



SUSAN CAMERON, DEACON TO THE DEACONS
Being a bright spot in other people’s lives is one of Susan Cameron’s favorite things about being a TPC deacon. In fact, those who have benefited from her warm spirit, wise counsel, and wonderful sense of humor would say that it’s her ministry. Now in her fifth year of service, Susan serves not only as the Deacon for Parish 3, but also as Deacon to the Deacons.

Susan enjoyed being a deacon, so in her third year, she agreed to become the Chair, a position that was usually rotated. She found that supporting and leading the other deacons was not only very personally rewarding but helpful for the team. So, when the year came to an end, she

suggested a new position of “Deacon to the Deacons.” Thus, a new 13th Parish was created to serve all current deacons.

Supporting the Deacons, coordinating monthly meetings, attending Session meetings as the Deacon Rep, and keeping the rest of the Deacon team abreast of what is going on in the church, are just a few of the many things Susan does. She also facilitates events like Deacon Donuts, and spearheads projects such as sending gift boxes and cards to support TPC college students. Lest you think she is superwoman, she wants to remind you that she is just the coordinator; the work is being shared by all the Deacons.

A life-long Presbyterian, (she grew up at 1st Presbyterian in Salem) Susan came to TPC about 6 years ago along with her husband, Jeff, and their kids, John and Heather (both of whom are now out of the house). Within a year, she became a deacon and it has been a very good experience; she believes it has allowed her to learn what people have to offer and has helped her grow in her faith. “I love seeing TPC people grow to trust their Deacon and share their lives” Susan says, “in fact, that will continue to be my focus: how we, as deacons, can better connect.”

Susan likes to refer to her “Deacon Family” and if that’s the case then she must be that family’s amazing big sister. She offers valuable leadership, tangible support, and genuine friendship to all of the Deacons. What’s more, she shares lots of awesome recipes, makes a mean Mac & Cheese, and throws great card-making parties in the process!

Thanks Susan! You are appreciated!

Pamela White, Deacon of Parish 12





KAROLYN AND EMERY PHILLIPS

I would like to spot light Karolyn and Emery Phillips. I recently visited them at their home. When I arrived Emery came running (I mean running) from across the street where he was installing cabinets in the neighbor's garage, and Karolyn was inside sewing tiny beads and sequins on a Christmas stocking for her 3-month-old great granddaughter. Those two have lots of energy! Mikey, who is the cutest, most mellow Shih Tzu I have met, rounds out the family.

Karolyn grew up in Coos Bay and Emery in Coquille. Both were involved in sports; Karolyn golfed and was on rally and Emery played basketball and football. They have been married 58 years and were married in the Coos Bay Presbyterian Church. They raised their two girls and one boy in Coos Bay in the house they lived in for 45 years. They also have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Karolyn mostly was home with their kids but worked in part time accounting jobs that she loved. Emery worked while in high school and eventually became a purchasing agent.

Three years ago they moved to Summerfield, and now are closer to their daughter who lives in Beaverton and their son who lives in McMinnville. They love the Summerfield community and its proximity to a golf course. It sounds like Karolyn was a formidable golfer and although she no longer golfs, Emery does and has played with TPC men. Emery was a member of the Southwest Oregon Basketball Officials for 30 years. He was the commissioner for a number of years. He has refereed high school games, boys and girls, varsity and junior varsity for 58 years. He still referees twice a week. That means running up and down the courts! AMAZING. He always was a runner and in fact has run the Portland Marathon twice.

Karolyn keeps busy sewing, playing cards and shopping. Emery is the neighborhood handyman and deck builder. Since he expanded their deck at Summerfield he has built four more decks for neighbors.

They came to TPC at the recommendation of Bob Eddy who also was from Coos Bay. At TPC Karolyn has helped with the blood bank and as a cheer leader at the construction of the Family Promise house. Of course Emery was on a ladder helping with gutters.

