



Tualatin

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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PASTOR'S REPORT

2014 was another year full of grace-filled moments, although we have also walked a tough road through a season of loss this year, too. I am incredibly grateful to God for you and for the gift of serving this special, special place.

By the numbers the congregation continues to flourish. We started the year with 283 members and ended with 292 and more interested. More significant is our average worship attendance, a number church leaders believe is far more important than membership as it signals active connection, participation, and commitment. Just comparing November and December for the last three years we see a fairly dramatic increase in average attendance. In 2012 our average was 156, in 2013 we were 181, and this year in 2014 we passed 200 with an average attendance of 206. Numbers certainly aren't everything, but it's a heck of lot easier to cope with the challenges more members bring than the challenges that come with fewer. I'm particularly thankful for Jeni Wiggers this year for organizing our new member gatherings- she's made such a difference!

The youth were a total joy this year. We saw them lead a fantastic worship service, enjoying Drew and Leah Olson preach a shared sermon. We blessed a pack of young people in the first confirmation class we've had in some time. The youth had a fantastic mission trip to Arizona. And while I missed Drew terribly this fall when he was away completing his student teaching in California, I had the unique pleasure of gathering with the youth twice a month for their group time known as The Awakening. We are blessed with truly remarkable young people in this congregation! They are talented, bright, loving, and just a joy.

For me personally it has also been a year to remember. In May I was surrounded by family in Durham, North Carolina to celebrate the awarding of my Doctoral degree from Duke Divinity School. This accomplishment wouldn't have been possible without the love and support of my family and my family of faith here. I'm particularly grateful to my wife, Melissa, Susan and Rhoda in our office, and my parents, Jean and John Martin, who offered tremendous support in formatting my doctoral dissertation. One of my doctoral advisors, Greg Jones, encouraged me this fall to submit my work for publication, and I'm pleased to say an early Christmas present was receiving word from Wipf and Stock Publishers that they have accepted my book proposal. The book will summarize my doctoral research and is currently entitled *The Irrational Jesus: Leading Fully Human Churches and Institutions*. Sound like fun? ☺ I honestly have no idea what challenges and blessings this new adventure will bring, but I look forward to walking this path with all of you.

God's living spirit blows so strongly at TPC, and as I reflect on our time together I find myself profoundly grateful for the privilege of being your pastor. Thank you for your love, your faithfulness, your willingness to try new things, and for being such an incredible place for our family to grow in faith.

In Christ,
The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

CLERK OF SESSION REPORT

Duties of the Clerk: The clerk serves at the discretion of the session and is elected annually. The clerk must be an elder, but is not a voting member of session. Primary duties are to prepare minutes for session and congregational meetings, maintain official membership rolls, prepare statistical reports for the Presbytery, compile the annual report to the congregation, and any other duties as requested by the session.

Duties of the Session: The session functions as a corporate board conducting regular meetings on the third Thursday of the month with occasional special meetings as needed. Meeting minutes are available in the church office and a summary is published monthly in the newsletter.

Congregational elections occur annually in March. Ruling elders serve three-year terms by classes. Each elder is assigned a special area of responsibility. A session retreat is held annually in the fall to vision and plan for the coming year.



2014 Session Planning Retreat

Session Ruling Elders Serving in 2014:

Class of 2014:

Adult Education – John Casebeer,
Randy Beyer (1/2014- 5/2014)

Worship - Joan Nardi

Christian Education - Katrina Weener

Class of 2015:

Administration –Dave Backen

Mission - Chip Kyle

Youth - Kathy Sweetland

Class of 2016:

Building & Grounds –Bob Paetsch

Fellowship & Member

Integration - Emily Ricker

Human Resources – Judy Nix

Active Membership Report

Active Membership at 12/31/2013	273
Transfer and Reaffirmation of Faith	36
Death	(2)
Losses	(15)
Active Membership at 12/31/2014	292

New Members in 2014:

