

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends, a poem I have been loving lately is Wordsworth's "There Was a Boy." Here is part of it:

*There was a boy; ye knew him well, ye cliffs
And islands of Winander! many a time,
At evening, when the earliest stars began
To move along the edges of the hills,
Rising or setting, would he stand alone,
Beneath the trees, or by the glimmering lake;
And there, with fingers interwoven, both hands
Pressed closely palm to palm and to his mouth
Uplifted, he, as through an instrument,
Blew mimic hootings to the silent owls
That they might answer him.—And they would shout
Across the watery vale, and shout again,
Responsive to his call,—with quivering peals,
And long halloos, and screams, and echoes loud
Redoubled and redoubled; concourse wild
Of jocund din! And, when there came a pause
Of silence such as baffled his best skill:
Then, sometimes, in that silence, while he hung
Listening, a gentle shock of mild surprise
Has carried far into his heart the voice
Of mountain-torrents; or the visible scene
Would enter unawares into his mind
With all its solemn imagery, its rocks,
Its woods, and that uncertain heaven received
Into the bosom of the steady lake...*

Wordsworth imagines this young boy, not quite twelve, who is working on making an owl hooting sound with his hands, as kids today still do. After he tries who knows how many times, finally the boy succeeds in producing a sound. And the entire forest erupts in response: a concourse jocund din!

This poem is about finding one's voice and feeling that one's voice matters in the world. As different as today's postmodern culture seems, being connected by technology and our voices broadcast by social media, the flood of information and the crush loud voices renders us feeling as isolated as Wordsworth's young Lake District boy.

In some ways finding our own voice is harder than ever today. Where Wordsworth's boy had owls for an audience, we struggle to produce our authentic thoughts and sounds in front of the whole world. And this year, at least when it comes to the election before us and how we will mark our ballots, finding our voice feels more fraught than ever.

I know more than one person who isn't sure they are going to be able to make a choice. In terms of Wordsworth they are feeling nervous about even raising their hands to their mouths, worried about what sound they might emit, and, worse, what might be the response in turn.

While I sympathize with this challenge, I also write to remind us that the Lord of the owls is the lord of all. And the same God who made creation will be in charge on November 9th just as on November 8th. So, I encourage you to ignore anyone who tells you your vote doesn't count or that it is insignificant in anyway: treat this as your moment to sound your voice. And let the jocund din begin!





MEET THE AYERS FAMILY

Rob and Jennifer Ayers have been active members of TPC for the past thirteen years. As guests of the Backens they were hooked after hearing Pastor Ken during his second week at TPC. They found it easy to relate to Ken's sermons and appreciated the open beliefs of TPC members and the outreach opportunities offered.

Rob and Jennifer hail from Bend, OR and Kanab, Utah respectively. They both attended OSU as engineering students. Rob jokes that there were no "pretty girls" in the mechanical engineering program, so he transferred to industrial and manufacturing engineering. The strategy worked. Rob and Jennifer met and the rest is history.

Rob and Jennifer both work for A-dec which manufactures dental equipment. Rob is a supplier quality engineering manager and Jennifer serves as the operational excellence manager focusing on process improvements and efficiency. Their four day a week (ten hours a day) schedule allows them the flexibility to be at home more with their eleven-year-old daughter, Lauren, and eight-year-old son, Jonathan.

Lauren and Jonathan both love soccer and running. Lauren also enjoys dance – most recently tap dancing. She is enthusiastic about the new Sunday school program at TPC and insists on attending. Jonathan is a little renaissance man. He already programs computers and invents things. Frequently he wakes his parents to the noise and aromas coming from their kitchen. Breakfast burritos are currently his favorite food to prepare.

Rob and Jennifer have always enjoyed backpacking together in the spectacular Pacific NW. After Lauren and Jonathan were born they changed to day hikes with the kids hitching a ride on their backs. As soon as Jonathan turned four they were once again enjoying over-night trips. They take advantage of our glorious summers with long weekend family adventures. They hiked sixty miles this past summer with the Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho being the highlight.

In addition to backpacking Jennifer and Rob are aiming for family trips to as many national parks as possible. They also look forward to exposing Lauren and Jonathan to international travel with a trip to Europe within the next year or two.

Their family shares their energy and talents by contributing to TPC. Jennifer taught Sunday school for a number of years and currently serves as our church treasurer. Rob has served several years as a deacon. Lauren and Jonathan participate by reading scriptures during service.

Given this is the season for giving thanks, I asked their family what they are the most thankful for.

Lauren and Jonathan: family and friends.

Jennifer: her healthy family and their wonderful adventures to the beach and mountains.

Rob: for the liver transplant that he underwent ten years ago. With his new liver he is able to enjoy good health and his family.

I am thankful to have Rob, Jennifer, Lauren, and Jonathan as members of TPC and the opportunity to get to know them a little better.

Gina Olson, Deacon Parish 11



Note: The upper photograph was lightened to show the faces. The lower photo was not, so the beautiful scenery is visible.

STEWARDSHIP HARVEST POTLUCK

After worship on **Sunday, October 30**. All are invited to stay for food and fellowship.

ADULT EDGE

Now **through November 6** the Adult Edge class will read and discuss *Vanishing Grace: What Ever Happened to the Good News?* by Philip Yancey. November 13 through 27th, the class will read and discuss *The Muslim Next Door: The Qur'an, the Media and That Veil Thing* by Sumbul Ali-Karamali.

Adult Edge will break for the holidays on Dec. 4, but will return on January 8, 2017 to continue our study of *The Muslim Next Door*. Come join this lively group of individuals who share a wide variety of perspectives. You can purchase the books or not. Please join us Sunday mornings at 8:45 downstairs in the multipurpose room. Strong coffee and snacks are provided.

John Casebeer, Adult Ed Elder

NOTE: Child care/supervision is provided for toddlers and youngsters through age 11 during Adult Edge time.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BRUNCH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - 10:30 AM

Learn about the exciting programs at TPC to engage the children/youth and their families. Sarah Beck, Director of Youth and Family Ministries will share her current and future strategies that are growing the younger segment of our church. This is a wonderful time for fellowship with amazing women; so see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Grateful Hearts Reverse Advent Project

For those participating in the *Reverse Advent* project collecting food for the Tualatin School House Pantry or the Backpack Buddy Program, we are at the half-way mark! We are blessed to be able to share our abundance with those in need. Please bring your food boxes to the November 19th Women's Ministry program. Thank you Beth Schulke for introducing the *Reverse Advent* concept to us.

RETREAT FUND-RAISING PROJECT

We all have a few items at home that are nice but were never used or only very gently used – for example, a handbag, earrings, scarf, books, Christmas ornament, etc. Please look through

your closets and bring those items to our **November 19th meeting**. We will price them (\$3.00 - \$10 range), display them and you can Christmas shop while supporting our coffers for our spring retreat. Anything that doesn't sell, must be taken home. It will be fun I promise! Thank you to Carol Rhodes for this idea.

Judy Nix, jcnix@comcast.net

MISSION

BUCKS FOR BOWEN/AFRICA EYES

As you know, in December, Dr. Craig Bowen will return to Africa with students from Pacific University's School of Optometry to provide eye health services to people without access or means. A beautiful door has opened for our congregation to be part of this amazing work. Dr. Bowen has identified 5 areas where TPC can make a huge impact by our contributions:

Donate new reading glass or non-prescription sunglasses at TPC.

We'll even take your old prescription glasses! TPC continues to collect used prescription glasses, reading glasses, and non-prescription sunglasses. Baskets are located under the name tags opposite the coat rack. Craig and his students will take 2 suitcases each of glasses and other supplies. Best to get Costco quality or better for durability, as the less expensive reading glasses don't last.

"Buy" a solar inflatable light. These lights are only \$15 each, and families who need light can use these safe, relatively inexpensive lights without electricity. We'll even give you an acknowledgement card - what a great Christmas gift!

Sponsor a cataract procedure \$85 each, or \$170 for both eyes. With annual income of around \$200, a cataract procedure (one eye only) is \$85, so most people can't afford this procedure which we consider routine. Blindness is difficult in this country, not only because there are not the same supports as we have access to in the US. There are real physical dangers in not being able to see (e.g. lions, hippos). When someone is blinded, families lose not only the help and support of that individual, but they also lose the contributions of an additional family member who must act as the 'seeing eyes' of the blind person. This doubles the impact in an already very difficult situation, for lack of access to what we would consider an affordable, almost everyday, procedure.

Sponsor one of Craig's students. These amazing students are choosing to focus their own fundraising on supplies and medicines. Providing funds to help these college kids offset the cost of this expensive trip would be one way of saying thanks.

Contribute to purchase a Tonometer. These things cost \$4,000 each but are an essential, non-invasive device used to detect glaucoma. Craig and his students don't have this tool, but it's especially important because Africans have a genetically 40% higher predisposition of glaucoma than other ethnic groups.

Look for the informational tables after worship on November 6th and 13th. To support this mission, write a check or click GIVING, on the Tpcspirit.org website and note "Africa Eyes." Please also join us in blessing this mission in worship on November 13th.

Cathy Lambeth for the TPC Mission Team

Cookie Sale - The famous TPC Cookies are coming on Saturday December 10th from 9 am to 1 pm. Plan on bringing in your cookies on Friday the 9th from 9 to 5. This year we welcome any kind of tasty baked goods, and gift bags will be available. Proceeds will go to support the Compassion International kids. Those in the know camp out Friday...they're THAT good!

Christmas Giving Tree Our annual holiday gift drive for families needing some extra holiday spirit will kick off on Sunday, November 27th. Look for the tree with tags in the Narthex at the Hanging of the Greens at 5 p.m. that day.



COMPASSION KIDS: Letter from Estalin, our sponsored boy in Ecuador

Dear Friends,
I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I want to tell you that we celebrated Mother's Day in May 8th. We celebrated it with my family. We went on a trip to a place called

"Chachimbiro". We went there by my uncle's car. We took a trip on a boat. Then we came back

home. We ate a piece of cake with coke. We also ate potatoes, chicken, corn and cheese.

I also want to tell you that there was Children's Day in June 1st. We celebrated it at the school. We ate cake and potatoes. We are playing with fourth, third and second grade at the school. All classmates made a uniform. The name of our team is "Los Audaces Deportistas" (Bold Sportsmen).

I also want to tell you that there was an earthquake in Ecuador in April 16th. The most affected place was the Coastal Region. We made some donations at the school to help the affected people. We helped with rice, coffee, pasta, cans of tuna fish and cans of sardines.

I will tell you the names of my brothers and sisters. The first is Luis. Then come Santiago, Maribel, Pamela and me. I am the last child. I have good grades at the school. I have 10/10, 9/10 and 8/10 in the exams. We are almost in vacations. The name of my school is "Provincia de Loja School". I say goodbye to you with these words in the name of Jesus.

Please pray for the affected people (*from April earthquake*) and my studies so that I will not have to take a new exam. Please pray for all my family, too, so that it will be fine.

TUESDAY'S TREASURES TIBITS: Caring for Family

Noah's family was the featured family for our October Treasure Night. Just as Noah cared for his wife and sons, he also cared for all the animals. Treasures and volunteers shared about the animals whom they consider to be family members. We are thankful for Jesus who shows us how to care for all those in our family. Our TPC Treasures program serves adults with disabilities. Carolyn Locke, TPC Treasures Coordinator

Photo: Michael Edge shows the animal ark bingo game and his frog craft.



Photo: Erik Spurrell finds himself on the TPC Treasures family tree (created by Julian & Mike).



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Sunday, October 9, several new friends and families to TPC gathered at the home of Ken and Melissa Evers-Hood. They had a great time eating, socializing and connecting with one another. The kids made Sarah a few name tags.



ADULT YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday, October 16th the TPC Adult (Youth) Group had their first meeting. They met at TPC around 6:30 pm,



broke up into car pools and drove to the Medical Teams International Tigard location. They took a private tour of the Medical Teams International (MTI) "REAL. LIFE. Exhibit. Then it was on to John Barleycorns for something to eat/drink and engage in open, honest conversation, beginning to build community through fellowship.

PRIMARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Sunday, October 8, Sarah planned to take the Primary and Middle School Youth Group (ages 5-12) to Fir Point Farms after worship. The weather was uncooperative, so they changed plans. The



kids met downstairs after worship, ate pizza for lunch and then headed to Sky High in Tigard to jump and play indoors. The kids had a great time. Two parents came along to chaperone and jump with the kids.

THE AWAKENING YOUTH GROUP

Thursday, Oct. 27 Sarah Beck took The Awakening crew to a Blazer game. They had a blast.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Camp Fire Bible Story with a kid's coffee hour.



UPDATING TPC

The family seating in the sanctuary is working very well for TPC families.



The downstairs hallway artwork mural is finished.



OCT. SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular Session Meeting October 18th:

Our commissioners to Presbytery, TPC's representatives at Presbytery meetings, serve one-year terms. Session elected Jean Martin and Adele Pelletier as our commissioners for the ensuing year, and designated John Martin and Mike Shiffer as alternates to serve when necessary.

A motion to request that the Presbytery of the Cascades approve the renewal of a Parish Associate relationship between The Rev. Charlie Brown and TPC, and between The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers and TPC was approved.

Submission of an application to the Barnabas Fund Grant program to upgrade building security was approved.

Building usage for September through December was approved.

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

FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL REQUEST

Chicken Noodle or Chicken with Rice soup.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

There's still time to apply to become a Stephen Minister. Please pick up an application form, fill it out and turn it in. If you have questions, please talk to Stephen Ricker, Nikki Martin, Susan Springer or Pastor Ken.

ABOUT CANINE COMPANIONS

Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) provides expertly trained assistance dogs to children, adults and veterans with disabilities. Established in 1975 in Santa Rosa, CA, Charles Schultz (creator of "Peanuts") was an early and enthusiastic supporter, who provided funds to establish the main campus.

Assistance dogs serve people affected by a range of disabilities, such as multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, stroke, hearing loss, or developmental delay. There are currently more than 2,000 active graduate teams nationwide, 1,053 puppies are being raised around the country, and 433 people are on the waiting list to receive a companion dog.

So far in 2016 a total of 173 "teams" have graduated (a dog, and the person they will assist); the Northwest Chapter of CCI has graduated 55 teams. At Coffee Creek in Wilsonville, CCI pioneered a prison puppy raising program that is now in use nationwide. An average of 10 puppies are raised each year by prison inmates. To date 100 have graduated. Among the women involved with the program (who love it) there has been no recidivism upon their release. Dogs do make a difference. Please check the website www.CCI.org or talk to Sue or Julian Awdry for more details.

THANKS HABITAT BUILDERS!

TPC's annual trip supporting Habitat for Humanity's work in central Oregon was full of fellowship and good works. Thanks Adele and Ted Pelletier, Cackie Kyle, Julian Awdry, Emily Ricker, Jay Wilcox, Doug Steele, Wayne Willis, and super-organizers Russ Carlin and Chip Kyle.

Cathy Lambeth, Mission Elder

POINSETTIA, WREATH FUND RAISER

The Tualatin Valley Cooperative Preschool (that meets downstairs) is selling poinsettias, wreaths and centerpieces as a fundraiser. To support the preschool, contact Barb Crall (503-692-1677 or barbjcrall@gmail.com) or Valerie James (503-692-7249) or billvalem@aol.com. Orders due Nov. 8; and the greenery will be available on Nov. 23rd.

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on About Us, then select Calendar from the drop-down menu..

NOVEMBER 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	3 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	4	5 2 pm Memorial service
6 8:45 am Adult Ed 10:00 Worship Sunday School Those wishing to join church meet with session after worship	7	8	9 10 a.m. Loving Stitches 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	11	12
13 8:45 am Adult Ed 10:00 Worship Sunday School	14 7 p.m. Deacon Meeting	15 7 pm Tuesday-Treasures 7 pm Session Meeting	16 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	18	19 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:30 am Women's Ministry
20 8:45 am Adult Ed 10:00 Worship Sunday School	21 Church office closed this day.	22	23 10 am Loving Stitches 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	24 Thanksgiving Day Office closed	25	26
27 8:45 am Adult Ed 10:00 Worship 5 pm Hanging of the Greens	28	29 9 am December newsletter deadline	30 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal			

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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

22-Cailyn Bowen
22-Melinda Woods
23-Bob Bolton
25-Jackson Allee
26-Kendra Sundt
27-Eva Dwyer
27-Cindy Hoppe
28-Rene'e James
29-Denise Collins
30-Jay Wilcox
25-Jackson Allee

2016 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 9/30/16	\$277,880	\$272,386	\$5,493
Operating Expenses Year to Date 9/30/16	\$277,603	\$282,449	\$4,846

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Call ahead to confirm the office is open.
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Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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

Elders: Craig Bowen, John Casebeer, Cathy Lambeth, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Bob Eddy, Susan Fee, Dianne Lemmon, Deborah Lewis, Bonnie Nord, Jackie Norman, Gina Olson, and Pamela White.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Director of Youth and Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Membership Coordinator: Jeni Wiggers

Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures Coordinator: Carolyn Locke

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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