

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN



Dear friends,

Few would argue that faith is not a good thing. Kirkegaard wrote about making a leap of faith. Sartre warned us against living in bad faith. Billy Joel enjoins us to keep the faith. To some their belief in the Ducks or the Beavers is an article of faith. (For fans of the Chicago Cubs, or in my case the Pittsburgh Pirates, we might call this blind faith.) We call an attorney when there's been a breach of faith. Jesus talked about a faith that can move mountains. Most of us would agree that faith is a...pretty good thing.

But have you ever considered what kind of faith you have? Like, have you asked yourself how your faith functions in your life? In other words have you ever stopped to consider what your faith is actually doing in your life?

First off, what even is faith? In ancient Greek faith, *ho pistis*, means to trust. It's like the kind of trust you have when you step into a dark room and trust the floor will support you and you won't run into the furniture. Faith, in other words, means stepping into the world even when you aren't sure what's going to happen or how things will turn out. Calvin described faith eloquently as a "sure and certain knowledge of God's benevolence towards us." For Calvin faith was this inchoate sense we have that God is love, and, more importantly, that God loves us. Some have said faith is your dog who forgives you no matter how many times you put treats on his nose and torture him to impress your friends. But whether faith is trust, or a sense of love, or persistence covered in fur we can still ask what it's doing- how it's working in our lives.

When I took a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education as a hospital chaplain we learned something I have always found useful: faith tends either to protect us from a chaotic world; or faith propels us into a world full of promise.

The church has largely expressed the first side of faith historically. Leaders in the early church saw part of their task as guarding the *depositum fidei*, the deposit of faith, meaning the stories, teachings, and beliefs of Jesus and the apostles. Faith was something one could gain or lose. Faith could be protected and kept. And, at least to most in the church, there's nothing more important than faith for it acts as a kind of bulwark against an unpredictable and often hostile world. No matter what's happening in your life or in the world outside, people could enter the church, participate in the liturgy, hear the good news, and feel like they could count on at least ONE thing in their crazy life.

On the other hand faith is also what leads and sustains people taking enormous risks to venture forth into an unknown future. It was faith that kept Abram and Sarai going when they left everything and everyone they ever knew to leave their home town and region and travel thousands of miles never to return. It was faith that stoked the pilgrims literally putting their lives and the lives of their families at risk to travel in tiny boats across a vast sea to an unknown land in search of safety. Ironically, it can even be faith that leads some to step out of a religious tradition in which they were raised, to find a new home better suited for them in another religious expression. As Simone Weil put it, "If one turns aside from Christ to go towards the truth, one will not go far before falling into his arms again." (Although perhaps in a very different form.)

So, for some, faith is something that is fixed and creates a kind of wall of safety around us that protects the good and holds the threats of the world at bay. For others faith propels us into the world prompting us to search for the Holy in everything new we encounter. Very different muscles, yeah? You can see how even people who attend the same congregation and share most beliefs in common can still differ vastly when it comes to how we envision the faith and what we need and expect from it.

And of course none of us embody a purely protective faith or a propelling faith. We're all a mix, although most of us can identify pretty quickly with one of these poles. Much is made of how we as a people are divided over so-called conservative and liberal tendencies. More interesting to me is this fundamental drive to pull away from the world or to drive forth into it.

Which kind of faith did you grow up seeing in your family or in the world around you? What kind of faith comes most naturally to you? If you're curious about deepening in your faith- the fastest pathway is to embrace the expression of faith that feels least natural to you. Which is harder for you- pulling away from the world or pushing yourself to engage it?

Whatever you do, for the love of all that's good, avoid being a Pittsburgh Pirates fan if you can at all help it.
Warmly, Ken

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES - JENNIFER SCHLOMING



Please welcome Jennifer Schloming as our Director of Music Ministries. In just a few weeks, Jennifer organized a group of choir members so that we were blessed with song last Sunday. Jennifer has a strong interest in diverse styles of music, and we look forward to her choir leadership and some amazing music to accompany Ken's lively Sunday sermons.

