

FROM THE DEACONS...

At the deacon meeting on Monday, August 10, Karen Ramos shared these words by Jessica Kantrowitz. They spoke to all the deacons. They may speak to you, as well.

Words from Jessica Kantrowitz's Twitter page:
 Peace to those struggling with decisions & all choices seem bad & you can't even remember the point of making good ones
 Peace to those working too hard & those already exhausted when you awake
 Peace to all who seek peace outside when there is a well of deep, cool water within
 Peace to the angry, the righteous & the unrighteous, the pointlessly pissed off & the irrationally irritated
 To those who are in the wrong & doubling down & those who are in the right but no one seems to care
 Peace to those whose anger keeps grief & despair (marginally) at bay
 Peace to the parents tonight who never thought they'd have to parent through this
 Peace to bad decisions & hard decisions & impossible decisions
 To those who worked & dreamed your whole lives to make this work & now your dreams must be put on hold or change completely
 Peace to your body tonight – back sore, feet tired; shoulders tense
 Peace to arms that lift & hold others & empty arms that long to be filled
 Peace to the warmth & softness of your skin, your fingers stroking your bare arms
 Your hands brushing hair back from your own weary brow
 Peace to those who are happy & it feels weird to be happy when many are sad
 Those in love or doing their dream job or fascinated by their studies
 & peace to the inexplicable joy that comes now & then even in the hardest times
 When a small thing reminds you that you are alive!

Jessica Kantrowitz is a writer and theologian living in Boston, Massachusetts. She writes about theology, culture, social justice, and chronic illness, including her own struggles with depression and migraines.



WORDS FROM OUR PARISH NURSE, SUSAN FEE, REGARDING COVID 19

I know it feels like this pandemic is getting old and we are all tired of it, but we are making progress. It is very important that we continue to follow the guidelines so we can get ahead of this virus, especially with flu season right around the corner. Please remember to get your flu shot this year.

Also remember:

1. If we want to get through this more quickly and with less loss, we must all wear masks when out in public indoors or in close proximity outdoors.
2. It is very important to maintain 6 feet or more social distance.
3. If someone near you is not wearing a mask, turn around and walk away.
4. Very few people have a true medical reason to prevent wearing a mask, and those who do are so high risk, they should stay home.
5. Masks need to be worn over the mouth and nose.
6. If you are at higher risk for more serious illness if you contract Covid-19 (age over 60, heart or lung disease, diabetes, compromised immune system), consider staying home. Avoid places where you are not in control of your environment.
7. Large group activities and travel are two high-risk activities that are not recommended at this time.

Be safe. Be well. If you are feeling alone, depressed or overwhelmed, please reach out to someone.

Susan Fee, TPC Parish Nurse

GARY YOUNG DEPARTING TPC

Gary Young has found a position closer to his home. Though he has enjoyed his time at TPC, Gary got an offer he could not pass up. His wife's church, Lake Oswego United Methodist Church, offered Gary the music director position, and he has accepted. His last day at TPC will be Sunday, September 6. After an incredible season, we are sad to be wishing Gary Young well as he departs for a new position closer to home...

INTRODUCING THOMAS WOODBRIDGE

New Video Editor Intern from George Fox Univ. Our volunteer video editors have been doing a



great job putting together our Sunday worship services. It has definitely been a "learn as you go experience." TPC was recently given an opportunity to add some more expertise to our team.

We have just hired a Video Editor Intern. Welcome Thomas Woodbridge!

Thomas is a Senior at George Fox University, majoring in Cinema and Media Communications and will graduate in December. Thomas has four years' experience in all areas of video production. Video editing is his favorite professional activity.

Thomas will assume primary responsibility for preparing our Sunday worship videos. He likes to be creative so it will be fun to see what he comes up with. This will be a great opportunity for TPC to learn from, and consult with, Thomas. He will work under the supervision of our current editors, John Martin and Mike Shiffer.

