



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN



Dear friends,

Another fall has arrived. Are you feeling busy yet? Well, I want to write again about a really fantastic opportunity this church is offering this year. If you've ever been interested in the Bible or wanted to know more about it, this is the year for you.

We have created an integrated approach to studying the Bible this year that blends together worship, education, personal devotion, and we make faithful use of good technology to make this learning accessible to the widest community possible.

First, I'll describe the facets of the plan, and then I'll offer you at least one way to make use of it.

Here's what Access involves:

Over the summer, Nicole and I created informative (and entertaining) 20 minute videos introducing every single book of the Bible. The best way for you to view these videos is through our website: www.tpcspirit.org. There is a link at the bottom right hand of the page marked Access. This link will lead you to the readings, the outlines, and the videos for each book.

These videos introduce these books and focus in on THREE stories or texts we think are important to know. So, if you don't have time to read the whole book, please try and at least read the three texts we've picked out.

I've also created outlines with basic notes for every book, so you can have a bird's eye view of the flow of the entire book. This will help you see in an instant where a particular story falls in the larger context of the book. Collections of these outlines are available for anyone and everyone in the Narthex and online on the Access page.

Every week (with the exception of Advent and Holy Week) the three stories we're focusing on will be read during worship and preached.

For more depth I will be leading the adult education hour on Sunday mornings before worship from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Every question will be welcome, and every level of Biblical or theological knowledge is welcome.

So, how do you make use of all this? I think there are several possibilities.

The best way to make use of these tools is to pick up the packet of readings and outlines in the Narthex or online.

Then, read the three readings for the upcoming week.

After you read the texts, watch the videos online. Then, on Sunday morning, I would recommend that you read the texts one more time and that you show up at 9:15 for adult education. We have a great group of people already gathering, and there is always room for more. I will present a bit more of the background of the books, and we have a great time for questions and discussion regarding the videos and the readings.

Finally, stick around for worship. By this time you will have read the texts twice, you will have heard background material in the videos, you will have been part of an interesting discussion in the adult education class, and then you can experience these stories as they come alive during worship.

Now, it is fall and I know you're busy. I'm feeling it, too. So what if you are interested in all this information, but know that doing all of this may be too much? Well, then just pick whatever speaks to you the most. And if you have a tough week and aren't able to participate in anything, DON'T let this keep you from coming back the next week. Remember, this is a long journey we're taking. We will be engaged in this communal study through August. What I promise you is that whatever time you give to it- you will get more back.



2009 PEACEMAKING OFFERING

On World Communion Sunday, October 4, we will collect a special Peacemaking Offering. The funds collected will make a difference in people's lives in such ways as described below.

In Our Own Backyard

In December 2008, two men were convicted under U.S. federal law of enslaving farm workers in Immokalee, Florida. Workers were locked inside a cargo box each night, beaten, chained, and forced to harvest tomatoes for two prominent Florida growers. This is the seventh case of modern-day slavery successfully investigated and prosecuted in Florida in recent years.

For decades individual churches of Peace River Presbytery had been working to address the survival and spiritual needs of farm workers in Immokalee, which is located within the bounds of the presbytery. Graham Hart, executive presbyter, explains, "We always had a heart for migrants. The slavery case opened our eyes to what was happening in our own backyard. We realized that we needed to become a partner with farm workers: through advocacy, by standing together with them."

So Peace River began to work directly with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), a community-based farm worker organization whose members are largely Latino, Haitian, and Mayan Indian immigrants. The CIW has been on the forefront of investigating and assisting the U.S. Department of Justice in successfully prosecuting cases of slavery and, with the help of the PC(USA), has achieved agreements with Yum! Brands, McDonald's Burger King, Subway, and Whole Foods Market to advance human rights for farm workers.

Making a Bridge for Veterans

John, a veteran of the Iraq war, suffers from posttraumatic stress disorder and serious physical injuries. He works at a minimum wage job, but when he was waiting to receive disability payments from the military, he didn't have enough money to pay for his living expenses.

Like John, many veterans returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan face tremendous problems re-

entering American society. Thirty-five percent of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan struggle with posttraumatic stress, mental health issues, or traumatic brain injury. Hundreds are already homeless, and many more could easily become homeless.

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Portland Oregon, decided to reach out to veterans in its community by giving its portion of the 2008 Peacemaking Offering to the Veterans' Bridge Fund, a project of a sister church, St. Luke Lutheran. This project provides small grants to Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans who need help while they are making the transition back to civilian life. The project can get funds quickly to the vets, a real help to those, like John, who was awaiting disability awards and other services. The Bridge Fund paid to get his heat turned back on, and other funds helped with his mortgage.

Building Walls to Tear Walls Down

Members of an interfaith community in Indianapolis learned a few years ago that coming together to build a house with a neighbor can be a wonderful way to find common bonds and celebrate differences at the same time. These Jewish, Christian, and Muslim people of faith who had originally met together for dialogue decided to build a Habitat house in Indianapolis. Calling themselves the House of Abraham, named for the ancestor shared by the three religions, they built their first house in 2006, a second house in 2007, then a third in 2008. They also developed the Abraham Dialogue series, public discussions offering an opportunity for people to learn about the three faiths and what they share, including in 2008 a series about caring for God's creation.

