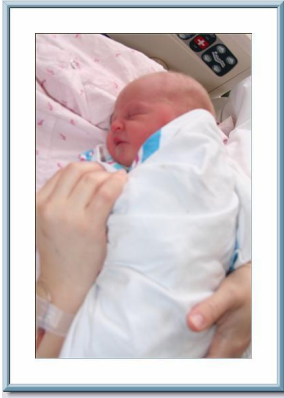




## SEASONS OF OUR LIFE





# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Meet Betty Staples pictured here with her husband, Boyd, and their dog, Sandy. Betty started life as a farm girl in Northern California (near Chico), where her family raised wheat, barley and walnuts. She went into the teaching profession and spent her career teaching the ele-

mentary grades in Northern California.

The farm girl married the traveling salesman. Betty met and married Boyd in 1952 (Boyd had visited the ranch selling grain bins.) After they were married, they built a house on the ranch and Boyd became an orchard man eventually replacing the wheat and barley with almonds and walnuts. Daughter, Marilyn, joined the family and together they enjoyed life boating and playing along the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers.

Betty retired from teaching in 1977, and she and Boyd set off to see the country in their 5<sup>th</sup> wheel. They have seen much of the US and have traveled abroad as well. In 1999 they cruised the Yangtze River in China and were able to view the construction of the Three Gorges Dam. In 2004 they cruised the Coast of South America. As Betty remarked, "I've seen a lot of country for a little farm girl. I feel very fortunate."

In 2007, Betty and Boyd sold the farm and moved to Tualatin. Their home is now right next door to daughter, Marilyn. These days they travel closer to home.

Betty is a long time member of the Beta Sigma Phi, a social sorority and is also a member of PEO, a women's philanthropic organization, supporting women's education. Her PEO chapter also doubles as a book club once a month. In addition to these activities Betty enjoys gardening – though she does not have much good to say about our clay soil. "The ground here is just not what I'm used to." She tends to her backyard birds, and more importantly, looks after Sandy, their 11 year old wheatland terrier.

Robyn MacKay – Deacon for Parish 11

## SANCTUARY LAYOUT

### QUESTIONNAIRE RESULT SUMMARY

For four weeks we experimented with sound by moving the choir loft to the center front of the sanctuary, and then asked you to let us know how that felt and sounded to you. Eighty-four of you completed our survey, indicating overall that the sound was better, but the configuration did not enhance your worship experience. Many commented that it appeared crowded, and distracted focus from the hearing and preaching of the Word. Some interpreted the question about how it impacted their appreciation of art by referring to their general enjoyment of art, and the answers were compiled accordingly.

The members of the worship team appreciate your thoughtful responses, and encourage you to contact Adele Pelletier, elder, at [worship@tpcspirit.org](mailto:worship@tpcspirit.org) if there is more you would like to say.

Responses were grouped into categories...plus, neutral, minus and not applicable. The numbers listed below are the number of responses in each category.  
Affect worship experience: 20\_26\_31\_4  
Affect scripture and preaching 8\_37\_29\_5  
Interface with art 3\_24\_36\_Love art 13  
Hearing the choir 40\_36\_1\_6

# WHAT'S GOING ON

## Workshop Equips and Inspires For Earth Care Ministry

On **Saturday, November 6**, congregations are invited to send a team to "Earth Care: Inspiration, Prayer and Action" at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3737 Liberty Road South, Salem, Oregon. This annual Creation Care event is sponsored by the Presbytery of the Cascades' Eco-Justice Team of the Congregational Support Committee. Learn how to green your congregation and make prayer and worship a vital part of the process. Our keynoter is Sam Hamilton-Poore, the Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality and Assistant Professor of Christian Spirituality at San Francisco Theological Seminary, author of *Earth Gospel: A Guide to Prayer for God's Creation*. He is also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, USA and instructor at the Center for Nature and Christian Spirituality at Westminster Woods. Cost: \$25. Seniors and students, \$20. Includes locally grown lunch and guidebook. To register call Dawn at 1-800-926-3223 or go on line at [www.cascadespresbytery.org](http://www.cascadespresbytery.org). Using "Earth Care Congregations," a new resource guide and certification program of the Presbyterian Church, USA, the workshops will explore how to integrate care for creation into all facets of the life of the church.



