

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

During our last intensive week at Duke, our class had the privilege of hearing from Stanley Hauerwas, named by Time magazine as America's Best Theologian in 2001. Hauerwas grew up in Texas as a bricklayer's son, and his ascent in the academy did nothing to remove his Texas twang and ability to put extremely complex thoughts into simple, memorable statements. In class one of my friends asked Stanley about what to do with people who told him they would like to participate in church, except that there were beliefs and ideas in the tradition with which they couldn't agree. Stanley paused and then offered this: "Well, first you ask them why on earth they think they are so damn important. You ask them why they think their opinion is so much more important than 2,000 years of history." Ouch. I found myself becoming uncomfortable at the thought of having this conversation, and wondered where he was going with this. "But then you tell them this. You say, 'Look, none of us believes this stuff all the time. You can't. That's why you have friends.' You tell them, 'If you really want to be part of the church, your friends are a hell of a lot more important than your beliefs are. None of us can be a Christian alone.'"

And just like that, I understand what Time magazine saw in the guy. Being a Christian isn't about heroically maintaining our faith come what may. Being a Christian is relational. It's being around others who will challenge, comfort, and convict us, when necessary.

It reminded me of something else we were taught by the former Dean of Duke Divinity School, Greg Jones. Jones says the most important thing we can cultivate in our lives are what he terms "Holy friendships". Jones defines holy friendships like this: "Holy friends challenge the sins we have come to love, affirm the gifts we are afraid to claim and help us dream dreams we otherwise would not dream."

Nearly all of us have friends who are willing to challenge the sins we ourselves hate. It's easy, if potentially annoying, to confront someone about being constantly late or being messy. Chances are they already know this about themselves and aren't thrilled with it either. A holy friend, on the other hand, is that person in your life, who can tell you things that are harder to hear. They can challenge the places in our lives we know are unbalanced but somehow we don't want to change.

I will never forget the Sunday that I was installed at Tualatin Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Phillip Martin gave my charge. Part of his charge to me was a warning to avoid being a "busy pastor". His warning was a good one. The truth is there are times when it is difficult for a pastor to know whether they are doing much good. This is just the nature of the work. And there is a great temptation for pastors to become busy as a way of proving to themselves what they are doing is worthwhile. You don't have to know me well to know that too often I fail to heed Phillip's advice. But I am all the more grateful for having someone like this in my life.

Holy friends affirm the gifts we are afraid to claim. How many times a day do we tell ourselves we can't do something or no one wants to hear our thoughts on a certain matter? How often do we think who are we to think we can make a difference? Holy friends are the people in our lives who tell us who are we not to?

This semester I've been incredibly blessed to have a writing professor, Jason Byassee, who is both extremely critical and wonderfully encouraging. I'm receiving lower grades from him than I'm used to getting, but his criticism is fair. The main challenge he's offering to all of us is to improve our writing, and to submit, submit, submit. I've admitted to him that so often I think to my

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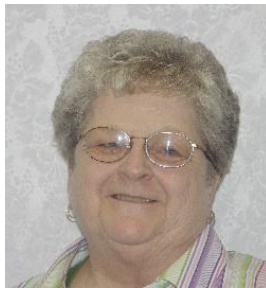
self that no editor really wants to hear from a pastor in Tualatin, right? Jason then says things like, "Are you kidding me? Look what they're publishing right now." Jason is helping me begin to affirm a gift I've been afraid to take more seriously.

Finally, holy friends help us dream dreams we otherwise would not dream. Who is it that has believed in you? Who is it that has shaped you into who you are today? How are you giving back? Who are you encouraging? Who are you helping not only to dream dreams but to reach them, too?



MEET BARBARA HARRIMAN

Although she has been a witness to much of the history of Tualatin Presbyterian Church through her active involvement in so many aspects of TPC, Barb is not a native of the Northwest.



Born in Madison, Wisconsin, the youngest in a family of 5 children, her father worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. Because of the nature of his job they moved a lot in the early years - to Boone, Iowa, Winona, Minnesota, Ironwood, Michigan and Kaukana, Wisconsin. Upon graduation from Wisconsin State University-Whitewater, Barb moved to Glendale, California to be near her future husband, Bill. They lived in the Los Angeles area for the next 8 years, where Barb worked in the insurance and banking industry.

