



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

The Wonder of Love

The year is 1940. The setting is a small, nearly abandoned town in Burgundy known as Taizé, just a few short miles from the demarcation line dividing German occupied France from the rest of the country in the early years of the war. The sun has set and you've settled into your bed. Then you hear a scratching sound on your door. You go to open it- standing at the door with fear in their eyes is a couple with two small children. The woman holds an infant in her arms. Their clothes are ragged. The children's bony arms tell you they haven't eaten for a long, long time. The man stammers what you had already guessed: "*Wir sind Juden*". (We are Jews.) You have a choice to make- if you send them away, you are sure they won't last the week. Yet, if you invite them in- you might not last the night. What do you do?

If you are 25 year old Roger Schutz, who would become known to all the world as Brother Roger, you know you really don't have a choice. You know you have to let them in no matter the consequences. Indeed, you know this is why you moved from your native Switzerland to this dangerous corner of the world in the first place- to manifest the light of Christ in a land hidden beneath the shadow of hate and death.

This month I write to celebrate the life of Brother Roger, a man most of you probably have never heard of, but a man who has shaped the worship life of TPC nonetheless. Brother Roger moved to France when everyone else was running out and established an ecumenical community at Taize, helping people escape from Nazi Germany, and welcoming Protestants and Catholics alike to establish a witness in Europe for how the church might live as one body. The Taize community is particularly well known for their simple, contemplative hymns such as "In the Lord" and "The Lord is My Light", hymns we often use during the celebration of the Lord's Supper here at TPC. Another noteworthy feature of this community is its popularity with young people. While the churches in Europe continue to die on the vine in ever greater numbers, Brother Roger's honesty, courage, love, and his willingness to engage complex issues of faith and doubt without giving easy answers helped foster a community where as many as 5,000 young people a week

gather from as many as 75 countries. Here are just a few of his remarks given to a group of over 100,000 young adults who gathered in Taize during the Christmas of 1995: "By night, we will go to the spring. Deep within us there sparkles living water where we can quench our thirsts. By night and by day, as we move forward from beginning to new beginning, a whole life is built up. Could the human soul be that, too: the secret heartbeat of happiness almost beyond words? In the presence of physical violence or moral torture a question plagues us: if God is love, where does evil come from? No one can explain the why of evil. In the Gospel, Christ enters into solidarity with the incomprehensible suffering of the innocent; he weeps at the death of someone he loves. Did not Christ come to earth so that every human being might know that he or she is loved? When we can sense hardly anything of God's presence, what good is agonizing over it? It is enough to have the desire to welcome God's love for a flame to be kindled, little by little, in the secret recesses of our being. 'Filled by his love, the heart opens to others.' Animated by the Holy Spirit, this flame of love can be quite faint. And yet it keeps burning. And the Holy Spirit stirs us up and is at work within us, reorienting the depths of our being, preparing us to dare to live lives of forgiveness and reconciliation. And the heart awakens to the wonder of a love."

Sadly, at the age of 90 Brother Roger died on Tuesday, August 16th, after he was murdered during evening prayers by a Romanian woman visiting the community. Whether the woman attacked Brother Roger because of mental illness or whether she was threatened by his constant and steadfast efforts to work for peace, unity, and justice we may never know. What I do know is that we lost a truly great and generous soul this month- a soul that inspires us, a soul that fills us with hope, and a soul whose example continues to urge all of our hearts to be awakened to the wonder of love. The next time you see in your worship bulletin that one of our hymns comes from the Taize community- remember Brother Roger, and remember the amazing way he lived out his faith in Jesus Christ.

In Christ, Ken

TPC HAPPENINGS

WHAT IS A TREASURE NIGHT?

...a unique, awesome, inspirational, energizing experience! A Treasure Night is also an outreach program which gives TPC volunteers the chance to get to know developmentally disabled young adults in our community.

We meet at TPC 7-8:30 pm on the third Tuesday each month for a Bible lesson supported by songs, crafts, snacks, and prayer. Because of the value of one-on-one attention, more volunteers are always welcome. How can Treasures touch our lives? Just ask Denise Collins, Barb Larson, Cliff & Donna Hoff, Barbara Harriman, Mike & Mary Shiffer, Marsha Steffen, Kathy Sweetland, Ted & Cathy Lambeth, Del Judy or Carolyn Locke (503-656-1534). Come check us out!