Starlight Symphony Concert  
Allan Halbert, Director

The Music of Ferde Grofé  
**Sunday, November 7, 7 p.m.**  
At Tualatin Presbyterian Church

Admission:  
General: \$10, 18 and under free  
Seniors over 60: \$7  
College students with valid ID \$7  
Complimentary tickets are available  
on the tower in the Narthex.

Website: [www.starlightsymphony.us](http://www.starlightsymphony.us)  
Jeni Wiggers plays with this group.

## LOGOS YOUTH GROUP

Our theme on **Sunday, November 14** will be Johnny Appleseed. Beginning at 5 p.m., the first hour of our program is for youth in grades 3 through 12 and includes recreation time and Bible study. ALL ages are welcome the second hour when we share a meal tied to our theme, play a short game and then move to the sanctuary for a youth-centered worship service. Please RSVP to Dr. Bowen by November 11 so our cooks can prepare for our meal. Can't you smell and taste caramel-covered apples?!!



## CPR/AED TRAINING CLASS

CPR LifeLine will be teaching a class, **American Heart Association CPR for Family and Friends** (without certification), at TPC on **Saturday, November 20**. There will be instruction in the *Chain of Survival* to maximize the chances of survival for the victim of sudden cardiac arrest. Participants will receive training in recognizing an emergency, activating the EMS system, delivering CPR, and using an AED. Cost is \$25 per person. Training will start at 9:00 a.m. and will last for 3 hours. Please sign up by November 7 (sign up sheet in the Narthex).

Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

## HANGING OF THE GREENS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 5 PM

This family friendly service starts the season of advent. During the service we decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season and the tree with warm hats, gloves, scarves and socks for those in need.

After the Hanging of the Greens service stay and join your TPC family for a potluck. Look for a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex (the room right outside the sanctuary). After dinner you will have the opportunity to make an advent log. We will supply the log with holes drilled for candles. Greens and bows will be supplied. If you have greens to share, bring them to the adult education room downstairs. Thanks.



## BELL CONCERT SATURDAY, DEC. 4 AT 7 PM

Our TPC handbell choir will present its Christmas

Concert on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. Come for a delightful hour of Christmas music. It's a wonderful way to usher in the holiday season.

**A Note for your calendar:** The leaves are falling, the rain has returned; it must be fall in Oregon. Soon it will be Thanksgiving and then the Season of Advent – a time of waiting. For those of you who wait in anticipation for the **TPC Cookie Sale** each year, the date is **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**, and the hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. More details coming soon, so mark your calendar now for this annual event, and begin planning to make your favorite holiday cookies to bring to the sale.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Plan now to attend the party of the season! The annual TPC Christmas Progressive Dinner will be Sunday, **December 12 at 5 p.m.** We will meet at the home of Jack and Dianne Lemmon for appetizers and then break into smaller groups and go to another home for the main course and dessert. You are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. There is a \$5 charge to cover the cost of the entrée and the beverages. When signing up on the tower, please indicate if you would like to host the main course and dessert in your home and how many people you can accommodate. Questions? Talk to Barb Crall 503-592-1677.

## FELLOWSHIP

### VOYAGERS

We are starting fellowship groups of 10 to 15 people called voyagers. They are designed to break the congregation into smaller groups to form a close bond and become a source of support for each other over a period of years. Voyager groups could be composed of those of similar age or in a similar stage of life. For example one group could be a group of people with young families and another people with teenagers. Other groups could be for those with no children at home. Or there could be a group with people of various ages. Voyagers are not intended to be couples-only groups; they are open to all members of the congregation. A group could be made up of all singles.

Voyagers will be on-going groups meeting as often as each group wants. Activities will be up to the group. Some groups may wish to just get together in people's homes for dinner and conversation and games. Other groups may want to meet at home at times and hold outings at other times. There will be a sign-up sheet on the tower in the Narthex in September where you can indicate what type of group you are interested in. The fellowship committee will assist in getting groups started. If you would like to help organize a group or if you have questions, please contact Barb Crall at 503-692-1677 or [barbc@compix.com](mailto:barbc@compix.com).

