

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!!!! We fall back an hour at 2 am on Sunday, November 3.

STEWARDSHIP AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

As part of my role as Family Ministries Elder, I try to reach out to our greater community. The goal is to look for gaps in assistance and ideas for programming. During a recent chat with Father John Henderson last month, he shared a statistic that scared me to my core. Fr. John reported that according to recent data, only 30% of 13 year olds still believe in God. I was shocked. I literally couldn't breathe for a moment. How can this be? It got worse. As I looked into the data Fr. John referenced, it also indicated that only 20% of this same age group find participation in an organized religion of any benefit. It's obvious that something is profoundly and horribly wrong. I cannot imagine a future with 80% of the community gone.

It's obvious that others are looking at this data and are equally concerned. By now you may be familiar with our participation in the Log College Project from Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS). At the core of this grant is the desire to find a pathway to reconnect youth to Christian ministry. With this in mind, TPC has spent the last year exploring and developing pathways to supporting and connecting youth. Through the work of a very dedicated and active group of members of the TPC community, we are committed to connecting to parts of the community we can assist and support. The work of this group included the participation of three families, along with the director of family ministries, at Princeton Theological Seminary in a design lab with a focus on youth and programming. Sharing our experience with 12 other faith communities and the experienced facilitators through PTS, my daughter, Ryleigh, and I felt incredibly honored to be participating in this process.

While at PTS, Ryleigh and the other youth stayed at Alexander Hall. Those of you unfamiliar with Alexander Hall may not know that this building is the very beginning and cornerstone of what became the Seminary. Being 200 years old, it is not far off to say it is PTS history in stone. This history was conveyed on our arrival and Ryleigh was excited to stay in this historic building.

This excitement was short lived. The next time I saw Ryleigh, after settling in, it was obvious something happened. She related she had discomfort with her accommodations. She wasn't specifically displeased with her dorm; she just didn't understand why her dorm was vastly smaller than the others. I remember her saying, "I can touch both side walls when I reach out. The other kids have these huge rooms where they can do anything." That's when it was explained to Ryleigh that the building was designed in another time, a time that included slavery. The smaller rooms were designed into the building to accommodate slaves brought to the seminary by owners. She was shocked to hear this. In fact, I can still see the tears in her eyes when she first heard this explanation. She never complained again. I think it put her own issue in a very different context that suddenly seemed very small.

I didn't realize until this week how much that experience affected Ryleigh. This came out as she heard me talking to my wife about the efforts PTS has been going through dealing with a history of benefitting from slavery. She joined the conversation with great passion and expressed many concerns and questions. Her concerns focused on the experience of this summer. She shared for the first time her feeling of discomfort with PTS. She stated how she had such mixed feelings about her experience. On one hand, she absolutely loved the design lab, and everyone associated with the experience, but she just couldn't resolve how such a wonderful place could still have people stay in dorms designed for slaves. "Dad, it is so obvious the difference. How can they still have this? How can all these years have passed, and they never changed this? How can any African American come into this building and feel welcome when they see the rooms their ancestors were forced to stay in?"

I was speechless and I didn't have an answer. I immediately felt discomfort that I somehow walked away from that moment this summer without the conflict and passion my daughter carried. I've wondered how I somehow was capable of unburdening myself of a wrong that so clearly was carried by others. My heart was broken. My heart especially breaks for the amazing people I met who while caring for my daughter, may have had some very mixed feelings working in that building. I'm angry with myself that I didn't make the connection at the time. It was clear I needed to go back and pick up this burden. I had to rethink this experience with those that were there, and I needed to correct the error. This process required reconnecting with the amazing people at Princeton Theological Seminary. In this current dialog it was clear that Ryleigh's fears of how some of the participants felt was justified. It was obvious that we had somehow broken into a new reality of the experience. Somehow the experience of a 13 year old from Oregon was able to make clearer the reality of generations of visitors to this hallowed place. This moment was not lost on PTS as well. Ryleigh's story is now a part of the permanent record of the Log College Project.

