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PASTOR'S REPORT

I began ministry at TPC in September of 2004, and this fall marks the beginning of my seventh year with you. I can hardly believe it. Time flies when you're having fun!

2011 has certainly been quite a year here at TPC. While we got off to a challenging start as we experienced divergent opinions over how clear TPC should be in expressing our welcome to all people, particularly to sexual minorities, I continue to be grateful that our discussions revolved around how clear our welcome should be- not whether all should be welcome. I am also thankful that the larger church voted this summer to remove the ban on men and women in same sex relationships from serving as ordained officers of the church. Presbyterian churches are now free to ordain and install any child of God in whom they sense the Spirit's movement, rather than limiting ourselves to those who more easily fit our cultural expectations. I have learned so much in the past year, and I have come to realize I could have shepherded this conversation in a more helpful way. Principally, while the session experienced months of excellent conversation having plenty of time to reflect and pray, I regret that I did not enfold the congregation into this conversation in a more gradual way. One of the many books I read this year taught me the importance of discovering whether a congregation is more comfortable allowing leaders to make decisions on their behalf (which the author terms a 'principality') or whether a congregation desires more of a say (which the author calls a 'republic'). And we, my friends, are very much a republic around here! ☺ I will not soon forget this.

The reason I've been reading so many books? I was thrilled to be accepted into the inaugural year of Duke's Doctor of Divinity program in the spring with an unexpected scholarship. I attended my first "intensive week" in August studying Leadership and the Old Testament, and I'm currently reading up for my second intensive week in January. This is a three year program, and in 2012 I will travel to Duke in January, May, and again in August. After that, I will have two more weeks on campus in 2013 and will then be working to finish a dissertation in order to graduate. The teaching is phenomenal. My colleagues are brilliant. I was concerned about the time demands of the program, but what I have discovered is I am receiving FAR more energy and fresh ideas than I am giving back. I almost feel guilty...but not quite.

One responsibility that I am exceedingly looking forward to laying down is my work on behalf of our Presbytery. Since Presbyterians don't have bishops, we rely on a Committee on Ministry (COM) to oversee the care and support of pastoral relationships in the Presbytery. For the past six years I have served on this committee, and for the past three years I have chaired it. My work on behalf of this committee truly has been overwhelming at times. The good news is by working with so many conflicted churches, my thankfulness for TPC has grown exponentially. I am so glad to be your pastor. The work COM does is incredibly important. No Presbyterian church can call or dismiss a pastor without them, and when the pastoral relationship becomes troubled with a congregation the COM is the first port of call. So, I have been honored to work on behalf of the Presbytery for these many years, but I am so ready for a break.

PASTOR'S REPORT (Continued)

Now I would just like to sum up the work I have done on your behalf in the areas of my responsibility:

Worship Leadership: It has been my privilege to preach the word in our midst 37 times in the last year in addition to leading worship on Sundays I was present but very grateful for the support of pulpit supply. One of the things that makes TPC so vital (and unique) is the number of our own members able and willing to preach with so much care and integrity.

Pastoral care and caring ministries: This year in partnership with our deacons I engaged in a great deal of pastoral care and hospital visitation. In addition I opened my office door to several families this year in need of pastoral counseling. In addition I was blessed to officiate at two weddings this year and four baptisms.

Teaching: This year I lived a dual life in my role as a "teaching elder", the new term for Ministers of the Word and Sacrament in our revised Book of Order. I started out the year teaching the high school students on Sunday morning and had so many enlightening and hilarious conversations. We followed lessons from the Thoughtful Christian curriculum, and I was struck by how thoughtful our young people really are.

In the fall I assumed my traditional role teaching the Adult Education class before worship on Sunday mornings. The class was extremely brave and welcomed what I called my Perspectives class, in which we examined figures from the Old Testament from multiple perspectives using readings from my studies at Duke. And this Advent we have been relying on a curriculum studying the lectionary texts leading us through this season.

Outreach: One of my great joys is opening our home to what we call "Connections", which is an ongoing group for visitors and new members of the church. We have tended to meet every other month, for several years now, and it's provided a great place for new folks to connect with one another, receive information about the church, and for me to see the church through fresh eyes.

It was also such a joy this year to work with website developer Amy Drews to develop a new and more functional website. Our website is our face to so much of the world now, and I was really, really pleased with her work.

Finally, one of the most fun things I worked on this year was improving on our pilot program initiated last year known as Parent Survival Group (AKA Whine and Wine). In the Fall of 2010 we started with a small group of young adults and met to read and discuss parenting topics. In 2011 we opened this group up (all are invited), ultimately hoping to create a space to invite friends and neighbors and anyone with kids who are looking for a safe space to learn and grow as a parent. Our typical schedule is parents drop kids off at the church at 6:30 PM, head over to the Evers-Hoods and then discuss from 7-8 PM, and then head back to the church for pick up. We've read Parenting with Love and Logic, Parent Effectiveness Training, and 1-2-3 Magic, and we're looking forward to a fun new year.

The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood

CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2011

Active Membership as of 12/31/2010	255
Losses (8)	
Deaths	1
Moved from active to inactive	7
Gains (12)	
Transfer & Reaffirmation of Faith	2
Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith	10
Active Membership as of 12/31/2011	259

Adherents gain	1
Baptized children	4
Weddings	2
Inactive removed from the rolls	10

Necrology Report:

Lila Jean Wells (Deceased 4/9/11)

New Members:

Anita Stone, Solon Stone, Caitlin Byers, Michael Byers, Karen Black, Bob Beatey, Drew Mattox, Megan Mattox, Emily Ricker, Emily Gibson, Diane Paetsch, Bob Paetsch

New Adherent:

Patrick Gibson

Baptized Children:

Eva Marie Dwyer, Kelvin Dwyer, Sawyer Claire Mattox, Johnathan Tracy

Weddings:

Alex Backen and Ryan Warren, Joan Peterson and Randy Beyer

Activities:

The Clerk's primary duties include preparing minutes for Session and Congregational meetings and maintaining church rolls. Other activities of the Clerk during 2011 have included the following:

1. Preparation of an information packet to inform new members or adherents about church opportunities and operations.
2. Preparation for Session of a church organizational flow chart.
3. Review and assist Session in preparing amended Organizational By-Laws for a Congregational vote in March.
4. Compilation of the 2011 Annual Report to the Congregation.

