



## **TPC Welcomes our Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. Richard C. Wiggers**

Session is excited about the next growth stage for our TPC Community of Faith. We are looking forward to November 17, when Dick and his wife Jeni join us for worship and food (both of which we do very well).

Dick and Jeni are also excited about our interim period and looking forward to their time with us. The following information is from Dick's Professional Information Form (PIF) and from our Interim Pastor Search Committee's conversations with Dick and Jeni.

Dick brings a broad-based leadership approach seasoned by nineteen years of ordained ministry and thirteen years of corporate business experience. He was the Organizing Pastor of a new church development in Florida, which within eight years of his leadership ranked 11th out of 45 churches in the Presbytery of Florida in giving. Dick brings proven skills in the areas of evangelism, worship, mission outreach, stewardship, congregational care, leadership development and new member assimilation. He also has had formal interim training and served a call, for the past two years, as Interim Head of Staff at the 600-member congregation of Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church in Southern California.

Jeni is a high school biology teacher and a symphony violinist. In Oregon, Jeni is hoping to teach part time and spend time with their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren who live in Portland. She has a strong interest in building sense of community through small groups and book clubs.

The following quotes from Dick's PIF present a picture of his faith and the vision he brings to TPC. "I am grateful that my years of ministry have been filled with opportunities to work with members of all ages, especially with middle and senior highs (including the Logos program), college students and older adults (the subject of my 1985 Doctor of Ministry dissertation). I would welcome the opportunity to be a partner in ministry with the leaders and members of any congregation that is actively seeking to follow the leading of God's Spirit."

"My leadership style is "to equip the saints for the work of ministry" (Eph. 4:12). As a Minister of the Word and Sacrament, I feel called to help individuals identify and use their particular God given gifts to build up the Body of Christ."

"One of the ways that I seek to promote the healthy spiritual balance of receiving and sharing God's grace, is through the preaching of the Gospel which has the transforming power to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. It is also my practice to adapt my leadership style to most effectively meet the specific needs of the congregation that I am called to serve."

Session wishes Dick and Jeni safe and restful days as they visit with family and get recharged for their ministry with our TPC Community of Faith.



## **INITIATIVE AND COMMUNICATION = A WINNING COMBINATION**

In August I was appointed by Presbytery as Moderator of TPC's Session. Working with the Session and several of its committees, I have been very impressed with the way the elders and others are taking responsibility for keeping the routine going and for moving ahead to work on things which need attention. It is indeed exciting to see the vitality of our congregation and its leadership. The departure of Thom and Cindy Nelson to a new call in Michigan left us with a deep sense of loss. However, we have proven to be a resilient community of faith. We are both holding together and moving ahead. We even have a group of new members ready to be received. They are not coming because of a past or future pastor but because of all of us who are the congregation.

Great initiatives are being taken, but we have at times almost missed problems of conflicting plans; hence the title above. Initiative is wonderful when it is combined with good communication so that we don't end up with chaos, like two planes expecting to use the same runway at the same time. The session and Rhoda, in the church office, are essential communication links especially until our interim pastor is here.

When Dick Wiggers arrives, he will bring experienced interim pastoral leadership. Coordination of church activities is an important administrative function of a pastor along with the session and the church office. With Dick's skilled leadership we can continue to move ahead, deepening our faith and strengthening our program while we undertake the careful process of clarifying who we are now, who we want to become and the qualities and skills we will seek in our next pastor.

In and through all we will be doing, good initiatives energized by faith and good communication infused with love are qualities, which will keep us both vital and well coordinated.

Philip U. Martin  
Moderator of Session

## **TPC Session Responsibilities 2002-2003**

### **WORSHIP - Sherry Nelson**

Plans and coordinates worship services in liaison with the Pastor. Provides wide opportunities for participation by the congregation as lectors, greeters, communion support and service, and offering collection. Coordinates with music and choir director.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Janet Winterrowd**

Coordinates Church School year round for children and youth. Oversees nursery. Coordinates Vacation Bible School. Sponsors special events periodically during the year to promote and support Christian Education.

### **ADULT EDUCATION/FELLOWSHIP - Carolyn Hale.**

Adult Education focuses on Bible study groups and adult study in conjunction with Sunday worship. Fellowship promotes opportunities for the congregation to get to know each other better, including Voyager groups, potlucks, and special events and seasonal gatherings.

