



**When I Grow Up . . .  
The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers**

When I grow up, I want to be . . . If you asked me that when I was five years old, I might have said a fireman, a cowboy, or a train engineer. When I was asked before beginning my freshman year at Miami University to choose a major, I filled in the blank under English. A year later, I switched to Business. After graduation from Miami in 1965, I enrolled in the Hotel, Restaurant Management Program at Michigan State University and received a second BA degree. Up until then, the idea of becoming an ordained minister hadn't crossed my mind.

Thirteen years later, after a career in food service management with Stouffer Foods Corporation in Chicago, J. L. Hudson Department Stores in Detroit, and Federated Department Stores in Cincinnati and Dallas, I had a strong sense of call to become a Presbyterian minister. How and why is a story for another day. The week of July 4, 1979, I was enrolled at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and taking summer "baby Greek." As someone else quipped at the time, "Apparently God has called you from feeding bodies to feeding souls!"

In 1983, I began my first "call" as the Associate Pastor of Spring Hill Presbyterian Church in Mobile, Alabama. I had seven wonderful years of growing and learning how to be a pastor. In the Spring of 1990, I was asked to become the organizing pastor of Northminister Presbyterian Church in Pensacola, Florida. As someone who grew up land-locked in Southwestern Ohio, I never dreamed that Jeni and I would spend twenty years on the Gulf Coast. We're so glad we did.

In mid-1999, sensing it was time for a change, I began preparing for the next phase of life by taking the required course work to become an interim or transitional pastor. Doing so not only opened doors to serve churches on the "left coast," but brought us closer to our family. At the same time our son, Craig and his family, moved to the USMC base at Camp Pendleton, California, I was called to serve as the Interim Head of Staff Pastor of the Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church in nearby Orange County. This being my first interim position, I tried to heed the advice given me by a seasoned friend, who when asked said, "Dick, as an interim pastor, your most important job is to love the people!" He was so right.

After two wonderful years with Craig and his family while serving at LNPC, they called their new pastor, and we needed to move on. We hoped and prayed there might be an opportunity close to our older son, Scott and his family in the Portland area. That's when Thom Nelson, after serving 22 years as the first pastor of TPC, felt called to move close to his family in Michigan. The timing was right, which brought Jeni and me to TPC for my second interim position in the fall of 2002. What a joy it was to serve TPC leading up to Ken Hood's beginning his 18 year ministry at TPC in the fall of 2004. This time, Jeni and I were able to stay in our house in Sherwood and simply pivot from Tualatin to Tigard, as we entered the life of Calvin Presbyterian Church (now Rise Church). In the fall of 2006, after they called their next pastor, Jeni and I moved out of state once more — this time for a three year commitment to be the Stated Supply Pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Reno, Nevada. In October, 2009, I officially retired, and we moved back "home" to Portland — the only time in our 22 moves we moved back to a place we'd lived before.

Since my official retirement in 2009, I have not given up practicing what I want to be when I grow up. Beginning in 2013, I served half-time as the Parish Associate of First Presbyterian Church in downtown Portland. In August 2015, we came full-circle when Ken Hood and the Session asked me to become the part time Parish Associate for Pastoral Care alongside our good friend, Charlie Brown. What a gift these last 8 years have been. Thank you for allowing me into your lives, for the gift of your friendship, and for loving and supporting Jeni and me when at times we needed you the most.

The Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers retired from TPC on Sunday, December 3, 2023.

**PASTOR KEN HENRY and his wife, Heather, both have COVID. May they both feel better soon.**

### **ADULT EDGE**

Continues with the scripture preview on Sunday mornings. They now start at 9 am and run until 9:45 am. The class starting time was changed as they felt they needed more time for discussion.

**CANCELLED - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 “The Spirituality of Light During Advent” class** scheduled for Wednesday, December 6 from 7 to 8:15 pm has been cancelled due to Pastor Ken coming down with COVID.



### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 9 am to 1 pm HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE**

TPC is known for many things, one of these is the culinary skills of our members. Each year yummy cookies, cakes and other treats are lovingly prepared by our members to help make your holiday a fun and carefree affair. All items are available for a free will offering. The proceeds from this year's sale will go to Compassion International in support of our two sponsored youth and to the TPC Memorial Garden.

The annual cookie sale will occur on the second Saturday of December, the 9th, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Come early for the best selection.

For those providing baked goods, please bring them to the church on Friday, December 8th between 1 and 3 PM, or early Saturday morning between 8 and 9 AM. Also please provide a list of ingredients so people with allergies and make safe choices.  
Chip Kyle, TPC Mission Elder



### **DECEMBER 10 - GIVING TREE**

Each year our church supports needy families in the Tigard / Tualatin School District (TTSD) by providing gifts and food baskets to specific families. Similar to last year, TTSD has requested that we provide gift cards in lieu of presents. In the narthex you will find a tree decorated with ornaments of paper gift cards in the amounts of \$25 and \$50. Please take one and purchase a gift card in that amount from Fred Meyer, Winco or Walmart and bring it back to the church.

All gift cards need to be delivered to the church office no later than Sunday, December 10th in order to get them to the families before the start of TTSD's Christmas break.

The congregation has always provided generous support to this effort. Last year we collected more than \$1,100 in gift cards. Our goal this year is \$1,250.  
Chip Kyle, Mission Elder

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - Children's Nativity Pageant during worship in lieu of a sermon. There will be a congregational meeting after worship to elect members of the pastor nominating committee (PNC).**

### **COFFEE CONNECTION - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

All TPC women are invited to have coffee at Candy Richard's home, 22850 SW 106th Avenue in Tualatin at 10 am and share Christmas camaraderie. Candy is decking the halls for us, and you will be guaranteed a sweet treat. Hope you are able to join this special time with women of faith.

For planning purposes, it would be great if you would text Candy at 650-619-3315 or email her at [candyrichard@gmail.com](mailto:candyrichard@gmail.com) to let her know you are coming. If you forget to let her know, come anyway. It's a busy time of the year, and we understand sometimes you don't know until the last minute. Anyone needing a ride, please let Judy Nix know, 503-735-5127, or [jenix@comcast.net](mailto:jenix@comcast.net)

**SESSION will meet once in December on Wednesday, the 13th at 7 pm.**



**CHRISTMAS APPETIZERS AND PROGRESSIVE DINNER  
Saturday December 16 at 5:30 pm**

We will start the evening with appetizers at the beautifully decorated home of John and Sue Hayhurst, 7805 SW Edgewater, Wilsonville (Charbonneau). There is parking in their driveway and cul-de-sac. There is more parking at the clubhouse as you enter Edgewater or at the village golf course that is a couple of blocks away.

Those who are progressing on to another home to share a main course and dessert in a small group should plan on leaving at 7:00. You will be assigned a home to go to and those not bringing an appetizer will bring either a side dish or dessert. You will be contacted to let you know where you will be progressing to, and your host will coordinate with those bringing food to her home. An effort will be made to assign you to a home near where you live so as to cut down on driving. So far we have homes in Wilsonville, Tualatin, and Summerfield. See the insert in the Sunday worship bulletin to sign up.

Barb Crall, Fellowship Director

**NEW MEMBERS**

We are excited to close out the year with eight individuals planning to join TPC as new members during the Sunday, December 17 new member class. We plan to have a photo of the group in the February newsletter. Thank you for making these new members feel welcome. Judy Nix, Connections Elder

**SPECIAL OFFERING** - The Christmas Joy offering will be collected on December 17th and 24th.



**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ON DEC 24 WILL BE AT 4 PM AND 7 PM.**

The 4 pm service will be family friendly; the 7 pm will be more adult oriented.