Submitted by Carolyn Barker, Session Clerk

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship Elder:

Maureen Richardson

Worship Committee:

Clare Hahn

Deborah Lewis

John Lewis

Judy Nix

Kris Sparks

Laura Spurrell

Ellen VanSchoiack

Martha Wilson

In addition to the continuation of the team's regular activities, several additional efforts have been made to try to make each worship service even more meaningful to the congregation:

- Parishioners have been invited to bring flowers for worship services in honor of a special event or to celebrate a loved one. A rose is being placed on the pulpit to welcome each new baby born into the TPC family.
- A special host is available "most" Sundays to specifically greet newcomers to the church, to show them around and to introduce them to others.
- New guest speakers have addressed the congregation during Pastor Ken's absences from the pulpit: Reverend Jose Garcia, Chaplain, Meridian Park Medical Center, Tualatin and Reverend Spencer Parks, First Presbyterian Church of Portland.
- A reorganization of a number of rooms on the ground floor was completed along with a thorough clean-up and clean-out.
- An exquisite piece of art for the pulpit was created by the Art Team and should be in use for many years. It was primarily inspired by Advent scriptures and created to hold the Advent candles.

Additionally, the Worship Group planned and coordinated the following activities since last May:

- Reverend Charlie Brown was created General of the Armies (five star) and Pastor Ken a Brigadier General (one star), to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Pastor Ken's ordination.
- Advent advertising that included five local newspapers, four TV stations and three radio stations.
- Hanging of the Greens Service on November 27, 2011.
- Christmas Eve services held at 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Maureen Richardson, Worship Elder

CHANCEL CHOIR

This has been another wonderful year of music-making for the Chancel Choir. Wednesday night rehearsals have been full of fun, laughter, fellowship and also work!! Preparing an anthem for the first and third Sundays of each month continues to be our goal and keeps us very busy. We have had a faithful core of 23 volunteers who have served the church by singing in the choir. Their dedicated service to the worship at TPC enriches the lives of those who come to worship.

A highlight of the year was the spring production of "Celebrate Life!" This was a musical drama depicting the life of Christ and involved many people. Aside from the choir we had a cast of 4 people who had major speaking roles. Special staging and sound production was involved. It was the biggest undertaking for the Chancel Choir to date. I was very pleased with the presentation. This had been a goal of mine for the choir for a couple years.

Dr. Ron Fabbro continues to amaze us as our accompanist/pianist!! Ron is a truly gifted pianist and we are so fortunate to have him at TPC. He often plays Offertories and Postludes that the congregation responds to with much appreciation.

The Chancel Choir has been enjoying having a bigger space in which to rehearse. We were definitely outgrowing the room where we have been for the past 10 years. Special thanks go to Worship Elder Maureen Richardson for helping that to happen. Now we can breathe and grow!!

The Choir and I look forward to 2012 and the opportunity to serve in the worship at TPC.

Submitted by,
Kris Sparks, Director of Music

BELL CHOIR

The TPC bell choir continues to bring music, aimed at moving the listener closer to God, to worship monthly despite a year of growing pains. We've been delighted to have Caitlin Byers join us and recently welcomed Emily Ricker and Carolyn Hale. We've been grateful for their enthusiastic willingness to learn bells as we lost several to injuries last spring, then two to work schedules this fall. The choir also had the pleasure of working with Debbie Ivanov this fall as I've taken a leave of absence due to work demands. I've known Debbie through my ringing with Bells of the Cascades and am grateful for her willingness to step in and share her skills, knowledge and enthusiasm with the group. Despite a year of turnover of both ringers and director the choir continues to love their music making and to support each other as family. They are continuing to grow in their skills and to enrich the worship experience of those who hear them.

Submitted by,
Martha Wilson, Bell Choir Director

THE TPC ART TEAM

Worship art at TPC began following a year-long test project funded by a grant from the Calvin Institute of Worship. The project allowed our community to experience the impact of visual art as an integrated part of worship. Following this test, the session approved funding to provide visual art as a regular part of TPC worship programming.

The purpose of art in the sanctuary is to help the congregation worship. Whether directing focus, setting a tone or mood or heightening emotion, the art in the sanctuary is designed to deepen and enhance the worship experience.

All of the artwork is original and handmade, designed in a collaborative process by our art team. Designs are developed starting with a thorough examination of the scripture for the day or season. The designers then focus on expressing the tone or emotional component of the scripture. Designs must meet a variety of criteria as the group challenges itself to offer new media and presentations, using materials that can be repurposed and designs that can be broken down for storage. Thanks to our volunteer staff all funding goes directly to the production of art for our sanctuary space.

Some projects are designed specifically to encourage participation by all ages of the congregation. In 2010 members contributed over 500 handmade flowers for the Easter celebration, 35 members worked on the casting project for All Saints Day and dozens contributed the church photo exhibition. Art classes and outings are offered to encourage the congregation to explore and express their creativity.

The TPC Art team is made up of the following volunteers: Ellen and Ron VanSchoiack, Stacy Mauer, Karen Stevenson and Nancy Wilcox. All of this talented team have worked professionally in art and design, providing experience in a broad range of media. The team includes two past Worship Elders and brings years of collaborative worship planning to the table. Ron is the group's engineer, puzzling out invisible support systems that must also move, light and break down for storage. The team works year round resourcing, testing and researching for future projects.