So, what does this have to do with stewardship? In my opinion, everything. It makes clear WHAT we are all capable of achieving. It also makes clear HOW this happens. The "what" and "how" is TPC. Specifically, the love of TPC. The love we share with each other and likely don't even know we are giving. Love capable of making our children bold and strong. Love building families through Family Promise and the Log College Project. Love shared during the hardest of times and celebrated in our greatest joys. Love capable of changing the world. Love worth fighting for.

In a world so desperately needing our help, I can think of no better use of money than TPC.

Jeff Engh, Family Ministries Elder

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH –

Thank you to everyone who turned in a 2020 general fund pledge card in October. It really helps us plan for a great year ahead. We have a number of outstanding pledges but it is not too late. Extra pledge cards are available just outside the church office. Pledges can be placed in the offering, turned in to the office or mailed to the church. You can also just send an email to finance@tpcspirit.org with the total amount you are pledging to the 2020 general fund. When all pledges have been totaled, the Finance Committee will tweak the budget for finalization by the TPC Session. Thanks again for your generosity and support of TPC programs.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY is hosting our 2nd Annual, "Eat, Drink & Be Giving" event on Saturday, November 16, 5:30 to 8 pm.

This year's event is featuring live entertainment by Cascade Blues Association Hall of Fame singer, LaRhonda Steele. LaRhonda is considered Portland's "First Lady of the Blues" and will bring her soulful melodies to the Vine and Sparrow as part of the evening's festivities. Broadway Rose Theater Director, Dan Murphy, is bringing his uproarious personality as the MC for the event. Dan has been involved in the local community for many years and thrives on helping non-profit organizations find success.

The evening will include a spectacular Fall Harvest menu from Divine Catering, very special hand passed appetizers created by Family Promise of Tualatin Valley volunteers and local, hand-crafted drinks. A paddle raise and raffle to benefit the program will be offered. Join us as we celebrate our very special program!

Purchase tickets now at www.familypromiseoftv.org. If you become a Club 365 member and donate \$30.50 per month, or \$365 a year, tickets to this venue are complementary.

The Vine and Sparrow is an historic church located in the heart of old town Sherwood at 22418 SW Pine Street. Parking is on the street and in the lot to the right of the building or across the street in the Symposium Coffee Shop lot.

Contact us: 20425 SW Stafford Rd, Tualatin, OR 97062 (503)427-2768 Rose@familypromiseoftv.org

NOVEMBER ADULT EDGE CLASS

after worship, for an hour

Reduce Your Waste!

Are you concerned about environmental issues but unsure how you can make a difference? Reducing your waste is a simple, yet profound way to decrease your impact on the planet. Master recycler Betty Shelley will lead us in a four-session class, "Less Is More," starting November 3 and continuing November 10, 17, and 24. Each session will start right after worship and last for one hour.

Betty teaches techniques for waste reduction and why that is so important - in fact, Betty and her husband fill only one 32-gallon garbage can per year! Curb climate change instead of your garbage!

If you have any questions, please talk with Jean or John Martin or Liz Belz-Templeman.

Note: There will be no 8:30 am Adult Edge class during the month of November.

YOUTH NOVEMBER LOCK IN

Saturday, November 23, 8 pm through 8 am
Sunday, November 24.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 4 PM

Dear friends, they say the only constant is change. This year we're going to try something slightly different with what we have always called The Hanging of the Greens service on December 1st. Since we don't actually hang any greens, we're calling this service Singing In Advent. As we always have, we will gather around a simple worship service based on hymns and carols and prepare ourselves for the Advent/Christmas season. There will still be costumes available for the kids, and no service ushering in the Christian new year would be complete without a raucous chorus of Good Christian Men Rejoice. :) And this year for the potluck after the service we have a treat. Brandon Pursinger's jazz band "Never Too Late Little Big Band" will be providing music for us as a thank you for letting them rehearse here. (I've heard them- they're amazing. And super fun!) So on December 1st at 4 PM bring yourselves, bring your family, invite your friends, and bring something to share.

The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

TPC FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK WILL BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 THRU 15

Volunteers will be needed for dinners, fellowship and overnight sleepers. If you are interested, please contact Derrilyn Bayha (dabayha@mac.com) or Pam Bowen (pamelaabowen@gmail.com).