**COFFEE CONNECTION - TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**

The second Tuesday in January, or January 9th, will find us in Newberg at the Friendsview Retirement Community at 1301 Fulton Street. We have several TPC members who moved there this fall, and we will have a chance to tour their beautiful new living spaces. Also, we will reflect on our focus words for 2023 - do you remember what you chose? You have a chance to choose a new one for 2024 or continue with your 2023 word.

Our excellent bus driver, Bob Nix, will take folks via the church bus if we have enough participants. Please let Judy Nix know if you wish to ride: jcnix@comcast.net or 503-735-5127. The bus leaves at 9:30 from the church parking lot. All others meet at Friendsview at 10 am. Details on parking and entrance will be forthcoming.

**MEN'S MEETING**

There will not be a Men's Group Meeting in December, 2023. **The next Men's Meeting will be Saturday, January 13, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

In January there will be guest speakers from the Portland Jewish Community. Topics will be related to the Israeli Hamas war, and the struggle the Israelis have had in establishing their country since WWII.

Everyone is invited to attend. Donuts and coffee provided. Questions? Call Dale MacHaffie 503-784-2476.



### **WINTER CHILI AND SOUP POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP**

Beat the January blahs and stay after worship on **Sunday, January 21** and warm up with a hot bowl of soup or chili—or maybe one of each.

Barb Crall, Fellowship Director

### **JANUS YOUTH PROGRAMS**

Thanks so much for all your donations to the Janus Project!!! All of you are so awesome. We donated hats, scarves, gloves, socks, underwear, pants, shirts, jackets, blankets, towels and toiletries for a total of 618 items. They were so grateful.

Derrilyn Bayha, Mission Committee Member



### **HELP NEEDED**

Thanks so much to all those who donated funds to help purchase groceries for the food pantry at Bridge to Home Center. FPTV's Bridge Shelter Program is currently serving 55 households comprised of 72 adults and 74 children.

**Community Dinners - Volunteers** are urgently needed for upcoming dates to provide needed assistance to Eric, our kitchen manager. Please consider signing up for one or more days. If you need help signing up, call Derrilyn Bayha at 661-747-8447 or email at [dabayha@mac.com](mailto:dabayha@mac.com)

**MEAL PREP:** Work alongside FPTV's community chef assisting with meal preparation at local churches Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1 to 4 pm.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8A822AAF8CE9-44418377-community#/>

**MEAL SERVICE AND CLEANUP:** Work alongside FPTV's community chef to assist with serving community dinners and cleaning up afterwards. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 5 to 7:30 pm.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AA8A822AAF8CE9-44424411-community#/>

Derrilyn Bayha, Family Promise

**WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:** Staff our holiday store by assisting parents in selecting donated gifts for their children. Tasks include wrapping presents. Please contact Gina if you would like to volunteer ([Gina@familypromiseoftv.org](mailto:Gina@familypromiseoftv.org))

If you have any questions or would like the sign up genius link, please email Derrilyn at [dabayha@mac.com](mailto:dabayha@mac.com) or call 661-747-8447.

Thanks - Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen, Family Promise of Tualatin Valley Coordinators

### **CONCERT BY BRIDGING VOICES**

Bridging Voices is a high school LGBTQ+ choir that Dr. Evan C. Paul has been accompanying. The kids really appreciate the support of concert attendees and hope to raise funds from this performance to attend the national choral gathering of LGBTQ+ choirs next year.

**The Bridging Voices concert will be Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 pm at First Unitarian Church. Ticket and giving information can be found at this link: <https://bridgingvoices.org/events>.**

### **BELLS OF THE CASCADES - A HANDBELL CONCERT - Once Upon a December**

**Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7 pm** - Salmon Creek United Meth Church, 12217 NE Hwy 99, Vancouver, WA

**Sunday, Dec. 17, at 4 pm** - Forest Grove United Meth. Church. 1726 Cedar Street, Forest Grove, OR

Admission is \$20 adults, \$5 students, children under 6 free. As always, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. Tickets can be purchased at the door with cash, check, or card.

