



## A MESSAGE from Pastor Ken

Dear friends,

On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the world lost an amazing woman named Wangari Maathai. Dr. Maathai was honored with a lot of “firsts”. She was the first woman from East Africa to receive a doctorate degree and after that the first woman appointed as a professor. She was the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. And, she was the first African woman to “trend” on Twitter, meaning she was one of the most widely discussed topics that day. The reason she was awarded all these firsts was a combination of powerful intelligence coupled with an unusual ability to persevere in the face of circumstances that would make most people give up.

Born in Kenya, Maathai was educated at a time when few women received this privilege. Eventually she benefited from President John F. Kennedy’s “Airlift” program, which allowed her to pursue her bachelors and masters degrees in the states. Part of the dream of Kennedy’s program was that these African students would not stay in America but would bring this knowledge back home to improve life in Africa. Wangari Maathai realized that dream more fully than anyone could have imagined.

Upon her return to Africa she became a leader in the National Council of Women in Kenya. This work led her to speak with thousands of women living in rural Kenya. What Maathai learned was that all of these women were facing similar challenges: they lacked firewood for cooking, clean water was scarce, and they needed nutritious food. After hearing the same story over and over again, Maathai realized she might have the solution to these problems: trees. Maathai realized planting trees might be the solution.

Trees produce fuel for fires, fodder for livestock, material for fencing, and they protect watersheds by stabilizing the soil. In 1977 Maathai organized the Green Belt Movement which trained and enabled hundreds of thousands of mostly African women to plant more than 47 billion trees improving both the environment and quality of life in rural Africa.

Maathai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for this work in 2004.

If her life sounds like one success to the next, it wasn’t. Maathai’s work with the people of Africa and support of democracy brought her into conflict with the authoritarian political establishment. In her successful effort to protest the construction of an office complex in a green space in Nairobi, Maathai was beaten nearly to death and imprisoned. Her husband, Mwangi Mathai, divorced her in 1979 complaining that he was unable to control her and that she “was too strong-minded for a woman.” She was strong minded indeed. It must have been this strength of mind that pushed her during her most discouraging hours.

Many of us today are feeling disempowered and discouraged. When we lift our eyes up to our political leaders, we are seeing a frightening level of gridlock. When we turn to our media, we see a parade of extreme views long on entertainment and short on positive solutions. The hope of Prof. Wangari Maathai’s life is that whatever frustration we are experiencing, she experienced far greater, and she still found ways to inspire and motivate people when no one else was lifting a finger to help. In 1994 she spoke these words in a speech she delivered at Harvard University: “The women of the Green Belt Movement have learned about the causes and the symptoms of environmental degradation. They have begun to appreciate that they, rather than their government, ought to be the custodians of the environment.”

Prof. Maathai used the word custodian; people of faith might use the word steward. What is it that we ought to be stewarding and not looking to someone else to be responsible?

In Christ,



# NEWS

**Cathy and Harry Chase** are long-time members thanks to the Roger Smith family who introduced them to TPC.

Cathy and Harry are native Oregonians. Cathy's grandmother was born in the area now known as Champoeg Park. Her great grandfather was part of the group that named our fair city. Part of the group wanted to name it Boston (after Boston, MA – where her relatives came from) while others in the group wanted to name it Portland (after Portland, ME--where they came from). The final decision was made by a flip of a coin and the rest is history.

Harry graduated from Wilson High School in West Portland where he sang in the choir. Cathy graduated from David Douglas High School in Southeast Portland. She was active in student government and won second in state in tennis. They met while working at Lipman Department Store. Cathy was an elevator operator (human operated type) and Harry sold shoes in the Men's Cellar. Every time the elevator went to the basement, in order to get the door to open correctly, Cathy would kick her leg out the door. This caught Harry's attention!

Harry enlisted in the Air Force in 1967 and Harry and Cathy were married August 17, 1968. After military service, the GI bill helped pay for a degree in finance at Portland State University while working for United Parcel Service. After graduation he started his banking career at U.S. National Bank, and retired from Bank of the West in 2008.

Cathy earned an education degree from PSU and taught 5th and 6th grades at Sellwood and Llewlyn elementary schools in Portland. When children were born, Cathy retired. Because of her degree in education her children could not goof off as Mom knew what they should be learning. Their daughter, Heather graduated from George Fox University, and from San Francisco Theological Seminary where she has earned two masters. She is on the staff at a church in Atlanta, Georgia. She is married to Alexis Myers-Chase.



This picture was taken at a restaurant in Los Gatos, California on Cameron's last day as a single man. Back row, left to right: Harry Chase, Alexis Myers-Chase, Heather Chase. Front row: Cameron Chase and Cathy Chase.

Cameron graduated from Oregon State with an electrical engineering degree. He works for Texas Instruments in San Jose, California. Cameron married Stephanie Tornincasa on June 25, 2011.

Harry sang in the TPC choir for many years and is now taking a break. He enjoys walking in the early morning hours which has helped him drop unwanted pounds. He often walks with Susan Springer; together they pick up discarded pop cans. The first \$25 they garnered has been donated to KIVA.

“Needless to say” are familiar words in Cathy's vocabulary. These simple words bring a smile to everyone's face when spoken. Cathy has had MS for 30 years. She has never let it get her down. She is always smiling and has a laugh everyone enjoys. Before Cathy's surgery, she and Harry came to the church most Friday mornings to help prepare bulletins for Sunday worship. Cathy is currently recovering from surgery at Wilsonville Marquis. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers.

# LOOKING AHEAD

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

**Sunday, October 2** is World Communion Sunday. During worship you will have the opportunity to donate to the Peacemaking Offering. Envelopes for that purpose will be inside your worship bulletin. The Peacemaking Offering supports the efforts of Presbyterians through their congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly to work for peace by tearing down walls: 25% is kept by congregations, 25% goes to presbyteries and synods, and 50% goes to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

FYI: Weather permitting, there will be a fire drill after worship on October 2.



**WORSHIP TIME MOVES TO 10 A M  
STARTING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**



Dinner for Volunteers at  
Essential Health Clinic

**Wednesday, October 12**

We are now committed to providing dinner to the Essential Health Clinic on the second Wednesday of the month. Due to the challenging economy, some churches have had to drop their support of the clinic, so our help is needed even more.

Our next date is **Wednesday, October 12**. You are invited to share your culinary talents with the medical staff of the Essential Health Clinic. Members of the medical team go directly from their places of employment to volunteer their time and talents at the clinic. People who come to the clinic either have no medical insurance or are under in-

ured. The medical staff is very appreciative of the dinners provided by TPC and other local churches. Our support is needed to ensure these health care providers receive an evening meal.

The clinic is located in the Washington County Health Facility at 15296 SW Royalty Parkway in Tigard (to the left of the Safeway shopping mall). A sign-up sheet is posted on the tower in the Narthex. If you do not wish to deliver the food to the clinic, you can bring your food donation to the church by 2 pm on Wednesday and someone will make sure it is delivered to the clinic. If you have questions, please contact Joan Nardi.

## **SOUP EXCHANGE AND POTLUCK LUNCH (soup, bread and dessert) Saturday, October 15 at noon**

Bring six 2-cup containers of soup to trade. Send your recipe to [office@tpcspirit.org](mailto:office@tpcspirit.org) and we'll compile the recipes for sharing.

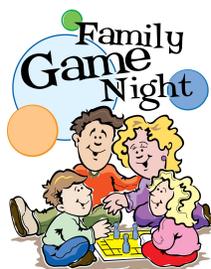
For the potluck lunch, sign up to bring soup, bread or dessert; there's a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex. This soup exchange is sponsored by the Fellowship Committee, Barb Crall, Elder.

## **RANDY BEYER, JOAN PETERSON TO WED**



Friends and family members are invited to attend and celebrate the marriage of Randy Beyer and Joan Peterson at **2 pm on Sat, October 22** at TPC. No reception will follow.

## **FAMILY GAME NIGHT Saturday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 pm**



Join us for an evening of board games and dinner of hearty appetizers and desserts. Bring your favorite board or card game, and either an appetizer or dessert to share. Questions? Talk to Barb Crall, Fellowship Elder.



### WHO IS THIS MASKED MAN?

Next time you're in the sanctuary, gaze upon the window sills over on the piano side. They have had some serious work done on them and they look great! Thanks to Rod Kerr and his finishing expertise. He made short work of sanding, staining and varnishing nine window sills!!! Thanks, Rod!!!



### PARISH PICNIC

On Sunday afternoon, September 18, members of Parishes 2,6 and 12, lead by deacons Bud Bender, Nancy Wilcox and Bob Nix, gathered for a meal and fellowship at Ibach park. It was a perfect setting

where adults could sit and visit and children could play on the playground equipment nearby. As befits Presbyterians, the food was excellent. Thanks to Bob Nix (on the left) and Bud Bender for grilling. To be sure, no one went home hungry.



### NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

With a new church website comes training to learn how to update and maintain that site. On Wednesday, September 21 several techie types, and techie wannabees, gathered for training

lead by the website developer, Amy Drews. It was a time marked by questions, head scratching and laughter.

Pictured at the bottom of the left column, from left to right: Amy Drews, Ted Pelletier, The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood, Craig Walker. Standing is Chip Kyle. Dan Barker is not pictured.



### NEIL OLSON'S EAGLE PROJECT

On Saturday, September 24 boy scouts from Troop 396, under the direction of Neil Olson, descended on the TPC parking lot and made their mark for Neil's Eagle Project. The irrigation system was expanded to support

the many new plantings that were added to the area. Bark dust was spread, shrubs trimmed and undesirable vegetation culled from the beds. In addition the play area now has a picnic table where families can enjoy each other's company. Not yet on scene is an upgrade to the mailbox, which will feature a locking compartment for incoming mail. Completion will be forthcoming, but a huge thank you to Neil and the Scouts in his troop for the beautification and improvements. TPC has greatly benefited from this Eagle Project. And Neil appreciates the support he has received from members of the congregation.

### POTHOLE NO MORE

On Wednesday, September 28, several large trucks arrived at TPC and by the end of the day the large pot-



hole that graced the entrance to our parking lot was a thing of the past.

This type of work is expensive. Prior to deciding who would do the work for us, bids were obtained from three companies. The final cost to repave the parking lot driveway was \$5,075. Funds came from the Preschool Rent Account.

## ADULT MISSION TRIP

An opportunity to work with other local Presbyterian churches, under the auspices of Project Homecoming – a joint effort of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and the South Louisiana Presbytery – has recently been received.

The trip is a week long, beginning Sunday, October 30. We will fly to New Orleans, stay at the volunteer village, “Olive Tree” (formerly the Eastminister Presbyterian church), and work on construction of new homes or rebuilding existing homes. Since Project Homecoming began in late 2007, volunteers have rebuilt more than 135 homes.

Project Homecoming provides food, housing, tools and materials needed by the volunteers. Volunteers provide their own airfare to New Orleans and \$250 to cover local expenses for the week. A typical day starts with breakfast, preparing your own lunch, transportation to the work site around 8:30, return transportation to Olive Tree village around 3:30, free time and dinner. Olive Tree village has showers, bathrooms and an industrial kitchen. Cooking is a shared activity.

If you are interested in participating, please contact either Joan Nardi or **Chip Kyle**.

## Tuesday, September 20, 2011 Session Meeting Highlights

**Sunday Morning Time Changes** – The Session approved moving the morning worship service from 10:30 to 10:00 beginning October 9<sup>th</sup>. To accommodate the time change the morning Adult Education Series will begin at 8:45, and the nursery will open at 8:30.

**New Church Website** – The new website at [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) is up and running. Check out the new look and logo. The church calendar is now available online. Ted Pelletier is the new Webmaster.

**Session Retreat** – Pray for your Session as they plan and vision for the future at their scheduled retreat on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

**New Membership Packet** – Written information and brochures for new members and visitors are being prepared to better introduce newcomers to the church.

The following information has been compiled from Session minutes. Complete copies of Session and Committee minutes are available in the church office.

Carolyn Barker  
Clerk of Session

**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**  
Here are some **fast facts** :

Not counting some kinds of skin cancer, breast cancer in the United States is—

- The most common cancer in women, no matter your race or ethnicity.
- The most common cause of death from cancer among Hispanic women.
- The second most common cause of death from cancer among white, black, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native women.<sup>1</sup>

In 2007 (the most recent year numbers are available)

- 202,964 women diagnosed with breast cancer.
- 40,598 women died from breast cancer.

Things to do to be breast healthy:

- Moderate or vigorous exercise at least 20 minutes 5 times or more weekly.
- Maintain a normal body mass index (BMI) For BMI calculator, go to [nhlbisupport.com/bmi](http://nhlbisupport.com/bmi).
- Limit alcohol to one drink a day.

Information submitted by  
Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

**The Administrative Personnel Association  
Of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

Susan Springer, administrative assistant, recently attended the Pacific Region Administrative Personnel Association Conference held at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Lake Tahoe, September 22-25, 2011.

“The Mission of APA is to offer opportunities for professional development and personal growth for those called by God to serve as support staff of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This mission is accomplished by providing continuing education events for certification and occasions for fellowship, worship and spiritual nurture at both National and Regional meetings as well as seminary sponsored training events.”

Over three days Susan attended class for 12 1/2 hours taking courses titled: Spiritual Growth and Development, Legal Matters, Directory for Worship, Personnel Issues and Interim Ministry.

**MISSING—HAVE YOU SEEN?**

We would like to locate the InFocus Projector that usually is stored in the CE office (next to Ken’s office). If you know where it is, please tell Katrina Weener, CE Elder, or Susan Springer in the office. Thanks very much.

**SERVING SPOON FOUND**

After the women’s luncheon at the end of August, I found a lovely serving spoon that doesn’t belong to me. If you can describe it, it’s probably yours. I would gladly return it as I have plenty.

Laura Spurrell



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 01 Taryn Fant       | 19 Marshall Watkins    |
| 02 Tom Holland      | 19 Cacye Gonzales Cobb |
| 03 Bill Wood        | 20 Kathy Kinyon        |
| 03 Chris Robertson  | 20 Molly Winterrowd    |
| 06 Lynn Friese      | 21 Julie Van Buren     |
| 08 Jack Lemmon      | 22 Ryan Schleicher     |
| 08 Gina Olson       | 25 Barbara Crall       |
| 09 Alexandra Backen | 25 William Schmitt     |
| 10 Betty Staples    | 26 Jennifer Ayers      |
| 11 Tony Mitchell    | 29 Matthew Dannemiller |
| 16 Charlie Kozak    | 29 Kelvin Dwyer        |
| 17 Ron Fabbro       | 30 Elizabeth Shafer    |
| 18 Janice Smiley    | 30 Jerry Shiffer       |
| 18 Will Lambeth     | 31 Sherry Nelson       |
| 18 Lauren Ayers     |                        |

**TPC PER CAPITA EXPENSE**

**\$22.90 for each member**

If you haven’t already, please pay your per capita fee for 2011. Make your check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Your treasurer will thank you. As of August 31, we’re short \$1,539.11.

**2011 FINANCIALS**

Income Year to Date (as of 8-31-2011)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$194,044	\$192,020	\$2,024
Expenses Year to Date (as of 8-31-2011)			
	\$184,783	\$195,883	\$11,100

# TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

## October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 9:15 Adult Ed. 10:30 Worship Sunday School during worship	<b>3</b> 7 pm Spiritual Formation off site. For info, talk to Laura Spurrell 503-692-7034	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> No Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>6</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>7</b> 10 to noon Loving Stitches  Session Retreat 6 to 9 pm	<b>8</b> Session Retreat 9 am to 3 pm
<b>9</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship 5 pm Youth Logos	<b>10</b> 7 pm Deacon meeting	<b>11</b> 7 pm Mission meeting	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal Essential Health Clinic Dinner	<b>13</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30 pm Men's fellowship breakfast Noon Soup Exchange
<b>16</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7 pm Session meeting 7 pm Tuesdays Treasures	<b>19</b> 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>20</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>21</b> 10 am to noon Loving Stitches	<b>22</b> 2 pm Beyer/Peterson wedding
<b>23</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship 5 pm Youth Logos	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9 am November newsletter deadline	<b>26</b> 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>27</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Sunday School during worship	<b>31</b>					

Regular TPC office hours are  
Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Please call (503) 692-4160 or email [Rhoda@tpcspirit.org](mailto:Rhoda@tpcspirit.org)  
if you've moved or changed your email address.  
Church website: [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) We're also on Facebook.

NOTE: Deadline for the November newsletter is 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 25.  
Please email articles to [newsletter@tpcspirit.org](mailto:newsletter@tpcspirit.org).

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

The directory is updated frequently. If your directory is more than a year old,  
please come to the office and pick up a current one.

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

**Parish Associates:** The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Philip Martin

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

**Deacons:** Bud Bender, Susan Fee, Barbara Harriman, Ted Lambeth, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Bob Nix, Mary Ortez, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Karen Stevenson, Jeni Wiggers, and Nancy Wilcox.

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