Trish Ames, Bill Bennett, Martha Bennett, Spencer Cameron, Maegan Cameron, Robert Carlson, Deb Carlson, John Casebeer, Larry Church, Nancy Church, Matthew Dannemiller, Linda Duncan, Patty Farrell, Jordon Gage, Annica Gage, Jill Gambill, John Hayhurst, Sue Hayhurst, Jason Love, Wendy Love, Emily Mazzucca, Joen Morris, Larry Nord, Bonnie Nord, John Olsen, Kaity Olsen, Bradley Olson, Andrew Perkins, Jeremy Reding, Elizabeth Reding, Gary Roth, Linda Roth, Cameron Sweetland, Megan Weener, Greg Woods, Melinda Woods

Deaths of Members and Affiliates

Clare Hahn 12/17/14
John Mears 11/13/2014
The Rev. Philip U. Martin 8/13/2014

Baptisms of Children:

Charlotte Sydney Holland 2/23/2014
Rylie Lynn Reding 4/27/2014
Magdalyn Grace James 12/24/2014

Weddings officiated by The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood:

Meghan Greider and DJ Harriman April 26, 2014
Elizabeth Renee Evers and Kerry Isaac Hormann 3/29/2014

Submitted by Carolyn Barker, Session Clerk

ADMINISTRATION ELDER REPORT 2014

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

Finance:

- Prepare the annual budget;
- Review and oversee the monthly financial reports prepared by the Treasurer and report to Session;
- Conduct an annual financial review to ensure controls are in place and financial transactions support the reported figures;
- Review the building loan;
- Review the preschool lease (tri-annually or as needed).

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 and provide results of the campaign to the budget preparation process.

In January 2014 after the congregation was given the opportunity to comment, an annual budget was presented to and approved by the session. Due to careful stewardship on the part of the Elders and staff and generous giving by the congregation, TPC ended the year with general fund receipts exceeding expenditures by \$16,538. The church began 2014 debt free and a debt retirement fund surplus of \$1,878 was transferred into a new capital improvement fund. It was an excellent financial year for Tualatin Presbyterian Church! Financial statements for 2014 are included on the last pages of the published annual report.

A finance committee assists the Administration Elder. Members of the committee were Dave Backen, Jennifer Ayers, Rhoda Friesen and Carolyn Barker. The committee reviews monthly financial statements and discusses financial issues as they arise to make recommendations to session.

ADMINISTRATION ELDER REPORT (continued)

The Administration Elder is responsible for administering the Scholarship Fund. During 2014, scholarships of \$500 each were distributed to the following seniors to assist in their pursuit of higher education: Cailyn Bowen, Halah Grobey, Arielle Mazzuca and James Olson.

The 2013 annual financial review was conducted and completed in May by Carolyn Barker, Dave Backen, Adele Pelletier and Maureen Wolf. Rhoda Friesen and Jennifer Ayers also assisted. The team followed Presbytery guidelines for conducting the review. The accounting records as published in the 2013 Annual Report were found to be an accurate representation of the financial condition of the church.

The report from the financial review included five minor recommendations that have either been implemented or are under study as follows:

1. Correction of a posting error was made.
2. Designated check signers should not sign checks to themselves.
3. Receipts should be issued to persons delivering cash or checks to the office during the week.
4. Fixed asset records (i.e. building, land, equipment) should be established to provide better control for accounting and insurance purposes.
5. Study should be made of the use of reserved funds and how to provide more transparency, especially in identifying major improvements that should be capitalized or budgeted in succeeding years.

The 2014 stewardship campaign letter centered on where we find and see life and energy in the church and told a story from the Reverend Mike Mather and a woman named Adelita. Pastor Ken wrote the letter and encouraged the congregation to prayerfully consider increasing their pledges by at least 10%.

In September 2013, the congregation received an anonymous Special Gift of \$10,000. The only stipulation to spending this "gift" was that it be for an unbudgeted item(s). The Session did spend about 25% of the gift in 2013 and the remainder in 2014. The following are the items upon which the money was spent:

Grover's Landscape (sprinkler repairs)	\$ 2,235.00
Delta AV (sanctuary projector and accessories)	\$ 1,377.00
Compassion International (sponsorship of two children and kid's gifts)	\$ 992.00
Bibles (Bibles and bookcase for the sanctuary)	\$ 530.00
Presbyterian Publishing Corp. (3/4 payment for new purple Hymnals)	\$ 4,866.00
Total	\$10,000.00

Submitted by Dave Backen, Administration Elder

ADULT EDUCATION ELDER REPORT

Sunday Morning Adult EDGE

Adult EDGE, a contemporary biblical and theological study opportunity for adults, starts every Sunday morning at 8:45 AM downstairs in the Youth Room at TPC.