For the past 27 years, Jennifer has been the Music Director at First United Methodist Church in Ashland, OR. During that time she performed over 200 recitals, concerts and benefits in Medford and Ashland in ensembles of various sizes. During this time she also had a private piano teaching and vocal coaching practice. Her career has also included collaboration with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival to initiate and expand a musical theater training program at Ashland's Southern Oregon University. Her earlier career was as a musical director for high schools in the southern Oregon area.

Jennifer is a graduate of Stanford University; she received her master's degree at Reed College. She considers herself a political activist, and this summer worked with LEVO on getting gun legislation on the Oregon ballot this fall.

The choir is a critical component of music worship at TPC. Jennifer welcomes all voices, so if you like to sing, please see Jennifer after church or contact her at jenniferschloming@gmail.com and let her know. She welcomes every person interested in being a part of the choir.

On a personal note, Jennifer, has not one, but two, seven-foot concert grand pianos in her living/dining room, and no table. Jennifer was widowed when her son was eight years old, and now lives with her partner, Jim Marin, who is a graphic designer and exceptional guitar player. They live in Portland in the St. John's area, which is where her son and his family live as well.

Submitted by Judy Nix

HEALTHY HINTS - SUSAN FEE, PARISH NURSE

Hi Everyone,

A reminder to please get your Covid boosters and flu vaccines. You can get both at the same time. They are predicting an early flu season this year. We have already had reports of influenza in the Portland area, so it is not too early to be getting these scheduled.

Are you interested in learning CPR? Most people who need to use CPR need to use it on a loved one. Please email me at wnsfee@gmail.com if you are interested. Let me know how many people. We may have the opportunity for a free CPR class.

WOMEN CONNECTED IN A BIG WAY AT THE WOMEN'S RETREAT, Sept. 16 to 18, 2022

"Consider the Lilies" with guest speaker Marianne Borg

Sarah Beck, Director of Family Ministries, met with Judy Nix, and other members of the Women's Ministry Committee in February 2022. Sarah requested input so she could apply for a \$5,000 Duke Divinity Foundations of Christian Leadership Strengthening Ministries Grant funded by the Lilly Endowment Foundation. The grant would be used to help pay the costs of a retreat for TPC women in September 2022 at Menucha Conference and Retreat Center in Colton, OR.

On Monday, February 28, Sarah submitted an application for Leadership Education at Duke Divinity Strengthening Ministry Grant. Our grant request was approved on April 15, 2022. The grant period is from July 2022 through June 2023.

The Women's Ministry arranged for Marianne Borg to lead the retreat in exchange for a donation to the Marcus J. Borg Foundation. Marianne is a retired Episcopal priest who served 18 years at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland. Sarah will submit a final report to Duke no later than 30 days after the final Women's Ministry Retreat debriefing meeting scheduled for Monday, October 3.



What an amazing weekend for the 34 women who attended the Women's Retreat at the Menucha Conference Center in Corbett. Marianne Borg shared that we experience the Kingdom of God on earth through the affirmation of life, relationships with one another, compassion, hope and seeing the possibility for a better future. So many positive emotions and relationship connections were expressed by attendees. Let's keep the momentum going! Thank you to everyone who worked to make this retreat a reality.

Judy Nix



1st row starting on the left: Gina Olson, Marilyn Wood, Susan Cameron, Rene'e James

2nd row: Michele DeClue, Carolyn Hale, Jackie Norman, Candy Richard, Jean Martin, Dianne Lemmon

3rd row: Laura Spurrell, Maureen Wolf, Bonnie Nord, Nancy Catanese, Linda Fukasawa, Stacy Mauer, Jeni Wiggers, Diane Paetsch, Rosemary Willis, Sherie Schipporeit

4th row: Jan Bender, Barbara DeClue, Derrilyn Bayha, Judy Nix, Macy Walchenbach, Jeannette Beeger, Sarah Beck



COFFEE CONNECTION – Second Tuesday Coffee Connection is **October 11th at 10 am**. Mark your calendar and come enjoy some laughter (and maybe a bit of learning) with your friends. We meet at the Marquis Community Center, 19805 SW Boones Ferry Rd.