As a George Fox University student, Thomas lives in Newberg. He was raised in Renton, Washington and he has three younger brothers. He also played football at George Fox for three years. Thomas loves the outdoors and particularly likes to surf at Pacific City. Fun fact – before starting college, Thomas raised and sold fish. Apparently, his room was filled with fish tanks. If you receive an email from video@tpcspirit.org, you have been contacted by Thomas. He looks forward to his time at TPC! Submitted by Mike Shiffer

PAUL'S VEGGIES

This has been a very different year with the Covid unknowns. Linda and I were concerned this spring



that we might have a hard time finding a home for our veggies without on-site Sunday morning services,

but the opposite has happened.

Everyone is home this summer and willing and able to cook vs dine out. We have a problem of shortage versus surplus. All of our veggies have been distributed by Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Diane Paetsch, John Casebeer, and Laura Spurrell. They have done a great job and we are very thankful for their help. We have chosen to continue to have them distribute the veggies because of the ongoing Covid problem.

If you have purchased veggies in past years and have not gotten any, let us know and we will get someone to get you some. We don't have enough to supply everyone each week. Weather permitting, we plan on having vegetables through September.

Paul and Linda Fukasawa



Photos by The Rev. Dick Wiggers.

TPC Adult Edge Goes Virtual September 13, 2020

by Jean Martin

After a longer than usual pandemic sabbatical, Adult Edge will resume via Zoom at 8:45 AM the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13, 2020. Look for a Zoom link for Adult Edge on the TPC website.

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. Coordinated by John & Jean Martin and facilitated by class volunteers, Adult Edge has historically used a variety of learning methods—book studies and DVD classes—but the real richness of the class emerges through shared conversation.

It will be a work in progress to determine what class formats work best in Zoom settings, but we are excited to spend time together again. All are welcome—a Zoom conversation before worship on Sunday mornings is a great opportunity for choir members who are missing their Sunday morning choir rehearsals or anyone who didn't like to rise early enough to get dressed and drive to the church at such an early hour. Pajamas and your very own cup of coffee or tea are welcome on Zoom!

We will spend time on Sunday, September 13, catching up on what is going on in our lives and hearing about what we have been doing during this very odd year. Two years ago, 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 the ritual so inspirational that we decided to make it an annual Adult Edge fall tradition. We realize that the coronavirus threw a monkey wrench into most travel plans so we will have to be extra creative this year. You may not have a bottle or jar of actual water from a near or distant river or lake, but please think about how you tapped into the restorative power of water this year. What was a life-giving spring for you this summer?

We will resume our interrupted study of *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving on September 20. Don't worry if you missed the first few chapters last March. We will do a comprehensive review on September 20 to catch everyone up and then proceed with a revised reading schedule. The author of *Waking Up White* shares her own struggle to

understand racism and racial tensions and offers a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance.

Please join us for this timely and thought-provoking study! Any questions, please contact Jean or John Martin.

TPC Readers Meet Via Zoom in 2020

by Jean Martin

Although we had a little interruption this spring from COVID-19, two TPC reading groups (one on Second Thursday mornings, the other on Third Thursdays) have resumed reading and discussing fiction books with spiritual themes via Zoom. Priscilla Hagan facilitates discussion of the monthly book selection from 10 to 11:30 AM.

We will resume reading in September 2020 with *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Set in Minnesota in 1932, four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds.

October's book, *Gardens of Water* by Alan Drew, is an enthralling story of two families and two faiths. Set in Turkey in 1999, the novel tells the story of Irem, who dreams of escaping the confines of her family and the duties of a devout Muslim woman. Irem sees in Dylan, an American boy and her upstairs neighbor, the enticing promise of another life.

In November, our book selection is *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline. Between 1854 and 1929, orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family, or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servitude? As a young Irish immigrant, Vivian Daly was one such child, sent by rail from New York City to an uncertain future a world away.

