

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN



Dear friends,

I'm excited to write my fifteenth stewardship letter this year! (My ministry with you can almost drive.) When I think about why our family gives to TPC, the words that mark TPC come to mind. These words, raised up in our Narthex, are community, adventuring and buoyancy.

And what a generous community we are! Last year at this time Family Promise was still just an idea. Leaders were meeting with other church communities to line up support. But look what happened - Family Promise launched last January and at this point they have done some amazing things. In our first five months, Family Promise has helped 48 people move from homelessness to finding housing. Together, with our partners, we have served over 3,000 meals and provided 1,700 bed nights. Just last week, Eleanor and Brynne joined me and Dr. Craig Bowen in sleeping over, and we had so much fun they asked when they get to do it again.

We are also an adventuring community- willing to try new things and take risks. Last fall we found out we became one of twelve churches in the nation to receive an innovation grant from the Log College Project at Princeton Theological Seminary. A diverse group of adults and youth worked together on projects helping us to discern who we are, where we want to go with our youth ministry, and take some steps in figuring out how we're going to get there. This summer, seven of us traveled to Princeton for an INTENSE time of whittling down our ideas into a single idea we can pitch. And this year you're going to see Dreamercicle take shape: a youth led, multicultural ministry to address the Anglo/Hispanic divide we see in our community. Their slogan is "working together, dreaming together." We can see this ministry moving in a lot of different directions in the future, and I'm extremely excited to see where we go.

Finally, of all the words that mark us, I like Buoyancy the best. Buoyancy is a scientific word that refers to upward pressure. Specifically, buoyancy refers to upward pressure when something is being held down. We are all weighed down by so many pressures today. I'm grateful for technology, and I see the challenges. Always being "connected" means we can always be working. And while we might feel connected to our masses of social media friends, studies show that most of us feel more alone even while we seem to have more connections than ever. To me it's that we gather together on Sunday morning. Real people, looking into real eyes, and hearing real voices- this isn't a luxury but a need. And the music and the laughter on Sunday morning- this is the kind of upward force we need to keep afloat.

So, please join my family in prayerfully considering making a financial pledge to TPC. Join us in keeping and continuing all that's good and helping to make what might be, turn into reality.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ken" with a stylized flourish at the end.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

TUALATIN MOVING FORWARD

Traffic Flow - Neighborhood Safety

It's Official! Boones Ferry is now safer and easier for pedestrians to cross - so let's celebrate.

There's a project near you...and it's finished! Pedestrian safety improvements at the Boones Ferry and Siletz intersection.

Project includes:

Pedestrian-activated signal at a high visibility crosswalk.

ADA curb ramps

Sidewalk connections in all directions, plus a link to the existing trail

Join us for a Community Celebration

Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.

At the intersection of Boones Ferry Rd and Siletz Dr. Refreshments provided.

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH – PLEASE JOIN US AT THE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH KICKOFF

Happy Fall and Happy Giving from your TPC Stewardship team! On Sunday, October 6th we will kick-off our annual giving season. On behalf of the Stewardship committee, we invite you to attend our proposed 2020 budget presentation directly after service on October 6th. Pastor Ken will also provide an update on Session's work with Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall. Corey worked with Session this past year to map out our vision for TPC and where we sense God is leading us. **We will serve lunch to keep your tummies full and your minds open to our ideas for the coming year!**

Throughout October TPC family members will share their "why" for giving and what that means for them. Finally, we will wrap up the month with a harvest potluck on Sunday, October 27th.

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

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING - Sunday, October 6

The Peace and Global Witness Offering builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980. 25% of the offering stays with TPC to use to engage in the peacemaking and reconciliation ministries that members are most passionate about. 25% goes to 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 around the globe.

Listed below are ways to interpret the offering, examples of resources needed by families.

\$30 Supplies for displaced students

\$50 Refugee Food Basket

\$85 Teacher Training

\$200 Bunk Beds for Children

THE LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION 82ND Annual Concert Season

Lutheran Choral is a multi-denominational choir performing old and new sacred music in a variety of styles.

Director: Sue Thompson Armentrout

Accompanist: Karl Jurisons

Future concert dates:

October 6, 2019, 4 pm

Peace Lutheran Church

2201 N. Rosa Parks Way

Portland, OR 97217

January 5, 2020, 4 pm

Calvin Presbyterian Church

10445 SW Canterbury Lane

Tigard, OR 97224

www.lutheranchoral.com

CLICK FOR BABIES: Period of PURPLE Crying Caps

CLICK for Babies is a grassroots public education campaign organized by the National Center of Shaken Baby Syndrome (NCSBS) (<https://www.dontshake.org/>) in partnership with hospitals, public health and child abuse prevention groups to create awareness of the leading trigger for infant abuse, frustration with infant crying.

During this campaign, communities all across North America donate handmade caps created in all shades of purple. Along with these caps, new parents receive a video booklet, and bedside information describing the Period of PURPLE Crying (a period of time when infant crying increases; beginning when babies are about two weeks old, peaking in the second month and ending around the third to fifth month.)

Once again, The Loving Stitches group is “clicking their needles” in support of this national event to prevent the shaken baby syndrome. Want to participate? Purchase any shade of soft-to-touch, baby-friendly purple yarn. Other colors can also be used in your cap, but be sure that the cap is at least 50% purple in color.

Start knitting or crocheting! Don’t know how to knit or crochet - bring your needles and yarn and come to the twice monthly Loving Stitches meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10 am at the church. Next meeting is October 9.

Questions? Contact Mary Ortez, 503-612-1993 or Ortez.mary@gmailcom

WOMEN’S MINISTRY - October 19

We had a great turnout for the luncheon and planning session last month at Carolyn Barker’s home. We will share that information with you at our next meeting. In October, Carolyn Barker will lead an interactive program on Women’s Diary Entries from the Early Western Emigration. We will get the feel of the Oregon Trail from the eyes of the women as we explore the paths they traveled. Save the date for a chance to fellowship with other women of faith and learn something interesting.

Date: Saturday, October 19

Time: 10:30 am to noon

Place: TPC

Bring: Brunch casserole, fruit, salad, muffins or dessert; If you would rather not bring an item, you may donate to the basket.

Now that school has started, please bring Buddy Back Pack items. Please find a “take one” list of needed items on the inside of the cabinet where food for pantry donations are placed

Judy Nix, Communications Coordinator



Thank You TPC Volunteers!

Many thanks to the over 30 volunteers who made our third Family Promise Host Week successful... it’s hard to express the gratitude so maybe this note from one of the families says it best: “How do we thank all the people from your church who came together to make our stay so welcoming and comfortable. We felt so “normal” sitting down for dinner with folks, who often entertained our children so my husband and I could have an uninterrupted conversation. We will long remember your kindness.” So whether you made a meal, helped with serving and cleanup, played games with kiddos or just had the pleasure of holding the baby, know your efforts were appreciated. A huge “thank you” also goes to TPC Family Promise Coordinators Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen who worked tirelessly to make the entire week go so smoothly.

Family Promise Week, October 20 – 27

We plan to thank our congregation on one of these Sundays by providing “donut holes” during the coffee hour. This treat represents the “holes” our amazing congregation has filled by sharing their time and financial support to make Family Promise of Tualatin Valley successful. During the first six months of operation, 48 individuals have been placed into housing and over 3,000 meals have been provided by the 20 churches involved in the Tualatin, Tigard, Lake Oswego and Sherwood communities we serve. What a stabilizing affect FPTV is having on the families and children in our program.

A Few Good Drivers Still Needed

to drive the Family Promise van that transports families to and from the Day Center and the weekly host church. The van, a Ford Transit van, which came



with lots of safety features, including a backup camera, drives similarly to a minivan. Drivers need to have at least five years of driving experience and a clean driving record. Click here to sign up for a shift, which are generally 1.5 hours in duration: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EACAF22A1FC1-transportation> or

contact Rose Money at 503-878-2492 (rose@familypromiseoftv.org) or talk with Derrilyn Bayha or Bob Nix, who have been doing some of the driving. Information is also on the round table in the narthex.

TUESDAY'S TREASURES

Will meet each third Tuesday of the month, October through May. This year's theme is Heroes of the Bible. For more information, contact Mike Shiffer, Mary Shiffer or Denise Collins.

HAPPENED

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Retreat and Meeting September 21, 2019

On Saturday, September 21, Session held a half-day retreat to plan for 2020. Our first priority, of course, is to nurture the programs we launched in 2019 - Log College youth program development and Family Promise. Our second priority is to improve communication, both internal and external. As we look at the age of our physical plant, we realize that we had better start planning for some

major updates, and getting a more accurate concept of what that might be is also a priority for 2020.

Our regular September Session meeting took place during the last hour of our retreat.

We discussed qualities we would like to see for the interim pastor during Ken's sabbatical next summer. We hope to have an arrangement in place by January, 2020.

Going-over budget slightly and an expenditure above an elder's purchase authority for Advent art decorations was approved. These are for some stained-glass effects for the sanctuary windows.

The budget to be submitted for the Log College Grant expenditures of \$15,000 was approved for submission. It shows the innovative outreach program being self-supporting in the third year.

The next session meeting will take place on the fourth Tuesday in October, October 22.

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

DRAGON SLAYER WALK FOR HAYDEN Saturday, September 7, 2019 Cook Park



YOUTH MINISTRIES
Marc's Marathon, Sun., Sept. 29
Portland Metro Walk for ALS



LEAH OLSON
 spoke at Walk
 for ALS



DEACON DOGS was a lot of fun! We thank you all for joining the Deacons! We collected \$177 for coffee gift cards for our TPC college kids! We all thank you!

Marc and Leah
 at
 ALS
 WALK



INFORMATION



PUMPKINS FOR SALE

The young people of TPC are currently selling pumpkins. Buy yours, before we run out!

Monies collected will go into the Sunday School account to help cover expenses for Triennium in 1922. We anticipate 8 to 9 youth will attend.

REQUESTS FROM THE TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

Currently the most needed items are:
 Canned fruit, esp. peaches & mandarin oranges
 Canned condensed soup - esp. chicken noodle
 Hearty ready-to-eat soups
 Fresh produce from your garden!
 Canned tuna and canned chicken
 Powdered laundry detergent
 Hygiene items - bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste

TPC PHOTO DIRECTORIES are available on the counter just outside the office (on Sundays).

DEADLINES

Sunday bulletin insert - noon on preceding Thursday.

Sunday morning announcements - 9 am on preceding Friday (Limit three each Sunday)

SUNDAYS - GREETERS at the front door, BULLETIN PEOPLE at the glass doors

It is easy to volunteer. There is a sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Select a Sunday that fits your schedule and sign up. Arrive about 9:30 am. No preparation. No clean up. A great opportunity to talk to people. Greatly appreciated. Thanks.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE & COOKIE SERVERS - Would you like to help serve coffee and cookies on Sunday morning after worship? Select a Sunday and sign up on the TPC web site (<https://goo.gl/9imGAU>) OR notify Bonnie Nord (nordb51@gmail.com).

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 like Tualatin Pres! 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

TPC 2019 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 8/31/19	\$275,103	\$277,537	(\$2,434)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 8/31/19	\$268,896	\$277,197	\$8,301

OCTOBER TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on EVENTS.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	3 10 am Project Linus 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	4	5
6 Start of Stewardship 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School	7 7 pm Deacon meeting	8 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	9 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	10 10 am Book Club at Hagan home 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	11	12
13 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School	14	15 7 pm Tuesday's Treasures	16 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 10 am Book Club at Hagan home 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	18	19 10:30 am to noon Women's Ministry
20 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School	21	22 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision 7 pm Session Meeting	23 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
27 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School Stewardship Potluck	28	29 9 am Novem- ber newsletter deadline	30 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	31 HALLOWEEN 7 pm Bell Rehearsal		

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

?? Derrick Olsen
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
10-Norma Spencer
14-Trish Ames
15-Leigh Christopherson
15-Gregory Woods
16-Charlie Kozak
17-Ron Fabbro
17-Linda Roth
18-Lauren Ayers
18-Will Lambeth
19-Marshall Watkins
20-Kathy Kinyon

20-Molly Winterrowd
23-Bryan Wolf
25-Barb Crall
25-Ethan Love
26-Jennifer Ayers
29-Matthew Dannemiller
29-Kelvin Dwyer
30-Elizabeth Shafer
30-Betty Taylor
31-Sherry Nelson



TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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, Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Ian Swanson, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Donna Hammersly, Jason James, Julie Nader, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

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: Chip Kyle
Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins
Webmaster: John Martin
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.