ALL CHURCH OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT FOR MEN, WOMEN AND KIDDOS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

Travel back to another era with a visit to Aurora for a tour of the Old Aurora Colony Museum & Historical Society (15018 Second Street NE in Aurora) and learn about the German families who settled here in the 1800's. Tour starts at 11:30 and cost is \$7.00 for a docent lead tour. TPC's Neal Reiling, who had family members among the settlers, will accompany us.

Quilters - The 50th annual Quilt Show held at the museum will be on display as well! This will be a treat all its own.

Lunch - 12:30 pm - After the tour of the museum and outbuildings, we have reserved a separate room at Filberts Farm House Kitchen, 2137 Oregon 99E, where we can gather for a locally prepared organic lunch. Burgers, pizza, fish and chips run in the \$16-19 range; salads range from \$8-\$18. Gluten free and vegetarian options are available.

Bus - If there is enough interest, Bob Nix will fire up the church bus and you can leave the driving to him. The bus holds 14 and would leave the church at 11:00 am on October 20th. You'd probably be back at the church about 2-2:30 pm

Contact – If this outing sounds like fun to you, call or text Judy Nix (503) 735-5127 or email her at jenix@comcast.net.



We have some exciting news regarding Family Promise of TV! Beginning October 1st we are opening additional rooms at the motel shelter expanding from 15 to 40 rooms year round. The waitlist has been growing and this expansion is to help the needs of local families. The model for feeding these families will be changing. We will continue to need your generous support.

Tickets are now on sale for our fifth Eat, Drink and Be Giving event. It will be held on November 5th, 5:30 to 8:00 at the Vine and Sparrow in Sherwood. There will be a fall harvest menu, local craft beer and wine, entertainment and a paddle raise to support the program. Ticket information and further details to follow!

The following items are needed by our Family Promise guests.

1. Mattresses - twin and queen size (in good condition, need to be able to deliver)
2. Baby locks for refrigerator and stove
3. Plug covers for baby proofing
4. Baby gates
5. Two children's dressers

If you would like to drop off donations to FPTV, please make an appointment with our volunteer coordinator, 503.260.9609. Our staff members are often out in the community so a drop-off appointment is wise.

TPC has had two opportunities to provide food for FP families this fall. We shopped and sorted the week of September 12th and will again the week of October 11th. Thank you to our volunteer helpers!

Pam Bowen (pamelaabowen@gmail.com) Derrilyn Bayha (dabayha@mac.com)

FARM FRESH PRODUCE grown by Paul and Linda Fukasawa has been available recently on Sundays after worship. In years past the produce was priced and most of us paid for it weekly. This year, due to COVID and to simplify the process, everyone was asked to take the produce they wanted and make a contribution at the end of the season. Fall has officially started; we're near the end of the season. If you would like to donate by check, please make it payable to TPC and write vegetables on the comment line. All proceeds received will go into a youth account to help pay for art camp and summer programs, this year and next. Thank you for your support of TPC's youth program.



OCTOBER PARISH SPOTLIGHT - Featuring Karolyn Phillips

Favorites:

Sandwich - either chicken salad or toasted cheese

Apples or Oranges - Apples because oranges can be messy

Book - **Where the Crawdads Sing**

TV Series - **Downton Abbey**, because of the costumes

Movie - **Grease**

Passion: - Family

Submitted by Deacon Dianne Lemmon

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? Become a Hospice Volunteer
BRIGHTON HOSPICE 8050 SW Warm Springs St., Suite 205, Tualatin, OR 97062
 BrightonHospice.com

