



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

The other day one of our members asked me a GREAT question. Question: "I've noticed that some of our members have been preaching at our church. And I'm fine with this, I'm just wondering why it's OK for them to be doing this. I thought pastors normally did this."

And, of course, this person was absolutely correct- normally, pastors are responsible for the preaching of the Word. (Thank goodness it is 'normally' and not 'normal', or I'd probably have to be quiet most of the time... ☺) After all, pastors like myself receive extensive training and are ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Well, let me give the official Presbyterian answer first. Our Book of Order states: "For reasons of order the preaching of the Word shall ordinarily be done by a minister of the Word and Sacrament." (W-2.2007)

Of course the key word there is the word 'ordinarily'.

Along with Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, also known as Teaching Elders, the Ruling Elders, the men and women the church are persons "with particular gifts to share in governing and ministry" and should "cultivate their ability to teach the Bible." (G-6.0304) In a Presbyterian Church the Elders are responsible for: "providing for the worship of the people of God, including the preaching of the Word." (G-10.0102) And while ordinarily we look to Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, it is perfectly appropriate in our polity for an Elder with the guidance of their pastor to offer the Word purely preached.

Ok, enough of the 'officialese'. The deeper and better reason for equipping lay members of Christ's body to preach the Word is that I actually believe in the priesthood of ALL believers. I believe the true source of preaching doesn't come from a degree or from an official body conferring authority upon someone- the true source of preaching is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit that brings the Word to life not only in the preacher's heart, whoever they may be, but also in the congregation hearing them. And the Holy Spirit...well, let me just say that I don't want to be the

guy to decide where the Spirit can and cannot move.

Back in the nineteenth century pastors like me decided that the Spirit could only work with white men with a seminary education. And this was very convenient, as the men who decided this all met those rather lofty qualifications.

While some people agreed with this, and some were angered by it, the most interesting people to me were the ones who simply ignored it. White and African-American women rose up all over these United States in informal gatherings and gave what they called "Testimonies". Here's what a "testimony" looked like: a woman would reach a passage of scripture, and then she would expound on the meaning of this passage of scripture (for sometimes up to an hour or more!) both exploring it from a textual perspective as well as from their personal perspective and always leaving the hearers with a charge based on the claims of the Gospel. That sure sounds like preaching to me. But of course those women would have had to live for a long, long time before they would have seen a church come to recognize that. And what a loss- not for those woman who preached whether people had ears to hear or not; but what a loss for us, for the church.

Paul tells us the church is like a body. And as our bodies require ears, eyes, arms, and feet, I believe our church body requires hearing the Gospel from different perspectives.

Now you know that I love preaching. There is nothing I love more about my vocation or to which I devote more of my time. I consider preaching to be a sacred and high calling worth our greatest efforts, and far too important to restrict to the voices of the few. As Christ's body needs every member to function well, so, too, I believe the church requires many voices.

And when I'm ever personally tempted to dismiss a preacher because of the seminary they attended or the fact they didn't attend one at all, I try to remember that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ didn't get into Princeton Theological Seminary or even make the cut at his safety school of Harvard Divinity. He was a simple carpenter. And the power of his preaching lay not in his formal education, but in his faithfulness to God's Spirit.

In Christ,



# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Let me introduce you to Jean and Dean Wells, who have been members of Tualatin Presbyterian Church since 1985. If you were in church on September 12th you

heard Clare Hahn mention what a great visit she and Tom had with Jean and Dean. Clare asked for prayers for Jean's health.

Jean and Dean live in the Charbonneau District as do other TPC members. They purchased their home in 1977, moved to Charbonneau in 1978, and have lived there ever since. Before moving to Charbonneau, they lived in NE Portland. Jean comes from the Grand Ronde area (LaGrande) and Dean comes from Union. They have been married 62 years.

