
WORDS FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

I feel incredibly grateful to be your pastor, and I love to tell people about the incredible place I'm humbled to serve.

This fall our session, the nine men and women elected by the congregation to lead us, met to refine our mission. We do a great job of being flexible and providing members and friends the opportunity to be creative and generate new ideas. We agreed that we need to grow in the area of more clearly articulating who we are and where we sense the Holy Spirit leading us.

To prepare for our retreat Dr. Craig Bowen, our Strategic Planning Elder, a brand new position, sent out questions for the session to mull over. Here are two I'd like to share with you:

Question 1: Where have you seen deep joy at TPC? What kinds of times or spaces can you imagine that might tap into this deep joy in the days ahead? In other words if we were to build on our strengths what have we done that creates the space for God's spirit to move in the past and how might we live this out in fresh ways in the future?

Question 2: Where do you see God moving OUTSIDE of TPC? Where is God active in Tualatin, Wilsonville, Tigard, and Sherwood? As a reminder God moves in mysterious ways- we're not necessarily talking about what other churches are doing or things that appear religious. We're talking about where you see the joyful, reconciling, inclusive, challenging, and just good news being enacted whether religious language is used or not. How might TPC join in this fun?

In response to these questions we asked the session to generate words that they felt distilled the essence of who we are as we travel together following after the way of Jesus Christ. We did the hard work of gathering just three from what started out as a huge list. The three words we landed on: generous community; buoyancy; adventuring. (Yes, that's four words, but the first rule of TPC seems to be God is bigger than our rules.)

As a generous community we care for our community helping to build houses for habitat, filling backpacks for children in need, and a myriad of other ways.

Buoyancy describes the joyful vitality of our worship, where, ahem, apparently mistakes are sometimes made and we feel the Spirit break in through these apparent "cracks."

Adventuring points to how none of us quite know what God has in store for us. Our faith isn't an easy set of answers, but rather a burning collection of questions prodding us forward.

Again, I'm so grateful to be with you on this adventure. I'm thankful for all of your gifts of time, treasure, and talent. In this season of giving I would make a personal request to you to join my family in filling out a pledge card for 2016.

In Christ,



The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

This letter from Pastor Ken was snail mailed to members and friends of TPC, along with a pledge card, on Thursday, October 29.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TPC

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

November marks the kick-off of our annual Giving Campaign! We thank you for all that you do to make TPC a thriving, generous community. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2016 over the next few weeks. We will be hosting listening sessions during the month so we can hear your thoughts and hopes for TPC! Please mark your calendar.

November 8th - First Listening Session, after worship in the sanctuary

November 15th - Second Listening Session, after worship in the sanctuary

November 22nd - Potluck Luncheon after worship.

Maureen Wolf,
Stewardship and Administration Elder

Adult Education Class

ADULT EDGE, aka the adult education class, meets at 8:45 on Sunday mornings. Now through November 22, the class is reading and discussing the book, *The Road to Character*, by David Brooks. On November 8 we'll discuss chapter 8. You do not need to purchase the book or attend consecutive Sundays to enjoy the insights provided by you, the Adult Edge ensemble.

John Casebeer, Adult Education Elder

Summary of Medicare Changes for 2016 MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT October 15 through December 7

Part B premium will increase. It is currently \$105; it is projected to be \$121 to 159. This applies to those new to Medicare in 2016 and those on Medicare, but not social security.

Part B deductible will increase. It is currently \$147; it is projected to be up to \$250.

Each Medicare Advantage plan must have an accurate list of providers.

Every plan and formulary changes every year.

Check your plan to be sure your drugs are covered every year.

Most plans have higher premiums, and drug and health plan deductibles.

Dental, hearing, and vision benefits are in separate packages.

If you are eligible for Medicare or on Medicare, you cannot be on Marketplace plan with tax credits. It is your responsibility to dis-enroll in the Marketplace plan and enroll in Medicare.

