

A LOOK BACK NEWSLETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 2004



TPC Calls Pastor Ken Evers-Hood

On August 8, 2004, Tualatin Presbyterian Church held a congregational meeting and voted to call The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood (say “ken eevers hood) as our next pastor. Ken is shown above with wife Melissa and son Will. Ken and Melissa are purchasing a house in Tualatin and Ken will begin his call as our second called pastor on September 16, 2004. Ken has a degree in Humanities from University of Texas and an MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary. Melissa has a Civil Engineering degree from University of Texas and also holds an MBA degree. Melissa will be working for Intel. Will’s job is to be the super cute PK that he already is. Welcome Ken, Melissa and Will.

A special thanks to the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) for their dedication, time and wonderful job in choosing Ken. Those on the committee were Mike Shiffer, Dave Backen, Del Judy, Rebecca Crall, Mark Olson, Nike Nelson, Greg Imus, Cathy Lembath and Carolyn Locke.



REFLECTIONS ON KEN'S DEPARTURE

by Rebecca Backen

When this newsletter arrives in our emails, most of us will be feeling the differences in weather. We will have experienced several days of much needed rain, there will have been hoar frost on woody shrubs and grass and the possibility of snow will set many a hearts aflame. On the flip side, most have finished putting our gardens to bed for the upcoming winter. We will have tucked away our peonies, some being upwards of a century old or like mine, just in their twenties. But beloved all the same. We will have apologetically cut back their remaining stems and leaves, while thanking them for the beauty they brought to our flower beds during the past season. We will wish them Godspeed on the journey upon which they are embarking. Likewise, I did the same with so many feathered friends. Those friends came to me in early spring, when the first tender buds of many plants were peeping from beneath the now composted leaves of winter. Those early bud sightings are a plant's way of announcing their soon to come visits, with a hopeful, unwritten footnote reminding us to please leave space.



The Lazuli Buntings, with feathers the color of the sky on her most brilliant days. The Flycatchers with their bobbing tails, reminiscent of a child antsy with anticipation over the promise of realizing a long desired dream. The warblers, dressed in their sunniest, yellow finery, spilling sunshine whenever they appear. Each graced and enriched my life. Did I mention the Rufous hummingbirds? Flashing brilliant flaming oranges and reds, passion firing from their throaty gorgets. They are the hardest to watch leave. How, after sharing and enjoying such immense beauty and profound joy, is it possible to say good bye? How do I let go?

Years back, I landed in the care of whom I believe to be one of the most skilled, brilliant, and kindest internists. I saw him for years and since I was a "frequent flier" to his office, our relationship was immensely cherished. I remember when I saw him for the last time and I was bereft with sadness at his leaving. He ended my appointment by saying, "I won't say good bye." His words carried much meaning.

Now, our church faces the profound sadness of losing Ken, knowing he and his wisdom and unwavering courage in tackling really hard truths cannot be replaced nor should be. I fall back on the wise words of that doctor. As with the beautiful feathered friends that come and inevitably go from my life, I won't say good bye, Under the tutelage of Ken I was able to realize simply because something had been fed to me over and over again in past places of worship, it did not necessarily make it true. I did not have to swallow those spiritual feedings, AND, I had every right to spit them out. Ken, generously welcomes questions and questioners, equally. His aim was never to coerce anyone in to any one way of looking at faith, God, the Bible. He offered up what his understandings were and shared them, allowing room for us to "wonder" about those ideas as we were leaving the service and returning into our daily routines. WOW! He offered us space to wrestle with God and even with his takes on God, because he trusted we were capable of thinking and discerning with our own brains. What a novel approach.

Whether we meet again in person or not, I know pieces of Ken's words, his teachings, his risk-taking will be with **me always**. **They may suddenly** land on me in the form of a cool breeze brushing past as I stand drinking in Mother Nature's bounty. Those words may spring to life as the song of a red winged blackbird catches me unaware. Upon glimpsing the red top hat of a Ruby-Crowned Kinglet, I may think of Ken and smile, knowing he would understand how this is me knowing there is something more to this life and just seeing this may well be enough. For me there isn't and never will be the need to say good bye to Ken. I carry him in gratitude and love and his words and reflections are planted firmly in me. So there is no ending to our journey, just continuing wonder and the changing of our individual spiritual seasons.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AFTER WORSHIP - CELEBRATION FOR KEN
There will be a Farewell Celebration for Ken on **Sunday, December 18** after worship.

