

MY EXPERIENCE WITH STEPHEN MINISTRY AT TPC

I was skeptical that Stephen Ministry would be of any benefit to me and my situation, but I figured I'd give it a try and see what happens. I was familiar with the type of ministry they provide and felt that I wasn't that needy. I wasn't dealing with a sudden loss or lifestyle change or major life event. Things were just snowballing slowly for me and I could feel the burden slowly increase.

It was a great experience and it helped me a lot. Just being able to meet with someone who could patiently listen and provide feedback was helpful in itself, but most helpful was having someone support me through my own thoughts and actions as I slowly rolled that snowball back up the hill.

My problems weren't solved, and they didn't have to be. But I am stronger for the experience and have more confidence in my ability to persevere through difficulties.

Because of my work schedule, at times I was out of work and it was easy to meet up. At other times it was really hard to find time. All the while my Stephen Minister remained flexible to my schedule and I never felt pressure to make time. It was more like he was just always there whenever I was available and that was really cool.

I was aware of the program from my previous church and knew it also existed at TPC but never thought it was for me. I was talking to Pastor Ken in his office and he suggested it. I was skeptical, as I mentioned, and said I probably didn't need something like that. But he's a smart dude and I was feeling that God had put us together in that moment of conversation and maybe it was just the path I should take, so I took it.

Anyway, in summary... I didn't think I needed it, but I did. I didn't think it would help me, but it did. I am glad I took the path.

And they lived happily ever after. The End.
John Whitehurst

Editor's Note: John met with his Stephen Minister for two years. At the end of that time, John and his Stephen Minister decided to terminate their formal Stephen Ministry relationship. They now enjoy each other's friendship.



Dear Marc's Mob and TPC donors,

Thank you very much for all your efforts in supporting the ALS Association during the recent bike ride! I hear it went great and just wish I would have been there to cheer you on. For those that learned more about biking muscles just for this ride, a special thank you. I never was much of a bike rider so would have been a hurting pup as well.

The near \$5000.00 generated by the group is a super 'bump' for the ALS Association. The research out there right now appears on the cusp of moving towards a cure (stem cells, T-cells, gene therapy, synthetic drugs, etc.). This money will help push to a cure. I greatly thank you for that.

I have been in a trial that uses my own stem cells to try and stop the progression of ALS. I don't know at this point if I have the 'good' stuff (50/50 placebo trial), but I remain positive. Supplements, acupuncture, meditation, and massage all are part of my routine now and round out my push back on the disease.

I truly hope to be riding with you next year to defeat ALS. Thanks again, Marc Olson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP
All are invited.



TPC CHANCEL CHOIR

"Dear TPC,

It's almost September and that means it's almost choir time! We welcome all who want to come and enjoy the fun. The only qualification is you come with a servant's heart. Being able to sing happy birthday from memory is also helpful.

We will be doing a blend of everything from traditional choral anthems to arrangements of contemporary praise and worship music. Our Christmas cantata is a collection of wonderful arrangements of traditional Christmas carols and Advent music from around the world. As you can see, there is something for every musical taste.

The choir starts back on September 4th (Wednesday). We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 PM. If you want more information, please send me an email at garywayneyoung@gmail.com.

I/we hope to see you in September!

Blessings, Gary"



Adult Edge -Resumes Sept. 8, 2019

by Jean Martin

After a summer sabbatical, Adult Edge will resume the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8, 2019. If you are unfamiliar with Adult Edge, it is TPC's version of Sunday morning adult education with an innovative vibe. The class is discussion-focused and question-friendly—a safe and thoughtful space to explore contemporary

theology, spiritual formation, and social justice issues. Sometimes taught by Pastor Ken and sometimes facilitated by class volunteers, Adult Edge uses a variety of learning methods—books, DVDs, and lecture—but the real richness comes through shared conversation. Adult Edge meets on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM, downstairs in the Adult Education room. Childcare is available. All are welcome!

We will spend time on Sunday, September 8, catching up on what is going on in our lives and hearing about all our summer adventures. Last year, we reconvened with a beloved tradition called the *Ingathering of the Waters*, borrowed from the Unitarian church near where we used to live in Fort Worth. We found last year's ritual so inspirational that we decided to make it an annual Adult Edge fall tradition! So, if you still have adventure plans (either around the globe or in your backyard), collect some water—from a lake or river or ocean or the tap of an old friend—in a small jar or bottle and bring it with you to Adult Edge on Sunday, September 8. As we check in, we will pour our jars and bottles of water into a common bowl and share the source and why the water is meaningful to us. If you have already done all your adventuring or forget your water, you can give us the verbal version!

