



Next Steps for TPC

By now all members should have received the pamphlet from the Presbytery of the Cascades outlining the steps that TPC will be taking for the next several months.

As you know, we have been in the "Pulpit Supply" process. What the heck it is? Good question! Maybe it's a glass of water, the hymnal, the Bible and anything else the pastor would need in the pulpit during Sunday worship. Wrong!!! When there is no pastor, such as when the pastor is on vacation OR the pastor requests his call be dissolved, then a church has no pastor. If we were a school, we would call this a substitute teacher BUT we are a Presbyterian Church, so we call it Pulpit Supply. We have pastors to be in the pulpit on each Sunday through the end of September. If we need to continue Pulpit Supply after that, we will. We thank Jack Hodges, Tom Johnson, Heather Chase, Charlie Brown, and Philip Martin for giving us their time and love. We will have Pulpit Supply until session chooses an Interim Pastor to lead us.

If you have any questions, concerns or need pastoral care during this time period, please don't hesitate to call Rhoda Friesen at the church office (503-692-4160), your Deacon or any member of Session. They will put you in touch with a pastor who will be able to help you. As always, we truly are in God's hands.

Deacons

- Becky Backen
- Marion Beyer
- Bob Bolton
- Collin Dayley
- Tom Hahn
- Dee Dee Hansen
- Debbie Imus
- Paula Miller
- Lynn Scroggin

Elders

- Carolyn Hale
- Barb Harriman
- Del Judy
- Dave Leland
- Erin Nelson
- Sherry Nelson
- Jerry Shiffer
- Roger Smith
- Janet Winterrowd

TPC Begins Interim Pastor Selection Process

At the Session meeting on August 23, session took the first step in the Pastor transition process. A committee to select an Interim Pastor for TPC was formed. The committee consists of Roger Smith (Chair), Sherry Nelson and Carolyn Hale. The Interim Pastor will likely be selected this fall, and will serve TPC until a new permanent Pastor is called. As the Pastor transition process unfolds, we will keep the congregation informed in a variety of ways, including regular updates in the *Spirit*.

To the Congregation,

The session would like to thank all of you for the wonderful send off we gave Thom and Cindy! We did what Philip Martin suggested – made sure that they would miss us for a long time! Wow what parties! Special thanks to the volunteers who rapidly organized the parties, including the gifts and memory book, the fun entertainment, the wonderfully catered dinner, the clean up, the great potluck and the donations. We party well, and we love well! Even strangers were crying during the farewell service! It was wonderful for all of us to celebrate as one. Thank you. It is obvious this congregation can really work well together.

Yours in Christ,
The Session



FROM THE DEACONS



Don't miss **Parish Sunday** on September 29. This will provide you with an opportunity to become acquainted with your Deacon and other members of your parish. Immediately following worship, there will be a potluck lunch. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. An all-congregational photograph will be taken to add to Thom and Cindy's memory album as well.



Hello from the *Sunny Seminarian* *Heather Chase!!!*



San Anselmo, CA - The weather couldn't be better here in the Bay Area. Five day forecast: Cool and sunny, sunny and cool, cool and sunny...you get the picture. It's time for Six Flags, Santa Cruz and visiting the "city" (SF). Life in seminary is tough!

Well, comprehending Reformed theology and the writings of Paul in Greek while writing hymns is not easy. Ah... life at SFTS (San Francisco Theological Seminary). For those who may not know me, I am a member at TPC studying to be a minister of the Word and Sacrament. This is my third year of seminary. My call to ministry has grown stronger at SFTS. It is a great place to learn and explore. Ask me about my Philippines class last year!



Besides spending time in the classroom or library (where I work), I like to hike trails around Marin and hang out with my friends. Lunch in Berkeley or late night coffee or tea in Fairfax are some of my favorites. We also have fun laughing and singing in the choir.

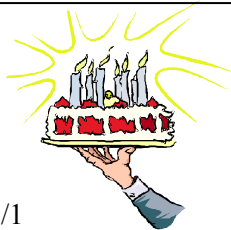
This year, I chose to live at 26 Kensington, aka "the Big house". No, it's not a sorority house for prison ministry majors. We are an intentional community. All 10 of us live under one roof, share all our food and have a great time. There is a family of four (two kids, 5 & 1) and 6 other single people. It is an amazing experience!

