



TIME FOR AN ANNUAL “SPIRITUAL?”

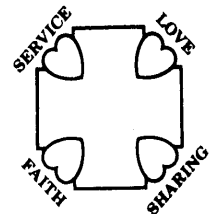
In his book, *When God Whispers Your Name*, Max Lucado compares Christian growth to stages of human development. In his words, “Growth is the goal of the Christian. Maturity is mandatory. If a child ceased to develop, the parent would be concerned, right? . . .

He adds, “When a Christian stops growing, help is needed. If you are the same Christian you were a few months ago, be careful. You might be wise to get a checkup. Not on your body, but on your heart. *Not a physical, but a spiritual.*”

(From *Grace For the Moment* (Nashville: J. Countryman, 2000). P.257

What a timely word as we prepare for the beginning of school and the start-up of a new year at TPC.

As we think about our spiritual health and vitality, our church logo reminds us of who we are, what we believe to be true, and what we are to be about as members of the Body of Christ. The center of our life, as individuals and as a family of faith, is Christ. The cross is surrounded by hearts representing the love that God shows us in Christ our Lord. God’s love for us is lived out in our worship as we go about our daily rounds. The four words around the cross represent for us the wholeness of life that God offers to us. Faith, service, love, and sharing is what we are all about as God’s people called into the church.



TPC seeks to serve God’s people with special emphasis on an inclusive ministry to build an extended family Christian community. Our ministry is carried out through programs of worship, education, fellowship, and outreach. These programs are to help persons discover God’s answers for the needs in their lives so that they may find meaning and fulfillment and be equipped to do the work of ministry.

In response to God’s call to “equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ (Eph. 4:12), beginning in September, I will be preaching a series of sermons on what our *Book of Order* calls the historic “Great Ends of the Church.” These sermons will focus on the following basics of our Christian faith:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
- The maintenance of divine worship;
- The preservation of the truth;
- The promotion of social righteousness; and
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

“. . . Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, . . .” Eph. 4:15

Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday!

Grace and Peace,
Dick Wiggers, Interim Pastor

The Next Step in TPC's Mission Study



This is the time to listen for and discern God's plan for us as we move forward with the process of selecting a permanent Pastor. We have been blessed with the leadership of our interim Pastor, Dick Wiggers. We are completing our Mission Study. The next step is the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

The PNC has a big and important job. They will develop a Church Information Form, using the results and lessons from the Mission Study. After the CIF is posted, it is expected that the PNC will receive Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) from as many as several hundred interested ministers from across the country! The PNC will review PIFs and develop a list of potential candidates, interview and arrange to hear candidates in their home or neutral pulpits, and select a final nominee and present this pastor to the congregation for approval.

Selection of the people serving on the PNC is the first very important task. People considered for the PNC must:

- Actively seek and be open to God's guidance
- Be an involved member of TPC
- Represent the congregation as a whole
- Work cooperatively and collaboratively
- Agree to keep the deliberations of the PNC in the strictest confidence - be willing and able to commit significant amounts of their personal time to meet weekly throughout the process (6 – 15 months)
- Be available to travel to hear prospective candidates in their home or neutral pulpits

The PNC will maintain strict confidentiality within the group, until the selected candidate is presented to the congregation for approval.

While the PNC goes about its task, they will not be alone. The Presbytery of the Cascades will provide consultation and advice. The TPC Congregation will have key roles to play. We must lend our support to the PNC through prayer and encouragement. We must assure that financial resources are available, particularly for travel. Most importantly, we must respect their need to work in confidence. The congregation will, however, receive very general progress updates from the PNC.

Session's plan and process for forming the PNC and getting its work underway is:

- 1) A nominating committee of 7 members was appointed by the Session to develop a slate of nine individuals to serve on the PNC.
- 2) The nominating committee will present the PNC slate for election on Sunday, October 5, 2003.

If you are interested in serving on the PNC, or wish to recommend someone to serve, please contact any of the nominating committee members listed below by September 7 or, fill out the special bulletin insert and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

This is the most exciting of times for TPC, and with God's help and your help we look forward to presenting the PNC slate to you for election at the congregational meeting on October 5, after worship!