Submitted by,

Ellen VanSchoiack

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

In 2011 the fellowship committee organized many activities. Our goal is to offer a range of events hoping to find something that appeals to everyone. Our big events of the year are potlucks after church, a progressive dinner in the summer and at Christmas, a summer picnic featuring grilled sausages (thanks to Jack Lemmon for organizing that) and games for the kids, and a brunch on Palm Sunday that precedes the Easter egg hunt for the kids. We also organized potlucks on Ash Wednesday and for the Hanging of the Greens. We organized a family game night, two pinochle parties a soup exchange, and a variety show. We also organized several activities for the women of TPC including a Mad Hatter Tea Party where all the women wore hats, a summer luncheon, and a Christmas trip to dinner at Der Rheinlander and the Festival of lights at the Grotto. My thanks to Mary Ortez for keeping the kitchen supplied with coffee, tea, juice etc. and to Pam Cameron for organizing kitchen cleaning parties. Anyone interested in joining the fellowship committee contact Barb Crall (503-692-1677 or barbc@compix.com). We meet monthly on a Tuesday evening.

Submitted by,
Barbara Crall

FELLOWSHIP DINNER GROUPS

The purpose of this program is to have fun, and to encourage, and expand fellowship among members of our church family. Groups of 7-9 adults share Fellowship Dinners once a month for 4 months, and then the groups are re-shuffled to form another set of Fellowship Dinner groups. This program is now in its fourth year. A steering committee of 5 families has organized and guided the program. There were a total of 12 groups this fall including (for the first time) a group of families with young kids, a total of 93 adults and 6 kids.

Submitted by,
Rick Crall

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The group meets every third Saturday of the month. It has been active for over three years.

In the last two years these are some of the programs we have had. It should be understood that we have no guidelines as to what may be presented. We rely upon the leadership (primarily the program chairs' discretion) to identify and secure programs and projects. We are a very open church community recognizing that each individual has their own belief and understanding of God. This openness is reflected in the acceptance we show to each person's desires and traditions.

We generally have 15-25 men including several retired pastors in attendance depending on the time of the year.

Projects:

- Each of the last two years, we have assisted in the redo and upkeep of Martha's Place, a home for disabled people.
- We have had work parties at the church in the spring and fall to clean up and prep for winter.
- We serve as a source for assistance to TPC Committees and their many projects.

Programs:

- We have had several programs on men's health.
- We have had speakers from Tualatin including the Mayor, Police Chief and City Manager discussing the goings on in our community.
- We have had interdenominational speakers from the Jewish, Islamic and Catholic faiths.
- We have had speakers from several non-profit groups primarily focused on children.
- We have had several joint men's group meetings with a local church of another faith.
- Each December we have a project to provide toys to the local fire stations for distribution.

As you can see, our programs and projects vary widely and are service oriented. We find that many of these programs not only give a sense of information and understanding, but also broaden our opportunities to serve (a key ingredient in our relationship with God).

Submitted by,
John DeHoney

DEACONS REPORT

Tualatin Presbyterian Deacons

Mary Ortez	Parish 1	Ted Lambeth	Parish 7
Bud Bender	Parish 2	Jeni Wiggers	Parish 8
Marilyn Staples-Sundt	Parish 3	Carolyn Locke	Parish 9
Susan Fee	Parish 4	Barbara Harriman	Parish 10
Karen Stevenson	Parish 5	Robyn MacKay	Parish 11
Nancy Wilcox	Parish 6	Bob Nix	Parish 12

Deacons are the link between TPC staff and parishioners. Our congregation is divided into twelve parishes. Each deacon is responsible for a parish, which is about 10-15 families. We act as a liaison between members assigned to the parish, elders, pastoral and office staff.

TPC deacons meet the second Monday of each month. Each deacon assists a Session Elder with his/her committee responsibilities.

Deacon duties may include:

- Arranging for various members of our congregation to deliver a meal to a fellow member in need. This could be for various reasons such as: health issues of parishioner or family members, birth of a baby, after a funeral or any other emergency. We will often visit our sick parishioners in the hospital or send words of encourage.
- As ordained members of the church, we are permitted to serve communion to parishioners and family members when they cannot attend church.
- A small group of deacons deliver a welcoming loaf of bread as a gift to first time visitors. This signifies the feeding of both our physical and spiritual needs.
- We advise office staff of happenings in our parishes that deserve attention/action. We keep our parish list up to date with correct addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, etc.
- We attempt to contact our parishioners monthly to check on their well-being and see if we can be of any assistance to them or family members.

Submitted by,
Deacon Barbara Harriman

PARENT SURVIVAL GROUP (AKA "WHINE AND WINE")



One of the toughest jobs you'll ever love is being a parent. Just when you figure something out, the kid grows a little and everything changes. Well, just as we make baptismal vows to our young people, we also promise to support the parents of the baptized as well. Parent Survival Group is exactly that. Parents are welcome on the fourth Thursday of the month

(generally) to drop their kids off at the church from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Outreach covers childcare, and depending on the number of little ones and their level of need, we have either 2 or 3 childcare givers. Then, the parents drive over to the Evers-Hoods for appetizers, dinner, discussion, and dessert. Any parent is welcome. The reason the group is led by outreach is our ultimate hope of this group is that this will be a space where people not already connected to our congregation can come to get a sense of who we are in a non threatening and supportive environment.



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Nursery School: Our nursery is run by the lovely and efficient Laurie Davis and her son Casey. Laurie provides a safe, caring, and nurturing environment for children three and under every Sunday beginning in time for parents to attend adult Sunday school if they choose.

Elementary

Sunday school Curriculum: A new curriculum by Potter's Publishing is being tried this year. We are implementing a workshop rotation style Sunday school, very similar to the way VBS is run. For example, for Christmas the children went to Italy (Mother Teresa telling the story of Old Befana), Mexico (re-enacted a Posada), Ukraine (Holy Supper) and the Sudan (mission, operation shoebox for The Lost Boys). So far, I think that both the children and the teachers are having fun.