From January through May 2014 Randy Beyer was the Adult Education Elder. Classes were a mixture of book, DVD-based, and topical studies. Pastor Ken Evers-Hood finished up his Fall 2013 book series, which took a look at Jesus through the lens of three authors: *Zealot* by Reza Aslan, *The Misunderstood Jew* by Amy-Jill Levine, and *Living Buddha, Living Christ* by Thich Nach Hanh. Pastor Ken then shifted focus to a study of Paul: *Eclipsing Empire*, produced by Living the Questions. Randy Beyer facilitated discussion several weeks using lessons supplied by The Thoughtful Christian.

June 2014 saw a change in both leadership and name for the Sunday morning class. Randy Beyer completed his tenure, and TPC elected John Casebeer as the new Adult Education Elder. Changing the name to Adult EDGE reflects the enthusiasm of the new leadership team and their wish that a catchier name would more accurately describe the innovative character of the class and might make more members of TPC aware of this cutting-edge educational offering.

Adult EDGE begins each Sunday morning with a check-in process where every attendee who wishes has a chance to share with the group an event or situation that pertains to a topic of the day such as, "Where did you see God working this week?"

During Fall 2014 the class watched a series of animated cartoon-style DVDs, created by SPARKHOUSE, which featured a variety of topics such as prayer, food, worship, sacraments, money, service, and community. After the class watched the video, Pastor Ken or Elder John Casebeer facilitated a lively follow-up discussion.

Beginning in November 2014, John Casebeer began leading a unique Adult EDGE class on the first Sunday of each month, using mini-field trips and other non-traditional methods to stimulate fresh viewpoints on a wide variety of current and historical biblical and theological themes.

Adult Small Group Studies

Operating as a subcommittee under the Adult Education elder, the Adult Small Group Studies Committee continued to offer small group study opportunities to TPC adults in the Spring and Fall of 2014. Members of the leadership team are Dan & Carolyn Barker, Diane & Bob Paetsch, Stephen & Emily Ricker, and Jean & John Martin.

ADULT EDUCATION ELDER REPORT (Continued)

We continued our journey in 2014 with two 8-week Spring studies: *The Gospel of John for Couch Potatoes* and *Invitation to the New Testament for the Slightly More Ambitious*. Dan & Carolyn and Bob & Diane co-led the *Gospel of John* DVD study in the home of Randy & Joan Beyer in Tualatin on Monday evenings beginning February 2014. This group gathered to watch weekly segments of the Visual Bible *Gospel of John* film, which is a verbatim acting out of the Good News Bible version. They followed up the video portion with discussion using selected questions from the Serendipity Bible.

Stephen & Emily and John & Jean co-led *Invitation to the New Testament*, a Disciples Bible series publication. This class met in the Martin home in Tigard on Sunday afternoons starting in February 2014. This study combined the use of a participant manual, which required substantial advance preparation, and short video segments each week, which added information and fostered discussions.

Three new and different small groups started up in September 2014. Stephen & Emily led a Lectionary Readings/Sermon Discussion Small Group on eight Sunday afternoons in the Ricker home. This study created a great opportunity for TPC members to engage more in Sunday morning worship, add daily Bible readings to their spiritual practices, and enjoy a follow-up discussion of the morning sermon.

Jean & John led a nine-week Tuesday evening book study in the Martin home. This group read *The First Christmas*, written by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Borg and Crossan discuss the differences between the Matthew and Luke nativity stories and set these stories in their historical and cultural contexts. The authors help the reader see these well-known narratives afresh by investigating what these stories meant in the first century and what they mean for us now in the twenty-first century, which stimulated quite a lot of lively discussion!

Dan & Carolyn led a six week Wednesday morning DVD-based study at the church. *Saving Jesus Redux* is a video exploration of a credible Jesus for the twenty-first century. Each week the group watched a short DVD presentation by a well-known, contemporary biblical scholar or theologian. This study also fostered lively discussions of such thought-provoking questions as who Jesus was, what we can know about him, what kind of world Jesus was born into, and what the Incarnation means then and now.