We will also watch the trailer for our new fall study, *Pro-Future Faith: The Prodigal Species Comes Home*. Featuring eco-theologian, author, and TEDx speaker, Rev. Michael Dowd, *Pro-Future Faith* is a dynamic eight-session DVD-based course that bridges the gap between head and heart and science and faith. Dowd suggests that we are living in challenging and confusing times and religion and science each has a vital role to play. Given our impact on Earth's climate, soils, seas, forests, and other species, we are already in the early stages of, what could be called, *The Great Reckoning*. Dowd's intention in this course is to lift up the evolutionary purpose of religion and the ecological necessity of science to assist all of us in reclaiming our moral and prophetic voice on behalf of future generations.

No stranger to Portland, Rev. Michael Dowd headed *The Portland Sustainable Lifestyle Campaign* from 1997 to 2000.

Please join us for this timely, and what will surely be, a thought-provoking study!



TPC Readers Continue Fall of 2019

by Jean Martin

Although we took a summer break during July and August, two TPC reading groups have been faithfully reading and discussing fiction books with spiritual themes since September 2017. Priscilla Hagan graciously opens her home and skillfully facilitates our discussions. Each group meets once a month from 10 to 11:30 AM in Priscilla's home to talk about the month's book.

Please note the new schedule starting in September 2019: groups will meet on the SECOND and Third Thursday mornings. (Thus, if you have been used to coming on the fourth Thursday, please note this change to the SECOND Thursday; the third Thursday class remains the same!)

Our 2019 reading journey has immersed us in a touching love story between a Chinese boy and a Japanese girl during the imprisonment of Japanese citizens from Seattle during World War II (*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*), taken us back to the seventeenth century struggles of the first Native American students at Harvard (*Caleb's Crossing*), and given us a haunting glimpse of the cost of war through the eyes of four individuals caught up in the siege of Sarajevo (*The Cellist of Sarajevo*). It has been richly rewarding to hear each reader's insights and experience a deeper connection with other TPC members.

We will resume reading in September 2019 by going back to World War II with *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, the story of a young girl who saved her soul by reading stolen books in Nazi Germany. **Next up in October is *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas**, in which the careful balance Starr maintains between her poor black neighborhood and the posh school she attends is shattered by the shooting of her best friend from childhood by a white police officer. **Our November title is *In the Midst of Winter* by Isabel Allende**, a sweeping novel that journeys from present-day Brooklyn to Guatemala in the recent past to 1970s Chile and Brazil—a timely message about immigration and the meaning of home.

We will finish 2019 with a Christmas brunch at Priscilla's to share book suggestions for 2020.

We have limited openings in both the Second and Third Thursday morning reading groups. If you are interested in joining us on our reading journey, please contact Priscilla Hagan, Carolyn Hale, or Jean Martin. We also have a few folks who are interested in starting an evening reading group. If a TPC evening reading opportunity would appeal to you, please contact Jean Martin.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER GROUPS

We are at the beginning of the twelfth year of the Fellowship Dinners Program, and all partici-

pants need to sign-up in September.

Fellowship dinners are groups of 7 to 9 people who meet four times in four months for a meal and fellowship. The groups usually meet in homes, but they have also met in restaurants, parks and at TPC. The hosts provide the main course and others bring side dishes, dessert, etc. Sometimes games or activities are included. Each group decides the times that work best for all to gather. While most groups meet in the evening for dinner, a brunch has sometimes worked best.

The fall phase goes from October to January of 2020. After each four-month phase, the computer comes up with new random groups. This gives everybody the chance to connect and know even more people in the church. New church members will find this a great way to get better acquainted and longtime members find it a way to expand their relationships with other church members.

