



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Greetings again,

Welcome to fall! This month with so much going on, I've decided to write a kind of 'pastor's potpourri' newsletter piece touching on a couple of important issues, namely **worship** and **childcare**.

One of the great touchstones of the Reformation is the belief in the priesthood of all believers. Luther and Calvin absolutely got it right when they articulated a view of the church in which all were welcome to participate and lead in worship and not just a privileged few. Indeed, the word liturgy actually comes from the Greek roots meaning "work of the people". However, when it comes to living this out as Presbyterians, we often talk the talk far better than we walk the walk. We are all busy, and it is easy to allow worship and liturgy to become less the work of the people and more just the work of pastors. Your worship committee believes it doesn't have to be like this, and envisions worship with an expanded role for the liturgist including reading, praying, and possibly other ways of leading us all in the worship of God. Your worship committee also knows, though, that a greater role for liturgists will require greater training and support for them as well. And so, this fall as we plan to expand our worship possibilities, we begin by offering a training session on Saturday, November 12 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM here at the church led by yours truly. We will work on forming a basic understanding of Reformed worship as well as focus on practical skills such as how to find or write vital and appropriate prayers and how to read and speak for meaning. Open to all, this training will be required for everyone who desires to be a liturgist- if you cannot make this date more will be offered. Please call the office to RSVP or if you have any questions.

And Jesus said: "Let the children come to me, do not try to stop them; for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14 REB) It is both spiritually and organizationally true to say that churches live or die by how well they care for children. I remember once being somewhat surprised to read that church consultants believe they can determine the overall health of a church by visiting just one room and that that room is *not* the sanctuary. Guess which room they're concerned about --the nursery. That's right--the nursery. While I think it's probably a stretch to say that the whole program at TPC can be summed up by our nursery, it is without a doubt true that no one with young children (people vital to sustaining a congregation) will continue being a part of a congregation that doesn't provide good and safe care for their children.

We at TPC now find ourselves at something of a challenge and an opportunity. Margaret Girardi, who has worked downstairs in our nursery for 7 years, has accepted a new position with Tualatin Elementary School and will no longer be able to continue with TPC. We are so thankful to Margaret for her faithful service with us, and we now turn our thoughts to what lies before us. Our desire is to search for three people who feel called to a ministry of caring for our little ones. We need one person with some organizational ability who will be willing to organize the various child care needs of the congregation. And we are looking for people (at least one must be over 18) within the congregation or without who would jump at the best way to spend time with little ones, have all the fun and then hand them back to their parents. ☺ Please call the office if you are interested or know someone who is interested either in coordinating our child care program or in working for us in the nursery.

Thanks, Ken

**Ken's Anniversary Worship Service
September 25, 2005**



"Let us also remember Isaiah's thin place isn't marked just by acceptance of all that it is we are--but it is also marked by hope, hope for new possibilities in the future. And I also dare to dream that

we may be like Isaiah in this second way as well."

We embarked with excited possibility
To find new leadership for TPC.

Our pastor search had narrowed down
To the few top applicants we had found.

It had been months since we had begun
How would we know when we found 'the one'?

Of course in the process we would pray
To seek God's guidance along our way.

Many resumes we looked through
With hope to find our pastor new.

#97 had a certain spark
Of caring intention to light the dark.

Ken and family flew out to see
If this was the place for them to be.

Over a weekend we grilled him well.
He's quite a preacher, we could tell.

(As we listened in the pew
Will preferred to bulletin chew.)

His wife was great, his son was cute,
His Christian spirit we could not refute.

Yet we faced a most significant task:
Was Ken the person we should ask?

Would it be clear in guitar or voice?
What would help us make our choice?

After our meetings on my homeward drive
I rounded the onramp to 205.

My mind was filled with thoughts a-spinning
.....And there it was:

A piece of rainbow—not a sky-ful
But still a bold and brilliant eye-ful.
No flashing neon '97'
Yet in this rainbow sent from heaven

I felt both hope and joy together.
Was this 'sign' a result of weather?

Or had I encountered a 'thin place'
Where I could feel God's present grace

With proof that our God will provide
And with us always will abide.

My doubts were gone, it all was clear:
In my car,
 in that thin place,
 God was most certainly near.

As a consequence of our decision
We've had exposure to new vision.

The energy and insight Ken has brought
In this past year has meant a lot.

