

**MARC OLSON CELEBRATION OF LIFE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH FROM 2 TO 5 PM
20755 S. Wisteria Rd. - West Linn**



Neil, Bradley, Leah, and I would love to invite you to celebrate Marc's life during an open house in our home on Sunday, August 8th from 2 to 5pm. If you would like to join us, **please RSVP at the link below preferably by August 1st.** We will be sending out parking and other important information to everyone who has completed the Eventbrite RSVP. You are also welcome to contact Gina at mgolson5@comcast.net. Additionally, we are producing a celebration of life video that we will be making available on or before August 8th for anyone that would like to celebrate Marc. We are very thankful for all of you and your kindness during Marc's battle with ALS and after he passed. Our church community helped us face this time with grace and strength. We are forever grateful.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marcs-celebration-of-life-tickets-156037254629>

PASTOR KEN IS ON SABBATICAL THROUGH AUGUST

As this month winds down, we say thank you and good bye to Dr. Telika McCoy who has lead and met with us during July. With the coming of August, we welcome the Rev. Emily E. Ewing.



Beloveds of God,

I am excited to be with you this month of August as you all wrap up your sabbatical summer and Pastor Ken wraps up his. Since it's been a couple months, I wanted to re-introduce myself to you all. You can call me Pastor Emily and my pronouns are they/them/theirs. I am originally from the land of the Ute in what is now known as Colorado, though I currently reside on the land of the Ioway, Sauk and Meskwaki, and Očéti Šakówiŋ peoples, in what is now known as Iowa.

I am a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and have served in places as diverse as the Utah suburbs, rural southeast Minnesota, and the Des Moines, Iowa metro area. Currently I serve part-time as Social Justice Pastor at Trinity Las Americas United Methodist Church and part-time as an on-call chaplain at UnityPoint Health, both in Des Moines. In my work as Social Justice Pastor I organize actions for clergy in support of Black Lives, support mutual aid movements and court accompaniment, particularly for protesters, and act for justice for all God's people. Online, I write for and curate the weekly commentary *Queering The Text* and other resources that embrace queerness and liberation as well as cohost the podcast *Nerds At Church*, connecting scripture and all things nerdery each week.

In my free time they enjoy art and creativity, puzzles, and reading. I am excited to explore with you all the many ways that our faith and spiritual practices can be creative and diverse to connect with who we each are as we get to know each other this month!

Peace,
Pastor Emily

Photograph by Emily Ann Garcia

THE UNIQUE GIFT GOD GAVE

Rev. Telika McCoy, PhD

There are times in life when you know you've been blessed with a unique gift. The gift may be large or small; expensive or inexpensive; brand new or second-hand. It may be delivered by a friend or via freight. Nonetheless, it's special. Personally, I'm most fortunate when I receive divine gifts. Divine gifts are bestowed in God's sovereignty. Tualatin Presbyterian Church (TPC) has been my divine gift in July 2021. There are, at least, three reasons that TPC is my divine gift:

Jude 1:2 – Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.

This scripture has manifested in the TPC morning prayer gatherings weekly. An abundant mercy, peace and love permeated as we shared life experiences, the work of our Lord, tears, and laughter. I'm grateful for this blessing.

Matthew 5:8 – Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

I've seen God in TPC's Sunday morning worship through readings, musical selections, members' messages, and the welcoming of friends. The e-mailed announcements, on behalf of the church, Sunday ZOOM check-in, and morning prayer have also been glimpses of God. I'm grateful for this blessing.

2 Corinthians 13:14 – May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The fellowship of The Holy Spirit is essential to the Christian experience. Though principles of The Holy Spirit may be challenging, I'm thankful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that was done in July 2021 for TPC. I'm grateful for this blessing.

There's much more that I could write about the joy of TPC. As I move forward to continue my pastoral work, I take you with me. Those in morning prayer know how I've valued your words because I, literally, chronicled much of what you taught me. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

May God continue to bless Pastor and People.



WORDS FROM OUR PARISH NURSE, SUSAN FEE

I was hoping my previous Covid-19 post would be my last Covid-19 post, but alas that is not to be. In that post, I alluded to the fact that I would continue Covid-19 precautions past the point when the government gave the all clear. I planned to continue Covid precautions until I saw the result of the all clear. I have continued to wear a mask whenever I leave my house. I have continued social distancing and handwashing. I avoid crowds. Maybe I should remind you that I am a nurse working with the OHSU Covid-19 hotline. That means I am constantly not only looking at the Covid related numbers, but I am also talking directly with people hearing their stories of how they have been affected by Covid-19.

