



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Greetings all,

By the time you get this newsletter, you will already be recovering from your Halloween candy induced stomach aches and wondering if the person who first combined chocolate and peanut butter should be considered an angel or a demon. Halloween and All Saint's Day is one of my favorite seasons, though one of the least understood today.

Believe it or not, Halloween actually predates All Saint's Day by thousands of years. Originally a Celtic festival known as Samhain (pronounced, "Sow-in"), the Celts believed that on this night the veil between the visible world and the invisible was at its most thin. They believed it possible on this night for the dead to travel back into the world of the living to visit loved ones or spook an old foe.

In the attempt to Christianize these unruly Celts, the Roman church moved the festival known as All Saint's Day, originally in May, to November 1st- and gave Samhain it's new and best known moniker "All Hallows Eve", or Halloween, for short. And I'm glad they did, because not only is it a perfect excuse to gorge on chocolate, but it's a great time to remember those in the past who have shaped us and guided us along our path.

Do you know any saints? Many of us have been reared to believe that no mere mortal is really good enough and close enough to perfect to be called a saint. And some of us shy away from this term altogether. Yet, our Reformed fathers and mothers did no such thing. While uncomfortable with the more Roman Catholic practice of singling out particular individuals to designated as saints- the Reformed response was not to completely do away with the idea of saints. No, interestingly the traditional Reformed response is to acknowledge that every single one of us is, in the person of Christ, a saint. Ever heard of an All Saints Hospital? This is a direct reference to the

Reformed belief that in Christ, we're all saints now.

And when we really take the time to reflect on it, most of us can remember folks who touched our lives and shaped us in ways so powerful that the only word adequate for their presence in our lives is, indeed, saint. And in my opinion the problem with saints today isn't that there aren't enough of them- the problem with saints is that there are so many surrounding us that we have a hard time appreciating them in all their ordinary, mundane, beauty. The author of Hebrews writes: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

Who have the saints been in your life? What did they impart to you? What do you owe to their generosity and goodness? And as you think about this great cloud of witnesses that does indeed surround us- ask yourself this: for whom have you been a saint? Who have you shaped and helped live into God's promise for their lives?

Many blessings in this, the season of the saints,
Ken

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION
WRITTEN BY 3RD THROUGH 6TH GRADE
ON October 3, 2004**

Forgive me for not being tolerant of my brother or sister.
Give me the strength to talk when it is appropriate.
Help me to be patient when I feel impatient.
Give us the strength to let it go.
Look back into the past and decide your future.
For it does not matter what is on the outside it matters what is on the inside.
In the eyes of the Father and the Son, we are all special.

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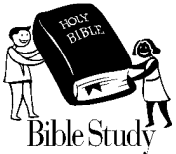
Our teacher training has been rescheduled for January 10, 2005. We will remind you about this valuable meeting later in the year.

We have a children's video library now that is ready for business. It is downstairs in the old craft closet between the 4,5,K classroom and the 1st and 2nd grade classroom. Thanks again to Tracy Peterson for her work on this project!

Remember...on the first Sunday of the month, the children all meet downstairs at 10:00 am for a special Sunday school activity. Our teachers work hard to provide interesting activities for our kids, so please join us on November 7 and December 5 for Thanksgiving and Christmas related projects.

Contact Pam Bowen for more information.

ADULT ED



Wednesday morning Bible study continues 10:00AM. Currently the topic is John.

Sunday morning **adult enlightenment** continues at 8:30 AM. Please feel free to drop in for discussions or the video series as the topics are thought provoking and all of us seem to have something to share even if we haven't been to the preceding discussions. Starting November 28th we will be studying John under the guidance of Pastor Ken Evers Hood.

Contact Carolyn Hale for more information.

A Word from the Mission Committee

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

After months of hard work, Tualatin School House Pantry opened on October 25. This is a culmination of months of hard work by faithful volunteers from several churches lead by Hilltop United Methodist and TPC. The current hours of operation are:

Monday, 3:00 – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, 10:00 – 1:30 PM

Friday, 10:00 – 3:00 PM

The food pantry still needs your continued prayers and lots of hands on support. We are also in need of continued financial support as the number

of hungry families being served is growing each month. You can contact Mike Shiffer for more information on how to volunteer.

TPC TO ADOPT GOOD SHEPHERD GROUP HOME

TPC is adopting one of the Good Shepherd Group Homes in Tualatin. There are five wonderful people with developmental disabilities living in this home. As the adoptive family of the home, we will be providing spiritual and social support to the residents. We are meeting with the local coordinator of the homes to learn more about how we can help these special people. Watch for more information soon!

ADVENT MISSION ACTIVITIES AT TPC



This is going to be another busy mission Advent at TPC. You will be hearing more about the following activities that the

mission committee is planning:

1. Operation Shoebox (a small box of needed items for a needy child).
2. Our traditional Christmas tree decorated with mittens, gloves and scarves for homeless youth
3. Purchasing a Christmas gift for the five friends in our adopted group home
4. Holiday food baskets for 7 local needy families (special offering the Sunday before and after Thanksgiving)
5. A giving tree to provide gifts for the children of these 7 families
6. Christmas Memorial gift opportunities to be donated to the Domestic Violence Resource Center or the Janus Youth Program (for homeless youth)
7. Christmas Joy Offering

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



This year there will be a children's Christmas production. We are in the process of selecting the play, selecting dates for rehearsals and the production, and coordinating helpers. So kids, dust off your halos and get ready for your big acting debut!

TPC's Annual Golf Tournament – September 26

Yet another beautiful late September Sunday was the setting for the TPC Golf event this year. The lowest team score was turned in by TPC friends Betty Wagoner and Bob Mow along with Cathy and Ted Lambeth. The "Closest to the Hole" contest was won by Dale MacHaffee. Rhoda Friesen won an award in the "tee shot" category. Our wonderful hosts for the after golf fun was Dee Dee and Mark Hansen. A special thanks to Ted Lambeth for organizing this fun event.



A Message from Heather Chase



Slave “Castles”

When I left for Ghana people were excited about two things – the UN-like headsets (where you could listen to discussions in several languages) and the slave “castles”. Recently, Smithsonian magazine did an article on them and how they are several languages) and the slave “castles”. Recently, renovating them. I took lots of pictures.

Unfortunately, like pictures of the concentration camps, the photos don't give you the feeling of being there. To the right is a picture of the plaque I wrote about before. It is above a window in the old Dutch church built inside the slave castle. It is located above the cells the female slaves were held. The writing is in Dutch and reads, “God is in this place.” I felt like I wanted to fall through the floor. I didn't want to be there. It was uncomfortable. How can the church be in a place like that?

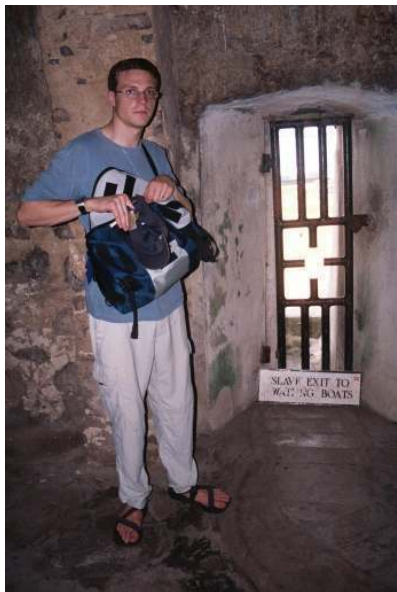


To the left you will see a picture of the block where guards lived at the castle. Our tour guide explained how the Dutch guards didn't want to bring over women from Holland because they would get sick from disease, so the guards turned to female slaves for their needs and forced them to intermarry. How could this happen to these women? How do women today get treated like objects? Why are women today still fighting for equal treatment in society and the church?

These are some pictures of the rest of the “castle.”



Left: WARC participants in front of female dungeons. Above: Wide view of ‘castle’ from balcony of the captain’s quarters, which was $\frac{3}{4}$ of the space in the castle. Straight ahead is the Portuguese church also in the castle.



We were also reminded that it was not just the Dutch or the Portuguese involved in the trading of slaves, Africans were also involved. The last picture is of a classmate standing in front of the “door of no return”. People were taken out of the castle through this door never to return to Africa. We, on the other hand, entered the dungeons and came back out. There are many stories to tell about what happened here and at Gold Coast (another castle, this was Elmina). It was a painful journey into the heart of the evil side of human nature. It was hard to process it all in a 30-minute tour.

I am challenged that this is part of our history as Presbyterians and members of the Reformed Church family. How do we deal with this? Do we apologize? Do we help people with funds? Do we promise to never let it happen again?

The PC(USA) supports workers in the U.S. who are fighting against slavery today in the world. Our denomination currently is part of the Taco Bell boycott campaign run by Immokalee workers in Florida, who are organizing to win just wages for their work. (www.pcusa.org/boycott) It is a challenge as people of faith to decide what to do in the face of injustice. There are lots of issues on both sides of the argument of boycotting, but how do we help those who are oppressed? I raise this issue not because I think some person has the answer, rather sometimes I just wonder what others think.

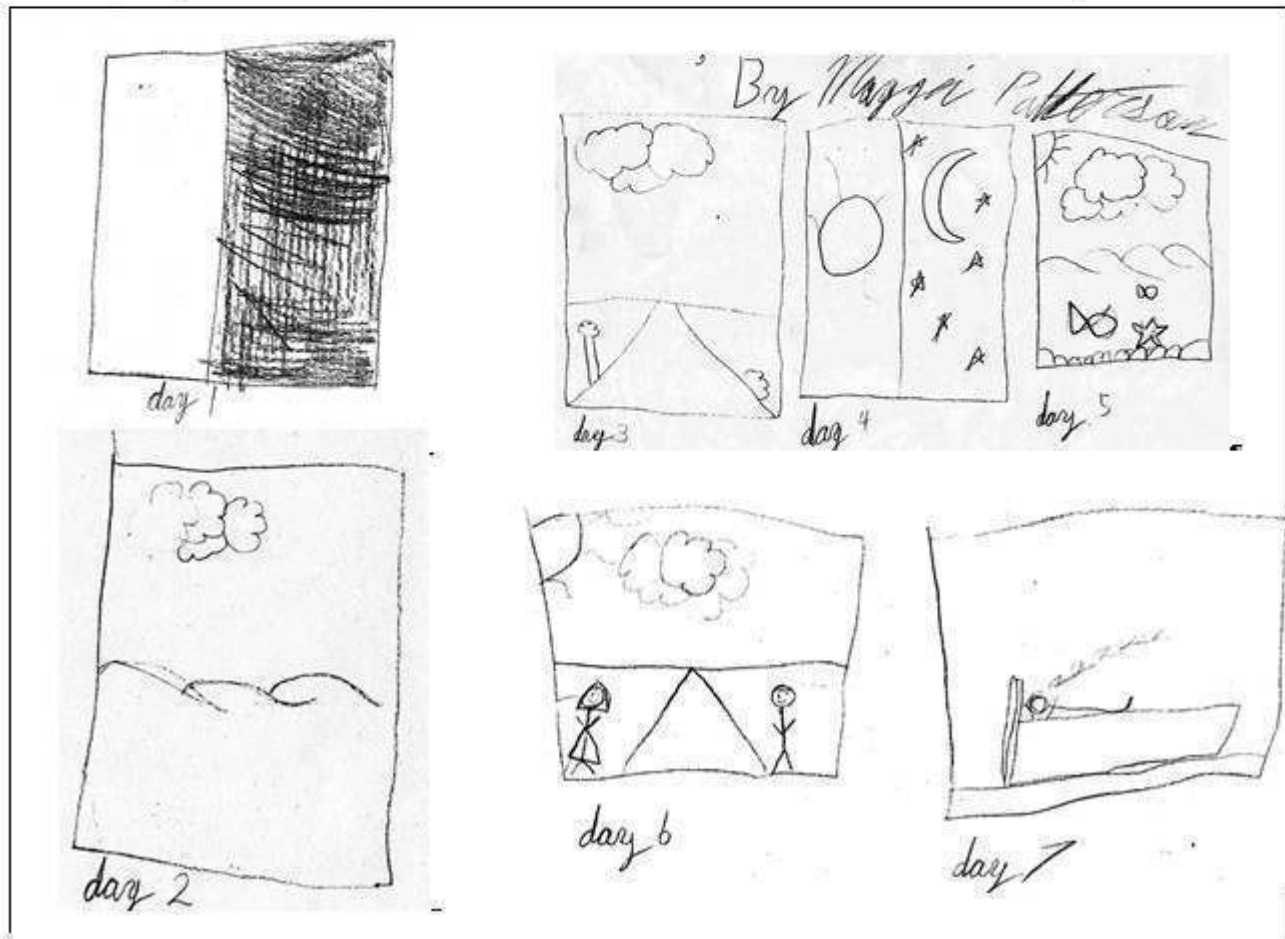
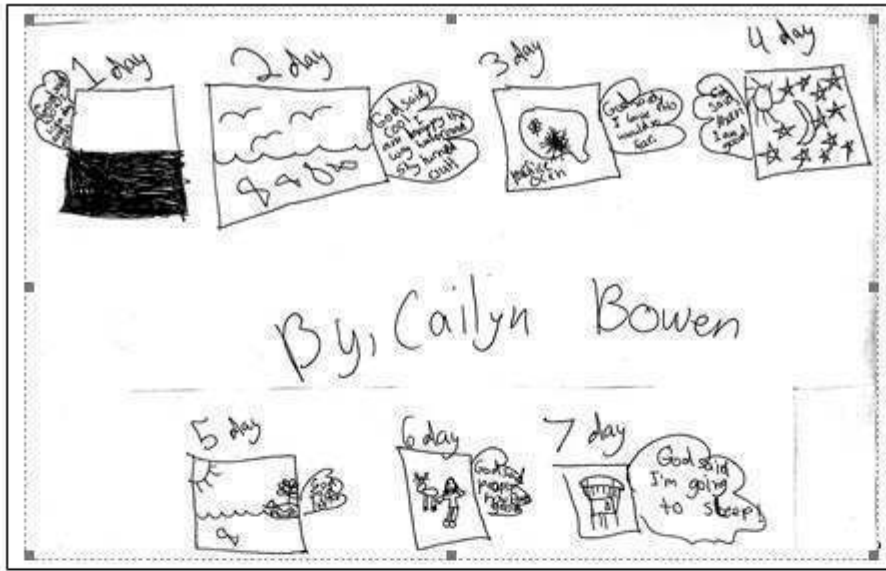
I'll write on the Global Institute next month. There is a lot of hope there, just like Christmas. Have a great Thanksgiving.

Heather ><>

**In Everlasting Memory
of the anguish of our ancestors.**
*May those who died rest in peace.
May those who return find their roots.
May humanity never again perpetuate
Such injustice against humanity.
We, the living, vow to uphold this.*

On a plaque as you exit the castle

The Creation Story by Cailyn Bowen and Maggie Patterson (3rd & 4th Grade)



TPC Announcements



NOVEMBER Birthdays

11/3	DonnaLee Benner	11/17	John Olsen
11/4	Greg Lewis	11/20	Rebecca Backen
11/7	Bruce Benner	11/21	Candace Kadel
11/8	Kyle Leland	11/22	Cailyn Bowen
11/9	Kathy Sweetland	11/23	Bob Bolten
11/10	Jodi Breshears	11/23	Dave McGregor
11/10	Philip Schmitt	11/24	Milledge Hart
11/11	Marion Beyer	11/26	Martha Wilson
11/11	Heather Bartlett	11/26	Kendra Sundt
11/13	Pat Devore	11/29	Denise Collins
11/13	Linda Buck	11/29	Maggie Patterson
11/13	John Hughes	11/30	Jay Wilcox
11/14	Jackie Hennon	11/30	Jackson Schleicher
11/16	Mark Schleicher		

General Fund Status September 2004

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$14,372	\$10,969
Expense	\$17,287	\$10,704
Net	(\$ 2,895)	\$ 265

Jan. – September 2004

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$137,365	\$135,911
Expense	\$146,203	\$141,414
Net	(\$ 8,838)	(\$ 5,503)

Building fund contributions in September were \$2,235. We made a building loan payment of \$4,000. The shortage was paid from the building reserve fund.

Please remember in prayer: Rebecca Backen, Bill Dorman (brother of Dorothy Butts), Don Killinger (Brad Killinger's father), Mike Nelson, Carolyn Reid (sister of Jay Wilcox), Betty Shiffer (mother of Mike and Jerry Shiffer, those who lead and serve our nation, communities and congregations.

Spiritual Formation group - Are you looking for a supportive group in which to explore different and creative ways of connecting to God? Yes? Than a Spiritual Formation group might be just the thing for you. Starting at 7 PM on October 25th, Ken will be leading a weekly formation group that will incorporate lectio divina, centering prayer, and other rich resources from our wide tradition. Our motto will be: "Don't just do something- sit there!"

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



Brian Schmidt and his wife Carri had a baby boy on September 29. The baby's name is Owen Lee Schmidt and the proud grandparents are Don and Marilyn Schmidt.

Craig Walker and Barbara Kozak Walker are proud grandparents of a grandson, Charlie, born October 16.

Ryan Mark Schleicher, son of Tara and Mark Schleicher was born on October 22. Grandparents are Dianne & Jack Lemmon.

