

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN



Dear friends,

This note follows up on my previous newsletter article in which I shared a distinction given to me when I was a chaplain for a summer. We learned to look for how faith functioned for people—did faith protect them from the world or did it support them as they ventured forth into the unknown? So often in the church faith is offered as something that protects us from the world. We imagine God to be a kind of unchanging, ever present order we can always turn to that keeps us from the chaos of the world. While everything else in our lives feels unmoored, our faith is like an anchor keeping us grounded.

I get this. I do. I appreciate this way of thinking about the faith. And yet, my sense is that TPC is going to need to lean into the metaphor of faith as an adventure in the coming days. I quoted C.S. Lewis a couple of weeks ago from *The Great Divorce*. While I appreciate Lewis' more theological works, what I love about him is his fiction. In the *Chronicles of Narnia*, for instance, we follow children thrust into a strange and wondrous landscape in which very little is under their control. Faith in the *Chronicles of Narnia* is very much an adventure into the unknown.

Around ten years ago I chaired the Commission on Ministry for the Presbytery of the Cascades. The COM is responsible for handling pastoral conflicts and transitions. I visited many churches who were saying goodbye to one pastor and unsure about who or what was coming next. The Presbytery at that time had a lot of resources. We had volunteer leaders and a full bench of temporary pastors and interim pastors.

The landscape is different today.

Presbytery has already made contact with us. The Rev. Mark Rainey from Orenco Presbyterian Church joined our session last month, and The Rev. Clark Scalera, our Executive Presbyter will meet with us in November. They have both indicated that transitions today are a little more challenging than in the past. COVID had an especially powerful impact. A large number of churches are in transition and many professional interim pastors have retired.

Given my history with the Presbytery, I asked Clark directly if it would be helpful if I leaned in a bit more than a departing pastor normally would. He shared my role really needs to be that of saying goodbye and preparing TPC for a transition in which you may experience less institutional support than you experienced before I came on board in 2004.

Being on an adventure means we need to expect the unexpected. Being on an adventure requires us to dig in, and sometimes it means realizing that we are the ones we are waiting for because outside help may either not be coming or won't be arriving on the schedule we would like. In this sense we're both setting off an adventure. While my LLC is formally set up, I do not have an established business. I, like you, will be building the plane while flying it to some degree.

The good news is you are such strong, creative, resilient, resourceful, and can do people. You will need to rely on one another and on an adventurous faith in the days ahead. And the best news is you will not be traveling alone— you will go undergirded by the grace of God, the Presbytery of the Cascades, and a great cloud of witnesses who have also traveled difficult roads before you.

While observing the Presbytery's required separation ethics, I will most definitely be holding you in prayer and hopeful for where the Spirit winds up leading you.

In Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood



Congregational Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 AFTER WORSHIP

Quorum

Opening Prayer

Motion to concur with the session's vote to amend the by-laws by reducing the number of deacons from 12 to 6, and to reduce the elders from 9 to 6.

Motion to concur with the session's vote to dissolve the call of

The Rev. Kenneth Scott Hood effective December 31st, 2022 with thanks for his 18 years of service.

The dissolution includes no accrued vacation or further compensation.

HEALTHY HINTS - SUSAN FEE, PARISH NURSE

Happy November,

I want to talk about three viruses of concern at this time of year. We are headed into peak respiratory virus time of year, but we now have more knowledge and tools to keep us safe. We are certainly able to increase our activities compared to the early days of Covid lockdown. However, despite what you may hear in the media, the pandemic is not over. And now besides Covid, we need to be keeping the Flu (influenza) and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus which causes deaths in young children every year) in mind. The number of cases, and hospitalizations including ICU hospitalizations, of all three viruses is starting to rise as the season has turned to autumn and heads towards winter. Many hospitals are already operating at full capacity. The good news is, there are measures that have been proven effective to help us keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe and prevent further stress on our healthcare system.