Well, we opened the state at the beginning of July. Our numbers are steadily on the rise again. Yes, most of the people who are getting sick have not been vaccinated, but what is not being talked about is that many of the people getting Covid-19 have been vaccinated. As of June 30, nearly 1800 fully vaccinated Oregonians tested positive for Covid-19. That is how the vaccine is expected to work. It will not prevent all disease, but those who get sick should not be as sick and hopefully will not require hospitalization and will not die. But this week I spoke with a woman whose husband is fully vaccinated and is in the hospital with Covid-19 and he may not survive. She is scared and desperately trying to find a way to save him.

Please continue to be careful. Follow the Covid precautions even if they are not mandated. And if you have not already, please get vaccinated.

Susan Fee, Parish Nurse



OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND SERVE

The members of session are working, along with the Streaming Committee and the Reopening Committee, to come up with a plan which allows us, the members and friends of Tualatin Presbyterian Church, to safely once again gather for worship in the sanctuary.

Since March of 2020 we have been worshiping by either live streaming, or streaming a prerecorded service at 10:10 am on Sundays. Moving forward, the goal is to live stream worship and other selected services.



A lot has changed in the sanctuary since March, 2020. There's a new audio system. There's a new video system with new cameras and supporting equipment. With all this newness come the need for people to learn about and run these systems. Here's where you can help.

Greg Owen and his streaming committee would like to train people to run these systems on Sunday mornings. He anticipates needing a maximum of two people each Sunday. Greg would like to have a pool of people who are trained to run these systems.

No prior experience is necessary. Training will be provided, probably starting sometime mid-August. If you're interested and willing to help, please contact Greg Owen by text, or call (503) 819-5303.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT TPC, Tuesday, August 24, 12:30 to 6 pm

The Red Cross will have their bloodmobile bus at TPC on Tuesday, August 24th from 12:30 to 6 pm. All registration protocol is touchless. Donors will be spread out; one every 15 minutes. There will only be one donor in the screening station and one to two people donating blood at a time. Only one volunteer is needed. No cantina means no cookies. Scott Cameron is coordinating this blood drive with the Red Cross.



TPC REOPENING

Session formed a TPC Re-Opening Committee with stakeholders from Worship, Buildings & Grounds, Family Ministries, Mission, Staff & Administration and Finance. The committee has met three times (four times by when you read this) and will continue to meet bi-weekly until the church reopens on September 12th.

The committee will make the following recommendations to Session for their consideration and approval.

- All are welcome to attend service in person, whether vaccinated or not
- All attendees are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated
- All who attend in person, whether vaccinated or not, will need to be masked
- All children / youth up to age 12 must wear a mask
- Masks will be provided at the door for those who need them
- All TPC staff members must be vaccinated
- Participants in any choir (vocal or bell), and solo or small group performers must be vaccinated
- Front door greeters must be vaccinated
- We will follow local school guidelines for space requirements for family ministry programs
- The volume of air handling within the sanctuary should be set to its maximum capacity
- Streaming of the worship service will be available to anyone who is uncomfortable or unable to attend the live service (assuming everything is in place, tested and functioning properly)
- In addition to streaming, the service will also be recorded and available for later viewing on the church's website.

There are still numerous issues to consider including: offering; communion; fellowship following the service; seating arrangements in the sanctuary; and the potential need for contact tracing. The committee recognizes that the environment is dynamic - particularly so with the increasing prevalence of the delta variant of the virus. Things may change and Session may not approve re-opening guidelines until just before we re-open. Stay tuned.

Chip Kyle, Chair TPC Re-Opening Committee

FAMILY PROMISE -Twenty-four FPTV households have entered stable housing in 2021; this represents 33 adults and 27 children. Once a family or individual graduates from the FPTV shelter program, they receive regular check-ins to ensure a successful transition and to provide ongoing support. All 2021 FPTV graduates remain in housing.

