



Dear friends,

As many of you know, in the last year the Session has been discussing establishing a new part-time pastoral position to better care for our families. The Session shared their thoughts and plans during two congregational meetings, then conducted a mission study, created a job description, and they now have permission from the Committee on Ministry of our Presbytery to formally ask the congregation to approve the formation of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC), who will work hard to find this new pastor. After sharing this information at the Congregational Conversation held after worship on August 31st, I am pleased to call a Congregational Meeting to ask for this approval on September 28th. In order to include as many people as possible we will hold the meeting directly after worship with no break, and we will bring the coffee and snacks to you.

If the congregation votes to establish this APNC, this is what will happen. The nominating committee will put forward a slate of candidates on which the congregation will vote at yet another Congregational Meeting. When the APNC is formed, they will meet with representatives from the Presbytery to learn about the process. Their first action will be to create a Church Information Form (CIF) that will describe our congregation and the person we are hoping to find. The Session and Presbytery must approve this CIF. After this, the APNC will begin searching for candidates. Names will come to them from a nation-wide computer database, as well as from individuals who are interested and are referred. This research phase is the longest part of this process and should take many months. Finally, when the APNC is able to narrow down their list to three candidates, the APNC will interview these individuals face to face and hear them preach. At this point the APNC will have to make their final choice. After all this, and after the final candidate is approved by the Presbytery, then the congregation will have a chance to meet this person, hear him/her preach, and will then vote on whether to extend a call.

So, it is a long process, but what's fantastic is that it is a thorough process. Every step in this process is clear, and at every turning point along the way the church will be guided by the Presbytery and most importantly by the Holy Spirit. This is part of why it is so cool to be Presbyterian- it's not so much our beliefs that make us distinct; it is our faith that God works through groups and through a well-ordered process.

Now, because this is such a new step for us, the Session is also doing something else I think is really, really smart. Using the job description modeled almost exactly on the one we will use to find an Associate Pastor, the Session, following the

recommendation of a hiring committee, is hiring a Pastoral Resident to work with us in the year ahead.

What the heck is a Pastoral Resident? A Pastoral Resident is a person who has completed their seminary training, but who has not completed the Presbytery process to become ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. The residency model is based on the same one used in the medical world, and assumes that while pastors receive a lot of training in seminary, there is still a lot of practical learning that can only come through experience with a congregation. Like an interim pastor, a resident will walk with us for a season, but will not become a permanent staff member. And like a medical resident, a Pastoral Resident will work in a variety of different areas. Our resident will focus her work in worship and family ministry, but she will also be involved in pastoral care, adult education, and other areas, as needed.

Who is this person? I am excited to announce that the name of our Pastoral Resident is Nicole Reibe. Nicole completed her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary this last May. She grew up in Longview, and has come back to the area after graduation, and is now currently working on a Masters degree in history at Portland State. In the short term future she hopes to be accepted into a Ph.D. program in Church History. Nicole's background in the church is extensive: a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kelso, Washington, she has experience in a wide variety of different faith traditions from Pentecostal to Roman Catholic. And she has worked with churches both large and small not only in the Northwest, but in New Jersey, and even completed a year long internship with a Reformed church in Switzerland!

You will get a chance to meet Nicole on September 14th, which will be her first Sunday with us. In this next year she will be regular part of the life of TPC, but I don't think there will be anything merely ordinary about her time with us. I'll leave you with a phrase I found particularly meaningful from her statement of faith:

I believe that the gospel includes the good news of Christ's eternal salvation, but also that there is hope for peace in this world.

So, with our eyes fixed firmly on the kingdom of heaven; our hearts hoping that this kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven, let us welcome Nicole and step into a new year together.

In Christ,



One of the joys of being a new deacon at TPC is meeting and " loving " the people in my Group. Read the following story of a remarkable woman, Marian Larson. What a Life, what a Lady.

Edda Brown
Deacon, Parish#9



Marian H. Larson
Ninety-three years is a lot of life, but here goes.

I was born in Portland, OR, April 6, 1915. When I was two weeks old, we moved to Lake Grove to a house my father built on Upper Drive right across the street from where the Presbyterian Church stands today. Property was \$10 an acre and lots on the lake were \$50 each. There were five families at that time. The nearest store and post office were down Bryant Hill at the railroad track. Transportation to Portland was by steam train which had to be flagged down at the station. A community house was built, and that was the hub of all activity. Grandpa Rease was the first superintendent of the Sunday School in 1918. Rease Road is named for him. Grandpa's house was located on the second acre east of Rease Road. Both houses are still there today. My sister was born two years later, and we had great fun.

