



Meet the Swanson Family. Their warmth and openness is obvious when you are around them and a deep sense of family and love of the theater weaves through their individual and collective story. Allow me to introduce them further.

Megan was born and raised in Bakersfield, California. She has one older brother and an older sister and grew up doing dance and theater. She started dance at age four and appeared in her first theater production at the age of nine or ten. She knew at that young age that this was her passion and what she wanted to do forever.

Ian was born in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. His father's work as a theater professor moved them around a bit, but eventually landed them in Bakersfield when Ian was in high school. Ian's parents were both involved in theater and actually met while they were both in a show, *Once Upon a*

Mattress. Ian started hanging out with his Dad at the college he was working at around the age of ten and started becoming involved in theater himself.

Once Ian moved to Bakersfield, he did a lot of community theater and met Megan at a show, *No, No, Nanette*. Megan was performing in the show and Ian was doing the sound. They ended up doing another show together, *Crazy for You*, both in the cast at that point, and their friends began encouraging them to date. They began dating after that show, in early 2001, at the ages of seventeen and nineteen.

They both attended Cal State Fullerton, in Fullerton, California and obtained degrees in theater. Ian then went to New York to get a Masters in Fine Arts from Columbia University and Megan was cast in the touring company of the musical, *Camelot*. Before she left on tour, they were married in December of 2006. Megan toured with the production for a year and a half and they lived in New York for a total of three years. Ian's Columbia University MFA program involved two years of classes and a few years of working on a thesis film. Once he was done with classes and while working on his thesis film, they decided they were ready for a change of scenery.

Together, Ian and Megan decided to start a wedding videography business and move back to Bakersfield in 2010. They were living with Megan's parents while they started up their business and Ian continued working on his thesis film. The business took off and they moved down to Los Angeles in 2012. While they were living in Los Angeles, Ian was offered a full-time job as a Creative Director at a software development company, Lightspeed Systems, which was located back in Bakersfield. He did split weeks between Bakersfield and Los Angeles, while Megan continued to run the wedding videography business from LA. During that time Megan's father was diagnosed with cancer and sadly passed away. Realizing what really mattered in life, they started to think about moving permanently back to Bakersfield to be close to family. They bought a house there, and then started thinking about starting their own family. In 2013, they settled in and remodeled the house. The business was flourishing and Megan was able to perform in another theater show in San Diego. They then found out they were pregnant with their first child, on Megan's birthday that year.

Ian's company then announced they were opening an office in Portland, Oregon and requested that he relocate there. Megan's family was all in Bakersfield, so it was a hard choice to move. Megan had been to Portland once and really liked it. Megan's brother had always wanted to live in Oregon. Megan's mom was nearing time for retirement. They sat down and had a family meeting and decided they would either all move, or if one of them didn't want to, none of them would move. They all decided to move. Megan's mom, Derrilyn, retired from teaching and they all moved up in the middle of 2014. Ian and Megan lived in Tualatin and had their first daughter, Emma, shortly after arriving. They migrated the wedding business and continued that for a few more years, while Ian worked at Lightspeed Systems and they raised their new daughter.

Derrilyn found TPC when looking around the area for churches and encouraged Megan to attend. Megan started attending in 2015 and believed it would be a comfortable church home for Ian as well. Ian began attending a few months later and they officially became members at the end of 2016.

Ian and Megan welcomed their second daughter, Eliza, in September of 2016. With Ian's time requirements at work increasing and now having two kids to pour their energy into, they decided to end the wedding business. Megan now does family photography and works for the city of Tigard doing photography and videography. They moved to Sherwood in 2017 for the schools, family-friendly neighborhoods, and to be closer to Derrilyn.

They have become more involved in TPC over the past couple of years, with Ian redesigning the website and Megan lending her beautiful singing voice to some of the services in the summer. Ian also recently became an Elder. They also baptized both their children at TPC when Megan's godmother was in town.

Emma (5) loves joining in with the big kids at church. She will be starting kindergarten in the fall and enjoys gymnastics and swimming. Eliza (2 ½) is boisterous, spirited and adorable. She loves to climb and perform - perhaps another future theater enthusiast?

