

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN



Dear friends,

It's so good to be back with you! After three months of tending to my soul, I wasn't sure how I would feel about returning to work. Would I feel ready to come back? Would I want more time? Our last pastor, The Rev. Emily Ewing, wasn't able to cover the last Sunday in August. I thought about asking a friend to cover for me. But honestly? I was kind of itching to get back to you and decided to preach before my sabbatical was technically over. I hope that gave you all a sense of how I was feeling. Yes, I had a great time away. I prayed. I ate and slept well. I exercised. I learned how to paint in acrylics. I wrote some questionable poetry. And at the end of my time I found myself rested, healed, and so ready to be your pastor again.

And yes, this means I'm more eager than ever before to get our doors open again and physically regather. Yes, the Delta variant wreaked havoc on us in the last few months, but experts are projecting better days ahead. The main challenge we have is trying to honor the community faithfully walking with us online while we begin in person worship again on Sundays. Thanks to the generous giving of this congregation, Greg Owen has spearheaded a fantastic effort to overhaul our sanctuary such that we will be able to livestream to folks at home on Sunday while those who feel comfortable coming out can worship in person. And...this is hard work. The system is complicated, and it's taking us time to get it working well enough for us to begin. I want you to know we are working as fast as we can to make this happen.

Speaking of the building, we like to talk a lot about how the church isn't just the physical structure. We still teach our children that old rhyme about the church and steeple and opening it all up to see the people. In Greek the word for church, *ecclesia*, refers not to a building but to the gathered congregation. This is all true. AND, our building enables our ministry to happen. Our building allows us to gather to worship, to meet, to enable mission projects, to fellowship together, and goodness have we been missing it!

During all this time someone has been working to ensure our building and grounds are working and are kept up, and this special someone is ready to hang up his gardening gloves. Bob Paetch served as our building and grounds elder for two terms, and then after he rotated off has served as our grounds keeper, taking care of small projects and organizing other teams to keep this place looking beautiful and able to be used in service to God. Bob, we are so grateful for you and your tireless service. I will miss bumping into you now and again and chatting about whatever silliness is troubling the world that week. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

In Christ, Ken

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN AND PER CAPITA

The kickoff for the fall stewardship campaign will be Sunday, October 17 when the proposed general fund budget for 2022 will be presented to the congregation. Your pledge to the general fund helps pay the staff salaries and operating expenses for TPC. Before the meeting, you will receive in the mail a letter from Pastor Ken and a pledge card. This year, you can pledge on line, or fill out a paper pledge card and mail it back to the church. The online pledge form can be completed at tpcspirit.org/pledge.

The annual member per capita amount has not been announced at this time, but we anticipate it will be the same, or close to, last year's amount, \$36.50.

Lynne Neilson, Stewardship and Finance Elder

WORDS FROM OUR PARISH NURSE, SUSAN FEE

SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU	ALLERGIES	COVID-19
FEVER	Rare	High (100-102) Lasting 3-4 days	Never	Common
HEADACHE	Rare	Often severe	Rare	Common
BODY ACHES	Mild	Common, often severe	Never	Common
FATIGUE OR WEAKNESS	Mild	Severe, can last 2 -3 weeks	Possible	Common
EXTREME EXHAUSTION	Never	Common	Never	Possible
STUFFY OR RUNNY NOSE	Common	Possible	Common	Possible
SNEEZING	Common	Possible	Common	Possible
SORE THROAT	Common	Common	Possible	Possible
COUGH	Mild to Moder- ate	Common, can be severe	Possible	Common
SHORTNESS OF BREATH	Rare	Rare	Rare, except with allergic asthma	Possible
LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL	Possibly mild from nasal con- gestion	Possibly mild from nasal con- gestion	Never	Can be severe

*People who have been vaccinated for Covid-19 may get “breakthrough” cases of Covid-19 that seem like only a cold or allergies. You are still contagious. Get a test.

*Sometimes people vaccinated against Covid-19 have a breakthrough infection and have no symptoms, but they are contagious. If you have been exposed, get a test.

*The best time to test for Covid-19 after exposure is 3-5 days, or anytime if you have symptoms.

*Flu (Influenza) and Covid-19 are both contagious and potentially life-threatening. If you think you may have either one, get a test and isolate at home.

*Call your doctor right away if you think you have flu. There may be meds they can give you to shorten the illness if it is caught early.

* To find a Covid-19 test, go to the Oregon Health Authority Test Finder Website, call 211, go to 211info.org, or call 503-494-5455 to schedule a test at the Expo Center drive thru testing site.

*To find a Covid-19 or Flu vaccine, check with your medical provider, your local pharmacy, or call 503-494-5455 to schedule at the Expo Center drive thru vaccine site.