Upcoming Events

November 13 - Ladies, join us for **Christmas shopping** at the Lincoln City Outlet Mall. Leave the kids at home and let's go shopping! Lunch at Kyllos! Sign up sheet is on the Tower.

November 21 - For all you chocoholics, sign up for **Connie Meyer's Truffle Class**. This is for all those over the age of 15 and limited to the first 20 who sign up--\$10 guarantees your spot in the class!

November 28 – **Hanging of the Greens**

December 4 – **Annual Cookie Sale**

We wow the neighborhood with our beautiful homemade cookies baked by the fabulous bakers of TPC. Contact Karen Stevenson, Carolyn Hale or Martha Wilson.

December 11 – **TPC's Progressive Dinner**

December 28 - **The Graduate**--what better way to celebrate the holidays than an evening out with friends--come join us at the Keller Auditorium. We need sign-up and payment by October 24th.

January 28 – 30, 2005 – **Women's Retreat** at the Collins Retreat Center. We have a fabulous speaker and will be including art projects directed by Ellen VanSchoiack.

Men, are you interested in organizing an event or breakfast? Contact Carolyn Hale. See if you can "out retreat" the Women's Retreat!

MAKE A TABLE LANTERN

Make this candleholder to decorate your family's

Thanksgiving dinner table.

What you need:

- Tiny leaves
- Glue
- Small glass jar with a wide mouth (salsa jars work great)
- Colored tissue paper (use fall colors if you can)
- Paintbrush
- Small votive candle

How to make it:

1. Collect tiny autumn leaves.
2. Glue the leaves to the outside of the jar.
3. Tear tissue paper into small pieces.
4. Use the paintbrush to cover the outside of the jar (including the leaves) with glue. Work on small parts of the jar at a time.
5. Lightly press the tissue paper pieces onto the glue until the entire outside of the jar is covered.
6. When the jar is completely dry, place the candle inside.
7. Ask an adult to light the candle during Thanksgiving dinner.



King David's Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a special time to thank God for all He has given us.

Use the code to fill in the missing words from a portion of King David's prayer from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (NIV).

CODE	1 = everlasting	6 = honor	11 = ruler
	2 = exalted	7 = kingdom	12 = thanks
	3 = glorious	8 = LORD	13 = things
	4 = God	9 = O	14 = wealth
	5 = head	10 = praise	15 = you

" _____ be to _____, _____ ...
 (10) (15) (9) (8)

from _____ to _____ ...
 (1) (1)

Yours, _____, is the _____;
 (9) (8) (7)

_____ are _____ as _____ over all.
 (15) (2) (5)

_____ and _____ come from _____;
 (14) (6) (15)

_____ are the _____ of all _____.
 (15) (11) (13)

Now, our _____, we give _____
 (4) (15) (12)

and _____ your _____ name."
 (10) (3)

"Praise be to you, O LORD, ... from everlasting to everlasting. ... Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



Tualatin Presbyterian Church Calendar November 2004



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Volunteers serve at Senior Center 11:00 – 1:30 CE Meeting 7:00 pm Spiritual Formation Group(s) 7:00 pm	2 Mission - 7:00 pm Art Work Party 7:00 pm	3 Bible Study 10:00 am Children's Choir 6:30pm Choir 7:30 pm	4 Bells 7:00 pm	5	6
7 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am	8 Spiritual Formation Group(s) 7:00 pm	9 Art Evaluation Committee 7:00 pm	10 Bible Study 10:00 am Children's Choir 6:30pm Choir 7:30 pm	11 Bells 7:00 pm	12	13 Shop at the Coast
14 Deacons – 8:00 @ Haydens Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am	15 Spiritual Formation Group(s) 7:00 pm Worship Cmt. 7:00 pm	16 Fellowship 7:30 pm Tues. Treasures 7:00 – 8:30 pm Art Work Party 7:00 pm	17 Bible Study 10:00 am Children's Choir 6:30pm Choir 7:30 pm m	18 Outreach 1:30 pm Bells 7:00 pm Session 7:00pm	19 CYPA at Canby Grove	20 CYPA at Canby Grove
21 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am Chocolate Truffle Class 1:30 – 4:30	22 Spiritual Formation Group(s) 7:00 pm	23 Art Work Party 7:00 pm	24 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir 7:30 pm	25 Thanksgivng	26	27
28 Adult Ed – 8:30 am Worship – 10:00 am Hanging of the Greens – 5:00 pm	29 Spiritual Formation Group(s) 7:00 pm	30				

Upcoming Events:

December 11 – Progressive Dinner

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