THANKS to everyone for helping make this program so successful!!

JANUS TREE

The Janus Tree will arrive in the narthex in November and will be ready, willing and able to accept your donations of hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks and related items. What is Janus? It is a Multnomah County based organization offering a series of programs designed to provide a second chance for at-risk youth with few resources, and no place to turn for help. Broad based activities address homeless and runaway youth, teen parents and residential re-entry programs. Janus' programs are recognized locally, regionally and nationally for building healthy children, healthy youth and healthy families.

Each year as inclement weather sets in, TPC has generously donated clothing to help ward off the chill and damp of Northwest winters. We need your help to fully decorate the tree. **We will collect items during the month of November** and will deliver them to the Janus administrative offices after the last Sunday of November.

Chip Kyle, Mission Committee Member

TPC HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

It's time again for TPC's annual Christmas Giving Tree. We are sponsoring multiple families and children again this year. As is tradition, the Giving Tree will be set up in the Narthex. Each ornament on the tree represents one gift for one child identified by the Tigard-Tualatin School District as needing a little extra help this Christmas. As you take an ornament off the tree, notice that each colored paper ornament has a white copy behind it. Please remove the white copy, write your name in the space provided, and place it in the box by the tree. Now the best part, take the colored ornament with you to know what the child wants and go shopping! When you return your wrapped gift, please tape the colored ornament to the gift as a label so the gift goes to the correct child.

The Giving Tree will be up by December 1, and all gifts should be returned and placed under the tree no later than Sunday, December 15th.

We also need eight Santa's Elves to deliver the gifts to a family. Please contact us if you are interested in helping out in that way.

Thank you for bringing a better Christmas to these kids in Jesus' name.
Emily and Stephen Ricker
Mission Committee, Giving Tree Coordinators

TPC HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE

BAKERS WILL BE NEEDED IN DECEMBER TO CREATE TASTY GOODIES FOR THE TPC HOLIDAY COOKIE AND BAKE SALE.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE THE DATE.

COOKIE SALE WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 9 AM TO 1 PM.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER, SUN., DEC. 29

Save the date, a Progressive Dinner is being planned for Sunday, December 29, starting at 5 pm for hors d'oeuvres at Sue and John Hayhurst's home in Charbonneau. Then move to a second location for dinner and dessert. If anyone is interested in hosting the dinner and dessert portion of the evening, please contact Barb Crall, barbjcrall @ gmail.com, of 503-692-1677.

TPC PHOTO DIRECTORIES are available on the table just to the right as you enter the office.

HAPPENED CARE PACKAGES - COLLEGE STUDENTS

Recent college graduate, Heather Cameron helps ship the packages going to the current TPC college students! The Deacons filled the boxes with trail mix, hot cocoa, popcorn, candy, cup o noodles, silly putty, granola bars, chap stick, gum and Starbucks gift cards!



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting in October, Session spent half of the meeting interviewing a candidate for a Temporary Supply Pastor to serve next summer while Ken is on sabbatical leave. Session's plan is to be able to announce the pastor for that position at the January Annual Congregational meeting.

Other actions taken by Session at the October meeting were:

Barbara Crall was appointed to the position of Fellowship Director.

The resignation, effective immediately, of our Worship Elder, Chris Robertson was accepted. She is resigning for health reasons. Veteran Worship Elder Joan Nardi will be filling in for some of the duties of the Worship Elder for the few months remaining in Chris's term.

Approved a detailed position description for the Temporary Supply Pastor for next summer.

The next Session meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 19.

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

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

TPC 2019 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 9/30/19	\$302,232	\$307,671	(\$5,439)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 9/30/19	\$299,874	\$308,281	\$8,407

TUESDAY'S TREASURES

Tualatin Treasure nights occur beginning at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of each month (November to May). Our volunteers organize a “worship” celebration for our Treasures. Treasures are adults who have developmental disabilities. This year we are using the theme “Super Heroes of the Bible”. The volunteer telling the story gets to wear the superhero cape and mask. In October, Mike talked about “Noah – Hero of Promises.”



A typical Treasure Night includes prayer, songs, special introductions of everyone, a lesson, a craft, a snack and shared prayer requests. We have a great group of Treasure volunteers, but everyone is welcome to attend to help or just observe this wonderful program. For further questions, look for Mike or Mary Shiffer, Denise Collins or any of our Treasure volunteers.

INFORMATION

TPC COOKBOOKS

In 2009 members and friends of Tualatin Presbyterian Church put together a cookbook entitled “Cooking With Soul.” It was a labor of love. We shared some of our favorite recipes. Copies of this unique cookbook are still available. You can find them on the cabinet outside the church office. Help yourself, if you would like one.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You can greet at the front door, or pass out bulletins at the glass doors before worship. There’s a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the kitchen.

Or you can help serve coffee and cookies and help clean up after fellowship time. Talk to Bonnie Nord or sign up on line (<https://goo.gl/9imGAU>) Thanks for your help.



WINDOWS IN THE SANCTUARY

Brooke Lords is the illustrator for the current installation in the sanctuary. She is a senior illustration major at George Fox University, and is one of my students. She created five illustrations of significant individuals who put others before themselves, sometimes paying the ultimate sacrifice. They include Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Dorothy Day, Howard Thurmond, Harriet Tubman, and Oscar Romero. Each illustration was created using Photoshop and Illustrator. They were printed at B&B Printsources in Tigard, each directly to plexiglass (two passes for extra saturation) and cnc trimmed. Final size for each panel is 32" x 68". After the service on Reformation Sunday, Brooke answered questions about her work and received an overwhelming response from the people she talked to.

Jeff Cameron

MEMORIAL STONE FOR DEL JUDY

A stone in the TPC memorial garden has been engraved for Del Judy and installed next to the stone for her husband, Clayton, as she requested. You may view it at any time.

SOMEONE TO FOLD/STUFF BULLETINS

on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. If you have time and would like to help, please contact Susan Springer in the church office. 503-692-4160 or email office@tpcspirit.org. Thanks.

PICTURE GALLERY



NOVEMBER TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 All Saint's Day	2
3 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School Reduce Your Waste class after worship	4	5 Election Day	6 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7 10 am Project Linus 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	8	9
10 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School Reduce Your Waste class after worship	11 7 pm Deacon meeting	12 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	13 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	14 10 am Book Club at Hagan home 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	15	16
17 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School Reduce Your Waste class after worship.	18	19 7 pm Session Meeting 7 pm Tuesday's Treasures	20 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	21 10 am Book Club at Hagan home 7 pm Bell Rehearsal	22	23 Youth Lock-In 8 pm to 8 am Nov 24.
24 10:00 Worship and Kid's Sunday School Reduce Your Waste class after worship	25	26 7 pm Stephen Ministry Class Continuing Ed and Supervision	27 10 am Loving Stitches	28 Thanksgiving Day - Office closed	29	30

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

??-James Olsen
01-Carolyn Barker
01-Karolyn Phillips
01-Gary Roth
01-Chuck Spencer
03-DonnaLee Benner
05-Patty Farrell
05-Valerie James
07-Bruce Benner
08-Kitty Taylor
09-Ruth Horman

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-Madison Broughton
17-John Olson

19-Erin Dwyer
20-Becky Backen
20-Cailyn Bowen
22-Melinda Woods
23-Bob Bolton
26-Kendra Sundt
27-Eva Dwyer
27-Cindy Hoppe
28-Rene'e James
20-Denise Collins
30-Jay Wilcox

Office hours will vary in the months ahead. If you're planning to come by the church and need a door to be unlocked, please call ahead, to be sure some one is here.

503-692-4160

Vacations happen, life happens. Typical hours are similar to those listed below:

Monday, 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.



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Web Address: www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

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, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Ian Swanson, and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Donna Hammersly, Jason James, Julie Nader, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck
Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer
Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer
Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov
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
Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall
Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord
Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch
Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver
Parish Nurse: Susan Fee
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus
Treasurer: Chip Kyle
Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins
Webmaster: John Martin
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Office hours may vary; call ahead to confirm.