When it was time for my sister and me to start school, we moved to Portland and we attended Fernwood Grade School for 4 years. Then we moved back to Lake Grove and lived in Grandma's house. I graduated in 1929 and went to Lincoln High School in Portland. In 1933, I

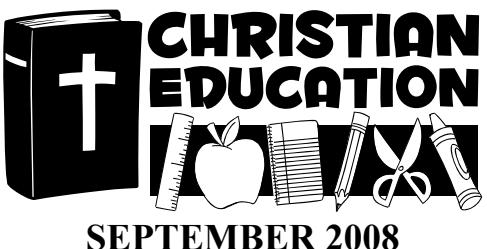
went to Reed College for two years and then went to work at Meier & Frank. I was married in 1936 to Jayrold Pollock and we moved to La Grande for two years. Jerry was transferred to Astoria, then to Klamath Falls for two years, then he lost his job. We went to live in Lake Grove with Grandma who was alone. Our son, Keith, was born in July and we moved to Portland, bought a house in Rose City and attended Rose City Presbyterian Church. A house became available in Lake Grove across from Jerry's folks at Bryant Road and Upper Drive so we bought it and moved. Keith and I attended church at Lake Grove Pres. Church where Jerry and I were married. The first church building was completed in 1932.

In Lake Grove we had a large garden, and kept very busy. Jerry and I were divorced in 1942. He just did not want to be a daddy. I went to work at the Piggly Wiggly store in Oswego, joined the grocery clerks' union, and went on. Grandma took care of Keith. I decided in 1947, during World War II, that I would enter the field of nursing, a life-long dream. I graduated with honors from the Univ. of Portland St. Vincent School of Nursing in May, 1950. I worked at the Oregon State Hospital for two years, at University of Oregon Hospital and the Tuberculosis Hospital for several years and in 1960 went to Dammash Hospital in Wilsonville as Director of Nursing Services. By that time I had earned a Master of Science degree in nursing education from the U of O. After nine years, I started teaching nursing at Clark College in Vancouver and in Longview, until I retired at age sixty-five. By this time I lived in Tualatin and was a member of Tualatin Presbyterian Church. I am an ordained elder, have sung in the choir, and have served on several committees: outreach, worship and fellowship.

I am indebted deeply to my wonderful deacons, and church friends who bring me to church each Sunday. I love my relationship with you all and especially my relationship with my Heavenly Father.

P.S. I have 3 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren.

WHAT'S COMING IN THE DAYS AHEAD



SEPTEMBER 2008

A well deserved thank you.

I don't think I formally thanked our VBS Coordinator Denise Collins for the outstanding organization and energy she provided in putting together this years VBS. As I have said before it takes a Village to raise our children. And boy am I glad Denise is in my Village. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Denise brought together several volunteers to make the experience for our children wonderful. Thanks to all the volunteers for their time and talents.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST!

Join us for a continental breakfast Sunday **September 7** to celebrate the start of the new Sunday School year. Please come, have coffee and meet the teachers at 9:15 am downstairs in the common area.



BEFORE YOU THROW THAT AWAY!!

TPC Sunday School and Christian Ed are planning a "garage" sale on Fri. and Sat. Oct. 10 & 11 to raise money for the Heifer Project and for improvements to the Sunday School rooms.

Donation items can be brought to the church and placed in the 3/4/5th grade classroom starting Sunday, Sept. 21. Please bring large items no earlier than Thursday afternoon 10/9. No adult clothing, please. We will need help pricing items, setting up, and working the sale. Sign up sheets will be on the narthex tower soon. If you have any questions, please contact our coordinators: Gina

Olson at mgolson5@comcast.net 650-4351 or Shari Olsen at ssjkolsen@msn.com 635-4019.

TPC FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Join us for a fun filled day of games, food and fellowship!
Noon – 2:00 pm

All ages invited, including those without children! Games include cupcake walk, fishing game, donuts on a string, handicraft station, and more. Lunch and beverages will be provided, so stay after church and visit with members of your TPC family. To volunteer to help, sign up in the narthex on the communication tower.
For additional information contact Jackie Dannemiller, 503/885-2405

2008/2009 SHEPHERDS

Thanks so much to the following people who have agreed to be our CE Shepherds for this year!
Pre K & Kindergarten – Jenn Ayers & Karen Schmidt
1st * 2nd grades - Barb Crall & Kathy Sweetland
3rd, 4th, & 5th grades - Shari Olsen & Debbie Reid
Middle & High School – Jackie Dannemiller, Denise Collins, and Marsha Steffen

Please consider teaching our children sometime during this year. It means so much to our kids and is so rewarding.

From time to time the Shepherds will ask members of the congregation to teach on a Sunday morning from 9:30 until 10:15. The curriculum (Seasons of the Spirit) is easy to follow and provides many suggestions to make it interesting and easy to teach.

Middle and High Schoolers will be studying Religions of the World! They won't want to miss this informative course.

