



## Next Steps for TPC

### Interim Pastor Search Underway!

Our Interim Pastor Search Committee is hard at work! Thank you to Roger Smith, Carolyn Hale and Sherry Nelson! The committee completed an interim pastor position description that was approved by TPC Session and accepted by the Presbytery Committee on Ministry. The Committee on Ministry used that description to provide our committee with a list of three candidates and their personal information. The committee is very excited about all three of the candidates and believes that TPC would be blessed with any one of these individuals sharing their ministry with us. Session will continue regular updates on the work of the committee.

Our committee reports that the candidates are all experienced interim pastors, seriously interested in serving our congregation. Two are from out-of-state, and one is from Oregon. The next step is to arrange for each candidate to come to our area to preach in a neutral pulpit and be heard by our committee. This is being scheduled for October and November.

Given that we are looking at candidates beyond Oregon, any donated frequent flyer miles to help with transportation would be gladly accepted. Contact Roger Smith, Committee Chairperson. Stay tuned as the Interim Pastor selection process unfolds!

If you have any questions, concerns or need pastoral care during this time period, please don't hesitate to call Rhoda Friesen at the church office (503-692-4160), your Deacon or any member of Session. They will put you in touch with a pastor who will be able to help you. As always, we truly are in God's hands.

#### Deacons

- Becky Backen
- Marion Beyer
- Bob Bolton
- Tom Hahn
- Dee Dee Hansen
- Debbie Imus
- Paula Miller
- Lynn Scroggin

#### Elders

- Carolyn Hale
- Barb Harriman
- Del Judy
- Dave Leland
- Erin Nelson
- Sherry Nelson
- Jerry Shiffer
- Roger Smith
- Janet Winterrowd

## New TPC Members

We give a special welcome to new members Gil & Shirl Garcia who were received by Session on August 22 by letter of transfer from the First Presbyterian Church of Redlands, CA. On Sunday, September 8, congregation welcomed them along with their daughter Terra. They bring strong commitment and rich gifts to the life of our faith community.



### Baptisms

Bruce and Donna Benner's granddaughter, Sydney Benner, was baptized at TPC on September 22. Sydney, age three, is the daughter of Joshua Benner of Colorado Springs, CO.

### A Message from Heather Chase (TPC Member & Supported Seminary Student – Candidate for Ministry)

In the Mission Yearbook of Prayer, Sunday, September 22 was Theological Education Sunday. What is theological education? According to Webster's Dictionary, more or less, the process of providing training or schooling for studying the nature of God. Theological education is required for future Presbyterian ordained ministers...so if you want to be a pastor, go to seminary. Don't be fooled, however, that seminary is only for pastors and professors. All kinds of people experience theological educations.

As Christians, we are constantly called upon to follow God. How can one follow unless one has some idea of who the leader is? An important part of our training as seminarians is to better understand God and from that, discover where God is calling us into ministry. We learn this not only through class work and field study, but also through our relationship with God. Please take a moment to reflect on --- where are you discovering God in your life? Where is God calling you? The Church? Please pray for those called to theological education.

Heather Chase



## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for Gary Duvall, former member of Calvin Church, who has been diagnosed with Spinal Cancer. He and wife Pam now live in Bremerton Washington.

Prayers for Dave Backen who is unemployed at this time.

Continued prayers for Muriel Powers.

Prayers for all the college students who have gone to college. Prayers for the parents as well.

Joys for Rick Norse who recently found that his liver tumor was benign. Rick will not need surgery.

Don and Elizabeth Shafer would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness, meals, cards and prayers during Elizabeth's long illness. The struggle goes on. "Love, grace and peace from Don and Elizabeth Shafer."

Many thanks to Greg Owen's dad, Walter Owen, of New Albany, Indiana for making four more offering plates. Walter had made the original four offering plates in 1997.

Kevin Owen recently visited his parents, Greg and Debby Owen. Kevin is a second-year law student at Washington College of Law at American University in Washington DC.

Mary Shiffer has a new job! She is working for the West Linn/Wilsonville School District as a Speech Language Pathologist.



## BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Under the experienced guidance of Martha Wilson, the **TPC Women's Retreat** spent a most inspirational weekend at the Collins Retreat Center in Estacada.

Thirteen women spent Friday night, all day Saturday and a half day Sunday in contemplation and prayer. The title of the weekend was "How shall we pray?" We investigated Centering Prayer, where we sat quietly for 20 minutes; Natural Prayer, where we studied elements of nature as we sat amidst the beautiful cedar trees; participated in Lectio Divina, a technique of choosing a word or phrase of a biblical story and applying it to your own life; a Sunday morning worship in the Taize style; and a contemplative walking of a large cloth labyrinth laid out on the floor in a candlelight-and-dusk setting.

