

Dear friends,

Fall is upon us! I don't know if you're as busy as we are in the office, but wow, it seems like a lot is going on this year. Perhaps the largest change we're anticipating regards the decision the congregation made in August to move the time of worship from 10:00 to 10:30 AM on Sunday, October 29th.

Why are we doing this? If you recall, WAY back on May 7th we held our first series of congregational meetings to address concerns brought to session from CE. The concerns related to the challenges we face holding children's education concurrently with worship. The three concerns before us:

- 1) We ask our teachers to go for months without being strengthened by the Word preached and sealed through the Sacraments;
- 2) Our children grow up without the benefit of knowing how to worship until they reach high school;
- 3) We make it difficult for parents to attend adult education as we offer nothing for children at the same time as we do for the adults.

So many excellent questions rumbled around that we decided we needed a task force to respond to these questions and report their finding to session. In June a large group of volunteers from the congregation formed this task force and met several times, and they reported to the July meeting of session. Then, in August, we held another congregational meeting offering the wisdom gleaned from the task force and session. On August 6th the congregation met, listened to the process and the findings of the task force and session. Then, the congregation voted unanimously on a proposal that on October 29th we move worship to 10:30 AM and hold our education hour from 9:15 to 10:15 AM.

So, what should you expect on October 29th? First of all, please remember we "fall back" on the 29th and receive a blessed extra hour. Second, bear in mind it is Reformation Sunday, the day upon which we celebrate that faithful change is possible in the church. Now, the details the session has nailed down so far:

Adult education: the adults will meet in the Multipurpose room and the Library for adult education from 9:15-10:15 AM.

Children's education: the children are welcome to arrive at 9:15 AM for snacks and fellowship; the formal education time will take place from 9:30 to 10:15 AM. They will inhabit nearly every other room downstairs other than the Library and Multipurpose room.

Choir: Depending on the difficulty of the anthem and whether a choir member was able to make the Wednesday night rehearsal, the choir will meet at 9:30 or 9:45 AM until just before worship.

Coffee hour: Though a pot of coffee will be on from 9:00 AM until worship, the Coffee hour will continue to be held after worship. After we've lived with these changes, the congregation will decide whether to move the coffee hour before worship or keep it at its current and beloved place.

Friends, your session knows change is difficult. We ask that you be patient and try to let us know how these changes are affecting you and your family. We promise to be as responsive as possible.

In Chris,

Ken

Adult Ed Committee will meet on Thursday October 19 at 7:00 Pm at the church. We welcome anyone with an interest in adult education.

Christianity 101: Tracing Basic Beliefs

Do you know which two church leaders ex-communicated each other over a single word? Who decided what books would be in the Bible? Where did all the denominations come from? When did the church own slaves? We're taking on the questions. Bring yours and we'll search for answers. Maybe we will find answers. Maybe we will generate more questions. Either way we'll have fun. We meet in the adult ed room at 8:30 AM. Chris Robertson will lead the group.

Rich's Bible Workshop

Have you ever opened the Bible and wondered where to start reading? Have you wondered how everything hangs together? Have you wondered how to make sense out of what you read? Come to Rich Robertson's Bible workshop and learn his approach to Bible study. He will try to help participants understand what is involved in Bible study, grasp the Bible as a whole and work through short passages of scripture. The study model is designed to be useful whether participants are just getting started or trying to fill in what they've missed along the way. Each session is self contained. No preparation required. One's own study Bible is encouraged. The class will meet in the library (yes, we have a library) at 9:15 AM starting on October 29. Contact Rich Robertson for more information.

Rich and Chris Robertson will host the first open house Bible Workshop on Sunday afternoon, October 15. Time to be determined by the group. This will give people who can't attend adult ed classes an opportunity for a group experience. Bring your own study Bible. No preparation required.

Finding Faith through Poetry

What sustains you in these challenging, stressful times? Where is your faith? In this workshop we will explore faith through the reading and writing of poetry. Through individual reflection/ introspection and group sharing we will find ways to express and affirm or even come to some terms, with our relationship to faith.

Facilitator: Richard P. Brown M.Ed. C.P.T. (certified poetry therapist)

Richard is a published poet who currently works in the Portland Public Schools as a high school Language Arts teacher. He is also a board member of the N.A.P.T. (National Association of Poetry Therapists).

There are still spaces for the finding Faith through Poetry workshop on October 28, 2006 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. Fee: \$20.00. Scholarships available. Space is limited to 12-13 people. Sign up on the tower. For more information contact Chris Robertson

Women's Retreat featuring Jane Kirkpatrick

Award-winning novelist, Jane Kirkpatrick, will be the featured speaker at the January 19-21 women's retreat at the Alton Collins Retreat Center in Eagle Creek. Jane will be presenting on the topic, "The Importance of Story in Our Lives. She's a dynamic speaker. Women, you won't want to miss the opportunity to hear and interact with her. There will be more information in the November newsletter. Sign-up starts in November.