OUTBOUND COMMUNION

The first Sunday of the month is Communion Sunday. On December 4th the deacons will pass out Candy Canes to everyone after the service before they head out to serve communion to those at home. If you would like two Deacons to come to your home on Communion Sunday, please let us know. Would love to see you!
Susan Cameron, skcameron530@gmail.com

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

The end of November marked the conclusion of the annual Stewardship campaign. We are struggling to develop a budget for the coming year. At the core of the budget are the pledges made by the congregation. This year, 2022, we were grateful to receive 83 pledges totaling \$260k and we are tracking well to this figure. The Finance Committee and Session developed a preliminary budget for 2023 assuming pledges for the coming year would be similar to 2022. Unfortunately, we are significantly short of this goal, having received just 62 pledges totaling \$176k. If you have yet to submit a pledge or are still deciding whether to pledge, we encourage you to do so. We all understand that we are entering a transition period for TPC. It is important that we work together to maintain a strong financial foundation.

Chip Kyle, TPC Treasurer



Thank you all for the Christmas gifts donated for our families! The presents will bring many smiles this Christmas season.

We are in need of all kinds of cat food and dog food. FPTV is hosting a pet food drive in December. Please reach out if you can donate: volunteer@familypromiseoftv.org. In addition to the pet food, we need new socks of all sizes, new pillows, new undergarments of all sizes and \$50 gas cards. Thank you!

Pam Bowen and Derrilyn Bayha



TPC HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE - Saturday, December 10, 2022 9 am to 1 pm in the church narthex

The cookie sale will run from 9 am to 1 pm. Wearing plastic gloves you may select the cookies you wish to purchase. Rather than weigh the sweets, we will ask for a donation.

To donate cookies/goodies to the sale, please bring them to the church on Friday, December 9 between 1 and 3 pm, or on Saturday, December 10 from 8 to 9 am. Also, please bring a list of the ingredients in your baked goods so that people with allergies can make informed selections. Funds collected from this cookie sale will support the two children we sponsor through Compassion International. If you have questions, talk to Carolyn Hale, 503-804-9203

JANUS YOUTH PROGRAM

Winter weather is upon us. Now through **Sunday, December 11th**, Family Ministries is collecting socks, knitted hats, gloves, mittens, and scarfs for the Janus Youth Program. There is a painted "Janus Tree" located in the narthex. Please put your donations on or next to the tree. Janus Youth Programs offers community-based services that enhance quality of life for homeless children, youth and families.

Sarah Beck, Family Ministries

COFFEE CONNECTION - 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH - DECEMBER 13th

The December gathering will be at Candy Richard's home, 22850 SW 106th Avenue, Tualatin, on **December 13th at 10 am**. Please RSVP to Candy so she will know how many to prepare for: candy_richard@msn.com or call/text (650) 619-3315.

Judy Nix, Connections Elder

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WILL BE AT 4 PM. It will be Ken's last service at Tualatin Presbyterian Church. Please join us for a special service.



COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

There are still many child sponsorship packets available thru Compassion International. Please see Andrew Perkins or please use the following website <https://cintl.us/tualatinpres>.

Thank you to everyone who made Compassion Sunday a great success!
Andrew Perkins

HEALTHY HINTS - SUSAN FEE, PARISH NURSE

We are headed into peak respiratory virus time of year, but we now have more knowledge and tools to keep us safe. We are certainly able to increase our activities compared to the early days of Covid lockdown. However, despite what you may hear in the media, the pandemic is not over. And now besides Covid, we need to be keeping the Flu (influenza) and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus which causes deaths in young children every year) in mind. The number of cases, and hospitalizations including ICU hospitalizations, of all three viruses is starting to rise as the season has turned to autumn and heads towards winter. Many hospitals are already operating at full capacity. The good news is, there are measures that have been proven effective to help us keep ourselves, our families, and our communities safe and prevent further stress on our healthcare system.

First, **GET IMMUNIZED**. Flu is already in our community. If you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, **IT IS TIME**. If you have not been vaccinated against Covid, **DO IT NOW**. If it has been two months since your last Covid booster, get the new Bivalent Covid booster. It contains two mRNA components—one against the original Covid virus, and another against the current Omicron variants. The vaccines do not prevent all transmission of Covid and Flu, and there is no vaccine for RSV, but the vaccines are effective at lessening the severity of illness, and preventing hospitalizations and deaths.