Dean first worked with the highway department building roads in the John Day area. One day, at the age of 29, he came home from work and stated he'd decided he was going to get an indoor job rather than an outdoor job. He went to college at Portland State University graduated at 33 and started his second career in elementary education. He loved it so much he went on to get masters degrees in education administration and later at Purdue in counseling and guidance. Dean taught in the David Douglas School District for 25 years.

Jean also taught elementary school. She taught many grade levels. She would teach the same grade level for at least three years before she moved to a new level. She taught at Columbia and Wilcox. She taught for 28 years.

Dean loves to golf and currently plays three times a week. Jean creates water color paintings and does wood carving. Paintings she has done hang on her



walls along side paintings created by her artistic son, Allen. Jean also creates wood carvings such as the one pictured on the left, which adorn her shelves and stands. She is very modest about her artistic abilities. Jean and Dean are also both bridge players.

Dean has an older brother, Robert H. Wells, who compiled two books of memoirs, *We All Have a Story to Tell Book 1 and Book 2*. The first book was about the depression; the second was about World War II. The second book was dedicated to Dean and his twin brother, Gene, who passed away recently.

Dean and his twin, Gene, enlisted in the Marine Corps at age 17. At one point in their military careers they were both assigned to the 6th marine division in the same regiment. It was during this time that Dean figured out where his brother was and hiked for more than an hour to his brother's location where they had a nice visit...in Gene's foxhole!

Jean and Dean have three children and two granddaughters. Their artist son, Allen, lives in Manhattan, Tricia is a second grade teacher in the Portland area and their son, Dean, just retired after teaching in high school for 30 years. One granddaughter is a masseuse and teaches her passion, salsa dancing. The second granddaughter served in the Peace Corps for two years in Africa and now works for the U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Department.

Teaching is a family affair. I wish they had been my teachers!

Barbara Harriman  
Deacon of Parish Number 10

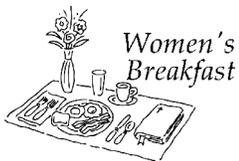
# WHAT'S GOING ON

## FELLOWSHIP

### VOYAGERS

We are starting fellowship groups of 10 to 15 people called voyagers. They are designed to break the congregation into smaller groups of people to form a close bond and become a source of support for each other over a period of years. Voyager groups could be composed of those of similar age or in a similar stage of life. For example one group could be a group of people with young families and another people with teenagers. Other groups could be for those with no children at home. Or there could be a group with people of various ages. Voyagers are not intended to be couples-only groups; they are open to all members of the congregation. A group could be made up of all singles.

Voyagers will be on-going groups meeting as often as each group wants. Activities will be up to the group. Some groups may wish to just get together in people's homes for dinner and conversation and games. Other groups may want to meet at home at times and hold outings at other times. There will be a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex in September where you can indicate what type of group you are interested in. The fellowship committee will assist in getting groups started. If you would like to help organize a group or if you have questions, please contact Barb Crall at 503-692-1677 or [barbc@compix.com](mailto:barbc@compix.com).



*Women's  
Breakfast*

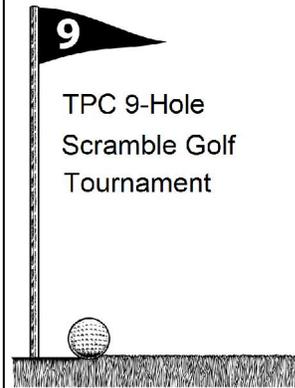
### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

We would like to gather the women of the church for fellowship and good food several times through the year. We will hold

events at different times on Saturdays and Sundays. Our first gathering will be **Saturday, October 9 at 9 a.m.** We will get together for a potluck breakfast to enjoy good food and good friends. Plan to join us then and give us some input as to what types of future activities you would like to participate in.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men's fellowship group continues to meet on the third Saturday morning of each month. Contact Marshall Watkins for more information, 503-694-2334.