TPC Volunteers Make Birthday Bags

A Family Promise volunteer makes sure everyone in the program gets a birthday cake. TPC made their birthday celebrations more fun by providing “birthday bags” filled with birthday plates, napkins, candles, and balloons. The birthday bags were stuffed and decorated by Macy and Maggie James and Emma and Aliza Swanson, who are learning to enrich other lives through volunteering.



Upcoming Special Fund Raising Events for Family Promise – Mark Your Calendars

August 7 - Night without a Bed Fund Raiser - Participants sleep anywhere without a bed: car, tent, or a living room floor and post a photo to social media at #NightWithout a Bed. More information to come!

November 6 - 4th Annual Eat, Drink and Be Giving event. Current plans are for this to be an in-person event at the Vine and Sparrow at Sherwood. Would be wonderful to gather together for what will surely be a fun and entertaining event.

Donations Are Needed at Family Promise

The transition to housing is made so much easier when you bless others with clean serviceable items that you no longer need. Desirable items include:

Comforters, lamps, bath mats, fans, queen and twin mattresses, with or without bed frames
Kitchen items: pots, pans, utensils, dishes, glassware, coffee makers, toasters

Family Promise is helping program children get ready for school and would appreciate any of the items listed below, or a check to purchase items can be sent to Mike Shiffer at TPC. Please write on the check “school supplies for Family Promise Children.”

School supplies: new backpacks (child and adult size). hand sanitizer, facial tissue, #2 Ticonderoga pencils, Crayola crayons, Crayola markers, glue sticks, highlighters, student scissors, 3 ringed binders, pink pearl erasers, wide and standard lined paper, pencil pouch, gallon sized zip lock bags, black ExpoDry erase markers. You may email Dannica at volunteer@familypromiseoftv.org or call 503-260-9609 with questions or how to arrange for drop off/pick up.

Many thanks for your continued support of Family Promise,
Pam Bowen and Derrilyn Bayha, Coordinators

HOW TO DONATE IN HONOR OF MARC OLSON

The family has requested that charitable donations in Marc’s honor go to Everything ALS, the Boy Scouts of America Cascade Pacific Council, or the National Forest Foundation.

Everything ALS - This charity funds novel research initiatives for ALS therapeutics and diagnostics.

Additionally, it provides patients and caregivers access to high-quality information about the state of ALS research and opportunities they have to participate. It was founded by families (some we know personally) who have lost loved ones to ALS and have a genuine desire to change the status quo. In my view, a donation to Everything ALS achieves a high impact per dollar donated.

Website link: <https://www.everythingals.org/>

Boy Scouts of America

Contributions can be made to the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America in support of Marc’s lifelong love of Scouting. Online memorial donations can go here: <https://app.mobilecause.com/f/2llm/n?vid=gafqt> or mail checks with Marc’s name in the notation area to: BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, Cascade Pacific Council, 2145 SW Naito Parkway, Portland, Oregon 97201

National Forest Foundation

The NFF sponsors conservation projects, tree replanting, and education related to U.S. National Parks. Marc spent many happy days exploring the National Parks, and it was his wish for others to have that opportunity as well. Donations made in his name can be made to the main fund or the tree planting program. Website link: <https://www.nationalforests.org/>

Thank you all again for your care and friendship,
Neil and the Olson family

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF TPC - LET'S RECONNECT!

Long ago, when noses and mouths dared to be seen out in the open, the women of TPC would gather at a thing called Women's Ministry Brunch. Tables were beautifully set, mouthwatering potluck items were shared, and a talk or presentation would often inspire. A contingent of women who call themselves "Soul Friends" has been meeting monthly over the past year and half and they have jumped in to organize new brunches AND (drumroll here) a fabulous Women's Retreat for Spring 2022 featuring Marianne Borg as our keynote speaker.

We invite you all to join us for a "Chitchat" brunch potluck on **Saturday, Sept, 24th from 10 am to noon**, location to be announced pending plans for the reopening of TPC. Bring a dish to share and we'll catch up and share ideas/preferences for the brunch program for next year. We will have a sign up in the fellowship hall and would love to see everyone in person. Sign up and come enjoy each other's company -- a real gift as we have come to learn.

You may also want to take out your calendars right now and save the date for the Women's Retreat: June 4th-6th, 2022. We'll arrive on Friday evening at Menucha Conference Center in the Columbia Gorge. This is an amazing place. The surroundings abound with natural beauty, spaces for reflection, a labyrinth, and a gorgeous dining hall where meals will be served to us!! Our speaker is an ordained minister and accomplished theologian. Look for a profile of her in next month's newsletter. We will provide all the details and hope you will consider setting aside this time for reconnecting, restoring, and renewing together.