The design of this curriculum fits the philosophy of current research on ways children learn. The curriculum provides a variety of workshop activities that incorporate the multiple intelligences by Howard Gardner, knowledge of child development, and interest of children. A great example would be, the way children feel when a brother or sister slams their bedroom door on them and won't let them come in, to how Mary and Joseph felt when the no one would let them in at Bethlehem. I'm sure you all heard that one. 😊



This program would not run without all the volunteers we have this year. We have teachers and prep teams; both are crucial to a successful program.

Teachers: Barb Crall, Mike Shiffer, Laura Grover, Jackie Dannemiller, Nancy MacHaffie, Emily Gibson, Julie Tracy, Katrina Weener. In addition, Carolyn Barker and Jennifer Ayers volunteered to work as subs when needed.

This would be a great area to volunteer if you are interested. We could really use four more people to round out the schedule. One of the hallmarks of this program is that many hands make light work. If we have enough people then no one teaches more than three times in any given year, leaving teachers free to be renewed by the ability to attend services between teaching rotations.

Prep Teams: Jeni Wiggers and Judith Mears, Mary Ortez and Rachel Norris, Clair Hahn and Pam Cameron, Lynn Scroggins and Carol Rhodes. This program would not run without these angels in disguise. I cannot count the number of times already that I have given thanks for these ladies. The prep for these lessons can be very intense and these volunteers step up to the plate every time.

This is another area that would be great to volunteer if you want to contribute without teaching. We are very grateful for our prep teams and again, many hands.....

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION (Continued)

Extra Curricular Activities: In October, we hosted an after church family Ropes Course. This coordinated with the rotation at that time about Jacob and Esau, how families fight sometimes, and at the ropes course, how families communicate when facing a challenge together. What a great time! Many, many thanks go to the men's group, in particular Rob Kerr and Chip Kyle. Look at the pictures below to see some of the amazing work they did.



As Easter approaches we will host another family activity, a family friendly Labyrinth.

Over the summer we will host a VBS for ages 4 years to 5th grade. We are starting to look for curriculum now and it is not too early to start volunteering.

Middle/High

This year the middle/high kids have chosen to stay in church and listen to the sermon and then go downstairs for discussion and fellowship. The kids are also talking about making changes to their room with paint and a mini-fridge.

Our teachers this year are Mark Robertson, Denise Collins and Sherry Nelson. They are doing an amazing job connecting, teaching and listening to these great kids.

If you have any interest in teaching at this age group, please contact Katrina Weener. We would love to break out the middle school from the high school but need three volunteers to do it. The commitment would then be once a month (no class once a month on Communion Sundays).

Submitted by,

Katrina Weener, Christian Education Elder

YOUTH LOGOS PROGRAM

Our youth grades three through twelve meet twice monthly (most months) for LOGOS which is a four part program including Recreation Time, Lesson, Family Time and Kairos. Family Time and the Lesson is divided by age group. Family Time is the themed portion of the program. Adults join us as table parents during the meal for conversation and a short game afterward. Kairos is a youth centered worship service which caps the evening.

Over the past year we've enjoyed themes including: Fully Rely on God (FROG), Bingo, Earth Day, Harry Potter, WinterWonderland, Chocolate Night, Epiphany, Johnny Appleseed Night. This school year has seen Chocolate Mania and Tailgate Night as well as discussion involving mission work. We have Sundae Sunday, Hanukkah, Groundhog Night, Mardi Gras, Game Night, Cartoon Night & Seder yet to come.

Submitted by,
Craig Bowen, Youth Ministry Elder

ADULT EDUCATION

The following classes were taught during this year:

"Rejoice Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns" (Last Advent season)	4 Classes
"Jesus through Old Testament Eyes"	3 Classes
"Worship 101"	2 Classes
"Communion"	1 Class
"Biblical Models of Discipleship in the New"	6 Classes
"What do Presbyterians Believe"	2 Classes

Then to round out the spring we did:

"Uppity Woman of the Bible "	6 Classes
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After a summer holiday we resumed classes with Pastor Ken sharing some new insights on people we thought we knew from the Old Testament.

For Christmas 2011, Pastor Ken is leading us in "Advent Through The Eyes of Those Who Waited."

The classes have been lead by John Casebeer, Pastor Ken and Randy Beyer for the most part. Attendance has run about 6-8 but with Pastor Ken's return has jumped to 10-12.

"Uppity Women of the Bible" was purchased from "The Living Question" while most of the material was purchased from "The Thoughtful Christian."

The \$303 dollars spent by Adult Education was almost exclusively for the purchase of electronic and digital material from the publishers.

Submitted by Randall Beyer, Adult Education Elder

SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP

Spiritual Formation is a small and faithful group of people who meet off site at 7 pm the first Monday of each month to pray and listen to the scripture reading for the following Sunday. It is not a “traditional” Bible Study in that we are not analyzing the text. We simply read it aloud and listen to what catches our attention, trusting that Spirit is whispering to each of us. We do this three times, sharing each time with the group after a moment of silence. We also take time to share our lives and prayer concerns and pray for each other, our community and the world. Leadership is shared among the group members. If someone is interested in the group, talk to me. We prefer people to make a reasonable commitment to the group and not just occasional drop-ins. Trust and confidentiality are key ingredients for this group.

Submitted by,
Laura Spurrell, Hostess



Photo by The Rev. Dick Wiggers

CHURCH LIBRARY

Yes, TPC has a library. You'll find it downstairs, the first door to your left as you enter the hallway, on the same side as the stairs. You may need to get a key, since the door tends to stay locked during the week, because of preschool activities. You may also have to work your way around a crib or a roll away TV monitor; the room is still trying to decide if it is also a storeroom and/or a nursery. It feels a little like a cocoon, and like a cocoon it contains a transformation in progress.

There are just over 600 volumes in the book collection at present. About half of them came from many donations, over many years, and represent a wide range of religious interests. Some of them are thoughtful selections. Too many of them, however, are books that people are just "done with." These books may tend to confirm the impression that the room is still just a storage area for old discarded stuff. Someday, we must have a sale.