Medicare.gov rates all drug and Medicare Advantage plans, hospitals, and nursing homes. Medicare listens to appeals and grievances in a timely manner.

Karen Black has spreadsheets for all Medicare Advantage plans, including co-pays, sold in Washington County. She also has spreadsheets for extra benefits.

For any questions, see Karen Black, TPC Health Ministry Liaison and SHIBA counselor. She wears purple on Sundays. Phone 503.679.2182; karendblack@comcast.net

BREAKFAST MEETING JOINT BREAKFAST MEETING of Men's Fellowship and Women's Ministry Groups, Saturday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m.

How well are you prepared if an emergency occurs that would leave you without water and power? Whether it is a winter storm or a major earthquake, now is the time to develop a plan and gather supplies to sustain you and your family.

Greg Ramirez, Emergency Manager with Clackamas Fire District, will provide practical information on what to do before, during and after an emergency. Copies of the TPC Emergency Preparedness plan will be available as well.

The breakfast will be a joint effort between the men and women's groups, and is sure to be outstanding. Estimating attendance will be important, so please sign up in the narthex now.

Russ Carlin and Judy Nix

LASER TAG - Students 4th grade through high school, come play LASER TAG on **Friday, November 20 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm!** This event speaks for itself... To sign up, please email Drew Hall at andrew@tpcspirit.org ASAP. Prepare for war.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday, November 29 at 5 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens is a family-friendly service followed by a potluck supper. All are invited.

'Tis the season...Or it soon will be...

PARENTS DAY OUT, Sat., Dec 5, 10 am to 2 pm

Chris Robertson and Andrew Hall will hold a special PARENTS DAY OUT on Saturday, Dec. 5. This event is intended to allow you to get out, have lunch and prepare for Christmas. Your child will have lunch, make a craft and watch a movie with friends. This event is FREE to all who would like to participate. Please invite friends from the community to take advantage of these four hours of free childcare. To register, please email Drew at andrew@tpcspirit.org ASAP.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Sunday, December 6

Please come enjoy a delicious Pancake Breakfast in support of our 2016 Youth Summer Mission Team, Sunday, December 6 from 11:30 am to 1 pm. Our mission team will serve the city of Portland this summer through Bridgetown Ministries. All proceeds from this breakfast will help pay our program costs. We thank you, in advance, for your support, and we look forward to spending the morning eating together.

SERVING HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

Friday, December 11 from 4:30 to 9 pm marks the first time Youth & Family Ministries will serve our homeless neighbors at the Portland Rescue Mission. We will serve dinner and lead a time of worship for upward of 300 men, women and children. All people fourth grade and up are welcome to participate. If interested in serving at this event, please email Drew at andrew@tpcspirit.org ASAP. May we bless our community in the name of the Lord together.



Cookies, Cookies Cookies!

Save the Date for the TPC Cookie Sale: **Saturday, December 12th from 9 to 1.** Bakers, cookie drop off day is Friday, December 11th.

Interested? Mark your calendars, get out the cookbook and watch for details.

Russ Carlin, The Mission Cookie Guy

WHAT HAS GONE ON AT TPC?

HIGHLIGHTS



OCTOBER SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The annual Session Retreat was held this year in Pacific City, OR on Friday and Saturday October 9th & 10th. With preparation of the budget for 2016 in mind, Session began by listing those key things showing signs of life at TPC and making TPC what it is. From that, trying to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us, we proceeded to identify the "gathering points" -- the key values we need to nurture and plan for. Each Elder identified the work to be done in their area of ministry to pursue those gathering points, and the needed resources to do so. As a wrap up, each Elder is authoring their own version of a TPC mission statement which will be consolidated into an overall TPC Mission Statement.

At the close of the retreat, Session held a formal Special Session Meeting in which Session approved hosting a group of up to 50 delegates to the denomination's General Assembly being held in Portland in June of 2016. We will host that group as visitors at our Sunday morning worship and provide lunch on June 19, 2016.