Emery and Bob Eddy made the new Janus tree that collects hats, gloves and scarves for at-risk youth. They also belong to the dinner groups at TPC. Emery sang in the choir in Coos Bay but has retired from that. It was a pleasure to visit with them at their home. They exhibit what it means to do God's work in their lives... with enthusiasm

Carolyn Hale, Deacon of Parish 10

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It's time once again for TPC's annual Christmas Giving Tree. The Tigard Tualatin School District has given us 6 families (26 children) who could use a little support this Christmas. There are three ways you can help.

1. Buy a gift for a child. Take a paper ornament off the white giving tree. The colored paper tells you all you need to buy the gift. When you return your wrapped gift (by December 16th) please tape the colored ornament to the gift as a label so it goes to the correct child.
2. Donate cash toward the purchase of a Christmas meal. Each family will get a Winco Gift Card to purchase items for a holiday meal. Please write "Food Basket" on your check or envelope.
3. Sign up to be a Delivery Santa. Gifts are delivered between December 17th and 22nd. Please see me to sign up.

Thanks for helping these kids have a joyous Christmas in Jesus' name.

Rebecca Olsen, Mission Committee Member



TRIENNIUM 2019 IS THIS SUMMER! Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering for high school age youth from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Cumberland

Presbyterian Church that occurs every three years. The 2019 event is July 16-20, 2019 at Purdue University in Indiana. The theme for the 2019 event is "Here's My Heart".

Ages: Incoming high school freshmen to outgoing seniors.

Registration Deadline is Sunday, December 16. Any high school student who is interested in attending should contact Sarah Beck ASAP.

TUESDAYS TREASURES

This year our Tuesday Treasures theme is "Friends Jesus Treasures." So far, we have met James and John; and Mary and Martha. On December 18, we will divert from our theme to focus on The Christmas Story. It will be a special night as Treasures participate in telling the Christmas Story. We will also have a fun activity matching baby pictures to our volunteers. (Volunteers, remember to get Mike Shiffer a baby / toddler picture of yourself.)

If you are interested in learning more about Tuesday Treasures talk to Mike or Mary Shiffer, or Denise Collins. Our Treasures will meet beginning at 7:00 PM on the following dates: December 18, January 15, February 19 (Special Friendship concert), March 19, April 16 and May 21.

NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS START TRAINING IN JANUARY

In January, 2019, four members of TPC will start training to become Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Leaders are proud and pleased to announce the trainees are Pam Cameron, Sandy Gurney, Kerry Hormann, and Joan Nardi.

TAX SAVINGS STRATEGIES FOR END OF YEAR CONSIDERATIONS - GIVING DIRECTED THROUGH AN IRA ACCOUNT

If you are 70 ½ or older and have a traditional IRA, the following example illustrates how you might find it beneficial to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution through your IRA.

Sam and Betty are both 73 years old and they file a joint income tax return. Sam plans to contribute \$3,000 to his church. Changes to federal tax law now entitle Sam and Betty to a \$26,600 standard deduction on their joint federal return. Since this exceeds their itemized deductions (how charitable donations are deducted), they will utilize the federal standard deduction giving up the tax benefit of itemizing and deducting charitable contributions.

Sam has a *traditional* IRA account and his required minimum distribution this year is \$4,000. After consultation with his tax advisor, Sam directs his IRA institutional holder to pay \$3,000 directly from his IRA account to the church. Normally an IRA distribution would be taxable. However, in this instance it is not taxable because of a special law for those 70 ½ or older that allows an offset to taxable IRA income by qualified gift distributions. This will enable Sam and Betty to receive a tax benefit for their charitable gift without itemizing deductions. The charitable distribution will also count toward meeting Sam's annual required minimum distribution.

Always consult with your tax advisor, as well as your institutional holder, to determine whether you would benefit since situations may vary and tax legislation is complex.

