



## **FROM THE PASTOR**

### **“Change Partners”**

Square dancing is not my long suite, but every once in a while I find myself in the middle of the dance floor, trying to stay in step with my partner as the caller sings out instructions in perfect time with the music. Now when I'm dancing with my wife, Jeni, everything is okay. After 38 years of marriage, she knows me well. We can anticipate each other's moves and miss-steps. When we find ourselves promenading south when everyone else is headed north, it's all part of the fun.

The tricky part is when the caller hollers “change partners.” There goes the comfort level. Dancing with someone new - especially a stranger - is enough to turn some seasoned dancers into instant wallflowers. But when we are brave enough to stay on the floor, amazing things happen. While making new friends, we discover that there is more than one way to dance.

Our leader, Jesus Christ, the one who called each and every one of us to be a part of his incredible family of faith has signaled that it is time to “change partners,” and here we are, face-to-face with someone new. Thom and Cindy Nelson, who served the TPC congregation so faithfully for twenty-one years, are now forming new partnerships at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Beulah, Michigan. Wherever they go, wherever they serve, you go with them. You are an important part of who they are and I know that they have left their indelible imprint on who you are.

The gospel truth is, God is always doing something new . . . something unexpected. At the same time, God, in Christ, has promised to be our constant companion on the journey. The good news is that while some of the most significant people in our lives come and go, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Heb. 13:8).

Jeni and I are excited that when God recently said, “change partners,” that we were the fortunate ones to be invited to share this next dance together. It is our strong belief that we were led to TPC by God's providential call.

How great it is to be with you for whatever time God has determined we will be together. It is apparent right away that this is an enthusiastic and caring congregation being led by members who are seeking to be faithful to God's call. As an added bonus, Jeni and I are thrilled to now be living in the same area with our son, Scott, his wife, Namita, and our grandchildren, Leila and Calder. How could anyone ask for more? So as we enter this Advent season, we thank God for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And with the Apostle Paul, “we are sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6).

Grace and Peace, Dick Wiggers, Interim Pastor



### **Jeni and Dick Wiggers**

TPC members warmly welcomed Jeni and Dick into our TPC family in November. By the time you read this, the Wiggers will be settled into their new home in Sherwood with their two dogs, Casey, a 14-year-old Sheltie and Dolly, a 4-year-old Schnauzer “want-a-be”.

They have many ties to the Portland area. Their son, daughter-in-law and 2 grandchildren, Leila, age 4 and Calder, age 2 live in Portland. Their daughter Christy, who now lives in Chicago, was adopted 28 years ago from the Holt Adoption Agency in Eugene. They also have a son, who is a Marine Instructor at Virginia Military Institute, daughter-in-law and two other grandchildren, Patrick, age 8 and Marie, age 4 living in Virginia. If you haven't done so already, please feel free to introduce yourself to Jeni and Dick after Worship and make them feel welcome.

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

### A Big Thank You

Since the first Sunday in August, we have been led in worship by a number of ministers. I want to thank all of them. Jack Hodges, Phillip Martin, Charlie Brown, Tom Johnson, Tim Cayton and Glynn Carlson have been incredibly generous with their time, talents and support. We, as a congregation, are very lucky to have been the beneficiaries of their varied approach to worship, to their sharing the word preached and for their ability to help us all realize that change is not a bad thing. We are in a time of transition. We are very lucky to have had these ministers lead us while we searched for our Interim Pastor, Dick Wiggers. It is also important to thank a wonderful Worship Committee. Philip and Dorothy Martin, Rick Crall, Mary Shiffer, Diane and Art Barry, Pat Devore, Rowena Clark, Connie Myers, Lynne Bolton, Kris Sparks, Martha Wilson, Debby Owen, Dave Backen, Deborah Lewis and Paula Miller have all helped make things run as smoothly as possible. As we head into the Advent season, we all wish you a wonderful and joyful Christmas season. We look forward to sharing this exciting time of year with you at TPC.