The above information has been compiled from Session minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session



TUESDAYS TREASURES

At our October Treasure Night we continued our "Stories of Jesus" theme. As we focused on the Parable of the Vineyard we learned that although life isn't always fair, God is always generous. Treasures and volunteers shared ways in which God has been generous to them: by keeping me safe, giving me loving family and friends, helping me to be helpful to others, introducing me to people and cultures from around the world, helping me do my library job, finding a new apartment for my mom and me, guiding medical staff to help me when I was sick, allowing me to teach lots of fantastic students, loving me from the very beginning, choosing good caregivers for me, teaching me to do laundry for my mom and



me, letting me enjoy trips to the library, bestowing me with many interests, bringing baby Jesus for all of us.

First picture: Marna Myers with craft project.

Second picture: Denise Collins and Paul Dechaine

The Treasure Night program serves developmentally disabled adults in southern Washington County.

For more information please contact Carolyn Locke, TPC Treasures Coordinator.



SPONSORED KIDS:

Mail from Sarah
Dear Tualatin Presbyterian Church,
Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

How is here? But from us here are very fine. In Uganda people are good looking people. What about you? We are harvesting millet. In my home my family is greeting you too. In my home my family is praying for you.

I am in Primary 5 (grade in school). In my home people are happy to receive a good friend. I am happy to receive a good friend like you. Thank you for your letter.

May the Lord bless you. Thank you.
Your loving friend, Sarah Tino

TPC currently sponsors Sarah (age 14) from Uganda and Estalin (age 8) from Ecuador through Compassion International.

CHRISTINA’S ATTIC

The Dark Ages art will be up until Advent, then we’ll have some surprises. I’ll give you a clue:
Something new
Something old
Something borrowed
Something gold

Creating in the image of our Creator,
Chris Robertson

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS



Information from Northwest Natural Gas (<https://www.nwnatural.com/residential/safety/earthquakepreparedness>)

Important safety measures to take.

Below is information regarding our natural gas pipeline system, as well as steps you can take with your natural gas service at home.

Our system

We believe earthquake preparedness is essential. NW Natural has been participating with other organizations and agencies on earthquake preparedness as part of a state-wide effort.

Our transmission mains, distribution mains and services are designed, constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations.

We do not have any cast iron or bare steel in our transmission systems. The modern materials that we have today in our pipeline system are more ductile (flexible) and perform better in land movement.

Shutoff valves

NW Natural also has thousands of shut-off valves to control our system in the event of any emergency. Some close automatically if there is a change in pressure caused by damage to a pipe facility; some are controlled remotely from our Gas Control Center; and others are manually operated. These valves are installed according to Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations.

Further, NW Natural has installed more than 200,000 excess flow valves (EFVs) throughout our system. They are installed on new or replaced service lines in the street, near the connection to the main. EFVs should automatically shut off gas in the event of damage to the service line.

Our gas control room is staffed 24 hours a day and is responsible for monitoring the company’s pipeline system. The control room staff can isolate large portions of our system in the event of a regional emergency. We also have a back-up control facility in another location.

First responders

NW Natural maintains emergency first responders around the clock. In the event of an earthquake, field personnel will be called out to respond to the event.

We also have mutual assistance agreements with other natural gas utilities across the Western U.S. which allows access to additional trained personnel in case of an extended event.

Your home

Before an earthquake:

- Secure natural gas equipment, such as water heaters, to minimize movement during a quake.
- Keep combustibles like paint cans and rags away from your furnace and water heater.
- Replace semi-rigid gas connectors with flexible ones.

Review information regarding shutting off your gas meter.

If you choose to install an earthquake shut-off valve (equipment that senses ground movement or shaking and shuts off the flow of gas automatically), you need to contact a qualified, licensed contractor.

