of State designated Exchange Visitor Program’s chosen to participate in its prestigious U.S. government-sponsored FLEX and YES programs. Each year, more than 1,100 teenagers visit the U.S. as PAX exchange students.

For more information, call Community Coordinator Wendy Larimer at 757-763-9957, email at wendyl.pax@gmail.com or visit www.pax.org (This information provided by Judy Nix.)

CHURCH PICNIC, Sunday June 10, 2018. Photographs by The Rev. Dick Wiggers.



Thank you,
Barb Crall,
for your work to
make this pic-
nic happen!!!



SPONSORED KIDS: Mail from Estalin (Ecuador) written April 20, 2018

I greet you in the name of Jesus. I want to tell you that we have a great time in the project*. We learn God's word, we study and we go out at 4:30 in the afternoon. We attend every afternoon on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday we had a program at "Provincia de Loja School" and I participated with all my classmates. Last week we went on a school tour to Quito and we visited the museum of a place called "La Casa de la Cultura" and we also went to Guallabamba zoo where we saw lions, bears, condor, turtles, wild cat, parrots, ducks, deer, horses, guinea pigs, rabbits, monkeys, frogs, lizards, cougars, among others.

At school we also celebrated the Family's Day and we had an excellent time since there were games with the teachers, soccer and dances. We have to take a test from everything we saw on the tour to the museum at "La Casa de la Cultura" and the zoo. We will take this test the next midterm.

I want to tell you that I am doing more or less at school and next year I will go to 8th grade but I think that they are going to change me to another institution.

I say goodbye with these words, hoping everything goes well in your work and your family.

Please pray for my family, my grandma who is sick with her knees, for me, my mom and my siblings.

I would like to ask you: How is the weather in your country? Do you like pets? How is your family? How is your health? What is your job and your wife's job? What do you do?

Estalin

PS The '**project**' is the Compassion International program, filled with extra opportunities, services and support in addition to religious lessons. It is these 'extras' that make such a difference to the sponsored children.

Carolyn Locke, Mission Committee

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

At this time, the pantry is in need of dry cereal, and condensed soup (the kind that you add water to), specifically chicken noodle. Also needed are ramen noodles.



STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER TRAINING

Eileen Eakins is back from Stephen Leader training in Dallas, Texas, July 15-21. Jean Martin will travel to Pittsburgh for training August 5-11. Safe travels Jean!



INTERESTED IN RINGING HANDBELLS?

The bell choir anticipates having three openings in September. Interested?

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 pm; they will resume after Labor Day in September.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES

are available on the table to the right as you enter the office. If we run out, more will be printed.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS AND USHERS at 9:30 am

Every Sunday two people stand by the front door of the church and greet people as they arrive. Two additional people stand near the glass doors leading into the sanctuary and pass out bulletins. Can you help in August, September or October? There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please choose a date that works for you and sign up. Thank you.

FYI: The front door greeters are also asked to help pass the offering plates. The usher/bulletin people are asked to take a microphone to those who wish to speak during Joys and Concerns and to help pass the offering plates.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

Coffee servers are always appreciated!! You can sign up on the TPC web site (<https://goo.gl/9imGAU>) OR notify Bonnie Nord (nordb51@gmail.com) and she will sign you up. When there are coffee servers, there will be cookies after worship on Sunday mornings!!! Thank you, thank you.

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on What's Happening, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu.

August, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10:00 Worship and Community Art Ice cream!!!	30	31	1	2 10 am Project Linus	3	4
5 10:00 Worship and Community Art	6	7	8 10 am Loving Stitches	9	10	11
12 10:00 Worship and Community Art	13 7 pm Deacon meeting	14 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed and Supervision	15	16	17	18
19 10:00 Worship and Community Art	20	21 7 pm Session Meeting	22 10 am Loving Stitches	23	24	25
SUMMER PROGRAM AND ART CAMP 9 AM TO 4 PM						
26 10:00 Worship and Community Art	27	28 9 am September newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed and Supervision	29 Blood Drive 1 to 6 pm at TPC - For info, talk to Scott Cameron	30		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

02-Art Barry
 02-Stacy Mauer
 04-Andrew Perkins
 05-Emma Swanson
 06-Stan Heath
 06-Maureen Richardson
 07-Barb Larson
 09-Donna Hoff

12-Mark Maleta
 13-Grover Carson
 14-Liz Belz-Templeman
 14-Sheri Schipporeit
 15-Jacob Holland
 17-Marilyn Heath
 17-Marian Smith
 19-Patrick Gibson
 21-Morgan Maleta
 22-Teagan Cameron

22-Doug Steele
 24-Ginny Fitzhenry
 24-Amelia Hammer
 25-Cliff Hoff
 27-John Cameron
 29-Diane Barry
 29-Maegan Cameron
 29-Jean Martin

2018 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 6/30/18	\$207,410	\$206,104	1,306
Operating Expenses Year to Date 6/30/18	\$203,960	\$212,393	\$8,433



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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, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Gina Olson, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal, Pamela White and Chapin Zakrzewski.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

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Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

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Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

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Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coordinators: Mike Shiffer, etc.

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.

Monday – 9:00 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon