

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends, TPC is a busy place these days! Things great and small are taking place, and I wanted to take a moment to bring you up to speed on two great things and one small thing you might notice.

Some of you have heard that we were awarded a grant from Princeton Theological Seminary- what exactly is going on with that? First, you heard right. Back in May we applied to become part of a family ministry initiative Princeton is leading. From over 300 churches we were selected to be part of 50 congregations who would then be given a task that would help them narrow the congregations down to 12. So, in June they sent us a mysterious box with various tasks. An intergenerational small group of people scrambled to research various questions and then present our findings both in worship and then at my home. Many of you came out to support that, and we were so grateful for that. With your help we were selected to be part of the 12 congregations that will receive up to \$15,000 to support our family ministry.

Over the course of the next year they will send us four “charrettes.” Charrette was a new word for me. The definition of charrette is “a meeting, gathering, or intense period of time with the purpose of designing a solution to a problem.” The problem Princeton is chewing on is how to fulfill the baptismal vows we make to our children to form them in a loving and relevant faith in a world that is constantly changing. Back in the 70’s congregations mainly segregated youth and children, and many youth groups seemed to be very successful boasting huge numbers. But then, folks studying these things noticed that these youth largely failed to integrate into churches when they became adults. Those giant youth groups that looked so good were often very entertaining, but they failed to create rooted disciples. Today, in the absence of any dominant model for family ministry, Princeton is looking to congregations like ours who care about young people and are willing to experiment to try new things and see what works. At every stage we will be presenting our learning to the congregation in creative ways and will be very eager to hear your input. It’s an exciting process, and we are grateful to be a part of this larger community.

Another big thing is our session realizes that while our congregation is great at being flexible, we can grow in our capacity to organize and communicate with one another. Sometimes it can feel at TPC that the left hand doesn’t always know what the right hand is doing- much less where are feet are! J We have hired Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall to work with us for the next 8 months. Corey serves as the Executive Presbyterian of Northwest Coast Presbytery and before that served as the communications director to Seattle Presbytery. Corey holds a Ph.D in Organizational Communication. (Psst- he’s also a graduate of the University of Oregon and a huge duck fan.) Corey is going to be working with us to better articulate where we are currently, clarify our vision of where we sense God is leading us, and, most importantly, will help us to map out our strategy, communication, and will walk with us as we lean into execution. In the past we’ve done a good job of listening and learning about ourselves, but sometimes we have experience difficulty in coordinating how to move forward together. There are so many good things happening at TPC that we want to do everything we can do to live into where God is leading us.

Oh and that small thing? Maintaining the safety of our facilities is one of our most important responsibilities. For some time we have experienced people we don’t know coming into our parking lot, lingering for long periods of time, and sometimes even camping overnight. We have cleaned up trash and encountered concerning drug paraphernalia. After reaching out to the Tualatin Police department, they requested that we put up signage that will indicate everyone is welcome to attend church activities, but people are not welcome to use our parking lot to loiter or camp. We have done our best to find wording that is both gracious and clear. Everyone is welcome to attend TPC, but we will also do everything we can to create and maintain a safe environment.

In Christ,



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30 AT 4 PM**

You are invited to bring your animal to a brief outdoor service Sunday, September 30 at 4 pm. Dogs must be on a leash. All other animals must be in a cage or box. If you would like an animal blessed who has passed away, bring a photograph of the pet.

MEMORIAL STONES

On a separate insert in the Sunday, September 30 worship bulletin, there will be a form to fill out if you wish to purchase a memorial stone for your pet. The stones will go in the memorial garden here at TPC. More information is on the flyer.

**FAMILY PROMISE IS HAPPENING!
DAY CENTER RENOVATIONS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 & 6**

The Day Center, which is being leased from Rolling Hills Community Church, is ready for renovation. The Day Center will be the home base for guest families and where they go when they leave the Host Congregation at 7 am. They receive resource assistance here and work on their housing and job search goals.

Catalyst Partnerships Northwest organizes the work and supplies; churches and organizations provide the workers. All manner of work will be done to get the house ready (for example, landscaping, painting, pressure washing, floor, wall, deck repairs, etc.) The whole family can get involved if they are willing to work—lots of weed pulling and such for kids. All work materials will be provided, but if you have construction experience, bring your tools. Shifts are from 8:00 to noon and from 1:00 to 5:00 both Friday and Saturday.

If you are willing to help in the renovation activities, here's what you do:

1. Sign up in the Narthex so we know how many to expect for breakfast and which days.
2. Go to www.familypromiseoftv.org – Select volunteer button and fill out the Catalyst online form. You will receive an email from Catalyst the week before confirming your participation. (Note: there will be sign up forms at the site the day of the event, if you are unable to sign up on line.)
3. Arrive at TPC by 7:00 am for breakfast with other TPC volunteers. The Fellowship & Integra-

tion Team is coordinating breakfast both Friday and Saturday mornings.

4. 7:45 – Head over to the Day Center, which is located at 20425 Stafford Road.

On Saturday, no host post event beverages will be at Wankers Corner for those interested.

**OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH –
SAVE THE DATES!**

Happy Fall and Happy Giving from your TPC Stewardship team! On **Sunday, October 7th** we will kick-off our annual giving season. On behalf of the Stewardship committee, we invite you to attend our proposed 2019 budget presentation directly after service on October 7th. We will serve lunch to keep your tummies full and your minds open to our ideas for the coming year!

In partnership with Fellowship, we will wrap up the campaign with our annual harvest potluck on **Sunday, November 4th**.

If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me directly at 503.720.0692 or via email – mowolfcrew@comcast.net.

Sincerely,
Maureen Wolf, Stewardship Elder

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7
IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

The Peace and Global Witness Special Offering will be collected October 7.

This Offering draws Presbyterians together as active peacemakers, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do this work well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980. 25% of the Offering stays with local congregations, and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

TUESDAY'S TREASURES

The next Tualatin Treasure Night is **October 16** at 7 PM. For more information about Treasure Nights (or to volunteer), please contact Mike or Mary Shiffer or Denise Collins.



COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

TPC is proudly hosting a Presbytery event for Presbyterian Congregations in the Northwest portion of the Presbytery of the Cascades. The event is on **Wednesday, October 17 from 9am to 3pm** in our Sanctuary/Narthex and is for anyone wishing to learn more about how congregations can most effectively communicate in today's world of electronic media.

The first half of the workshop will focus on developing the church's Communication Plan and the second half on some of the practicalities of communications and is geared for those with basic to intermediate technology skills.

This daylong workshop, conducted by communications professionals on the Presbyterian Mission Agency, PC(USA) staff, will give you tips and techniques to better reach your audience. We'll offer insights and tips on creating a communications plan for your congregation and discuss the do's and don'ts of media relations and of "pitching" stories to your local media. You'll learn proven techniques for using social media tools like Facebook and Twitter and leave with tips that will make your communications more effective and help increase your reach.

Anyone at TPC who is interested in this topic is invited to attend. **You may contact Rick Crall before Oct 10th, or call the Presbytery office for further details or to sign up to attend.** The registration is free, but \$12 if you wish to join us for lunch.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BRUNCH at TPC Saturday, October 20, 10:30 am to noon

Travel back in time to an era of the bustle as Shirley Tormey, daughter of Bill and Martha Bennett, Curator for Oregon Fire Service Museum, narrates the dramatic story of one of Portland, Oregon's most devastating fires in 1872. This should be informative and we hope you can to attend. This might be enjoyable for some of the younger members to bring their daughters, too.

See the sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board by the kitchen and watch for an email from me that I will send a week before our meeting. Remember, you don't have to bring a brunch food item - just put some dollars in the donation basket and enjoy an always diverse and filling brunch.

We hope you will be able to come and enjoy the camaraderie of our TPC women. We will provide child care if that would be helpful for some of the women of the church.

Judy Nix, Communications Coordinator



TRIENNIUM 2019 IS THIS SUMMER!

Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and

the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that occurs every three years. The 2019 event is July 16-20, 2019 at Purdue University in Indiana. The theme for the 2019 event is "Here's My Heart".

