



A MESSAGE from Pastor Ken

Dear friends,

This spring I was accepted into the inaugural Doctor of Ministry class at Duke. Three times a year I will head to Duke for an “intensive week”. Between these weeks the bulk of our work is done online. Part of our responsibility during these intensive weeks is to maintain a daily blog. Below, I’ve included snippets from my blog. For a full version become friends on the TPC Facebook site.

Monday thoughts...Aug 15, 2011 8:11 PM

What a full day. I’m a mix of exhaustion and exhilaration. The day flew by, yet now the full weight of it is beginning to hit me. One process observation: I love the contrast between the “magisterial” Prof. Davis (her word, which I think is spot on) in the morning and the witty, narrative wisdom of Bishop Willimon in the afternoon. Ecologically, life is always richest where different biomes or ecozones meet. As it is in creation, so it was for me today.

I was very moved by Jae’s presentation on the multicultural aspect of Moses’ ministry. I have never really thoughtfully explored the fact that Moses lived a kind of hyphenated life between growing up Egyptian but being a child of Abraham. Jae’s reading of Moses’ difficulty speaking maybe having less to do with a speech impediment and more with not knowing Hebrew fluently was creative and has never occurred to me. I was struck listening to Jae that while the differences between himself and his congregation might be more striking than mine, for instance, that my ministry is also multicultural as well. I pastor a congregation that may appear homogenous on the surface, but who manifest great diversity of experience, education, and range of opinion when you scratch their surface. It makes me wonder if we aren’t all multicultural pastors to some degree...

Tuesday thoughts...Aug 16, 2011 6:31 PM

So, the shirt is soaked and my mind full after drinking from this fire hose all day. Another great, great day.

I loved the phrase “reading against the grain” from the lecture this morning. I realize Stephen used it in the context of trying to discern unintentional meaning ly-

ing hidden in the text, it’s just an evocative phrase to me that I suspect might have use even outside of that particular use. (Heck, if I ever do a sermon on wheat/flour/bread, maybe I’ll use this as a title.) :)

Wednesday reflection... Today, I was also interested in the tension Willimon drew between Heifetz (emphasizing change) and Nouwen (emphasizing seeing God in the present). I think it’s dangerous to overdo this, but I found it helpful. I DEFINITELY lean towards Nouwen in terms of being more at peace with seeing where God IS rather than pushing people to move to see where I think God WILL BE.

I was also struck by Willimon’s reading of Gladwell as being about providence while Gladwell privileges the role of chance. I probably strike a slightly middle path.

Like Tommy, I was also moved by the story Craig shared of his friend who said that being a pastor has made him a more faithful disciple- that if he wasn’t a pastor there’s no way he would be nearly as faithful. That just blew me away. Seems as if Luther’s priesthood of all believers is probably more a slogan than a reality. Makes me wonder if part of our task as leaders isn’t to help our congregants connect their call with their lives better?

Thursday reflection. Can you believe it's Thursday already? :(Aug 18, 2011 6:10 PM

Incredibly rich day. I’m already beginning to feel a sense of loss that soon we will be traveling away from this place. I miss my family, but I’m going to miss being with you dearly. I feel like we’re just getting started. (Which of course...we are.)

So many thoughts today. Prof. Ellen Davis continues to just floor me. For me today was just ineffably powerful. Perhaps it was the language of Jeremiah.

Perhaps it was the art. Perhaps it was her own self-disclosure relating her experience on a mountain top removal site and connecting it with the text. Or maybe it was just my own identification (on a tiny scale) of the tension Jeremiah felt between his calling from God and his calling to his own people, his own ‘daughtered people.’ Whatever it was I found myself with tears during an academic lecture. I can promise you in the seven previous years of higher education that has never happened.

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NEWS



Let me introduce two relatively new TPC members,

Caitlin and Michael Byers.

I ring with Caitlin in our handbell choir, but now as their deacon I am finding out more about this fine young couple.

Caitlin is a native Oregonian from Pendleton, although she explained that her hospital of birth was actually across the state line in Walla Walla. Her childhood is filled with fond memories of hiking, camping, and backpacking in the Eagle Cap wilderness area. Michael is a 'nearly native', having moved to Beaverton from California when he was two. Beaverton is still home for his parents, brother and sister.

They met at U of O (Go Ducks!), were married by a Presbyterian pastor, and now live in SW Portland. Michael works as a sales rep for Cronin Wood Products in Tualatin. In addition he has valuable skills in computers and technology. Currently Caitlin is in career transition, searching for the right job which will fit her passion for helping others, especially immigrants and seniors. Her other interests include reading, kayaking, and ringing handbells. Together Michael and Caitlin enjoy hiking, camping, movies and games.