For more information: <https://www.bellsOfTheCascades.org/>



## PARISH SPOTLIGHT

In the heart of TPC, there lies a bond so strong and inspiring that it cannot be overlooked. That bond belongs to John and Sue Hayhurst. High school sweethearts from Jefferson High School in Portland, Oregon, their love story, and their unity are emblematic of a partnership that stands the test of time.

Born and bred in Portland, this couple has graced the TPC community with their presence for over a decade. Their journeys, experiences, and passions have always been an incredible source of delight for those who know them.

John, has an affinity for Fall River in Central Oregon while Sue loves her time at Sunriver and Mexico. Their tastes may differ - John being an avid fan of the TV show “Suits” and Sue expressing her adoration for the heartwarming tale of “A Man Called OVE,” which took the form of the splendid movie, Otto. Yet, their mutual respect for each other’s choices is endearing. If you haven’t had a chance to watch Otto, take it from Sue, It’s a must-watch, but the book remains unparalleled.

Quirky John, when asked about his favorite pastime, humorously mentioned his love for rolling around. It’s precisely these little idiosyncrasies that make John, well John. And how can we miss out on mentioning their favorites when it comes to food? John’s choice is the comforting apple crisp, a fitting choice after their recent apple-picking adventure at Hood River. Sue, on the other hand, enjoys a good turkey sandwich. Put them together, and you have a meal fit for kings!

As the holiday season approaches, it’s hard to miss the gleam in Sue’s eyes. Her favorite? Christmas! It’s not just about the festivities for her but the deep-rooted love for decorating and spending time with loved ones. Over the years, the TPC community has been blessed to experience the warmth of the Hayhurst home during the festive season. Their impeccable Christmas decor and mouthwatering appetizers are nothing short of legendary. If you’re around this year, mark your calendars for December 16, between 5:30 and 7 pm to be a part of this joyous gathering.

In conclusion, TPC is truly privileged to have John and Sue Hayhurst as an integral part of its community. Their unwavering support, infectious energy and shared stories have enriched us all. We look forward to many more years with this extraordinary duo!

Rosemary Willis, Deacon



## DR EVAN C. PAUL EXPLAINS HIS MUSIC CHOICES

Hello! Recently I was asked by several congregants if I could provide a bit more information on the music I play at services, so permit me to write on my goals and concepts when planning worship music.

I have always wanted to share music with people that they may not know well. There is so much music out there that few people hear or play, and it is in those neglected spaces that I find some of my favorite works. Over the past few weeks I have focused exclusively on music written by women, because it tends to be such a small part of our classical musical experience. I have enjoyed exploring the piano works of Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, Clara Wieck Schumann, Cécile Chaminade, Amy Beach, and Germaine Tailleferre, all extraordinary composers whose highly varied and individual music is immensely enjoyable to play.

Finding this music is often not easy—these women have not enjoyed the robust publishing of their male contemporaries, and so editions of their works are more difficult to find. There are fewer resources on their music, making interpreting them a greater challenge. And given that many marginalized composers have been published only recently, many such works are still under copyright and thus it can be costly to access them. But it is for these reasons that celebrating their music seems all the more important.

It is usually in the offertory that I place my most challenging works, because the congregation is sitting still and has the most attention to give. Many of these musical moments may not be what many

might consider traditionally “beautiful,” but my hope is that people will consider that and wonder what it is that makes something beautiful to begin with—and is there not also value in things that are “un-beautiful” as well? The Lamentations of Jeremiah are certainly not pleasant in a traditional sense, yet they are still deeply moving; consider, too, the deliberate ugliness of Picasso’s Guernica, its distorted shapes a haunting reminder of the ravages of war. We watch movies that we know will make us cry; we deliberately eat foods that are bitter.