Cookie Sale

Award-winning novelists don't come cheap, so the Adult Ed Committee will be holding a cookie sale in December. More information next month.

Spirit Writers will meet on Thursday, October 26 at Chris Robertson's house (20779 SW Sunde Ct) at 7:00 PM. We welcome anyone with an interest in writing for personal expression, for publication, or anything in between.

Statements of Faith Project

Have you ever written a statement of faith? Put down on paper what you believe? This year we are asking members of our TPC family to write a one page statement of faith. We will collect them and publish them in a book that will be available on Ash Wednesday to be used as a Lenten meditation. Pastor Ken will provide training on writing statements of faith using (with their permission) examples written by our elders and deacons. More information to follow. Contact Chris Robertson for more information.

10/04	David Collins	10/20	Molly Winterowd
10/06	Lynn Friese	10/22	Ryan Schleicher
10/06	Karyn Dix	10/25	Barb Crall
10/08	Jack Lemmon	10/25	Alexis Simmons
10/08	Gina Olson	10/25	William Schmitt
10/09	Alex Backen	10/26	Jennifer Ayers
10/11	Tony Mitchell	10/29	Mike Hines
10/17	Ron Fabbro	10/29	Matthew Dannemiller
10/18	Will Lambeth	10/30	Elizabeth Shafer
10/18	Sauren Ayers	10/31	Sherry Nelson
10/19	Marsahll Watkins		

**General Fund Status
January – August 2006**



	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 150,462	\$ 134,341
Expense	<u>\$ 152,704</u>	<u>\$ 129,568</u>
Net	\$ -2,242	\$ 4,773

	<i>August 2006 BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 18,324	\$ 15,864
Expense	<u>\$ 18,869</u>	<u>\$ 14,975</u>
Net	\$ -545	\$ 889

Please pray for: Thom Nelson who is anticipating cardiac surgery; Ken's grandpa Hood for health and grieving issues; Ronn and Carol Rhodes who attended Ronn's brother's memorial service last week; Dorothy Martin's daughter-in-law, Cindy; Clyo Dickson; Dick and Jeni Wiggers moving to their next assignment in Reno, Nevada and their son Craig being re-deployed to Iraq; Scott Cameron's mom; Greg Hewlett; Sarah Hanson; Karen Trine in her fight against breast cancer; Ronnie Lee King (Cameron family); Robert J. Spivey (Diane Adams' nephew who is serving in Iraq).

THE PRAYER CHAIN GROUP...will meet at Hayden's Grill on **Sunday, October 15** at noon for a non-hosted lunch. We will be discussing various leadership and possible study issues, and laying eyes on each other. Please join us if you are a member of the Prayer Chain or if you would like to become a member. Questions? Call Lynn Scroggin at (503) 579-5966.

Ron Fabbro – In Recital

On Wednesday, September 20, eleven TPC'ers traveled to the University of Portland to hear Ron's piano recital. He played pieces by Mozart, Scriabin, Griffes and Chopin. Musically it was an unforgettable afternoon; we were all glad that we had gone. Ron has recently become an adjunct Professor of Piano at the University of Portland and also teaches at Mt. Hood Community. He has had the month of September off due to covering all of the music activities for Kris Sparks while she was on a summer sabbatical. He will return to TPC on October 8th. We are truly blessed to have Ron on staff at TPC.

THE ALPHA RINGERS



The New Bell Choir, called the Alpha Ringers, since we're starting at the beginning, will begin October 18th. Mark your calendars now and plan to join the new bell choir for the uninitiated. We'll rehearse every Weds from 5:30-6:30 pm. You don't have to read music and it's assumed you've never played a bell. In other words, no skills or experience required! You'll be ringing Christmas music this year—promise! Everyone from middle school up is welcome to join us. If you have questions, contact Martha Wilson.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Nursery needs volunteers to take care of our youngest children during the worship service. Please call Sherry Nelson at 503-692-3156 or email her at sherrynelson47@yahoo.com. You will be on duty from 9:45 until about 11:15. Two people are required, but if you are a single volunteer, Sherry will pair you up with someone. There can be as few as one or as many as seven children in the nursery on any given Sunday. These little children are delightful, active and in need of people with a sense of humor and a willingness to play. We will be staffing the nursery with volunteers at least until the end of this year. Thank you for your willingness to help out.



cute and we want to keep them coming. You can help by leading one of the children's messages. You don't need formal training or fantastic ideas-we have the materials you will need. The children's message is a special time in our worship service that is dedicated to enriching our children. Can you help? To volunteer, please call Karen Stevenson at 503-620-7189 or contact her by email at kstevenson.public@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible study group meets weekly from 10:00 to 11:30. They are currently studying the prophet Isaiah. All are invited and welcome.