The facilities were in a peaceful wooded area, and we stayed in motel-like rooms with balconies. The food was simple yet very tasty and most of it produced in their own garden. The fellowship, camaraderie and training we received were wonderful. The program was so well planned, with free time, learning time and even game time in the late evening for those night owls.

It was a most rewarding weekend and we all hope that it was only the first of an annual event. Great job, Martha!

Diane Barry

## TPC ANNOUNCEMENTS



### BUNCO PARTY

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite everyone to a Bunco Party on Saturday, October 19, at 6:30 pm at the Church. There will be a small admission fee. Sign up with Pam Cameron to bring chili, cornbread or a pie. Card tables are needed. Two paid babysitters are needed for the evening. Contact Pam at for more information.

### Sprinkler System Update

Over the past months on Saturdays, we have installed main lines, automatic control valves and branch circuit lines over the newly developed areas and some portions of existing areas. We are in the final phase now with installation of the sprinkler heads and adjusting them. Even the TPC corner sign will once again be illuminated!

We are tremendously thankful to Kay Kinyon for guiding this huge effort by contributing his own time to generate the piping layout design work, and for arranging procurement of materials from John Deere Landscaping Supply at substantial discount for the Church. Not to mention the countless hours he has spent helping others of us to install!

### Landscaping Plan Meeting

Tuesday October 8, 7:00 pm, at TPC

You are invited to be part of a new group to meet and work out final landscape plans, taking the initial plans (which need adjusting) along with city requirements and coming up with a final version to present for city approval. This group will also arrange the procurement and schedule planting of it all. If you would like to help with ideas, plant selection & procurement, planting, etc., please come join us! Contacts are Kay Kinyon and Dee Dee Hansen

### Artists Wanted (all ages)

Anyone interested in designing a cover for the Sunday bulletins, please contact Rhoda at the Church Office.



Christian  SUNDAY SCHOOL

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

We are still in need of Sunday school teachers for all age groups. You do not need to have a child in Sunday school to teach, so please contact Pam Bowen. We have curriculum and many people and other resources to help you. Without teachers, we don't have a Sunday School Program! Please consider helping!

As always, we will have **nursery care** throughout Church service and Sunday School. Candace Kadel and Debbie Reid will be looking for volunteers to help out each Sunday in the nursery. It is just a one-Sunday commitment so please help us out by getting on the nursery list.

### TREATS! COSTUMES! GAMES! FUN!



The TPC Christian Education Committee will be hosting a Halloween party for children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger. It will be held at the Church on Sunday, October 27 from 3pm to 4:30 pm. This will be a costume party so start thinking about

dress-up ideas for the little ones and come join us for some Halloween festivities!

### ADULT ED

Adult education will start on Sunday October 13th @11:00 in the church sanctuary. No other details are available at this time.

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Oct 6th (Game Night) - Middle school is doing games. Time is TBA, either right after church or at 5:00 PM. High School is at 6:30 for dinner - finish at 8:00 PM.

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> - (Freaky Halloween Dinner Night) - Middle School is meeting at 5:00 PM, High School is meeting at 6:15. This is the Halloween Dinner. High School will finish at 8:00PM.

Oct 20<sup>th</sup> - (Haunted House). We will be going out to dinner and then to a Haunted House. Middle School and High School will meet at the church at 7:30. We will return 9:30.

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - (Game Night) Middle school is doing games, Time is TBA. High School is meeting at 6:30 for dinner and will be done at 8:00 PM.



## TPC LIBRARY

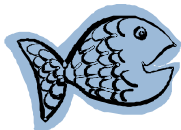
Now that the dust has settled from the construction and the boxes are all unpacked, it's time to let you know where the library is! Yes, we do have one! It was in the little annex room before the building remodel, but now is located in the office. There is a card catalog to help you look up books by either author, title or subject. The books are arranged by the Dewey Decimal System with the numbers on the spine of each book and on each card in the catalog.

Most of our books are acquired by donation. If you have a favorite spiritual book that you have finished reading and would like to pass on to the church library, we would appreciate that. If there is a book you would like to purchase and donate that is great too. The library committee does reserve the right to accept or reject all books however.

Books may be checked out by anyone simply by writing your name and phone number and the date you took the book out on the card in the pocket inside the front cover. Leave the card in the basket on top of the card catalog. There is no specific time limit but four weeks would probably be sufficient for most purposes. If it is for use in a classroom, then return it after the study is over.

In months to come, we will be reviewing some of the new books that have been added to our collection so watch the *Spirit* for these reviews. Welcome to the library! We hope you will use and enjoy it. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Diane Barry.

