



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

I know many of you believe you all have the best view in our sanctuary. I get a blank wall, an off-center clock, and all of your shining faces. You, on the other hand, get Will Dixon's hand-carved cross and the beauty of Little Woodrose park filling our windows with fir and dogwood. Now don't get me wrong, I love the cross and the trees, I do. However, I really believe I have the better view, for where you see trees, I see icons. Each of us is an icon, an image of God. Of course the trouble is, we often don't know one another well enough to detect this image of God in one another. I think this is especially true when it comes to all of the ways you care for one another and volunteer in your local community.

I want to let you in on an unfortunately well-kept secret. Your friends at TPC are involved in some amazing things in the community. We've done a great job at TPC of supporting some of the work we do, especially with Tuesday's Treasures, and the food pantry. And we'll continue to do this. I also think we can add to this by doing a MUCH better job in identifying the other ways individuals are already living out their personal sense of God's call, by connecting those of you with a common interest, and then supporting you in this work.

On October 14th after church we're hosting our very first Mission Fair. Here's my hope:

- We will post sheets describing all of the service-oriented activities the members and friends of TPC are currently supporting in their community. For example, some of our members volunteer with Medical Teams International (formerly Northwest Medical Teams). One of our members removes gang tattoos in Salem. Two of our members volunteer with Donate Life Oregon. We want to know about this!
- We'd like to then invite everyone to walk around and see all of the things you and your friends are doing. We anticipate there may be activities we have missed, so we'll have paper present to write these down and add them to the walls. For all of these activities, the person currently involved will indicate whether or not there is opportunity for others interested in helping.
- Then, when we have a sense of the kinds of things going on, we will revisit the opportunities marked as open to other volunteers. You can then give your name and contact information indicating you are interested in helping out. And like before, if there is something you are interested in doing but don't see posted, you can just write down your interest, add it to the mix, and see if anyone else shares your passion.
- There are two rules we are going to ask of these mission groups. 1) These groups will meet for 6 months or less. This way you can try something without committing your life to it. And we will hold another mission fair in exactly 6 months from October, and if a group wants to continue, they may post their information again and keep going. 2) We need at least one person to sign on as a leader. The leader will be the main person responsible for details, group communications, and for communicating with the mission elder and pastor. In order to strengthen every member, no person may lead a group more than two successive terms.

What do we need from you? **Please tell us any and all service-oriented activities in which you are actively participating.** You may email Susan Springer with your information at office@tpcspirit.org, or fill out a bulletin insert and place it in an offering basket. We're doing a lot, folks- and together we can do even more!

In Christ,
Pastor Ken

Meet Lynn Scroggin

Lynn's friendly smile has been a staple of TPC for over twenty years now, ever since she started coming to the VFW hall to attend TPC. "I loved it," she beams, speaking of the sticky floored space. "It really brought home the scripture 'Where two or more are gathered I am there.'"



Lynn came to TPC after being at Calvin Presbyterian and needing a change. Her sister, Sherry Nelson, had helped start TPC, and she felt a part of the community very quickly. "I was a part of the parade when we carried banners from the VFW hall to the old Methodist church on the corner. It was great to feel a part of that community."

Lynn continued to see Biblical imagery in her life at TPC, enjoying worships on the knoll that TPC is now built upon. "It just reminded me so much of Jesus and the Sermon on the Mount. This church always has brought Biblical stories home to me in new ways."

Along with being fed by TPC, Lynn has served as a deacon, as clerk of session, and continues to be involved in the Prayer Chain. "It's amazing how these things become part of your life, not just some responsibility," she muses.

For the past few years Lynn has been enjoying her retirement from twenty-one years as the secretary at Tigard High School. Since then she has been busy working at a law office, a tech business, and at a local gas company. She now is doing substitute secretarial work. As if that wasn't enough to keep her busy, she is currently remodeling her parent's old home that she recently purchased, and has three children with eight grandchildren between the ages of seven and twelve.

Ahoy there Mateys!
You are cordially invited to TPC's Fall Festival

November 3, 2007
Saturday, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Tualatin Presbyterian Church

Wear your best pirate's costume and join us for a fun-filled family night of games, food and drink! ARG!

Everyone is welcomed – bring a friend or two. ARG!

No kids, no problem - Come along and enjoy the festivities. ARG!



**"Shiver Me Timbers Buccaneers,
Wat a Party Ye Gonna' ave!"**

If you would like to help – please contact Jackie Dannemiller, 503/885-2405 or email: ndannemi@spiritone.com



Sam and Kim Myers were married on September 9 at the Mt. Hood Bed and Breakfast. They spent their honeymoon in Kauai and are residing in Tigard. Kim is the daughter of Ted and Paula Miller.