5th ANNUAL TREASURE CARNIVAL A WESTERN BLAST!

Treasures and volunteers gathered at the TPC Corral for a hee-haw good ol' western time of fun and games. The July 19 event was attended by 24 Treasures (a record number), including a new one from Turkey. Thanks especially to our younger carnival helpers: Elise & Emma Steffen, Cameron Sweetland, Will Evers-Hood, and to Martha who accompanied our singing.



Please remember in prayer:



Don Peterson as he and his family wait anxiously for news from medical tests this week (Lynn Scroggin); Lloyd Klaasen who suffered a TIA (Jenovich); The Hoff's Aunt Fran who is experiencing blindness; Jackson a twelve-year-old suffering from cancer; Ma Chun Jie, was diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder which attacks platelets and has no cure (Chris Robertson); Holly, the Mauer's daughter; Ginny's dad who suffered a heart attack (Don Schmidt); Gwen Hale; Maureen Goodrich who is facing another round of cancer treatment; Chris Robertson's niece Amy; Tanya Parker who is now receiving Hospice Care; Tina Smith who is receiving treatment for non-Hodgkins Lymphoma; Thelma Holmes; Ronnie Lee King (Cameron family) ; TJ Grand and his mom Lillieth; Craig Wiggers who is on assignment for the Marines in Bagdad; Pat DeVore who is recovering from a fall after her back surgery; Andrew, Shari Olsen's friend who had brain surgery; Don Shafer who is suffering some health issues; Connie Tarasawa (friend of Diane Adams) who is having cancer treatment.

New TPC Member – Julie Van Buren



Julie has two children: Robert, age 21 – a junior at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington and Christina, age 19 – a sophomore at Willamette University in Salem. Julie is an Administrative Assistant in the Human Resource Department at the Safeway Inc. Portland division office. Her hobbies include music (she has been singing in the TPC Choir since last November), reading, movies and family. She grew up attending First Presbyterian Church in Portland.

Celebration!

On Sunday, **September 25**, TPC will celebrate our first year with Pastor Ken as our pastor. The PNC (called out of retirement for one day) is planning a wonderful worship service followed by lunch. Let's fill the sanctuary for the great event!

Uncertain?

Are you confused about wills, trusts or a charitable gift annuity? Do you wonder if an advanced directive is appropriate for you? On Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 PM, an Estate Planning Attorney, a Hospital Chaplain and a CPA will be at the church to discuss these and other issues.

PS No salesman will call.

Future Events from Fellowship

Salsa dancing! Come join us in mid-September for four weeks of salsa dancing. The sign-up sheet will be on the Tower.

October 9 – Golf tournament – No experience necessary. It's a best-ball foursome, so it's okay if you are a beginner. Sign up is on the Tower. Contact Ted or Cathy Lambeth for more information.

October 23 – Roller skating at Oaks Park

Wine Tasting Tour is being planned for the October/November timeframe. Watch for more information.

Singing Christmas Tree – It's not too soon to start thinking about this event which will be held in late November. We only have 20 tickets, so pay now in order to hold a spot.

FAITH VILLAGE

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CONSTRUCTION

Our fall Sunday School Program, Faith Village is going to be amazing! Thank you to everyone who signed up last week to lead one of our creative stations. The possibilities are endless and we are excited to have so many members of the congregation who are willing to share their talents with our students. There are still quite a few opportunities available. If you were not here last week, take a moment to browse our station tables. Flip through the various folders and see what catches your eye. Don't feel limited by the suggestions given. You are encouraged to be creative. Think outside the box! What do you have to offer? We need you! The kids need you!

Village Openings

Pre-School Teachers (ages 4 & 5, not yet in kindergarten)

Village Guides—multiple openings

Village Team Members (see below)

can you help get our rooms ready, create props, or offer ideas to our committee?