We must not return to the “old normal,” but start learning to live the “new normal” to keep safe. **Be thoughtful** about where and with whom you socialize. Please continue to wear a **MASK** and maintain at least **six feet distance** from others whenever possible while you are out—especially indoors or with a large crowd. **Clean your hands** often. Lastly, **IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME**. Even if you think you have “just a little cold,” **no one wants your germs**. A “little cold” for you may translate into a serious illness for a young child who may end up in the hospital.

None of these measures is 100% effective at preventing viral illness; but over the past two and a half years they have proven themselves to be effective at decreasing viral transmission. The more of these preventative measures you use, the safer we will all be.

Finally, we cannot eliminate all risk, but I think we may be able to enjoy our holidays more this year if we follow the above recommendations. I would like to add that travel, especially by air, train or boat is still a pretty big risk. One of the things you can do to try to mitigate this risk is to know the rate of transmission at your destination and act accordingly. I have found the following websites very helpful and interesting for this purpose. Take a look at them.

[Oregon.gov/oha/ph/datastatistics/pages/index.aspx](https://oregon.gov/oha/ph/datastatistics/pages/index.aspx)

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>

cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm

cdc.gov/surveillance/nrevss/rsv/index.html

Keep Safe, Be Well, and Enjoy the Season, Susan Fee, Parish Nurse

P.S. Are you interested in learning CPR? Most people who need to use CPR need to use it on a loved one. Please email me at wnsfee@gmail.com if you are interested. Let me know how many people. We may have the opportunity for a free CPR class.



Deacons, left to right: Derrilyn Bayha, Jason James, Susan Cameron, Rosemary Willis, Linda Fukasawa, Kerry Weaver and Dianne Lemmon.

DEACONS - WHAT THEY LIKE

Kerry Weaver, Parish 1: What is your favorite book?: "Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher" by Timothy Egan or "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot

Linda Fukasawa Parish 2: Which would you pick first, apples or oranges?: Apples, Linda loves all fruit

Dianne Lemmon, Parish 3: What are you passionate about?: Music, all kinds

Jason James, Parish 4: What is your favorite sandwich?: Fried Chick Sandwich from PDX Sliders, Hamburgers are #2

Derrilyn Bayha, Parish 5: What is the most beautiful place you have seen?: Bryce National Park, always Hawaii

Rosemary Willis, Parish 6: What is your favorite movie?: Fargo, I've watched it 5 times

Susan Cameron: What is your favorite TV show:: The Bachelor, then the British Baking Show

GIVING TREE

The white Giving Tree is up in the narthex. At this writing, it does not have the tags indicating what family members would like for Christmas. Sarah has communicated with our contact person for this year and is waiting to hear back. Tags will be created and put on the tree when we receive information from the families. Keep an eye out.

ROOF LEAK - We had a roof leak in the sanctuary in November. The leak has been stopped, but the roof will need to be repaired in the spring when the weather improves.

IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON OUT OF THE BUILDING, PLEASE LOCK THE DOORS, AND TURN OFF THE LIGHTS.

FOOD LEFT IN THE TPC KITCHEN REFRIGERATORS

If you put food in a church refrigerator, please label it and check on it to be sure it is used. Abandoned food often goes bad and we end up having to toss it. Thanks for your cooperation.

Larry Nord, Building and Grounds Caretaker

**A GIFT OF HOPE A WORLD AWAY
KENYA VOLUNTEER IN MISSION TEAM
FEBRUARY 16 through MARCH 6, 2023**



Hello. My name is Bunny Lewis and I just joined TPC in October, though I have visited this church many times over the past seven ears. You do not know me well, but I am a retired Nurse Practitioner who never had the time to go on mission trips, but always had the desire. I now have the opportunity to go to Kenya with a minister couple who I have known and loved for over 30 years. I hope you will consider supporting the Kenya Mission Trip.

WHY? Because we care more about sharing God's love in a broken world that we care about boundaries. WHY? Because we are a team of 18 people from Oregon and Washington, who come from a variety of faith backgrounds, but who are bound together by a desire to change the world by God's compassion, our hard work, and the support of folks like you! WHY? Because we believe doing what we can to meet the needs in Maua, Kenya, are well worth investing three weeks of our lives in service and resources.