## Tualatin Food Bank



Thank you for continuing to fill the barrel in the narthex with items for the Tualatin Food Bank. This group feeds about

15 different families each week of every month and all the items and money that we at TPC provide are put to good use. Please bring any food, cleaning or paper items that you wish to donate. They especially need soup, dried beans, macaroni and cheese, and tuna fish. For further information, contact Toni MacHaffie.



## The Music Corner



Members of the new **TPC Handbell Choir** are from left to right Del Judy, Diane Barry, Dottie Farrell, Connie Myers, Roger Smith, Carolyn Locke, Gretchen Friesen, Brian Locke and Choir Director, Martha Wilson. Missing from the picture is Susan Springer.

The TPC Handbell Choir has now had three official rehearsals. And, if the director may brag a bit, they're FANTASTIC! It is so exciting to hear this music in our own building, created by our own members. While we have nine people ringing, we're only making use of half the bells available to us. So, if you read music, please consider joining us. Not only is the ringing exciting, but we laugh a lot too. We rehearse on Thursday evenings, from 7:00-8:30. If you have any questions, see or call Martha Wilson. We're eager to play for you in worship on November 3rd!

## Piano Dedication Sunday



Please mark your calendars for a special afternoon recital in which we will be dedicating our beautiful grand piano to the service of God. The date for the recital is October 27th at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the recital please contact Kris Sparks. We hope to feature all ages and levels of playing and want this to be a special time of showcasing the piano and thanking those who made it possible.



## 2002 Deacons



Deacons for 2002 are left to right Paula Miller, Lynn Scroggin, Tom Hahn, Becky Backen, Debbie Imus and Marion Beyer Dee Dee Hansen and Bob Bolton.

**Paula Miller** began attending TPC in 1999 and transferred her membership from the Medford First Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Ted have been married for 29 years and have two children, Kimberly 21, who attends U of O and Marshall 19, who is a senior at Tualatin High School. Paula works for West Coast Bank as a loan underwriter. When she is not visiting Kim in Eugene or attending a hockey or water polo game, she enjoys sewing, beadwork and gardening.

**Lynn Scroggin** began worshipping with the TPC community when they were still meeting in the "Bingo Hall". She was thrilled to be a part of the parade of believers as they walked the Church Banners to the old Methodist Church. Previous church membership had been at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Tigard. Her family was linked to an active four-generation family part of who were charter members at Calvin. Sherry and Mike Nelson are her sister and brother-in-law. She has served as Clerk of Session at both Calvin Presbyterian Church and at TPC.

**Tom Hahn**, his wife Clare, and their son T.J.(27) have been members of TPC since 1984. Tom also has three sons from a previous marriage, Tony (43), Mike (41) and Terry (39). Tom is a retired driver but is still a licensed and bonded Used Car Dealer working from his home. He was involved in the setting up of Mariners groups for many years. Tom enjoys working out, playing basketball, traveling and his 1955 Olds Rocket 88.

**Becky Backen**, her husband Dave, and daughter Alex have been attending TPC for seven years. They first started getting involved in the church by being front door greeters. When Alex began middle school, they began spending quite a bit more time helping in the church. Dave helped with youth and Becky helped with meals, potlucks and various other sundry items. She feels that it is easy to become a part of this congregation by simply putting a smile on your face and mention that you would like to become more active. There are always plenty of things to do if, however, you just like to attend and worship that is fine too. God didn't intend for us all to want to do the same thing. If we did, we wouldn't be the great family of faith that we are!

**Debbie Imus** has been a member of TPC for 13 years. This is her second 3-year term as Deacon. She and her husband, Greg, have two children, Karly (22) and Brian (20). Debbie works part-time as a secretary in the Nursing Department at Portland Community College and enjoys gardening, camping, hiking, canoeing and walking her two dogs.

**Marion Beyer** and her husband, Randy, began attending TPC in 2000, but didn't become members until February 2001. They have been married 19 years and have 5 grown children. Marion's children are Shelly (42), Sam (40), and Jennifer (37). Randy's are Amy (31) and Chris (28). Shelly and Jennifer have given them four grandchildren that are the delight of their lives. Marion is a registered nurse and retired from The Portland Clinic after a surgery in 2001, which left her without the use of her right hand. She has worked in several hospitals in the Portland metro area in ER, ICU, Surgery and Orthopedic Depts. The last 12 years have been in the Surgery Dept. at The Portland Clinic. Marion enjoys gardening, traveling and most of all, time with her grandchildren.

**Dee Dee Hansen** has been a deacon at TPC for about 2 years and loves being able to meet so many people in the congregation through the work of the deacons. She and her husband, Mark, began coming to TPC about 3 1/2 years ago, were warmly greeted week after week, and knew quickly that this would be their church home. Dee Dee is an elementary school library/media specialist in the Reynolds School District and has just completed 25 years in the district as a special education teacher, a 4th and 5th grade classroom teacher, and now as Troutdale Elementary's librarian. Gardening has become a recent passion at their home in West Linn. "Thanks to everyone at TPC - you have helped to make worship a fulfilling spiritual experience, and out of this has grown many wonderful friendships!"