God is amazing. Every day I see God's creation and remember why I am here. My call to ministry is being shaped everyday. I feel called to parish ministry, but not before I go to Africa and serve at the seminary as a professor. What about you? What's your call to ministry?



Let me know...feel free to email or write me and tell me about your vision for ministry.

Heather Chase
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY Birthday

Bill Hale – 9/1
Lenny Erdmann – 9/3
Laura Flanigan – 9/3
Ryan Wieder – 9/3
Ben McGregor – 9/5
Wesley McGregor – 9/5
Joseph Lobbato – 9/5
Katie Van Schoiack – 9/6
Kevin Owen – 9/6
Claudia Wahl – 9/7

Joshua Beymer – 9/7
Corbin Bowen – 9/10
Dee Dee Hansen – 9/10
Nicholas Hines – 9/10
Karly Imus – 9/11
Louise Ludwig – 9/11
Anna Sweetland – 9/12
Warren Beymer – 9/13
Jane Powell – 9/14
Robin Beko – 9/14

Melissa Smith – 9/17
Vic Collins – 9/18
Debbie Reid – 9/20
Rachel Norse – 9/20
Debbie Imus – 9/23
Phil Friesen – 9/26
Doug Steffen – 9/27
Marsha Steffen – 9/28



The Music Corner

TPC CHOIR

The first rehearsal for the choir will be on Wednesday, September 4 from 7:15 – 9:00 pm. We will not have a rehearsal on September 11. We also rehearse every Sunday at 9:15 am sharp! If you have any interest in participating in worship through music and like to sing, please join us. You do not have to know how to read music to sing with us. Contact our music director, Kris Sparks or e-mail music.director@tpcspirit.com.

THE BELLS ARE HERE!

TPC will soon be hearing “the tintinnabulation that so musically swells from the bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, bells, BELLS!” (E.A. Poe). TPC entered into a win-win arrangement with Bells of the Cascades. In exchange for use of our facilities for rehearsals, we may use their bells to form our own bell choir. The new choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings, beginning September 5, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Who is Bells of the Cascades? BOC is an advanced bell choir, composed of 15 auditioned members, most of who are also directors of other bell choirs. They are a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the art of English handbells through performance, education and now, through the loaning of their bells! Members travel as far away as Spokane in order to rehearse with the group. They routinely rehearse on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in the afternoon. Feel free to drop by, watch and listen.

Martha Wilson is a member of BOC and will be directing the TPC Bell Choir. She has previously directed bell choirs at Portland’s First Presbyterian and Emmanuel Presbyterian in West Linn. If you would like more information, contact Martha.

Christian SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Thank you to Rebecca Crall, Carolyn Locke, Cathy Lambeth, Marsha Steffen, Denise Collins, Marilyn Wood and Lori Beymer for volunteering to teach Sunday School this summer to our younger members. We appreciate your time and creativity!

Our regular fall Sunday School Program will begin on September 8. Following Church School that day, we will be hosting a “Come on Board” party to kick off the new Sunday School year. Please join us after worship service at 11:30 downstairs to meet the teachers and have punch and cookies.

Classes will be divided up as follows with the Shepherds listed:

Ages 3 – Pre-K	– Lori Beymer
K, 1 st and 2 nd	– Marsha Steffen
3 rd , 4 th & 5 th	– Jackie Dannemiller
6 th , 7 th and 8 th	– Barb Crall
Adult	– Randy Beyer

As always, we will have nursery care throughout church service and Sunday School. Candace Kadel and Debbie Reid will be looking for volunteers to help out each Sunday in the nursery. It is just a one-Sunday commitment so please help us out by getting on the nursery list.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Sept. 21 @ 6:00 pm – New youth over-nighter induction for both middle and high school. Parents of the “new youth” will be contacted. Dinner will be served at the Church that night followed by plenty of sleep!!!!