The other half are an attempt to provide a basic selection of resources especially for those involved in Christian education and sermon preparation, or those just trying to make sense of their faith. These include basic readers and reference works for Bible, Church history, and theology. The heavily-weighted collection of Biblical commentaries includes the best entries from fifty commentary series. There are introductory-level works, mid-level expositions directed toward practical application, and major academic textbooks for each book in the Bible. They represent the best of mainline and Evangelical scholarship. Where gaps remain in the collection, we are waiting for future publications to fill them.

In addition to the books, there are nineteen video-lecture series on various religious topics.

We are hoping the next stage in transforming our library will be a collection of the best inspirational books. We will greatly appreciate congregational input in this.

Submitted by,
Rich Robertson

OUTREACH REPORT

There have been several different areas where Outreach has been active this past year. First and foremost is the designing and implementing of our new TPC website (tpcspirit.org). It was determined last year that our old website needed a major overhaul and update. After some looking, we hired a designer who came up with an outstanding design. We went online in September and with the help of Ted Pelletier and Chip Kyle, TPC is much better represented on the web.

We are constantly trying to discover potential new members for TPC. We diligently try to contact people who visit us on Sundays. If we are able to obtain addresses, they receive a visit from a member who thanks them for joining us, encourages them to return, and leaves a loaf of bread for them as a token of our appreciation.

There are regularly scheduled "Connection" potlucks at Ken's house for potential new members. These get-togethers involve conversation, good food, and an opportunity for Ken to talk to them about TPC and answer any questions they might have about our church and our community.

We also have periodic gatherings at Ken's house for young parents who enjoy the opportunity to get together with other young moms and dads to talk about problems they are facing and things that are going on in their individual homes. It gives them a chance to offer advice to each other and to share similar experiences. During these gatherings, the kids are cared for at TPC by other members. It's a nice (and hopefully, helpful) break for the parents. I've been told these get-togethers are known as "Wine and Whine" sessions.

One of our upcoming projects this next year is the improvement (replacement) of the church sign on Boones Ferry. While it served its purpose well during the early years, age has not been kind to the sign. And, the growth of the landscaping has all but obscured it from view. We are in the process of getting bids on different types of new signs. We are also gathering information about city sign code restrictions and anything else we need to know. It's likely that thousands of folks drive by our church without even knowing that it is there. We would like to change that.

Submitted by,
Craig Walker, Outreach Elder

MISSION MINISTRIES

Committee Members: Barb Harriman, Chip Kyle, Susan Springer, Laura Spurrell, Emily Ricker, Joan Nardi

February Mission Month: Presented a variety of mission programs and opportunities, including guest speakers, during the Sunday morning worship services. We also provided visual emphasis in the Narthex of mission work.

Essential Health Clinic: TPC continues to share in this ministry of providing dinner for the volunteer medical staff on a monthly basis. The total number of clinic staff members served in the year 2011 was 218 meals. TPC dinners are always welcomed with grateful thanks for the excellent home-cooked dishes our church family members provide.

Martha's Place: Martha's Place is a respite home for handicapped adults. This summer, we partnered with the Men's Fellowship to refurbish one of the bedrooms for their handicapped guests. Our thanks to the men for their excellent work at the home!

Hope Spring: We provided two "welcome baskets" for two of their female clients and children who were making new starts in life and moving into their own apartments. Due to the reduction in State assistance, we have also provided \$500.00 toward childcare services.

Food Pantry: We launched two new competitions for food donations this year. In February, we held "Souper-bowl Sunday" and challenged the congregation to exceed the previous amount of goods donated by weight. In November, we challenged OSU Beaver fans and U of O Duck fans to compete for the most food contributed by weight. Bragging rights to the OSU Beaver fans for the largest contribution! However, the real "winner" is the Tualatin School House Pantry who continues to feed hungry people thanks to the generous support of TPC folks and others.

Mission Mahalo: Our newest mission event is the collection of coupon booklets i.e. SmartSource or RedPlum, donated by the TPC congregation. The booklets are then given to the non-profit, Mission Mahalo, for use in their ministry to servicemen and women in remote war areas, and frontline battlefields where commissary access is non-existent. Mahalo turns the coupons into care packages for the service personnel, providing them with personal hygiene items, laundry packets, and small treats such as packaged candy and gum.

MISSION MINISTRIES (Continued)

Continuing Activities: In addition to the above, we also promote and support the following:

School House Project – provide school supplies for needy children in August/September

Annual Cookie Sale – proceeds to support Quiet Waters Programs

Giving Tree – provide children’s gifts and food baskets for needy families in Tualatin

Janus Project – provide winter gloves, scarves, socks, etcetera for homeless youth

Christmas Memorials – Monetary gifts in honor/memory of someone special; recipient in 2011 was the Washington County Domestic Violence Shelter

Annual Presbyterian Offerings – World Community Sunday, Christmas Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing and Pentecost

Respectfully submitted, Joan Nardi, Mission Elder

SCHEDULE OF 2011 SPECIAL DESIGNATED PASS-THROUGH DONATIONS (UNBUDGETED)

LOCAL MISSION:

Community Help Fund	2,360.53
Helping Hands Fund	1,849.83
Tualatin School House Pantry	1,375.00
Domestic Violence Resource Center (Christmas Memorials)	900.00
Quiet Waters Outreach (Cookie Sale Proceeds)	532.58
Holiday Baskets (Giving Tree)	590.00
Hopespring	500.00
Group Homes in Tualatin	483.13
Heifer International (Birthday Chicken and other donations)	323.75
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>8,914.82</u>

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

PCUSA Japan Disaster Relief	2,315.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	2,388.07
Christmas Joy PCUSA (Includes 2010 and 2011 payments)	2,049.00
Peacemaking Offering PCUSA	1,371.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>8,123.07</u>
Total Special Designated Pass-Through Donations (Unbudgeted)	<u><u>17,037.89</u></u>

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

TPC has been helping hungry neighbors for many years. Led by Bill Hale, TPC volunteers began working with the small local food pantry at Tualatin Seventh Day Adventist Church. Inspired by Bill's loving spirit, TPC members joined with other local churches and the Oregon Food Bank to expand the work by opening Tualatin School House Pantry seven years ago. From humble beginnings in the basement of the empty Tualatin Elementary School the pantry has grown, serving 650 to 700 plus families each month in the current location at Rolling Hills Community Church. The mission of Tualatin School House Pantry is "to provide emergency food to qualified families in a welcoming environment." As an agency of the Oregon Food Bank, they share the mission to "eliminate hunger and its root causes because we believe that no one should go hungry." The pantry is operated as an Oregon non-profit corporation under a board of nine members. Mike Shiffer is one of the original founders and is the board president. Laura and Erik Spurrell are also founding volunteers who still volunteer at the pantry. Many other TPC members work regularly at the pantry and the TPC family is a major supporter of the pantry through their generous financial and food donations.