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### A User Friendly Bulletin

You will be seeing some changes to the bulletin in an effort to make it more "user friendly". We are printing the words to the "Doxology", the "Gloria Patri", the "Kyrie", the Lord's Prayer, the Affirmation of Faith and other parts of the worship that may not be familiar to visitors and guests. We are also noting with an asterisk (\*) those parts of the worship service where we should stand – such as the hymns. This may make the bulletin longer, but we are hoping it will make people more comfortable during worship and less self-conscious and even uncomfortable because they don't know what to do. We appreciate your comments, so let us know what you think.

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### Just a Reminder

Please be sure to use the side doors with the exit signs in the Sanctuary when leaving or entering during the Worship Service.

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Sherry Nelson, Worship Elder

## Roger Reid – TPC's Newest Deacon



Roger has been a member of TPC for 11 years. He is 38 years old and grew up in Albany, OR. He met his wife Debbie while going to Willamette University, and they have been married for 10 years. They have two daughters, Hannah and Josie, who have both been baptized at TPC. Roger enjoys spending time at the beach with his family, fishing, hunting, crabbing and gardening. He has been a trooper with the Oregon State Police for 14 years and is currently assigned to the McMinnville office. He is also a member of the State Police Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) for the last 11 years. He is looking forward to serving as a deacon for TPC.

### COMING SOON – ACTIVITY BOXES

Activity boxes for our younger members will soon be available in the narthex. These will contain pencils, crayons, stickers, paper and other small quiet items the children can use during the service. Please remember to return them before you leave on Sunday morning. ENJOY!

### TPC MONTHLY BOOKCLUB

Do you want to join a monthly book group? Please contact Carolyn Hale, Adult Education Elder for details. Watch for a book fair coming to a church near you, okay TPC coming soon.

### A WHALE OF A GOOD TIME

The TPC CE families had a whale of a time at the movies on Sunday, November 3. Sixteen children and seven adults attended a viewing of "A Veggie Tales Movie – Jonah" after a tasty lunch at Church. Thank you to all that participated and who provided the nutritious lunch and snacks!

### HOWLING FUN AT TPC

The Halloween Party was a huge hit with the young children of TPC. On Sunday, October 27, 20 young children and 15 adults enjoyed a howling good time playing games, making crafts, folding origami, eating and bobbing for donuts on a string! There were a lot of princesses and strong heroes in disguise. A special thanks to Jaci Rogers, Denise Collins, Rebecca Crall, Corbin Bowen, Pam Bowen, Pam McGregor, Clare Hahn, Barb Crall, Lori Beymer, Norm Dannemiller and Gina Olsen for making the party fantastic!



### **TPC Family Members Diane and Art Barry**

Diane and Art moved to Portland in 1982 when Art left his faculty position of 14 years at the UC Davis Medical School to start his own private Clinical Microbiology Institute here. For the first year, they lived in the West Slope area so that their youngest son could finish high school at Jesuit High School. In 1983, they built their home in Tualatin. One day they noticed a sign on a vacant lot on Boones Ferry Road that stated "Future Home of Tualatin Presbyterian Church". When they called the phone number on the sign, they were instructed to go to the VFW Hall on Sunday morning. They've been part of the church family ever since and are charter members.

Diane and Art's two daughters and three grandchildren live in California, one son lives in Phoenix and the other son is here in Portland.

Now that Art is retired, he serves as a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry that gives both Diane and Art the opportunity to travel worldwide. When they are not traveling, they split their time between their home near Newport and here in Tualatin.

Art has been active on the Building Decorating Committee as the Chairperson for Phase 1 and on the Committee for Phase 2. He has chaired the Personnel Committee, served on the Worship Committee and is currently on the Outreach Committee. As a result of his woodworking hobby, he has made several items of furniture and build-ins for TPC. He also enjoys oil painting in his studio at the beach house.