After an earthquake:

- After an earthquake, be sure that no flammable items have fallen or spilled near natural gas appliances.
- If you detect a strong natural gas odor, it's always safest to leave the area on foot and then call NW Natural at 800-882-3377.
- **DO NOT** turn off your natural gas unless you smell gas, hear gas blowing or see other signs of a leak. **ONLY** turn off your gas if it is safe to do so.
- If you turn off your gas, **DO NOT** turn it back on yourself. Leave it off and contact NW Natural. Appliances and natural gas lines will need to be checked for possible damage before service can be safely restored.
- Be aware that in the event of a significant natural disaster, increased work volumes may cause service delays. It could be days before a service technician can be scheduled to restore service at your home.

If you have an earthquake valve installed and it has closed you will need to contact a qualified, licensed contractor to reset the valve and relight your natural gas appliances.

submitted by Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE

Used Goods to Good Use

Community Warehouse is a local, nonprofit furniture bank that collects and redistributes donated household goods and furnishings to folks in need.

HELP A FAMILY IN NEED

The idea of Community Warehouse is a simple, yet incredibly powerful one; household furnishing you no longer need can help create a home for someone else in your community. If you have extra household items, bring them to one of our drop-off locations in Portland or Tualatin or go online for a pick-up!

WHO WILL YOUR DONATIONS HELP?

Through partnerships with 180+ social service agencies, public schools and faith communities, the Warehouse helps 50 families every week turn their empty housing into more comfortable functional homes. We serve people from all walks of life including veterans, people with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, those recovering from substance abuse, individuals transitioning out of homelessness, and low-income families.

You can help! Please take a look in your cabinets, cupboards and storage space for the following items and consider giving them to the Warehouse. We'll put your used goods to good use. We just ask that your items are gently-used and in clean, working condition.

Immediate Needs List includes silverware, toasters, pots and pans, blankets, clean twin mattresses, and dressers

For a complete list of items we accept or to learn more, visit: communitywarehouse.org

Drop Off Locations

Open Mon - Fri, 10 am to 4 pm

Open Sat - Sun, 10:30 am to 4 pm

Tualatin Location

8380 SW Nyberg St, Tualatin, 97062
503.347.2147

Portland Location

3969 NE MLK Jr. Blvd
Portland, OR 97212
503.235.8786

We also have fun, meaningful, flexible volunteer opportunities seven days a week. Interested?

Contact Jessica Thompson:

Jessica@communitywarehouse.org

TPC HEALTH SURVEY

Included in the Sunday morning bulletin on November 8 and 15 there will be a TPC Health Survey Form. Please take a moment to let us know what health topics you're interested in learning more about. The completed form can be put in the offering plate. Thank you.

Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse



TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY Donations of Food

The Pantry's immediate and on-going needs are:

Fresh fruits and vegetables, potatoes, canned goods such as tuna, **fruit**, corn, and hearty soups with protein, cereal (hot or cold), dried beans and rice, cooking oil, flour and **sugar**, hygiene items such as toilet paper, soap, shampoo, and laundry soap.

Your donations to Tualatin School House Pantry are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. TSHP is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Federal Tax ID 20-2253741.

POINSETTIAS, CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND CENTERPIECES

The Tualatin Valley Cooperative Preschool, that meets downstairs in our building, is selling poinsettias, Christmas wreaths and centerpieces. If you would like to make a purchase, which will help keep the preschool operating, please contact Barb Crall (503-692-1677 or barbjcrall@gmail.com) or Valerie James (503-692-7249 or billvalem@aol.com).

Note: A portion of the monthly rent paid by the preschool goes into our TPC general fund.

BLACK CARDIGAN SWEATER - Found

Women of TPC...are you missing a black cardigan sweater, brand name Across the Street, petite medium, made in USA, with shoulder pads, four buttons down the front and pockets. If yes, you can find this sweater in the office on the table to the right as you enter.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING TPC?

If yes, let us know! Mark the "Wish to Join This Church" box on the Attendance Registration form that passes down the rows on Sunday morning. Or send an email to office@tpcspirit.org. Or email our Membership Coordinator, Jeni Wiggers at wiggerscal@gmail.com. However you choose to let us know of your interest, we will get back to you!!!

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

Copies of the church directory are available in the office on the small table to the right as you enter. If your current directory is more than a year old, please take a new one. If the supply runs out, more directories will be printed during the week.

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Due to Thanksgiving, the production schedule for the December newsletter will vary from the "norm." The deadline for the December newsletter will be 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 1. Assuming all goes according to plan, the December newsletter will be distributed on Friday, December 4. Please email newsletter articles to Susan@tpcspirit.org. Thank you

Susan Springer, newsletter editor

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY!

0? - James Olsen
01 - Carolyn Barker
01 - Gary Roth
03 - DonnaLee Benner
04 - Greg Lewis
05 - Valerie James
05 - Patty Farrell
07 - Bruce Benner
08 - Kitty Taylor
09 - Adele Pelletier
09 - Kathy Sweetland
09 - Sydney Cameron

10 - Nicholas Sweetland
11 - Heather Bartlett
12 - Pamela White
14 - Susan Fee
14 - Julie Paimore
14 - Adam Winkler
16 - Emily Ricker
16 - Stephen Ricker
16 - Kyleigh Coupe
17 - Madison Broughton
17 - John Olsen
19 - Erin Dwyer

19 - Cameron Coupe
20 - Becky Backen
22 - Melinda Woods
22 - Cailyn Bowen
23 - Bob Bolton
26 - Kendra Sundt
27 - Cindy Hoppe
27 - Eva Dwyer
28 - Renee James
29 - Denise Collins
30 - Jay Wilcox

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on calendar.

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 a.m. Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off 5 p.m. The Awakening for youth with Andrew Hall.	2	3	4 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	5 10 a.m. Project Linus 7 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal	6	7
8 8:45 a.m. Adult Edge 10:00 Worship 5 p.m. The Awakening for youth with Andrew Hall.	9 7 pm Deacon meeting	10 7 p.m. Mission meeting. 7 p.m. Fellowship meeting	11 10 a.m. Loving Stitches 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	12 7 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal 7 pm Finance Committee Mtg	13	14 9 a.m. Joint Breakfast Meeting - Both Men and Women's Groups
15 8:45 a.m. Adult Edge 10:00 Worship 5 p.m. The Awakening for youth with Andrew Hall.	16	17 Tuesday's Treasures	18 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	19 7 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal	20 Laser Tag for students grade 4 through high school, 5 to 9 pm. Contact Andrew Hall.	21
22 8:45 a.m. Adult Edge 10:00 Worship Fellowship Potluck 5 p.m. The Awakening for youth with Andrew Hall.	23	24 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	25 10 a.m. Loving Stitches	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 First Sunday-Advent 8:45 a.m. Adult Edge (NO Adult Edge classes in December) 10:00 Worship 5 p.m Hanging of the Greens	30	1 9 am December newsletter deadline D	2 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal E C	3 10 am Project Linus 7 p.m. Bell choir rehearsal E M	4 B E	5 PARENTS DAY OUT 10 am to 2 pm R

Regular TPC office hours are Monday through Thursday,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.
Office hours can vary; call ahead to confirm the office is open.

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Maya Angelou



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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

Parish Associates: The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Craig Bowen, John Casebeer, Cathy Lambeth, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Bob Paetsch, Emily Ricker, Katrina Weener and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Becky Backen, Karen Black, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Rebecca Crall, Bob Eddy, Susan Fee, Dianne Lemmon, Deborah Lewis, Mary Maleta, Bonnie Nord, Jackie Norman.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer
Financial Assistant: Diane Goetz
Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov
Director of Youth & Family Ministry: Andrew Hall

Art Director: Dr. Christina Robertson
Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall
Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall
Cookie Coordinator: Myrna Friese
Membership Coordinator: Jeni Wiggers
Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer
Parish Nurse: Dianne Lemmon
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus
Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers
Tuesdays Treasures: Carolyn Locke
Webmaster: John Martin
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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