Sheri Schipporeit



REFLECTIONS by Rebecca Backen

When I think of summer I think of sunshine, flowers, blue skies, birds that will be visiting for only a few short months, and berries!

It all begins with strawberries and a pie made with decadent French Pastry Cream, piled high with freshly picked strawberries and the lightest of strawberry glazes. Heaven in a bite! Next comes Marionberries, and a warm double crust pie topped with vanilla ice cream. A few days later we devour Marionberry scones and always a cobbler. Oh and raspberries, I adore them alongside a chocolate torte in the form of a coulis. They are also pretty yummy plain with a freshly baked Fudge Ecstasy Cookie. Blackberries are also high on our list of summertime favorites. With them we generally indulge in another warm pie, served with ice cream and a good cup of coffee or strong black tea. It goes without saying, making jam is always another summertime must.

Each year Dave and I discuss which berry or fruit is our favorite. It turns out peaches, not berries, are mine. Raspberries are Dave's, but never in the form of jam. Blackberries hold one of my most sacred memories; however, I never look at them ripening on the vines without thinking of my Dad. We had a difficult relationship until the end of his life. He wasn't an easy man, and in turn, I was not an easy daughter.

Blackberry picking when I was quite young happened to be the one thing we did together that was actually enjoyable. We, along with my sisters, would get up at daybreak, grab jugs of frozen water for

drinking and buckets to hold the berries and off we would go. He anticipated the jam which would soon follow, and I, the cobbler. There we would be, an unhappy father, and three of his daughters not able to grasp the insecurities he masked by being a tough guy. As we picked the beautiful, sweet, ripe berries, the juice running down our hands, we talked and laughed, dreaming about how good the fruits of our labor would soon be.
P.S. The bird in the photo is a Willow Flycatcher.

DEACON SUMMER FUN - Ice Cream Happy Hours



Parishes 5 and 9 - Photos by Derrilyn Bayha



Parishes 10 and 11 combined their ice cream social on Saturday afternoon and found good smiles and hugs and ice cream. Photos by Carolyn Hale



Parishes 6, 8 and 12 gathered on Sunday, July 11. Photo by Karen Ramos

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
1 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	2 9 am prayer on Zoom	3 9 am prayer on Zoom	4 9 am prayer on Zoom	5 9 am prayer on Zoom	6 9 am prayer on Zoom	7
8 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	9 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon meeting/Zoom	10 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	11 9 am prayer on Zoom	12 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	13 9 am prayer on Zoom	14
15 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	16 9 am prayer on Zoom	17 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session meeting on Zoom	18 9 am prayer on Zoom	19 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	20 9 am prayer on Zoom	21
22 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	23 9 am prayer on Zoom	24 9 am Sept news-letter deadline 9 am prayer on Zoom Red Cross Blood Drive 12:30-6pm 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	25 9 am prayer on Zoom	26 9 am prayer on Zoom	27 9 am prayer on Zoom	28
29 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	30 9 am prayer on Zoom	31 9 am prayer on Zoom				

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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



10-Hayden Christopherson-Eng
12-Mark Maleta
14-Liz Belz-Templeman
14-Sheri Schipporeit
15-Jacob Holland
16-Donna Hammersly
17-Marilyn Heath
17-Marian Smith
19-Patrick Gibson

21-Morgan Maleta
24-Ginny Fitzhenry
25-Jeffrey Eng
25-Cliff Hoff
27-John Cameron
29-Diane Barry
29-Meagan Cameron
29-Jean Martin



Art Barry died on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

TPC 2021 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 6/30/21	\$192,725	\$204,728	(\$12,003)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 6/30/21	\$192,893	209,500	16,607



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Web Address: www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

Worship Service – Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood, on sabbatical June through August, 2021

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Russ Carlin, Sandy Gurney, Lynne Neilson, Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos, Ian Swanson

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Linda Fukasawa, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal and Rosemary Willis.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Emily Bavaro

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: Craig Bowen

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Technology Chair: John Martin

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Video Editor: Rob Thompson

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

The office is closed. Can leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.