Ministering to spiritual and physical needs and advocating for the rights of those with few rights are concrete ways to work for peace. Giving to the Peacemaking Offering is another way to join with others to work for peace and justice in our backyards. When you give to the Peacemaking Offering, 25 percent goes to your presbytery or synod for peacemaking work, 25 percent stays with your congregation for peacemaking engagement within your community, and 50 percent goes to the PC(USA)'s Peacemaking Program for its work across the denomination.

IN THE NEWS



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday School started on Sunday, September 13. To help us plan for curriculum and teachers, we would like all those planning on sending child(ren) to Sunday School

this school year to complete a registration form. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Please take a moment to complete a form and leave it in the basket in the Narthex.

If you have questions, please contact me at 503-692-0120. Thank you so much.

Marsha Steffen
Children's Education and Ministries Elder



If you've ever swung a golf club, you're qualified to play in the annual TPC 9-Hole Scramble Golf

Tournament at the Summerfield Golf Club at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, 2009! We're planning to have a Potluck BBQ afterwards, location to follow. A sign-up sheet is on the tower in the Narthex. There's a \$20 entry fee for green fees and prizes; please make your check payable to Mark Maleta. Any questions, please contact Mark Maleta (503) 858-0482 or mvmaleta@aol.com. Last day to sign up is Sunday, October 4.



Dinner for Volunteers at Essential Health Clinic

Wednesday, OCTOBER 14th, is our next opportunity to provide dinner for the Essential Health Clinic volunteers. The clinic, located on Royalty Parkway adjacent to the Safeway Mall, serves those who either are uninsured or under insured.

The entire operation functions on a 100% volunteer basis. The clinic space is provided by Washington County; the medical staff volunteers their services; medical supplies are donated by hospitals, clinics and pharmaceutical firms; and dinner for the medical staff is provided by local churches.

TPC has a reputation for providing great meals. The clinic's Volunteer Coordinator recently commented in a thank you note, "Tualatin Presbyterian continues to amaze us with the great food and variety of folks who assist in providing our meals. No other group has brought dessert made by the Sunday School children as a hands-on mission project; nor have we ever had a Men's group provide dinner – the lasagna was fabulous – TPC Men's Fellowship shall forever be known as the 'lasagna kings'!"

Please continue to share our great hospitality by participating in this local mission event. A sign-up sheet is on the tower in the Narthex detailing the dinner items needed.

If you have questions, please contact Joan Nardi 503-684-6529.



TPC FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

This is a chance to get to know more people in our TPC church family. Please sign up on the tower in the Narthex, preferably by October 11, 2009.

How It Works: Groups of 7-8 adults are formed to share Fellowship Dinners once a month at different people's homes. The dinners are simple; the host of the dinner supplies the main course and the others in the group supply side dishes, dessert and drinks. The group decides when they meet.

Each group meets 4 times (once a month for 4 months) and then the groups are reshuffled to form new groups. This gives everyone a chance to meet new people.

The Projected Timeline: Phase One begins with a kickoff **Potluck Dinner at TPC on Saturday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m.** and goes through the end of January. Based on the first letter of your last name please bring:

A-L Main dish
M-R Side dish
S-Z Dessert

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following:

Rick and Barb Crall 503-692-1677
Rick and Rachel Norse 503-625-2372
Mary Ortez 503-612-1993
Ron and Carol Rhodes 505-885-8066



Bring your family and join us for Soup, Songs and S'mores! We plan to have a simple supper, sing around a "campfire" and roast marshmallows for S'mores. Great fun for the entire family.

When: Sunday, Oct. 18, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Where: Tualatin Presbyterian Church



All are welcome Sign up on the tower in the Narthex, or just show up.



Marsha Steffen, Elder
Children's Education and Ministries
503-692-0120

Treasurer's Report

	Income				# Sun- days	Expense			
	Actuals	Budget	Pct Diff	\$ Diff		Actuals	Budget	Pct Diff	\$ Diff
Janu- ary	32,778	30,200	8.54%	2,578	4	17,012	19,900	-14.51%	2,888
Febru- ary	15,892	18,500	-14.10%	(2,608)	4	23,641	19,902	18.78%	(3,739)
March	19,984	18,800	6.30%	1,184	5	19,972	20,121	-0.74%	149
April	14,550	18,100	-19.62%	(3,550)	4	18,751	19,924	-5.88%	1,173
May	17,430	20,000	-12.85%	(2,570)	5	20,698	19,921	3.90%	(777)
June	14,875	15,700	-5.26%	(825)	4	18,029	20,323	-11.29%	2,294
July	18,175	15,200	19.57%	2,975	4	22,076	22,420	-1.53%	344
August	19,244	16,550	16.28%	2,694	5	19,398	19,022	1.98%	(376)

GREAT LIVE MUSIC

The dance committee here at Tualatin Presbyterian Church will sponsor a concert/dance to benefit the Tualatin School House Pantry on

Saturday, October 24.

