



**Introducing
the Martson Family
Alex, Joanna, Jackson,
McKenna...and Kona!**
(McKenna & Kona not shown)

This energetic family lives in Tigard and has attended TPC since 2005.

One of three children, Joanna was born in Corvallis and grew up in Grants Pass, where her dad worked for the Forest Service and her mom was a nurse practitioner. A true Beaver, she headed to Oregon State for her degree in Health Care Administration. She now works for Health Net of Oregon.

Alex was born in Portland and grew up in Molalla. He attended Union College in Schenectady, NY. He transferred to Oregon State his junior year, where he received his degree in political science. He worked for Darlene Hooley in Washington, DC, then returned to Oregon to work with her locally. From there, he entered the construction field.

Alex and Joanna met while at Oregon State, married in 2003, and moved here in 2005. That's when they began attending TPC, a good fit for them, as they each came from different church backgrounds. Here, they feel comfortable and find the congregation open and accepting.

Jackson is a curious and very engaging 3 year old who loves to play with trains and cars, play guitar, and throw a football. He enjoys playing with the other children in the TPC nursery on Sundays. McKenna is 8 months old and loves the attention she receives from big brother, Mom, and Dad. And then there's Kona, their 10-month-old yellow lab. He stays busy entertaining the family with his puppy antics.

Spend some time with the Martsons and learn more about their devotion to the Beavers!

Dee Dee Hansen, Parish 12 Deacon

Editor's Note: On May 7, 2009, the church received the following email.

Greetings, Tualatin Presbyterian Church ~

Our parents, Karl and Shirley Schultz are members of your congregation. We'd like you to know that their 50th Wedding Anniversary will be on December 27th, 2009!



To commemorate this special occasion, their children and grandchildren will enjoy an early celebration with them in Brookings, Oregon.

My two brothers and I are planning a family reunion celebration (including 13 family members, with four total families and with their 5 grandchildren) in July along the southern coast of Oregon.

I don't know if you print these kinds of notices in your newsletter...but in case you do...we thought this might be a fun addition and a happy future item for you to share with your church members.

Our parents are loving, constant reminders of what happy relationships, marriage, parenting, and grand parenting should be all about...and they are incredible role models to all of us, leading by example how important it is to give and share with those around us. They have always been generous with their love, support and energy, not only to us, but to many others who need it more than we do.

On behalf of:

Linda (Schultz), Tim, and Kate Ridgway
Gary, Julie, Sigourney, and Nikki Schultz
David Schultz, Paula Green, Oliver and Delaney Schultz

Best regards and many wishes for happiness to all of you. Thank you.

Linda Ridgway
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WHAT'S GOING ON



HANGING OF THE GREENS AND POTLUCK SUPPER Sunday, November 29, 5 PM

Depending on when this newsletter arrives in your mail box, the Hanging of the Greens is tomorrow night, Sunday, November 29, or it's already happened.

If you're reading this on Saturday, then join us tomorrow, Sunday, November 29 at 5 PM for the annual Hanging of the Greens Service. We'll decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas and a Christmas tree with warm hats, scarves, gloves and socks for those in need. (You may add warm clothing to the tree any time during Advent.)

After the service there will be a Potluck Supper, so bring something to share. There will be fellowship and good eats! And this year 30 people will have the opportunity to make a Yule Log. Don't miss out!



HANDBELL CONCERT

Bell Choir Concert Sunday, December 6 4 PM

Bells, bells, we'll ring those bells on Sunday afternoon at 4 PM on December 6. Last year the scheduled Christmas bell concert was snowed out. Hopefully that won't happen this year and the choir will have the opportunity to perform some Christmas music they prepared last year. Come for an hour of familiar carols, and some not-so-familiar Christmas music. What a delightful way to start the holiday season.

TPC COOKIE SALE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 9 AM to 1 PM

**Proceeds will be donated to
Quiet Waters Outreach,
the parent organization of
Tuesday's Treasures.**



If you would like to bake and donate cookies to this sale, sign up on the tower in the Narthex. Please bring the cookies to church on Friday, December 11 between 9 AM and 7 PM, or between 8 and 9 AM on Saturday.

If you're a cookie lover, we invite you to come to the sale, put on a pair of gloves and select from the variety of cookies. It's a U-pick cookie sale. Load up on the cookies you like and walk by the ones you don't. Cookies will sell for \$5.95/pound.

What is Quiet Waters Outreach?

Quiet Waters Outreach (QWO) is a Christian non-profit organization that provides critical support services to individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, and caregivers. Their services are focused on restoring families' spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

QWO responds to Christ's calling to reflect His love to all people. Our vision is that every person with a developmental disability is touched by Jesus and has a happy and healthy home.

QWO provides respite care. "Martha's Place & Selah West—Oregon's Only Bed and Breakfasts for People with Developmental Disabilities" provide overnight respite (Thursday-Sunday) care for individuals with developmental disabilities allowing their families and caregivers an opportunity for personal restoration from their intensive care-giving responsibilities.

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TPC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY Sunday, December 13

Rehearsal Schedule:

On Sunday, November 29, the children's choir/play rehearsal will take place during the normal Sunday School time, 9:30 to 10:15 AM.

On Sunday, December 6 there will be a children's choir/play rehearsal after worship. A light lunch will be provided.

On Saturday, December 12 there will be a rehearsal from 10 a.m. to noon.

On Sunday, December 13, there will be a choir/play rehearsal during Sunday School time, 9:30 to 10:15 AM. The play will be presented that morning during the worship service.

If you have questions, please contact Katrina Weener at 503-702-6154, email her at Katrina.weener@comcast.net or catch her at church on Sunday morning.



THIRD ANNUAL EVERS-HOOD OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY, DEC 20 5:00-9:00 PM

Everyone is invited to the 3rd Annual Evers-Hood Open House at 22216 SW 106th, Tualatin. Note new location! From TPC turn left on Boones Ferry. At an intersection with a light, turn right on Ibach Road; continue on as it becomes Grahams Ferry Rd. Turn right on Dogwood, and then right on 106th.

Please RSVP to evershood@yahoo.com. Also, please feel free to bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES 5 PM and 10 PM

The 5 PM service is family friendly with hymns, scripture readings and a children's moment.

The 10 PM service is a longer service with hymns, scripture readings, a sermon and communion.

Both services conclude with everyone lighting their own individual Christmas candle and singing Silent Night. All are invited.

2009 CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

If you wish to remember or honor someone special this Christmas Season, you may fill out the 2009 Christmas Memorials form that will be an insert in the Sunday bulletin and place the form, and your donation in the offering plate. Please make your check payable to TPC and write "Christmas Memorials" on the comment line.

Donations to this year's Christmas Memorial will be donated to Jean's Place, a transition home for single, homeless women. It is a "one of a kind" in the Portland Metro Area as most places offer assistance to families or to women with children. Jean's Place is a licensed non-profit that is operated by Transitions Projects Inc.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING Sunday, December 20

Your gift to the Christmas Joy Offering will help the church explore its partnership with families and individuals throughout their lives. Half the Offering supports racial ethnic schools and colleges where students can discover their call and develop the skills to respond to it. The other half supports the assistance programs of the Board of Pensions, keeping faith with those who have responded to that call in their lives, confident that the church would help them if they ever needed it. May our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering be an affirmation of our partnership in that faith.



Dinner for Volunteers at Essential Health Clinic

Wednesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 30th are our next opportunities to provide dinner for the medical volunteers who staff the Essential Health Clinic in Tigard. Run entirely by volunteers, the clinic space is provided by Washington County; the medical staff volunteers their services; medical supplies are donated by hospitals, clinics and pharmaceutical firms; and dinner for the medical staff is provided by local churches. Tualatin Presbyterian Church and our mission committee support this clinic by providing dinner for members of the medical staff who come to the clinic straight from their day jobs.

To provide dinners for these volunteers, we need people to volunteer to provide a main dish, salad, dessert or rolls. There will be sign-up sheets on the tower in the Narthex. If you are unable to deliver the food to the clinic on those Wednesdays, the food can be brought to TPC on Tuesday evening and someone will see that the food is delivered in a timely manner.

Kids Who Give—Katie's Kidz

From The Newsletter, Dec., 2009

At age 6, Katie Greene of Weddington, North Carolina, thought about what sort of Christmas the patients in the Children's Hospital would have. It occurred to Katie that, with help, she could provide a toy for each child. In 2006, she collected \$167 for her efforts, calling it "the best time of my life."

The next year, she began a Web site called Katie's Kidz; donations totaled \$2,600. Katie and her parents shopped for art supplies, board games, playing cards, gift cards and even iPod Shuffles. On Christmas Day, they took 600 toys to the hospital.

Katie put on a Santa hat and helped hospital workers deliver toys in red wagons. "Next year, we're going to do two hospitals," Katie said.



COOKING WITH SOUL TPC COOKBOOK ADVANCE SALES

If Lynn Scroggin, Chairwoman of the TPC Cookbook Committee, looks as if a weight has been lifted from her shoulders, it's because it has. The cookbook is being printed!!!

After taking the cookbook to the printer the first time, the committee learned there were more pages than the quote covered. The committee had to cut. The resulting leaner cookbook has 376 recipes.

You may pre-order cookbooks now. Cost is \$15 each. This book will make a terrific Christmas gift for those who like to cook and for those who are looking for ideas and inspiration.

Please make checks payable to TPC and write "Cookbook" on the comment line.

After costs, proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will go into the TPC Helping Hands Fund which helps our members in times of need.

If you live out of town and would like to order a cookbook, please send your name, mailing address and phone number or email address to:

Tualatin Presbyterian Church
Attn: Cookbook Committee
9230 SW Siletz Drive
Tualatin, OR 97062

Cost is \$15 plus \$4.50 shipping charge for each book. Make checks payable to TPC.

To everyone in the congregation, thank you for your support of this project. It was quite an undertaking, the scope of which the members of the committee better understood as time went by.

TPC Gets an AED

Did you notice the box on the wall near the office with a bright green box inside? That is our new AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Why would we want an AED at TPC, you ask.

Each day without warning the hearts of more than 930 Americans stop beating, according to American Heart Association statistics. Every year, more than 250,000 people die of sudden cardiac arrest on the way to the hospital. And up to 50,000 of those deaths could have been prevented if defibrillators were widely available in public gathering places and people were trained to use the equipment. That's why the Heart Association and Red Cross encourage the purchase of defibrillators for places where crowds gather.

The first moments after a heart stops are most critical for survival, and a shock – defibrillation – should be delivered within five minutes. The American College of Emergency Physicians warns that every minute without it decreases the chance of survival. After 10 minutes – less time than it takes most ambulances to arrive – survival is unlikely.

The Automated External Defibrillator is a portable electronic device that diagnoses potentially life threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient. It is able to treat those arrhythmias through defibrillation which is the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm. When used in conjunction with CPR, it gives the person suffering a potentially fatal heart attack a fighting chance.

Last July we had a CPR/AED class to train people to provide emergency treatment to people whose hearts stop beating and/or breathing ceases. They learned how to activate the emergency medical system, start CPR and use an AED appropriately. This was part of the preparation for TPC to be an AED site within the Tualatin Fire and Rescue system.

Another CPR/AED class will be offered in January in conjunction with a drill with TVF&R to simulate an emergency requiring AED use. Watch for a sign up sheet in December if you are interested in attending the January class.

Dianne Lemmon, TPC Parish Nurse

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2009

If you want your contributions to TPC to apply to tax year 2009, they must be at the church by December 31, 2009 or in an envelope postmarked no later than December 31, 2009.

PER CAPITA FOR 2009 AND 2010

Tualatin Presbyterian Church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and therefore has a relationship with every other church in the denomination, as well as with the governing bodies. We pay \$22.55 in per capita for each member on our rolls. Of this amount, \$11.23 goes to the Presbytery of the Cascades, \$5.17 goes to the Synod of the Pacific and \$6.15 goes to General Assembly.

Our per capita expense is not included in our annual budget. We ask each member to pay his or her own. If you have not paid your per capita for 2009, it's not too late. Simply write a check to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. We're also accepting checks for per capita for 2010.



SEEKING A PLEDGE CARD?

Pledge cards are included in the Sunday bulletin and extras are on a table in the Narthex. To turn one in, simply place it in the offering plate or take it to the office. Thank you.

2008 PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you're still trying to match names with faces, there are copies of the 2008 Photo Directory in the church office. The printed information inside may no longer be current, so pick up a copy of the current directory listing as well. Both are available on the front counter in the office.

POP CANS AND BOTTLES

Yes, we're still collecting them. Nickels add up.

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m., Friday – 9:00 a.m. to noon