Peace and Joy,
Dave Leland
Nominating Committee Chair
503-692-6095

Lynne Bolton 503-692-4720
Rick Crall 503-692-1677
Mark Hansen 503-656-4008
Barb Harriman 503-649-9439
Roger Smith 503-244-6248
Marilyn Wood 503-678-1047

Top Ten reasons to join the TPC Choir (in no particular order)



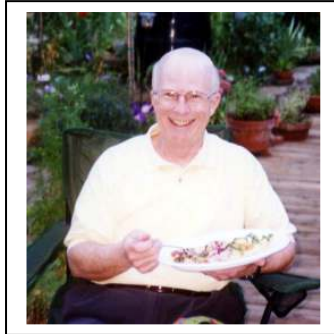
*Great Fun!



*Good Friends



*Food!



*Spouses always welcome to the fun

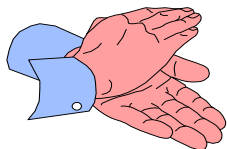


•*Great Pianists



*Guest Musicians

*Greatly Appreciated



**The TPC Choir rehearses
Wednesday nights at 7:30pm and
Sundays at 9:15 am. See Kris
Sparks or any choir member
for more information.**

**No Auditions

*Learn about music

*Reserved Seats

The Worship Committee

TPC's Worship Committee is responsible for what happens inside the Sanctuary. They try to reflect the style and beliefs of our congregation, which is made up of people from very diverse faith backgrounds.

These responsibilities are varied and include worship on Sunday, music, the type of service, preparing communion, decorations inside the sanctuary and following the Christian calendar. This is a short list of the things they do. They also work very closely with the minister, the music director and the church secretary. They are guided by Session. They need a fairly large committee because of the amount of work required.

If you are interested in attending a meeting, they meet the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at TPC. Call Worship Elder Sherry Nelson at 503-692-3156.

PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES 2003 FAMILY CAMP

This year's Family Camp at Honeyman State Park in Florence, Oregon is now history. Together we worshiped, shared food (of course, we're Presbyterians), sang songs, enjoyed each other's company and talents, and celebrated living in God's world.

If you like camping, consider joining us in July, 2004. Seven TPC families attended this year: Harriman, Lambeth, Lewis, Maleta, Robertson, Springer, and Wiggers. There is a Family Camp group photograph on the tower in the narthex; can you find the TPC'ers?

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE

To kick off a new season, there will be an all-church potluck following the worship service on Sunday, September 7. Please sign up to bring a main dish, salad, dessert, bread or drinks on the sheet on the tower in the narthex, or talk to Barb Crall or Susan Springer after worship on Sunday, August 31st. Let's start the new season with some FOOD and FELLOWSHIP!

Susan Springer, Fellowship Elder

Congratulations Eagle Scout Brian Jones!



Brian celebrated his Court of Honor at TPC on August 10. Congratulations to Brian and his Mom, Karen! This is quite an accomplishment.

General Fund Status January – July 2003



	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$85,471	\$83,941
Expense	<u>\$79,870</u>	<u>\$84,093</u>
Net	\$ 5,601	(\$152.00)

	<i>July 2003 BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$10,659	\$ 8,837
Expense	<u>\$10,393</u>	<u>\$11,104</u>
Net	\$ 266	(\$ 2,267)

Tuesday Treasures Outreach

Did you know that developmentally disabled young adults in our community come to TPC each month for Christian fellowship? Tuesday Treasures is a program run by TPC volunteers to reach out and offer an evening of songs, Bible lesson, crafts, snacks, prayer, and fun. Ask any of the TPC volunteers about their involvement and you will hear inspiring, touching, and humorous stories of our Tuesday Treasure nights. Take a look at the display on the bulletin board in the narthex to see what we're up to. If you'd like to find out more, come Tuesday, September 16, 7-8:30 pm to catch the action at TPC. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call TPC TT Coordinator Carolyn Locke (503) 656-1534.

Crystal Shearer-Youth Director
Office Hours: TUES & THURS 10-3
Sunday: 9:30-12 & 4-8

A **BIG** thank you to all our fundraiser supporters! The “entertainment” continues until Nov. 2nd. See your Sunday bulletin for more details.

All September Youth Group meetings are from 5:30 - 7:00 on Sunday evenings. The Jr. High and Senior High students will continue to meet together until both groups are large enough to require separate meeting times. Mid-week opportunities will begin on September 30th.