Any family that lives in Tualatin, Durham, West Linn or Lake Oswego can request help from the pantry. Families can visit the pantry once a month where, led by a shopping volunteer, they select a 5 - 7 day supply of food and hygiene products for their family. The pantry brings the Medical Teams International dental clinic van to the pantry one or two times each month. They also have a large annual drive to provide turkeys and chickens to local families for Thanksgiving. The pantry has good support from local churches, businesses, service organizations and families.

The year 2011 has been a challenging one for the pantry. The number of families served has increased dramatically as more and more families are finding it difficult to meet the food needs of their family. The pantry shelves are sometimes low on items that are not regularly donated or available through the Oregon Food Bank. Hygiene items, not available through the Oregon Trail Program (formerly Food Stamp Program) are always in demand. The pantry has committed to always provide fresh milk, eggs and margarine to all families and these items are often purchased at close to retail cost. Among the most regularly needed items are peanut butter, tuna fish, dry cereal, fresh or frozen meat (especially chicken), toilet paper and powdered laundry detergent.

For more information about the pantry you can visit their website at schoolhousepantry.org If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, you can contact Tracy Smith, volunteer and program coordinator (tracy@schoolhousepantry) . Tualatin School House Pantry is blessed to be in a community that provides such wonderful support for their neighbors. Thank you TPC for your continued support of Tualatin School House Pantry.

Submitted by,
Mike Shiffer

LOVING STITCHES – 2011

“The test of morality of a society is what it does for its children.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Loving Stitches is a group that meets to knit, crochet, quilt, or make fleece blankets for children. These go to *Project Linus* for children in hospitals, a camp for disabled children, CARES NW, for neglected or abused children, children whose parents are in the military, foster children graduates, numerous other groups, and individual children.

In our 10 years, the Portland/Vancouver chapter of *Project Linus* gave out over **30,000** blankets. Since 1995, the National Office said over 4 million handmade blankets have been given to children. During major events such as floods, earthquakes, tornados, etc., blankets are given to traumatized children to give them comfort.

We often receive feedback from our gifts. Here are just a few examples:

- 1) *A little girl was given a blanket at the hospital. She asked if they could take one to her Mother. She placed a blanket on her silent critically injured Mother.*
- 2) *A teenage boy chose a quilt and wrapped it around his shoulders and said, “Now I am strong,” as he went into court to testify against his abuser.*
- 3) *A little boy was so traumatized that he put his quilt over his head, and testified while sitting under the table.*
- 4) *Many of the Mothers tell of their children cradling their blanket through the many medical procedures they have to have.*

Some of the projects this year has been making 35 Christmas baby quilts for the babies born at Christmas time at Doernbecher Hospital. Also, we are finishing 230 quilts our *Project Linus* chapter is making for Legacy Emmanuel Hospital’s new children’s wing – which will have a new quilt on every bed when it opens in March.

Also Barb Kerr and I make quilts for the children staying for a while at the Good Neighbor Center. The Center has 5 homeless families that they help to teach how to cook meals, care for their home, help with their children’s homework, find jobs, and a place to live.

Our group meets every second and fourth Fridays at 10AM, and we’d like to have new women join us.

If you need more information on blanket sizes or other information, please look on the Tower or ask: Diane Barry, Barb Kerr, Mary Ortiz, Nina Oliver, Mary Foster, Barbara Harriman, Maureen Richardson, Brenda Haney, Kathy Kenyon, or me.

We also appreciate the 10 others in the congregation who have given us blankets over the years.

Submitted by,
Shirley Schultz
(503) 625-9810

TPC TREASURE NIGHT PROGRAM

Our TPC Treasure Night program is a vibrant mission/outreach ministry that has been serving developmentally disabled adults (known as “Treasures”) of Washington County for over ten years. Each third Tuesday of the month the sanctuary and narthex are filled with energy, enthusiasm, compassion, and love as Treasures and volunteers join in an evening of worship and fun.

This outreach ministry for TPC began in April 2001 based upon the Tuesday's Treasures program model created by Steve Ristow, founder of Quiet Waters Outreach (www.quietwatersoutreach.org). At that first Treasure Night we had six Treasures and nineteen volunteers. Now our regular attendance is thirty Treasures with fifteen volunteers.

Our Treasure group population is fairly diverse. Some are non-verbal while others are overly verbal! Some walk; some can't. Two are blind. One is Turkish. Five are diabetic. They range in age from 20-70. They live with their parents, in foster care, or in group homes. All have mild to profound developmental disabilities including autism spectrum disorders, Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, and chromosomal abnormality. In addition, many also are affected by mild to profound physical disabilities. They all love Jesus and each other, among many positive traits they bring each month.

Our volunteers are fairly diverse as well. They range in age from 4 to 88, from children and those with no prior connection with disabled adults to skilled special education and Christian education teachers. Often international students from Lewis & Clark College come to help. The volunteers agree that the Treasure Night experience is so powerful that they keep coming back. For the past *ten years* these volunteers have worked non-stop to make the program a success: Denise Collins, Barbara Harriman, Cliff & Donna Hoff & family, Del Judy, Ted & Cathy Lambeth, Barbara Larson, Carolyn Locke, Mike & Mary Shiffer, and Susan Springer.