Here's what's happening at TPC!

October Birthdays!

10/02	Kaity Olsen	10/19	Marshall Watkins
10/03	Bill Wood	10/19	Cacye Gonzales Cobb
10/03	Chris Robertson	10/20	Kathy Kinyon
10/04	David Collins	10/20	Molly Winterrowd
10/06	Lynn Friese	10/22	Ryan Schleicher
10/06	Karyn Dix	10/25	Barbara Crall
10/08	Jack Lemmon	10/25	William Schmitt
10/08	Gina Olson	10/26	Jennifer Ayers
10/09	Alexandra Backen	10/29	Mike Hines
10/11	Tony Mitchell	10/29	Matthew Dannemiller
10/17	Ron Fabbro	10/30	Elizabeth Shafer
10/18	Will Lambeth	10/30	Jerry Shiffer
10/18	Lauren Ayers	10/31	Sherry Nelson

If we've missed your birthday, please contact the church office.

AUCTION DINNERS, PIES, CRAB CAKES, ETC. CAMERON SALMON BAR-B-Q

Saturday, Sept. 15th, the Camerons hosted their Salmon Bar-B-Q at their home.....completing their Auction Item. Wonderful food was prepared by Pam, and Scott kept the libations flowing. A fun, social time was had by all.

If you donated an item to the Auction but haven't had time to get in touch with your recipient.....please try to do so soon. Just make that phone call and set up a time or date. It will make you feel good to have it behind you and the person receiving it will be just as thrilled to enjoy whatever it might be:)

If you have lost the name of your recipient, just call Clare Hahn at 503-692-4807. Thanks again, everyone, for making the Auction a huge success.



If you've ever swung a Golf Club, you're qualified to play in the annual TPC 9-Hole Scramble Golf Tournament at the Charbonneau Golf Club at 1:30PM October 7, 2007! We're planning to have a Potluck

Barbecue afterwards, Emerson & Marilyn Woods to Host. There is a \$23.00 Entry Fee for Green Fees and Prizes. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Any questions, contact Mark Maleta (503) 913-4332; mvmaleta@aol.com.

Sunday Morning Adult Education Classes

Pastor Ken is teaching a fascinating series through the fall on "10 Theologians Every Person Should Know."

Charlie Brown will teach a special series during Advent.

Discover Who You Are

Have you ever wondered where you belong? Are you facing a transition, such as an empty nest or retirement? Do you have second thoughts about your chosen career? Are you looking for a new place or way to serve others? Have you asked yourself what God created you to do and be?

If so, reserve October 26 & 27. Christina Robertson will lead a "Life Keys: Discover Who You Are" workshop. We will identify Life Gifts, Spiritual Gifts, Preferences, Values, and Passions. Based on all we learn about ourselves, we will write a personal mission statement. See yourself a new way. Have fun. Make new friends. Get to know the old ones better.

We'll meet in the sanctuary from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM on Friday night and from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday. The cost for a single registration will be \$30.00, which covers the price of a textbook, a workbook, as well as snacks and lunch on Saturday. Two people may sign up for a double registration for \$50.00 which includes two workbooks, a textbook to share, and two lunches on Saturday. Sign up on the Tower. Scholarships are available. See Chris Robertson for details. Phone: (503) 612-0963 email: christina_937@msn.com.

As soon as people register and pay, Chris will order their books. She hopes that people will be able to become familiar with the materials prior to the workshop. With Life Keys, preparation increases benefit.

Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for February 22, 23, and 24. Jane Kirkpatrick returns to speak on "Being in Service." This year we're meeting at Collins

Retreat Center. Check your November Newsletter for registration information.

Opening Doors — An issue of justice

by Martha Wilson

We've just completed a month of sermons focused on opening doors---on listening to God's call in our lives. This article is also about opening doors, but with a little different twist. The Presbytery of the Cascades has a task force named "Opening Doors." Their mission is to encourage, assist and support congregations in the Presbytery to become more welcoming and inclusive of people with disabilities. They promote the full and active participation of people with all levels of ability in churches throughout the Presbytery of the Cascades. Through *OPENING DOORS* programming local congregations become enlightened, equipped, encouraged and empowered to provide the needed support for emotional, spiritual and practical needs of members with differing abilities. The task force provides presenters for congregations, youth, Christian ed, deacons and sessions; consultants to evaluate facilities for accessibility and accommodation; and a wealth of educational materials. They've also formed a network called "Caring Congregations" comprised of congregations who've committed to the following principles:

- In our congregation, people with differing abilities are valued as individuals, having been created in the image of God.
- Our congregation is trying to remove barriers of architecture, communication and attitudes that exclude people with differing conditions from full and active participation.
- People of all levels of abilities are encouraged in our congregation to practice their faith and use their gifts in worship, service, study and leadership.