I do not believe that music is simply entertaining. It can certainly be that! But all of the elements of a worship service are not merely entertaining: they are motivating, humbling, challenging, and edifying, and I believe that the music we experience should reflect that as well. Not all music is immediately easy to listen to, just as not all verses in the Bible are easy to interpret and understand. There will be moments in services, verses in the readings that can feel unpleasant and can make us uncomfortable, but those moments exist in the context of other, uplifting and reassuring moments: life, including the lives of those in the Bible, contains both pleasant and unpleasant, good and bad, joyful and sorrowful, and all of these serve a purpose.

As we embark on Advent and the Christmas season, I am turning back toward Baroque music, as I am inclined to do for both Advent and Lent. In the past I have played Bach and Handel during Advent; this year, I am choosing to delve into the works of Domenico Scarlatti, who wrote over 500 single-movement keyboard sonatas. I think that you will enjoy their sparkling, energetic personalities. I know I have a lot of digging ahead of me to find the right ones to play!

Evan C. Paul

**TPC ANNUAL REPORTS** - Would you like to help create the 2023 Annual Report? If yes, please contact Rick Crall or Susan Springer. Thank you.

**PER CAPITA** - For 2024, per capita remains \$45.60 per member.

**COFFEE HELPERS** Coffee and cookies are such a treat after service. Volunteers are needed to get it ready on Sundays. If you would like to help, sign up at <https://goo.gl/9imGAU> or TPC website and go to members - fellowship - and click on coffee sign up. If you are new to volunteering, let me know and I will make sure someone will be there to help. THANKS. Derrilyn Bayha - [dabayha@mac.com](mailto:dabayha@mac.com) or 661-747-8447

**PASTOR KEN’S EMAIL ADDRESS IS PASTOR@TPCSPIRIT.ORG**

**WAYS TO DONATE TO TPC** Scan this code with your smart phone to donate to TPC by debit/credit card or bank account. Scanning this code takes you to the TPC donation page. Questions? Talk to Mike Shiffer.



## PHOTOS



# DECEMBER TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC <b>7 pm class cancelled; see pg 2</b>	<b>7</b> 12:45 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> Drop off cookies, 1 to 3 pm.	<b>9</b> Cookie Sale 9 am to 1 pm
<b>10</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Children's Pageant Congregational meeting to vote on PNC	<b>11</b> 7 pm Deacon Meeting	<b>12</b> 10 am Coffee Connection 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	<b>13</b> 7 pm Session Meeting	<b>14</b> 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom NO uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm Progressive Dinner: starts at Hayhurst home.
<b>17</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship New Member class after worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC	<b>21</b> 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom NO uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Christmas Joy Offering to be collected. Christmas Eve services at 4 & 7 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> January newsletter deadline office@tpcspirit.org	<b>28</b> NO uke practice NO BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10 am in-person, and on-line worship						

Worship with us at the church, or on line  
Sundays at 10 am.

To find us on line, go to the church website,  
www.tpcspirit.org, or Facebook, or YouTube.

To leave a message at the church, call 503-692-4160.

Pastor Ken Henry can be reached at  
pastor@tpcspirit.org

TPC 2023 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 10/31/23	\$282,278	\$272,555	9,723
Operating Expenses Year to Date 10/31/23	\$295,071	\$300,032	\$4,961

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01-Debby Owen  
03-Anya Ramos  
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-Barbara Kozak  
14-Dave Grove  
14-Barb Thomason  
15-Jackie Dannemiller

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



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**Worship Service – Sundays at 10 a.m. in person, and on line at [www.tpcspirit.org](http://www.tpcspirit.org)**

**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

**Parish Associate:** The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers, recently retired.

**Elders:** Eileen Eakins, Worship; Sandy Gurney, Family Ministries; Chip Kyle, Mission; Lynne Neilson, Stewardship and Administration; Judy Nix, Connections; Greg Owen, Technology and Building and Grounds

**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

Financial Assistant: Julie Flint

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Jennifer Schloming

Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Larry Nord

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Craig Bowen

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall

Hospitality Coordinator: Derrilyn Bayha

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Dale MacHaffie

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Stephen Ministry: Jean Martin, Susan Springer

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

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.**