Sept. 22 after Church – There will be a Youth Committee Meeting for all parents and all others who would like to volunteer for both the middle and high school groups.

Sept. 29 @ 5:30 – Middle School Game Night and Pizza Party.

Sept. 29 @ 6:30 – High School PIZZA PARTY!

TPC ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tualatin Food Bank

Thank you for continuing to fill the barrel in the narthex with items for the Tualatin Food Bank. This group feeds about 15 different families each week of every month and all the items and money that we at TPC provide are put to good use. Please bring any food, cleaning or paper items that you wish to donate. They especially can use the following: spaghetti sauce (with meat and/or vegetables), canned beef or chicken stew, laundry soap (any large tubs are divided into smaller containers) and dish soap (smaller bottles are best). For further information, contact Toni MacHaffie at 503-649-5934.



TPC Golf Classic

The annual TPC Golf Classic is scheduled for **Sunday, September 22 at 1 pm**. Yep, It's time to dust off those trusty clubs and dig around in the garage for golf balls. After a nine-hole "frolic in the fescue" (talk with Neil Reiling about what this means) at Lake Oswego Municipal course, we will gather at Mark and Dee Hansen's home for a BBQ and Awards Banquet. A map will be provided. The golf course is a fun par 3, and we will play a best ball type format (this means no pressure). All skill levels are welcome and encouraged! Look for sign-ups and more info at Church.

The Church Office would like to update the TPC Directory with new addresses of TPC's college students and young adults who have left the "nest". Please contact Rhonda at the Church Office. We would like to mail them the *TPC Spirit* as well.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

Neil Reiling's mother, Itha Reiling, died on August 13.

Del Judy's brother, Charles Wheeler, is recovering from a heart attack and doing well.

Continued prayers for Elizabeth Shafer and Muriel Powers.

Clare Hahn is feeling much better. Clare, Tom, Sandy and Neil Reiling will be going on a Canadian/New England Cruise. They will be flying to New York on September 13. (They would like prayers since it's **Friday the 13th**!)

Collin and Sandy Dayley and family will be moving to Poulsbo, Washington on Sept. 20.

Mike and Mary Shiffer are again proud grandparents. Quentin Michael Shiffer was born on August 6 and is the son of Matt and Jenn Shiffer. Quentin weighed 6 lbs 6 oz and was 20 inches long. Congratulations!



Marian Larson is a great great grandmother. Andrew Scott was born on August 12.

Best wishes to the new bride and groom – Patricia Carter and Brad Killinger who were married at TPC on August 23.



Thanks to the Sprinkler Crew! You have noticed the trenches and marker flags expanding around the TPC property. The sprinkler system installation is a tough job and has to be completed before landscaping can proceed. Many thanks to that hardy group (especially regulars, Phil Friesen, Greg Owen, Norm Dannemiller, Kay Kinyon and Brian Locke) that have been resolutely working on the project! Want to help? Call Brian Locke or see him at church. Many hands make lighter work!





2002 SESSION MEMBERS

Elders for 2002 are left to right Barb Harriman, Roger Smith, Del Judy, Sherry Nelson, Carolyn Hale, Janet Winterrowd, Erin Nelson and Dave Leland. Missing from the picture is Jerry Shiffer.

Barbara Harriman, Mission Elder, joined Tualatin Presbyterian Church in 1989. She is a Health Unit Coordinator in the Perinatal Department of Providence St. Vincent Hospital. Barb has two adult children, Heather (28) and D.J. (21). She is in her final year as a Session member and has also served as a Deacon. Ask her about Family Camp.

Roger Smith, Administration Elder, has been a member of Tualatin Presbyterian Church for 15 years. He and his wife Jaci have two adult daughters. Roger is a sales representative in the computer industry. He is in the choir and in his third and last year on Session.

Del Judy, Outreach Elder, is a charter member of TPC. She serves on both the Mission and Outreach Committees while volunteering for Tualatin's Historical Society and the Senior Center. Her hobbies include knitting, sewing and playing the piano. This is her second year as an Elder.