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 **1:15 p.m. on Sunday, October 3, 2010!** Once again, the coveted "Perpetuity" prize is up for grabs! We are planning a potluck BBQ afterwards, location

to follow. There's a \$20 entry fee for green fees and prizes. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Any questions, please contact Mark Maleta 503-858-0482 or [mvmaleta@aol.com](mailto:mvmaleta@aol.com). Last day to sign up is Sunday, September 26.

### JOIN THE CAST!

Everyone is invited to a special art creation party! For this year's All Saints Day celebration, your art team is planning a worship installation that will include the praying and praising hands of our congregation. We are hoping that many of you would enjoy joining in the fun and would allow us to make a plaster cast of the top surface of your hand and lower arm. You will have two opportunities to cast, following services on either **October 3rd or October 10th.** You should come in clothing that can be pushed up over your elbow. Although this is not unusually messy, we will have drop cloths to protect your clothes. The demonstration, snacks and casting will be over in an hour. There will be folks to help you form and remove the cast for drying. In the meantime, we promise to keep your free hand full of cider and applesauce donuts! There will be a sign up in the narthex to help us know how many stations to prepare. If you have questions, or would like to be trained to help cast, please call Ellen VanSchoiack at 503-692-7989.

**NEW MID-WEEK  
MORNING STUDY  
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS  
STARTS OCT. 6**

The morning study class that was originally planned for Thursday mornings has moved to Wednesday mornings.

You're invited to take part in this study and discussion of Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, starting on **Wednesday, October 6**.

This twelve-week study led by The Rev. Dick Wiggers, will meet in the area next to the kitchen on the main floor from 10:30 am to noon, on the following dates: October 6, 13 & 27; November 3 & 10; December 1, 8 & 15; and January 5, 12, 19, & 26. Barbara Brown Taylor comments: "With great clarity and pastoral genius, Marcus Borg offers questioning Christians a way to keep the faith without shutting down the search for truth."

Rev. Wiggers has four copies of the book available for about \$10.50 each. Or you may order your copy directly from Amazon, or buy from Borders or Powell's.

We'll start with the introduction and chapter 1 on Wednesday, October 6.

**ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE**

Our TPC art program is celebrating its 5th anniversary! What started as a dream and a grant request has become a full program within our worship planning team. We will celebrate with a very special art installation for All Saints Day and a series of short educational chats during worship on **October 17th, 24th and 31st**. Ellen will address the three most common questions that pop up on the subject of Worship Art and announce the lineup of special events for the year that you won't want to miss!

**LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS THEIR  
73RD ANNUAL CONCERT SEASON**

The Lutheran Choral Association is a group of over 160 multi-denominational singers from the greater Portland-Vancouver area. At each of the concerts listed below there will be a freewill offering. Questions? Talk to Diane Adams.

Sunday, September 26, 2010—7:00 p.m.  
Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
5650 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton, OR

Sunday, October 3, 2010—7:00 p.m.  
Peace Lutheran Church  
2201 N. Rosa Park Way (Portland Blvd.)  
Portland, OR

**Treasurer's Report**

Operating Income and Expense at August 31, 2010

	Received Year to Date	Year to Date Budget
*Income	\$177,958.37	\$176,517.00
Expense	\$169,291.24	\$175,515.00
Difference	\$ 8,667.13	\$ 1,002.00

\* Includes prepaid pledges of \$14,200

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We give thanks for all those who have volunteered to offer a children's message, and we are encouraging the rest of the congregation to give it a try. We are looking for messages five minute in length, maximum. Please contact Adele Pelletier for more information.

## BUILDING USE REQUEST

If you would like to request use of the building, please start by calling the office. Either Rhoda or Susan can check the church calendar to see if the space is available. The next step is to fill out a reservation form that gives us dates, times, needs.