The Swanson family is rounded out with 2 dogs they have rescued over the years. They adopted Cooper eleven years ago in New York and Maya was rescued in Bakersfield seven years ago in front of the Maya theater (hence her namesake). Ian and Megan enjoy doing home projects, spending time with their kids, and doing family dinners on Sunday nights with Megan's family.

Karen Ramos, Deacon Parish 8



ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It's time for our annual school supply drive. We have been asked to adopt the kindergarteners again this year. They anticipate that throughout all elementary schools in the Tigard-

Tualatin district 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 will cost \$50 - \$60 (please indicate "school supply" on your check or envelope). Please turn in your supply donations to the marked box in the narthex **now through Sunday, August 11th**. 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
- 1 pack Expo black dry erase markers, thick
- 2 Pink Pearl erasers
- 1 ream copy paper
- 1 large tissue box
- 1 box baby wipes
- 1 full size bottle hand sanitizer



**Let's Get Our Song On
Hootenanny—Song Fest
Music by Banjo Bill et al**

**Saturday, August 17,
7:00 to 9:30**

**In the backyard of
Wayne & Rosemary Willis
9735 SW Killarney Ln, Tualatin**

What to Bring

- A lawn chair
- An appetizer, cookies, brownies etc. to share
- We will provide soda, water, lemonade, plates, napkins, cups
- If you want something different to drink feel free to bring it.

**If you plan on attending, please RSVP.
Rosemary—503-702-2287
rwillis@remax.net**



**BLOOD DRIVE
WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 28
1 TO 6:30 PM AT TPC**
Blood is vital to modern medicine, It is used every day to treat patients with blood disorders, those receiving organ transplants, being treated for burns or undergoing cancer treatment, just to name a few.

And it can only come from healthy, volunteer blood donors.

The Red Cross is on an emergency appeal for blood donations. Their supplies are low. If you are eligible to donate, please do. To schedule an appointment online, go to www.redcrossblood.org. Sponsor code is STWCAC. You can also make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Before your donation appointment, the Red Cross makes these recommendations:

1. Maintain a healthy iron level in your diet by eating iron rich foods, such as red meat, fish, poultry, beans, spinach, iron-fortified cereals and raisins.
2. Get a good night's sleep.
3. Drink an extra 16 ounces of water or nonalcoholic fluids before donating.
4. Eat a healthy meal before your donation. Avoid fatty foods, such as hamburgers, fries or ice cream before donating. (If there is too much fat in your blood, your donation cannot be tested for infectious diseases and the blood will not be used for transfusion.)

Scott Cameron, our blood drive coordinator, will be looking for volunteers to donate blood, help with the blood drive on Aug. 28, or make cookies.

TPC PHOTO DIRECTORY - LAST CALL

If you would like a different photograph in the directory than the one we currently have, please email it to the church office as soon as possible at office@tpcspirit.org. To maintain photo resolution, send the photo as an attachment to the email, rather than copying the photo into the body of the email. Thanks.

Susan Springer



TPC CHANCEL CHOIR

"Dear TPC,
It's getting closer to September and that means it's almost choir time! We welcome all who want to come and enjoy the fun. The only qualification is you come with a servant's heart. Being able to sing happy birthday from memory is also helpful.

We will be doing a blend of everything from traditional choral anthems to arrangements of contemporary praise and worship music. Our Christmas cantata is a collection of wonderful arrangements of traditional Christmas carols and Advent music from around the world. As you can see, there is something for every musical taste.

The choir starts back on September 4th (Wednesday). We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 PM. If you want more information, please send me an email at garywayneyoung@gmail.com.

I/we hope to see you in September!

Blessings, Gary"



TPC Adult Edge Resumes Sept. 8, 2019

by Jean Martin

After a summer sabbatical, Adult Edge will resume the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8, 2019. 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 justice 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, September 8, catching up on what is going on in our lives and hearing about all our summer adventures. Last year, we reconvened with a beloved tradition called the *Ingathering of the Waters*, borrowed from the Unitarian church near where we used to live in Fort Worth. We found last year's ritual so inspirational that we decided to make it an annual Adult Edge fall tradition! So, if you still have adventure plans (either around the globe or in your backyard), collect some water—from a lake or river or ocean or the tap of an old friend—in a small jar or bottle and bring it with you to Adult Edge on Sunday, September 8. As we check in, we will pour our jars and bottles of water into a common bowl and share the source and why the water is meaningful to us. If you have already done all your adventuring or forget your water, you can give us the verbal version!