Sherry Nelson, Worship Elder, began attending Tualatin Presbyterian on the very first Sunday in the Crall's living room with her husband, Mike and their two children. She has served as the Christian Ed. Elder, Deacon, and was the temporary part-time Secretary for seven years. She is serving her first year of a three-year term.

Carolyn Hale, Fellowship & Adult Education Elder, has been a member of Tualatin Presbyterian since 1988. She has served as a deacon and is also a member of the TPC choir. She has two adult daughters and currently lives in Butteville with her parents, Bill & Gwen Hale, also members of TPC. She is a Dermatologist in Kaiser Oregon. This is Carolyn's first term as Elder.

Janet Winterrowd, Christian Education Elder, joined TPC in 1988. She and her husband Gordy have three children, Greg (18), Anne (16) and Molly (13). She is a third grade teacher at Mary Woodward Elementary. This is her first year on Session.

Erin Nelson, Youth Elder, has been a member of TPC since he was seven years old. He was baptized by Thom and has grown up in the TPC family. Erin now lives in Sherwood with his wife Emily and 6-month-old daughter Abigail. He works at Symantec in sales and in his "free time" enjoys reading, water and snow skiing, and working out. Erin's parents are Mike and Sherry Nelson and he has a sister, Paige. This is Erin's second year as Elder.

Dave Leland, Building and Grounds Elder, has been a member of Tualatin Presbyterian for fourteen years. He and Pam have two sons, Colin and Kyle, who are students at University of Oregon. Dave is an environmental engineer and manages the public drinking water regulatory program for the Oregon Department of Human Services. He is in his second year on session.

Jerry Shiffer, Youth Elder, joined Tualatin Presbyterian Church in 1997. He lives in Silverton with his wife Terra and sons Andy (15), Christian (12), and Dusty (8). He is a firefighter/EMT with Silverton First District. (Ed.'s Note: right now Jerry's shift includes Sundays.) This is his third and final year as a session member.

TPC's Church Secretary Rhoda Friesen



Rhoda Friesen and her husband Phil moved from Salem to Tualatin in December of 2000. She remembers riding with

her husband in the U-Haul truck as they drove up Boones Ferry bringing the last load of "stuff" to their new home. As they turned west at the corner of Boones Ferry and Siletz, they glanced over at the sign for Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Phil laughed and said jokingly, "well, that's where you'll work next". (Rhoda had worked in Salem at First Presbyterian Church in the business office).

When settling into their new home, they met their friendly next door neighbors, Art & Diane Barry who invited them to come visit TPC. Later that spring they did, and as Rhoda read through the bulletin she noticed the announcement saying that the church was in need of a secretary. Hmmm.....The rest, as they say, is history.

Phil & Rhoda have two daughters – Gretchen, who recently graduated from University of Idaho and is living at home and Kristin, who will be starting her junior year at Willamette University. The whole family has enjoyed a gracious welcome from the TPC community.

Rhoda has just finished her first year of employment and is looking forward to working with the congregation during this time of transition. She loves her job and enjoys the support, friendship, and energy of the many good people here.

Stop by the office to say hi to Rhoda. Office hours are Tuesday from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to noon and Thursday from 9:00 to 2:30 pm. Phone is 503-692-4160 and her e-mail address is secretary@tpcspirit.com. She would love to hear from you.

General Fund Status January 1, 2002 – July 31, 2002



	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$79,303	\$80,905
Expense	\$83,428	\$79,089

The general fund income is used for all church operating and regular program expense.

Building fund income for July was \$3,165.
Budgeted income per month is \$6,000.

2002 Peacemaking Offering Sunday, October 6

And the God of peace will be with you (Phil.4:9).

The Peacemaking Offering is one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). The purpose of the Peacemaking Offering is to support peacemaking efforts throughout the Presbyterian Church. In order to help the whole church do peacemaking, the Offering is divided as follows:

- 50% enables the Peacemaking Program to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies of the Presbyterian Church,
- 25% is given to our Presbytery and synod for their peacemaking efforts,
- 25% is retained by our congregation for support of our peacemaking ministry -- examples: Tuesdays Treasures, Janus Program, and Quiet Waters.



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