SEPTEMBER 7th

What’s a potluck without wonderful music? Make sure that after you have enjoyed the many scrumptious items prepared with loving hands by fellow TPC members that you wander back into the sanctuary to hear music performed by members of the TPC Youth Group. These students have been practicing all summer and are eager to share their songs of praise. So...grab a seat and enjoy their harmony.

SEPTEMBER 17th



See You at the Pole – 7:00 AM
Lifting up their prayers for America, its leaders and its youth, students throughout the U.S. will join together around their school flagpoles on Wed. Sept. 17th for the 14th annual See You at the Pole (SYATP). Coinciding with the one-day SYATP observance, youth around the world will observe a global Youth Prayer Week from Sept. 14-20th. SYATP is a student-initiated and student-led movement.

“...Elijah stepped forward and prayed,
‘... let it be known today that you are God ...
that you are turning their hearts back again.’
... then the fire of the LORD fell,
and consumed the burnt offering
... when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces;
and they said, ‘The LORD, He is God ...’”

—1 Kings 18:36-39 (NIV, NAS)

**“What we say does not matter, only what God says to souls through us.”
-Mother Teresa**

The Book Nook

“JESUS CEO, using ancient wisdom for visionary leadership” by Laurie Beth Jones. This book is a practical, step-by-step guide to communicating with and motivating people. It is based on the self-mastery, action and relationship skills that Jesus used to train and motivate his team. It can be applied to any business, service, or endeavor that depends on more than one person to accomplish a goal, and can be implemented by anyone who dares.



This book deals with the leadership techniques used by Jesus, as seen by the author, that can be broken down into three categories of strength:

1. the strength of self-mastery
2. the strength of action
3. the strength of relationships

There are short chapters on many topics relating to the use of these strengths in business. It is a most helpful insight into organizational skills needed in today's business arena. Check it out, you may find some very useful tips in dealing with co-workers.

You will find this book in our church library under the call number 158.4/Jon.

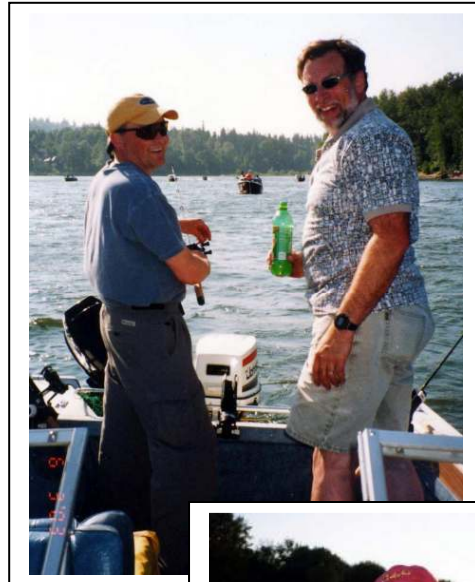
Diane Barry, Church Librarian

Upcoming Events

The TPC Golf Tourney will be held at the Lake Oswego Municipal Golf Course on Sunday, September 21st after worship (first tee time is 1:00 p.m.) A potluck will follow at the home of Mark & Dee Dee Hansen. Ted Lambeth will have more info and be taking sign-ups starting next Sunday, Aug. 24. (Note: This is a change from the previously announced date of Sept. 14th)

TPC Past Events

Who: Guide: Ron Van Schoiack
Fisherman: Scott Cameron & Greg Imus
What: Shad Fishing Trip – part of “helping Hand Project”
When: June 3, 2003
Where: On the Willamette River – near Oregon City



What Happened:

While the boats all around us were catching little or nothing, super guide Ron Van Schoiack led his fishing party into a tremendous catch. No kidding! Within 5 minutes of putting the line in the water, we had 3 fish on the line. Scott and Greg did most of the fishing with Ron rigging up the poles, serving a gourmet “fisherman’s” dinner prepared by his wife, Ellen, and laughing at Scott and Greg’s lack of prowess in the art of netting fish.

The fishing was astonishing. The final tally: Greg caught one bazillion and Scott led the way with two bazillion. All were released unharmed (for the most part).

Greg Imus

Voyager's Group – August 23

Special thanks to our hosts – Toni & Dale MacHaffie



Dale & Toni MacHaffie



Gwen Hale



Our chef, Dale MacHaffie



Marilyn Wood & Toni



Marian Larson, Sandy & Neal Reiling



Carolyn Hale



Roger Smith & Greg Owen



Scott Cameron & Philip Martin



Phil Friesen & John Reed



Stacy Mauer & Jeni Wiggers



Sandy Reiling



Tom Hahn



As you can see from the pictures, everyone had a great time with plenty of food and fun!
For more information on Voyagers Groups, contact Susan Springer, Del Judy or Toni MacHaffie.