The concert/dance will feature a live band, the Lake Oswego Millenium Dance Band of which our own Scott Mitchell is a member. They will play music from the 1940's to the 1960's, with tunes such as "In the Mood" (Glenn Miller) and "By the Time I Get to Phoenix."

The concert/dance will be held at the Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St., near the Lake of the Commons, in Tualatin on Saturday, October 24. For music lovers, there will be plenty of chairs. For dancers, there will be a dance lesson taught by dance professional, Cynthia Parent from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by dancing to the band from 7 to 10 p.m.

Cost of admission is \$5.00 plus a nonperishable food item for the Tualatin School House Pantry.

Please join us for a delightful evening of music and dance.

TUALATIN SCHOOLHOUSE PANTRY

Seeks Nominations for its Board of Directors

The Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry (TSHP) is seeking new members for its Board of Directors. Terms are 2 years and begin in January, 2010. We currently meet on the 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. over a light supper. There are multiple openings at this time. Besides a passion for the work of feeding the hungry we are particularly interested in persons with legal perspective, or fund raising and development skills, or someone with a perspective from the Hispanic community. Letters of interest or recommendations can be sent to the committee at nominations@schoolhousepantry.org

LIGHTS, FAN, DISHWASHER...

Help our bottom line; please turn them off...

One day recently Norman Dannemiller, our dedicated Building and Grounds Elder, dropped by the church about 4 p.m. and found the following all left on:

- Dishwasher master switch
- Lights in the youth room
- Heater in the nursery
- Amps and sound board in the sanctuary
- Fan in the sanctuary
- Light in the men's room

As Norm puts it, it's a \$'s and sense thing...let's all do our part and turn things off when we're done using them. Thanks.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

POP CANS AND BOTTLES

Yes, we're still collecting them. Nickels add up. Session approved the reallocation of pop can money to the Community Help Fund.



TPC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Children's Education and Ministries Committee is excited to announce a Christmas musical for all children. We are looking forward to the joy, the music and the worship with our children.

Rehearsals for the play will be on **Sundays, Oct. 18th through Dec. 7th for a half hour after worship.**

The play will be presented on Sunday, December 13th during the normal 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Children of all ages are invited to participate in this Christmas play. Sign-up sheets will be on the tower in the Narthex and in Sunday school classes.

If you have questions, please contact Katrina Weener at 503-702-6154, by email at Katrina.weener@comcast.net or catch her at church on Sunday morning.

ANTS IN YOUR PANTS CHILD CARE DURING WORSHIP

To provide Ants in Your Pants child care during worship, we need a volunteer, or two, each Sunday to be with the children. There is a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex. Please sign up. Thanks, in advance, for your help.

HALLWAY TABLE HAS NEW BASKETS

The long rectangular table in the hallway leading to the rest rooms has been repaired and had a shelf added to it. Thank you, Rod Kerr.

There are three baskets on the bottom shelf. The first is for Lost and Found items: check this one occasionally. You may be surprised by what you find. The second basket is for used eye glasses. Don't most of us have eye glasses we no longer use that sit in a drawer taking up space? Bring these to church so they can be donated to *Give the Gift of Sight*. The third basket is for empty pill bottles. Please remove the labels before you bring them in. Medical Team International can use these bottles and thereby keep them out of our landfill. If you have any questions, please talk to Shirley Schultz, 503-625-9810.

"OPEN FAITH" SANDWICHES Marilyn Staples-Sundt

2 boneless chicken breasts
4 green onions, chopped
Pineapple tidbits, drained and chopped, or crushed
pineapple, drained, to taste
Sharp cheddar cheese, finely grated
Sliced Baguette pieces

Dressing:

1/2 C mayonnaise
1 T lemon juice
1/2 T curry powder
1/2 T soy sauce
1/2 tsp salt

Wrap chicken breasts in foil and bake in 350 degree oven until done. Cool. Place in food processor and make into "ground" chicken. Chop onions and pineapple and add to chicken mixture. Toss with dressing. Chill for at least one hour to let flavors blend. Spread on sliced baguette pieces. Top with finely grated sharp cheddar cheese.

Note: This is the requested recipe from Pat DeVore's Memorial Service.

PER CAPITA EXPENSE Still accepting payments

It's not too late to pay your annual per capita fee. Each year TPC pays Presbytery a per capita fee for each member. This year we paid over \$6,000. Roughly 2/3 of that amount has been reimbursed by members who have paid their per capita. The per capita expense is not included in our annual budget; each member is asked to pay his/her own.

If you have paid your per capita this year, thank you very, very much. If you have not paid your per capita, please do so by writing a check to TPC for \$22.55 per member, write per capita on the comment line and put the check in the offering plate, or take it to the office. Thank you.

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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon