

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN



“People make plans...God laughs.” -Yiddish expression

On March 14th the session held a mid-year retreat in the Narthex. The specter of COVID was looming, and we knew it was going to be the last time we were in the building for at least a few months. Russ Carlin passed out alcohol wipes and talked to us about the importance of basic hygiene. We started to imagine what the needs of the church and our community would look like in the days ahead and formed small groups to begin talking through plans. At the end of our time we gathered in the sanctuary, and I invited each person to find a place in the sanctuary that was meaningful to them and to lay their hands on it while we prayed over this place. Hands touched the cross, the Lord’s table, and the pulpit. People gathered in the choir loft and lay their hands on the bell tables. People prayed over the sound desk, the children’s play area, and the art. People placed their hands on the baptismal font. We read scripture. We prayed. We cried. We felt how significant this building has been in our lives. We also thought we’d probably be back by August...by September the latest, surely. COVID had other plans, and the Holy Spirit invited us to be creative.

And we have been. We were early adopters of online worship. This required a tremendous amount of time, experimentation, and flexibility. I’m grateful to Ian and Megan Swanson, Kerry Hormann, and Gary Young getting us launched with live streaming Sunday worship and streaming pre-recorded worship. It took several weeks just to find technical solutions for lighting, sound, recording, and streaming requiring experimenting with different platforms and software. But I’m proud to say that in comparison with other efforts out there Tualatin Presbyterian Church set a high standard for live streaming. But there was no rest for the weary. Weekly worship is demanding, and we soon had to find others to support our small team’s efforts. Fortunately, Mike Shiffer and John Martin leaned in during the month of July to take over the streaming responsibilities. Then, thanks to Jeff Cameron’s help, we were able to connect with a local college student, Thomas Woodbridge, who needed an internship producing video in a local context. Given the medical challenges both Mike and John faced, I can honestly say Thomas has been a Godsend. We aren’t sure where we are headed with worship, but we know that even after we are back physically worshipping, we plan to continue our efforts serving both those able to show up in person as well as those who prefer to worship from a distance.

We didn’t stop with worship. In March I opened up my normal prayer time at 9 AM via Zoom with anyone who wanted to join. Along with the daily liturgy from our Book of Common Worship I plan a poem, a reading from a book, and a Biblical reading before leading the group in prayer. We’ve read Howard Thurman, Julian of Norwich, Anne Lamott, and we invited one of our authors, Deborah Jackson, to visit us on the zoom call from her home in Boston. Each Monday we received a public health update from Russ Carlin to just give us the facts of what’s happening. It’s been an important gathering place during this uniquely challenging time.

Our deacons innovated as well. Wanting to be more proactive rather than reactive, we trained the deacons to become Holy friends: leaders who use empathy and listening to create spaces in which we dream dreams we otherwise would not and to lay hold of the gifts we are reluctant to claim. Two deacons, Carolyn Hale and Sheri Schiporeit, led a Holy friends group for 7 weeks in which participants not only worked on positive goals for themselves but created deep, meaningful connections so needed during this isolating time. The national publication, The Presbyterian Outlook loved our work and will be publishing an article about this work in November.

What will 2021 bring? Well who knows? Except you can be certain that, thanks to your generosity, we will continue to shift, pivot, innovate, stumble, get back up again, and keep trying to find faithful ways of serving no matter what is happening around us. I prayerfully ask you to join me in supporting this amazing congregation!

Yours in Christ,

HAPPY AUTUMN EVERYONE,

As you all probably know, our Covid-19 numbers are increasing in Oregon. This greatly concerns me as winter and the holidays approach. It is really important that we make some sacrifices for this holiday season. Many of the people getting Covid-19 currently contracted it in small gatherings of family or friends from outside their household; and, of course, large gatherings are even more risky.