**Bob Bolton** became a charter member of TPC when he and his family began attending in April 1982. Bob and his wife Lynne have two grown daughters, Jill and Sarah. Bob is a National Accounts Manager for Red Steer Glove Company and is serving a second 3-year term as deacon.

**General Fund Status**  
**January 1, 2002 – August 31, 2002**



	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$89,539	\$87,348
<b>Expense</b>	\$97,911	\$91,127

The general fund income is used for all church operating and regular program expense.

Building fund income for August was \$2,070  
 Budgeted income per month is \$6,000.

**TPC BIRTHDAYS**



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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Chris Robertson – 10/3   | Kathy Kinyon – 10/20       |
| Bill Wood – 10/3         | Molly Winterrowd – 10/20   |
| David Collins – 10/4     | Pam Leland – 10/20         |
| Lindsay Erdmann – 10/5   | John Crawford – 10/22      |
| Lynn Friese – 10/6       | Suveni Senthirajah – 10/23 |
| Gina Olson – 10/8        | Barb Crall – 10/25         |
| Alexandra Backen – 10/9  | Laura Schmidt – 10/28      |
| Emily Lobbato – 10/13    | Matt Dannemiller – 10/29   |
| Michelle Brenden – 10/15 | Mike Hines – 10/29         |
| Will Lambeth – 10/18     | Elizabeth Shafer – 10/30   |
| Cacye Gonzales – 10/19   | Jerry Shiffer – 10/30      |
| Samantha Clouten – 10/19 | Sherry Nelson – 10/31      |



**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The co-worker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



**Lelands Visit the Nelsons**

Pam and Dave Leland recently visited family in SW Michigan and headed "up north" to Beulah to join Thom and Cindy on the occasion of Thom's first service at St. Andrews. You can check out Thom's sermon on the St. Andrews website at [www.benziestandrews.com](http://www.benziestandrews.com).

They weathered the cross-country drive well, and successfully installed Kendall at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, en route. The Nelsons are currently renting a home near one of the many area lakes, while they decide whether to buy or build. Thom and Cindy send all of us here at TPC their love!

**TPC Fall Cleanup on October 20**

Mark your calendar now! Wear work clothes to church and we'll get started right after the service. Lunch will be provided, too! Bring tools; most needed are rakes and shovels, but if you have wheelbarrows, brooms, pruning tools, or 5 gallon buckets, bring them. The main goal of this year's cleanup is to prepare the property for the final landscaping planting, so we need all hands!

*The Spirit* is published monthly and is also on our website at [www.tpcspirit.com](http://www.tpcspirit.com). Please contact Debby Owen at 503-692-6920 or e-mail her at [newsletter@tpcspirit.com](mailto:newsletter@tpcspirit.com) with any news, corrections or ideas. How about sending some of your favorite recipes or let her know about a special anniversary? Do you have news for the "Joys and Concerns" column? The deadline for the November issue is October 23. She could use your help!



## Tualatin Presbyterian Church Calendar October 2002



(Please note that the Church Office will be open limited hours from October 9 – 22<sup>nd</sup>. All phone calls will be returned as soon as possible.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Choir 7:15 pm	<b>3</b> TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>10:00 am Worship</b> <b>Rev. Tim Cayton</b> WORLD WIDE COMMUNION Deacon's Mtg 8am @ Hayden's Grill Choir 9:15 am Game Night for Middle School Time – TBD High School – 6:30 pm	<b>7</b> Worship Committee 7:00 pm CE Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>8</b> Landscape Meeting 7:00	<b>9</b> Choir 7:15 pm	<b>10</b> TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>10:00 am Worship</b> Choir 9:15 am Women's Movie Day Freaky Halloween Dinner Night Middle School – 5pm High School – 6:15pm	<b>14</b> Columbus Day	<b>15</b> Tuesdays Treasures 7 – 8:30 pm	<b>16</b> Choir 7:15 pm	<b>17</b> Outreach Committee 1:00 pm TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bunco Party 6:30 pm
<b>20</b> <b>10:00 am Worship</b> <b>Rev. Philip Martin</b> Choir 9:15 am Haunted House Middle School & High School at 7:30 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Choir 7:15 pm November Newsletter Deadline	<b>24</b> TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Turn your clocks back! Daylight Savings Time Ends 10/27
<b>27</b> <b>10:00 am Worship</b> <b>Rev. Tom Johnson</b> Choir 9:15 am Piano Recital- 1pm Halloween Party 3:00 – 4:30 pm Game Night for Middle School Time – TBD High School – 6:30 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Choir 7:15 pm	<b>31</b> TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm		