

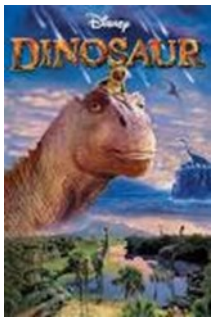


MEET THE RAMOS FAMILY

The Ramos sisters, Anya and Eliana, are very conversational. Ask them what their favorite subject is in school and they might laughingly tell you “none.” But then they will quickly move from humor to name their favorites – it’s Tech Ed for Anya and Art for Eliana. If you ask them, “What do you like the most about TPC?” you will get an immediate and enthusiastic response, “Sarah Beck!” After learning more about their parents, Karen and Patrick, it becomes clearer as to why the girls are so engaging. Patrick’s field of work, and Karen’s contemplative time outside of work provide some clues.

The couple met while in Westchester High School in Los Angeles, when Patrick was a senior and Karen a sophomore. Karen was born in Los Angeles and Patrick was born in Manila, the Philippines. Patrick’s grandfather had served in the US Army during WWII with tours that

included New Guinea, Guam, and San Diego. After the war, he was assigned at the US Embassy in the Philippines as Legal Counsel and an immigration path to the U.S. was a benefit offered to him and his family. Patrick was 2 years old when his family moved to the Los Angeles area. He recalls that only English was spoken in the household, and thus he never learned to speak his “native language” Tagalog.



After high school Patrick left Los Angeles to study graphic design and illustration at the Art Institute in Seattle. For the next 3 years, the couple maintained a long distance relationship, with Patrick occasionally commuting home to visit family, and Karen! When he completed his college studies, he returned to Los Angeles and was successful in finding work with the Walt Disney Animation Studios. He was there for four years, working on five animated films including *Dinosaur*, *Atlantis: The Lost Empire*, and *Treasure Planet*. Patrick then moved over to Sony Pictures Imageworks and worked on three more animated films, including *The Polar Express*, *Open Season*, and *Surf’s Up*. His greatest memory was being on set watching Robert Zemeckis direct Tom Hanks.

In the meantime, Karen had finished high school and was enrolled in Claremont McKenna College majoring in Economics and Accounting. After a May graduation, they were married, and Karen began her work with the Deloitte & Touche accounting firm. They were through school, had good jobs, and Patrick entertained no thoughts of moving out of the Los Angeles area. Then they visited a friend in Portland and Karen instantly wanted to move there. Patrick was not initially sold on Portland and it ended up taking five years for Karen to convince Patrick to move. Anya was born while they were still in Los Angeles, and was 1 ½ when they moved to Portland.

Once they moved, Karen became the Finance Controller at Mentor Graphics in Wilsonville, while Patrick joined LAIKA, an animation film company in Hillsboro that specializes in “stop motion” productions including films like *Coraline* and *ParaNorman*.

The family’s connection to TPC began with a friend, Patrick Gibson, and Anya’s friendship with his daughter, Monica. Patrick Gibson knew that Karen and Patrick were looking for a possible new church home and sent Karen a link to one of Ken’s sermons to watch. Patrick says he received an email from his wife... “I’ve found our church.”

In their spare time, they enjoy hiking. Patrick pushes that activity to a higher level by participating in the 5-mile “Spartan Race”, an obstacle course race in Washougal, Washington, while Karen pursues more introspective interests including poetry and online blogs. I asked Karen if she would mind sharing a poetic piece with us. Fortunately for all of us, she agreed and shared these following thoughts.

Did you know?

Did you know that being your mom is the greatest thing I have ever done?

It feels like an incredibly hard race; I haven't crossed the finish line, but I have already won.

Did you know that when I check on you at night, it is not only to make sure you are safe?

It heals my heart to see you at peace and watch the tiny smiles that creep across your face.

Did you know that I don't want you to grow up, but I am so proud that you are anyway?

I see you becoming amazing human beings, but I will miss you so much when you are gone someday.

Did you know that I wish I was as brave as you are when I was a kid?

I wasted too much time thinking, worrying and second-guessing before everything I did.

Did you know that I think you are hilarious and you make me laugh even when you are not with me?

Sometimes I sit at work and think of something you said or did and tiny little giggles slip out of me.

Did you know that your smiles brighten every single day?

Your laughter dissolves my sadness and chases clouds away.

Did you know that your singing is music to my ears?

Please show courage and keep belting out your songs for the rest of your years.

Did you know that I love to watch you dance?

You light up with joy and I pray that if the world ever tries to dim that, you don't give it the chance.

Did you know that simply sitting with you and holding your hand is my favorite thing to do?

Sometimes I do things for myself or I need a break, but my favorite place in the world is always with you.

Did you know that when I am away from you during the day, I think about you all the time?

Even when I am busy doing something that I love, you are always on my mind.

Did you know who you are matters so much more than what you have or what you achieve?

Be kind, be bold, be brave. Open your heart to others, but stand firm in what you believe.

Did you know that everything you feel, dream, and love matters greatly to me?

YOU MATTER, it's just that simple, all that you are, and all that you will be.

Anya and Eliana – how great is it to have an artist and a writer for parents!

Bob Eddy, Parish 10 Deacon

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Sunday, October 8 - 2018 Proposed Budget Presentation

Maureen Wolf, Stewardship Elder, will present the proposed 2018 Operating Budget directly after worship. Your attendance and input are greatly appreciated; sandwiches will be served! More information to follow!

Mark Your Calendar - Oct. 14 (9 am to noon)
Thoughtful Life Planning - Hear from Experts
Located in the Narthex - Continental Breakfast
Provided

Results from the US Congregational Life Survey showed that our congregation has an interest in learning more about Life Transitions, Retirement, and Death and Dying. TPC has brought a panel of experts together to address some of your needs. Erin Dwyer and Kori Walton, professionals in the fields of financial and estate planning, will share their strategies for being prepared for the future. Additionally, Pastor Ken will address memorial and funeral planning - equipping your loved ones during their time of loss. Stewardship Elder, Maureen Wolf, will wrap-up with the church's vision regarding planned giving and the role TPC plays in the community. TPC is a place of welcoming and kindness, and together, we can build a sustainable fund that supports this church's authenticity for years to come.

Please let us know if you are coming. There are 3 ways to sign-up:

1. Sign-up sheet in the narthex.
2. Online using Sign-Up Genius at <https://goo.gl/GZ9HkM>
3. Email Mike Shiffer, finance@tpcspirit.org. (If you provide your email address, you will receive a reminder a couple of days before the event.

Hope to see you there!

Maureen Wolf, Stewardship Elder

TUESDAY'S TREASURES



The weather outside was dark and damp, but spirits were high and lively music filled the air at Sunset Presbyterian Church. All Treasures from Washington County were invited to the Beach Blast

Dance sponsored by Quiet Waters Outreach. Dancing, connecting with friends, and being photographed by Mike Shiffer kept the Treasures busy throughout the event. Phillip is in the picture on the left; Rebecca and Charlett are in the picture on the right.



Our next TPC Treasure Night will be coming up on **October 17**. If you'd like to be part of this outreach program to Treasures (adults with disabilities) please contact Carolyn Locke clocke-zoo@gmail.com or Mike Shiffer finance@tpc.org We meet the third Tuesday of each month and would love to have more volunteers help us in serving our amazing Treasures.

The TPC Treasures Leadership Team
Carolyn Locke, Denise Collins, Mike & Mary Shiffer

Hello Friends...

~ **Sunday, November 5** As we begin to think and talk about the present and future stewardship of our church; people, buildings and mission, please stay for an Autumnal Potluck after service on Sunday, November 5. Contact Emily Ricker at emilyricker@gmail.com with questions.

MISSION ACTIVITIES

Tualatin Food Pantry needs SOUP!

Fall chill is in the air, and the pantry is out of soup. Chicken noodle sounds pretty good – doesn't it? Next time you come to TPC, deposit a couple of cans in the Food Pantry collection bins located next to the name tag 'wall' in the narthex.

The Pantry is now open Thursday evenings. Here's your chance to do something easy and fun that has an immediate impact on your community. Interested? Email finance@tpcspirit.org.

Janus Tree coming for Fall 'warming' of homeless teens

Fall is in the air, and gloves and scarves are on sale at Freddy's. Grab those snuggly items and new undies, clean sweaters and coats, microfiber 'throws,' and pretty much any clean clothes that would help keep a homeless teen warm. Hang them on the fall 'tree' in the narthex during October and November. All items are delivered directly to the Janus Project, providing care and comfort to homeless youth in greater Portland.

School Supply Drive gets an A+

44 backpacks full of school supplies were delivered to Kindergarteners, just in time for the first day of school. **Thanks for your generosity** and to Rebecca Olsen for her ace shopping!

Family Promise coming to TPC

Session approved TPC's support of an amazing

new program that supports families in transition out of homelessness, making TPC the first member of a growing partnership in our region. Thank you to Judy Nix for her regional leadership in this important and much needed initiative.

**Peacemaking Offering October 1st
Dedicated to Disaster Relief**

A portion of the annual Peacemaking offering will go directly to TPC’s support of disaster relief. Please give from your hearts.

Tuesday’s Treasurers

Do you want to feel energized and unconditionally loved? Need to laugh more and worry less? Blood pressure a little high? Come feel the magic of Tuesday’s Treasures. All ages welcome!
7:00 pm Tuesday, October 17th at TPC.



**Fukasawa’s
Summer Gifts**

A huge thank you to Paul and Linda Fukasawa for once again providing TPC with delicious, home-grown organic veggies this summer. All of the proceeds go to support the TPC Family Ministries programs. Watch for pumpkins coming in October!

**THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
BY OUR LOVE**

**The fabulously fashionable fall
TPC shirt collection is here!**

Show off your TPC love at work and play.

The collection and pricing:

- Orange T-shirts \$13.50 or two for \$25
- Women’s casual T \$37.50
- Men’s and women’s 3/4 zip pull-over sweatshirt \$47.50
- Men’s and women’s NIKE golf shirt (dark grey, green, purple; logo on sleeve) \$47.50



All shirts, but the orange T’s are custom ordered. Prices include shipping and handling.

Order at coffee time or email mission@tpcspirit.org
Credit and debit cards are now accepted!

Love TPC? Wear it on your sleeve!



**CLICK FOR
BABIES
Period of Purple
Crying Caps**

Do you knit or crochet, or want to learn? Once again, the Loving Stitches group is

“clicking their needles” in support of this national event to prevent the shaken baby syndrome. Last year the women of TPC made over 50 hats. We’d like to beat that goal in 2017, so join in this challenge, now through the month of November. Questions? Contact Mary Ortez, 503-612-1993 or ortez.mary@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session discussed the budget for 2018. A preliminary budget is being developed to distribute to the congregation for comment during the next few weeks.

Session decided to propose a Bylaw amendment to be put before the congregation at the January, 2018 Annual Meeting. The proposed change would add a youth or young adult position to both the Board of Deacons and the Session to serve one-year terms.

Session approved several minor items including:

Position title “Director of Family Ministries” replaces the title “Director of Youth and Family Ministries.”

Working through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for individual’s designated donations.

Concurrence with the overture being put forward to the 2018 General Assembly regarding APA certified persons called to service within the church.

The sale of TPC branded apparel and accessories.

The next regular Session meeting will be Tuesday, October 17, 2017. The Fall Session Retreat is at TPC on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

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

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

On **Sunday, October 29, 2017**, also known as Reformation Sunday, the congregation of the Tualatin Presbyterian Church will celebrate its Scottish heritage. Our first Kirkin' was held in 2012 and it seems appropriate to celebrate this year--the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther published 95 criticisms of the Catholic Church and nailed them to the door of a Catholic Church in Wittenburg, Germany. While he was critical of a range of corrupt practices he believed were being carried out by the Church, much of his criticism was related to the Catholic Church practice of selling indulgences. Although he intended to reform Catholicism, not break it apart, he managed to accomplish both. On the 500th anniversary of his act of defiance, it is important to know how that moment changed the world religiously, economically, politically, socially and intellectually--far exceeding anything he could have imagined. As the Reformation gathered strength over the years, Protestant (protest) Christianity began to fracture. Printing became more common, Bibles were produced in common languages of Europe, and interpretations of the New Testament particularly, led to multiple denominations of Protestant views--and to our own Presbyterian calling.

In the mid-1700's the English Parliament and monarchy banned Scots from wearing tartans and kilts which represented the various families (or clans), playing bagpipes, singing Scottish songs, speaking Gaelic, Scottish dancing. Most importantly, the English forbade 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; we celebrate the glory of God in our Church and in our hearts.

October 29 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. Did you know that only a man may wear a "true" kilt which is made up of seven yards of fabric? Ladies wear a kilt-dress which looks like the man's kilt but is made from much less fabric and is tapered from the waist. Both men and women may wear any tartan. Perhaps you have a bonnet--a Glengarry or a Balmoral. Remember, the Glengarry is only worn by men; both men and women may wear the Balmoral. You need not be a Scot to wear tartan and most of us could never identify a clan to which our ancestors might have belonged. The Scots consider it a great honor when anyone "of good standing" wears their tartan--clan member or not. If not in good standing, the offender could well be run through with a sgian dubh!!

At our October 22 service I will have a booklet ready for you giving a brief history of the Reformation and the Scottish Kirkin' along with explanation of some of the symbols used and people identified with the Kirkin'. Our service will be a mixture of that which would have been held when the Scots were first ordered to follow the Church of England in 1745 and the new order brought to the United States by the Reverend Doctor Peter Marshall in 1941.

On the 29th I will have a booklet ready for all attendees at the service giving you the words for special music that will be performed by Dr. Ron Fabbro, the Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir.

Our Kirkin' on the 29th will be followed immediately by a "proper" Scottish Morning Tea (tea and desserts) served in the narthex. And, gentlemen . . . tea in Scotland is not reserved for women only . . . it is a family event. Also--coffee is not served at a tea!!! Emily Ricker has graciously offered to organize the tea and I know that she will be in contact with some of our people to help her.

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

Maureen Richardson
503-691-6711
maureenr44@comcast.net



TPC to Help Address Homelessness Through Family Promise

Last month Session voted to become the first host church for the newly forming *Family Promise of Tualatin Valley* (FPTV). Homeless children and their families are able to achieve sustainable independence through the resources, shelter, meals and hospitality provided by this program.

Family Promise is part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network and there are over 6000 congregations involved in the U.S. with 180,000 volunteers. In Oregon there are 3 operating affiliates: Salem, Hillsboro, and Lincoln City.

How Does it Work?

Hosting Congregations provide space for 3-4 families to stay for a week, once per quarter. (We are working to secure 13 churches in the Tigard, Tualatin and Sherwood areas to be Host churches.) Beds for the families are provided by the Day Center, who deliver and take them down.

During the day, families are at the Day Center where the Director works with them on a plan to move to self-sufficiency. We are pursuing a lead on a Day Center location where families will shower, do laundry, take care of their non-school age children and develop resources to get them into housing.

Transportation to and from the Day Center is provided – families leave the church at 7:00 and return at 5:30 pm. Transportation is arranged so that children stay in their same school; they are brought back to the Day Center after school.

Who

The families in the program are screened and background checked. Families with substance abuse problems, mental illness or domestic violence issues are not accepted into the program.

What Does the Host Church Provide?

Space for 3-4 families, once per quarter. Some of our rooms downstairs will be configured differently for one week.

Dinner meal each night for 7 days; fellowship with the families and homework or play with the children – volunteers of all ages can be involved for a few hours during the host week.

- Breakfast and sandwich making items for 7 days; yogurt, fruit, toast, etc.)
- Two people to spend the night with the fami-

lies each night. There are lots of opportunity for volunteers – meal preparation, serving and clean up, fellowship with our families, an evening craft project for children.

What Does Family Promise Need Now?

People who can assist in recruiting host churches. You will be paired with someone, so this is not a solo effort.

Anyone who can provide administrative support to the Family Promise Officers (we need to make brochures, documents, etc.)

Gina Olson, Judy Nix, and Joan Nardi have been attending the monthly Family Promise Meetings once per month. Please let Judy Nix know if you are interested in attending a program (jenix@comcast.net).

What Makes This Program So Special?

This national program has an 87% success rate of getting families situated so that they attain sustainable housing. Here is an opportunity to bring about real change for families and children who have lost their homes.



Sunday mornings downstairs at TPC

FINANCIAL NUMBERS THROUGH AUGUST, 2017

2017 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 8/31/17	\$279,559	\$261,467	18,093
Operating Expenses Year to Date 8/31/17	\$262,156	\$270,473	\$8,317

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on What's Happening, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu.

October, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Adult Edge World Communion Sunday 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	2	3	4 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	5 10 am Project Li- nus 7 pm Bell rehearsal	6	7 9 am Vehicle Training
8 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 2018 Proposed Budget Presentation	9 7 pm Deacon meeting	10 7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	11 10 a.m. Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	12 7 pm Bell rehearsal	13	14 9 am to noon Planning for your Future, Retirement and for Those You Love
15 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 11:15 vehicle training in youth room	16	17 7 pm Tuesday's Treasures	18 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	19 10-11:30 am Book Group #1 7 pm Bell rehearsal	20	21 Session Retreat at TPC
22 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School Deacon Tailgater after worship	23	24 9 am November newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	25 10 a.m. Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal	26 10-11:30 am Book Group #2 7 pm Bell rehearsal	27	28
29 8:30 Adult Edge Reformation Sunday Kirkin' O' the Tartans 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	30	31				

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01-Adam Harris
 02-Lillian Corona
 02-Tom Holland
 02-Kaity Olsen
 03-Chris Robertson
 06-Lynn Friese
 07-Eliana Ramos
 08-Jack Lemmon
 08-Gina Olson
 08-Shawna Fleck

09-Alexandra Warren
 10-Jill Gambill
 14-Trish Ames
 15-Laila Myers
 15-Gregory Woods
 17-Ron Fabbro
 17-Linda Roth
 18-Lauren Ayers
 18-Will Lambeth
 19-Marshall Watkins
 20-Kathy Kinyon
 20-Molly Winterrowd

21-Julie VanBuren
 23-Bryan Wolf
 24-MacKenzie Myers
 25-Barbara Crall
 25-Ethan Love
 26-Jennifer Ayers
 29-Matthew
 Dannemiller
 29-Kelvin Dwyer
 30-Elizabeth Shafer
 30-Betty Taylor
 31-Sherry Nelson



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

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

Parish Associates: The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Craig Bowen, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Cathy Lambeth, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Bob Eddy, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Dianne Lemmon, Bonnie Nord, Gina Olson, Rob Wiesenthal, Pamela White and Chapin Zakrzewski.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coordinator: Carolyn Locke

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.

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