AND PLEASE GET VACCINATED FOR BOTH COVID-19 AND THE FLU. YOU CAN DO BOTH AT THE SAME TIME. MANY OF YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A COVID BOOSTER. CHECK WITH YOUR MEDICAL PROVIDER.

Susan Fee, Parish Nurse



KUDOS TO MIKE SHIFFER

The Session has given special recognition to Mike Shiffer, financial assistant, with a bonus for exceptional work performance. Mike has tirelessly assisted in keeping the church operating smoothly even while the church building and office were closed due to the pandemic. He coordinated and worked with summer interim pastors to maintain the video worship streaming and internet connectivity as well as registering and filing their payroll information with three different states.

The 2020 annual accounting review gave special kudos to Mike. He revamped accounting procedures because of the church building closure and vendor changes.

It was an unusual year which included three grants plus a PPP government loan/grant conversion that required extra work.

Well done Mike...and THANK YOU!

Lynne Neilson, Stewardship and Finance Elder

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND SERVE Session members, and members of the Streaming Committee and the Reopening Committee are working to create a plan that allows us to safely gather for worship in the sanctuary. Since March, 2020, we have been worshipping by either live streaming, or streaming a prerecorded service at 10:10 am on Sundays. Moving forward, the goal is to live stream worship and other selected services.



A lot has changed in the sanctuary since March, 2020. There's a new audio system, and a new video system with new cameras and supporting equipment. With all this newness comes the need for people to learn about and run these systems. Here's where you can help.

Greg Owen and his committee would like to train people to run these systems on Sunday mornings. He anticipates needing a maximum of two people each Sunday. Greg would like to have a pool of people who are trained to run these systems. No prior experience is necessary. **Training will be provided.** If you're interested and willing to help, please contact Greg Owen by text, or call (503) 819-5303.

GREETINGS TPC WOMEN

We were unable to have our September meeting as we are not yet back at the church. We can all sigh together. Let's try again though. We have tentatively chosen **Saturday, November 6th** for our first meeting. We will be adhering to the reopening committee's guidelines. I bet that will at least include masks. We may not be able to have food, but cross our fingers that we can. Stay tuned.

Carolyn Hale and Sheri Schipporeit



AN INVITATION TO TPC READERS

Do you love to read good fiction and share your reading experience with others? Do you appreciate the challenge of new ideas? Would you like to be part of a small group of men and women where you can get to better know others in our church body sharing joys and concerns? If so, consider joining one of TPC's two ongoing reading groups.

The groups are limited in size, meeting via ZOOM from 10:00 am until 11:30 am, with one meeting the second Thursday of each month and another one the third. If you need help getting set up on ZOOM, that help is available.

The book selection for October is *THE UNDERGROUND RAINROAD* by Colson Whitehead. When Cora, a young black woman, decides to escape slavery, her flight does not go as planned. Through her journey she encounters different worlds of time and space. This story is grim, gripping and inspiring.

If you have questions, or to register your interest, please contact Priscilla Hagan 503 620-8275, Carolyn Hale 503 804-9203 or Jean Martin 971 244-5001.



TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY serving Tualatin, Lake Oswego, West Linn, Wilsonville & Durham

Now offering two visits per month, distributing food four days a week, adding Thursdays.

Deliveries are available for disabled clients. Our Bonus Free Food Market is every 4th Saturday, 9-10 am.

New hours starting September, 2021

Food Distribution Times: Monday, 4-7 pm, Wednesday 10 to 1 pm, Thursday 4-6 pm, Friday 10-1 pm
3550 SW Borland Road, Tualatin, www.schoolhousepantry.org, 503-783-0721

Volunteer opportunities are posted at schoolhousepantry.org/signup and financial donations can be made at schoolhousepantry.org/donate .



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY OF THE CASCADES

Fall Gathering - Saturday, October 16, 2021, on Zoom

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story-those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south. Psalm 107:2-3

TELLING OUR STORIES...of courage, insight, mission, stewardship, commitment and lamentations.

Keynote Speaker and Worship Leader: Jane Kirkpatrick,
Oregon's award-winning writer and Presbyterian woman
Saturday, October 16, 2021

10 am to 12:30 pm Online program via Zoom

Offering for the Fall Gathering: In lieu of a registration fee for this program, we encourage you to send an offering to us in support of these two agencies: Safe Choice (a program helping victims of domestic violence), Vancouver, Washington and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's SOAR (Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees) program. Please send checks, made out to Cascades Presbyterian Women, to Mary Lou Williams, 14601 NW 26th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685

The Zoom program link will be sent out several days prior to the event. If you do not currently receive emails from Cascades Presbyterian Women, please send your email address to rojewel@gmail.com.