CONNECTIONS GROUP TO START MEETING IN OCTOBER

Connections is a group specifically designed for new members and not-yet members, hosted by Ted and Cathy Lambeth. Our goal is to help people get to know this family of faith.

Starting in October, Connections will meet after church on the 1st Sunday of every month during the school year. These monthly meetings will include:

- Discussions about Presbyterian traditions and theology led by Pastor Ken

- Meetings with members involved in the life of our church, and

- Opportunities to meet and get to know other people, new and not-so-new members of TPC.

Each meeting is open...you don't have to sign up ahead of time and you don't have to come to every meeting. Child care will be provided, with a little advance notice. Meetings will always include food! Questions? Call the church office (503 692-4160) and talk to Rhoda or Susan or email the Lambeths at lambheel@comcast.net

have two strong groups with prayerful hope of expanding our youth program to include grades 3 & 4. The plan will include all groups sharing an evening meal Sunday evening and then separating for their age-related programs. This piece includes some sort of fun game or activity and a light lesson.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A CHILD IN YOUTH GROUP TO LEND A HAND. Here's what we need: volunteers to prepare simple meals, help organizing games, and program guides. This is a great chance for our youth to connect with our adults! Please let Dr. Craig Bowen, Jackie Dannemiller or Meg Lewis-Price know if you're interested in lending a hand.

YES, THE YOUTH GROUP IS STILL COLLECTING POP CANS. Thanks.



UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Sat., Oct. 7 – Dead Sea Scrolls in Seattle; Deborah Lewis has tickets to hand out to those who signed up

Sat., Oct 28 – 7 p.m. Bethel Lutheran Church dinner and church play entitled “Who Nose”...a backstage romance. Sign-up sheet is on the tower; tickets are \$15. Those who went to last year's dinner and play had a great time and many plan to go again. Sign-up early so you don't miss out. Seats are limited.

Sun., Oct 29 – Macaroni & Cheese Potluck/BINGO Game Day after worship

A Sunday school teacher asked her class,
"What was Jesus' mother's name?"
One child answered, "Mary."
The teacher then asked, "Who knows what
Jesus' father's name was?"
A little kid said, "Verge."
Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you
get that?"
The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always
talking about Verge n' Mary."

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### KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese:  
"Our Father, Who does art in  
Heaven, Harold is His name.  
Amen."

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A little boy was overheard praying:
"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't
worry about it.
I'm having a real good time like I am."

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After the christening of his baby brother in  
church,  
Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat  
of the car.  
His father asked him three times what was  
wrong. Finally, the boy replied,  
"That preacher said he wanted us brought up in  
a Christian home, and I want to stay with you  
guys."

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I had been teaching my three-year old daughter,
Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer
for several evenings at bedtime. She would
repeat after me the lines from the prayer.
Finally, she decided to go solo.
I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated
each word, right up to the end of the prayer:
"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but
deliver us from E-mail."

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One particular four-year-old prayed

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as  
they were on the way to church service,  
"And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"  
One bright little girl replied,  
"Because people are sleeping."

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Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old
brother, Joel, were sitting together in church.
Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud.
Finally, his big sister had had enough.
"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."
"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.
Angie pointed to the back of the church and
said, "See those two men standing by the door?
They're hushers."

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A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons,  
Kevin 5, and Ryan 3.  
The boys began to argue over who would get  
the first pancake.  
Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral  
lesson.  
"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say,  
'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can  
wait.'  
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,  
"Ryan, you be Jesus!"

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A father was at the beach with his children when
his four-year-old son ran up to him,
grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore
where a seagull lay dead in the sand.
"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.
"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.
The boy thought a moment and then said,
"Did God throw him back down?"

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A wife invited some people to dinner. At the  
table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and  
said, would you like to say the blessing?"  
"I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied.  
"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife  
answered. The daughter bowed her head and said,  
"Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to  
dinner?"



and his lovely wife, Lenore, brought their ministry of sacred merriment to our worship service as they lead us in a caring clown service on Sunday September 17. With the return of Sunday school and more children attending church, the service was focused on engaging the children in worship with

the hope that adults would benefit from the clown service, too. As the children crowded around the feet of the clowns, their eyes riveted to the clowns' every move, wearing bright red sponge noses, it was clear that Bud and Lenore had captured their attention. There were a few brave adults who put on clown noses and joined the children on the floor!

When Bud and Lenore Frimoth transformed into clowns, their goal was to model the scripture which says "when we are in Christ we are new creations, the old is gone, behold the new has come." They pray that what they share will lift people to a deeper appreciation of the faith seen in the strange metaphorical medium of clowning.

After they became clowns, all in the congregation were offered a red dot on their cheek or hand. This red dot, or "mark of the clown" was a sign of our relationship with the very Christ who was foolish enough for loving us to die for us. It was a sign of our baptism in him.