Once a year, in September, we ask everyone to sign up again at the beginning of the fall phase. Your participation in the 2020 winter/spring and summer phase will be automatic, but you will have the opportunity to opt out. Recent participants can sign up by replying to an email they will receive by September 1st. Or, you may sign up using the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or by emailing Rick Crall, re3ri@gmail.com by **September 15th**. You will receive an email with your group listed about September 19th, and the groups will be posted in the Narthex on Sunday, Sept. 22.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - FALL SOCIAL AND PLANNING MEETING

Looking forward to the fall leaves turning or maybe you want to turn over a new leaf yourself? Join the women of TPC for a Saturday morning salad social and a chance to provide your input on what programs, study, or field trips you would like in the next year.

Date: Saturday, September 21

Time: 10:30 am to noon

Place: Home of Carolyn Barker – 16966 SW Cobblestone Drive in Sherwood (detailed directions will be sent in a later email)

Bring: Salad or dessert to share

Join the women of TPC in fellowship and help make Women's Ministry interesting and inspiring by sharing your ideas.

Judy Nix, Communications Coordinator



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Family Promise Week - September 22 - 29

We have been so blessed with help to make this program successful! PLEASE help us for our next Host Week. You can either sign up on the sheet by the kitchen, or email Derrilyn at dabayha@mac.com. Tell us the days you are available and what you would like to do - Prepare and eat dinner with guests (5:30-7) - fellowship with guests (6:30 - 8:30) or spend the night (8:30 pm - 7:00 am) - THANKS - Derrilyn Bayha (661-747-8447) and Pam Bowen

KEN'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY AT TPC

Ken is celebrating 15 years at TPC. On his 10th anniversary Jean and John Martin produced a video in which we interviewed all of the members of the PNC. Below is a link to that video. Take a look! <https://vimeo.com/291572020>

NOTARY PUBLIC

Occasionally the church needs to have a document notarized. Is anyone in the congregation a licensed notary? If yes, please contact Susan Springer in the office. 503-692-4160 or office @ tpcspirit.org. Thanks.



STILL TIME TO CONTRIBUTE AND WHY IT MATTERS!

The Stewardship Team hopes you've had a wonderful summer with family and friends! We'd like to remind those who haven't contributed to Per Capita that your support does matter and will help us meet our 2019 goal. Our Per Capita for 2019 is \$35.50 for each member.

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. Per Capita assists in the following:

- Staff and committees which provide resources to pastors and elders

- Warm Springs Presbyterian Church as it provides humanitarian and spiritual services on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

- Our Synod which consists of 11 Presbyteries covering Oregon, Idaho, California and Nevada. The Synod

 - Funds projects that help presbytery leaders understand our emerging spiritual context

 - Offers low cost loans for Energy efficiency projects on church properties

- The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) which

 - Promotes international and ecumenical dialog and partnership,

 - Provides legal services and advocacy (a minister in this presbytery received legal help to secure a visa so he could keep serving his congregation)

 - Holds conventions and conferences where Presbyterians come together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

Your contribution matters to the Presbyterian Church and directly to TPC. Per Capita payments (\$35.50 per member) can be paid during our regular Sunday offerings or email Mike Shiffer for more information - finance@tpcspirit.org.

Maureen Wolf, Stewardship & Admin. Elder.

CLUB 365

Our efforts in ending homelessness for children and their families are not yet finished and your support is needed.

Every day of every week throughout the year, mothers and fathers strive to provide for their children. But on any given night in our area hundreds of families will be homeless and wondering where their next meal will come from, or where they will sleep that evening.

This does not include singles and the chronically homeless. Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Over 40% of the U.S. homeless population are families with children. Studies estimate between 1.5-2.5 million children are homeless in the United States. This means one out of every 30 to 50 children is homeless.

Family Promise was started to help eliminate the growing population of homeless families. Shelters fill up quickly and most segregate by age and gender. Family Promise is unique in that we keep the family together during this process. No parent wants to split up their family.

For just \$1 a day, your contributions will help us provide shelter, food and case management for our homeless families. You can help by becoming a 365 Club Member.

As a 365 Club Member you will receive:

- Recognition on our website
- Recognition in our monthly newsletter
- Tax deduction receipt
- Complimentary tickets to our events

How to participate?
Club 365 donations are accepted by setting up automatic monthly payments of \$30.50 per month (or more!) via PayPal, or credit/debit card, or by mail. Go to the Family Promise website: <https://www.familypromiseoftc.org> and click on Donate Here, then Club 365.