Brighton Hospice has many Hospice patients in the Tualatin area. We are looking for individuals who would like to volunteer to be companion volunteers for Hospice patients. Companion volunteers are part of the Hospice team that cares for the patient. Companions do such things as read to a patient, journal for them, show them pictures, or write notes for them to mail. They might simply sit with them and watch their favorite TV program or hold their hand. It is a very rewarding experience.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me:
 Cynthia Nolan, Volunteer Coordinator, Brighton Hospice of Oregon
 Office: 503-430-7699 Cell: 206-930-0815, cnolan@brightonhospice.com,
 www.brightonhospice.com/volunteer

SESSION MEETING DATES AND THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

In a typical month, (is there such a thing anymore?) session meets on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7 pm on Zoom. The deadline for the following month's newsletter is the following Tuesday. In September, session met on Tuesday, September 20 and the deadline for the October newsletter was Tuesday, September 27. If you have an article you would like included in a newsletter, please email it to Susan Springer at office@tpcspirit.org. Thanks.

FUTURE BLOOD DRIVES are scheduled for Wednesday, January 25 and Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

THE CARPET in the narthex has been cleaned. Thanks to Greg Owen for making the arrangements.

THE PILE OF FIREWOOD on the back patio is getting smaller. Thanks to all who have taken some of the wood.



BUILDING THE ARK ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Older kids work downstairs with our grade school kids. We are currently discussing Noah and the Ark. Therefore, we are constructing a 7-ft ark out of cardboard, masking tape, clay, butcher paper and whatever else we find to add to it.

Ken's children's sermon was timely as right away the kids asked how this story could be true. They had multiple questions, suggestions, and confusing thoughts. Two of the questions were: How did Noah and his family dispose of the animal waste; and if we believe in a loving God, why did he kill the whole world? We try to encourage these curious minds to not be afraid to question and to listen respectfully to what each other has to say. I'll end this with one of the answers an older girl gave to the younger ones: "The Bible stories are stories with lessons for us to learn how to live good lives."

WOMEN'S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18, 2022



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
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2 Communion 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	3 9 am prayer on Zoom	4 9 am prayer on Zoom	5 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	6 9 am prayer on Zoom	7 9 am prayer on Zoom	8
9 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	10 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon Meeting	11 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Tuesday Coffee Connect 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom	12 9 am prayer on Zoom	13 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	14 9 am prayer on Zoom	15 Family Promise Board Mtg 8 am-5 pm Downstairs
16 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	17 9 am prayer on Zoom	18 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session Meeting	19 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	20 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 11:30 am Aurora Colony Tour 7 pm Bell Rehear	21 9 am prayer on Zoom	22
23 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	24 9 am prayer on Zoom	25 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom November news-letter deadline	26 9 am prayer on Zoom	27 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	28 9 am prayer on Zoom	29
30 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	31 9 am prayer on Zoom					

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WITH OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

?? Derrick Olsen
02-Tom Holland
03-Chris Robertson
06-Lynn Friese
07-Eliana Ramos

08-Jack Lemmon
08-Gina Olson
09-Alexandra Warren
15-Gregory Woods
17-Linda Roth
18-Lauren Ayers
19-Marshall Watkins
20-Kathy Kinyon

23-Bryan Wolf
25-Barbara Crall
25-Ethan Love
26-Jennifer Ayers
27-Ryan Hotchkiss
29-Kelvin Dwyer
30-Betty Taylor
31-Sherry Nelson

TPC 2022 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 8/31/22	\$239,446	\$228,992	10,454
Operating Expenses Year to Date 8/31/22	\$227,982	\$252,018	24,036



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

Worship Service – Sundays at 10 a.m. in person, and on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Sandy Gurney, Lynne Neilson, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Ian Swanson

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Linda Fukasawa, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Kerry Weaver, and Rosemary Willis.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Julie Flint

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Jennifer Schloming

Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

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: Open

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Technology Chair: Open

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Archivist: Rick Crall

The office is open limited hours. Leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.