Look for more exciting adult small group studies coming your way in 2015. Small groups are a great way for newer folk to enter into congregational life and for longer-term members to reconnect.

Submitted by John Casebeer, Adult Education Elder

Children's Education Elder

Nursery School

The nursery continues under the care of Laurie David and her son Casey. Laurie and Casey provide a safe, caring, and nurturing environment for our children ages three and under every Sunday beginning at 8:30 am, in time for parents to attend adult education if they choose.

Elementary

We are using a new curriculum this year, published by Spark House, called Holy Moly. Holy Moly is an interactive curriculum that includes a video, discussion time, reading and drawing in the Bible for older elementary children (grades 2&3) **or** reading a rhyming bible story for the younger elementary children (Pre-K to grade1), followed by a craft that connects back to the day's bible passage. The children have covered selected passages in Genesis, Ruth 1, 1 Samuel, 1 Kings, and for the month of December have worked their way through the Advent season and are starting into the New Testament beginning January 11th. I love the time in these lessons where teachers get to ask for the children's interpretations of the video and the story; always enlightening.

In just this past month, we have created a new group of upper elementary kids for 2nd and 3rd graders, in order to better teach and challenge them. Each Sunday we will focus on both the curriculum and on exploring the new bibles each child has received. This is a very curious and smart group of kids; it is such a pleasure to start really asking deeper questions and watch them think.

The elementary children's program runs on volunteer help like no other, and one of the hallmarks of this program is that many hands make light work. While we no longer need prep teams for this curriculum, we do still need teachers. If you have ever thought of teaching or maybe you are just looking for a great place to volunteer, please contact Katrina Weener at 503-702-6154 or Katrina.weener@comcast.net

THANK YOU TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS !!

Teachers: Mike Shiffer Emily Gibson, Barbara Crall, Tamara Harris, Cackie Kyle, Cathy Lambeth, Jennifer Ayers, Renee James, Emily and Stephen Ricker, Alan Grobey, Denise Collins, Cackie Kyle, Emily Gibson, Karly Corona, Cathy Lambeth.

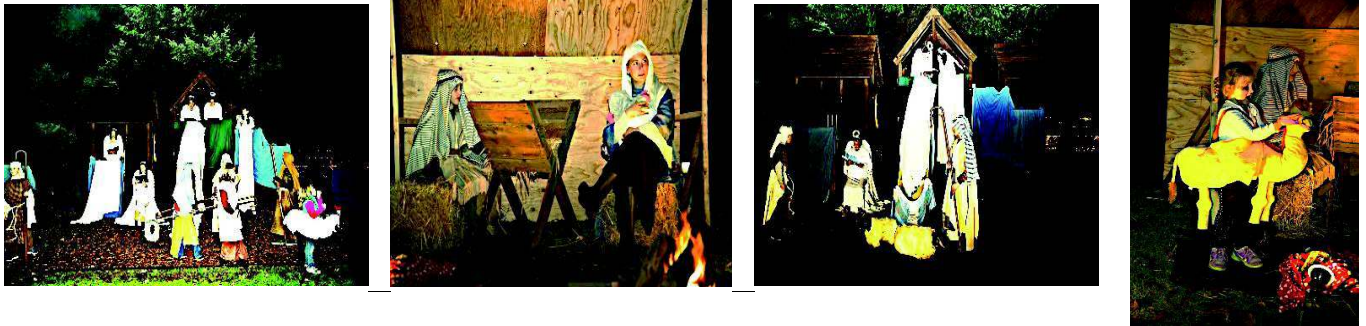
December -June of 2014 - Prep Teams: Jeni Wiggers and Judith Mears, Mary Ortez and Rachel Norris, Clare Hahn and Pam Cameron, Barbara Kerr and Debbie Imus.

In addition, there are some silent but essential partners like Susan Springer and Rhoda Friesen.

Extra Curricular Activities

Live Nativity:

Last month the elementary children participated with the Youth to put on the Live Nativity, under the direction of Melissa Evers-Hood. The kids had a wonderful time acting as sheep and shepherds, eating cookies, drinking hot chocolate and doing crafts. A huge thank you goes out to Melissa for bringing this new way to celebrate Christmas to TPC, and to the many volunteers who gave their time.