Submitted by,

Carolyn Locke

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT

During this year a number of concerns with the property and facilities were addressed by the Building & Ground's committee(s). While some of these concerns were known, anticipated and planned for, there were a couple that caught us unexpectedly, and had a noticeable effect upon the portion of the budget allocated to Building and Grounds.

On the list of repairs, maintenance and improvements that had been planned into the year past are the painting of the Narthex, hallway and stairwell, the repair of the driveway entrance from Siletz, window cleaning throughout the building, improvement of the motion sensing lighting on the lower patio, as well as the tall trees in the parking areas have been limbed up, and planter beds cleaned out.

With much gratitude we have also benefited from donations of time and talent. An Eagle Project by Neil Olsen, improved the aesthetics of the entry near the mailbox, cleaning out intrusive and overgrown vegetation, adding ornamental plantings, bark-dust in the central planter beds, and added a picnic bench adjacent to the play structure. The project will be completed with the addition of an upgraded and more secure mailbox. The sun bleached window sills in the sanctuary have been refinished by Rod Kerr, and improved lighting added to the Boones Ferry facing lower door by Phil Friesen. General clean-up and some curbing was repaired by the Saturday Morning Men's Group.

On the unplanned side of the expenditures, the smoke detection system exhibited a significant fault during the annual inspection. Due to the nature of the fault and the age of the equipment, the appropriate action was to replace the control panel. The shuffle of the Choir location, led to painting of the Multi-Purpose room. The irrigation system has experienced several leaks that went undetected for some period of time. That cumulative leakage has had an effect on the utility bill. The irrigation system has been shut down for the winter and repairs will need to be made in the spring. Sadly we have also experienced 2 break-ins into the patio shed(s) on the lower patio. One forced entry occurring in January and the other in September. In addition to our storage shed, the TVP shed was also broken into in January though skipped in September, apparently Tonka toys do not have a street value. Among the missing items for TPC are leaf blower(s), string trimmer, wheel barrow, and some hand tools.

Going forward into 2012, while addressing the traditional annual needs, (carpet cleaning, preventative maintenance, equipment service and inspections), the sign that sits between the trees on the grass adjacent to Boones Ferry will be updated. We are examining the features, cost, and bureaucracy involved with improving our street appearance and visibility. In addition another youth has proposed an Eagle Project that will address the fading parking lot lines, moss control and some general clean-up of the vegetation in the Meditative Garden area. The possibility of scheduling a Spring Clean-Up day where ivy control, removal of diseased birch trees, windfall, and other yard waste removal will also be explored.

Respectfully Submitted, Norm Dannemiller

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Members and liaison responsibility:

Kip Stevenson--Music
Marilyn Staples-Sundt--Office Staff
Dale Machaffie--Nursery
Chip Kyle--Administration Elder
Scott Mitchell-Treasurer
Marshall Watkins—Chair

Statement of Purpose:

The role of the Personnel Committee is to be an independent voice acting on behalf of all Ordained and Non-ordained Staff in three ways: advocating, developing, and caring for staff. As an advocate, the Personnel Committee plays an important role between the Session and the Pastor, the Non-ordained Staff and the Pastor and Session, and between the Pastor and the Congregation. In its advocacy role, Personnel ensures that all voices are heard, treated fairly, and all requests and complaints are handled according to the Book of Order and federal and state law. In its development role, the Personnel Committee reviews Staff on a regular basis providing honest and helpful feedback. In its caring role, the Personnel Committee maintains regular contact with staff attempting to solve challenges before they become problems. The Personnel Committee drafts all policies and procedures regarding Staff, including but not limited to vacation time and sick leave accrual, how hours are recorded and approved, and job descriptions. All drafts go to Session for approval and coming from Committee do not require a second to come to the floor.

Accomplishments:

We have written a Personnel Handbook that Session adopted April 16, 2009, revised an evaluation process for all non-ordained staff that has been used for three years, developed procedures to implement the Session's policies, conducted a Session evaluation of the Pastor, and most recently developed the procedures for doing non-ordained hiring. In the advocacy role we worked to allow Staff to attend training sessions designed to improve their effectiveness as members of the TPC team.

Next Steps:

For the completion of the 2011 year we will set up the staff evaluation process to look back and forward to the coming year.

We appreciate any suggestions from Session, Staff, and the Congregation for improving the relations between all the parties in the community.

Submitted by,

Marshall Watkins, Chair

ADMINISTRATION ELDER REPORT

The responsibilities of the Administration Elder include the following areas and topics within each area:

Finance: Prepare the annual budget; review the monthly financial reports prepared by the Treasurer and report to Session; conduct an annual financial review to ensure controls are in place and detail financial transactions support the reported figures; review the building loan; and review the preschool lease (tri-annually).

Personnel: In concurrence with the Pastor, nominate the chair of the personnel committee; sit on the personnel committee.

Office Management: Review church insurance; review office related lease agreements and service contracts; approve and sign for budgeted requests from staff (office manager, financial administrator, parish nurse) as needed.

Stewardship: In concurrence with the Pastor, nominate the chair of the stewardship committee; review the goal and message of the campaign; review campaign progress; provide results of the campaign to the budget preparation process.

In January, the 2011 budget was prepared and presented to Session for approval. Following the past several years, a “faith based” budget was approved – meaning the proposed expenditures were greater than the pledged amount generated by the previous Fall’s stewardship campaign. However, consistent with past history, a conservative estimate of open plate and un-pledged income was estimated which largely closed the gap between proposed expenditures and expected income. For the year, budgeted income was \$282,438; and budgeted expenses were \$289,375. As of November 2011, income totaled \$252,428 and expenses totaled \$252,175. For detail on an account-by-account basis, see the treasurer’s report.

Special kudos go to our treasurer, Scott Mitchell. Scott has put extensive effort into automating the monthly financial reporting process and easing the burden of the financial administrator. Without his effort, the reporting process would be much more cumbersome.

In February, a financial review was conducted with the help of Carolyn Barker, John Mears and Adele Pelletier along with the extensive assistance of Rhoda Friesen, our financial administrator. While not a formal audit of the books, random samples of income, expenditures and journal entries were reviewed and compared to financial reports. The review found no issues and complete support for all transactions. Minor suggestions were made to facilitate future reviews.

No significant activity occurred with the building loan or preschool lease as both were renewed last year. (However concerning the loan, see the separate report on the “Retire the Debt Campaign”.) No significant activity occurred with the building insurance as that was rewritten two years ago.

The annual stewardship campaign continues to be a challenge for the church and has been affected by the larger economic environment. We are quietly hopeful that as the broader environment improves, so will the response to the campaign.

Respectfully submitted, Chip Kyle, Admin Elder

CHURCH OFFICE REPORT

I like words; I put word puzzles together. Each Sunday bulletin is a puzzle, as is the monthly newsletter. Pieces for these puzzles come from a lot of people. I'd like to thank....

Pastor Ken for weekly liturgy and newsletter articles

Rhoda Friesen for birthday lists and for keeping the newsletter distribution list current

Maureen Richardson, worship elder, who finds pastors to preach when Pastor Ken is away.

Dave Backen who lines up the Sunday morning liturgists

Laura Spurrell and Judy Nix who sign up the weekly scripture readers

Clare Hahn who coordinates the greeters and bulletin people each Sunday

Deborah Lewis who finds people to serve communion

All the deacons who arrange for people to serve coffee and snacks after Sunday morning worship and who provide a parish member profile for the monthly newsletter

Kris Sparks and other musicians for providing information about Sunday morning music

Greg Imus for maintaining and sharing the prayer list

Dianne Lemmon, Parish Nurse, for articles promoting health and wellness

Scott Mitchell, Treasurer, for providing monthly financial reports

Clerk of Session and elders for submitting articles about their area of responsibility

John Dehoney and Jay Wilcox for information about the Men's Fellowship Group

Members of the congregation who provide pictures and descriptions about special events, committees or groups –

Scott Cameron (Red Cross Blood Drive), Edda Brown (Pastor Ordination Anniversaries),

The Rev. Dick Wiggers (photographs of TPC activities), Sherry Nelson (Retire the Debt),

Laura Spurrell (Spiritual Formation), Carolyn Locke (Tuesdays Treasures), Ellen

VanSchoiack (Art Team.)

And a huge thank you to those who help fold and collate bulletins and newsletters on Friday mornings...Shirley Schultz, Paul Fukasawa, Harry and Cathy Chase, Barbara Harriman, Mary Ortez, Diane Barry, and Del Judy.

And special thanks to the sharp proof-reading eyes of Marian Smith and Ted and Adele Pelletier who catch mistakes before printing, so you never see them!

Many people contribute to the life of TPC. Thank you all, to those named and any I have inadvertently missed. It's wonderful to serve and be a part of this Family of Faith.

Submitted by,

Susan Springer, Administrative Assistant

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE REPORT

Thank you for the opportunity to serve another year in the church office as the membership and finance administrative assistant. Working with our Session, the Deacons, Scott Mitchell our treasurer, Susan Springer the office manager, Pastor Ken and the TPC family is a privilege.

Maintaining our member and visitor database requires continual monitoring. I'd like to specifically thank Marian Smith and Barbara Harriman for entering our attendance records each week and our deacons for their help in notifying me of address changes and other updates.

Also, heartfelt thanks go out to our team of offering counters; Denise Collins, Rick Crall, Susan Fee, Linda Fukasawa, Cindy Hoppe, Dee Dee Hansen, Rod & Barbara Kerr, Dianne Lemmon, Robyn MacKay, Judy & Bob Nix, Maureen & Herb Richardson, and Rich Robertson. Each Sunday two or more of these faithful volunteers are working diligently behind the scenes to count and prepare the weekly deposit and prepare the paperwork which allows me to record your contributions correctly.

Submitted by,

Rhoda Friesen, Administrative Assistant

RETIRE THE DEBT COMMITTEE

Members: Chip Kyle, Rod Kerr, Ted Pelletier, Terri Holland, Mike Nelson,
Sherry Nelson and Ken Evers-Hood.

Our youth and children are not simply the future of the church; they are our present. We made vows at their baptism to support them and their families. At TPC we want to fulfill these promises, and we believe we need a staff member dedicated to family ministry to lead this effort. Of course staff members cost money...

The idea behind the Retire the Debt campaign is to accomplish two good things at the same time: we realized that if we retire our debt, the money we aren't sending away to a bank is money we can spend on a family ministry staff person. Plus, we eliminate money wasted on interest payments and secure the future of our building for years and years to come.

The committee began organizing and planning in summer of 2010. Our first step was to identify members who might pledge up to \$15,000 over a three-year span of time. When we received a little over half of our goal, the session approved us moving to step two.

Step two was to approach the congregation and ask for a three year commitment to help pay off the mortgage. We made announcements in church and sent letters to our members and long time attendees. Finally, each member of the committee called people who we had sent letters to and confirmed they knew what we were doing and answered any questions they might have had.

Currently, here is where we stand. To date we have received \$202,920 to be paid over a three- year period. During 2011 \$75,811 of the debt was retired (\$57,191 from the Retire the Debt Campaign receipts and \$18,620 from the general fund). The remaining balance on our mortgage is \$256,847. We have made excellent progress, but there is still more to accomplish.

To this end your committee has moved into step three in which we will plan periodic fund raisers including an upcoming Auction on April 20th that will be fun for the whole family. And we will continue to work to reach out to members who have not yet made a pledge as well as new members as they become enfolded into our community. And we will continue to report to you as we go forward. We are so thankful to everyone who has contributed and are so excited about our future!

Submitted by Sherry Nelson and The Rev. Ken Evers-Hood

The financial reports have been omitted in this on-line version of the annual report. If you would like to see these financial reports, please refer to the hard copy of the report, check with the TPC office, or send a request to clerk at tpcspirit.org.