This summer they had an awesome trip to Ecuador to attend a wedding and visit the family that hosted Caitlin when she studied there on a post-high school Rotary program. Despite some issues over liquids at airports, Michael enjoyed his first big international travel experience.

Although Michael's background is in the Catholic church and Caitlin grew up at First Presbyterian Church Pendleton, both feel comfortable and welcome at TPC. Caitlin first heard of TPC while on

the job as a social worker in a nursing home. She learned from Elizabeth Shafer that 'wonderful people from TPC' gave her rides to visit her husband, Don, in the nursing home. Those comments encouraged Caitlin to find out more about us. They are happy here and I am happy to have them as members of our TPC family.

Carolyn Locke, Deacon for Parish 9

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Fellowship Dinners are groups of 7 to 9 people who meet once a month for four months for a meal, usually dinner, and fellowship. The groups usually meet in homes, but they have also met in restaurants, parks and the church. The hosts provide the main course and others bring side dishes, dessert, etc. Sometimes games or activities are included. Each group arranges its own times and schedules. After four months everyone can sign up again and the computer will come up with a set of new groups.

If you haven't participated before, now is an excellent time to begin. New church members will find this a great way to get better acquainted and long-time members find it a way to expand their relationships with other church members.

Now is the time to sign up for the new round of fellowship dinners that will start in September and go through December. We are asking all who wish to participate to sign up even if you have done so in the past. You may sign up on the sheet on the tower in the narthex or by emailing Rick Crall at Crall@compix.com. **Please sign up by September 4th** so that assignments can be made by September 7th. That will give groups a chance to meet in September. You will receive an email with your group listing about September 7th, and the groups will be posted on the Narthex tower on Sunday, September 11th.

We would like to form one or more groups for families with young children. This way the adults and children can both get together and enjoy a

OPPORTUNITIES

meal and fellowship with their TPC family. If you are interested in that, be sure to mention it in your signup.

If you have questions or comments, please contact any of the following members of the Fellowship Dinners Steering Committee:

Mary Ortez 503-612-1993
Ronn and Carol Rhodes 503-885-8066
Sherry and Mike Nelson 503-692-3156
Rick and Rachel Norse 503-625-2372
Rick and Barb Crall 503-692-1677

Sunday, September 11—All Church Potluck after morning worship service. Join your TPC family for food and fellowship as we come together to reconnect after a summer of going off in different directions. There is a sign-up sheet on the tower.

Saturday, September 24, 7 pm Pinochle party at the church. All are asked to bring a snack or dessert to share. Join us if you are an experienced player, have not played in years, or would like to learn how to play.

Saturday, October 15 at noon—Soup Exchange at the church. Come for lunch and bring seven containers of soup to participate in the soup swap. We'll all go home with six different kinds of soup.

Barb Crall, Fellowship Elder

GARDEN TILE MAKING CLASS

On **Saturday, September 17** from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Melissa Evers-Hood and her mom will host a tiled cement stepping stone class. Cost is \$10 per person and attendance is limited to the first 12 registrants. The class includes a trip to Pratt & Larson downtown and then making 2-3 of your own cement stepping stones. There is a flyer on the tower in the Narthex with a list of things to bring. RSVP to 503-333-8488 or evershood@yahoo.com.

DIANNE LEMMON, OUR PARISH NURSE, INVITES YOU TO A SEMINAR:

SECURING YOUR FUTURE
Tuesday, September 27, 7 p.m. at TPC

This seminar will cover:

1. Advance Medical Directives
2. Things to know to feel more confident about reaching your financial goals.
3. Wills and estate planning
4. Planning your own funeral service

There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex tower.

MUSIC HAPPENINGS

BELL CHOIR

The bell choir will resume rehearsals on **Thursday, September 8 at 7 pm**. Martha Wilson, the director, is taking a leave of absence until January, 2012. In her absence the bell choir will be directed by Debbie Ivanov. Debbie rings in the Bells of the Cascades bell choir and is one of its original members.

The bell choir is starting the year with 8 ringers, so will only be able to ring three octaves. If you're interested in learning to ring, please talk to any choir member as they would love to welcome new people to the choir.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Choir rehearsal resumes on **Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 pm**. Since Kris Sparks will still be on vacation, her sister, Kathy Smith, will direct this first rehearsal. The choir will sing in worship on Sunday, September 18.