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## Schedule Change

*starting October 29 we will move to a separate Sunday School and Worship time.*

*This is being done to allow teachers and children to participate fully in the Worship service every week. Classes for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be held from 9:30 – 10:15 am. Parents are encouraged to join an Adult Education class, many new offerings are being planned for Fall. Children may be brought downstairs at 9:15 to accommodate parents attending classes. Please support us in this change, we know it is not as convenient for some, but we are looking forward to being able to stay with you as you worship from 10:30 – 11:30 am!*

### Fall Classes

*Preschool Class for 3-5 yr olds*

*Workshop Rotation for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade*

*Middle School – The Prophets*

*High School Class*

***Teachers needed for 10/8-10/22 Out of Egypt Rotation!!***

*Until the schedule change on 10/29, Sunday School starts after the Children's Message in worship and lasts until 11:30.*

### Teams of teachers are needed for:

*Preschool & High School*

### Fall Workshop Rotations:

*Out of Egypt*

*Into The Promised Land*

*Advent: The Angels Announce*

### Stations you may choose to teach:

*Art, Computer, Science, Video, Cooking, or Games*

| Sun                                                                                                                                                    | Mon                                                                               | Tue                                                                          | Wed                                                                                                             | Thu                                                  | Fri                                                        | Sat                                                                                                    |
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| <b>1 World Communion Sunday</b><br>Adult Ed. – 8:30 am<br><b>Worship – 10:00 am</b><br><b>Communion</b><br>After Worship Connections                   | <b>2</b><br>Spiritual Formation Group<br>7:00 pm                                  | <b>3</b><br>Mission Committee<br>7:00 pm<br>Acoustic Guitar Group<br>7:00 pm | <b>4</b><br>Wed. Morning Study<br>10:00 am<br>Bells – 6:45 pm<br>Choir – 7:30 pm                                | <b>5</b>                                             | <b>6</b><br>Lake Grove Prayer Retreat<br>4:00 pm – 9:30 pm | <b>7</b><br>Lake Grove Prayer Retreat<br>8:00 am – 4:00 pm                                             |
| <b>8</b><br>Adult Ed. – 8:30 am<br><b>Worship – 10:00 am</b><br>Liturgist Training after Worship<br>Middle School<br>5:30 pm – 7:00 pm                 | <b>9</b><br>Deacon Meeting<br>6:30 pm<br>Spiritual Formation Group<br>7:00 pm     | <b>10</b><br>Acoustic Guitar Group<br>7:00 pm                                | <b>11</b><br>Wed. Morning Study<br>10:00 am<br>Bells – 6:45 pm<br>Choir – 7:30 pm<br>Outreach Cmt.<br>7:00 pm   | <b>12</b><br>Session<br>7:00 pm                      | <b>13</b>                                                  | <b>14</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>15</b><br>Adult Ed. – 8:30 am<br><b>Worship – 10:00 am</b><br>Fellowship meeting after worship<br>Prayer Chain lunch meeting @ Haydens              | <b>16</b><br>Spiritual Formation Group<br>7:00 pm<br>Worship Committee<br>7:00 pm | <b>17</b><br>Acoustic Guitar Group<br>7:00 pm<br>Treasure Night<br>7:00 pm   | <b>18</b><br>Wed. Morning Study<br>10:00 am<br>Beginning Bells<br>5:30 pm<br>Bells – 6:45 pm<br>Choir – 7:30 pm | <b>19</b>                                            | <b>20</b><br>Newsletter Deadline                           | <b>21</b>                                                                                              |
| <b>22</b><br>Adult Ed. – 8:30 am<br><b>Worship – 10:00 am</b><br>25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Committee after Worship<br>Middle School<br>5:30 pm – 7:00 pm | <b>23</b><br>Spiritual Formation Group<br>7:00 pm<br>CE - 7:00 pm                 | <b>24</b><br>Acoustic Guitar Group<br>7:00 pm                                | <b>25</b><br>Wed. Morning Study<br>10:00 am<br>Beginning Bells<br>5:30 pm<br>Bells – 6:45 pm<br>Choir – 7:30 pm | <b>26</b><br>Books & Beyond Women's Group<br>7:00 pm | <b>27</b>                                                  | <b>28</b><br>Poetry Workshop – Adult Ed.<br>8:30 am – 4:40<br>Fellowship – Bethel Lutheran Church Play |
| <b>29</b><br>Adult Ed. – 9:15 am<br>Sunday School – 9:15<br><b>Worship – 10:30 am</b><br>Fellowship Game Day & Potluck after Worship                   | <b>30</b><br>Spiritual Formation Group<br>7:00 pm                                 | <b>31</b><br>Acoustic Guitar Group<br>7:00 pm                                |                                                                                                                 |                                                      |                                                            |                                                                                                        |