We can be safe and find a new way to celebrate the holidays this year. To help with this, I have put together a few websites with ideas to help inspire you in how to plan a new holiday celebration—you might even want to make some of them a tradition. You may also find ways to help people who are high-risk or isolated to safely share in your holiday.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#thanksgiving>

<https://www.healthline.com/health/parenting/ways-to-embrace-the-holidays-during-the-pandemic>

<https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/coronavirus/8-ways-to-celebrate-a-virtual-thanksgiving-during-covid-19/>

As always,

Please wear your mask, maintain social distance, and wash your hands.

Cheers!

Susan Fee, Parish Nurse

THANKSGIVING (from second website listed above)

Thanksgiving is a time when many families travel long distances to celebrate together. [Travel](#) increases the chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. If you must travel, be informed of the [risks involved](#).

Lower risk activities

- Having a small [dinner](#) with only people who live in your household
- Preparing traditional family recipes for family and neighbors, especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and delivering them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others
- Having a virtual dinner and sharing recipes with friends and family
- Shopping online rather than in person on the day after Thanksgiving or the next Monday
- Watching sports events, parades, and movies from home.

Moderate risk activities

- Having a small outdoor [dinner](#) with family and friends who live in your community. Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on [hosting gatherings or cook-outs](#).
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- Attending a small outdoor sports events with safety precautions in place.

Higher risk activities

Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Going shopping in crowded stores just before, on, or after Thanksgiving
- Participating or being a spectator at a crowded race
- Attending crowded parades
- Using [alcohol or drugs](#), which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors
- Attending large indoor gatherings with people from outside of your household

2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As we prepare for a COVID Thanksgiving, I remain grateful for TPC and the generous community that is found in our church and in our virtual space! As a friendly reminder, now is the time to submit your 2021 pledge. By receiving your pledge for the following year, we are able to more effectively plan for the coming year. You can find our proposed 2021 Budget at: <http://tpcspirit.org/budget>. Feel free to email your pledge commitment to Mike Shiffer at finance@tpcspirit.org or contact him with any questions.

Best to you this Thanksgiving season,
Maureen Wolf, Stewardship Elder
503.579.0001

MISSION

This has been a difficult year for many. We have all needed to adapt and change the ways in which we support our families and our communities. This is also a time when gentle reminders of Mission programs that we have supported in the past can bring simple joy and perhaps, an answer to prayer.

Please keep your mind and hearts open to receive announcements requesting donations for clothing (the Janus Tree), Christmas gifts (holiday giving for less fortunate children in our community) and memorials for those who walked next to us on our personal journeys of faith. Let's not forget the tremendous work of Family Promise or the hours spent filling food boxes to fight food insecurity. Yes, these are difficult times, but they provide tremendous opportunity to share in the bounty of TPC's generosity of spirit.

Thank you for the many gifts shared and to come,
Russ Carlin, Mission Elder

MISSION COMMITTEE

The TPC mission committee has some very exciting news about an important fund raiser. Farm workers are essential to all of us and their health and safety are crucial. They need black reusable masks and lack the resources to get them. Counties provide a minimal number of masks (1 reusable and 2 one-time use). With your donation of masks or money, we can help solve this problem. We can purchase 10 masks for about \$30.00. Can you help support these folks on the front line of food production? You can send masks or money

to Tualatin Presbyterian Church, or donate on-line at tpcspirit.org. For checks, write "masks" on the memo line. For more information, contact Marilyn Wood at 503-705-1927 or marilyncorinne.wood@gmail.com or Liz Belz-Templeman at belz_templeman@yahoo.com.

Thank you to all who have already contributed. The pandemic isn't over, nor is the economic impact, therefore the continuing need.



Virtual Fund Raiser

Family Promise's fall fund raiser, *Eat, Drink and Be Giving* will be on **Saturday, November 7th at 5:30 pm**. This is a virtual event, with a chef inspired meal of your choice delivered to your home on Friday along with a bottle of St. Joseph's wine (or non-alcoholic option) of your choice along with a wonderful dessert and all ingredients to cook the entrée. On Saturday, November 7th, you will Zoom in to eat and drink while you watch a Family Promise video and get wine inspired information from the St. Joseph's team. Then, there will be a virtual paddle raise in which you can "be giving." To register for this special event go to: <https://www.familypromiseoftv.org>

Club 365 Members receive two complimentary tickets to this event. For \$1 a day, or approximately \$365 a year, as a Club 365 Member, you can ensure that this wonderful ministry of helping families secure sustainable housing continues.