And so my tale has told of when
I knew our pastor would be Ken.

Thanks be to God!
 Composed by Carolyn Locke

This [worship art](#) was created by [Mary Shiffer](#) who [was inspired to create this Thin Places banner](#) after reflecting on [Pastor Ken's sermon delivered on August 8, 2004](#)



Ken's One Year Anniversary celebrated September 25



We served Ken all his favorite foods - what a feast!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - FAITH VILLAGE



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TPC HAPPENINGS

October Birthdays

10/01	Tony Mitchell	10/20	Pam Leland
10/02	Katy Olsen	10/20	Molly Winterrowd
10/03	Bill Wood	10/22	John Crawford
10/03	Chris Robertson	10/22	Ryan Schleicher
10/04	David Collins	10/25	Barb Crall
10/06	Myrna Friese	10/29	Mike Hines
10/06	Karen Dix	10/29	Matthew Dannemiller
10/08	Gina Olson	10/30	Elizabeth Shafer
10/09	Alex Backen	10/30	Jerry Shiffer
10/18	Will Lambeth	10/31	Sherry Nelson
10/20	Kathy Kinyon		

Please remember in prayer:



Don Peterson, who has begun chemotherapy, traveling mercies for Julie Van Buren's son who is traveling and studying in Europe this term; Traveling mercies for the MacHaffie's as they travel for a month and the MacHaffies' requests for prayer for little Dillon who is suffering a life threatening illness; and Lynda Massey who is receiving treatment for stomach and liver cancer, Shirley Dean who is recovering from a broken leg ; The people who live in the Gulf area and who have suffered such loss and grief and are now facing Hurricane Rita; Elizabeth Schaefer, TJ Grand; Pat DeVore

General Fund Status January – August 2005



	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 148,117	\$ 144,794
Expense	<u>\$ 146,303</u>	<u>\$ 135,487</u>
Net	\$ 1,814	\$ 9,307

February 2005

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 17,850	\$ 13,924
Expense	<u>\$ 18,163</u>	<u>\$ 17,693</u>
Net	\$ -313	\$ -3,769

CUB SCOUT PACK 414 NEWS



The summer is typically a down time for cub scouts. This was not the case this summer, however, for the boys of Cub Scout pack 414!

Some of you may not know that TPC's gracious hospitality allows 5 scout dens to meet downstairs

on a bi-monthly basis. This may seem like a small contribution - the use of classrooms - but let me give you more details about this extra-ordinary experience and how opening our doors has made a positive contribution to our community. At the close of the last school year the pack was down to about nine public schooled boys (out of River Grove Elementary). In May, I approached their committee about adding a home schooling den. The committee agreed to add the new den, but couldn't offer a location to meet (the school is closed for the summer). I approached our Session and asked to use the classrooms downstairs. They agreed, and before you knew it, we added over 25 home schooling boys to our pack! Yahoo! In four short months we've seen an incredible number of achievements, segments and other awards given.

We've learned about bicycle safety, citizenship, home security, art, respect, resourcefulness and many other important values. The pack is now nearly 35 boys strong and we've not begun our fall recruiting campaign! None of our achievements would have been possible if the home schooling families hadn't had a place to meet. It's a bit amazing to me that twice a month over 40 scouts and families nestle into the space downstairs to commune, communicate and connect - isn't that what TPC is all about?



Mitchell, Evan, John and I hold a sense of pride in being able to share our church community with our scout community. "Thank you!" from the parents and scouts of pack 414 (especially the five dens that meet at the church). "Thank you!" from our family!

Virginia, John, Mitchell, Evan, Bob (Grandpa and Scout District Executive '49, Cascade Pacific Council)

TPC HAPPENINGS

MISSION ACTIVITIES

Food Pantry Fund Raisers

Tualatin School House Pantry is currently conducting two fund raising efforts. Money will be used to pay the monthly share price of food ordered from the Oregon Food Bank.

Opportunity #1 - Buy some Tupperware - the food pantry keeps 40% of the sales! You can place your order with Mike Shiffer. Mike has a special fund raising catalog showing the items that can be ordered.

Opportunity #2 - Go shopping at Meier & Frank, Washington Square. Just purchase a certificate from Mike Shiffer for \$5.00. All money collected goes to the pantry (and is deductible as a charitable contribution). The certificate includes four 25% off coupons that can be used for almost anything (regular or sale items) at Meier and Frank, Washington Square on Tuesday, October 25 from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm. Plus you have a chance to win a \$1,000 shopping spree.

