

WE'RE BACK
IN THE SANCTUARY
STARTING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 10 AM

We are pleased to announce that Session has approved restarting in-person worship at TPC beginning Sunday, October 31st.

This will be a “soft opening” and there are several things you need to be aware of.

First, everyone will be required to wear a mask, fully covering their nose and mouth while inside the church. Masks will be provided if you forget to wear one.

Second, we ask that you sign up to attend service via the church’s website. You can find the link to sign up on the home page of the church website (look for the blue box that says “Registration is requested to attend in person. **CLICK** here to register”). Or, you can go directly to tpcspirit.org/attend. You will be asked to enter the number of people in your family and their names. You can also call the church office and asked to be signed up.

In the event we need to provide contact tracing, when you arrive for service, you will be asked to add your names to an attendance ledger.

The seating will be somewhat different. The normal rows of chairs will be spaced further apart, front to back.

Family groups can sit together, but disparate groups will need minimally 2 empty chairs between groups.

Portions of the service (specifically, the vocal choir) will be pre-recorded to minimize virus transmission.

For the same reason, there will be no food or drink in the sanctuary, nor following service in the Narthex.

While everyone is strongly encouraged to be vaccinated, all are welcome to attend.

For those members of the congregation who are unable to attend, the service will be streamed live on the TPC website. Note that service is returning to the regular 10:00 AM time.

We are so looking forward to regathering as a family of faith and hope to see you there and for all the days to come.

Chip Kyle,
Reopening Committee Chair

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN



⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Ruth 1:8-16

Dear friends, On our first day back physically, I will preach from the book of Ruth. This story takes place in the chaotic time of the Judges during a famine. No one had food in Israel. So, one family immigrates from Israel to the enemy land of Moab in the east. This wasn't like moving from Oregon to Washington. It would be more like moving to some enemy land...like California. (Or even worse- Texas.) But there, Naomi's husband dies. Her two sons die. And she is now alone- a stranger in a strange land.

What I noticed about the text was how Naomi and her two grieving daughters-in-law had different responses to this catastrophe in their lives. Naomi says she has become bitter. Do you know what it feels like to be bitter- to be constantly frustrated and to feel like nothing is ever going to be right again? Naomi was grieving incredible loss, and she was grieving this in a strange land without her own family from home. Now Orpah, one daughter-in-law, related to this disaster by being reluctant. She kisses Naomi, giving us a sense that she does love her mother-in-law and at least a part of her wants to stay with her. But then, another part of her, maybe one that's fearful, pulls back and decides to play it safe in Moab. After all, this is where she grew up. These are her people. My sense is a part of Orpah just wasn't ready to move on and lean forward into the mess. Anyone (or...everyone) know what that feels like? And finally there's Ruth who just wants to go wherever Naomi goes and jump right into the thick of things. We like to think we'd be like Ruth in this situation, but goodness- she seems to have a lot of energy.

What I love about this story is there is room given for all of these ways of relating to the impossible time they were living in. Sure, without Ruth's willingness to venture forth we wouldn't have the book of Ruth, or King David, or Jesus for that matter. But the author of Ruth does not place Ruth and her response on a pedestal while shaming Naomi and Orpah for their feelings. Naomi's bitterness? Check. This is absolutely a faithful way of being given all that she endured. And your bitterness over this whole COVID thing is, too. Bitter about people not getting vaccines? Bitter about vaccines? Your bitterness is welcome in God's eyes. Orpah's reluctance, her fear- also welcome. We are living in the midst of what folks call The Great Resignation. When work opens back up more people than ever before are saying, “Naw.” Many of us just aren't feeling it. And while some of us feel safe returning to the sanctuary, many of us do not. I need you to hear that your reluctance to come back is OK! Not that you need my approval for your decisions- I just want you to know that your feelings aren't just acceptable, but they are blessed in the sight of God. And finally Ruth. Ruth is ready to get moving. And while I love this and welcome this, I also know that Ruth entered into a journey whose twists and turns remained a mystery.

