



Getting to Know the Camerons...
Jeff, Susan, John and Heather

Jeff and Susan have lived on Bull Mountain for 22 years along with son John, age 20, who is a sophomore at Oregon State University studying mechanical engineering and 17 year old daughter, Heather, a senior at Tualatin High School, planning to attend the University of Oregon next fall to focus on fine arts, marketing and dance.

Jeff currently teaches drawing, graphic design and video production at George Fox University. He grew up in Forest Grove, graduating from Forest Grove High School. He received an Associate of Science degree from Judson Baptist College in Portland, Oregon and then a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Oregon State University. In 1983 Jeff began a 20-year career working in the in-house advertising department at Soloflex, the mail order company that designed and manufactured home exercise equipment. Remember the Soloflex infomercials? Jeff worked as an art director, producer and director behind many of those memorable 30-minute infomercials that ran on late night cable television during the 1980's and '90's. In those days it was fairly inexpensive advertising and the company made millions. By 2003 the home exercise equipment industry had serious competition, the company downsized and Jeff was laid off. In 2005 he got his contractor license and began a relatively short career building new houses, but that industry evaporated in

2008 with the recession. In the meantime Jeff had become an adjunct professor at George Fox University teaching night classes in graphic design, illustration and drawing. By 2013 the Department of Art & Design at George Fox was in need of another full time professor, Jeff applied and received the position.

A graduate of South Salem high school, Susan continued her studies at the University of Oregon where she received her Bachelors of Fine Arts degree focusing mainly in graphic design. In 1985, Jeff needed an assistant in the design department. Seeing an ad in the paper, Susan applied for the position at Soloflex. When Jeff saw Susan, who was coming in for an interview, he said to himself, "I'm in trouble." He hired her. The rest is history. They were married December 10, 1989 in First Presbyterian Church in Salem in a Scottish theme ceremony complete with bagpipes and Cameron Scottish tartan accents throughout the wedding attire and decorations.

Susan took time off to raise their children and now works in administration for Priority Footwear for Diabetics.

Jeff and Susan started attending TPC in December of 2013. They both have felt right at home with everyone at TPC. Susan is currently a deacon and Jeff recently created a new logo for TPC (see page 8 of this newsletter). They both usher monthly and occasionally Jeff will do the scripture reading.

Some of Jeff's hobbies include woodworking and cartooning. Jeff has his private pilot's license for helicopter but has not flown in several years. Susan enjoys knitting, scrapbooking and baking. Son John has been a competitive swimmer until entering college but still is near the pool as he is a lifeguard at OSU and the Tigard-Tualatin Aquatic District. Daughter Heather has been a competitive dancer since she was eight years old. She dances for Fired Up dance team and is also on the Tualatin High School dance team.

Mary Maleta, Parish 12 Deacon

YOUTH GROUP—THE AWAKENING
will not meet during the month of December.



EVERS-HOOD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to the Evers-Hood Annual Christmas Open House on Monday, Dec 22 from 5:00-8:30 p.m. Join us to celebrate some Christmas cheer - all are welcome, including your Uncle Fred. Please bring an app, dessert or beverage to share. RSVP to the church office; directions to their home are available as well.

(503) 692-4160 or office@tpcspirit.org

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 24th

“**The Messiah,**” our family friendly service will be at 5:00 p.m. We will have participation by children and adults as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Come join us in a warm, welcoming service for the entire family.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service: 10:00 p.m. We will gather to proclaim the birth of the Savior and rejoice at His coming. Special music will be provided by the Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir. Communion will be served and all are welcome at the Table of the Lord. We invite you to come and enjoy this blessed worship experience.

Joan Nardi, Worship Elder

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

As a congregation, we strongly support four denomination-wide offerings. This month, we are asking for donations in support of the Christmas Joy Offering, which supports retired church workers and their survivors who experience devastating events or challenges. Rarely are these events expected, but when they do happen, they can wipe out a lifetime’s savings in the blink of an eye. This offering provides essential funding to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions which enables providential help to those in need.

On behalf of the Mission Committee, we ask that you help support this program. You will find en-

velopes in the bulletins for the last two Sundays of December as well as the Christmas Eve service.

Chip Kyle, Mission Committee Elder

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It’s time once again for TPC’s annual Christmas Giving Tree. We will have a **slightly different process** this year, in order to better track the gift donations. Each ornament on the tree represents one gift for one child identified by the Tigidard-Tualatin School District as needing a little extra help this Christmas. As you take an ornament off the tree, notice that each colored paper ornament has a white copy behind it. Please remove the white copy, write your name in the space provided, and turn it into the box by the tree. Take the colored ornament with you to know what the child wants. When you return your wrapped gift, please tape the colored ornament to it as a label so it will go to the correct child.