While TPC is not a member of the network, the church has done much to remove barriers. Did you know we offer assisted listening devices for our members with hearing impairment? We have large print hymnals and large print bulletins may be requested. Our use of chairs rather than pews makes for much greater accessibility for our members and friends in wheelchairs. TPC is also home to Tuesday's Treasures, a resource for our developmentally challenged friends. Despite all that we're doing, it's

important to keep in mind that inclusion only begins with issues of accessibility and accommodation. Inclusion is also a matter of heart and mind. It's learning to appreciate our differences and find ways to fully involve everyone in the life of the church, trusting that we all have differing gifts and all can find ways to be blessed and informed by those around us.

TREASURE EXPLOSION

Our September Treasure Night was a huge success with record breaking numbers: 31 Treasures, 13 TPC volunteers, and at least 7 care givers. The Treasure program, our outreach to the developmentally disabled adults of our community, has continued to grow during its 7 years at TPC. With our current growth spurt, we need more volunteers who can help at our monthly event (2 1/2 hours of time). Take a look at the photo displays on the bulletin board in the narthex to see what we are up to! "Inspirational fun" describes it! For more information please contact Carolyn Locke (503-656-1534) or any other familiar faces you recognize in the photos. Thanks

Carolyn Locke

General Fund Status January – August 2007



	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 139,067	\$ 127,435
Expense	\$ 145,049	\$ 132,690
Net	\$ -5,982	\$ -5,255

	August 2007 BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 17,383	\$ 14,521
Expense	\$ 18,157	\$ 15,311
Net	\$ -774	\$ -790

Our Treasurer, Mike Shiffer, notes that TPC's general fund income through August is almost \$12,000 behind the budgeted income amount. Please review your pledge and giving status. Contact Rhoda (rhoda@tpcspirit.org) if you would like a current giving statement.

**THE BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH PLAYERS
PRESENT THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY
PRODUCTION - SIX FEET OVER
DINNER PERFORMANCE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007, at 7 p.m.
\$16.00 per person**

In the fall, Bethel Lutheran Church puts on a dinner theater performance to raise funds for their Bethel Neighborhood Youth Drop-In Center. Members of TPC have attended this event for several years; each year we come away with smiles on our faces. The plays are written by members and friends of their church; they're original, clever and funny. It's an evening of fellowship and laughter. Dinner starts about 7:00 p.m. After dinner, they clear away the dishes, take down the tables, rearrange the chairs and the play begins.

Cost is \$16.00, in advance. Please make checks payable to TPC and write Bethel Play on the comment line. We have reserved twenty tickets (two tables with ten people at each table.) This outing is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. If you have questions, please talk to Susan Springer or Paula Miller, Fellowship Elder.

PROJECTOR SCREEN

There is no projection screen here at the church. Sometimes it would be useful to have a screen rather than having to project images on a wall. Does anyone in the congregation have a portable projection screen (with folding legs) stashed in a closet and almost forgotten, that they would be willing to donate to the church? If yes, please email or call Susan in the office. Susan@tpcspirit.org or 503-692-4160.

INTERESTED IN A SELF-DEFENSE CLASS?

Don Ramsey, a member of another local church, would like to offer a self-defense class taught by members of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department. Right now he wants to determine how many people are interested in such a class. There would be no cost; the dates and times have not been determined. It could be a class for teenagers, as well as adults. If you're interested in a self-defense class, please let Susan in the office know, and she'll let Don know. Thanks.

PER CAPITA...still accepting payments

In January, 2007, TPC wrote a check for \$5,506 to pay our annual per capita bill. This per capita expense is not included in our budget; we ask each member to pay their own annual per capita expense. To date members have paid \$4,391. This is wonderful since it means we're only \$1,115 short of collecting the entire amount. If you haven't paid your 2007 per capita expense (this year it is \$21.26 per member), please write a check to TPC, write per capita on the comment line and put it in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or mail it to the church office. Thank you so much.

**SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU**

Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13
First-century Jesus Movements
How Did Christianity Evolve
Bernard Brandon Scott & James A Veitch

Lecture: Multiple Faiths and Multiple Christians

The myth of Christian origins maintains that early Christians formed a unified, loving community. But looking back into the mists of emerging Christianity, one sees conflict and controversy. Brandon Scott will examine the plurality and diversity in early Christian belief and ask why Christianity grew, why it succeeded, and how it became unified.

Friday evening, 7:30-9:00 pm.

Workshops

The Many Christs of Early Christianity
Living in the Empire
Ancient Creeds, Contemporary Faith, and the Historical Jesus

Saturday, October 13, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cost: All Sessions: \$60.00

Single Sessions:

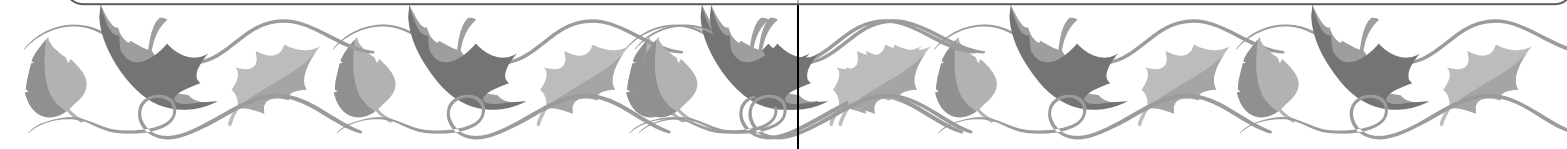
Friday Evening Lecture \$15.00

Saturday Morning Workshop \$25.00

Saturday Afternoon Workshop \$25.00

Jesus Seminar Weekend
Southminster Presbyterian Church
12250 SW Denney Rd.
Beaverton, OR 97008-5803
(503) 644-2073

Doors of Opportunity in Christian Education



Things we would love to have donated:

- ❖ More up-to-date computer(s)
- ❖ DVD drives for our computers
- ❖ Modem for linking our computers and printers together

Upcoming Events for the Year:

- ❖ Fall Festival – Saturday, Nov. 3
- ❖ Advent Banners
- ❖ Advent Children's Program
- ❖ Mission Projects
- ❖ Acolyte Program
- ❖ Offering/Ushering Participation
- ❖ Confirmation Class

Ways you can help:

Teach: We need one more teacher for the 1st/2nd grade class and an occasional fill-in for other classes.

Computer: Update our computers with DVD drives, link our computers together to allow files sharing, printer sharing, and internet access.

Cooking: Several options include 1) Finish a database of cooking lessons and scripture tie-ins for a teacher resource. 2) Lead an occasional cooking lesson for a Sunday School class.

3) Browse through our cooking lesson books and make recommendation to teachers on appropriate recipes that could be used with upcoming lesson plans.

Acolyte / Offering Coordinator: Help implement and oversee children participating in worship as acolytes and collecting the offering.

Bulletin Boards: Update our bulletin boards seasonally or as the spirit moves you!

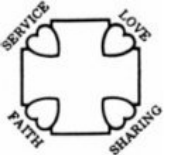
Help with Special Events: See Events box
Participate in Christian Ed Committee meetings: Be involved in the planning and implementation of all aspects of Christian Ed at TPC. We meet every 1-2 months, usually the 2nd Monday.

**Next CE Committee Meeting:
Oct 8, 7pm**

Please contact Shari Olsen if you are interested in participating or helping. (503)635-4019, Email ssjkolsen@msn.com



*Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
October 2007*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Worship Committee 7:00 pm	2	3 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	4 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	5	6 Ordained Council 10:00-11:30 a.m.
7 Adult Ed. – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am Communion 1:30 p.m. TPC Golf at Charbonneau 6:00pm Connections	8 Deacon Meeting 7:00 pm	9 Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	11 Bell Choir 7:00 pm	12	13
14 Adult Ed. – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am Mission Fair after worship 5:30 p.m. Youth Groups	15	16 Tuesday's Treasures 7:00 pm	17 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	18 Bell Choir 7:00 pm Session 7:00 pm	19	20 Newsletter Deadline
21 Adult Ed. – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am	22	23	24 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	25 Bell Choir 7:00 pm Newsletter mailed	26 Adult Ed Life Keys Wkshop 5-9 p.m.	27 Adult Ed Life Keys Wkshop 8a.m.-5 p.m.
28 Adult Ed. – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am 5:30 p.m. Youth Groups	29	30	31 Bible Study 10:00 am Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	Bell Choir 7:00 pm		