First, **GET IMMUNIZED**. Flu is already in our community. If you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, **IT IS TIME**. If you have not been vaccinated against Covid, **DO IT NOW**. If it has been two months since your last Covid booster, get the new Bivalent Covid booster. It contains two mRNA components—one against the original Covid virus, and another against the current Omicron variants. The vaccines do not prevent all transmission of Covid and Flu, and there is no vaccine for RSV, but the vaccines are effective at lessening the severity of illness, and preventing hospitalizations and deaths.

Please realize we must not return to the "old normal," but start learning to live the "new normal" to keep safe. **Be thoughtful** about where and with whom you socialize. Please continue to wear a **MASK** and maintain at least **six feet distance** from others whenever possible while you are out—especially indoors or with a large crowd. **Clean your hands** often. Lastly, **IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME**. Even if you think you have "just a little cold," **no one wants your germs**. A "little cold" for you may translate into a serious illness for a young child who may end up in the hospital.

None of these measures is 100% effective at preventing viral illness; but over the past two and a half years they have proven themselves to be effective at decreasing viral transmission. The more of these preventative measures you use, the safer we will all be.

Finally, we cannot eliminate all risk, but I think we may be able to enjoy our holidays more this year if we follow the above recommendations. I would like to add that travel, especially by air, train or boat is still a pretty big risk. One of the things you can do to try to mitigate this risk is to know the rate of transmission at your destination and act accordingly. I have found the following websites very helpful and interesting for this purpose. Take a look at them.

[Oregon.gov/oha/ph/datastatistics/pages/index.aspx](https://oregon.gov/oha/ph/datastatistics/pages/index.aspx)

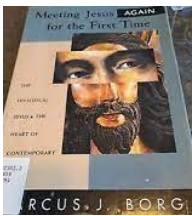
<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm

cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/rsv/index.html

Keep Safe, Be Well, and Enjoy the Season, Susan Fee, Parish Nurse

P.S. Are you interested in learning CPR? Most people who need to use CPR need to use it on a loved one. Please email me at wnsfee@gmail.com if you are interested. Let me know how many people. We may have the opportunity for a free CPR class.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTED MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

TPC Women have begun meeting weekly to discuss the book "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" by Marcus Borg. We are discussing one chapter per week. We meet Mondays from 1-2:30 pm at the church. All women are invited to attend! For information, contact me, Jeannette Beeger, at jeannettebeeger@gmail.com or 541-408-8318.

CONNECTIONS



OUTING TO OLD AURORA COLONY MUSEUM FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

What a beautiful fall day we had for our October 20th outing to Old Aurora Colony Museum, followed by lunch at either Filbert's Farmhouse Kitchen or Langdon Farms. Lots of fun and fellowship for the twenty individuals who participated; we were able to take the TPC bus.



COFFEE CONNECTION - 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH - NOV. 8TH

Next Coffee Connection is **Tuesday, November 8th at 10 am** at the Marquis Community Center, at 19805 SW Boones Ferry Road. This is an informal way for our TPC women of faith to have coffee together and connect in person. The December gathering will be at Candy Richard's home, 22850 SW 106th Avenue, Tualatin, on **December 13th at 10 am**. Please RSVP to Candy so she will know how many to prepare for: candy_richard@msn.com or call/text (650) 619-3315.

Judy Nix, Connections Elder



ERIK SPURRELL IS MOVING ON NOVEMBER 15

His email is the same (erbear81spurrell@gmail.com). His cell phone is the same (971-222-8232) and if he is home, it might even be on. Otherwise, I can give you the house phone number. The address is 14450 SW Cherryhill Dr. Beaverton, OR 97008.

He will continue to work with Meals on Wheels in Tualatin on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He plans to get up for church most weeks. Visitors are welcome, but like your other friends, call first.

Thank you to all who joined us in our prayers during this process. It means a lot to us.

Laura Spurrell



COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

November 27th is Compassion Sunday. To acknowledge Compassion International, a world-wide agency supporting children in need, there will be a table in the Narthex with information about the organization and about the children TPC sponsors. There will also be packets available for those wanting to independently sponsor a child. Andrew Perkins

MEN'S EDUCATION AND SERVICE GROUP MEETING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10:00 AM

Inviting all men who attend TPC who have an interest in meeting monthly for a program of interest to the group, probably with a featured speaker. We will also be looking for service projects that will benefit the church or the community. All men, young and old, are invited. Call or text Dale MacHaffie to indicate your interest and to share any ideas for topics or projects at 503-784-2476. We plan on having fun.



We have exciting news about Family Promise! Up to this point we were able to take fifteen families into our shelter for our intense program working toward sustainable income and housing, and many other services. As of November 1, 2022 our program will be able to use forty rooms for temporary

housing instead of fifteen. The waiting list for people wanting in FP is long and getting longer every week. With more rooms we will be able to help more of these families each year.

Because we will be helping so many more people, our food shopping will be different. Instead of buying all the food for the families, we will buy certain foods like milk, deli meat, fruit and vegetables for our week but will need to provide for the guests in all forty rooms. The non-perishable foods will be in a food pantry on site. Some of the items will come from other organizations. So, we will still need monetary donations and volunteer help to make this happen.

The food will be delivered directly to the extended stay hotel (where our guests will be living) on Wednesdays about 3:00 pm and then we will need volunteers to help fill food orders from the guests from 4:00 to 6:00 pm that same Wednesday. We would like to create a list of people from TPC to help shop and fill the orders when it is our turn. Our next shopping/volunteering day will be **Wednesday, December 7th**. Please email Derrilyn or Pam if you would like to help. We would also appreciate volunteers to help on other weeks as well. We would be happy to let you know how to sign up.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Pam Bowen (pamelaabowen@gmail.com) and Derrilyn Bayha (dabayha@mac.com)



TPC HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE - Saturday, December, 10, 2022 9 am to 1 pm in the church narthex

Bring cookies or other yummy baked goods to the church on Friday, December 9, between 1 and 3 pm, or on Saturday, December 10 from 8 to 9 am. Please bring a list of the ingredients in your baked goods so people with allergies can make informed selections.

The sale will run from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, December 10. To cut down on exposure, we will not weigh the cookies. Instead we will ask for a donation.

Masks will be required. We will practice social distancing as much as possible. Questions? Contact Carolyn Hale 503-804-9203.

CHURCH CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, October 15th was a beautiful fall day in Tualatin and a perfect setting for the fall clean-up day at TPC. Seventeen members assisted in this event where we trimmed plants, bushes, and trees, raked leaves, needles, and cones and spread mulch in the Memorial Garden. A special thanks to all who assisted: Mike Nelson, Derrilyn Bayha, Fenya and Ayden Owen, Sandy and Reed Gurney, Chip and Cackie Kyle, Larry and Bonnie Nord, Bill and Martha Bennett, Paul and Linda Fukasawa, Emery Phillips, Pastor Ken, and Greg Owen.

A special thanks to Mike Nelson for his continued support in maintaining the Memorial Garden and for providing the mulch which was spread on the garden. Thanks to our landscaping service, Rain or Shine Landscaping, who hauled away four big loads of trimmings and other debris that resulted from the clean-up. We will have another clean-up day next spring.



TPC BUILDING AND GROUNDS CARETAKER

We are pleased to announce that Larry Nord has assumed the position of TPC's Building and Grounds Caretaker. Larry's career in heavy equipment sales and the way he meticulously takes care of his own yard will serve him well in this role. In his spare time, Larry is fishing, hunting, golfing or traveling with his wife, Bonnie.

LETTERS FROM OUR CHILDREN SPONSORED THRU COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Estalin in Ecuador - Letter to my dear sponsor Date: 7/31/2022

Dear sponsor,

I greet you hoping that you and your family are well and that God is blessing you. I want to tell you that my family and I are in good health. I also had an outing on these vacations and the outing was to go to the snow-capped Cayambe, which is in Pichincha, one hour from Imbabura, and I liked it a lot because I was able to share it with my family. In my school I have good grades and I was able to go on vacation without staying to recuperate and my favorite subject was Language, English, Chemistry. I played volleyball with my friends, sometimes we won, sometimes we lost. I also want to tell you about my hobbies. In my free time I do a sport that is motocross or sometimes I go out to play soccer on the field that is near my house. My favorite player is CR7. I thank you for the letters and the support you give me. In these vacations that I have left I would like to have things that motivate me and that I like in my life.

Please pray for my family and my studies.

I would like to ask you, What sport do you like? What place is your favorite? What pet do you like?

Letter from Sarah in Uganda Letter dated 9/6/2022

Greetings to you in the name of our Jesus Christ. I am also OK.

I am now studying in senior four class hoping to do Uganda Certificate of Education (UNEB) in October 2022. Do children in your country also do any exams after completing senior four class?

Right now it is rainy. Our trees have changed beautiful colors and is favoring us.

I also have a new group of friends who discuss with me, share morals and ideas together with subjects that are taught in school.

Our school promised all senior four students to do mocks in July and I hope that I will be able to pass with flying colors.

My family members and I pray for you everyday and every hour throughout lifetime. Do you also pray for us?

We are celebrating Hero's day today to remember the people who died for the peace of our country. What occasions are you involved in? What are the activities involved?

In conclusion, "Remember the Lord in everything you do and he is the one to show you the right way."



Sunday, October 30, 2022 at Tualatin Presbyterian Church - New Members Were Welcomed
Front Row, left to right: Candy Richard, Bunny Lewis, Michele DeClue, Barbara DeClue, Jim Beeger, Jeannette Beeger, Back Row, left to right: Macy Walchenbach, Jim Walchenbach



Jackson Allee was baptized by Pastor Ken.



Sherry Nelson and Barb Crall fed the birthday chicken.

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 9 am prayer on Zoom	2 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	3 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	4 9 am prayer on Zoom	5
6 Communion 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube Daylight Savings Ends	7 9 am prayer on Zoom	8 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Tuesday Coffee Connect 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom	9 9 am prayer on Zoom	10 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	11 9 am prayer on Zoom	12
13 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	14 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon Meeting	15 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session Meeting	16 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	17 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	18 9 am prayer on Zoom	19
20 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	21 9 am prayer on Zoom	22 9 am prayer on Zoom	23 9 am prayer on Zoom	24 Thanksgiving	25 9 am prayer on Zoom	26
27 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	28 9 am prayer on Zoom	29 am prayer on Zoom December news-letter deadline office@tpcspirit.org	30 9 am prayer on Zoom			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WITH NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

xx - James Olson
01-Carolyn Barker
01-Carolyn Phillips
01-Gary Roth
03-DonnaLee Benner
05-Valerie James

07-Bruce Benner
08-Kitty Taylor
11-Heather Bartlett
14-Susan Fee
14-Adam Winkler
17-John Olsen
19-Camden Carlson
19-Erin Dwyer
20-Becky Backen

22-Melinda Woods
26-Kendra Sundt
27-Eva Dwyer
27-Cindy Hoppe
28-Rene'e James
29-Denise Collins
30-Jay Wilcox

TPC 2022 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 9/30/22	\$262,116	\$271,086	(8,970)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 9/30/22	\$252,373	\$280,937	28,564



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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 a.m. in person, and on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Sandy Gurney, Lynne Neilson, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Ian Swanson

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Susan Cameron, Linda Fukasawa, Jason James, Dianne Lemmon, Kerry Weaver, and Rosemary Willis.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Julie Flint

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Jennifer Schloming

Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Larry Nord

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: Dale MacHaffie

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Technology Chair: Open

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Archivist: Rick Crall

The office is open limited hours. Leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.