### **YOUTH - Jerry Shiffer & Erin Nelson**

Provides opportunities for High School and Middle School youth for fellowship, interaction, play, and mission work. Provides periodic opportunities for youth to participate in worship.

### **MISSION - Barb Harriman**

Coordinates congregation's mission activities supporting our local, regional, and world community. Targets TPC's mission "tithe" toward specific needs recognized by the congregation.

### **OUTREACH - Del Judy**

Coordinates with the Deacons; promotes recognition among congregation through nametags and address/photo directories. Recognizes visitors and makes them welcome. Conducts church publicity in the community.

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS - Dave Leland**

Oversees condition of church property and building. Coordinates maintenance, repairs, and small-scale improvements for the building, support systems, and landscaping. Oversees janitorial services and extracurricular uses of the building and grounds.

### **ADMINISTRATION - Roger Smith**

Oversees church finances and investments. Conducts stewardship pledging toward building and operating funds, and tracks offering and pledges. Conducts personnel functions including payroll, recruiting, reviews, and policies. Promotes scholarships and other support of seminary and college students.

## **TPC Spirit Features Mary and Mike Shiffer**



Mike and Mary have been TPC members since 1991. Some might think they are empty nesters, but their nest is now joyfully visited by the sweet sounds and smiles of three grandchildren, Wesley and Quentin, sons of Matt and Jen, and Sophia, daughter of Larisa and Heath. Mike and Mary are current in trendy “Grandparent Chic” with their new furniture acquisitions of a highchair, potty-chair, porta-crib and large red wagon loaded with toys and books. When not grand parenting, they try to keep ahead of their two West Highland white terriers, Ozzy and Finnigan, and avidly cheer on the Portland Winterhawks.

Mike has served TPC as a Deacon and Elder. Currently Mike is TPC treasurer and is involved in many facets of church life from negotiating the final building permit issues with the City of Tualatin to volunteering for Tuesday’s Treasures to keeping the church’s technology current. After a few years off, Mike’s life long love of the Boy Scout program has led him back to volunteering as district Cub Scout membership chair. Mike’s other job is as a Systems Manager for Pacific Crest Technology in Tualatin.

Mary served as Worship Elder and then volunteered to serve as Clerk of Session in 1996 at the end of her active term as Elder. She also sings in the choir, volunteers with Tuesday’s Treasures and participates in making quilts for ABC Quilts, a TPC Mission project. Mary works as an independent contractor in Speech/Language Pathology with West Linn Wilsonville School District and Northwest Regional ESD. Mary is currently teaching quilting classes in a local quilt shop and designing art and crazy quilts. In the growing season, Mary tends her flower and water gardens and cares for her koi and goldfish.

A Note from Heather Chase, TPC Member and Seminary student at San Francisco Theological Seminary.

### **Sabbath Time**



I am enjoying Reading Week at SFTS. It is a time to rest and do some of that reading I meant to do already. Time flies when you are having fun. My courses include French for Grad students; the Bible, Ethics and Sexuality; Women in Early Christianity; Preaching Across Cultures; New Worship, Media and Preaching; Greek Reading and Seminary Singers...pew. Many are in Berkeley at different seminaries and one is even at University of California – Berkeley. I am immersed in new ideas and challenging viewpoints about the world.

So how do I find time to do laundry? I take a Sabbath. I work three different jobs during the week and have school, so my Sabbath is Saturday. I have enjoyed this day of no work, no homework, just rest. My Sabbath has included going to Six Flags with friends, attending the All-Seminary Retreat, sleeping in and recently going on a Street Retreat in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco. It is a much-needed rest and time for reflection on what is important in life. I am still in discernment about where my call is leading me and with the state of the world maybe it is a good thing I am not in Africa now. Please keep me in your prayers on the 9th as I go before Presbytery to become a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. I am blessed by your prayer and support. I pray for TPC as we experience transition in the coming months.

Grace and Peace,

Heather ><>



# TPC Announcements

## Voyager Ships Set To Sail

Attention any fun loving adults seeking a small group of adults to frequently find fun, fellowship and food. Voyagers are small groups of adults that get together on a monthly or less schedule in each other's homes or agreed upon location. Each group decides what they want to do and it can be go to movies, hike, eat, take trips, play games etc. There are two groups formed at this time, and if there is interest new groups could be formed, i.e. for late 20s to early 40s, Harley Riders, Empty Nesters, Computer Chat Groups, Shoppers, what ever floats your boat. If you are interested contact Carolyn Hale, Barb Crall or Pam Cameron.