TPC provided food for 16 Family Promise households the week of September 13, 2021. We extend a HUGE thank you to Candace Ferguson, Kathy MacCluer, and Diane Paetsch for helping with the shopping, sorting and delivery of the food. We appreciate their help and all the monetary donations to fulfill our promise to these guests. It costs between \$50 and \$60 per family unit for basic meal necessities each week. The guests have other resources for food, as well, to obtain what they need each week. In addition to the food, Family Promise of Tualatin Valley provides housing, education on many topics and social services to our guests to give them the best chance of success to live independently outside the program.

Eat, Drink and be Giving is a big fundraising event for our local Family Promise organization. It will be held on **Saturday, November 6th** this year. The committee is working out the details; more information will be available soon!
Pam Bowen

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BARBARA KERR

Dear Friends of Barbara Kerr,

You are invited to view a video of Barbara's Celebration of Life which took place on September 11. It was a lovely and very meaningful service attended by around 65 people in person. Unfortunately, many of you could not attend because of distance or covid-restrictions. This video should be a pretty good substitute.



To view the video thru YouTube, [CLICK HERE](#) or follow this link to YouTube: tpcspirit.org/bkerr

If you do access this video, PLEASE DO NOT send it on to anyone other than immediate family or trusted friends. For two reasons: First: This was a very personal and private service for a private person. No one involved is a public persona and their privacy should be protected. Second: There is some copyrighted music involved which was used without attribution.

Thank you, Rod

REFLECTIONS by Rebecca Backen

Dave and I don't see many Acorn Woodpeckers, so when we do it's pretty special. The places we frequent while birding do not seem to be Acorn hangouts. Generally we see a Downy, the occasional Pileated or Flickers. This spring we found a small park that was home to Acorns but they stayed so far up in the canopies we could barely observe them. A few years back we were told they would be easy to see at the Hillsboro Library; but that was not the case for us. One evening, Mary, my Ashland sister-in-law, told me she was watching an Acorn Woodpecker eat out of her hummingbird feeder. It was right outside her kitchen window. I stored that nugget of information away for our next visit.



Each of the three mornings we were in Ashland we awoke early so we could go to the Pioneer Cemetery a few miles from Mary's home. Each morning we were gifted with seeing these beauties darting from oak to oak. It was heavenly.

Old cemeteries are great places to bird watch. They are very quiet and many times have a few old growth trees to which the birds seem drawn. The Pioneer Cemetery in Sherwood is such a place. Bluebirds are frequent visitors there in the spring. Although birds are what call me to places which may seem odd to some, I have found profound peace in walking and reading the inscriptions on the headstones. There are many sayings about a person only truly dying when their name is spoken for the last time. I take the time to say many of the names aloud and to imagine whatever comes to me about the person belonging to that name. I tell them about the happenings in the world as I see it, and I tell them how fortunate they are to be sharing their home with the vast array of birds that sing to them from the wee hours of the morning until the evening's end.

TPC 2021 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 8/31/21	\$245,497	\$265,469	(\$19,972)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 8/31/21	\$252,843	\$277,211	\$24,368

The Deacons and the Wiggers had a send-off picnic for Beth and Gary Schulke! They have safely arrived at their new home in Huntsville, Alabama! They will be starting new jobs there and be closer to their grandchild! We wish them well!

Susan Cameron, deacon



Greg Owen and Rick Mauer rose to great heights to install and adjust new lighting in the sanctuary.

Primary kids, parents, Pastor Ken, Ella and Sarah Beck went to Peachy Berry Frozen Yogurt in Wilsonville.



Middle and high school kids walked from Brown's Ferry Park to Starbucks for coffee and snacks.



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 9 am prayer on Zoom	2
3 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	4 9 am prayer on Zoom	5 9 am prayer on Zoom	6 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	7 9 am prayer on Zoom	8 9 am prayer on Zoom	9
10 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	11 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon meeting/Zoom	12 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	13 9 am prayer on Zoom	14 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm bell choir practice	15 9 am prayer on Zoom	16 Presbytery Women's Gathering On Zoom
17 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	18 9 am prayer on Zoom	19 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session meeting on Zoom	20 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	21 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm bell choir practice	22 9 am prayer on Zoom	23
24 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	25 9 am prayer on Zoom	26 9 am prayer on Zoom 9 am Nov. newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	27 9 am prayer on Zoom	28 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm bell choir practice	29 9 am prayer on Zoom	30
31 Reformation Sunday 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube						

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



??-Derrick Olsen
02-Tom Holland
02-Kaity Olsen
03-Chris Robertson
06-Lynn Friese
07-Eliana Ramos
08-Jack Lemmon
08-Gina Olson
08-Gary Schulke

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

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



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Phone: 503-692-4160 Email: office@tpcspirit.org

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

Worship Service – Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Russ Carlin, Sandy Gurney, Lynne Neilson, Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos, Ian Swanson

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Linda Fukasawa, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal and Rosemary Willis.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Emily Bavaro

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Open

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Craig Bowen

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Technology Chair: John Martin

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Video Editor: Rob Thompson

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

The office is closed. Can leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.