Diane served as volunteer pianist/organist for 17 years at TPC. She is a member of the Choir, the new TPC Bell Choir, Church Librarian, and a member of the Worship Committee. She has served as an Elder and a Deacon and has also been active on the Landscaping Committee through the years. She worked for Art as a Microbiology Research Technologist for 10 years and is still on call when the lab needs an extra set of hands. She was an elementary school librarian in Davis, CA. She enjoys traveling and stamp collecting and is a volunteer at North West Medical Teams, Inc.



### **"The Book Nook"**

Are you looking for a copy of the bible used each Sunday in worship? It is the New Revised Standard Version Bible and there are several copies available in the cupboard behind the sound desk or you can check out the one in the library. Or if you'd rather do a comparison study or just read a different version, we have several variations in the library. There is "Good News New Testament and Psalms", the Revised Standard Version, the "New English Bible", the "New American Standard Bible" (just in case your English is not as good as your American!), and the New Oxford annotated Bible with apocrypha (this is the Revised Standard version that the Wednesday Bible Study group uses). Then if you want to make the Bible easier for your children to understand, we have "The Book For Children" and "The Story Bible" both of which edit the stories into easier to understand form. And, lastly, if all those variations are still too much, how about just listening to the New Testament on tape? There is a set of 14 cassette tapes of the New Testament in the library. This might be a nice thing to try in your car on your commute to work each day for a month. What a positive way to start your day! What ever your style, there is a Bible version available in the library to suit your needs. Happy reading!



# The Music Corner

## TPC Piano Dedication & Recital



Doug Steffen



Elise Steffen

TPC's Piano Dedication Recital was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Participating were Kris Sparks, Elise Steffen, Martha Wilson, Jesse Dill, Inge MacHaffie, Kendra Sundt, Doug Steffen, Kristin Friesen and Diana Burke. Philip Martin gave the Blessing, Prayer and Benediction. Special thanks to Denise Collins and all who helped with the reception that followed.

### TPC JOYS AND CONCERNS



#### Prayers are needed for the following:

- Muriel Powers who recently had a stroke while at her home. Physically she is doing well but she is very confused
- Dave Backen as he continues to find employment
- Gary Duvall, Linda Buck, Tom Hahn, Marilyn Staples-Sundt, Don & Elizabeth Shafer
- Melissa Smith as she is recovering from eye surgery
- Dottie Farrell who is feeling a little adrift
- Charlie & Edda Frown for family going back to work full time
- Marion and Randy Beyer as Marion is in Sacramento with her brother-in-law
- Becky Backen for her father and sister
- Dee Dee Hansen who's sister is dying of colon cancer

**Joys** for Becky Backen as she begins her new job at Nordstrom's at Washington Square Mall and for Marshall Miller who was selected as first team district goalie in water polo and selected as the most valuable player for Tualatin High School



## General Fund Status

### January 1, 2002 – October 31, 2002

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$107,323	\$105,750
<b>Expense</b>	\$118,986	\$103,525

The general fund income is used for all church operating and regular program expense.

Building fund income for October was \$3,980. Budgeted income per month is \$6,000.



### D December Birthdays

12/1	Debby Owen	12/16	Stacy Bartlett
12/3	Brenda Lobbato	12/17	Clare Hahn
12/4	Dick Kadel		Greg Imus
	Emma Steffen	12/19	Todd Sweetland
12/5	Emma McGregor		Jeffrey Locke
12/6	Greg Owen	12/20	Zachary Gonzales
12/7	Rick Crall		Dottie Farrell
12/9	Leah Olson	12/21	Jaci Smith
12/10	Philip Martin	12/22	Rick Norse
	Tanuja Senthirajah	12/25	Allison Blair
12/11	Marlene Hines	12/27	Myrna Friesen
12/13	Barbara Kozak	12/28	Norm Dannemiller
12/15	Philip Cook		
	Jackie Dannemiller		
	Judy Partons		

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the High School Youth Group, please contact Erin Nelson at 503-925-8559.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TPC!

### December 1 – Hanging of the Greens & Potluck Dinner

Don't miss the Hanging of the Greens Service at 5:30 on December 1. There will be great music and a time of sharing. Spread the warm of the Holiday Season and at the same time help decorate our tree in the Sanctuary. Items needed are hats, mittens, earmuffs, socks and scarves. They will all be donated to the Janus Youth Program, Inc., which benefits children, youth and families of our Portland Metro community. Contact Barbara Harriman at 503-649-9439. At 6:30, there will be a potluck dinner. It will be a simple meal of soup, bread, salad and dessert. Please sign up at the "black tower" in the narthex.

**December 7 @ 5:00 pm** – You are invited to meet at the Church to make gingerbread houses and listen to great live music. We will serve pizza for dinner and share potluck desserts. We did this last year and had a wonderful evening so please join us for this casual event. Contact Pam Bowen for more information.

**December 11 - Red Cross Blood Drive @ TPC from 2:30 – 7:30 pm.** Contact Scott Cameron at 503-692-3368 to volunteer to help, provide cookies for the canteen or to sign up to donate blood.



*Blood Drive*

### December 14 – Progressive Dinner @ 5:30

Come join the fun! This is a great opportunity to make new friends and it's a favorite activity for many TPCers. The festivities begin at 5:30 when everyone gathers at Gil and Shirl Garcia's home for appetizers. At 6:30, we disburse to our "main course" homes where you will have dinner with 8 – 10 other TPC members. Then at 8:15, you will shift to your "dessert" home and wrap up the evening. We will have maps available to each of the homes. **Want to host a main course or a dessert?** We always need more of these, and we will share the money collected to help defray the cost of the main dish. Otherwise you should sign up to bring an appetizer, side dish or a dessert. Cost is \$8 per person. Please make checks payable to TPC and indicate "Progressive Dinner" on them. If you have any questions, contact Toni MacHaffie at 503-649-5934.

### December 15 – Toy Drive Deadline

TPC's Christian Ed Committee is planning a toy drive this holiday season. Please bring to the Church any new or used toy that is in good condition, and the committee will take the donations to a local Portland organization. We feel this is a great way to help our children learn about the joy in giving to others. Donations will be accepted until December 15.

### December 15 – Operation Shoebox Deadline

Once again TPC is helping needy Honduran children through donations to Operation Shoebox, a nonprofit organization providing medical/dental teams, equipment and supplies to Honduras. Please fill one or more shoeboxes with school and personal hygiene supplies and bring it to the Church no later than December 15. See the display in the narthex for details. Thank you for your continued support. Contact Karen Stevenson at 503-620-7189.

### Holiday Food Baskets – Deadline is 12/15

We will be collecting money donations for holiday baskets for needy families in the Tualatin area during this holiday season. Last year our Church supported six families and we hope to be able to do a similar number again. We provided a gift for each child in the family as well as food for all during the holiday time. Please mark your check memo line with Food Baskets. There will be a basket on the sound system in the back of the sanctuary for any cash donations. Donations will be taken up to December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generous donations. Contact Barb Harriman or Toni MacHaffie for more information.

### Christmas Joy Offering

The Presbyterian Christmas Joy Offering supports students at Presbyterian Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges, and provides assistance to retired and active church workers through the programs of the Board of Pensions. Bulletin inserts will explain the wonderful work being accomplished through this offering.

### Christmas Memorials

If you wish to remember or honor someone special during this Christmas season, please complete the form in your bulletin December 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The two organizations to receive funds this year are the Tualatin/Sherwood/Wilsonville Food Bank and the Heifer Project (this organization provides food and income-producing animals and intensive training in more than 130 countries. Memorials will be listed in the bulletins December 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!**

The Building and Grounds Committee is in need of half-dozen individuals interested in tending to issues of management and upkeep of the church property. TPC really hasn't had a committee for the past year or so, and that was OK since we were so far under construction that there really wasn't that much to manage. Now, however, the building is back in shape and much bigger, and the landscaping installation is on the home stretch. That means it's time to establish long-term and systematic strategies for keeping up our major new and improved property. Already there is a growing list of maintenance and minor improvement projects to tend to, that a few dedicated individuals could easily do and have fun while they're at it! Such as, where do we hang our coats this winter? Can we get the nametags stored so we can easily find ours on Sunday and put them back? Can we get those stacked up chairs and the leftover building materials stored away? What if there's ice in the parking lot on Sunday? Do you need to be a fix-it expert? Is this just a "guy thing"? Absolutely not! You just need to be interested and have a little time to give. This is one area where a little effort makes a big difference! Call Dave Leland, Building and Grounds Elder at 503-692-6095 to toss your hat in the ring.

**FALL LANDSCAPING**

**Kay Kinyon** just didn't get enough from the sprinkler system project work during the summer, so he took the lead on this fall's landscaping project! Kay revised the landscaping plan, worked with the city to get approval, visited nurseries and selected plantings, marked locations for each tree and shrub, and put up with all of us rank amateurs during the actual planting. Some of us actually learned some things along the way! Thank you and your green thumb, Kay, for a great landscaping effort for the new TPC!!! Also a special thank you to Neil Reiling for donating so many plants and all the others who gave up their Saturdays and Sundays to help.



**TUALATIN FOOD BANK**



Thanks to everyone for filling the food barrels every month. The food is donated to the Tualatin Food Bank, which feeds from 10-15 families each week. Since families can receive food only once a month, that works out to 40-60 families a month for whom we help to provide food. Always appreciated are hearty items such as spaghetti sauce, tuna, canned soups and chili along with things like large tubs of laundry soap. One large tub provides enough soap for about 15 families. If you wish to give a check (be sure to indicate Food Bank), the money is used to provide fresh items such as milk and eggs. Keep up the good work!

**NEW TPC MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS**



Madeline & Glenn Carlson



Donna Lee and Bruce Benner



Phil, Joan, Margaret "Maggie" Lin Xiaoyun and Kenna Marie Patterson

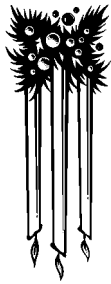
Those baptized on November 10, 2002 were Darian Marie and Riley Ann Breshears, Margaret "Maggie" Lin Xiaoyun and Kenna Marie Patterson. Brent Shane Breshears was baptized and received by confession of faith. Adults received by letter of transfer were Jodi Ann Breshears, from First Presbyterian Church, Lake View, Oregon and Madeline Carlson from The Community of Hope Lutheran Church (ELCA), Wilsonville, Oregon. Bruce and Donna Lee Benner and Phil and Joan Patterson were received on reaffirmation of faith.



**Tualatin Presbyterian  
Church Calendar  
December 2002**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> First Sunday in Advent  Choir – 9:15 am <b>10:00 am Worship</b> COMMUNION Christmas Play Practice 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Hanging of the Greens 5:30 pm Potluck – 6:30 pm	<b>2</b> CE Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Choir 7:15 pm	<b>5</b> Fellowship Committee 7:00 pm  TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Gingerbread House Making 5pm CE  Annual Cookie Sale
<b>8</b> Deacons’s Mtg – 8 am @ Haydens Restaurant  Choir – 9:15 am <b>10:00 am Worship</b>  Christmas Play Practice 11:00 am – 12:30 pm	<b>9</b> Deacons/ Session/ Meets 6:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Blood Drive 2:30 – 7:30  Choir 7:15 pm	<b>12</b> TPC Bells 7 – 8:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Christmas Dress Rehearsal 2 – 3:00 pm  Progressive Dinner 5:30 pm
<b>15</b> Choir – 9:15 am <b>10:00 am Worship &amp;            Christmas Play</b>  End of Toy Drive – CE  Operation Shoebox Ends	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Tuesdays Treasures 7 – 8:30 pm	<b>18</b> Choir 7:15 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> First day of Winter
<b>22</b> Choir - 9:15 am  <b>10:00 am Worship</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Services 7pm & 10 pm	<b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Choir – 9:15 am <b>10:00 am Worship</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				



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