November 2003

#### Falling Back & Moving On

With the disappearance of daylight savings time, we have recently "fallen back" to give the sun a one hour head start to greet the day. As we were resetting our clocks at home, Jeni commented, "The rest of the world may be falling back, but TPC is sure moving on!" How right she is. Forward



progress during the interim period often happens in fits and starts. For a while it seems like we are marking time. Then a number of things surface at once to remind us of the work that was going on behind the scenes. These words of Jesus are a timely reminder of this truth: "... The Kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow" (Mark 4:26-27).

Two major breakthroughs demonstrate how God has been working in our midst, even when all of us may not have noticed: The election of the Pastor Nominating Committee on October 5, and the approval of the Church Mission Study by the Session and the Presbytery on October 23. I know that you will join me in praying for the members of the PNC (Dave Backen, Rebecca Crall, Greg Imus, Del Judy, Cathy Lambeth, Carolyn Locke, Mike Nelson, Marc Olson, and Mike Shiffer, chair), as they work together to seek God's guidance in calling the next installed pastor of TPC; and in expressing our deep appreciation to the members of the Church Mission Study Task Force (Mike Nelson, chair, Mary Shiffer, writer, and Lori Beymer, Connie Myers, and Herb Zachow) for the outstanding job they did over the past several months. Highlights of the Mission Study will be shared with the congregation at our worship service on Sunday, November 9.

How can we express our heart-felt appreciation for God's faithfulness to us? One significant way is through our faithful stewardship to the Kingdom of God. Dr. Robert Bohl, a past moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) reminds us that "stewardship begins the moment you and I confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Stewardship is everything we do—how we live out our commitments once we call Christ as Lord. Christian stewardship is simply putting first things first."

This year, November 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, will be stewardship dedication Sunday, when we will be given the opportunity to make our financial pledge to support Christ's mission and ministry through TPC. As you consider your pledge for next year, may this prayer by Ann Weems speak to you as it has to me:

"O Lord, forgive our fears that so stifle our stewardship.

Forgive our giving in and our giving up instead of giving ourselves to Christ's mission of love. Remind us that our hope is in standing up and risking, in taking our stewardship seriously.

Help us to remember, O Lord,

that the stewardship question is not really how much we will give?

The stewardship question is, how will we spend what we have been given?

We pray that it will be faithfully and cheerfully. Amen. (Ann Weems, Searching for Shalom).

Grace and Peace,

Dick Wiggers, Interim Pastor

### **Worship Committee**

The TPC worship committee has purchased 150 supplemental hymnals at the cost of \$10 each. We are really excited about the music in this book and can hardly wait to introduce it during worship. With Session approval, we are offering the congregation the opportunity to buy these either "in memory of..." or "in honor of..." just like we did when we bought the new blue hymnals. If you decide to do this, please make out your checks to TPC for \$10 for each supplemental hymnal you buy and note on the check that it is for the hymnal. Also include how you want the faceplate to read "in honor of" or "in memory of" and the name of the person exactly as you want it to read. Thank you for supporting this addition to worship.

The Hanging of the Greens Service will be held on Sunday November 30 at 5:30 pm and will include a potluck supper. The youth groups are helping us organize this. Please come. It's when we decorate the sanctuary, sing many of our favorite Christmas songs. It is a great service for kids and adults, and it's always fun to see who will be Baby Jesus this year? Mark your calendars. We will be decorating the Christmas tree and the youth groups will let us know what to do about that!

Sherry Nelson, Worship Elder

#### **Mission Committee**



Every Advent season we seem to be presented with so many opportunities to share our gifts. Even though we would love to support every wonderful

cause, most of us probably can't do that. The Mission committee has identified several ways that your family can help support the TPC mission this Christmas season. We ask that each of us prayerfully consider what we are able to do and choose those things that

God calls us to do through the gifts that we are provided.