We invite others who believe there is a bigger world, and a bigger need out there than just our "back yards" to join us in raising the needed funds. We believe so strongly in what we are doing that we have made our financial commitment to this holy work. Now we invite you to join us in the commitment. No gift is too large or too small to help out!

Checks can be made out to: First United Methodist Church of Portland
Be sure to note that the check is for "Kenya VIM Team 2023"
Checks can be mailed to: FUMCPDX, c/o Paul and Kathleen Cosgrove, 6211 Buena Vista Drive,
Vancouver, WA 98661

Other ways to support: school supplies such as new #2 pencils, crayons, rulers, erasers, children's scissors and coloring books.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WHILE WE'RE IN KENYA?

We're going to take down an inadequate house and replace it with a better house for an AIDS orphan family. We can do this, turn-key, with 4 days of hard work and your gifts.

We will protect 2,000-3,000 children from worms. 95% are affected. We will also sponsor a medical camp for 500+ people who lack medical care due to their isolation.

We will work at the schools doing such things as replacing classrooms for ones with a solid wall.

SOME ASK WHY "THERE" INSTEAD OF "HERE" where the needs are also great?

OUR ANSWER? Because we can! We have the vision that there are enough blessings to make a difference "here" and "there."

We invite you to share in both those blessings and that vision! Join us in this work to make the world a better place through God's Love!

Deadline for donations is January 15, 2023. Thank you, in advance, for your support.
Bunny Lewis



DECEMBER TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	2 9 am prayer on Zoom	3
4 Communion 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	5 9 am prayer on Zoom	6 9 am prayer on Zoom	7 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	8 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	9 9 am prayer on Zoom	10 9 am to 1 pm Cookie Sale
11 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Children's Xmas Play Also on Facebook and YouTube	12 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Deacon Meeting	13 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Tuesday Coffee Connect 7 pm Stephen Ministry Zoom	14 9 am prayer on Zoom	15 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	16 9 am prayer on Zoom	17
18 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube Celebration for Ken after worship	19 9 am prayer on Zoom	20 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Session Meeting	21 9 am prayer on Zoom 10 am Loving Stitches	22 9 am prayer on Zoom 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	23 9 am prayer on Zoom	24 4 pm Christ-mas Eve Service
25 10 am in-person, and on-line worship at www.tpcspirit.org Also on Facebook and YouTube	26 9 am prayer on Zoom	27 9 am prayer on Zoom January newsletter deadline office@tpcspirit.org	28 9 am prayer on Zoom	29 9 am prayer on Zoom.	30 9 am prayer on Zoom	31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WITH DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

- 01-Debby Owen
- 03-Anya Ramos
- 04-Tomette Schuhmann
- 04-Emma Steffen
- 05-Rebecca Olsen
- 05-Megan Swanson
- 06-Greg Owen

- 06-Wayne Willis
- 07-Nancy Catanese
- 07-Rick Crall
- 08-Barbara DeClue
- 08-Liz Reding
- 09-Leah Olson
- 10-Tanuja Carlson
- 13-Ches Evers-Hood
- 13-Barbara Kozak
- 14-Barb Thomason

- 15-Jackie Dannemiller
- 15-Jan Murphy
- 17-Greg Imus
- 19-Bonnie Nord
- 26-Jacki Mazzuca
- 27-Myrna Friese
- 28-Norm Dannemiller
- 29-Dan Peters

TPC 2022 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 10/31/22	\$297,300	\$295,220	\$2,080
Operating Expenses Year to Date 10/31/22	\$280,901	\$309,856	28,955



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Worship Service – Sundays at 10 a.m. in person, and on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Hood

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers

Elders: Dave Backen, Sandy Gurney, Lynne Neilson, Judy Nix, Greg Owen, Ian Swanson

Deacons and their parish number: Derrilyn Bayha (5), Susan Cameron (7), Linda Fukasawa (2), Jason James (4), Dianne Lemmon (3), Kerry Weaver (1), and Rosemary Willis (6).

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

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Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

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Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall

Hospitality Coordinator: Bonnie Nord

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Dale MacHaffie

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Technology Chair: Open

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Tuesdays Treasures Coor: Mike and Mary Shiffer

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Archivist: Rick Crall

The office is open limited hours. Leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.