Luckily for us, Bill's employment brought the family to the Portland area, and they settled in Aloha. Shortly after moving to Oregon Barb was working for First Interstate Bank (later Wells Fargo) as a secretary in the Auditing Department. There she was responsible for typing reports done by the auditors on bank robberies and employee embezzlements immediately after occurrence or discovery - to send to governing agencies. Banks lose more of their monies through embezzlements than robberies according to the FBI agents that Barb worked with!

Barb has two children - a daughter, Heather, born in 1974, and son, D.J., born in 1981. Heather has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon, and a law degree from Western New England of Law in Springfield, Mass. After 13 years as a partner in a law firm, Heather just recently quit her job to travel the world and volunteer, giving back to society, to find herself and strengthen her faith. She is currently working at an orphanage in La Maision, Baja California, Mexico, and also writing a book about her adventures (Read her blog at: <http://www.necessaryjourney.blogspot.com/>.)

D.J. has worked in Banfield Pet Animal Hospital Clinic's corporate office since graduating from Linfield College, where he is now Senior Coordinator, Medical Quality Advancement.

Barb and her family started coming to TPC in 1988; she has been a Deacon twice and an Elder once in the past quarter century. She is a member of the Loving Stitches Group, is involved in the fellowship dinner groups and posts the weekly attendance (based on the attendance pads that we fill in each Sunday at service. Note to all: please print clearly!) She is a member of the Mission Committee, and helps with our Tuesdays Treasures. She has attended the Cascades Presbytery family camp for 29 years and urges others to come - you'll love it as much as she does.

Barb feels strongly that our youth are very important both to the present, and the future of our church and need our support. When her children were in TPC youth groups Barb helped plan and organize mission trips, and she still supports our youth by doing such things as acting as a table parent on Sunday evenings.

The drive from Aloha where she lives to TPC is a little over 19 miles, one way. In the 24 years she has been coming to TPC, that's close to 50,000 miles! It says a lot about Barb, about her commitment to TPC, and the gifts that she continues to share with us. When you see her on Sunday, take a moment to say Hi. Both you and she will be glad you did. Julian Awdry, Deacon Parish #10

MISSION and FELLOWSHIP

Mission Committee Report

Peacemaking Offering: Coinciding with World Communion Sunday on October 7th, we will take up the Peacemaking Offering. This offering supports the peacemaking efforts of the church at every governing body level and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world. Gifts given to this offering are divided in the following manner - 25 percent is retained by the local congregation for support of their own peacemaking ministry; 25 percent is used to support presbytery and synod peacemaking efforts; and 50 percent is forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please consider supporting this offering.

Adult Mission Trip: The trip is scheduled for the week of **October 21st** and will have 23 participants from the Presbytery of the Cascades, 6 of whom are from TPC. They are Ted and Paula Miller, Ted and Adele Pelletier, and Chip and Cackie Kyle. The team will work for Project Homecoming, a ministry of the Presbytery of South Louisiana, funded by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Utilizing volunteer labor and experienced construction staff, Project Homecoming rebuilds the homes of uninsured, under insured, elderly and disabled survivors of Hurricanes Katrina and Isaac in the Greater New Orleans area. The Northwest team will be joined by participants from the Presbytery of North Kansas.

School Supplies: The Tigard-Tualatin School District singled out TPC, along with three other organizations, for their generous, on-going support of this program. Joan Nardi represented TPC and the Mission Committee at the regular meeting of the school board on Monday, September 10 where the superintendent personally thanked her and TPC for the multi-year support. Thanks again to all who contributed so generously.

Chip Kyle, Elder
Mission Committee



ESSENTIAL HEALTH CLINIC

TPC will provide dinner for the volunteer medical staff at the free, Essential Health Clinic, on **Wednesday, October 10**. The clinic, which is open every Wednesday evening at 15296 SW Royalty Parkway, (the North end of the Safeway Mall), serves both the uninsured and the underinsured. The patients range in age from infants to the elderly.

We invite you to volunteer and continue the TPC tradition of great meals for the medical staff. Sign up in the Narthex to help provide dinner. Please plan your contribution to serve 16 adults. Dishes can be brought to TPC by 2:00 p.m. on Oct. 10, for delivery to the clinic. If you have questions, please talk to Joan Nardi 503 684-6529.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Game Night—Saturday, October 13.

Starts at 6 p.m. Sign up to bring salad, beverage or dessert and tell us your favorite kind of pizza. Questions? Talk to Barb Crall, 503-692-1677.

All Church Potluck—Sunday, November 11
after worship.

Hanging of the Greens—Sunday, December 2

Progressive Dinner—Sunday, December 16.

Older Adult Ministries 2012 Joint ARMSS/POAMN Conference in Portland, Oregon, October 16 through 19, 2012.

Association of Retired Ministers, their Spouses or Survivors and the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network will hold their national conference together this month at the Red Lion Hotel located at 1021 N.E. Grand Ave in Portland. For more information, go to www.POAMN.org.

Leaps and Bounds Performance Inspires Faith in Action for God's World

Leaps and Bounds, a one woman show produced and performed by Teyvyn East is touring faith communities and institutions of higher learning across the United States. Written in collaboration with Ched Myers, renowned biblical scholar and teacher, this show is about the interconnection of faith, ecology, and the global economy. Weaving biblical and personal narrative, dance, song, music, and a touch of economic theory, *Leaps and Bounds* wrestles with the driving factors of our ecological crisis while awakening the imagination to a new way of living with and relating to Earth. *Leaps and Bounds* has been shared with more than 100 audiences in 50 cities across the country. Von Clemans, associate pastor for adult education at Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC says that the show "opens the past to critical reflection, the present to prophetic challenge, and the future to new possibilities."

Daughter of two Presbyterian (USA) ministers, East has spent most of her adult life developing original works of dance theater as well as teaching dance, organizing workshops and other cultural events in Charlottesville, VA. While she appears on the stage alone, *Leaps and Bounds* is the result of a collaboration among many talented individuals. A full list of collaborators, themes and project resources can be found at www.affordinghopeproject.org.

With foot stomping songs, playful humor, daring dance sequences and vulnerable honesty, this show will draw the audience along a compelling journey, and ultimately articulate a hope that we can all share. Rev Dennis J. Parker, the Campus Minister at Portland State University, suggests "see this magical performance and find yourself laughing, humming and crying; and wanting to understand more about how our faith can inform our vision of the Judeo-Christian story that will move us to action."

On **Thursday, October 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**, the Affording Hope Project, The Eco-Justice Team of Cascades Presbytery and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Network for Earth Concerns present *Leaps and Bounds*, a theatrical production, at Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, 2828 SE Stephans St (3 blocks south of SE Hawthorne). Sign up by e-mailing or calling Jenny Holmes at

jehrestore@gmail.com or 503-221-1054 ext 214.

Or, RSVP on Facebook at

<http://tinyurl.com/8d4um8k>. Cost is \$7-15 on a sliding scale.



TOUR ISRAEL WITH PASTOR KEN AND BENEFIT THE FOOD PANTRY

EVERYONE is invited to the regular Men's Fellowship meeting at the church on

Saturday, October 20th.

Yes folks, those strong willed TPC Women are crashing the TPC Men's Fellowship meeting and they have issued a Saturday food box challenge to the men to benefit the Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry.

Continental breakfast will be served at 7:30 am for all early risers at a cost of \$2. The program is scheduled for 8:00 am. The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood will present his pictorial tour of Israel, part two, and catch you up if you missed part one. Please sign up on the tower by Sunday, October 14th, if you are coming for continental breakfast. Also indicate on the sign-up sheet if you need childcare in order to attend.

Men and women's containers will be labeled and let's see who brings in the most stuff to win the Saturday competition. Food items should be non-perishable. Items most needed now are meat, tuna, sugar, cereal, hygiene items (such as powdered laundry detergent, diapers, shampoo, deodorant, feminine products, toilet paper) birthday bag supplies (cake mix, frosting mix, candles) and paper grocery bags if you have them. Join the Saturday fun and benefit the food pantry!

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

Sunday, October 28, 2012, also known as Reformation Sunday, the congregation of Tualatin Presbyterian Church will celebrate their Scottish heritage. Scotland in the mid-1700's found the English Parliament and monarchy banning the wearing of tartans or kilts which represented the various families (or clans), playing of bagpipes, singing of Scottish songs, speaking Gaelic, Scottish dancing--but most importantly, forbidding the Scots to worship as they pleased. The Scots were ordered to follow the Order of Worship set by the Church of England. The Scots rebelled.