#### Here is THE LIST:

- OPERATION SHOEBOX Prepare a special box of items for children in need and return it to church by December 7. Look for more information soon.
- Make a cash donation to purchase Holiday Food baskets for seven deserving families. There will be a special offering on November 23
- Buy a gift for the children of these seven families (watch for the special "giving tree")
- Come to the mission committee meeting at 7:00 PM on November 4 to learn how you can help with TPC mission projects. There will be a special presentation from a special organization that helps homeless women with children
- Donate food for the local food pantry (the barrels are in the narthex)
- Volunteer to help one day at the food pantry (see Toni MacHaffie)
- Decorate the TPC Christmas Tree with scarves, mittens, gloves and hats for homeless teenagers. We will start decorating the tree at the Hanging of the Greens worship service on November 30
- Support retired clergy of the Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges through the annual Christmas Joy offering to be taken during worship on December 21. Special offering banks will be provided for kids.
- Save a life by giving blood at the Red Cross blood drive being held at TPC on December 22
- Make a special Christmas Eve mission donation to help with a special mission cause (read more next month)

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Luke 3:4b

Mike Shiffer, Mission Elder



#### Chalk It Up

The 2003 CPYA is Nov. 21-23rd this year. CPYA—The Cascade Presbytery Youth Assembly is an annual fall event that attracts over 400 high school students from all over Oregon and southern Washington. For one incredible weekend, they have the opportunity to explore areas of our faith through elective seminars, small group sharing, singing, worship and large group meetings. Students come away with new ideas to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. The weekend is packed full of games, free time and Metro YMCA. Cost is \$80.00 per person. \$30.00 Camperships may be available. Request early. T-shirts are \$10.00. Forms are available from Crystal and must be returned by Nov. 10th.

#### TPC STUDENTS AND LEADERS BELOW AVERAGE

That is when it comes to finding our way through a haunted corn maize. The average completion time is 45 minutes, but sadly our group clocked a time of 1 hr, 35 min. In all embarrassment we must admit that we would most likely have spent hours in the dark if not for help. We repeated area 7 twice, we saw 8 three times and have no idea how we ever reached 9. Fortunately the creatures of the night "kindly" directed us to area 10 where we promptly cleaned our boots.



On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 13 students showed up at 5:00 in the morning to help set up for the Portland Marathon. Their responsibilities included preparing the finishing area, placing garbage cans along the route and helping prepare the food and drinks that were available to all participants. Be proud of your TPC students! They were in good spirits and represented our congregation well.

Trying to Pray James Wright

This time, I have left my body behind me crying
In its dark thorns.

Still,

There are good things in this world. It is dusk.

It is the good darkness
Of woman's hands that touch loaves.
The spirit of a tree begins to move.
I touch leaves.

I close my eyes, and think of water.

This beautiful poem was brought to my attention by David Norse.



Happy Thanksgiving



Roger & Jaci Smith moved to TPC with their daughters, Melissa and Catherine, in 1987. They have enjoyed participating in the Church's move, growth and recent expansion. Roger and Jaci are both ordained elders. Roger just completed his second three-year term on the TPC Session and he is currently serving on two Presbytery of the Cascades committees. The two Presbytery of the Cascades' committees Roger serves on are the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) and the Church/Seminary Relations Network. Jaci is on the TPC Personnel Committee and she also served for over ten years on the Presbytery of the Cascades' Committee on Congregations (COC). Roger and Jaci both sing in the choir and Roger enjoys ringing bells with the TPC Bell Choir.

Their daughters grew up at TPC and have moved on. Melissa received her Masters in Psychology and Counseling at Lewis & Clark College and currently lives in Salem where she is a counselor for Marion County Mental Health. Catherine is living in Switzerland and working on her second Masters Degree in Hydrology (water engineering).

Roger and Jaci are both native Oregonians. Roger is a fifth generation Oregonian on both his mother and his father's side of the family. He is currently employed as a Sr. Account Executive for XO Communication where he sells computer date and telecom services to

businesses. Jaci is a tutor for the Tigard/Tualatin School District and she also works with private students to improve their academic skills. Jaci says that for her there is no greater delight than to witness a student's academic success.

Roger and Jaci both enjoy reading, gardening (both vegetables and flowers) and planning & taking trips to other countries.





The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to Olivia Jane Schmitt on Sunday, October 12. Olivia, born July 2, 2003, is the daughter of Philip and Karen Schmitt. Also pictured are Olivia's grandparents, Barbara Kozak and Craig Walker.

**The Spirit** is published monthly and is also on our website at <a href="www.tpcspirit.com">www.tpcspirit.com</a>. Please contact Debby Owen at 503-692-6920 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:newsletter@tpcspirit.com">newsletter@tpcspirit.com</a> with any news, corrections or ideas. The deadline for the December issue is November 21.

#### TPC Women's Retreat

This year the annual TPC Women's Retreat took place on the weekend of September 26 - 28. Eighteen women met at Collins Retreat Center outside of Estacada for a wonderful weekend of fellowship, good food and inspirational teaching. The Rev. Catherine Putnam from Salt Lake City was our guest retreat leader. Many of us know Catherine from her occasional visits to TPC in past years, so it was a special weekend to have her with us. The topic for the weekend was "Catch Your Breath!" and after the weekend, we all realized that breathing will never be the same for us! Catherine led five different sessions:

- From Dustiness To Life being alert to the breath of God
- 2. Attentiveness being wholly available to the present moment.
- Creativity taking time to do things in our lives that give us life in the fullest sense. (We took time for a fun art activity in which each woman created her own visual image of breathing or could remind us to stop and breathe deeply!)
- 4. Breathing in Prayer
- 5. Creating a space for Breathing It was a wonderful time and definitely a time we all set aside to connect with God and each other. In this fast paced world of ours, it felt good to put the daily stuff aside and really BREATHE! for a couple days.

The following poem was shared after our second session and it sums up the weekend very well:

Breathe and you know that you are alive.
Breathe and you know that all is helping you.
Breathe and you know that you are the world.
Breathe and you know that the flower is breathing too.

Breathe for yourself and you breathe for the world.

Breathe in compassion and breathe out joy.

Breathe and be one with the air you breathe. Breathe and be one with the river that flows. Breathe and be one with the earth that you tread. Breathe and be one with the fire that glows. Breathe and you break the thought of birth and death.

Breathe and you see that impermanence is life.

Breathe for your joy to be steady and calm.
Breathe for your sorrow to flow away.
Breathe to renew every cell in your blood.
Breathe to renew the depths of consciousness.
Breathe and you dwell in the here and now.
Breathe and all you touch is new and real."
-Annabel Laity

Kris Sparks



## World Communion Sunday October 5, 2003

Peacemaking Offering Total collected was \$1,414 \$1,061 will be used for Presbytery and Synod Peacemaking Remainder will be used for local mission:

- \$236 to Quiet Waters Outreach
- \$117 to TPC Tuesday Treasures program











The flags that surrounded the sanctuary were on loan from Lewis and Clark College. They represented Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, China, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Palau, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and United Kingdom.





# A Note from Heather Chase



A woodland in full color is awesome as a forest fire, in magnitude at least, but a single tree is like a dancing tongue of flame to warm the heart.

Hal Borland

I forgot how beautiful the trees are in fall. Providing warm color amid the cold wind and rain, but I do miss my fireplace in California. Things are going well in Kentucky. I am getting acclimated to working at the national offices. Right now my project is to gather stories from churches across the country about their health ministries. I also hope to write a piece on caregivers for the disabilities network. And, the first week of November is Addiction Awareness Week. We sure keep busy! School is in full swing now with papers and exams coming soon. I am looking forward to spending Thanksgiving with family or friends here on the East Coast.

I give thanks for your generosity and love supporting me through seminary.

In my prayers, Heather ><>

#### **The Book Nook**

Several new periodicals have found a home in our church library. "WEAVINGS" is published by Upper Room Ministries and is subtitled: "a journal of the Christian Spiritual life." Themes of recent editions include Hope, Finding God, Suffering, Discerning Patience and many others. This is done in classic literary magazine style without advertising. Their website can be found at: <a href="https://www.upperroom.org">www.upperroom.org</a>. Another new periodical is "The Other Side." Their own website describes

themselves as: a diverse nonprofit ministry founded in 1965. We advance a healing Christian vision that's biblical and compassionate, appreciative of the creative arts, and committed to the intimate intertwining of personal spirituality and social transformation. Want to learn more? Read about our mission, our commitments, our history, and the many people involved. The website can be found at: www.theotherside.org



#### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR**



Beginning on Sunday, November 9th, at 11:30 a.m. following worship, Kris Sparks will welcome any and all elementary age school children to meet with her in the choir room and

learn some special music for the Christmas season. These rehearsals will take place each Sunday through December 21st, and will be 30 minutes long. This choir will sing at the Hanging of The Greens on November 30th as well as on Christmas Eve for the 6:30 family worship service. Students that choose to participate need to be currently enrolled in grades one through five. Contact **Kris Sparks** if you have any questions.

Choir News: "The adult choir at TPC is beginning to work on wonderful music for the Advent and Christmas season. If you have thought about joining choir but didn't want to make a long-term commitment, now is the time to come and learn music for this special season of the year. No obligation to stay in choir after Christmas --- guaranteed!! Just come and rehearse each Wednesday night from 7:30 until 9:00 and then begin singing with the choir on the first Sunday of Advent, which is November 30th. We have a core group of very devoted choir members, but we always have an open door to those who love to sing, so come, and be a part. Talk to Kris Sparks if you have any questions."

#### **Upcoming Events at TPC**

#### **Day-Long Retreat for Women**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 31, 2003. *Make New "Habits"* is the theme for a day-long retreat for women to be held at TPC. Start the new year out right by taking time out for yourself. It will be an exciting, fun, and relaxing day. Stay tuned, more information coming soon.

#### **Operation Shoebox**

Once again TPC is helping needy children through donations to Operation Shoebox, a nonprofit organization providing medical / dental teams, equipment and supplies to Honduras and needy areas of Oregon. This year 30% of the donations will go to help needy Oregon families through programs such as the Good Neighbor House and others. Please fill one or more shoeboxes with school and personal hygiene supplies and bring it to the church by Sunday Dec. 7. See the display in the narthex for details. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Tuesday's Treasure Program

#### Please mark these dates on your calendar:

October 21: Believe in God November 18: Obey God

December 16: The Christmas Story

January 20: Concert @ Sunset Pres, all Treasure

groups

February 17: Sharing Our Gifts

March 16:Trust God

April 20: Love God (Easter Story)

May 18: Share God's Love

June: Square Dance, all Treasure groups

July: TPC Carnival

August: BBQ, all Treasure groups

Unless noted, all Treasure Nights listed above are held from 7-8:30 pm @ TPC. Contact Carolyn Locke for more information.

# Photo Directory Dates to Remember: You can sign up for photo sessions each Sunday thru the month of November, beginning Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The photo sessions for our new directory will take place on Fri. & Sat. Dec. 5 & 6 and Dec 12 & 13. Make your appointment now! If you have a son or daughter in college and unable to make any of

these dates, contact Dee Hanson at 656-4008.

#### The Food Pantry

The Food Pantry reminds us that the following staples are always needed: hearty soups, chili, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, and pinto beans. As we move into the Holiday Season, cake mixes, stovetop stuffing and cans of yams, cranberries and pumpkin are especially appreciated. In addition to your donations of nonperishable food items to the barrels in the Narthex, you may write checks to TPC and note "Food Bank" in the memo. The Food Bank also distributes clothing, toys and household items to those in need from the Tualatin area.



# Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 23

# THE MEASURE OF OUR GRATITUDE

If we give what's left over, the church neither feeds us spiritually, or anyone else.

If we give "dues," the church will be no more than a club to us.

If sentimental preservation of the past is our reason, then the church will be like a museum.

If we give the same as we always have, we can only expect declining returns.

If we give out of obligation, we will always resent what we have to do.

If we give only because we feel responsible, then church will be a heavy burden.

If we give out of compassion for those whose needs are greater than our own, our needs will seem so much smaller.

If we are thankful, the church will reflect the measure of our gratitude.

If love leads us in selfless giving, the church may well become the place where we discover the joy of Christ's presence.

#### **TPC Announcements**

#### **Pastor Nominating Committee...**



Front row: Rebecca Crall, Mike Shiffer & Del Judy Back row: Marc Olsen, Dave Backen, Greg Imus, Kathy Lambeth, Mike Nelson & Carolyn Locke.

Our pastor nominating committee (PNC) held its first official meeting after church on October 19th. This was the committee's first step on its long path toward recommending a new, permanent pastor to Tualatin Presbyterian Church. On hand to help the group to start this vital journey were Jack Hodges, Presbytery Executive for the Presbytery of the Cascades and Ken Miller from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. Ken will be our committee's advisor and liaison with the Presbytery during this process.

The committee's first task will be to receive TPC's mission study from Session and to create a Church Information Form (CIF) based on the church's mission. The CIF serves as TPC's "resume" presenting an accurate picture of our church for pastors who might consider applying to be called as TPC's new minister. The Presbyterian Church has adopted a multifaceted process for helping churches like ours to call the right pastor to serve its congregation. This process is expected to take 12 to 18 months to complete.

The committee asked Mike Shiffer to serve as its chairman and Cathy Lambeth to be its recording secretary. Other members of the PNC include Dave Backen, Rebecca Crall, Del Judy, Carolyn Locke, Mike Nelson, Marc Olson and Greg Imus.



The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are with Gordy Winterrowd and his family at the

death of Gordy's mother, Sally Wallace, who passed away on October 9 and with Nancy Catanese upon the death of her mother, Virginia Abbott, who died on Wednesday, October 22.

Please remember in prayer: Niko Poti (Pat DeVore's grandson), Madelyn Carlson, Mark Garvey, cousin of Debbie Reid), Janet Nesbitt, (Debbie Imus' mother), Janet Sanders (Harry Chases's sister), Lori Dennis (Pam Cameron's sister-in-law), Carolyn Brown (former wife of Charlie Brown), Kathie Warne (Clint Warne's mother), Homer Perry (Becky Backen's father), Bill & Gwen Hale and family, Christopher Beam (Nancy Catanese's son), the members of our PNC: Dave Backen, Rebecca Crall, Del Judy. Greg Imus, Cathy Lambeth, Carolyn Locke, Mike Nelson, Marc Oson, & Mike Shiffer, and those who lead and serve our nation, communities and congregations.

11/4	Greg Lewis	
11/6	Cindy Nelson	
11/7	Janet Locke	Birthdays
11/8	Kyle Leland	This Month
11/9	Kathy Sweetland	
11/10	Jodi Breshears	11/23 Dave McGregor
11/11	Heather Bartlett	11/23 Bob Bolton
11/13	Pat DeVore	11/26 Martha Wilson
11/13	Linda Buck	11/26 Kendra Sundt
11/16	Mark Schleicher	11/29 Denise Collins
11/20	Becky Backen	11/29 Maggie Patterson
11/21	Candace Kadel	11/30 Jackson Schleicher
11/22	Cailyn Bowen	11/30 Jay Wilcox
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#### General Fund Status January – September 2003

				207
	BUL	DGET	A	CTUAL
Income	\$ 1	03,501	\$1	05,561
Expense	\$ 107,182		<u>\$108,916</u>	
Net	(\$	3,681)	(\$	3,355)

	September 2003 BUDGET	ACTUAL		
Income	\$ 11,613	\$ 10,767		
Expense	\$ 12,71 <u>2</u>	\$ 14,07 <u>9</u>		
Net	(\$ 1,099)	(\$ 3,512)		

# Thank You, Lord

Make place mat collages for everyone in your family. Use the place mats for Thanksgiving dinner or any other meal.