All are welcome to come sing in the choir. If you're interested and like to sing, please join us on Wednesday night. We work and learn together, but we also laugh and have a good time together. Give it a try! Wednesday nights 7:30 to 9 pm, downstairs in the newly refurbished choir room.

A Message from Pastor Ken-Continued from page 1. I loved our evening conversation on failure- especially Craig's note that failure is complicated. I couldn't help thinking of "wrongologist" Kathryn Schultz who writes about failure. Her main thrust is our education system teaches children that "smart" kids get the answers right and "stupid" children don't. We train people never, EVER to make a mistake. And of course every decent in the idea was only conceived and achieved after failure after failure after failure... We have to figure out a way to redeem failure.

Friday. Sigh...Aug 19, 2011 11:31 PM

I'm sitting in the Thomas Center lounge, which has become my home away from home this week. (The Center not the lounge...um...does anyone buy that?) :) I have this incredible sense of gratitude for this week. The teaching has been life changing; my colleagues sublime.

Blown away by another devastatingly brilliant lecture by Prof. Ellen Davis. She drew our attention to the narrative structure of Esther- how there is violent liberation, but how this violence is penultimate, while the final vision is one of peace. Esther's vision isn't limited to mere success for Israel but dared to dream for a larger peace. In our day of identity politics where it's every group for themselves, this offers a word of justice as a word of hope.

For the full version head to Facebook, and look up Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Friend us! ☺

In Christ,



Thank you to everyone who wrote to me at camp. A special thanks to Carolyn Locke who wrote three times. I feel so totally loved. Lots of love, Erik.

AND THANKS to Kris Sparks for having the carpets cleaned in the choir room and to Maureen and Herb Richardson for removing and disposing of the unneeded furniture and equipment.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON AUGUST 28 AT LAURA SPURRELL'S HOME

It was a beautiful afternoon high-lighted by a variety of tasty salads and shared fellowship. The women pictured below gathered to share good food, appreciate the gorgeous day and get to know each other a little better. Sincere thank you's to both Laura Spurrell and Joan Nardi for making this delightful luncheon a reality.

Pictured are:

Top row left to right: Jan Bender, Laura Spurrell, Mary Shiffer, Mary Ortez, Carolyn Locke, Barb Crall and Kendra Sundt

Middle row: Joan Nardi, Diane Paetsch, Valerie James and Nancy Wilcox

Front row: Priscilla Hagan, Barbara Harriman, Joen Morris, Sharon Capps and Marilyn Staples-Sundt.

The picture was taken by Susan Springer.



SEPTEMBER is National Emergency Preparedness Month

Throughout September there will be activities across the country to promote emergency preparedness. More than 3,000 organizations – national, regional, and local public and private organizations – are supporting emergency preparedness efforts and encouraging all Americans to take action.

September 2011 marks the eighth annual National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security. One goal of Homeland Security is to educate the public about how to prepare for emergencies, including natural disasters, mass casualties, biological and chemical threats, radiation emergencies, and terrorist attacks.

Are you prepared? During September, focus on being ready – at home, at work, and in your community – and prepare for a natural disaster or other emergency.

Get an Emergency Kit

An emergency kit includes the basics for survival: **fresh water, food, clean air, and warmth.** You should have enough supplies to survive for at least three days.

Make an Emergency Plan

Make plans with your family and friends in case you're not together during an emergency. Discuss how you'll contact each other, where you'll meet, and what you'll do in different situations. Ask about planning at your workplace and your child's school or daycare center. Workers at small, medium, and large businesses should practice for emergencies of all kinds.

Be Informed

Being prepared means staying informed. Check all types of media – Web sites, newspapers, radio, TV, mobile and land phones – for global, national and local information. During an emergency, your local Emergency Management or Emergency Services office will give you information on such things as open shelters and evacuation orders.

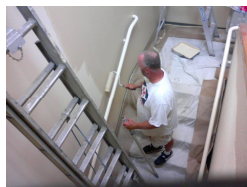
Get Involved

Look into taking first aid and emergency response training, participating in community exercises, and volunteering to support local first responders. For more information about how to become more prepared, go to www.ready.gov.

Information submitted by
Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

SESSION MEETING SUMMARY Tuesday, August 23, 2011

New Members- Bob and Diane Paetsch were interviewed by Session and approved for membership.



Fall Building Cleanup – The Narthex, hall and stairwell on the main floor have a fresh coat of paint. Downstairs the old Youth room and Adult Education Room have been

painted and thoroughly cleaned. The Youth Room and Choir Room have now traded spaces. The library has been reorganized and should now allow for meetings of up to ten people comfortably.