In our Kirkin' service, we will remember ancient times, as well as past and present family--while asking God's help and blessings in the future. We do not celebrate a Presbyterian division from others who follow the Protestant religion, but rather we celebrate the glory of God in our Church and in our hearts.

October 28 will be the day for all of us to wear a "wee bit of tartan" in remembrance of those who endured such hardship during the early days of the church and, as the early Presbyterians did, ask blessings upon our loved ones. Please find a "wee bit" of tartan (plaid) to wear on that Sunday. If you can't, a "wee bit" will be provided so that you do not feel left out! Kilts would be entirely appropriate for both men and women. Tartan ribbons would be great! You need not be a Scot to wear tartan and most of us very likely could never identify a clan to which our ancestors might have belonged. But--the Scots consider it a great honor when anyone wears their tartan--clan member or not.

On Sunday, October 21, on each seat in the sanctuary, you will find a brief history of the Kirkin' and definition of some of the terms you will hear and procedures we will follow during the October 28 service. This will "prepare" you for a slightly different Order of Service than that with which we are all familiar. On the 28th, I will have another form on each seat in the sanctuary giving the history and the words for two pieces of "special" music. Dr. Ron Fabbro and the Bell Choir will present.

Our Kirkin' on the 28th will be followed immediately by a "proper" Scottish Morning Tea (tea and des-

serts) served in the narthex. And, gentlemen . . . tea in Scotland is not reserved for women only . . . it is a family event. Barb Crall, Pam Cameron and Carol Rhodes have graciously offered to organize the tea.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions for you prior to the service.

Maureen Richardson, Worship Elder
503-691-6711, maureenr44@comcast.net



Photo DIRECTORY

TPC Photo Directory

The deacons are sponsoring a new photo directory for TPC and we want your picture in it.

We are planning a "Do it Yourself Directory" that puts you in charge of what your photo looks like. As an alternative to traditional mug shots, we encourage each member/family, to e-mail a digital picture to Rhoda in the church office. You can send in any picture you want as long as it is in JPEG format, in good taste and the facial images are clearly visible when printed. Please take your picture with the camera held normally (not on end) so the picture produced is horizontal.

If you prefer a traditional head and shoulders picture, feel free to send in one, but you can also send in something more casual, personal and interesting. Just remember **WE WILL ALL BE LOOKING AT YOUR PICTURE**, so you might want to go easy with the cowboy hats and bowling shirts. If your home address, phone number or e-mail address need to be updated, please also include those changes when you email your photo.

For members who are not able to send in a digital picture, we will hold a couple of "Photo Sundays" when volunteer photographers will be roaming the church looking to take your picture. In addition, arrangements can be made through the deacons to take pictures of members who are homebound or who reside in care facilities and can't come to church.

Rhoda will begin putting the new photos into the computer as she receives them. The sooner you send in your photo, the sooner we can produce the new directory. Send your photo to rhoda@tpcspirit.org. If you have questions, please talk with Dan Barker.

Medicare Open Enrollment, 2012

October 15 -- December 7

Open enrollment for all Medicare beneficiaries begins October 15th. During this time you may change their Medicare Advantage Plan or their Part D, Prescription Drug Plan.

Choosing the best Medicare plan is complex and is very individual. Factors to consider are the prescription drugs you are taking, premium cost, co-pays and co-insurance. SHIBA volunteers will help you consider all these factors.

Karen Black, TPC Health Ministry Liaison, is also a SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance) counselor and can provide information about Medicare to help you choose the right plan. For an appointment, please call (503-679-2182) or email (karendblack@comcast.net). She can talk with you over the phone, come to your house or meet at any location.

This opportunity is open to any Medicare recipient in Oregon. For the state SHIBA office, call 1-800-722-4134.

September Session Meeting Highlights Carolyn Barker, Clerk of Session

Action Items

Session approved the hiring of David Kelly as interim choir director.

Session approved payment of \$250 toward travel costs for Heather Chase to meet with Cascades Presbytery Committee on Ministry for certification to receive a call.

In response to Presbytery recommendations related to the new Book of Order, session reaffirmed current policies and procedures of TPC. To provide conformity a terminology change was approved to categorize "inactive members" on the roll as "other participants".

The preliminary Manual of Administrative Operations for TPC was approved.

A position description for session clerk and a session business calendar was approved for inclusion in the Manual of Administrative Operations.

Because of reduced enrollment, the Tualatin Valley Preschool requested and session approved a \$100 reduction in the monthly rental payments until afternoon sessions can be reinstated.

