

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN



Living in community is hard! The Apostle Paul knew this only too well. In two of his letters he addresses a situation that seems weird to our ears, eating food sacrificed to idols, but is extremely relevant when we understand the context.

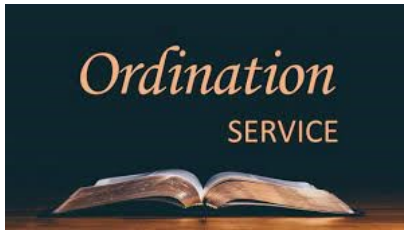
In the ancient first century world the only way folks in cities had access to meat was through the local temple to the city gods known as the Lares. This posed a significant challenge to the Christian community. Everyone loves BBQ, but was it ok to eat brisket that had been blessed by idols? Another way of framing this question is how distinct did Christians need to be? Some believers felt like claiming their identity in Christ meant turning their back on their former pagan lives including meat sacrificed to idols. Other believers, however, knew that idols weren't actually real...and so who cares? Plus, the Lares were the gods associated with protecting the city. Surely, it was ok to honor what amounted to a kind of benign patriotism?

Paul threaded the needle VERY carefully on this particular issue. He agreed with the folks who said that since idols weren't real eating meat sacrificed to idols wouldn't actually hurt them. But! He admonished these folks to remember that many of their brothers and sisters did believe this behavior demonstrated a lack of faith in the Holy One of Israel who raised them to newness of life. The nuanced decision Paul arrived at was to acknowledge that just because they COULD do something, it would be a kindness if the Christians who wanted to eat meat sacrificed to idols would hold off.

How similar or distinct from the surrounding culture should the church be? It's a question that every church has to answer in their own way over a variety of issues. Recently, our session has been engaging in a conversation raised by our men's group regarding the placement of the American flag. To simplify the conversation some requested that the session approve posting flags in the sanctuary. There were many reasons raised to support this request mainly centering around honoring the sacrifices so many have made defending our nation. On the other hand others felt that the sanctuary should primarily focus on Jesus Christ, and the flag is a complicated symbol meaning very different things to different people. After months and months of challenging conversations the session has voted to post the flags generously donated by Herb and Maureen Richardson in our Narthex on an ongoing basis rather than in the sanctuary. This solution honors our Book of Order mandate to display appointments that point primarily to Christ, AND honors the desire of many of our members to acknowledge the symbol of our nation.

The session found itself divided over this issue and ultimately voted 4 to 2 to pass this compromise with one elder absent from the meeting. Before this meeting the session was nearly evenly split, and from the many responses and letters I've personally received I'd say this division reflects the feelings in the larger body. Personally, I stand by this decision. Folks who want the flags in the sanctuary aren't getting exactly what they want but many have indicated their warmth to this solution. Folks who didn't want to see the flag posted anywhere in the church aren't getting exactly what they want either. Rather, we're finding a way to live together that seeks to meet the needs of as many of us as possible. As Winston Churchill said of democracy it may not be perfect but it's the best system we've got. Given our division over this I would remind all of us of language from the earliest days of the Presbyterian mission in America: "We also believe that there are truths and forms with respect to which people of good characters and principles may differ. And in all these we think it the duty both of private Christians and societies to exercise mutual forbearance toward one another." (F-3.0105 The PCUSA Book of Order)

The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood



**ORDINATION OF ANNICA GAGE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 AT 3 PM AT TPC**

Sunday August 7, 3:00pm will be the ordination service for Annica Gage, who has received a call to medical chaplaincy at Frazier Rehabilitation Institute in Louisville, KY. After her graduation from Louisville Seminary in 2020 and completion of her CPE residency at University of Louisville Hospital in 2021, Annica has found a ministerial home providing spiritual

care to both acute and long-term physical therapy patients in treatment for brain and spinal cord injuries. Please join us in affirming and celebrating her call!