Marsha Steffen, CE Elder

ADULT EDUCATION

At this time there's a lot about adult ed that is still in process. Several people are interested in teaching adult ed classes, but I am not sure when they will be ready or what they will teach. The Mission Committee purchased materials for adult ed for Mission Month in October, but the materials have not arrived.

I do know that on **Sunday, September 7** we will finish our discussion on Religion and Science and on **September 14** we will start a DVD discussion on The History of Early Christianity. We'll interrupt that discussion as teachers and mission materials become available.

Chris Robertson, Adult Ed Elder

MISSION IN MOTION

Wednesday, September 10th, is another opportunity to serve those who are serving the medically needy in our own communities. It is TPC's evening to provide dinner for the Essential Health Clinic volunteers. A sign-up sheet is on the tower in the narthex detailing the dinner items needed. Please continue to share our great hospitality by participating in this local mission event. If you have questions, please contact Joan Nardi, 503-684-6529.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR NOEL JOHNSON

There will be a memorial service for Noel Johnson on **Saturday, September 13** at Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Time has not yet been determined.



HELP POPULATE THE ARK!

Remember all those paper tubes you've been saving and bringing to the church? Now is

the time to use them! Help us populate the ark by crafting animals that will be sold at the auction at the dinner in late October. **Join us after church on September 14** for about an hour to create the animal of your dreams. Use your imagination and creative skills to craft a kanga-rabbit or a girraf-o-potomus, or a prairie cat. How about just a plain purple pig? (Noah had no idea what he left behind!) You provide the creativity (and a sack lunch, if desired); we'll provide all the supplies and drinks. Join us for some fun and let your creative energies flow. The animals created that Sunday will be painted and decorated by our youth group.

Crafting an animal for use during the fund raising dinner is only one of several ways to help reach our goal. The Mission Committee has set an audacious goal to raise \$5,000, which will buy an Ark from Heifer International. The Ark supplies 15 pairs of healthy, strong animals, training in animal care, and the requirement "to pass on the gift" to another family.

9-HOLE SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

If you've ever swung a golf club, you're qualified to play in the annual TPC 9-Hole Scramble Golf Tournament at the Charbonneau Golf Club at 1:30 pm on **Sunday, September 14**. There will be a potluck barbecue afterwards, location to follow. Cost is \$23.00 to cover green fees and prizes. There is a sign-up sheet on the tower in the narthex. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 7. Don't miss out; sign up now!!! If you have questions, please contact Mark Maleta at (503) 913-4332 or at mhmaleta@aol.com.

WOMEN TO WOMEN CONFERENCE

Samaritan Counseling Centers is pleased to announce this year's Women to Women conference featuring keynote speakers Dr. Julie Schwartz Gottman, renowned relationship expert and Sheryl Steward, on air personality at 105.1 The Buzz.

This year's conference will focus on life transitions. With twelve different workshops from Buying a Home to Resolving Conflict; there is something for everyone.

The conference will take place at Portland State University's Native American Student and Community Center on **Thursday, September 18** from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cost for the full conference is \$150. Check out the conference website, www.womenpdx.org for details on each workshop and how to register!

TPC FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Here is a chance to get to know more people in our TPC church family. On **Sunday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.** at the church, the Fellowship Dinners program will start. To join in, sign up on the form on the tower in the narthex or talk to anyone on the organizing committee listed below.

Mission Statement: The purpose of this program is to have fun, and to encourage, and expand fellowship among members of our church family.

How it Works: Groups of 7-8 adults will be formed to share Fellowship Dinners once a month at different people's homes. The dinners will be simple; the host of the dinner will supply the main course and the others in the group will supply side dishes, dessert and drinks. Each group will decide which night works best for all to gather.

The groups will meet 4 times (4 months) and then the groups will be re-shuffled to form another set of Fellowship Dinner groups of 7-8. This will give everybody the chance to connect and know even more people in the church. The groups will re-shuffle 2 times in the year so everybody will be involved with 3 groups of 7-8 over the course of a year. After one year, everybody will decide how to continue - leave the program as is or perhaps form ongoing non-rotating Mariners groups.

The Projected Timeline

September 21, 2008 - December 2008.

Everyone in all groups comes to the launch Fellowship Dinner on Sept 21 at the church.. If you are unable to join us on the 21st, you can still participate -- contact one of the members of the Organizing Committee.

January 2009 - April 2009. The groups will be re-shuffled and new groups formed.

May 2009 - August 2009. Again the groups will be re-shuffled and new groups will form.

Interested? Contact any of the people below or sign up on the tower in the church narthex.

Mary Ortez	503-612-1993
Rick & Rachel Norse	503-625-2372
Ronn & Carol Rhodes	503-885-8066
Rick & Barb Crall	503-692-1677
Sherry and Mike Nelson	503-692-3456

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** following the morning worship service. Please plan on attending.