Christian Education News



Sunday School

Our fall Sunday School Program begins September 7. We have a great group of shepherds, teachers and kids all ready to dive into another exciting year of Christian education at TPC. Children ages 2 ½ through 5th grade will have Church School each Sunday of the month. On the first Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday, Sunday School will begin at 10:00 am and will be dismissed about 10:45 so the kids can participate in communion with their families. On the following Sundays, they will be dismissed from the service for Church School and be finished about 11:30. The middle and high school students will not have Church School on the first Sunday of the month, but will each week after.

Our shepherds are as follows:

Jackie Dannemiller – Nursery
Pam McGregor – 2½ to 3-year-olds
Lori Beymer – 4 & 5 years and kindergarten
Marsha Steffen – 1st & 2nd grade
Barb Crall – 3rd, 4th & 5th grade
Crystal Shearer – Middle School
Denise Collins – High School

Please give these folks a bit “**THANK YOU**” for their time, organization, and dedication to our youth programs! Please feel free to contact them if you have questions or would like to volunteer to teach in the future. You may contact Pam Bowen at (503) 625-5910. Thank you!

The Christian Education Committee is planning a continental breakfast on September 7 at 9:30 am prior to Church for all children and their families. Please join us as we kick-off the new Sunday School Year!

NURSERY HELPERS

Thanks to all of our summer nursery helpers . . . YOU are greatly appreciated: Norm Dannemiller, Lane and Candace Kadel, Erin and Emily Nelson, Kim and Clint Warne, Jodi and Shane Breshears, Kathy Lambeth, and Pam McGregor. Thanks to Margaret, too, for her commitment to our “little ones” every Sunday.

ADULT EDUCATION RESUMES – SEPT.14

Two Adult Ed Classes will begin on September 14, running from 8:30 – 9:30 am. Childcare will be available during that hour. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

▪ BIBLE STUDY – THE KERYGMA WAY

One of two Adult Ed classes being offered this year is a thematic study of the Bible – studying the Bible as a whole, but not the whole Bible. This will be an in-depth, extended program (with breaks in the schedule), which will require work on your own, but the rewards of learning about your faith will far exceed the effort required!

- Another class will read and discuss the book, *In the Grip of Grace* by Max Lucado.

Any questions – see Randy Beyer.

TPC Spirit features Randy & Marion Beyer



Randy and Marion Beyer live in Wilsonville and have been married for 20 years. Between the two of them, they have five adult children and four grandchildren. They joined TPC in Feb. 2001 and Marion became a deacon shortly thereafter. Randy can be found teaching adult education on Sunday mornings. Randy retired from PacifiCorp in 1990, worked for several companies in Arizona & Calif. and then found his niche at Kaiser Permanente in Portland. Marion is a registered nurse and worked at The Portland Clinic until March of 2001. She remains “on call” at TPC. They both love traveling and pack their bags at any chance they can. Their last exotic vacation was Aug. 2003 ---- Iowa!

TPC Announcements



The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Toni MacHaffie and family at the death of his grandmother, Maude Payne, on August 3 and with Shirl Garcia and her family at the death of Shirl's sister, Vicki Golden who died on August 8

Please remember in prayer: Ing MacHaffie. Craig & Pam Bowen, Herb Zachow, Ian Shearer, Kathie Warne (Clint Warne's mother), Kent Payne (Uncle of Toni MacHaffie), Mark Schleicher, Andy Koning & family (nephew of Kris Sparks), Dave Jones (Brian Jones' father), Judy Freck (former member of TPC), Jenni Reiling (daughter-in-law of Sandy & Neil Reiling, Homer Perry (Becky Backen's father), Bill & Gwen Hale and family, Christopher Beam (Nancy Catanese's son, Janet Sanders (Harry Chase's sister), Rita Hale, daughter in law of Gwen & Bill Hale, Karen Andrascik (Mark Olsen's sister), and those who lead and serve our nation, communities and congregations.

SEPTEMBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURES:

September 7: "Living Words"
Deut. 6:4-9; 2 Tim. 1:3-7; John 1:14

September 14: #1 The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind.
Sermon and scriptures: "Speak Up"
Rom. 10:8-17; Mark 8:27-38

September 21: #2 The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
Sermon and scriptures: "Equipping The Saints"
Psalm 8; Eph. 4:1-7, 11-16

September 28: #3 The maintenance of divine worship
Sermon & scriptures: "Holy Expectancy"
Rom. 12:1-2; Col. 3:16-17; John 4:19-24

Winter is on its way... Do you know where your coat & umbrella are?? Several umbrellas & coats have been left behind on the TPC coat rack. Please check to see if any of these items belong to you!



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| 9/1 – Bill Hale | 9/11 – Louise Ludwig |
| 9/3 – Lenny Erdmann | 9/11 – Karly Imus |
| 9/3 – Laura Flanigan | 9/12 – Anna Sweetland |
| 9/3 – Ryan Wieder | 9/13 – Warren Beymer |
| 9/3 – Erin Mauer | 9/14 – Robin Beko |
| 9/5 – Ben McGregor | 9/15 – Ryan Burggren |
| 9/5 – Wesley McGregor | 9/17 – Melissa Smith |
| 9/6 – Katie Van Schoiack | 9/17 – Darian Breshears |
| 9/6 – Kevin Owen | 9/18 – Vic Collins |
| 9/6 – Ashley Parsons | 9/20 – Rachel Norse |
| 9/7 – Joshua Beymer | 9/20 – Debbie Reid |
| 9/7 – Claudia Wahl | 9/23 – Debbie Imus |
| 9/9 – Joseph Lobbato | 9/26 – Phil Friesen |
| 9/10 – Melissa Burggren | 9/27 – Doug Steffen |
| 9/10 – Dee Dee Hansen | 9/28 – Marsha Steffen |
| 9/10 – Nicholas Hines | 9/28 – Jack Shearer |
| 9/10 – Corbin Bowen | 9/29 – Heather Harriman |

Interested in learning about and helping with Mission Efforts at TPC??

You are invited to attend a Mission Committee meeting here at the church on Tuesday evening, Sept. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will join us as we make plans for the year ahead. Contact Mission Elder, Mike Shiffer for more information.

Reminder #1: A large portion of our per capita obligations is still unpaid. If you have not yet paid the per capita apportionment of \$20 per communicant member, we remind you that this money is used to support the budgets of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Please mark your check memo *Per Capita*.

Reminder #2: 2003 People Auction!!!!
We have had such a great response from all of those who were committed to items purchased from the People Auction. Many of the dinners, pies, cheesecakes and such have been collected. Rumors have been spreading that the dinners that were given were a great success! Thanks to all of you that have participated. For those of you that still have some items to attend to, you have plenty of time. But remember, April will soon be approaching.



**Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
September 2003**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2 Mission Cmt. 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6
7 Choir – 9:00 am Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast – 9:30 Worship – 10:00 am Communion All-Church Potluck after worship	8 CE Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10 Choir 7:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Adult Ed. – 8:30am Choir – 9:15 am Worship – 10:00 am	15 Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm	16 Tuesday Treasures 7:00 pm	17 Wed. Bible Study & lunch 10:30 am Choir 7:30 pm	18 Outreach Committee 1:00 pm Session 7:00 pm	19	20
21 Adult Ed. – 8:30 am Choir – 9:15 am Worship – 10:00 am Golf Tournament Tee Time – 1 pm	22 Worship Committee 7:00 pm	23 Autumn begins	24 Choir 7:30 pm	25	26 Women's Retreat →	27
28 Adult Ed. – 8:30 Choir – 9:15 am Worship – 10:00 am Women's Retreat	29	30				

Mark your Calendars:

October 9 – 11, 2003

Fall Evangelism Retreat: Learning Along the Way - (Register by Sept 15)

Hosted by Community Presbyterian Church, Waldport, OR

Keynote speaker – Rev. Dr. James R. Edwards

October 17 – 18, 2003

Preaching Luke/Acts (Annual Lectionary Retreat)

Sponsored by the Theology, Spirituality & Worship Committee of the Presbytery of the Cascades

(Call the Church Office for more information)

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday from 9am - 1:30 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 9am to noon and Thursday from 9am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Wiggers is in the office Monday – Thursday. Please call for an appointment.