We have limited openings in both the Second and Third Thursday Readers. If these books sound good to you and you would like to join either of these groups, please contact Priscilla Hagan, Carolyn Hale, or Jean Martin.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Let’s hear it for our local school children. They most likely will be following distance learning practices this fall, but they still need to have school supplies that they can use at home and then hopefully, take back to the classroom when it is safe to do so.



As in years past, TPC will be supporting kindergartners in the Tigard Tualatin School District. They appreciate the support and value our contributions to ensuring these children get off to a great start.

To help, please visit the giving page on our website: <https://tpcspirit.org/members/giving/> and leave an offering next to the section marked school supplies. It will take approximately \$25.00 to buy the supplies that each student needs and if feeling generous, an additional \$15.00 - \$20.00 to purchase a colorful backpack. Any and all donations will be gladly accepted and the opportunity to donate will be on our website thru Sept. 13th.

The Mission Committee and TTSD Thanks You,
Russ Carlin – Mission Elder



THANKS so much for all your continued financial assistance that has allowed us to purchase groceries and move-in basket items since the pandemic started. During TPC’s last host week, we fed nine families with groceries for a week, totaling \$450 (about \$50 per family). With the implementation of the CARES Emergency Shelter Program (ESP) that Family Promise is managing, we are all helping more families. TPC is slated to host in September and then again in December, which is when the ESP program is targeted to end.

Since March 2020, FPTV has assisted in securing housing for 21 families, (77 individuals). These numbers represent 11 traditional FP families and 10 additional families who got housing in the month the CARES program has been up and

running. Since FPTV manages the CARES program adhering to the same tenants as the traditional Family Promise program (drug/alcohol free, ability to work, commitment to goals), we anticipate most of these families will keep their housing. To date, all families under the traditional FPTV program have sustained their housing, which for some is 1.5 years. Truly, TPC’s support and participation in this mission is making a difference in the lives of people who need a “hand up.”

Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen,
TPC Family Promise Coordinators
Judy Nix, Family Promise Move-in Team and Board Member

CONNECT TO TPC

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10:10 am
Go to church website, tpcspirit.org. Or Facebook.

ZOOM

Zoom enables you to interactively participate in a virtual meeting with other TPC folks. To find the links for regular zoom meetings (the “Virtual Coffee Hour” after Sunday morning worship, and the weekday 9 am Prayer meetings)” go to tpcspirit.org/Links/ . That page is updated weekly or as needed.

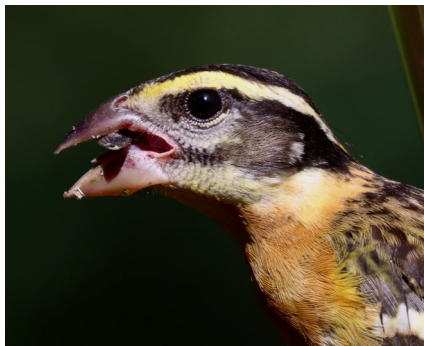
To join a ZOOM meeting, simply click the link from a message or web page. If it is outside the times for that meeting you’ll get a message, “Please wait for the host to start this meeting” which indicates that your computer is set up properly.

Problems? Look at [Zoom Step-by-step](#) or send an email message to support@tpcspirit.org. [Zoom Step-by-step](#) also contains useful additional information about navigating some of the features, and alternatives available with Zoom.

TPC 2020 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 7/31/20	\$260,122	\$241,029	\$19,093
Operating Expenses Year to Date 7/31/20	\$232,626	\$237,184	\$4,558

BIRDING WITH REBECCA BACKEN

Sitting in our backyard, tea in hand...that is how Dave and I have spent most of our time this spring and summer. Now enjoying the



last vestiges of this season, we recognize that any day this friend will disappear. He seemingly has made our sunflower seed feeder his favorite fly through, emptying it of its seeds in very short order.

Each year I look forward to visitations from so many diverse and beautiful feathered friends. Likewise, I am saddened by their leave taking. Instead of focusing on what I will be missing when they are gone, I have been trying to drink in the happiness and pleasure they have provided us while they are here. How fortunate we are that they found our yard and decided to call it theirs for this season.