We will also watch the trailer for our new fall study, *Pro-Future Faith: The Prodigal Species Comes Home*. Featuring eco-theologian, author, and TEDx speaker, Rev. Michael Dowd, *Pro-Future Faith* is a dynamic eight-session DVD-based course that bridges the gap between head and heart and science and faith. Dowd suggests that we are living in challenging and confusing times and religion and science each has a vital role to play. Given our impact on Earth's climate, soils, seas, forests, and other species, we are already in the early stages of, what could be called, *The Great Reckoning*. Dowd's intention in this course is to lift up the evolutionary purpose of religion and the ecological necessity of science to assist all of us in reclaiming our moral and prophetic voice on behalf of future generations.

No stranger to Portland, Rev. Michael Dowd headed *The Portland Sustainable Lifestyle Campaign* from 1997 to 2000.

Please join us for this timely, and what will surely be, a thought-provoking study!



TPC Readers Continue in the Fall of 2019 by Jean Martin

Although we are taking a summer break during July and August, two TPC reading groups have been faithfully reading and discussing fiction books with spiritual themes since September 2017. Priscilla Hagan graciously opens her home and skillfully facilitates our discussions. Each group meets once a month from 10 to 11:30 AM in Priscilla's home to talk about the monthly book selection.

Please note the new schedule starting in September 2019: groups will meet on the SECOND and Third Thursday mornings. (Thus, if you have been used to coming on the fourth Thursday, please note this change to the SECOND Thursday; the third Thursday class remains the same!)

Our 2019 reading journey has immersed us in a touching love story between a Chinese boy and a Japanese girl during the imprisonment of Japanese citizens from Seattle during World War II (*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*), taken us back to the seventeenth century struggles of the first Native American students at Harvard (*Caleb's Crossing*), and given us a haunting glimpse of the cost of war through the eyes of four individuals caught up in the siege of Sarajevo (*The Cellist of Sarajevo*). 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 2019 by going back to World War II with *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, the story of a young girl who saved her soul by reading stolen books in Nazi Germany. **Next up in October is *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas**, in which the careful balance Starr maintains between her poor black neighborhood and the posh school she attends is shattered by the shooting of her best friend from childhood by a white police officer. **Our November title is *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende**, a sweeping novel that journeys from present-day Brooklyn to Guatemala in the recent

past to 1970s Chile and Brazil—a timely message about immigration and the meaning of home.

We will finish 2019 with a Christmas brunch at Priscilla's to share book suggestions for 2020.

We have limited openings in both the Second and Third Thursday morning reading groups. If you are interested in joining us on our reading journey, please contact Priscilla Hagan, Carolyn Hale, or Jean Martin. We also have a few folks who are interested in starting an evening reading group. If a TPC evening reading opportunity would appeal to you, please contact Jean Martin.

Look for flyers and sign-up sheets in the Narthex the last two Sundays in August.



FAMILY PROMISE

Thank you to the Session at TPC who approved use of the church bus for three months to transport beds and family belongings. A grant from Silvey Family Foundation & funds raised by Gracepoint Community Church allowed Family Promise to purchase a 2017 Ford Transit van with safety features, including a backup camera. It is comfortable to drive...similar to a minivan.

Volunteers are needed to help with the daily driving schedule to and from the Day Center and the weekly host church. Drivers need to have at least five years of driving experience and a clean driving record. For more information, contact Rose Money at 503-878-2492 (rose@familypromiseoftv.org) or talk with Derrilyn Bayha or Bob Nix, who have been doing some of the driving.

