



Dear friends,

So...Reformation Sunday or All Saint's Day?

In the past two years I have served you we have celebrated All Saint's Day on the last Sunday of October. Though technically All Saint's Day always falls on the first of November, this has been a wonderful way to remember and honor our grandmothers and grandfathers in the faith. All Saint's Day is the perfect day to remember what the author of Hebrews tells us: that our faith journey is never simply one of "me and Jesus", but we walk surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses.

This year, though, we are celebrating Reformation Sunday rather than All Saint's Day. What's the difference? While on All Saint's Day we remember everyone who has gone before us, on Reformation Sunday we honor the particular genius of the men and women who revitalized the faith- not by creating something novel, but by restoring what had been lost and forgotten.

The four watch words of the Protestant Reformation are *sola gratia* (grace alone), *sola fidei* (faith alone), *sola scriptura* (scripture alone), and *solus Christus* (Christ alone). These words are as important today, as they were back in the 16th century.

Grace alone - the keystone and scandal of the Reformation is that we are saved not by our works, but by the grace of God. That is to say, God is not Santa Claus who rewards good little boys and girls and punishes bad little boys and girls. God is the Holy One of Israel made known through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ who loves us not because we're good enough, smart enough, and dog gone it people like us- but because in Christ God sees us for who we really are, and not as how we sometimes behave. I say this is a scandal, because we only seem to catch glimpses of this truth- most of the time we believe salvation is up to us. But can you imagine what our relationships would look like if we lived what we say we believe?

Faith alone- Calvin defines faith as "a firm and certain knowledge of God's benevolence towards us founded upon the truth of the freely given promise in Christ, both revealed to our minds and

sealed in our hearts by the holy spirit." The shock of the Reformation is that faith itself is a gift! Faith, from the vantage point of the Reformation, is not a choice *you* make- it is the reassuring trust that *God* has already made a choice for you! It's not that the Reformation tells us our commitment to Christ doesn't matter; rather, the Reformation just reminds us that whatever commitment we have is always a response to God's love, and never the price of admission.

Scripture alone- this is perhaps the most misunderstood facet of our tradition. When we say scripture alone, we are not pitting the Bible against our learning in science or literature. In the Reformation scripture's chief opponent was church tradition. When we cry "*sola scriptura*" we aren't trying to turn the Bible into a bad science textbook; we are saying that the grounds for our decisions in the church are the Bible, and not simply because we've always done things a particular way or because a pastor or bishop barks an order.

Christ alone- the final watchword of the Protestant reformation (*solus Christus*) is the most challenging and comforting of all. Who is the true head of the church? Who leads us? Well, the good news is...it's not a committee. ☺ The true leader, the true head of our church is Jesus Christ- this young radical who broke bread with the luckless, and lived and died for the least, last, and lost. Yet, while it's comforting to know that ultimately Christ's hand is the one guiding us, the great challenge to us is knowing that discerning how TPC should move into the future is never as easy as taking a poll and seeing what actions are the most popular. Indeed, the question always before us is not where we would like to TPC go in the days ahead, but where is Christ calling us? And that's a slightly different question, no?

With the notes of the bagpipes from Reformation Sunday still lingering in my head, I leave you with the great slogan of our tradition: "The church reformed, and ALWAYS reforming!" The real Reformation isn't an historic time period- it stretches out before us today. Our question is are we ready for it?

In Christ,
Pastor Ken

Thom (successfully) had the aorta replaced with a tissue (MOO!) valve and the part of the aorta that was enlarged and had the aneurysm was taken out. Some repair work was also done to fit the new valve nicely. The pulmonic looked good enough that it was left alone. Those three things were not what we expected going into this, (we expected a mechanical valve, a man-made tube-like thingy to replace the aorta, and a replacement of the pulmonary valve) but the good and wise Dr. Svensson had other ideas. Now the hard work for Thom begins. Thanks for all your loving prayers!"

To read current updates about Thom, go on line to: thestatus.com. The password is 1revthom. Their email address is REVTHOM@TDS.NET

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Maxine Jenovich and her family following the death of her husband, Glynn; Del Judy following the death of her brother, Charles; Donna Hoff as she recovers after knee replacement surgery; Paula Miller as she recovers after foot surgery; Thom Nelson as he recovers after heart surgery; Philip and Dorothy Martin as they travel to Israel and Palestine; Connie Myers' dad, Irvin Kessler, who broke his hip; Chris Robertson's cousin, Kimberly Kim; Greg Imus's mother, Glenda Imus, for health issues; Ken's grandpa Hood for health and grieving issues; Dorothy Martin's daughter-in-law, Cindy; Clyo Dickson; Christina, Julie Van Buren's daughter while going to school in Sweden; Mike Springer (friend of Dorothy Butts) who is having a difficult time with chemotherapy treatment; Dick and Jeni Wiggers as they settle in to their new assignment in Reno, Nevada and their son Craig being re-deployed to Iraq; Karen Stevenson's friend, Margo; Jan Cromie (Deborah Lewis' friend); Scott Cameron's mom; Greg Hewlett; Sarah Hanson; Karen Trine in her fight against breast cancer; Ronnie Lee King (Cameron family); Robert J. Spivey (Diane Adams' nephew who is serving in Iraq).

Cliff and Donna Hoff would like to thank everyone for their prayers on behalf of Cliff's mom's sister, Jane Schmutz, as she battled stage 4 cancer; she is now cancer free!

chair to sell for \$15.00 a piece. Please contact Greg Owen at 503-692-6920 or email him at drummer.owen@vericon.net



Tony, Terri, and Scott Mitchell

We are the Mitchells; Scott, Terri, Andy, age 20 and Tony, 17. We moved from the Spokane area to Tualatin in March 2003. Scott arrived in September 2002 to start a new job and Andy stayed in Spokane to finish high school. (He was a high school junior when we left). We lived in Liberty Lake, east of Spokane for three years after moving there from the Denver area where we had lived for six years after leaving Seattle. Andy now lives in Seattle with his grandparents while he attends the UW.

Scott started attending TPC and we joined TPC in the summer of 2003. Scott is currently serving as the Administration Elder and has previously served on Stewardship Committee. He led a beginning bible class last year. Terri is serving as a Deacon and is a trained Stephen Minister. Tony has been active in youth group and helped build houses in Mexico the past two summers.

Scott enjoys playing the trombone and plays in two bands as well as boating and waterskiing. He works for Moss Adams as a consultant. Terri enjoys gardening, sewing and crafts. She is a dental assistant at Willamette Dental in Durham. Tony enjoys video gaming, airsoft and wakeboarding in the summer. He also works for Cold Stone Creamery in Tualatin

Faith Village Update:

It takes a village...

Schedule Change

Starting October 29 we moved to a separate Sunday School and Worship time.

Classes for K-12th grade will be held from 9:30 – 10:15 am.

Children may be brought downstairs at 9:15 to accommodate parents attending classes.

Worship Journals* are available in the narthex for children to use during the service.

Fall/Winter Classes

Preschool Class for 3-5 yr olds
Workshop Rotation for K-5th grade
Middle School – The Prophets
High School Class

Teams of teachers are needed for:

Preschool

High School

K-5th grade Rotation

~Sign up sheets are in the narthex~

Fall/Winter Workshop Rotations:

Oct. 29-Nov. 19: Into The Promised Land

Nov. 26-Dec. 17: Advent: The Angels Announce God's Message

~Teachers needed~

Stations you may choose to teach:

Art, Computer, Science, Video, Cooking, or Games

***Worship Journals:**

An idea from Reedville Presbyterian Church

Ways to use the journal:

- Make drawings of banners and other visual elements in the sanctuary
- Draw pictures based on the Scripture readings.
- Write words you hear and like.
- Record the concerns shared by the congregation.
- Write out verses or passages from the Bible.
- Draw or write something that connects you to worship





**In Memory of Glynn Jenovich
May 18, 1918 – October 15, 2006**

Glynn was born May 8, 1918 in Olympia, Washington to Phillip and Loretta Jenovich. He and I met in high school when we took a drama class together. Glynn borrowed my homework and shared it with his friends. He made me laugh.

We were married in 1939. Glynn was 21 and I was 19. In 1942, Glynn joined the Coast Guard and was stationed in Washington. He was later transferred to the USS General William Black. He made 22 crossings in the Pacific and the Atlantic during WWII. He finally returned home in 1945.

Glynn worked in the wholesale meat trade his entire career, first as a butcher, and then in sales and management. He and I built a house in Tigard in 1950. In 1969, we built a second house next door and have lived there until today. He loved to hunt and fish. Glynn and I loved to dance and we danced every chance we got. Early on our family vacations were spent camping. Later, we traveled to the Holy Land and England. Our family and friends have great memories of the meals we have cooked together.

We have two daughters, Lynn Scroggins and Sherry Nelson, five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Glynn and I celebrated our 67th anniversary on May 20 of this year. If you asked him what his greatest love was, he would say, "Maxine and the family, all the family." We have been blessed to know this man.

Maxine Jenovich

KITCHEN CREW

Barb...for cleaning the TPC kitchen. This is just a reminder to return any items borrowed from the kitchen to the same place they were originally. Also, there are many dishes, etc. that belong to individuals. They are placed in a box by the coat rack. Please claim them soon or they will be donated to Goodwill.



TPC Celebrates 25 Years

Here it is...the very first worship of Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Barb, Rick...do you still have that great couch? We will celebrate this first worship on Epiphany Sunday 2007, and continue with a season of special celebrations honoring 25 years of TPC.

Some of the events and adventures already planned (mark your calendars) are:

- January 7 – Epiphany Sunday – The 25th year worship anniversary
- May 13 – Gala Dinner

In between and around, other events are planned, including a TPC history display, a special offering, and special worship services involving Tuesday's Treasures, Boy Scouts and other groups important to the life of our church. There will be storytellers after worship all summer, sharing tales of TPC. We will potluck until we drop!

What ideas do you have? Are you inspired by TPC to write? Sew? Perform? Cook? Let's celebrate this important anniversary in style. Think of what our church, our worship, our family means in your life. Then let yourself imagine what your party contribution will be. Email/call the church office or lambheel@comcast.net.



Well, we are going to do it again! Can't guarantee there will be any pies in faces, but it will be a great time! Mark your calendars.

AUCTION ----- March 3, 2007-----being held at TPC.

It is less than 5 months away.....I know several of you will be doing projects for the Auction so now is the time to get started.:) :)

We are honored to have Charlie Brown and Craig Walker host this event, almost more entertainment than auctioning.

There will be a Silent and Oral Auction along with lots of food and drinks. Babysitting will also be provided.

Any questions, call Clare Hahn at 503-692-4807

	Benner		
11/04	Greg Lewis	11/17	John Olsen
11/04	Maggie Peterson	11/20	Rebecca Backen
11/06	Stephen Gardner	11/21	Candace Kadel
11/07	Bruce Benner	11/22	Cailyn Bowen
11/08	Kyle Leland	11/23	Bob Bolton
11/09	Kathy Sweetland	11/23	Dave McGregor
11/10	Jodi Breshears	11/24	Milledge Hart
11/10	Philip Schmitt	11/26	Martha Wilson
11/10	Nicholas Sweetland	11/26	Kendra Sundt
11/11	Heather Bartlett	11/29	Denise Collins
11/13	Pat DeVore	11/30	Jay Wilcox
11/13	John Hughes	11/30	Jackson Schleicher

General Fund Status
January – September 2006



	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 168,786	\$ 147,222
Expense	<u>\$ 172,823</u>	<u>\$ 144,371</u>
Net	\$ -4,037	\$ 2,851

	September 2006	
	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 18,324	\$ 12,881
Expense	<u>\$ 20,119</u>	<u>\$ 14,804</u>
Net	\$ -1,795	\$ -1,923

Tuesday's Treasures

Our outreach ministry to the developmentally disabled adults of our community continues to grow. October's Treasure Night was attended by a record 23 Treasures. When we started the program 5 ½ years ago we volunteers thought we would be the givers. Our attitude soon changed as we felt richly blessed by the monthly gathering with our wonderful group. We are most certainly the receivers of their caring nature, humor, positive outlook on life, enthusiasm, solid faith, and love. If you ever feel the need for an inspirational and uplifting boost, come to TPC on a third Tuesday evening and feel the joy of

**MARK THESE FELLOWSHIP EVENTS
ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

- 10/28/06 – Who Nose** - Dinner and a musical comedy at Bethel Lutheran Church. All proceeds go to support their summer daycare program for the kids in their neighborhood.
- 10/29/06 – Mac & Cheese/Hotdog Potluck** (and BINGO!) following the church service
- 11/19/06 – Disney on Ice – The Incredibles**, at 3:30 pm at the Rose Garden. Tickets are \$15 and a sign up sheet is on the Tower.
- 12/2/06 – TPC's Annual Progressive Dinner** - sign up sheet will be on the tower
- 12/3/06 – Hanging of the Greens**, with soup and salad potluck
- 12/17/06 – Happy Birthday to Jesus!** – the kids are invited to make a Christmas ornament for their family and have some Christmas cookies.

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

Then come sing with the choir! We rehearse Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Give it a try and see how you like it. You don't have to make a long-term commitment; sing with us through advent. In addition to lots of singing, there is lots of laughter. Come join the fun and help us make wonderful music.

COME RING WITH US!

Interested in learning how to ring bells? The Alpha Ringers is for you! This new group is open to anyone middle school age and up. No experience with bells or reading music is required. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from **5:30 to 6:30 pm**. Come and have some fun. Perfectionism NOT allowed!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning Bible study group meets weekly from 10:00 to 11:30. They are currently studying the prophet Isaiah. All are invited and



**GOLF
OUTING**

24, 2006 at Charbonneau Golf Club. Special thanks to Mark Maleta for organizing this event and to Neil and Sandy Reiling for hosting the potluck afterward. Those on the winning team were Mary Maleta, Roger and Debbie Reid and Ted Pelletier.