Your TPC Finance Team

FIFTY-SIX PURPLE CAPS

Click for Babies is a program that teaches new parents about the Period of Purple Crying. From two weeks to four months of age, it is normal for babies to cry a lot. This program teaches parents about this developmental stage; knowledge helps prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Thank you to everyone who knitted or crocheted one or more of the 56 purple caps TPC donated to this education drive.

Mary Ortez.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Home by Another Way, A Christmas Story, Barbara Brown Taylor. This is a beautifully illustrated children's Christmas book. Tells the story of following a special star.

Advent in Narnia Reflections for the Season, Heidi Haverkamp. Uses C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* to have Advent reflection. Very thoughtful readings appropriate for children to adults, even a church Advent study.

Celebrating Abundance Devotions for Advent, Walter Brueggemann. Thoughtful devotions of truth-telling, powerful reflections.

Walking Backwards to Christmas, Stephen Cottrel. Interesting approach if you are tired of the more normal advent readings. This starts after Christ is presented in the Temple and finishes with Isaiah and Moses. Gives new revelations to a well known story.

God is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Writings of the German theologian who was executed by the Nazi's just before the end of World War II.

Christ in the Carol: Thirty-one Devotionals for Christmas and Advent, Christopher and Melodie Lane. For music lovers, this reflects on one carol each day bringing new understandings and information of Advent and Christmas music.

Between Two Worlds: Daily Readings for Advent, Kate Moorehead. Written by a busy Episcopal priest, wife and mother who reflects on what can be set aside and what is important to do in this busy season.

Advent and Christmas: Wisdom from Henri J.M. Nouwen by Judy Bauer (author and compiler) An outstanding writer who challenges and inspires and knows our hearts.

Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditation for Advent, Richard Rohr. Rohr challenges us to not settle for an "infantile gospel or any infantile Jesus. The word of God to confront, convert and console us, in that order."

Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas, compiled by the Plough Publishing House. This outstanding anthology offers a spiritual reading for each day of the holiday season, drawn from numerous inspirational writers including Thomas Aquinas, Meister Eckhart, Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, C.S. Lewis, Thomas Merton, Philip Yancey, Madeleine L'Engle, Henri Nouwen, Kathleen Norris and Annie Dillard

This list was compiled by Carolyn Hale.

JANUS TREE FULLY DECORATED

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous support of the Janus Youth Programs. The tree in the narthex was festooned with 123 pairs of socks, 58 pairs of mittens / gloves, 52 hats, 39 scarves, 10 jackets and multiple sets of thermal underwear. These items will help ward off the cold and damp of winter for at-risk youth in the Portland area. Five large bags containing these items were delivered to the administrative office of Janus Youth Programs downtown on Wednesday morning, November 28th. The staff was particularly grateful to receive the donations at the start of winter, before the worst of the weather begins. They said the items will be put to immediate use as youth are already requesting them. On behalf of the entire Mission Committee, thank you!

Chip Kyle

SESSION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Tualatin Presbyterian Church is represented at the next level of the Presbyterian Church (USA), The Presbytery, by our commissioners John and Jean Martin. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in serving in this role, please contact Pastor Ken or the Clerk of Session (Rick Crall) for more information or answers to any questions. Annual election of the commissioners by Session is in January or February each year.

At the November Session meeting, our commissioners reported on the November meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades. A highlight of the meeting was Annica Gage's presentation and Presbytery's approval for her advancement to Candidate for ordination as a pastor, a teaching elder, in the ordered ministry of the church.

The above information has been compiled from meeting minutes. Complete copies of minutes and reports are available in the church office.

Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

PEACE AND WONDER: The Sanctuary Advent Appointments

Appointments are all the things that cover the walls, ceiling, communion table, pulpit and anything else in the sanctuary. We don't call them decorations because their purpose is to enhance worship, not merely to look pretty. The theme for this year's Advent is Peace, Wonder, and Hope. Here are the reasons for my choice.