Eagle Scout Project – Session approved a written proposal by Neil Olsen to beautify the church grounds around the mailbox and children's play area. The proposal would include installation of a locking mailbox, new plantings, and construction of a picnic table with benches by the children's playground.

New Website – Development of the new church website is on schedule and nearly complete.

Session Retreat – The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood reported that he has come back from Duke University enthusiastic and fresh with ideas. A Session Retreat is planned for the fall to share ideas and develop a vision for the future.

The information above was taken from Session minutes. Complete copies of Session and Committee minutes are available in the church office.

Carolyn Barker
Clerk of Session

COOKING WITH SOUL, the TPC cookbook

Copies of the TPC cookbook are available for purchase, \$15. Here's a recipe from page 57.

5 Minute Chocolate Mug Cake—Pam Cameron

- 4 T flour
- 2 T cocoa
- 3 T milk
- 1T chocolate chips, opt'l
- 1 large coffee mug
- 4 T Sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 T oil
- 2 small splashes of vanilla

Add dry ingredients to mug and mix well. Add the egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil. Mix well. Add chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla extract. Mix again. Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts. The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed. Allow to cool a little. Tip onto a plate, if desired. Eat!

TUALATIN VALLEY PRESCHOOL

For a number of years the Tualatin Valley Preschool has met in the lower level of the church. We're pleased to have them back for another school year. Theirs is a co-op preschool so parent participation is important for their school to run smoothly.

They have a morning and an afternoon session for both 3 and 4 year olds.

Seniors (4 year olds)
 Mon/Wed/Fri 9 to 11:30 am
 Mon/Wed/Fri 12:30 to 3 pm

Juniors (3 year olds)
 T-Th 9 to 11:30 am
 T-Th 12:30 to 3:00 pm

For more information, go to their website, tualatin-valleypreschool.org.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Ken Evers-Hood
- 03 Erin Maurer
- 04 Bill James
- 05 Jackson Martson
- 06 Joel Norman
- 06 Katie VanSchoi-ack Timmins
- 07 Claudia Wahl
- 07 Nancy MacHaffie
- 08 Charlie Brown
- 09 Katrina Weener
- 10 Dee Dee Hansen
- 10 Corbin Bowen
- 11 Louise Ludwig
- 11 Karly Corona
- 16 Edda Brown
- 18 Vic Collins
- 20 Rachel Norse
- 20 Robbie Price
- 20 Hannah Price
- 21 Dee Johnson
- 22 Emily Gibson
- 23 Debbie Imus
- 26 Luke Winkler
- 26 Phil Friesen
- 27 Ted Pelletier
- 27 Doug Steffen
- 28 Marsha Steffen
- 29 Heather Harriman
- 29 Owen Schmidt
- 30 Priscilla Hagan

TPC PER CAPITA EXPENSE

\$22.90 for each member

If you haven't already, please pay your per capita fee for 2011. Make your check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Your treasurer will thank you. As of July 30, we're short \$1,634.91.

2011 FINANCIALS

Income Year to Date (as of 7-31-2011)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$174,110	\$174,890	(\$780)
Expenses Year to Date (as of 7-31-2011)			
	\$161,807	\$173,086	\$11,279

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 10:30 Worship	5 7 pm Spiritual Formation off site. For more information, talk to Laura Spurrell 503-692-7034	6 7 pm Fellowship meeting	7 7:30 pm Women's choir rehearsal	8 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	9 10 to noon Loving Stitches	10
11 9:15 Adult Ed. 10:30 Worship All Church Potluck after worship	12 7 pm Deacon meeting	13 7 pm Mission meeting	14 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	15 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	16	17 7:30 pm Men's fellowship breakfast 9:30 am Garden Tile Class
18 9:15 Adult Ed. 10:30 Worship Sunday School during worship	19	20 7 pm Session meeting 7 pm Tuesdays Treasures	21 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	22 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	23 10 am to noon Loving Stitches	24 7 pm Pinochle Party
25 9:15 Adult Ed. 10:30 Worship Sunday School during worship	26	27 9 am Oct. newsletter deadline 7 pm Seminar: Securing Your Future	28 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	29 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	30	

Regular TPC office hours are
Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Please call (503) 692-4160 or email Rhoda@tpcspirit.org
if you've moved or changed your email address.
Church website: www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

NOTE: Deadline for the October newsletter is 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27.
Please email articles to newsletter@tpcspirit.org.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The directory is updated frequently. If your directory is more than a year old,
please come to the office and pick up a current one.

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Remember...



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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

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