Want to join the Children's Ministry Team? Talk to Shari or Crystal

Station Openings

Four Friends—Sept. 11th—Oct. 2nd *3 stations available*

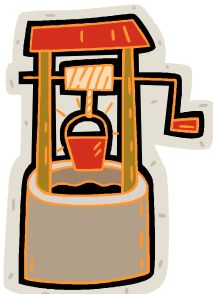
Teach Us To Pray-Oct. 9th—30th *2 stations available*

10 Lepers-Nov. 6th—20th *1 station available*

Bible Teachings-Jan.8th -20th *3 station openings*

Life in Bible Times—Feb. 5th—26th *2 station openings*

If you previously signed up to lead a station, please make sure you picked up your folder. Also, please double check to make sure you listed which station you will be leading on the sign up board. Crystal will be contacting you soon to ensure you have everything you need and to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to give her a call if needed. Office (503)692-4160 * Cell (503)810-0914



Village *Wishing Well*

Television (large enough for group viewing)

DVD, VCR

Computers (Min. req'd: 300 mhz, 64 megs Ram, 32xCD, Windows 98/ME)

Monitors, keyboards, printers, etc.

Striped fabric for Awnings

"Persian" type rugs, throw pillows, silk plants



September Birthdays

9/02	Ken Evers-Hood	9/13	Ryan Scroggin
9/03	Ryan Wieder	9/14	Robin Beko
9/03	Erin Mauer	9/15	Gary Bell
9/05	Wesley McGregor	9/15	Ryan Burggren
9/05	Ben McGregor	9/17	Darian Breshears
9/06	Katie VanSchoiack	9/18	Vic Collins
9/07	Claudia Wahl	9/20	Hannah Price
9/07	Joshua Beymer	9/20	Sean Scroggin
9/10	Nicholas Hines	9/21	Dee Johnson
9/10	Dee Dee Hansen	9/23	Debbie Imus
9/10	Melissa Burggren	9/26	Phil Friesen
9/10	Corbin Bowen	9/27	Doug Steffen
9/10	Robbie Price	9/28	Marsha Steffen
9/11	Louise Ludwig	9/28	Jack Shearer
9/12	Anna Sweetland	9/29	Heather Harriman
9/13	Warren Beymer	9/29	Owen Schmidt

Looking For a Way to Get Involved?

When working with youth, it is best to have two or more adults present at any given time. Other churches and organizations that work with youth, such as the Boy Scouts, rigorously follow these guidelines in order to keep both the adults and the youth as safe as possible.

The TPC youth group meets most Sunday nights from 5:30 to 7 p.m. In addition to Crystal, another adult should be present. If you're interested in helping with the youth group on Sunday nights or at other times, please contact Crystal at the church office 503 692-4160, or Susan Springer, youth elder, at 503 692-2893.

Also on Sunday morning, we'd like to have another adult downstairs in the nursery during the worship service. If you're interested, please tell Rhoda in the church office at 503 692-4160.

Session has decided to create a working committee to oversee the operation of the TPC Nursery. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Church Office.

Guide Our Feet
into the *Way of Peace*
Luke 1:79

What is the Peacemaking Offering?

Tualatin Presbyterian Church will be collecting a special offering called the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2005. The Peacemaking Offering is one of four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The 192nd General Assembly (1980) of the former United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America called for an offering to be received to support peacemaking initiatives and peace education throughout the church. This year 25 percent of the offering received will be retained by TPC, 25 percent will be used by our synod and presbytery, and 50 percent will be used by the General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. There will be more information about the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program as bulletin inserts in the weeks before World Communion Sunday. You can also get more information at www.pcusa.org/peacemaking. The 25% of the offering retained at TPC will be used to create a Peacemaking award to be given to an individual or group in our congregation or community as recognition of their efforts towards peacemaking. The mission committee is working on the guidelines and process for this special award, so watch for more details in the coming weeks

General Fund Status January – July 2005



	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 130,367	\$125,553
Expense	\$ 128,141	\$117,794
Net	\$ 2,126	\$ 7,759
	July 2005	ACTUAL
	BUDGET	
Income	\$ 17,850	\$ 21,873
Expense	\$ 18,163	\$ 15,451
Net	\$ -313	\$ 6,422

WISDOM TREASURE HUNT

In the Bible, Proverbs says to search for wisdom like it was "hidden treasure." Everyone loves a treasure hunt, so invite your family or friends to join you in a search for the wisdom found in Proverbs.