We find ourselves surrounded by division, uncertainty, and violence. The people I talk to say they are stressed, anxious, and exhausted. I wanted to provide a sacred space where all people could find sanctuary (no pun intended) and worship in peace, unity, and hope. I also wanted to help people experience the wonder and mystery of God's grace as we await the coming of the Christ Child.

I chose the two prints of paintings because of their dramatic use of light. "The Nativity" by Pier Maria Bagnadore (Italian, 1550-1627) has two sources of light. The infant Jesus lights the stable so brightly that the shepherds have to hide their eyes. The second source of light is heavenly and shines down from the top of the painting.

In his painting, "The Annunciation" Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937) depicts the angel Gabriel as a being of heavenly light, again, illuminating Mary's dark room. Born in Philadelphia, Tanner was the son of a former slave and an African Methodist Episcopal bishop. He was the first African American painter to gain international acclaim. He lived in Paris most of his adult life to avoid the racism in the United States. He was accepted in French artistic circles.

The two canvas paintings by the TPC art team and the mixed media painting by Nancy Wilcox celebrate our TPC community and the amazing gifts we all share with each other. Monks drew the images to illuminate a manuscript in Spain sometime between 900-1000 C.E. We merely copied. Nancy's inspiration came from a contemporary photo. I think of all that has happened in the world since those monks made those illuminations a thousand years ago, and how Christians lit the Advent candles every year, through war and peace, sickness and health, famine and prosperity. I think of all that has happened in our church since Nancy did her peaceful painting. We are still here united by Christ in one church as we have been for centuries.

We draw from tradition the old purple appointments and candles used for hundreds of year. The purple candles symbolizing hope, faith and peace. We light the single rose candle for Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent. Gaudete is Latin for rejoice. It is the Joy Candle. "Joy is based on the spiritual knowledge that, while the world in which we live is shrouded in darkness, God has overcome the world." –Henry J.M. Nouwen

Finally we light the white Christ candle on Christmas Eve, a more recent tradition. We remember the coming of the holy infant, the light of the world. "The light shines on in the dark, and the darkness has never mastered it." John 1:5, *The New English Bible*

As for wonder, Bob Paetsch and I wondered all afternoon as we built and installed our new ceiling hangings, if they would instill a sense of wonder in our worshipers and enhance their sense of wonder and mystery of the Incarnation during this holy season. Chris Robertson, Worship Elder

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

Currently the pantry is in need of canned fruit, canned soup, canned meals (chili, pasta, etc.), boxed mac and cheese, and powdered laundry detergent. They can always use extra paper grocery bags.

UPDATED DIRECTORIES

are available on the table to the right as you enter the office. If we run out, more will be printed.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE SERVERS

Coffee servers are always appreciated!! You can sign up on the TPC web site (<https://goo.gl/9imGAU>) OR notify Bonnie Nord (nordb51@gmail.com) and she will sign you up. When there are coffee servers, there will be cookies after worship on Sunday mornings!!! Thank you, thank you.

SUNDAY MORNING

GREETERS AND USHERS at 9:30 am

Every Sunday two people stand by the front door of the church and greet people as they arrive. Two additional people stand near the glass doors leading into the sanctuary and pass out bulletins. Can you help? There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. Choose a date that works for you and sign up. Thank you.

TPC IN PHOTOS



Harvest Potluck, Sunday, November 4



Ella teaching how to make Barth (bath) Bombs



Sunday morning Sunday School



**Youth
Hosting
Coffee
Hour**

PAM'S HARVEST POTLUCK RECIPE

Printed by popular request.

Better than Robert Redford Recipe

Makes 16 servings. Prep: 20 minutes

Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes

Refrigerate: at least 2 hours or overnight

- 1 C all-purpose flour
- 1 C coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1/2 C (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 pkg (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 C confectioners' sugar
- 1 container (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 4 C milk
- 2 boxes (3.4 oz each) instant vanilla pudding
- 2 boxes (3.9 oz each) instant chocolate pudding
- Chopped nuts, chocolate curls

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Coat 13X9X2 inch baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.
- 2 In a medium-size bowl, mix flour, walnuts and butter. Pat into prepared dish. Back at 350 for 15 minutes. Cool.
3. In a bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Fold in half of the whipped topping. Spread over cooled crust.
4. Prepare vanilla pudding using 2 cups of the milk. Spread over cream cheese layer. Prepare chocolate pudding with the remaining 2 cups milk. Spread over the vanilla pudding layer. Spread remaining whipped topping over pudding. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight. Sprinkle with nuts and chocolate curls. Cut into squares.