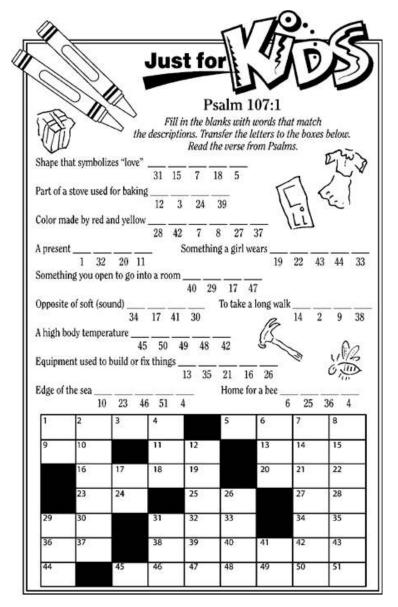


#### You will need:

- construction paper (approximately 12" x 18")
- old magazines
- scissors
- glue
- clear contact paper

#### How to make place mats:

- Cut out words and pictures from the magazines. Choose things that you are thankful for.
- Arrange them on the paper and glue them.
- Cut a piece of clear contact paper a little bigger than the construction paper.
- Place the contact paper over your collage and smooth it down.
- Fold the edges under so they stick to the back.



Answers: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.



"Thank you for this turkey and dressing which you have provided, and the broccoli which the devil has slipped in."





#### Tualatin Presbyterian Church Calendar November 2003



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Adult Ed. – 8:30am	3 Volunteers	<b>4</b> Election Day	<b>5</b> Bible	6	7	8
Choir – 9:25 am	serve lunch @ Senior Center	Mission Cmt.	Study 10:30 am			
Worship – 10:00 am Communion	11:00 am	7:00 pm	Bells			
Deacon Sunday All- Church Potluck	CE Meeting 7:00 pm		6:25 pm Choir 7:38 pm			
New Members Class 11:30am – 1:00pm			7.00 pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Deacons Meeting	Fellowship		Bible			
8:00 am Adult Ed. – 8:30am Choir – 9:25 am	Cmt. 7:00 pm	Veterans Day	Study 10:30 am			
Worship – 10:00 am			Bells			
New Members Class			6:25 pm			
11:30 – 1:00 pm Quilting Group			Choir 7:38 pm			
11:30			7.30 pm			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Adult Ed. – 8:30 am		Tuesday	Bible	Session		
Choir – 9:25 am		Treasures	Study	7:00 pm		
Worship – 10:00 am New Members Class		7:00 pm	10:30 am			
11:30 – 1:00 pm			Bells			
11.00 1.00 pm			6:25 pm			
			Choir			
			7:38 pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Adult Ed. – 8:30 am	Worship Committee		Bible	Thanksgiving		
Choir – 9:25 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b>	7:00 pm		Study 10:30 am			
Stewardship Sunday	7.00 pm		10.00 4111			
30						
Adult Ed. – 8:30						
Choir – 9:25 am						
Worship - 10:00 am						
Hanging of the Greens						
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Mark your Calendars: December 7 – Deadline for Operation Shoebox
December 5,6,12 & 13<sup>th</sup> – Pictures taken for TPC's Photo Directory
December 13 – Progressive Dinner
December 22 – Red Cross Blood Drive

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# For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving ...

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**Church Office Hours**: Tuesday from 9am - 1:30 pm; Wednesday and Friday from 9am to noon and Thursday from 9am - 2:30 pm. Pastor Wiggers is in the office Monday – Thursday. Please call for an appointment.