



### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear Friends,

Advent is upon us- the time of year when we prepare ourselves for the Holy child to yet again make his way into our weary world. And I can't help but compare this advent season with the same time last year as Melis and I were preparing for another little one to enter our lives. What a year I've had of learning and growing! Let me share one of the things Will has taught me in the last year that has changed my perspective on the Christ child. One of the things I've learned is how misguided I was in the past about babies by and large. See, for the most part, up until Will, I tended to think of babies as being either cute or being noisy and vaguely annoying. (Oh don't gasp, we're all just one-airline trip with a screaming infant away from having that thought.) Up until now I've been stunningly blind to perhaps the most absolutely true quality that every infant possesses: heroic courage.

Yep, heroic courage. Previously to me, courageous heroes might have included Odysseus, Aneas, Rosa Parks, and anyone brave enough to wear Longhorn paraphernalia in Duck/Beaver country. And yet when I stop to consider what my little one had in store for him in the birth process- moving from a dark, warm, and utterly safe environment to a bright, loud, and dangerous world- this takes absolute courage in my book. And then not only the birth itself, but growing up in an increasingly dangerous world this last year (not least of which having to survive daddy day care)- my goodness, it has taken courage on his part- courage to begin crawling and falling flat on his face, courage to cut teeth and have no idea regarding the source of his pain. Courage.

Kathleen Raine believed it is this kind of courage that led Christ to blaze a path into what Walker Percy calls "our Christ-killing, Christ-haunted world". She writes:

Who stands at my door in the storm and rain  
On the threshold of being?

One who waits till you call him in

From the empty night.

Are you a stranger, out in the storm,

Or has my enemy found me out

On the edge of being?

"I am no stranger who stands at the door

Nor enemy come in the secret night,

I am your child, in darkness and fear

On the verge of being."

Go back, my child, to the rain and the storm,

For in this house there is sorrow and pain

In the lonely night.

"I will not go back for sorrow or pain,

For my true love weeps within

And waits for my coming."

Go back, my babe, to the vacant night

For in this house dwell sin and hate

On the verge of being.

"I will not go back for hate or sin,

I will not go back for sorrow or pain,

For my true love mourns within

On the threshold of night."

Friends, we who dwell in this world of sorrow, pain, hatred, and sin- we look for a little one coming into our world who isn't so much cute, as he his courageous- for he comes for us: all of us his true love, at times rejoicing, at times mourning- each of us on the threshold of night.

Peace, Ken

## New Members Laura and Erik Spurrell



Laura and her adult son, Erik, have lived in Tualatin for 17 years. Erik attended all the area schools and has 2 sisters, Cyndi and Amy, and one niece, Sonja. He has been active in Tuesday's Treasures for almost two years. He helps Mike Shiffer with the sound system on Sunday mornings.

Laura first visited TPC in February 2004 just before the Tuesday Treasures were invited to visit and was impressed with the respect as people spoke anticipating their visit. They came from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Tigard. Besides being mom and grandma (Oma), Laura works part-time at Bethel Lutheran Church in North Portland as a Spiritual Director. She enjoys working at TPC with the Arts Group and the new Food Pantry.

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AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR OF LOVE, GIVING, AND GENEROSITY, COULD WE REMEMBER IN A SMALL WAY, OUR SICK AND INJURED DOGS AND CATS, AT THE "TUALATIN URGENT CARE CLINIC". THEY ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF **OLD** ITEMS OF COMFORT WHILE THEY RECOVER. THEY HAVE GIVEN ME A LIST OF THE FOLLOWING NEEDS:

Old toys (especially cuddly bears and soft critters of all sorts)

- Old toys in general (balls, things of fun)
- Old blankets of all sorts and sizes
- Towels of all sizes
- Bath mats (in-tub or floor-type)

- Food (especially canned, sick and hurting animals often lose their appetite and canned food "perks it up")
- Dry food
- Cash is always welcome to help those who can't pay

There will be boxes in the Narthex with labels indicating these are for some of "the least among us".

Please call or e-mail us at:

Elizabeth or Don Shafer

(503) 682-3384

Wilsonville

[shafer55@msn.com](mailto:shafer55@msn.com)

## New Baby - Nicholas Aron Espy Sweetland



This is Nicholas Aron Espy Sweetland, born 11/10/04. Weighing in at 8lbs, 11oz, and 22 inches long. He is the son of Kathy and Todd Sweetland and brother to Cameron and Anna. Congratulations!

## Worship Committee Calendar

### November 28

10:00 am Worship Service – First Sunday in Advent

5:00 pm – Hanging of the Greens followed by a Potluck

### December 5

10:00 am Worship, Communion, Bells Play

### December 12

10:00 am Worship Service – Children's Christmas Play, children's choir will sing

### December 19

10:00 am Worship Service – Cantata performed by the TPC Choir

### December 24

6:30 pm Worship Service for families with children, children's choir

10:00 pm Communion Service, Bells and TPC Choir

**December 26** - 10:00 Worship Service

**January 2** - 10:00 am Communion Service

**January 9** - 10:00 am Worship – celebrate Epiphany

## **SESSION MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2004**

Ever wonder what goes on in a session meeting? Pastor Ken asked that a summary be printed in the newsletter. This is an shortened version of our recent 3-hour meeting.

**Attendees:** There are nine session members; eight were present: Carolyn Hale, Greg Owen, Don Schmidt, Sherry Nelson, Susan Springer, Deborah Lewis, Janet Winterrowd, Art Barry. Mike Shiffer and Mary Shiffer, Clerk of Session, were out of town. Karen Jones attended representing the twelve deacons. Rev. Ken Evers-Hood acted as moderator.

The meeting opened with a devotion and prayer; past meeting minutes were approved.

Corbin Bowen presented plans for his eagle project, a meditation garden at TPC to be located in the ivy area near the kitchen.

Oyo "Joe" Nsefik, who holds a Doctor of Divinity, Presbyterian Church of Scotland, was introduced. Joe may, in the future, help provide pastoral and elder care. We will look to Presbytery for guidance.

### **Pastor's Report**

We are waiting for pledges to come in to determine if we can possibly fund Crystal Shearer at 75% time so she can assist with Christian Education as well as Youth.

Spiritual Formation continues to meet on Monday night with an average attendance of 15 to 16 folks.

To help new members become connected to TPC, they will meet once a month with Ted and Cathy Lambeth. The first meeting will be December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group is growing.

To support Ken Evers-Hood adjust to life at TPC, members of the Pastor Nominating Committee continue to meet with him monthly as his "Care Team."

### **Clerk's Report**

Jeff Mikesell, Joan Nardi, Melissa Evers-Hood, Laura Spurrell and Eric Spurrell recently joined TPC.

The Personnel Committee has met to discuss pay levels for our Reverend, the Youth Director, the Administrative Assistant, the Choir Director and the Bell Director.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There was no formal report as Mike Shiffer was out of town. We're waiting for pledge cards to come in to plan a 2005 budget. Thank you to session members for spending budgets judiciously.

### **Worship – Sherry Nelson**

Communion was served November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fellowship - Deborah Lewis**

Coming Events:

Sunday, November 28 at 5 p.m. is Hanging of the Greens; potluck follows the service.

Saturday, December 11 is the Progressive Dinner.

December 28 - The Graduate at Keller Auditorium

January 29 – Winterhawks Game

### **Christian Education Children and Youth - Janet Winterrowd**

The committee is hopeful that there will be funding available to hire Crystal Shearer to work with Christian Education.

### **Christian Education Adult - Carolyn Hale**

Adult Education just finished a series on the Will of God. A new session on the book of John will start November 28; Reverend Ken Evers-Hood will lead this group.

### **Youth - Susan Springer**

1. Youth are attending CPYA November 19-21.
2. The van has been sold, so parent volunteers are providing transportation.
3. To improve communications, Crystal Shearer is sending weekly emails.

### **Mission - Mike Shiffer**

#### **Donation Opportunities**

1. PCUSA Christmas Joy Offering
2. Christmas Memorial donations in memory of, or to honor an individual. Funds collected will be donated to the Janus Youth Program for homeless youth or to the Domestic Violence Resource center.
3. Holiday Food Gift Baskets.
4. Operation Shoebox
5. Warm hats, gloves, scarves, socks for decorating the tree and later donated
6. Food donations for the local food bank

### **Outreach - Art Barry**

1. It was approved that we mark two parking spaces in the parking lot for Visitors.
2. Plan to put TPC ads in the Tualatin Times for three Sundays in December.
3. Talked about greeters and snacks after church on Sunday mornings

### **Buildings and Grounds Greg Owen**

1. Thanks to Tom and Clare Hahn for selling the church van; the expensive insurance has been cancelled.
2. We still have a moisture problem in the choir room downstairs. Greg continues to call the builder to get the problem corrected.

### **Deacon's Report Karen Jones**

1. Thanksgiving cards were mailed to TPC college freshmen.
2. Prayer request cards are being created.
3. A digital camera is available for church events.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 10:15 p.m.

Susan Springer, Substituting for Mary Shiffer, Clerk of Session

#### ***TPC Spirit News***

**Please note that the January and February 2005 Newsletters will be combined into the February Newsletter. Also, if anyone would like to be mailed a Large Print Newsletter, please contact the Church office or Debby Owen (503) 692-6920.**

## Featured Family of the Month



**Beverley and Chris Jackson** moved back to Beaverton in 2000 with their sons Mark (19) and Stephen (16). Beverley is a musician and an educator in a home-school cooperative and Chris is an engineer in risk management. Both were Elders ordained at Southminster Presbyterian church and have provided leadership in most aspects of church life, including worship. Stephen is a sophomore at Beaverton High School and assists Mike Shiffer at Tualatin Presbyterian with audiovisual during worship, and Mark is a freshman studying computer information systems at Portland Community College. Beverley plays hand bells and both she and Chris sing in the choir. Beverley is an accomplished pianist and has provided music for worship on occasion.

### Holiday Food Baskets

The week before Christmas, holiday food baskets will be prepared and delivered to seven families identified by Washington County. We will be collecting funds from our congregation to purchase the food. Toni MacHaffie will be organizing the shopping, sorting and delivery of these baskets, which will be food for a holiday dinner plus a couple of extra meals. Give her a call if you can help in any way. (503-649-5934)

There will also be a “**Giving Tree**” again this year. We hope you will select a child’s name from the tree and make their holiday more special with a gift you purchase and which will be delivered at the time the baskets are delivered.

Hymnals are now available in large print. Please notify the office if you would like to use one.

## News from Christian Education

Dates to remember:

**December 5** – This is the first Sunday of the month so all children from age 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade will meet downstairs at 10:00 am for a group activity to kick off the holiday season in church school.

**December 6** – Christian Education meeting at TPC at 7:00 pm

**December 17** – Gift-wrapping party. We will meet in the evening to wrap presents for our adopted church families and have some Christmas fun! More details will follow in upcoming bulletins. Our kids will also be decorating the gift tags to help out with this mission project.

We are looking forward to this very special season and encourage you to spend some extra time with the children in your life to help them understand and experience why this time is so important in the life of our church and all our Christian brothers and sisters. Have a blessed Christmas season!

Pam Bowen

### Choir News!



Babysitting is now available during Wednesday night rehearsals. Also, don't miss the Christmas Cantata called "New Birth, New Beginnings" by John Purifoy.

It will be presented in worship on December 19<sup>th</sup>.



Here is a picture of the recent meeting of the 97-support team (formerly known as the PNC).

## Hope in the Global Institute of Theology (GIT)

My trip to Ghana this summer was sponsored by the Global Institute of Theology (GIT). I experienced learning in a global classroom, which I hope won't be a once in lifetime opportunity.

Here's some background on GIT. It started as the brainchild of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches with the hopes of developing Christian leaders for the future. Our program lasted almost four weeks at Trinity Theological Seminary in Accra. Theological Students from every continent (except Antarctica) were present. Out of over a hundred applicants all 67 students admitted to GIT attended. We ate together, worshiped together, learned together and played together. We went to class most days for 6 hours, taking courses in global mission, intercultural theology and confessions and culture. While it might sound like summer school, this opportunity shaped my understanding of the richness and value of global education.



In class one day our assignment was to reflect on scripture – the story of Ruth and Naomi and how they choose their future paths. It was a moment of discovery and awe as we listened to each other's interpretations. We learned more about the how the Spirit could be communicating in the text and about each other's context for interpretation. For some, the importance of this text was to teach about families, for a classmate from Ghana it was an important story for women to hear about their power to choose their situation, especially in relationships where there is violence. After that class I wanted my classmates to analyze every scripture I used for preaching to open my eyes to new ways of how the text can speak to us.

We learned a great deal from one another as we discussed issues such as AIDS, gender equality, homosexuality, economic injustice and polygamy. I did not realize the impact of the stigma of polygamy in Africa. While polygamy is not accepted in the church, some churches do not welcome the second or third spouse (and their children) into the congregation after they have left their spouse and are no longer practicing polygamy. While the first spouse, however, who stays with the spouse is accepted into church. The abandoned spouses, mainly women, are often unable to support themselves economical and care for their children. They have little support in this time of transition. Instead of helping the poor, the church leaves them behind. One of our classmates was the son of a 2<sup>nd</sup> wife; his family was not welcome in the church. You could hear, as he spoke, the pain caused by the church he now wanted to serve as a pastor.

Later the same evening there was a presentation on homosexuality at the request of GIT students. It was surprising to hear people ask basic questions on same-sex relationships like, “why do two men or two women want to marry each other?” or “what does a marriage look like between two women?” instead of theological reflection/debate on scripture. Answering these questions with answers like “because they love each other” caused some to see a connection to Seth’s feelings of exclusion. Seth wanted to be welcomed to the church for who he was – Seth, just like GLBT persons. It was powerful to watch the discussion develop into education and not become one side debating the other to prove their point.



The whole day gave me hope that we can listen to each other, hear our cries and stand in solidarity with each other. GIT was an amazing experience where people lived in harmony, it was not perfect, and we sometimes disagreed. As we concluded our time together we enjoyed a huge party with food, dancing, singing, hugs and photos. It was a sad and celebratory gathering. As the evening came to a close, I looked around me at my classmates dancing in their own ways to Christian praise music faces brightly smiling and I saw the Reign of God in my presence at that moment. We were African, North and South American, Caribbean, European, Asian, Australian, rich and poor, male and female, gay and straight, married and single, ordained and not and we were all God’s children.



Christmas is a time of remembering a special child – Jesus Christ. In this baby we meet God, as Jesus sweetly sleeps in his mother’s arms. While it may be hard to recognize in this season with all its busyness, we are blessed to know God’s presence in our lives. May we remember also that God is literally all around us – in Jamaica, Korea, Canada, Australia, Kenya and Tualatin, Oregon. We are included in a great family of faith. May we celebrate joyously God’s love with our family this Christmas.

I hope to see you on Christmas Eve. It is one of my favorite services of the year – it is like coming home.

Heather ><>

P.S. There is another Global Institute happening in a few years if you are interested. Check out [www.warc.ch](http://www.warc.ch) for more information and photos from this meeting.

# Recent Weddings



Pictured from left to right are Jose Corona, Karly, Greg, Audra, Brian and Debbie Imus

**Brian Imus and Audra Tollefson** were married June 17<sup>th</sup> at TPC with a reception at the Abernathy Center. They honeymooned on Grand Cayman Island. They both graduated from Western Oregon University in June. Brian earned a BS in Business and Audra a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. Brian works as an Account Representative for Canon Business Solutions. Audra is working as a nanny and plans to enroll at Portland State University in the spring, to receive her teaching license. They live in Tualatin with their newly adopted kitty named "Champ."



Pictured from left to right are Roger & Jaci Smith, Melissa and Brett Gomsrud, and Catherine and Robert Hovle.

**Melissa Smith and Brett Gomsrud** were married at TPC on September 25. They are residing in Salem. Melissa is a counselor for Marion County ESD and works with at-risk students. Brett is an Accounting Manager for a Paint Company.



TJ & Julie Hahn

**Thomas Hahn, Jr. "TJ"** married **Julie Boelk** on August 7 at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in St. Helens followed by their honeymoon on the Grand Cayman Island. TJ is a Corporal for the Columbia County Sheriff's Dept. and Julie works for the Legacy Clinic. They are residing at their new home in St. Helens with their black lab, Drake. TJ is the son of Tom and Clare Hahn.



Kevin & Pat Owen

**Patchanan "Pat" Phomrose Owen and Kevin Owen** renewed their wedding vows on October 30 at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church in Washington DC. Kevin is the son of Greg and Debby Owen and Pat is the daughter of Phansawad & Nopmanee Phomrose of Thailand. Kevin is attending Washington College of Law. They reside in Washington DC.



**Jill Bolton**, daughter of Bob and Lynne Bolton was married to **Bryan Chambers** on July 31. Thom Nelson officiated. The couple is living in Mulino, OR. Jill works for Eventa Inc. and Bryan works for Artex International.



### **SOCKS & MITTENS**

Bring socks, mittens, hats, gloves, and scarves to decorate our Christmas tree. In January they will be distributed to Portland's homeless youth.

**Date: Nov 28 - Dec 31**

Contact: Barbara Harriman (503) 649-9439

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Donate blood, or offer to help as a volunteer for the blood drive hosted at TPC.

**Date: December 6**

Contact: Scott Cameron (503) 692-3368

### **OPERATION SHOEBOX**

Once again TPC is helping needy Honduran children through donations to Operation Shoebox, a non-profit 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. Thank you for your continued support.

**Date: December 12**

Contact: Karen Stevenson (503) 620-7189

### **GIVING TREE**

Pick a tag from the Giving Tree, buy the item listed on the tag, and bring the gift (unwrapped) to church. The Giving Tree gifts will be given to the children of the families receiving the Holiday Food Baskets.

**Date: Gifts must be brought to church no later than December 17**

Contact: Pam Bowen (503) 625-5910

### **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

Contribute to this annual offering, half of which is used for Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. The other half funds assistance programs that provide support for retired and active church workers and their families.

**Date: Sunday, December 19**

Contact: Mike Shiffer (503) 692-3405

### **SPECIAL GIFTS**

Help to purchase a Christmas gift for each of the 5 developmentally disabled residents in our adopted group home.

**Date: before December 19 - watch for more information**

Contact: Mike Shiffer, (503) 692-3405

### **HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS**

Contribute to the fund to provide holiday food baskets for seven needy local families...or offer to help with the shopping or delivery of the baskets.

**Date: Special offering to be collected Nov 21 & 28**

Contact: Toni MacHaffie (503) 649-5934

### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

Give a gift to the Domestic Violence Resource Center or the Janus Youth Program (for homeless youth) in honor or memory of a loved one.

**Date: Submit a form with your check by Dec 15. A listing of the donations will appear in the church bulletins on Dec 19, 24 & 26.**

Contact: Carolyn Locke (503) 656-1534

**Tualatin School House Pantry** is going strong and a great success. The Steering Committee would like to thank the many volunteers from all of the churches and the community who continue to support us. In order to ensure a consistent supply of critical food and other necessary supplies, the Steering Committee has developed a shopping list. Each of our participating churches has been assigned a list of most needed items to focus on in upcoming weeks. Some of these assignments are shared between multiple churches. The TPC assignments are shown below. Note that the week of December 19th we are being asked to provide dairy products. Specific needs and information on how to get these refrigerated items to the pantry will be provided the week of December 12. All other items can be placed in the TPC food barrels or delivered to the pantry during open hours. Of course, any items that you wish to contribute are always welcome.

- December 5 - Baking/Cereals (flour, corn flour, sugar, brown sugar, spices, boxed cereals)
- December 12 - Canned Goods (meats, vegetables, fruits, juices, soups, evaporated milk)
- December 19 - Dairy Products (milk, cheese, yogurt)

THANK YOU  
Mike Shiffer

## TPC ART PROJECT

This month we reach the mid-point of our grant project exploring the potential uses for visual art to enrich and enhance community worship. The response to our efforts has been very positive, particularly following World Communion and All Saints Day. As we go to press, a team is preparing an installation that should set the tone of “quiet waiting” for our advent worship. The final piece that completes this artwork will be presented at our Christmas Eve Candlelight services. This artwork was conceived and is being produced by a volunteer team including Mary Shiffer, Susan Springer, Deborah Lewis, Karen Stevenson, David MacKay, Laura Spurrell, Barbara Harriman, Rachel Norse and Stacy Mauer. Connie Myers, Laura Spurrell, David MacKay, Mary Shiffer and Dee Johnson prepared the evaluation that will report our learning to the Calvin Institute. Be sure to thank these fine folks for the many hours they have dedicated to our worship experience.

A special thank you goes out to high wire wizard Ron VanSchoiack, who designed our drop line system and engineered the presentation of the giant banners for our World Communion Sunday and All Saints Day. If there is artwork in the sanctuary, there is a good chance Ron spent Saturday on a ladder!

We have learned a great deal in the last few months about how to create art that supports meaningful worship. We now turn to projects that offer many opportunities for your participation. Look for our calendar of events for all ages in the narthex. Please know that we appreciate your helpful comments and suggestions. Your feedback helps us improve our work!

TPC artwork is now being featured on the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship website! To view the slide show, go to [www.calvin.edu/worship/wrgp](http://www.calvin.edu/worship/wrgp). Click on the words “visual art for worship” that appear under our photo.

This program is made possible through a Worship Renewal Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids,

Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Ellen VanSchoiack



Deborah Lewis, Susan Springer, Stacy and Rick Mauer, and Ron and Ellen VanSchoiack prepared artwork for our World Communion (above) and All Saints Day celebrations (below).



Announcing the TPC production of MIDNIGHT MIRACLE! This musical celebration of Christmas will be presented by the youth of TPC during worship on Sunday, December 12. You won't want to miss this delightful presentation.

All kids preschool through high school are invited to be part of the show. See Mike Shiffer, Beverly Jackson or Shari Olsen for more information.

# TPC Announcements



## December Birthdays

12/1	Debby Owen	12/13	William Evers-Hood
12/1	Rachel Norse	12/15	Philip Cook
12/4	Dick Kadel	12/15	Judy Parsons
12/4	Emma Steffen	12/15	Jackie Dannemiller
12/5	Patricia Killinger	12/16	Stacy Bartlett
12/5	Emma McGregor	12/17	Clare Hahn
12/6	Greg Owen	12/17	Greg Imus
12/7	Rick Crall	12/19	Dorothy Butts
12/7	Nancy Catanese	12/19	Todd Sweetland
12/8	Ryan Hennon	12/20	Dottie Farrell
12/9	Leah Olson	12/21	Jaci Smith
12/10	Tanuja Senthirajah	12/22	Rick Norse
12/10	Philip Martin	12/25	Allison Blair
12/10	Matthew Buck	12/27	Myrna Friese
12/11	Marlene Hines	12/28	Norm Dannemiller
12/13	Barbara Kozak		

### General Fund Status

	<b>October 2004</b>	
	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>
<b>Income</b>	\$14,372	\$19,537
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$16,417</u>	<u>\$15,190</u>
<b>Net</b>	(\$ 2,045)	\$ 4,347

### Jan. – October 2004

	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>
<b>Income</b>	\$151,737	\$155,447
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$162,620</u>	<u>\$156,604</u>
<b>Net</b>	(\$ 10,883)	(\$ 1,157)

### General Fund

This was an excellent month for the general fund. Income was more than \$5,000 ahead of the budgeted amount and expenses were \$1,000 less than budgeted. Although we are currently in a deficit position, it is much smaller than projected.

### Building Fund

Total Building fund contributions in September were \$5,940. The amount of the loan payment for October was \$4,000.

### Per Capita

The uncollected Per Capita balance is \$2,106. The remaining balance at the end of the year will need to be cleared as a general fund expense.

**Please remember in prayer:** Matilda Armstrong (Carolyn Locke's mother), Rebecca Backen, Bill Dorman (brother of Dorothy Butts), Donna Hoff, Rosemarie Hughes (Herb Zachow's sister) Dianne Lemmon, Carolyn Reid (sister of Jay Wilcox), Betty Shiffer (mother of Mike and Jerry Shiffer), Dick Springer (Rick Springer's father), those who lead and serve our nation, communities and congregations.



### Upcoming Events

November 28 – **Hanging of the Greens and Potluck Dinner**

December 4 – **Annual Cookie Sale**

We wow the neighborhood with our beautiful homemade cookies baked by the fabulous bakers of TPC. Contact Karen Stevenson, Carolyn Hale or Martha Wilson.

December 11 – **TPC's Progressive Dinner**

December 28 - **The Graduate at the Keller**

January 28 – 30, 2005 – **Women's Retreat** at the Collins Retreat Center. We have a fabulous speaker and will be including art projects directed by Ellen VanSchoiack.

January 29<sup>th</sup> – **Winterhawks Game**

### The library has moved to a new home

It is now located in the 'Crib Room' at the foot of the stairs. Several new books have been added this month on art in worship. These beautiful books were purchased from the grant money that Ellen received. They are located on the shelf in the 745.5 section -- currently the bottom shelf of the last bookcase. They are most informative and helpful. Check them out for yourself!

Your librarian,  
Diane Barry

# Make Christmas Ornaments

Make Christmas ornaments for your tree or to give as gifts.

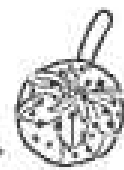
## Materials you need:

- ★ a Styrofoam ball
- ★ glitter
- ★ white craft glue
- ★ a small art brush
- ★ fishing line or thin string
- ★ decorative holiday napkins
- ★ scissors
- ★ large paper-clip
- ★ small amount of water
- ★ small paper cup
- ★ newspaper to work on



## Directions:

1. Lay out the newspaper to cover your work area.
2. Open a napkin all the way and cut out the design.
3. Put some glue in the paper cup and mix in a few drops of water to thin it. Use the brush to stir.
4. Spread some of the thin glue on one half of the ball.
5. Place the napkin's design (face out) on the glued half of the ball. Press gently to smooth.
6. Carefully brush glue over the picture.
7. Repeat on the other side of the ball.
8. Roll the ball in the glitter.
9. Let dry completely.
10. Use the paper-clip to drill a hole through the ball.
11. Thread the fishing line or string through the hole and tie the ends to make a big loop.



# The Birth of Jesus Foretold

The prophet Isaiah foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. Isaiah knew that Jesus would be called a peacemaker, but that He would also be called by other names.

Use the code to find out what Isaiah said Jesus would be called.

CODE:

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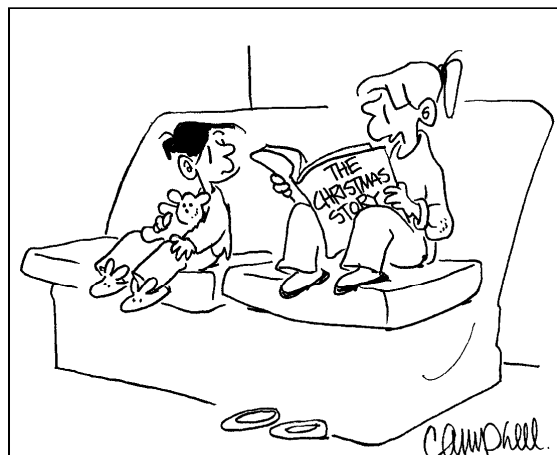
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Isaiah 9:6, NIV

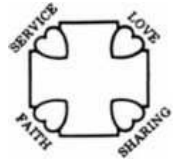
Answer: And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



"Because they didn't have e-mail then. That's why God sent an angel to proclaim the baby's birth."



**Tualatin Presbyterian  
Church Calendar  
December 2004**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Bible Study 10:00 am Children's Choir 6:30pm Choir 7:30 pm	<b>2</b> Bells 7:00 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Cookie Sale
<b>5</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent) Adult Ed – 8:30 am <b>Worship – 10:30 am</b> <b>Communion</b>  Fellowship Meeting following Worship	<b>6</b> Blood Drive  Christian Ed. Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Bible Study 10:00 am Children's Choir 6:30pm Choir 7:30 pm	<b>9</b> Bells 7:00 pm  Deacons & Elders' gathering 7:00 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Choir  TPC Progressive Dinner
<b>12</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent) Adult Ed – 8:30 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b> <b>Children's Christmas Play</b> <b>Operation Shoebox due</b>	<b>13</b> Worship Cmt. 7:00 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bible Study 10:00 am Children's Choir 6:30pm Choir 7:30 pm m	<b>16</b> Bells 7:00 pm  Session 7:00pm	<b>17</b> Giving Tree Gifts Due  Gift- wrapping Party	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent) Adult Ed – 8:30 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b> <b>Cantata Performed by the TPC Choir</b> <b>Christmas Joy Offering</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Tues. Treasures 7:00 pm	<b>22</b> Bible Study 10:00 am Choir 7:30 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas)  Adult Ed – 8:30 am <b>Worship – 10:00 am</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> The Graduate at the Keller	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

**Upcoming Events:**

January 28 – 30 - Women's Retreat  
January 29 – Winterhawks Game

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Friday – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.