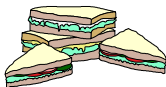
## TPC goes Whale Watching – "Jonah" - Veggie Tales Movie

The TPC Christian Education Committee invites everyone to join us in seeing the Veggie Tales movie, "Jonah". Rated G. Sunday, Nov. 3 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Lunch will be served downstairs and then we will travel to a Wilsonville Cinema for the 12:25 pm showing of the movie. Movie is approximately 1 hour and 23 min. **RSVP to Gina Olson.**

## Tech Engineers Wanted

TPC is looking for people to help with the sound and lighting system during worship or other events. If you have skills in that area (we need a coordinator and Tech Committee) or are interested in learning about the system so you can be on this tech team, please contact Mike Shiffer. A training session will be scheduled in the near future.

## TPC Session Potluck – November 17



Join our Session Elders for a potluck after worship to welcome our Interim Pastor, Rev. Dick Wiggers and his wife, Jeni. Learn about our various TPC Committees and have the opportunity to sign up! Bring your favorite **sandwiches** cut in quarters and ready to eat with condiments already on them to share (**last names A-P**) or favorite **cookies** (**last name R-Z**). See you there!

## TPC Janitors Hired



We now have three janitors performing weekly cleaning duties. Steven Springer continues and joining him are David Norse and Robert Baber.

## TPC Landscaping is Underway

The landscaping Committee is putting the finishing touches on the landscaping plans that will finish our building project. Join us for the following work party dates:

**Saturday, November 2 @ 10:am**  
**Sunday, November 3 after worship**  
**Sunday, November 10 after worship**



Bring gloves, shovels and rakes to plant trees and shrubs! Call Dee Dee Hansen at 503-656-4008 if you have any questions.

## Eagle Scout Leadership Project

Justin Meyer of Troop 530 is collecting toys, books, phone cards, gift cards, VHS Tapes, DVDs, video games and hand held games for Doernbecher Children's Hospital. These donations will benefit chemotherapy patients in all stages of treatment. Due to infection control concerns, items need to be brand new (not out of the box). The collection date is November 2 from 9am – 3 pm at Haggen's. Contact Justin at 503-692-6005 if you need the items picked up or have any questions.

## CELEBRATION DINNER

November 23 - 6:30 PM at TPC

Come / Eat / Meet / Share / Learn  
& Have FUN

Remember the dinner on July 20<sup>Th</sup>  
???

We get to Celebrate Again!!!!  
Put Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> on your Calendar and  
come

Join the CELEBRATION FUN



**General Fund Status**  
**January 1, 2002 – September 30, 2002**

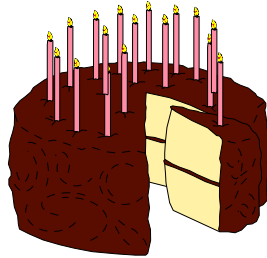
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 99,737	\$99,015
<b>Expense</b>	\$109,074	\$95,541

The general fund income is used for all church operating and regular program expense.

Building fund income for September was \$5,500. Budgeted income per month is \$6,000.

**TPC NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- Greg Lewis – 11/4
- Janet Locke – 11/7
- Kyle Leland – 11/8
- Kathy Sweetland – 11/9
- Heather Bartlett – 11/11
- Pat DeVore – 11/13
- Becky Backen – 11/20
- Candace Kadel – 11/21
- Cailyn Bowen – 11/22
- Bob Bolton – 11/23
- Dave McGregor – 11/23
- Kendra Sundt – 11/26
- Martha Wilson – 11/26
- Denise Collins – 11/29
- Jay Wilcox – 11/30



**Notice!** We are taking an inventory of our church keys. If you are in possession of a church key, please call Rhoda at the office 503-692-4160. Thank you for your help!

*The Spirit* is published monthly and is also on our website at [www.tpcspirit.com](http://www.tpcspirit.com). Please contact Debby Owen at 503-692-6920 or e-mail her at [newsletter@tpcspirit.com](mailto:newsletter@tpcspirit.com) with any news, corrections or ideas. Do you have news for the "Joys and Concerns" column? The deadline for the December issue is November 19. She could use your help!

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS!**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** –  
**Middle School** - Tuesday's Treasures Guest Speaker – Carolyn Locke 5:30 – 7:00

**High School** - TBA

**November 10<sup>th</sup> – Both Groups**  
 Rake & Run – 11:30 – 2:00. We need Volunteers for driving immediately after Church. Bring your rake, black plastic bags, and gloves. Lunch will follow.

**November 17<sup>th</sup> – High School** will be doing fund raising. **No Middle School.**

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** (Tuesday for **Middle School**) – Tuesday's Treasures 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**November 22 – 24** – CPYA for **High School** Erin has registration forms. Cost is \$70 per child and adult volunteers, deadline is Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. CPYA t-shirts are \$10. We need at least two adult volunteers. Please contact Erin Nelson.

**November 24<sup>th</sup> – Middle School & young children** - Christmas Play Practice 11:30 – 1:00

**TPC Communication Tower**

What's that tall black triangular tower in the Narthex? It's where announcements are posted by Session, Deacons, Committees, and Youth Programs. Keep on eye on these to connect to TPC events and happenings.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

They say that God is everywhere, and yet we always think of Him as somewhat of a recluse.

-- Emily Dickinson



**TPC LIBRARY**  
**Book Review**  
**By Diane Barry**

**"Centering Prayer" by M. Basil Pennington**

This is one of the books we used during the recent Women's Retreat on Prayer. It deals with ways of renewing the ancient Christian prayer form of quiet and meditation. It introduces a new spirituality that is emerging, combining the wisdom of the East with our own Western traditions. If you are looking for a new approach to prayer, this is a good alternative to our usual concept of prayer.

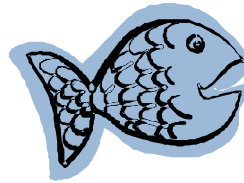
Part of Father Basil's new approach to praying is the Centering Prayer, a series of Eastern Christian spiritual exercises such as the Jesus Prayer, forming a kind of Christ-centered "mantra". His book describes the special spiritual techniques involved in the new meditation, explains the heritage from which they spring, and tells us how to overcome problems that often discourage people from the act of prayer. This is a practical book on how to relax for prayer, how to overcome pain and other problems encountered while attempting to attain the highest possible benefit from the act of prayer.

M. Basil Pennington is a Trappist monk at St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts. He has traveled widely as a teacher, leader and lecturer on Christian spirituality.

This book can be found in our library under the Dewey Decimal number 248.3. It is listed in the card catalog under the subject PRAYER as well as by the title and the author's last name. Peaceful reading!

Contact Diane Barry, TPC's librarian, for more information.

**Tualatin Food Bank**



You may have seen the articles in the newspaper lately about how Oregon is the hungriest state in the nation. That's hard to believe when we live in a place where the land provides such a bounty of food, but it is born out by the increasing number of people flowing through the food bank. Since each family can apply for food assistance only once a month, the food that we provide plays an extremely important role in lending a helping hand. Thank you so much for your continued support by filling the barrel. Especially useful are the following items: spaghetti sauce with meat, canned soup or stew, chili, and tuna. If you prefer, you can designate on any check made out to TPC to have some part go to the Food Bank to help purchase food. Any questions, contact Toni MacHaffie.



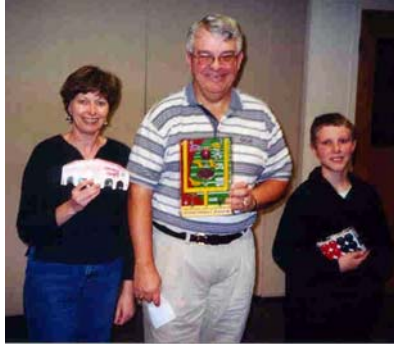
**Piano Dedication Recital**

A dedication recital for our new grand piano took place on October 27th. Several of our members participated and Rev. Philip Martin offered the blessing and prayer. This beautiful instrument will be used for many years to come in the life and worship of our church. With much gratitude for their generous gifts, we especially thank the following donors:

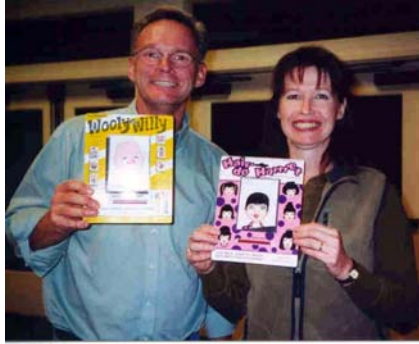


- Elisabeth Zachow Memorial Fund
- Dale and Toni MacHaffie
- Inge MacHaffie
- Craig Walker and Barbara Kozak
- Mike and Mary Shiffer
- Kris Sparks and Martha Wilson

## TPC HAPPENINGS!



**Big Nights Winners**



**Booby Prize Winners**



**Presbyterians must eat!**

On Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, about 18 TPC fun-seekers gathered at the church to share fellowship and a rousing **Bunco Tournament**. Bunco is a dice game that requires skill, cunning and lightning-fast reflexes. Besides the game, there was plenty of good food including 3 kinds of chili and more kinds of pie than you could count. Yum yum! Babysitting was provided too! Non-combatant Dave Backen acted as the game's marshal, waiter and general all-around kibitzer. The night's big winners were Dale MacHaffie (most wins), David MacKay (most Bunco's) and Karen Jones (the night's last Bunco). They all received fun prizes to enjoy at home. Becky Backen and Greg Imus humbly accepted booby prizes for finishing with the fewest victories. All in all - it was a fun evening and terrific fellowship. And, nobody went home hungry. Special thanks to Kathy Sweetland for all her hard work in taking over in Pam Cameron's absence. Don't miss TPC's next fellowship event.

Greg Imus



## TPC Annual Golf Tournament

The 2002 TPC Golf Classic was held Sunday, September 22 at the City of Lake Oswego Golf Course. Thirty one TPC members and friends participated. Beautiful weather, fellowship and fun were the order of the day. The best team score was turned in by the foursome of Harry Chase, Dale MacHaffie, Mary Maleta and Cameron Chase. The closest to the pinholes were won by Dale MacHaffie and Ted Lambeth. Mark and Dee Dee Hanson graciously hosted the post tournament potluck and awards banquet. This is an annual fellowship event and it's lots of fun! See you next year!

Ted Lambeth



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
IN DECEMBER  
Hanging of the Greens**

Mark your calendars for December 1 at 5:30 pm for TPC's traditional Hanging of the Greens! Help spread warmth this season and decorate our sanctuary tree at the same time. Youth, children and adults served by a local Portland organization will benefit from the socks, mittens, hats and scarves from our tree.

**Progressive Dinner Always a Hit**

All adults are invited to join us for the annual TPC Progressive Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 14. The evening begins with everyone gathering for appetizers at Gil and Shirl Garcia's house at 5:30 pm. From there you will go to a "main dish" house and then unto a "dessert" house. Maps to each home will be provided. It's a great evening for getting to know people around the dinner table while enjoying delicious food and conversation. Please sign up at church for what you want to bring, and if you would like to **host** dinner or dessert for 8-10 people, there's a place to sign up for that also. Note: There will be a small charge per person, which defrays the cost of the main course as well as beverages at the first stop. If you have any questions, please call Toni MacHaffie at 503-649-5934.

**Free Will Offerings**

There will be two free will offerings this season, November 17 and December 8, to benefit the Youth Mission and Holiday baskets.



TPC's Race for the Cure Team that was held on September 15.

**TPC Fall Cleanup –  
A Big Success!**



You've noticed that TPC's curb appeal" is much improved after a big afternoon of weed pulling and trimming. Thanks to all who participated!

**ODE TO THE TPC  
SPRINKLER CREW**

Every Saturday since June or May  
Out front working you could find **KAY**

With sprinkler experience and the overall plan.  
But four others helped this valuable man.

**BRIAN** coordinated, and fetched supplies  
And phoned to remind these wonderful guys.

Trench digging and filling in temperatures warm  
Was the job of another expert, **NORM**.

**PHIL** managed all things wired  
Both patience and creativity were required.

For gluing and fitting of all piping sections,  
**GREG** was both working and giving directions.

This Fab 5's team effort and dedication  
Certainly deserves our appreciation.

Many others helped on this enormous task.  
And now, I have one question to solicit:

ARE THE SPRINKLERS DONE YET???

(...and the answer is: **YES!**)

Composed by Carolyn Locke  
Presented in worship September 29, 2002  
Special thanks to Kay Kinyon, Brian Locke, Phil Friesen, Greg Owen and all others who made this possible.