Vacation Bible School:

In July, we introduced Andrew the joy of VBS, always one of my favorite events of the year with the elementary kids. The VBS format gives all the volunteers more time to spend with the children; listening, teaching and playing. The theme last summer was Wilderness Express, re-creating key parts of the exodus, hearing stories from Moses every day and going on treks. Some highlights were walking through the Red Sea, eating new foods that you would find in Egypt, Denise Collins leading music and inspiring the children to put together and donate birthday bags for Tualatin School House Pantry full of everything needed to throw a party, and Bill James playing music while the children were in the market place and dancing around the well. It is always a privilege to be a part of this special group of kids and volunteers.



Planning begins in ***January*** and Andrew is looking for all the volunteers possible, you will be surprised how quickly spring and summer come upon us.



Mission Month

For mission month, the children participated in Read-A-Thon for six weeks, benefitting Heifer International, raising almost \$800 dollars!! Thank you for your generous support of our children and of Heifer International. Look for the Read-A-Thon again this February, proceeds will benefit Estalin and Sarah, the two children we sponsor through Compassion International.

Tween Group (grades 4-6)

This year, we are using curriculum from the same company as the elementary grades, Spark House. This curriculum is called, Connect, and is written specifically for tweens. This curriculum starts with a quirky video and is followed by discussion time with the teachers. Connect, places particular emphasis on using the bible given to each child, to look up other bible verses that talk about similar themes as the week's main bible verse. Barb Crall and Alan Grobey are taking on this exciting new group and we are actively looking for one more teacher; Contact Katrina Weener@comcast.net or call at 503-702-6154.

Middle / High School

This year, under the influence of Andrew Hall, our youth are participating even more in worship by sitting together as a group up front to hear the sermon then going downstairs to discuss the sermon and the readings as well as singing in service every other month under the direction of Dr. David Kelly. We have incredibly talented, smart and inquisitive children, and I have spoken to other Sunday school leaders who wish their kids wanted to stay in service and are amazed by our kid's choices.

It is our high schooler's turn to get creative and re-imagine their room. Keep your eyes out for a new look downstairs.

Katrina Weener, CEM Elder

BUILDING AND GROUNDS ELDER REPORT

The Building and Grounds elder continued to use the Physical/Capital Needs Assessment, prepared by Marsha Steffen in 2013, as a roadmap for the needs of the church's building and three acres of grounds in 2014.

Building and Grounds improvements that were completed in 2014 include:

- Installed a new light post near the garbage/yard debris enclosure and relocated a light fixture, formerly attached to a nearby tree, to the post. Rick Maurer was instrumental in the completion of this project.
- Hired a new landscaping company to care for our grounds. They are doing an excellent job.
- The new landscaping company completed follow-up repair and adjustment of the sprinkling system.
- Damage to the basement wall in the Youth Room caused by moisture ants was repaired.
- Increased frequency of insect control applications from four times per year to six times per year. Contractor began spraying specifically for moisture ants.
- Updated TPC's Emergency Plan. Karl Schultz was the lead participant in this project.
- Created "To-Do" lists to insure completion of all identified projects.
- Implemented "Work Request Form" tracking system that documents suggestions from the congregation.
- The carpet in the narthex and office areas was professionally cleaned.
- Replaced dozens of fluorescent tubes and ballasts throughout the building.
- Relocated library materials from the "old library" room to the multi-purpose meeting room. Jim Bartlett assisted the B&G elder in this project.
- Converted the old library room into a much-needed additional storage area.
- Installed a six-foot rod to hold tablecloths and table skirts in the new storage area.
- Replace AED batteries. Dianne Lemon was lead on this project.
- Professionally cleaned and resealed floors in the preschool craft room and two bathrooms.
- Refinished windowsills in the downstairs area. Rod Kerr performed this task.
- Installed a low-voltage lighting system to improve the visibility of TPC's site sign on Boones Ferry Road. Labor and the cost of materials for this project were provided by the Men's Fellowship Group.
- Renovated the Memorial Garden. Mike Nelson was the primary participant in this project, assisted by the Boy Scouts.
- The roof leak in the narthex was professionally repaired.