Here's what you'll need:

- 2 sheets of 8-1/2" x 11" paper
- 12 pieces of string, yarn or ribbon (12" each)
- pen
- scissors
- hole punch
- Bible



Here's how to play:

1. Fold each paper in half, in half again, and in half again. You should end up with your paper divided into 8 rectangles.
2. Cut out each rectangle.
3. Use this list to write the name (Proverbs) and the numbers of a chapter and a verse on each rectangle: Proverbs 2:6 / 3:13 / 3:19 / 4:5 / 4:7 / 5:1 / 8:11 / 16:16 / 18:4 / 19:8 / 24:3.
4. Punch a hole in the corner of each rectangle and tie a piece of string, yarn or ribbon through each hole.
5. Choose one person to hide the Proverb tags, tying them to objects inside or outside your house.
6. Send everyone to look for the tags.
7. After all the tags are found, look up the verses to see why we should treasure wisdom.
8. Create your own hunt by searching your Bible for more verses about wisdom.



Just for

Search for Wis

It's the start of a new school year! You'll learn many things from books. There's an important book in the Bible called the Bible. It tells us to learn about God and to search for wisdom.

Read Proverbs 2:1-5 (NIV) below, and then search the puzzle for the capital words.

"... if you ACCEPT my words and store up my COMMANDS with your EAR to WISDOM and applying your HEART to UNDERSTAND you call out for INSIGHT and cry aloud for understanding, as for SILVER and SEARCH for it as for hidden TREASURE, understand the fear of the LORD and find the KNOWLEDGE."

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One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. It was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, Good morning, Alex."

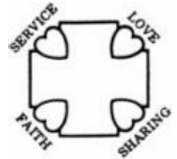
"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?"

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service." Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque.

Little Alex's voice was barely audible, trembling with fear, when he asked, "Which service, the 9:45 or the 11:00?"



**Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
September 2005**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am	5 Labor Day	6 Mission - 7:00 pm Dance Class 7:00 pm	7 Choir 7:00 pm	8 Bells – 7:30 pm	9	10
11 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Choir – 9:15 am Worship – 10:00 am Youth Mission presentation following Worship	12 Deacons - 6:30 pm	13 Dance Class 7:00 pm	14 Choir 7:00 pm Fellowship 7:30 pm Outreach 7:30 pm	15 Bells – 7:30 pm	16	17
18 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Choir – 9:15 am Worship – 10:00 am	19	20 Dance Class 7:00 pm Worship Comm. 7:00 pm Tues. Treasures 7:00 pm	21 Choir 7:00 pm	22 Bells – 7:30 pm Session 7:00 pm	23	24
25 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Choir – 9:15 am Worship – 10:00 am Pastor Ken's 1 st anniversary at TPC	26	27 Dance Class 7:00 pm	28 Choir 7:00 pm	29 Bells – 7:30 pm	30	

Upcoming Events

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October 23 – Rollerskating at Oaks Park

Oct/Nov. – Wine Tasting Tour

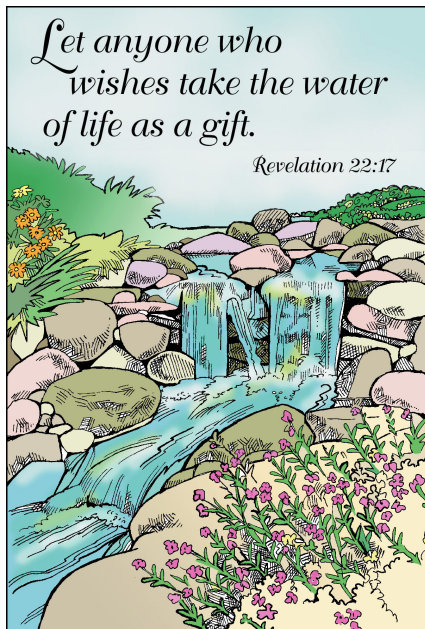
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