If you have questions, please contact Derrilyn Bayha, Pam Bowen or Judy Nix.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

August, 2019

Session approved the Building Usage Plan for September 2019 through January 2020.

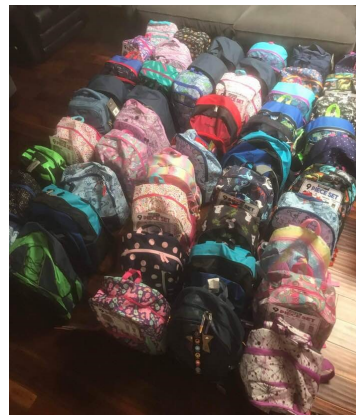
To provide guidance and responsibility for the needs of communication and fellowship, Session approved the position description for the Communications Elder, and the position description for Director of Fellowship.

It was announced that TPC has received a grant of \$15,000 in support of the Log College Project that seeks to provide modernized approaches to youth programs, and the receipt of the Lilly Grant for Clergy Renewal that, among other things, provides funding to TPC for the interim pastor during Ken's sabbatical next year.

The next Session meeting will take place on Saturday, September 21 during Session's all-day retreat to be held at TPC

The above information has been compiled from meeting minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session



ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE RESULTS

Huge thank you to all who donated to our annual school supply drive. Fifty filled backpacks were donated for kindergarteners who need a little help in the Tigard Tualatin School District.

This is truly putting God's love into action. Helping the littlest in our community to start the school year off right and ready to learn. What a blessing to be a part of such a generous and loving congregation.

Rebecca Olsen, Mission Committee

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DEL JUDY Saturday, September 7, 2 pm at TPC

TPC PHOTO DIRECTORIES will be available in September.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Middle School Mission - collecting trash



Middle School Log College

HOOD TO COAST, August 23/24



Summer Program Camp



This mighty team of twelve ran 199 miles starting at 7:30 am on Friday, August 23 from Mt. Hood.



Sunday School Project



Runners included Sarah Beck, Jeff Engh, Leigh Christopherson-Engh, Ches Evers-Hood, Ken Evers-Hood, Jodi Glock, Brian Glock, Renee James, Jason James, Jennifer Robles, Shannon Houser, Andrew Larson. Team volunteers were Branden Pursinger, Susan Springer and Justin Steckler



TPC 2019 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 7/31/19	\$245,819	\$247,003	(\$1,184)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 7/31/19	\$237,871	\$244,013	\$6,142

SEPTEMBER TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on EVENTS.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship Kid's Summer Art	2 Labor Day Office closed.	3	4 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 10 am Project Linus 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	6	7 2 pm Memorial Service for Del Judy
8 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School Potluck after worship	9 7 pm Deacon meeting	10 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	11 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 10 am Book Club at Hagan home 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	13	14
15 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School	16	17	18 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19 10 am Book Club at Hagan home 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	20	21 Session Meet- ing/Retreat
22 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School	23	24 9 am October newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	25 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	27	28
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29 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School Deacon Dog Sunday	30					

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02-Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood
03-Erin Mauer
04-Bill James
05-Spencer Cameron
08-Rev. Charlie Brown
09-Landen Norlin
09-Katrina Weener
10-Dee Dee Hansen
10-Grace Love
11-Karly Corona
12-Charlotte Holland
12-Anna Sweetland
12-Kerry Weaver

13-Sharon Capps
15-Eliza Swanson
14-Julie Nader
16-Edda Brown
18-Jalen Carlson
18-Vic Collins
18-Emma Wolf
20-Ryleigh
Christopherson-Engh
20-Rachel Norse
20-Karen Ramos
21-Linda Duncan
21-Dee Johnson
22-Emily Gibson

22-Jason James
23-Debbie Imus
23-John Whitehurst
24-Michael Byers
24-Jeremy Reding
26-Luke Winkler
27-Ted Pelletier
27-Doug Steffen
28-Marsha Steffen
29-Owen Schmidt
30-Priscilla Hagan



TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

Parish Associates: The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Ian Swanson, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Donna Hammersly, Jason James, Julie Nader, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck
Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer
Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer
Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov
Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch
Art Director: Chris Robertson
Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall
Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall
Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst
Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord
Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch
Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver
Parish Nurse: Susan Fee
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus
Treasurer: Chip Kyle
Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins
Webmaster: John Martin
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.