## Treasurer's Report

### Operating Income and Expense at September 30, 2010

	Received Year to Date	Year to Date Budget
*Income	\$195,686.80	\$193,555.00
Expense	\$188,308.57	\$196,871.00
Difference	\$ 7,378.23	\$ (3,316.00)

\* Includes prepaid pledges of \$14,200



## DISTRIBUTION OF TPC SPIRIT NEWSLETTER

Back in July a Newsletter Feedback form was available for members and friends to give us comments and feedback. We received a variety of responses to the question, "If you have email, would you prefer to read the newsletter on line?" Of the 26 responses we received, 14 said no and 12 replied in a variety of positive ways. With the split almost even, and in a continuing effort to cut our overhead expenses, starting in January, 2011, we're going to try something different.

The newsletter is currently written and put together on the Tuesday following the session meeting. Session typically meets on the third Thursday of the month. This monthly timing won't change. Once written, the newsletter will be posted to the website in a timely manner.

### COME JANUARY, 2011...CHOICES

**Read the newsletter on line.** If you plan to read the newsletter online, you'll find it posted to the website near the end of the month.

**Receive an email** notifying you that the current newsletter is now available online. If you would like such an email each month, we need to know your current email address.

**Read a paper copy of the newsletter that you pick up at church.** If you prefer reading a paper copy of the newsletter, one can be picked up at church on a Sunday morning.

**Read a paper copy of the newsletter that is mailed to you.** If you prefer to receive a paper copy of the newsletter in the mail, we need to hear from you.

If you have questions, please call or email Susan Springer in the office at (503) 692-4160 or [Susan@tpcspirit.org](mailto:Susan@tpcspirit.org). Thanks.

**MISSION IN MOTION.....Thank you** to everyone who contributed school supplies and backpacks for the Tigard-Tualatin School District! The supplies are given to youth who are homeless or due to financial circumstances their families cannot provide the necessary items for them. Bravo folks and thanks again for a job well done!

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Maybe you are curious about what the words "Spiritual Formation meets off site" mean? This paragraph is a brief attempt to answer that. There are many ways to read the Bible. One can read it theologically, as literature or history and devotionally. This last one is what we do in Spiritual Formation. We read a text and after sitting quietly with it we share what we hear in the text and how we will apply it to our life. There are no "right" answers. We also take time to share our lives and prayer concerns and pray for those in our group and in the wider community and the world. Because of the intimate sharing that happens we seek people who want to make a regular commitment to this once a month group. If you want more information or think you would like to come and see what it is about, call or talk to Laura Spurrell.

### HELP NEEDED: Drivers and Helpers for Treasure Night

For over ten years TPC has been running a successful outreach program for developmentally disabled adults in southern Washington County. On the third Tuesday from 7—8:30 p.m. around 30 "Treasures" come to TPC for a night of activities. To best serve our wonderful Treasures we need some more volunteers:

Drivers: Some Treasures who live within one mile of TPC need transportation to our Treasure Nights. This would involve pick up at 6:45 p.m., deliver to TPC, then take home at 8:30 p.m.

Helpers: Having more helpers will allow for more one-on-one attention, help with craft projects, and assistance with snack.

You don't need to have experience in working with developmentally disabled people, just have a willingness to help others and an openness to receive the blessings that Treasures can give you in return.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Locke, Treasure Night Coordinator, 503-656-1534

## HEALTHCARE REFORM INFORMATION

- **September 23** was the day that some important changes happened in healthcare reform through the Affordable Care Act: Kids up to age 26 (and their spouses) can be added to your insurance.
- Insurers must cover routine preventative care (like mammograms -- make an appointment today!)
- Insurers will not be able to charge you more for using out-of-network hospitals for emergency services.
- Lifetime limits on your insurance go away.
- All plans will now be required to let you appeal denials. (Before, many plans were exempt from this requirement).
- You can't be dropped from coverage because of errors in processing your paperwork.

Great news for individuals, families, congregations, and communities!!

Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

## ANNUAL PER CAPITA IS \$22.55 FOR EACH MEMBER

If you are uncertain whether you've paid your per capita this year, call the office at 503-692-4160 or email Rhoda@tpcspirit.org and she will check our records for you.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We give thanks for all those who have volunteered to offer a children's message, and we are encouraging the rest of the congregation to give it a try. We are looking for messages five minute in length, maximum. Please contact Adele Pelletier for more information.