ACT LIKE NOAH AND BUILD AN ARK!

What will your time, talent and clever hands create for the auction on **Saturday, October 25th**?

Your creativity will allow TPC to provide hope for a new life to poor people around the world. Our audacious goal is to raise \$5,000, which will buy an Ark from Heifer International. The Ark supplies 15 pairs of healthy, strong animals, training in animal care, and the requirement "to pass on the gift" to another family.

Please advise Laura Spurrell (dandylion7@earthlink.net), or Chip or Cackie Kyle (cwkyle@comcast.net) what wonderful item you will be creating.

GINGERBREAD HOUSES ANYONE!?

In the past we have had fun helping our kids build Gingerbread Houses in December. It's such a festive event. The kids have made some awesome houses while eating a bit of the decorations! We would like to do this in December after church on **December 7** from 12 – 2 pm, if there is enough interest. If you think you might be interested, please let Marsha Steffen or Barb Crall know at mlsteffen@verizon.net phone 692-0120 or 692-1677, respectively.

2009 WOMEN'S RETREAT

will be **Friday, January 30 through Sunday, February 1** at Alton Collins Retreat Center. More details will follow.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "TEAM" WISHES TO GROW

There are many ways to create a great Children's Message for our young people. Do you have a special story to tell? A favorite children's book? A hobby you can share? The desire to take part in a play or a reader's theater effort? Or simply the willingness to try to take a passage from the Bible and make it meaningful to our children?

If you can answer "yes" or even "maybe" to any of the above, I'd love to talk to you about becoming part of our Children's Message team. Our "team" currently has only one member, and I'd love to change that. Your commitment can be ongoing or just a one-time shot. You can develop your idea on your own, or I can assist you with ideas for presenting to the children.

If you are willing to be part of what truly is a Children's Message team, please contact Marilyn Staples-Sundt at 503.692.4393 or by email at marilynstaples@verizon.net.

GONE MISSING – CAN YOU HELP?

Art Barry made two stands and two long rods to display quilts and blankets. The stands were in the closet off the narthex. Does anyone know where they are now?

Someone gave a gift of bunny fabrics to the quilting group (with white or yellow, or pink background). We made 6 blankets to give to our children in need at Project Linus and Domestic Violence organizations. Thank you. Please tell us who you are!

Shirley Schultz

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Can be emailed to Greg Imus at gimus@shindaiwa.com.

SARAH SPRINGER AND JONATHAN BURROUGHS WED ON AUGUST 23



Theirs was an outdoor wedding adjacent to the Ohio River about an hour south of Louisville, KY, and thankfully, it was a pleasant 95 degree afternoon. Both sets of parents are recovering nicely. What a ride!!!

September Birthdays

9/2	Ken Evers-Hood	9/20	Debbie Reid
9/3	Erin Mauer	9/20	Robbie Price
9/5	Jackson Martson	9/20	Hannah Price
9/6	Katie VanSchoiack	9/21	Dee Johnson
9/7	Claudia Wahl	9/23	Debbie Imus
9/7	Nancy MacHaffie	9/26	Luke Winkler
9/10	Dee Dee Hansen	9/26	Phil Friesen
9/10	Corbin Bowen	9/27	Ted Pelletier
9/10	Nicholas Hines	9/27	Doug Steffen
9/11	Louise Ludwig	9/28	Marsha Steffen
9/11	Karly Corona	9/29	Heather Harriman
9/12	Anna Sweetland	9/29	Owen Schmidt
9/17	Darian Breshears	9/30	Priscilla Hagan
9/18	Vic Collins		

SUNDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to make an announcement on Sunday morning, please email your request to Pastor Ken by the preceding Tuesday. His email address is pastor@tpcspirit.org.

ANNUAL PER CAPITA

This year's per capita is \$21.41. The treasurer reports that \$1,665 in per capita fees still need to be collected. Have you paid your per capita?

Updated church directories are available in the office.

"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."
Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama



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7 9:15 am Sunday school breakfast and class 9:15 am Adult Ed Class 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Fellowship potluck following worship	8 6:00 pm Spiritual Formation off site 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting 7:00 Bell Practice (N)	9 6:30-9:00 pm BOC (N) 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting 7:00 Bell Practice (N)	10	11 7:30 pm Choir practice in downstairs choir room	12	13 Memorial Service for Noel Johnson. Time TBD
14 9:15 a.m. Adult Ed Class 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Mission – craft animals 1:30 pm TPC Golf Tour. 1-2:30 pm Scouts (MS)	15 7:00 Bell Practice (N) 7:00 p.m. Troop 530 (MP)	16 6:30-9:00 pm Treasures (N,S,K) 7:00 pm Fellowship (O) 7:00 pm TVPS Gen'l Mtg (MP)	17	18 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice in downstairs choir room	19	20
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