The giving tree is now in place. All gifts should be returned and placed under the tree no later than Sunday, December 14. If you are interested in delivering gifts to a family, please contact me. Thanks for helping these kids have a better Christmas in Jesus’ name.

Rebecca Olsen, Mission Committee Member

2014 Christmas Memorial Gifts Offering

Every Advent season, TPC takes up a Memorial Gift offering to honor loved ones and give back to a deserving organization within the community. Donations can be made in any amount and given in honor of a living loved one or in memory of those passed. If you would like to make a Memorial Gift, please fill out the insert in Sunday’s weekly bulletin. All proceeds from this year’s Memorial Gifts will go to Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), a nationwide nonprofit that trains service dogs and skilled companions for sites and citizens in need of a helping hand (or paw).

Donations will be collected Sunday, December 7 and December 14. Those giving via check may make donations out to Tualatin Presbyterian Church and include the phrase “Memorial Gift” in the memo line. Those giving via cash may use the

pew envelope included in the weekly bulletin and mark "Memorial Gift" on the outside of the envelope. The names of those honored will be printed in the Sunday bulletins on December 21 and December 28.



Canine Companions for Independence trains and places service dogs with owners they can best serve. Dogs are raised from puppies with volunteer families and trainers (including TPC's own Sue Awdry), then matched with facilities and individuals in need of their care.

CCI-trained dogs provide increased mobility, companionship, and independence for their handlers. More information about Canine Companions for Independence can be found at cci.org. For more information about the Memorial Gift contact the church office, (503) 692-4160.

Annica Gage, Mission Committee Members

JANUS PROJECT

Just a reminder... Please consider hanging hats, gloves, mittens, and warm socks on the Janus Tree this month. The tree is located in the narthex. The Janus Project is an organization (see information on www.janusyouth.org) that provides these items to needy youth in the area. Last year our congregation donated 102 hats, 115 pairs of gloves/mittens, 141 pairs of socks, and 18 scarves to the youth served by this organization. Please consider sharing with these youth again this year. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Bob Eddy, Mission Committee Member



COOKIE SALE sponsored by the Mission Committee Saturday, December 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come early for the best selection.

Buyers put on plastic gloves and select the type and number of cookies they want. Cookies will sell for \$5.95/pound. Proceeds will go to Compassion International Fund to support Sarah in Uganda and Estalin in Ecuador.

Russ Carlin, Mission Committee Member

TPC Treasures Program

God gives us what we need, so TRUST

GOD! That was the theme for our November Treasure Night. Our group, consisting of developmentally disabled adults and TPC volunteers, met with a special purpose: to thank Steve Ristow and his family for their decades of serving Treasures through Quiet Waters Outreach, the non-profit Steve founded. In March the Ristow family will move to the remote Alaskan village of Port Graham to serve as missionaries to the native Aleutiiq population. They will most certainly need to TRUST GOD in this challenging adventure.

The Treasures, volunteers and caregivers shared appreciation in the form of memories, songs, cards, a musical CD (created by Erik), photos....and prayers for God to give the Ristows what they need in this new ministry.

Thanks to our newest Treasure volunteers: Bud Bender & Jackie Norman.

For information about our Treasure program, contact Carolyn Locke clockezoo@gmail.com



Pictured above are...

Back row left to right: Cliff Hoff, Carolyn Locke, Barbara Harriman, Ted Lambeth, Cathy Lambeth, Piper Hammer (in front of Cathy), Will Hammer, Wyatt Hammer

Bottom row left to right: Barbara Larson, Shirley Dechaine, Audrey Ristow, Steve Ristow, Maddie Ristow, Klaira Ristow, Denise Collins.



FELLOWSHIP DINNER GROUPS

Fellowship Dinners are groups of 7 to 9 people who meet once a month for four months for a meal, usually dinner, and fellowship. The groups usually meet in homes, but they have also met in restaurants, parks and at TPC. The hosts provide the main course and others bring side dishes, dessert, etc. Sometimes games or activities are included. Each group decides the times that work best for all to gather. After each four-month phase the computer comes up with new random groups. This gives everybody the chance to connect and know even more people in the church.

While most groups meet in the evening for dinner, a brunch/late morning meal has sometimes worked best. The question in the newsletter last August about having a designated dinner group that met only during daylight hours received a handful of volunteers but no actual requests, and has been dropped unless someone brings it up again. It is always an option any group may choose.

If you haven't participated before, now is an excellent time to begin. New church members will find this a great way to get better acquainted and long-time members find it a way to expand their relationships with other church members.

Now is the time to sign up for the new round of fellowship dinners that will start in January. Current participants in the Autumn phase are already signed up, and do not need to do anything to continue. (Only once a year, in August, we ask everyone to sign up again. However, if you are a current participant and wish to opt out of the Winter phase, let us know by Dec. 14th.) You may sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or by emailing Rick Crall, Crall@spiritone.com **by December 14th.** You will receive an email with your group listed about December 19th, and the groups will be posted on the Narthex tower on Sunday, December 21st.

NOVEMBER SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Carolyn Barker, Clerk of Session

Action Items:

- Source of the roof leak has been found and a repair bid was approved.
- Marriage Registers and Inactive Membership Rolls are no longer required of Presbyterian USA churches. TPC will no longer maintain those registers.
- The Session clerk position description was updated.
- Approval was given to change the employee policy regarding paid time off effective January 1, 2015.
- Changes were approved to ruling elder position descriptions and titles effective May 2015. The Administration Elder will change to Stewardship and Administration Elder. Youth Elder and Christian Education Elder positions will be combined into a Family Ministry Elder. A Long Range Planning Elder position will be created.

Committee Reports and Other News:

- Meg Lewis-Price, Inquirer for Ministry with the Cascades Presbytery, met with session to report on her work as Family Ministries Director at the Newberg First United Methodist Church. Elder John Casebeer was appointed to serve as her session liaison.
- The Cascades Presbytery adopted amendments in November to require a child protection policy in all churches and to allow ministers to choose to perform marriages meeting the requirements of civil law.
- The above information has been compiled from Session minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY



The pantry currently needs the following items:

Canned peas, canned tomatoes (sliced, diced, stewed), boxed mac and cheese, canned chili, canned

kid pasta, toothpaste, shampoo and bar soap.

For more information, consult the website

www.schoolhousepantry.org

Tracy Smith, TSHP Program Coordinator
503-783-0721



IMPROVING YOUR HEALTH

Here is a holiday song from the Centers for Disease Control to boost your health. Sing this to the tune of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

1. The **first** way to health, said the CDC to me **Wash hands** to be safe and healthy.
2. The **second** way to health, said the CDC to me **Bundle up for warmth**, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
3. The **third** way to health, said the CDC to me **Manage stress**, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
4. The **fourth** way to health, said the CDC to me **Don't drink and drive**, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
5. The **fifth** way to health, said the CDC to me **BE SMOKE-FREE**, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
6. The **sixth** way to health, said the CDC to me **Fasten belts while driving**, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
7. The **seventh** way to health, said the CDC to me **Get exams and screenings**, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
8. The **eighth** way to health, said the CDC to me **Get your vaccinations**, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
9. The **ninth** way to health, said the CDC to me **Monitor the children**, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.
10. The **tenth** way to health, said the CDC to me **Practice fire safety**, monitor the children, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.

11. The **eleventh** way to health, said the CDC to me **Prepare dinner safely**, practice fire safety, monitor the children, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.

12. The **twelfth** way to health, said the CDC to me **Eat well and get moving**, prepare dinner safely, practice fire safety, monitor the children, get your vaccinations, get exams and screenings, fasten belts while driving, BE SMOKE-FREE, don't drink and drive, manage stress, bundle up for warmth, and wash hands to be safe and healthy.

Happy Holidays!

Submitted by Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT Now through December 7

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED

for Sunday morning coffee hours. Please see Myrna Friese to volunteer your yummys or email her at myrjfri@aol.com."

ADULT EDGE

This adult education class meets on Sundays, **from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.** downstairs in the youth room.

Hope to see you there!

John Casebeer, Adult Education Elder



**Rose City United Methodist Church
5830 NE Alameda (1/2 block off Sandy)**

Presents

**Sing We Now of Christmas
Sunday, December 7 at 3 p.m.**

Featuring sacred and secular music by choir, soloists, brass ensemble, handbells, organ, piano and percussion.

Free will offering

**Bryon Fulop Laing, violinist
Sunday, December 21 at 3 p.m.**

Free will offering.



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of November 30, ninety-two pledge cards had been returned. Seventy percent of those cards reflected a pledge increase of 10%. Total pledged thus far is \$235,579.

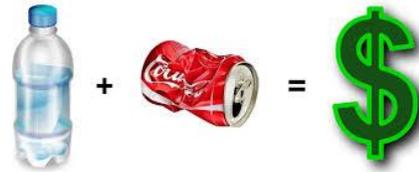
Thank you to all who have turned in pledge cards. This gives session real numbers to look at as they budget for the coming year.

It's not too late to turn in a card; we're still accepting them. Smile.

Dave Backen, Administration Elder

2014 DONATIONS

Maximum tax benefits depend on timing. To have donations included on your year-end 2014 Contribution Statement, date your check on or before Dec 31, 2014 and mail it so that it is postmarked no later than Wednesday, 12/31/2014 or hand deliver it to the church office by 3pm Wednesday, December 31. Thank you for your support of the ministries of the church during this past year.



MONEY RECEIVED FROM POP CANS

Pop can revenues received thus far in 2014 total \$207.40. This translates to 4,148 cans or bottles that did not go into a landfill. Thanks, everyone.

ANNUAL PER CAPITA (can be thought of as Presbyterian Membership Dues)

TPC's 2014 per capita expense was over \$7,000. Per capita is not covered by income from pledges. We ask each member to pay their own per capita in addition to their regular pledge or tithe. The 2014 per capita amount is \$25.24/member. When paying per capita, please write "per capita" on your check or offering envelope. Thank you.

Rhoda Friesen, Financial Assistant

SHOP ON AMAZON AND DONATE TO TPC

Do you shop on Amazon.com? If so, you can help TPC! Amazon will donate 1/2 of 1% of your purchases to a charity of choice, if you start your purchase on the website *smile.amazon.com*. When asked to select a charity, choose Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Then shop as normal. Easy!

PASTOR KEN'S SERMONS ON LINE

Each Sunday, John Martin tapes Ken's sermons. If you miss a Sunday, you can catch up on the sermon by going to the church website, tpcspirit.org. Hover over Worship, then click on Sermons from the pull-down menu. Select the date, then start the video by clicking on the arrow on the left side of the screen.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Debby Owen
- 1—Karen Carlin
- 1—Henry Harris
- 4—Tomette Schuhmann
- 4—Emma Steffen
- 6—Wayne C. Willis
- 6—Greg Owen
- 7—Rick Crall
- 7—Nancy Catanese
- 8—Liz Reding
- 9—Leah Olson

- 10—John DeHoney
- 10—Tanuja Senthirajah
- 13—Barbara Kozak
- 13—William Evers-Hood
- 14—Barb Thomason
- 15—Jackie Dannemiller
- 15—Tessa Kehoe
- 16—Stacy Bartlett
- 17—Clare Hahn
- 17—Greg Imus
- 18—Barbara Kerr

- 19—Dorothy Butts
- 19—Bonnie Nord
- 22—Rick Norse
- 26—Jackie Mazzuca
- 27—Myrna Friesen
- 28—Norm Dannemiller
- 29—Dan Peters

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

For the latest calendar updates, go to www.tpcspirit.org and click on calendar.

December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7 pm Choir rehearsal	4 6:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal	5	6 5:30-8 p.m. Living Nativity
7 8:45 a.m. Adult EDGE 10:00 Worship Sunday School 11:15—1:15 Youth meet with David Kelly	8 7 p.m. Deacon meeting	9 7 pm Mission meeting 7 pm Fellowship meeting	10 7 pm Choir rehearsal	11 6:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7 pm Finance Meeting (O)	12	13 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cookie Sale 5:30 p.m. Progressive Dinner—off site
14 8:45 a.m. Adult EDGE 10:00 Worship Sunday School	15	16 7 pm Tuesday's Treasures	17 7 pm Choir rehearsal	18 6:45 pm Bell Choir rehearsal	19	20 7:30 to 9 a.m. Men's Fellowship at Hayden's.
21 8:45 a.m. Adult EDGE 10:00 Worship Sunday School	22 5-8:30 p.m. Evers-Hood Open House	23	24 5 p.m. Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service 10 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service with communion	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 8:45 a.m. Adult EDGE 10:00 Worship Sunday School	29	30	31 7 pm Choir rehearsal			

Regular TPC office hours are Monday through Thursday,
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Office hours can vary; call ahead to confirm the office is open.

2014 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 10/31/14	\$262,634	\$257,648	\$4,986
Operating Expenses Year to Date 10/31/14	\$258,284	\$267,370	\$9,086



9230 SW Siletz Drive
Tualatin, OR 97062



All are invited to the
Living Nativity
at Tualatin Presbyterian Church
Saturday, December 6
5:30 to 8 p.m.

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9230 SW Siletz Drive, Tualatin, OR 97062

The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood, Pastor

Phone: 503-692-4160 **Web Address:** www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

Worship Service – Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Associate: The Rev. Charlie Brown

Elders: Dave Backen, John Casebeer, Chip Kyle, Joan Nardi, Judy Nix, Bob Paetsch, Emily Ricker, Kathy Sweetland, and Katrina Weener.

Deacons: Julian Awdry, Becky Backen, Dan Barker, Karen Black, Susan Cameron, Russ Carlin, Rebecca Crall, Susan Fee, Barbara Harriman, Barb Kerr, Mary Maleta, Jackie Norman.

Office Manager: Susan Springer

Financial Assistant: Rhoda Friesen

Director of Music Ministries: Dr. David Kelly

Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Temporary Director of Youth & Fam. Min.: Katrina Weener

Director of Youth & Fam. Min. (on leave): Andrew Hall

Art Director: Mary Shiffer

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Carolyn Barker

Cookie Coordinator: Myrna Friese

Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Parish Nurse: Dianne Lemmon

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers

Tuesdays Treasures: Carolyn Locke

Webmaster: John Martin

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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