## TPC ON FACEBOOK

TPC is experimenting with social media by hosting a Facebook page. Besides the usual sermon/newsletter posts to the church website, we are using Facebook to share more current information/discussions. To join us, just search "Tualatin Presbyterian Church" after joining Facebook and "Like" the organization.

## Cell Phone Numbers in the Church Directory

Would adding your cell phone number to our church directory make it easier for your friends to reach you? If yes, please give us your cell phone number and specify *OK for directory publication*. Call (503) 692-4160 or email Rhoda@tpcspirit.org

## Church Directories

are available on the corner table in the office near the front door. Pick one up.

## ANNUAL PER CAPITA IS \$22.55 FOR EACH MEMBER

If you are uncertain whether you've paid your per capita this year, call the office at 503-692-4160 or email Rhoda@tpcspirit.org and she will check our records for you.

## LAST PERSON OUT ON SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

If you're the last person to leave the church on Sunday following worship, please check that the front doors of the church are locked. If not, use the triangular key on the window ledge to the left of the doors to release the crash bars. Push the crash bar in, insert the key and turn. The bar should release.

Thanks for your help.

## POP CANS AND BOTTLES

Yes, we're still collecting pop cans and bottles that can be redeemed for a nickel. Those nickels add up. Thanks to all who have given cans and bottles.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02	Tom Holland	19	Marshall Watkins
02	Kaity Olsen	19	Cacye Cobb
03	Chris Robertson	20	Kathy Kinyon
06	Lynn Friese	20	Molly Winterrowd
08	Jack Lemmon	22	Ryan Schleicher
08	Gina Olson	25	Barbara Crall
09	Alex Backen	25	William Schmitt
10	Betty Staples	26	Jennifer Ayers
11	Tony Mitchell	29	Matthew Dannemiller
16	Charlie Kozak	30	Elizabeth Shaffer
17	Ron Fabbro	30	Jerry Shiffer
18	Lauren Ayers	31	Sherry Nelson



## Workshop Equips and Inspires For Earth Care Ministry

On **Saturday, November 6**, congregations are invited to send a team to “Earth Care: Inspiration, Prayer and Action” at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3737 Liberty Road South, Salem, Oregon. This annual Creation Care event is sponsored by the Presbytery of the Cascades’ Eco-Justice Team of the Congregational Support Committee. Learn how to green your congregation and make prayer and worship a vital part of the process. Our keynoter is Sam Hamilton-Poore, the Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality and Assistant Professor of Christian Spirituality at San Francisco Theological Seminary, author of *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God’s Creation*. He is also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, USA and instructor at the Center for Nature and Christian Spirituality at Westminster Woods. Cost: \$25. Seniors and students, \$20. Includes locally grown lunch and guidebook. To register call Dawn at 1-800-926-3223 or go on line at [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org). Using “Earth Care Congregations,” a new resource guide and certification program of the Presbyterian Church, USA, the workshops will explore how to integrate care for creation into all facets of the life of the church.

## Preventing the Flu—In Review... Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs

Note: The **2010-2011 flu vaccine** will protect against three different flu viruses: an H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus and the H1N1 virus that caused so much illness last season.

The **single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated** each year, but good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. There also are flu antiviral drugs that can be used to treat and prevent the flu.

### 1. Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

### 2. Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

### 3. Cover your mouth & nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. If you do not have a tissue, use the crook of your arm or your sleeve, but do not use your hand. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

### 4. Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. Wash your hands for 15 to 20 seconds with soap and water, or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer.

### 5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

### 6. Practice other good health habits.

Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

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**Worship Service – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

**Elders:** Randy Beyer, Craig Bowen, Barb Crall, Norm Dannemiller, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Adele Pelletier, Craig Walker and Katrina Weener.

**Deacons:** Carolyn Hale, Barbara Harriman, Ted Lambeth, Jack Lemmon, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Sherry Nelson, Bob Nix, Mary Ortez, Ronn Rhodes, Bill Smiley, and Jeni Wiggers

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#### **Church Office Hours**

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