Committee Reports and General Information

The Tigard-Tualatin School District honored TPC along with three other organizations for their generous, on-going donation of children's school supplies.

Video of sermons are now available on www.tpcspirit.org website.

Deacons will begin contacting members to provide digital pictures for the new picture directory in October.

Deacons reported the resignation of Candace Fant. A meeting of the nominating committee will be called. The city has not yet approved placement of new Boones Ferry signage.

Session discussed planning for Ken's three-month sabbatical next summer.

Jeni Wiggers discussed with session social justice issues of exclusion relating to National Boy Scout policies.

The above information has been compiled from Session meeting minutes. Complete copies of minutes are available in the church office.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

We're looking for someone to take over the chairpersonship of the Bereavement Committee. Past chairwoman, Pam Cameron, has put together a notebook that describes the position, so you wouldn't be starting from scratch. If you're interested in becoming the next Bereavement Committee Chairperson, please stop by the office and take a look at the notebook.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Taryn Fant, 2-Tom Holland, Kaity Olsen, 3-Bill Wood, Chris Robertson, 6-Lynn Friese, 8-Jack Lemmon, Gina Olson, 9-Alexandra Warren, 10-Betty Staples, 11-Tony Mitchell, 15-Laila Myers, 16-Charlie Kozak, 17-Ron Fabbro, 18-Will Lambeth, Lauren Ayers, 19-Marshall Watkins, Cacye Gonzales Cobb, 20-Kathy Kinyon, Molly Winterrowd, 21-Julie Van Buren, 22-Ryan Schleicher, 25-Barbara Crall, William Schmitt, 26 Jennifer Ayers, 29-Matthew Dannemiller, Kelvin Dwyer, 30-Elizabeth Shafer, Jerry Shiffer, 31-Sherry Nelson

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm Spiritual Formation off site. For info, talk to Laura Spurrell 503-692-7034	2	3 7 pm Vocal choir practice	4 7 pm Bell choir practice	5	6
7 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship	8 7 pm Deacon meeting	9	10 7 pm Choir practice Dinner for Essential Health Clinic	11 7 pm Bell choir practice	12 10 to noon Loving Stitches	13 6 pm Game Night sponsored by Fellowship Committee
14 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Children's Sunday School—leave worship after Children's Message	15	16 7 pm Session Meeting	17 7 pm Choir practice	18 7 pm Bell choir practice	19	20 7:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8 am Ken talks about Israel
21 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Children's Sunday School	22	23 9 am Newsletter deadline	24 7 pm Choir practice	25 7 pm Bell choir practice	26 10 am to noon Loving Stitches	27
28 Reformation Sunday 8:45 Adult Ed. 10:00 Worship Children's Sunday School	29	30	31 7 pm Choir practice	7 pm Bell choir practice		

2012 FINANCIALS

Income Year to Date (as of 8-31-2012)	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
	\$186,924	\$173,673	\$13,251
Expenses Year to Date (as of 8-31-2012)			
	\$182,883	\$191,479	\$8,596

For the latest updates, check the calendar posted on the church website, www.tpcspirit.org

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
if you've moved or changed your email address.

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OCTOBER

Reformation Sunday
October 28, 2012
Kirkin' O' the Tartans
Wear a "wee bit of tartan"

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The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood

Phone: 503-692-4160

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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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

Elders: Randy Beyer, Barb Crall, Norm Dannemiller, Chip Kyle, Maureen Richardson, Karen Schmitt, Kathy Sweetland, Craig Walker and Katrina Weener.

Deacons: Julian Awdry, Dan Barker, Bud Bender, Barb Kerr, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Bob Nix, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Karen Stevenson, Jeni Wiggers, and Nancy Wilcox.

Treasurer: Scott Mitchell
e-mail: treasurer@tpcspirit.org

Interim Choir Director: Dr. David Kelly

Clerk of Session: Carolyn Barker
Email: carolynjbarker@mac.com

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov
Music Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Webmaster: Ted Pelletier
e-mail: webmaster@tpcspirit.org

Art Director: Ellen VanSchoiack
Bereavement Committee: Vacant

Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer
e-mail: newsletter@tpcspirit.org

Parish Nurse: Dianne Lemmon
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Administrative Assistants: Rhoda Friesen and Susan Springer
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