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Please call ahead to confirm the office is open.
Monday, 9 a.m. to noon,
Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
and Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

2018 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 10/31/18	\$332,859	\$334,612	(1,752)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 10/31/18	\$328,552	\$340,725	\$12,173

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

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

December, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 4 pm Hanging of the Greens and Potluck	3	4	5 7 pm Mission Mtg 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	7	8 9 to noon Chancel Choir rehearsal
9 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 5:30 pm TPC Open House at Hayhurst's home	10 6-8 pm Elder, Deacon and Staff Gathering at Evers-Hood home	11 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed and Supervision	12 10 am Loving Stitches 7 pm Chancel- Choir Rehearsal	13 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	14	15 7:00 am Men's Break- fast off site 9 am to 2 pm Mission spon- sored Cookie Sale
16 8:30 Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School 11:30 am Session Meeting	17 6:30 to 9 pm Boy Scout COH (S,K,N)	18 7 pm Tuesdays Treasures	19 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 10-11:30 am Book Club #1 at Hagan home. 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 5 to 9 pm Evers- Hood Open House	21	22 5 to 8 pm Parent's Night Out and Children's program re- hearsal
23 NO Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	24 5 pm Family Friendly Christmas Eve Service 8 pm Tradition- al Christmas Eve Service w/ communion	25 Christmas Day	26 10 am Loving Stitches	27 10-11:30 am Book Club #2 at Hagan home No Bell Choir Rehearsal	28	29
30 No Adult Edge 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	31					

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

----Rebecca Olsen

01-Karen Carlin

01-Henry Harris

01-Debby Owen

03-Anya Ramos

04-Tomette Schuhmann

04-Emma Steffen

05-Megan Swanson

06-Lisa Canterbury

06-Greg Owen

06-Wayne Willis

07-Nancy Catanese

07-Rick Crall

08-Liz Redding

09-Leah Olson

10-Tanuja Carlson

10-John DeHoney

13-Ches Evers-Hood

13-Barbara Kozak

14-Barb Thomason

15-Jackie Dannemiller

15-Tessa Kehoe

17-Greg Imus

18-Barbara Kerr

19-Dorothy Butts

19-Bonnie Nord

22-Rick Norse

23-Ian Swanson

26-Jackie Mazzuca

27-Myrna Friese

28-Norm Dannemiller

29-Dan Peters



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

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

Parish Associates: The Rev. Charlie Brown, The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers

Elders: Craig Bowen, Russ Carlin, John Casebeer, Jeff Engh, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Emily Ricker, Chris Robertson and Maureen Wolf

Deacons: Derrilyn Bayha, Jan Bender, Susan Cameron, Peggy Gibbons, Emily Gibson, Carolyn Hale, Jason James, Gina Olson, Kerry Weaver, Rob Wiesenthal, Pamela White and Chapin Zakrzewski.

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck
Administrative Assistant: Susan Springer
Financial Assistant: Mike Shiffer
Director of Music Ministries: Gary Young
Accompanist: Dr. Ron Fabbro
Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov
Building and Grounds Caretaker: Bob Paetsch
Art Director: Chris Robertson
Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall
Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Rick Crall
Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst
Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord
Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch
Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Mike Weaver
Parish Nurse: Susan Fee
Prayer Chain: Greg Imus
Treasurer: Jennifer Ayers
Tuesdays Treasures Coor: M&M Shiffer, Denise Collins
Webmaster: John Martin
Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

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