Mission Advent Activities

The mission committee meets at 7:00 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. We would like to get more people involved in the planning of mission activities. You can contact mission committee members Mike Shiffer, Carolyn Locke, Joan Nardi or Barbara Harriman if you have any questions.

The mission committee is working on planning the following activities for the Advent season:

- Decorate the TPC Christmas tree with mittens, gloves, scarves, hats and socks for homeless Portland teens
- Support of 7 local needy Tualatin families
 - purchase food for holiday food baskets
 - Christmas gifts for the children by church members using a "giving" tree
- Gifts for the 5 men living at the 89th Court group home (will be included on the "giving" tree)
- Help Living Savior Lutheran Church with a Christmas party for the Good Shepherd group homes in Tualatin
- Collect Christmas Memorial contributions to be used for hurricane relief or support of the local food pantry. Names of those listed on the memorial form will be published in the church bulletin

- Donate the Christmas Eve offering to a special mission need (mission committee is still working on this one)

More information on these events will be published in the next newsletter.

Thank you for helping the hurricane victims

The special offering for Hurricane Katrina relief raised \$1,740. This amount has been sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for their relief efforts.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

10/9/05 - Annual TPC golf tournament to be held at Charbonneau. No experience is necessary as it's a Best Ball Foursome. Come join us for fellowship and fun. See Ted Lambeth or Emerson Wood for further information. There's a sign-up on the Tower.

10/29/05 - Desperate Churchwomen - A play being put on by Bethel Lutheran Church. We have two tables reserved for dinner and the play. See the sign-up on the Tower for price details. Mike and Mary Shiffer say the plays are always a hoot and not to be missed.

11/5/05 - Wine Tasting Tour - sign up on the Tower to be either a taster or a designated driver. We plan to leave TPC around 10:30 a.m. and return after dinner. See either Karen Stevenson or Deborah Lewis if you have questions.

11/27/05 - Hanging of the Greens

11/30/05 - Singing Christmas Tree - Come kick off the Christmas season with this wonderful Portland tradition. Tickets are \$13.75 and we only have 20 of them. Sign up is on the Tower.

12/10/05 - Progressive Dinner

Wills Trusts and More

Still wondering if you need a trust or will? Do you question if you should have an Advanced Directive? Come to the discussion on October 2 at 2:00PM where an estate planning attorney, Michael Bragg, a CPA, Don Schmidt and the Meridian Park Hospital Chaplain, Carolyn Fairweather will seek to clarify these and other issues. Bring you friends, neighbors and anyone interested in these often difficult matters.



**Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
October 2005**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Choir – 9:15 am Worship – 10:00 am Advanced Directives and Trusts – 2:00 pm Youth Group – 5:30 pm	3	4 Mission - 7:00 pm Dance Class 7:00 pm	5 Bible Study – 10:00 am Choir 7:00 pm	6 Bells – 7:00	7	8
9 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am New Members Group – 11:30 pm TPC Golf Tourney	10 Deacons - 6:30 pm	11 Dance Class 7:00 pm	12 --Bible Study 10:00 am --Science & Faith - 6:30 pm --Choir - 7:00 --Fellowship 7:30 pm	13 Bells – 7:00 Women's Bible Study – 7:00 pm	14	15
16 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Choir – 9:15 am Worship – 10:00 am Fall Festival 4:00 – 7:00 pm	17 Worship Committee 7:00 pm	18 Dance Class 7:00 pm Tues. Treasures 7:00 pm	19 Bible Study – 10:00 am Choir 7:00 pm	20 Bells – 7:00 Session 7:00 pm	21	22 Newsletter Deadline
23 Choir – 9:15 am Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am	24 CE Meeting – 7 pm	25 Dance Class 7:00 pm	26 --Bible Study 10:00 am --Science & Faith - 6:30 pm --Choir - 7:00 --Outreach 7:30 pm	27 Bells – 7:00	28	29 Play – Desperate Churchwomen
30 Choir – 9:15 am Worship – 10:00 am	31					

Upcoming Events:

November 05: Wine Tasting Tour
 November 12: Liturgist Training

November 27 - Hanging of the Greens
 November 30 – Singing Christmas Tree

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