ERIK SPURRELL WILL ATTEND CAMP AUGUST 1-12

Erik Spurrell is returning to camp, August 1-12 and may be expecting mail. Other campers also like mail, and in the past TPC people have helped make the time away from home more special when it is "mail call." So address a letter to Erik and/or Camper and send it no later than August 8th. It takes a while for mail to get to camp.

Erik Spurrell
c/o UP Camp at Evans Creek Retreat
36155 North Fork Road
Lyons, OR 97358

CONNECTION HAPPENINGS

Judy Nix, Connections Elder

- Women's Ministry - TPC women, we have a chance to connect on **Saturday, August 6, at 11 am** for a potluck brunch at the home of **Linda & Paul Fukasawa**: 14870 NE Lawnview Circle, Aurora, OR; lindakfuka@gmail.com. Please bring a dish to share and come ready to visit and catch up with tales of your summer adventures/company. Guarantee you will have a wonderful time, and rumor has it that Paul will give a tour of the vegetable gardens.
- Coffee Connection - **September 12 – 10 am** – Second Tuesday of the month Coffee Connections resume at the Marquis Community Center. We will meet outside while the weather is nice.
- Women's Retreat – **September 16-18** – All overnight spaces have been filled for the Women's Retreat "Consider the Lilies" with The Rev. Marianne Borg as the guest speaker. We do have openings for those who wish to attend the Saturday-only session, **September 17** (\$75). If interested, please contact either Rosemary Willis 503-702-2287; rwillis1050@comcast.net or Judy Nix 503-735-5127 jcnix@comcast.net



BLOOD DRIVE AT TPC, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1 TO 6:30 PM

If you are interested in donating blood, or in helping the day of the blood drive, please talk to Scott Cameron.

To schedule on line, go to www.redcrossblood.org. Use FIND A DRIVE code: STWCAC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS for assistance.

For eligibility questions, call 1-866-236-3276 or go to www.redcrossblood.org/faq.html#eligibility



Family Promise continues to provide housing and support to so many families. We can't thank you enough for all your support!!!!

Currently the Family Promise hotel shelter is serving **14 households comprised of 20 adults and 27 children.**

Thank you for continuing your contributions through TPC for Family Promise which enables us to provide groceries five to eight weeks a year, move-in-baskets and more.

Our next grocery shopping dates are September 13 and Oct. 11. If you would like to help shop, sort and pack, just let us know.

ITEMS CURRENTLY NEEDED BY FAMILY PROMISE

1. **Beds - twin size and queen size. (Just this week, 4 beds went to a family for their new home!)
School supplies for all ages**

All new school supply items can be donated by appointment by calling 503.560.9609. If you would like to make an online purchase for school supplies, we have an Amazon Wish List with needed items. If you purchase an item off the wish list, it will be delivered directly to us! Here's the link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Z3I6HBXVTV68?ref=wl_share

If you would like to drop off donations to FPTV, please make an appointment with the Volunteer Coordinator, **503.560.9609**, as the staff is often out in the community. Thanks

Thanks so much for all your support!

Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen dabayha@mac.com pamelaabowen@gmail.com

NOTE FROM ELISE AT FAMILY PROMISE

Below is text from a Family Promise note, received in the mail, during July, 2022.

Dear Friends at TPC,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued and generous support of Family Promise of Tualatin Valley.

We greatly appreciate your partnership and shared passion for our community and for those experiencing homelessness.

With gratitude, Elise

THANK YOU Dr. Ron Fabbro for playing the piano for us during worship in July.

ABANDONED CONTAINERS DISHES, BOWLS, ETC.

Left-behind containers are on a table outside the kitchen. Please take home any that belong to you. Thanks.

OPEN POSITION - DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Tualatin Presbyterian Church is seeking an energetic, creative musical professional with strong directing and keyboarding skills who experiences music ministry as a calling rather than a job. The Director is responsible for developing and leading the worship music ministry for the church. The ideal candidate will have knowledge and a passion for diverse styles of music and will be comfortable with a church that welcomes doubt in all forms and believes God lives in the space we share together.

Other requirements include:

- Bachelor's degree in music and/or church music with emphasis in music ministry or equivalent experience.
- Experience with choral conducting in a church music program.
- Pianist or keyboarding experience.
- Ability to relate well with all age groups and to inspire, motivate and build community with members of the Choir.
- Experience with bell choirs and/or music for children or youth is desirable

This is a salaried, part-time position working approximately 10-15 hours per week with approximately five hours onsite (weekly 1.5 chancel choir rehearsal and 1 hour prior to Sunday worship from September through May) with the remainder of work done remotely. Salary is \$1,400 per month.

In addition to a flexible hybrid schedule, one Sunday every 6-8 weeks is available plus 30 days' paid vacation annually. Summer months require only remote work.

Please forward your cover letter indicating interest and resume by August 3rd to Judy Nix, Connections Elder at jcnix@comcast.net



AUGUST TPC FEATURED PARISHIONER

Judy Nix - submitted by Kerry Weaver, Deacon

Favorite sandwich - Toasted cheese

Apples or Oranges - Neither...crazy about nectarines

Favorite Book - Anything by Agatha Christie (reread every one of her books during Covid)

Favorite TV Series - Rubicon - only one season, but I loved this conspiracy theory series and begged the producers to continue it. Can currently see on AMC+.

Favorite Movie - Shadowlands, but requires tissues

What Are You Passionate About? - Making a difference in whatever I do.

YOU CAN BE A PRODUCER

Greg Owen and Mike Shiffer (assisted by Rick Crall) have been managing our lights, sound and cameras during Sunday worship. We are streaming our worship "Live" every Sunday. We need more volunteers who would like to join our AV team on Sundays. We especially need help when one of the team is unable to be there for Sunday worship.

Please contact Greg at greg@gloconsulting.net or Mike at mshiffer@tpcspirit.org if you would like to help with lights, sound or video. We will set up a time to show you what we do and provide training

Greg Owen and Mike Shiffer

JULY WORSHIP



CHURCH PICNIC AT TUALATIN CITY PARK, SUNDAY, JULY 10



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



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 9 am prayer on Zoom	2 9 am prayer on Zoom	3 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	4 9 am prayer on Zoom	5 9 am prayer on Zoom	6
7 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube 3 pm Ordination of Annica Gage	8 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon Meeting	9 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom	10 9 am prayer on Zoom	11 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	12 9 am prayer on Zoom	13
14 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	15 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon Meeting	16 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session Meeting	17 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	18 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom	19 9 am prayer on Zoom	20
21 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	22 9 am prayer on Zoom	23 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom September newsletter deadline	24 9 am prayer on Zoom Blood Drive 1 to 6:30 pm	25 9 am prayer on Zoom	26 9 am prayer on Zoom	27
28 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	29 9 am prayer on Zoom	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
07-Barb Larson



09-Donna Hoff
12-Mark Maleta
14-Liz Belz-Templeman
14-Sheri Schipporeit
16-Donna Hammersly
17-Marilyn Heath
19-Patrick Gibson

21-Morgan Maleta
22-Doug Steele
24-Ginny Fitzhenry
25-Cliff Hoff
27-John Cameron
29-Diane Barry
29-Jean Martin

TPC 2022 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 6/30/22	\$170,213	\$177,962	(\$7,749)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 6/30/22	\$178,388	\$190,530	\$12,142



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2022

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Phone: 503-692-4160 Email: office@tpcspirit.org

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

Worship Service – Sundays at 10 a.m. in person, and on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Sandy Gurney, Lynne Neilson, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Ian Swanson

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Linda Fukasawa, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Kerry Weaver, and Rosemary Willis.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Julie Flint

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Open

Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Open

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: Open

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Archivist: Rick Crall

The office is open limited hours. Leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.