At the beginning of our worship service I have consistently proclaimed: “Whoever you are, (and in COVID) wherever you are, whatever your beliefs, and whatever your doubts- you are welcome in this place.” For me those words have never been more true. We still don't know exactly where we're going, but I'm still grateful for the company we're keeping along the way. In Christ, Ken

2022 REQUESTED Budget As Compared to 2021

	REQUESTED 2022	BUDGET 2021	ACTUAL 2021	2021 - 2020 BUDGET CHANGE	
EXPENSES:			January thru		
			September		
<i>Personnel Expense:</i>	\$ 298,707	\$ 288,083	\$ 201,754	\$ 10,624	3.69%
<i>Building & Grounds</i>	\$ 47,850	\$ 44,550	\$ 31,888	\$ 3,300	7.41%
<i>Mission Expense:</i>	\$ 21,650	\$ 24,350	\$ 17,553	\$ (2,700)	-11.09%
<i>Admin., Communications & Strategic Planning</i>	\$ 34,700	\$ 33,487	\$ 23,082	\$ 1,213	3.62%
<i>Family Ministries/Adult Ed</i>	\$ 8,475	\$ 7,400	\$ 1,871	\$ 1,075	14.53%
<i>Worship Expense:</i>	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200	\$ 974	\$ -	0.00%
<i>Fellowship Expense/Story Catching</i>	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 100	\$ -	0.00%
<i>Technology Expense</i>	\$ 7,450	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,439	\$ 3,450	86.25%
<i>Human Resources/Deacon Expense</i>	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 121	\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 427,482	\$ 410,520	\$ 280,782	\$ 16,962	4.13%

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES:

Personnel	\$10,624	COLA 3%, Hire of Music Director
Building & Grounds	\$3,300	Increased ground maintenance and funding building capital reserve
Mission	(\$2,700)	Decrease in local mission expense
Family Ministries	\$1,075	Increase in christian education and nursery supplies
Admin., Communications	\$1,213	Increase in Insurance and Per Capita
Technology	<u>\$3,450</u>	New live streaming
	\$16,962	

EXPENSE BUDGET

This requested expense budget is the Session’s thoughtful estimate of the cost of serving the TPC community. The expenses are increased this year by a little over 4%. The Session has committed funds to build and maintain the equipment needed to live stream our services. Now the people who are not able to attend in person, or who don’t live near us, can experience the same worship service as those in the building. This is just the beginning of the budget process. It will be up to the Faith Community to prayerfully consider their pledge to support TPC in their vision for 2022 and beyond. For any questions or concerns, contact me at neilson@redshift.com Thank you. Lynne Neilson, Finance, Administration Elder

Greetings TPC family!

November is that special time of year when we gather with family and friends to share our gratitude for one another. Thanksgiving easily comes to mind and so should our time together at TPC. This past 18 months have been difficult, but TPC has been there providing outreach through virtual services, morning prayer group, and a whole host of activities created by our Deacons.

The stewardship campaign is underway; now is the time to pledge your support. The overall proposed budget will increase by 4% to support a staff COLA, increased grounds and building fees as well as the costs associated with streaming our services. These are important investments as we grow into the future.

Please join me and make your 2022 pledge commitment now by emailing finance@tpcspirit.org.

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Maureen Wolf, Finance Committee

JANUS YOUTH PROGRAMS is a local organization that TPC has supported for years, and we plan to support the organization again in 2021. Janus serves thousands of youth in the Portland and SW Washington area. They provide programs to youth who have run away; youth who are homeless; youth who have been trafficked; and young parents in desperate situations. The organization provides young people opportunities to build successful lives. As a result, they and the entire community benefit.

Similar to last year, there are three ways to support this program:

Donate cash through the TPC website giving page;

Connect to the Amazon site from the TPC website, select and pay for the item(s); they will be sent to the Carlin home.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2OPH52SQ8OYY4?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_q6wWXW05fOzJd

Or, leave a purchased or handmade item in the donation box on the front porch of the church on Saturday, November 20th or Sunday, November 21st.

Janus has advised us that the “high need” items include: socks, mittens, gloves, hoodies – especially L and XL sizes, hats, knitted caps, scarves, hand warmers, travel sized toiletries, single-sized blankets.

Thank you for your support of this meaningful program.

Chip Kyle, Mission Committee Member



FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY (FPTV) is partnering with WA County to provide a cold weather shelter for families from November 15, 2021 through March 15, 2022. The county is funding a majority of the project and

FPTV is trying to stretch those dollars to go beyond the county's basic expectations to support the families. Half of the families will come from the Family Promise wait list and the other half will be from a WA county homeless family list. This shelter will be one of only three known shelters in the county for families. Gina Olson from TPC is part of the team coordinating an onsite food pantry at the hotel to help meet basic needs. The LDS Humanitarian Food Surplus donated 10,000 food items for this program. Volunteers from TPC helped load, haul and store the food. TPC is generously allowing five pallets of canned items to be stored downstairs, as well. Without these volunteers and storage space, FP would not have been able to take advantage of this one time opportunity to receive all the free food. Volunteers for this project were Megan Swanson, Derrilyn Bayha, Steve Olsen, Doug Steffen, Pam Bowen, Neil Olson, Bradley Olson and Gina Olson. We extend a special thank you to Susan Springer for coordination of this project! Monetary donations from TPC members for Family Promise will be utilized to purchase crockpots for our guests. This will allow the Cold Weather families greater variety with what they can prepare. Without the crockpots they would only have a small microwave and two burner cooktop to prepare meals.

In November FPTV is holding a nonperishable food drive. There will be a posting in the narthex as soon as we know which items are needed. Because of the LDS donation of certain foods, FP will be asking for items that we do not already have stored.

We are currently hosting 15 households, 11 families and 4 adults. A total of 34 households have entered stable housing thus far in 2021. They receive regular check-ins to ensure a successful transition and to offer ongoing support. All 2021 graduates have remained housed. Thank you for your continued support for Family Promise!
Pam Bowen and Derrilyn Bayha

TASTE OF THE SEASON - the fourth annual fundraiser for Family Promise of Tualatin Valley -- Eat, Drink and Be Giving, **Saturday, November 6, 2021**

Our 2021 event has something for everyone. Want to enjoy a catered dinner at a “house party” hosted by a FPTV Board Member? Or, would you prefer to enjoy the festivities from home? IT’S YOUR CHOICE! Both options will feature a brewer-hosted beer tasting (non-alcoholic option is available) with snacks, and a livestreamed update on FPTV programs with a PADDLE RAISE and SILENT AUCTION to support FPTV programs. Tickets \$50 Virtual, \$75 Live. Purchase at FamilyPromiseofTV.org
Please purchase your tickets immediately so we can adequately accommodate everyone.

MARC OLSON

There are hardly words to express what the love and kindness shown by the TPC community meant to our family during Marc's illness and after his passing. During his sermon on September 19th, Pastor Ken spoke of the smallest moments that were enough to get us through times when we were seemingly too lonely, too discouraged, or too exhausted to continue on. He used the analogy of bouldering foot holds and hand holds to the tiny moments in our lives that allow us to get through the day. Our TPC family provided these hand holds and foot holds with the many acts of kindness and service shown to our family. You not only helped me survive, you helped me to regroup to bring me back to the person God had made me to be. This allowed me the strength and grace to face each day. I am taking some liberties in using Ken's words from that September sermon which so closely reflect my feelings. Thank you for helping us hold on with all of your thoughtful deeds.



We honored Marc on August 8th with a celebration of life gathering. Over three hundred family and friends joined us for the event. Below is the link to a documentary Neil and Leah made about Marc's life. The second link is an "old fashioned" brag written by Bradley about Marc. Several of you expressed an interest in seeing these videos that pay respect to him. We hope you enjoy our memories of Marc.
Love, Gina, Neil, Bradley, and Leah

Video documentary about Marc <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EW00asDh4tg>

Bradley's brag tribute to Marc <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzL1jN01-K4&t=5s>

REFLECTIONS by Rebecca Backen

When this newsletter arrives, TPC will be about to hold its first indoor, in-person, service since March 2020. What a milestone. I remember when Covid-19 was a news story mainly pertaining to China. We were in Ashland in late February for a huge family gathering when our family saw the first effects of what was to become a worldwide pandemic. Our niece was a surrogate for a family in China and due to give birth in just a month. She received a call prior to our family dinner saying that the biological mom was not allowed to fly into our country to receive her soon to arrive baby girl. Subsequently that precious baby stayed with our nephew and his wife for four or five months after her birth. They count that as a gift.

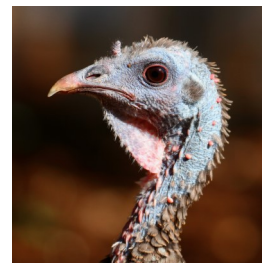
We all have our pandemic stories and memories and they will likely become a part of our Thanksgiving this year. Some will spark smiles upon recollection, while others may draw tears. These past 20 months have been surreal.

Last year, Thanksgiving was virtual for most. This year it looks to be a bit more normal. Still, for many families in the TPC community there will be seats at the table left unfilled. There have been more losses in this church than at any other time I can remember. Holidays have a way of becoming markers for these losses. The first birthday without a loved one, the first Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas. Everything seems magnified on these days. Some people place a special candle on a table, an illumination of their love for their departed family member. Others hold an empty chair, if there was designated seating, while some pay oral tribute. Others just try to make it through the day.

When church reopens Sunday, there will be many chairs empty because of caution on the part of several and there will be empty chairs due to deaths. Shawna Fleck, Bill Thomason, Anita Stone, Solon Stone, Norma Spencer, John Dehoney, Art Barry, Barbara Kerr, Dorothy Butts, Marc Olson, The Rev. Charlie Brown, Rick Norse, Cathy Lambeth, John Martin. I may have not known each person individually, but I am ever thankful for each and every person who has made this church such a special place in which to join together, break bread and search for God.

Happy Thanksgiving friends. I hope this year's holiday is a bit more traditional than the last. To those who have suffered a loss, remember, a person continues to live each time their name is spoken.

Photo is of wild turkey. Gobble, gobble.





TPC women showed up for fellowship and camaraderie outside the church on Saturday Oct. 16. Masks were de rigueur but that didn't stop the joyful interactions. It was obvious we were missing the connections that feed our souls.

Deacons prepared and sent care packages to college students.

Photos courtesy of Susan Cameron.



TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY serving Tualatin, Lake Oswego, West Linn, Wilsonville & Durham

Tualatin Food Pantry is looking for a part-time Executive Director. Search for "executive director tualatin" on indeed.com . Applications will be accepted until 5pm November 2.

Now offering two visits per month, distributing food four days a week, adding Thursdays. Deliveries are available for disabled clients. Our Bonus Free Food Market is every 4th Saturday, 9-10 am.

New hours starting September, 2021 - Food Distribution Times: Monday, 4-7 pm, Wednesday 10 to 1 pm, Thursday 4-6 pm, Friday 10-1 pm; 3550 SW Borland Road, Tualatin, www.schoolhousepantry.org, 503-783-0721



John Martin's Zoom memorial service will be Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 1 PM Pacific. A Zoom link for this service will be put on the TPC website.

John wrote a farewell letter. It can be found by clicking the link below.

 [Reflection From John Martin](#)

Feb. 1, 1944 - Oct. 12, 2021 - Photograph was taken in June 2021 in John and Jean's back yard.

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
October 31 Reformation Sunday 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	1 9 am prayer on Zoom	2 9 am prayer on Zoom	3 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	4 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm bell choir practice	5 9 am prayer on Zoom	6
7 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	8 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon meeting/Zoom	9 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	10 9 am prayer on Zoom	11 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm bell choir	12 9 am prayer on Zoom	13 John Martin's Zoom memorial service 1 pm
14 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	15 9 am prayer on Zoom	16 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session meeting on Zoom	17 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	18 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm bell choir	19 9 am prayer on Zoom	20 Janus clothing collection day
21 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube Janus clothing collection day.	22 9 am prayer on Zoom	23 9 am prayer on Zoom 9 am Dec. newsletter deadline 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	24 9 am prayer on Zoom	25 Thanksgiving Day	26 9 am prayer on Zoom	27
28 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	29 9 am prayer on Zoom	30 9 am prayer on Zoom				

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

??-James Olsen
01-Carolyn Barker
01-Carolyn Phillips
01-Gary Roth
01-Chuck Spencer
03-DonnaLee Benner
05-Patty Farrell
05-Valerie James



07-Bruce Benner
08-Kitty Taylor
11-Heather Bartlett
12-Pamela White
14-Susan Fee
14-Adam Winkler
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

TPC 2021 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 9/30/21	\$293,047	\$295,853	(\$2,805)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 9/30/21	\$280,782	\$309,888	\$29,106



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Worship Service – Sundays at 10 a.m. in person, and on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Russ Carlin, Sandy Gurney, Lynne Neilson, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Carolyn Pursinger, Patrick Ramos, Ian Swanson

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Linda Fukasawa, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Karen Ramos, Herb Richardson, Sheri Schipporeit, Beth Schulke, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal and Rosemary Willis.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Emily Bavaro

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Open

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Craig Bowen

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

Technology Chair:

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Video Editor: Rob Thompson

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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