As of now, FPTV has provided 886 nights of safe church sleeping accommodations and almost 2,000 meals to families and children...and FPTV has only been open 4.5 months! On August 1st, two families will graduate into housing (ten

individuals); a family of five will get their housing in a few weeks as well. There is an intake waiting list, so those openings will fill quickly. The need is real, and this community response to homelessness is working. Thank you, TPC, for your generous support.

TPC's next Host week is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 23 - 30. Please write these dates on your calendar in pencil. We are hoping to change these dates, so watch for more information from Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen, Host Coordinators. Making a meal, being an overnight sleeper, or helping with the children in the evening is a great way to help those who are struggling to get back into housing. When you volunteer, you will find you get more back than you give.

Marc's TPC Mob - Ride to Defeat ALS

The ride on Saturday, July 20, was a huge success. Thirteen riders rode for team "Marc's TPC Mob" as one of 30 participating teams. Overall, 276 riders of all ages pedaled their bikes in and around the Mt. Angel and Silverton areas. The TPC riders rode a total of 335 miles, a significant accomplishment on what turned out to be a warm and windy day following a hilly route for the longer distance riders. Marc's TPC Mob raised a total of \$4,836 which helped the ALS organization exceed their fund raising goal for the event. Total contributions were \$190,400. To everyone who contributed, thank you for your support.

On behalf of the Mission Team and the Olson family, thank you. Chip Kyle

ALS bike team members: Chip Kyle, Russ Carlin, Alan Grobey, Cynthia Grobey, Jason James, Renee James, Larry Nord, Marc Olson, Emily Ricker, Stephen Ricker, Jay Wilcox, Greg Williams, Linda Williams, Gordy Winterrowd.



YOUTH MINISTRIES



PICTURES: The top two on the left were taken at Log College at Princeton. Notice the small heads on the top of the wall.

The third picture was taken at TPC art camp, the week of July 8 through 12.

The bottom picture on the left was taken at the church picnic on Sunday, July 14.

The above picture was taken at Triennium at Purdue University in Indiana. Busy summer!!!



TPC HOOD TO COAST TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Each team must provide three volunteers for the race, August 23/24. Work at an exchange doing one of a variety of tasks, hand out water at a water stop. If you can help, please talk to Sarah Beck (503)314-2221, as soon as possible.

SCAM EMAILS THAT LOOK LIKE THEY COME FROM PASTOR KEN

Some members are receiving emails that look like they come from Pastor Ken. They do not.

The emails come from the email address presbyterianpastor007@gmail.com This is not an email address that Ken uses. The email text says:

“Subject: Blessings
Hi, how are you doing?
I need a favor from you, email me as soon as you get my message.
God Bless,
Rev. Ken Evers-Hood”

Pastor Ken would never make such a request. If you get an email like this, ignore it. Rick Crall has reported this to Google’s email abuse address.



AUGUST TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on EVENTS.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
There was no session meeting in July.				1 10 am Project Linus	2	3
4 10:00 Worship and Kid's Summer Art	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:00 Worship and Kid's Summer Art	12 7 pm Deacon meeting	13 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	14 10 am Loving Stitches	15	16	17 7 pm Hootenanny at Willis home
18 10:00 Worship and Kid's Summer Art	19	20 7 pm Session meeting	21	22	23	24
25 10:00 Worship and Kid's Summer Art	26	27 9 am September newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	28 10 am Loving Stitches Blood Drive 1 to 6:30 pm	29	30	31

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
10-Hayden Christopherson-Engh

12-Mark Maleta
13-Carson Grover
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
24-Ginny Fitzhenry

24-Amelia Hammer
25-Jeffrey Engh
25-Cliff Hoff
27-John Cameron
29-Diane Barry
29-Meagan Cameron
29-Jean Martin

Office hours will vary in the months ahead. If you're planning to come by the church and need a door to be unlocked, please call ahead, to be sure some one is here.
503-692-4160

Vacations happen, life happens.
Typical hours are similar to those listed below:
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, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Ian Swanson, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Donna Hammersly, Jason James, Julie Nader, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck
Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer
Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer
Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov
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
Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord
Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch
Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver
Parish Nurse: Susan Fee
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus
Treasurer: Chip Kyle
Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins
Webmaster: John Martin
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.