Ages: Incoming high school freshmen to outgoing seniors

Registration begins: November 5th, 2018.

If any TPC high school students are interested in going to this event, please contact Sarah Beck.

More information coming soon!

**A note about travel: participants over 18 will need a form of government issued ID. Since we are going in July, it won't yet need to be a passport; those regulations take effect in October.



CLICK FOR BABIES

Each and every day infants across North America are shaken and abused because the person caring for them became frustrated with their crying. Many times the abuse could have been prevented had the person caring for the infant only known that early infant crying may be normal.

CLICK for Babies is a North America initiative to help educate caregivers about normal infant crying, how to cope with crying and the dangers of reacting to crying in frustration by shaking or harming an infant.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Knit or crochet a soft-to-the-touch purple colored cap! Give your completed caps to Mary Ortez. Caps will be distributed to families in November and December.

Spread the word about *CLICK for Babies*, the *Period of PURPLE Crying* and Shaken Baby Syndrome verbally, through social media and/or by hanging up flyers around the community. Visit your local organizations's social media page for local information to share.



PROJECT LINUS KNITTED BLANKET

On a recent Sunday, someone handed a blue, yellow, green and brown knitted blanket to Diane Barry while she was greeting at the front door on a Sunday morning. Diane doesn't remember who gave the blanket to her. If it was you, please call Shirley Schultz, 503-625-9810



GIVING END OF YEAR TAX PLANNING TIPS

Charitable givers older than age 70-1/2 with an IRA account may find it beneficial to make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** from an IRA to a favorite charity. Such a distribution is made directly from the IRA to a qualified charity and limited to \$100,000 annually. A **Qualified Charitable Distribution** from an IRA can be counted as part of the required annual minimum distribution and is excluded from taxable income. This is especially advantageous when a taxpayer is taking the standard deduction. With changes to the tax law, fewer taxpayers will be itemizing deductions, the means by which donations to charity are deductible.

Specific IRS regulations can be complex as to the type of eligible IRA and how the direct contribution is made. If you are older than 70-1/2 with an IRA account, consult your tax advisor as well as your IRA institutional holder to determine if you might benefit by donating through your IRA.

Another tax planning tool is to create a **Donor Advised Fund (DAF)**. By creating a DAF, a donor can make a large contribution to a fund but distribute those dollars to charitable organizations over multiple years. This allows the donor to still take advantage of the charitable giving itemized deduction in the first year, then utilize the larger standard deduction in the following years. Contributions to a DAF are irrevocable but provide a variety of tax advantages. The Presbyterian Foundation offers a DAF or consult your tax advisor for additional options.

If you have any questions about setting up your donations to TPC, please contact our financial assistant, Mike Shiffer (finance@tpcspirit.org).

Happy Giving!
TPC Finance Team
Maureen Wolf,
Stewardship and Administration Elder

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

As a result of occasional overnight parking/camping in our parking lot, the Tualatin Police Department recommended that we post a sign. Session approved a sign to be posted in the parking area saying, "Property of Tualatin Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to park here for Church and other approved activities. Overnight parking and loitering are not allowed."

Session approved Dr. Corey Schloosser-Hall (who is the executive presbyter of the Northwest Coast Presbytery) to serve as a consultant to help us discern our path into the future. A tentative schedule for that project was approved.

A three-month trial program of allowing Family Promise to use the TPC van for transporting program participants, subject to certain insurance requirements, was approved.

A preliminary draft of a tentative budget for next year was introduced and discussed, and approved for use in the fall stewardship campaign.

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

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session



TEAM BELLS

We are rebuilding the team this year. Our scouts are actively searching for recruits, and can guarantee the same salary and benefits that the current players enjoy. We offer a mentor program and a one-bell introductory period. If you're interested, please come to a rehearsal on a Thursday night at 7 pm in the sanctuary.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT TPC

We are about to embark on Phase 2. TPC now has five Stephen Leaders who will, in January, 2019, start teaching a class for individuals who would like to train to become Stephen Ministers. Is this something you are interested in doing? Pick up an application form from the office.

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

At this time, the pantry is in need of canned fruit, canned soup, canned meals (chili, pasta, etc.), boxed mac and cheese, and powdered laundry detergent.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES

are available on the table to the right as you enter the office. If we run out, more will be printed.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

Coffee servers are always appreciated!! You can sign up on the TPC web site (<https://goo.gl/9imGAU>) OR notify Bonnie Nord (nordb51@gmail.com) and she will sign you up. When there are coffee servers, there will be cookies after worship on Sunday mornings!!! Thank you, thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS AND USHERS at 9:30 am

Every Sunday two people stand by the front door of the church and greet people as they arrive. Two additional people stand near the glass doors leading into the sanctuary and pass out bulletins. Can you help in October, November or December? There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please choose a date that works for you and sign up. Thank you.

FYI: The front door greeters are also asked to help pass the offering plates. The usher/bulletin people are asked to take a microphone to those who wish to speak during Joys and Concerns and help pass the offering plates.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2018 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 8/31/18	\$280,645	\$269,462	11,184
Operating Expenses Year to Date 8/31/18	\$265,536	\$278,059	\$12,523

ASKING FOR HELP

This article, by Karen Jacka, a therapist and Stephen Leader in California was written to encourage congregants, their families and friends, to reach out to the Stephen Ministry program for support.

“Hearts and Hands”

In contemplating how to reach out and help someone who might be struggling, a well circulated story comes to mind. It goes as follows:

A man falls into a river, and not being much of a swimmer, is in danger of drowning. Many people are watching from the shore and some are yelling for him to give them his hand. The man ignores their plea's and continues to struggle, going under. Another man, who also cares about the man struggling, walks by also wanting to help, but he has a different approach. He calmly wades in the water, lovingly looks at the man and says “take my hand”, and the man does. The crowd cannot understand why the struggling man would not cooperate with their plea, but did so with this other man. The stranger said “You all asked him for something, his hand, I offered him something, my hand. A drowning man is in no position to give you anything.”

When we talk about the issue of how to help someone who is hurting, struggling, breaking, ashamed, etc., they might not have the energy to come to us, to give us THEIR hand. Instead offer YOUR hand, heart, ears, and presence. Be mindful that people hide hurt and brokenness and may not appear to be struggling to stay afloat. This does not mean they are not struggling. Look beyond what people present to you. When we take the time to see, feel and hear others, we make it safer for them to share their struggles.

For all those reasons, people normally don't come to us and just spill it all. It takes offering our hand to them for them to get some relief. Sometimes we cannot be all of the help needed, and the role we can play is one piece in their support system that might encourage them to be open to some other support systems.

A Stephen Minister is one of those hands that is offered to those struggling. Whether it is for you, a friend or loved one. What we do is walk alongside the person, a presence to provide understanding, caring, relief and spiritual care.

Submitted by Melinda Woods

KEN DURING CHILDREN'S MESSAGE...



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, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 4 pm Blessing of the Animals outdoor service	1	2	3 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Mission Mtg	4 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	5 Family Promise Work Day	6 Family Promise Work Day
7 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Community Art Budget Presentation after worship	8 7 pm Deacon meeting	9 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed and Supervision	10 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	15	16 7 pm Session Meeting	17 7 pm Chancel-Choir Rehearsal	18 10-11:30 am Book Club #1 at Hagan home 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	19	20 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:30 am Women's Brunch
21 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	22	23 9 am November newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed and Supervision	24 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	25 10-11:30 am Book Club #2 at Hagan home. 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	26	27
28 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	29	30	31 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal			

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Derrick Olsen
 01-Adam Harris
 02-Tom Holland
 06-Lynn Friese
 08-Jack Lemmon
 08-Shawna Fleck

09-Alexandra Warren
 10-Jill Gambill
 14-Trish Ames
 15-Gregory Woods
 17-Ron Fabbro
 19-Marshall Watkins
 23-Bryan Wolf

TPC office hours can vary.
 Please call ahead to confirm the office is open.
 Monday, 9 a.m. to noon,
 Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
 and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.



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Web Address: www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

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, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Gina Olson, Kerry Weaver, 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

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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