Exciting news! All 15 rooms at Extended Stay that FPTV is case managing are full! FPTV is currently the largest shelter provider in Washington county! Case Manager Gaby Logan shared this family story that lets you see how your support of Family Promise means so much: "*Emmale and Bradley, and their 3 children (all under the age of 6 years), are an enrolled family. Paperwork is being processed to address one of their barriers to housing, and the family will be ready to submit housing applications next week! This is a great example of how advocacy and partnerships help move the process forward and allow guests to have new opportunities.*" Often families would

not be able to achieve the life they dream of for their children without the intervention, assistance, and advocacy of Family Promise.

Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen,
TPC Family Promise Coordinators
Judy Nix, Family Promise Move-in Team and
Board Member

ALS WALK, SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 2020



A neighborhood walk started at the Olson home. The course was just over two miles and described as fairly hilly. Those who attended included Jennifer, Lauren and Jonathan Ayers, Martha and Bill Bennett, Alan and Cynthia Grobey, Carolyn Hale, Chip and Cack-

ie Kyle, Judy and Bob Nix, Shari Olsen, Bob Paetsch, Marsha and Elise Steffen, Dick and Jeni Wiggers, and Marilyn Wood. (Photo by Dick Wiggers.)

To make a donation to support the local ALS Association in Marc's name, you can use this link: <http://webor.alsa.org/goto/MarcOlson2020>, or send a check to TPC with ALS on the memo line.

TPC FLASH MOB parade visited Mary's Woods

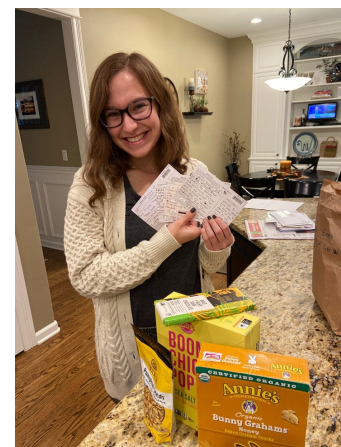


on Sunday, October 25th, decorated for Halloween. Larry Church, Herb Zachow, Linda (and Marshall later via video) Watkins, Will and Betsy Dix-

on, and Rod Kerr waved to the 17 of us as we drove by waving and leaving treats. The real treat was being together, feeling how much we care for each other, especially in COVID time. Photo by Sarah Beck.

COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES

Photo of Emma Wolf with her care package.



College continues to look and feel different for our TPC students. Some are back on campus, some stayed in the area. Classes are a combination of online, face to face, and small groups for labs. The Deacons sent off care packages to our TPC students in October to let them know we're thinking of them during this very challenging time. This is a photo of Emma Wolf opening her care package from her Deacon, Rob Weisenthal.

Emma has started her second year of graduate school at Portland State. She is earning a degree in Publishing and is the managing editor for the program's publishing house - Ooligan Press. This summer Emma interned with the company, A Kid's Book About. The publisher focuses on challenging topics and addresses them in age appropriate books for children. She loved her experience at the company and hopes to return next year after completing her degree.

The Deacons



Barbara Kerr, my fantastic wife of 40 years, went to be with her Lord on October 9, 2020. She had tenaciously battled leukemia (CLL) for almost 20 years. Her children were all with her, and she enjoyed being with them and viewing videos sent by her 6 grandchildren. She was greatly loved and will be sorely missed. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.
Rod Kerr



REFLECTIONS

Fall is upon us and winter is ready to raise her icy head. It was 30 degrees when I snapped this picture this morning. The salvia in the photo continues to hold on as do several other perennials in our yard. Not only do they add color but they continue to provide much needed nourishment to our year-round Anna's Hummingbirds. Yesterday Dave pulled all our hanging baskets because I didn't want them to freeze overnight, resulting in one less food source. Within a few weeks I will be forced to cut everything back and the little birds will rely on the nectar-filled feeders we provide. Without them, they may well not survive.

Shortly after the initial pandemic lockdown Ken offered to open up his personal prayer time to anyone who wished to join. It is an hour of poetry, scripture, writings by different authors and an open, safe space to share our thoughts and lives. For me, this time has become a reason to get up, shower and get dressed. Each morning I look forward to entering the Zoom room and hearing the voices of people I have grown to love and learn alongside. This is how my soul is being fed in this strange season of life.^{25th}

I liken this prayer group to the hummingbird feeders I clean and fill several times a week. Heading into winter it is a source of nourishment I can absolutely count on. It is lovingly served each weekday morning at nine. An incredible buffet of musings, laughter, tears, prayers and comfort that has, and will continue to sustain me one weekday morning at a time.

Rebecca Backen

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?

Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like:

- Isolation and loneliness
- Anxiety over health
- Grief due to many different kinds of losses
- Tension from juggling work, childcare, and schooling
- Financial strain or job loss
- Uncertainty about the future
- Other unexpected life challenges

If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately - by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person - to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential.

For more information contact Nikki Martin, Jean Martin, Eileen Eakins, Stephen Ricker or Susan Springer.

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

TPC received the Barnabas grant from the Presbytery to repair and upgrade the HVAC system in the sanctuary. I big thank you to Building and Grounds Elder, Greg Owen, for writing and submitting the grant application.

Session minutes are available by request from the clerk via email now that we are not meeting in the building. Send your request to clerk@tpcspirit.org.
Liz Belz-Templeman, Clerk of Session

TPC 2020 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 9/30/20	\$314,582	\$301,261	\$13,321
Operating Expenses Year to Date 9/30/20	\$289,024	\$301,991	\$12,967

RECORDING SCRIPTURE READINGS

Every week Joan Nardi looks for people to read scriptures for Sunday morning worship. Some folks are reluctant to volunteer to read because they are unsure how to get the recording to the worship video editors. Thomas Woodbridge sends instructions to the readers and Thomas and Mike Shiffer will work with you to ensure that your video is included in the service. A version of the guidelines is below. Please contact Joan Nardi if you would like to volunteer to read scripture.

1. Use the camera function on your smart phone, tablet or computer to record the video. Cameras and mics on phones usually have the best sound and picture resolution.
2. Record your video in landscape mode.
3. Sit down when recording, with a wall behind you, if possible. The bottom of the frame should be just above the waist or middle of the abdomen. The top of the frame should allow about an inch or so of space above your head.
4. Film indoors to avoid light & sound variations.
5. Make sure your filming area is well lit and that your face is visible. It is better to have a video that is too bright, rather than too dark.
6. Do not speak too softly. It is easier for the editor to decrease the volume than it is to increase it.
7. Pause briefly after you start your camera and before you end your video; the editor can trim.
8. When complete, send the video to the editors: editors@TPCspirit.org
9. Preferred method of transmission is to upload to our OneDrive cloud transfer folder. This is easiest to do from a computer or tablet, but may be possible from a phone. When you have uploaded your video, pls notify editors at editors@tpcspirit.org
10. Here is a link to the transfer folder: <http://bit.ly/tpctransfer>. If you cannot transfer to the OneDrive cloud folder, use one of the other methods below.
11. Use another cloud based storage option. Examples: GoogleDrive, Dropbox, personal OneDrive, AmazonDrive (if you are a Prime member). All of these options have a phone app that can be installed. Send the link or share the file (view only) with editors@tpcspirit.org.
12. If you are an Apple user (iPhone, Macbook, iPad, etc), and use Apple Mail, you can email the file to editors@tpcspirit.org. It will be a large file and should use Mail Drop which will send a link to your file.
13. If you are an Android user, you should have GoogleDrive on your phone. You can upload to

GoogleDrive and email the link to editors@tpcspirit.org

14. If you have a gmail account, send the video to editors@tpcspirit.org. Gmail will send large files as a GoogleDrive link.

15. If none of these options work for you, notify editors@tpcspirit.org for help.

NOTE: The email address editor@tpcspirit.org goes to both Thomas Woodbridge and Mike Shiffer. Email responses will come from either Thomas or Mike.

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

Urgent Thanksgiving Needs - Following items needed by Monday, Nov. 23. Bring items to pantry at Rolling Hills Community church during donation hours.

Frozen turkeys, stuffing mix, gravy or gravy mix, canned veggies, cranberry sauce.

Donation time: Mon 8:30 to 11:30 and 3-7 pm

Tuesday 9:30-11:30 am

Wednesday 8:30 to 1 and Friday 8:30 to 1 pm

CONNECT TO TPC

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10:10 am

Go to church website, tpcspirit.org. Or Facebook.

ZOOM enables you to interactively participate in a virtual meeting with other TPC folks. To find the links for regular zoom meetings (the “Virtual Coffee Hour” after Sunday morning worship, and the weekday 9 am Prayer meetings)” go to tpcspirit.org/Links/. That page is updated weekly or as needed.

To join a ZOOM meeting, click the link from a message or web page. If it is outside the times for that meeting you’ll get a message, “Please wait for the host to start this meeting” which indicates that your computer is set up properly.

Problems? Look at [Zoom Step-by-step](#) or send an email message to support@tpcspirit.org.

[Zoom Step-by-step](#) also contains useful additional information about navigating some of the features, and alternatives available with Zoom.

TPC ROSTER is available as a PDF file. Send email to office@tpcspirit.org to request a copy. Susan Springer

BEWARE OF EMAIL PHISHING

Someone hacked one of our member’s email account and sent out emails to other members asking for financial help for a family member. Such an email may look reasonable, but take a minute to really look at it. Where did it originate? The originating email address may be very similar to an address you recognize, but with some letters that differ.

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 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook	2 9 am prayer on Zoom	3 9 am prayer on Zoom	4 9 am prayer on Zoom	5 9 am morning prayer on Zoom	6 9 am morning prayer on Zoom	7
8 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook.	9 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon meeting on Zoom	10 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	11 9 am prayer on Zoom	12 9 am prayer on Zoom Book Group Meeting on Zoom	13 9 am prayer on Zoom	14
15 10:10 am on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook.	16 9 am prayer on Zoom	17 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session meeting on Zoom	18 9 am prayer on Zoom	19 9 am prayer on Zoom Book Group Meeting on Zoom	20 9 am prayer on Zoom	21
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Happy Birthday!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

James Olsen
01-Carolyn Barker
01-Karolyn Phillips
01-Gary Roth
01-Chuck Spencer
03-DonnaLee Benner

05-Valerie James
07-Bruce Benner
08-Kitty Taylor
09-Ruth Hormann
09-Adele Pelletier
09-Kathy Sweetland
10-Nicholas Sweetland
11-Heather Bartlett
12-Pamela White
14-Susan Fee
16-Emily Ricker
16-Stephen Ricker
17-Madison Broughton

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

The church office is closed due to Covid-19; staff members are working from home.
The building is not available for meetings.

You are invited to worship with us on line on Sundays starting at 10:10 am.
Go to the church website, www.tpcspirit.org Or Facebook.

If you wish to leave a voicemail message, call the church office
at 503-692-4160. Messages are checked regularly.



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TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Worship Service – Sundays at 10:10 a.m. on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

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

Elders: Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin, Jeff Engh, Joan Nardi (acting), Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos
Ian Swanson, and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Julie Nader, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schippleit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, and Rob Wiesenthal.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Director of Music Ministries: vacant

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: Liz Belz-Templeman

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

The office is closed. Can leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.