When they do fly, as I know they will, we will get busy planning and planting new plants in anticipation of their return. We want our yard, which in essence is their guest bedroom, to be as relaxing and comfortable and welcoming as humanly possible.

Rebecca Backen

SUMMER GARDEN PASTA

Recipe by Ina Garten
4 pints cherry tomatoes, halved

1/2 C good olive oil
2 T minced garlic (6 cloves)

18 large basil leaves, julienned, plus extra for serving

1/2 tsp crushed red pepper flakes

Kosher salt

1/2 tsp freshly ground black pepper

1 lb dried angel hair pasta

1 1/2 C freshly grated Parmesan cheese, plus extra for serving.



Directions:

1. Combine the cherry tomatoes, 1/2 C olive oil, garlic, basil leaves, red pepper flakes, 1 tsp salt, and the pepper in a large bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside at room temperature for about 4 hours.

2. Just before you're ready to serve, bring a large pot of water with a splash of olive oil and 2 tablespoons salt to a boil and add the pasta. Cook al dente according to the directions on the package (be careful - it only takes 2 to 3 minutes!) Drain the pasta well and add to the bowl with the cherry tomatoes. Add the cheese and some extra fresh basil leaves and toss well. Serve in big bowls with extra cheese on each serving. Makes 6 servings



DIFFICULT DAY

"Today was a Difficult Day," said Pooh.

There was a pause.

"Do you want to talk about it?" asked Piglet.

"No," said Pooh after a bit. "No, I don't think I do."

"That's okay," said Piglet, and he came and sat beside his friend.

"What are you doing?" asked Pooh.

"Nothing, really," said Piglet. "Only, I know what Difficult Days are like. I quite often don't feel like talking about it on my Difficult Days either."

"But goodness," continued Piglet, "Difficult Days are so much easier when you know you've got someone there for you. And I'll always be there for you, Pooh."

And as Pooh sat there, working through in his head his Difficult Day, while the solid, reliable Piglet sat next to him quietly, swinging his little legs...he thought that his best friend had never been more right." A.A. Milne

Pastor Ken leads morning prayer group weekdays at 9 am on Zoom. All are welcome.



Sarah Beck and Jeff Engh meet with the children on Zoom. Also Christina Robertson, Sandy Gurney, and John Whitehurst, not pictured.



Sunday morning worship, 10:10 on website, www.tpcspirit.org. Also on Facebook.

"Never Alone", Ryan Nearhoff Megan Swanson & Gary Young



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
2020		1 9 am morning prayer on Zoom	2 9 am morning prayer on Zoom	3 9 am morning prayer on Zoom	4 9 am morning prayer on Zoom	5
6 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook.	7 9 am morning prayer on Zoom	8 9 am morning prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	9 9 am morning prayer on Zoom	10 9 am morning prayer on Zoom Book Group Meeting on Zoom	11 9 am morning prayer on Zoom	12
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Happy Birthday!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02-Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood
03-Erin Mauer
04-Bill James
05-Spencer Cameron
06-Kevin Owen
07-Nancy MacHaffie
08-Rev. Charlie Brown
09-Katrina Weener

10-DeeDee Hansen
10-Grace Love
11-Karly Renée Imus Brown
12-Charlotte Holland
12-Anna Sweetland
12-Kerry Weaver
13-Sharon Capps
14-Julie Nader
15-Eliza Swanson
16-Edda Brown
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

The church office is closed due to Covid-19; employees are working from home.
The building is not available for meetings.

You are invited to worship with us on line on Sundays starting at 10:10 am.
Go to the church website, www.tpcspirit.org Or Facebook.

If you wish to leave a voicemail message, call the church office
at 503-692-4160. Messages are checked regularly.



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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

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

Elders: Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin, Jeff Engh, Joan Nardi (acting), Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos
Ian Swanson, and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Julie Nader, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck
Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: 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: Liz Belz-Templeman

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst
Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall
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

The office is closed. Can leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.