## TPC ON FACEBOOK

TPC is experimenting with social media by hosting a Facebook page. Besides the usual sermon/newsletter posts to the church website, we are using Facebook to share more current information/discussions. To join us, just search "Tualatin Presbyterian Church" after joining Facebook and "Like" the organization.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Carolyn Barker	16 Mark Schleicher
3 DonnaLee Benner	17 John Olsen
4 Maggie Peterson	20 Rebecca Backen
4 Greg Lewis	22 Cailyn Bowen
7 Bruce Benner	23 Bob Bolton
9 Adele Pelletier	26 Martha Wilson
10 Jodi Breshears	26 Kendra Sundt
10 Philip Schmitt	27 Cindy Hoppe
11 Heather Bartlett	29 Denise Collins
14 Adam Winkler	30 Jay Wilcox
16 Nina Oliver	30 Jackson Schleicher

## BUILDING USE REQUEST

If you would like to request use of the building, please start by calling the office. Either Rhoda or Susan can check the church calendar to see if the space is available. The next step is to fill out a reservation form that gives us dates, times, needs.

## LAST PERSON OUT ON SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP

If you're the last person to leave the church on Sunday following worship, please check that the front doors of the church are locked. If not, use the triangular key on the window ledge to the left of the doors to release the crash bars. Push the crash bar in, insert the key and turn. The bar should release. Thanks for your help.

## WHERE'S THE NARTHEX?

The Narthex is the room just outside the sanctuary. This is where people linger and chat after worship. This is where the tower is located on which so many flyers and sign-up sheets are posted.

## POP CANS AND BOTTLES

Yes, we're still collecting pop cans and bottles that can be redeemed for a nickel. Thanks to all who have donated.

**TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR  
NOVEMBER 2010**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>October 31</b>	<b>1</b> 7 p.m. Spiritual Formation off site	<b>2</b> 7 pm. Mission meeting 7 pm CEM meeting	<b>3</b> 10:30 a.m. Mid-week Study Group 7:30 Chancel-Choir rehearsal	<b>4</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>5</b> 11 a.m. Marian Larson memorial service	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:15 Adult Ed. 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship  7 pm Starlight Symphony Concert	<b>8</b> 7 p.m. Deacon meeting	<b>9</b> 7 pm Fellowship committee meeting	<b>10</b> 10:30 a.m. Mid-week Study Group  7 pm Alto reh. 7:45 Basses	<b>11</b> 7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>12</b> 10 to noon Loving Stitches	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship  5 p.m. Youth Group meeting—Johnny Applesseed theme	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7 p.m. Tuesdays Treasures	<b>17</b> 10:30 a.m. Mid-week Study Group 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal	<b>18</b> 7 p.m. Session Meeting  7 pm Bell choir rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30-9:00 a.m. Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 9 a.m to noon CPR/AED training—\$25
<b>21</b> 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9 am Newsletter deadline	<b>24</b> No study group	<b>25</b> THANKS-GIVING	<b>26</b> 10 to noon Loving Stitches Newsletter mailed	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:15 Adult Ed 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5 pm Hanging of the Greens followed by Potluck	<b>29</b> 7 p.m. Preacher meeting 7 pm Art Team (S)	<b>30</b>				



Regular TPC office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Please call (503) 692-4160 or email Rhoda@tpcspirit.org if you’ve moved or changed your email address.

Church website: www.tpcspirit.org We’re also on Facebook.

**The deadline for the December newsletter is 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 23.**

Please email articles to newsletter@tpcspirit.org. Thank you.

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**Phone:** 503-692-4160      **Web Address:** [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org) We're also on Facebook.  
**Worship Service – Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

**Elders:** Randy Beyer, Craig Bowen, Barb Crall, Norm Dannemiller, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Adele Pelletier, Craig Walker and Katrina Weener.

**Deacons:** Carolyn Hale, Barbara Harriman, Ted Lambeth, Jack Lemmon, Carolyn Locke, Robyn MacKay, Sherry Nelson, Bob Nix, Mary Ortez, Ronn Rhodes, Bill Smiley, and Jeni Wiggers

**Treasurer:** Scott Mitchell  
e-mail: [treasurer@tpcspirit.org](mailto:treasurer@tpcspirit.org)

**Music Director:** Kris Sparks  
e-mail: [music.director@tpcspirit.org](mailto:music.director@tpcspirit.org)

**Clerk of Session:** Dee Johnson  
Email: [plumeria5227@yahoo.com](mailto:plumeria5227@yahoo.com)

**Bell Choir Director:** Martha Wilson  
e-mail: [bells@tpcspirit.org](mailto:bells@tpcspirit.org)

**Webmaster:** Melissa Evers-Hood  
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