The Building and Grounds Committee continued to meet quarterly in 2014. Among other tasks, they reviewed the higher cost projects recommended in the Physical/Capital Needs Assessment and made recommendations to the Session with regard to each project's priority.

Submitted by Bob Paetsch, Building & Grounds elder

FELLOWSHIP AND MEMBER INTEGRATION ELDER REPORT

'For where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'
Matthew 18:20



ALL-CHURCH PICNIC
June 2014



CELEBRATION OF
THE REV. DR.
May 2014



TRUNK OR TREAT
October 2014

OUR YEAR IN FELLOWSHIP

Another year in which we have enjoyed each other's company with potlucks and picnics in celebration of our successes and milestones. A few highlights of our year include two celebrations around our beloved pastor; a graduation party in May for the Rev. Dr. and in August a 10th anniversary celebration of the Evers-Hoods time at TPC. In April we held a Seder, a deeply moving meal which serves to both connect us to our shared history in the Old Testament and roots us in the present as we approach Easter. We also held an Adventures in Service Festival in September which was an awesome collaborative effort on the part of session elders and group leaders. A very successful all-church 'trade show' on what ministries we offer as well as opportunities for people to increase their involvement related to their interests. Another new fellowship event was our Trunk or Treat, held in connection with our Parents Night Out program. Many fellow parishioners came out with trunk loads of candy for the kids, we had Halloween themed fun and games and a good time was had by all.

We have also enjoyed our old favorites this year including our after service Potlucks, Fellowship Dinners, Winter & Summer Progressive Dinners and our All Church Picnic. Especially notable for me this year was the wonderful team efforts, willingness of spirit and general support that people have for each other here at TPC; each event we create and host is brought to life by many hands.

We held two New Member classes in 2014, run by the incomparable Jeni Wiggers. These classes serve to educate folks on a bit of Presbyterian history as well as offer opportunities for more specific TPC related questions to be asked and answered. Many of the folks who participated in the New Member process have indeed become members.

In addition to celebrating our fellowship with food and drink, I continue to work with Pastor Ken on various ways we might create opportunities for people to grow in their spirituality and connect with people and activities here at TPC.

Looking forward to 2015, we will continue our TPC traditions with some additions; informal sing alongs - gatherings in various homes to sing and enjoy each other's company - yet to be named; a 2015 Seder; game nights; the Women's Tea will return with a fun addition; and other events yet to be thought of or planned.

This has been a wonderful fellowship year here at TPC as we continue to grow in faith with each other - sharing meals, conversations, quiet moments and love.

Respectfully submitted with Gratitude and Love by Elder Emily Ricker

HUMAN RESOURCES ELDER REPORT

The HR Elder serves as a consultant to the Pastor, Elders and staff on Human Resource related issues such as recruitment, compensation, benefits, employee relations, payroll and human resource policy development.

Employee Policies and Practices

The entire Employee Policies and Practices manual was revised and approved in July, providing much comprehensive policies and adding such policies as Electronic Communications, Personal Hardware and Software and Social Media. In November, Session approved a change in the Paid Time Off policy to switch over to an accrual system effective with the first payroll period for 2015.

Employment

A leave of absence for the Director of Youth and Family Ministries was coordinated along with the arrangements for a temporary incumbent replacement.

Compensation/Benefits

Salary and benefit studies were conducted for pastor and employees.

Job Descriptions

Job descriptions were updated for all employee positions.

Human Resources File Review

Meaningful Human Resource files have been compiled on each employee. Files contain separate sections for payroll documents, employment documents, certifications and performance appraisals.

Human Resources Administration

A Payroll Audit regarding hours worked was conducted as well an annual review of legally required postings, employee certifications and background checks where appropriate. A review was conducted to ensure current background checks were on file for volunteers working with children.

Budget

The 2015 budget for salaries, benefits and payroll expenses was prepared, which is the largest TPPC expense line item.

Submitted by Judy C. Nix, Human Resources Elder

MISSION ELDER REPORT

Committee Members: Russ Carlin, Bob Eddy, Susan Fee, Carolyn Locke, Ted Pelletier, Rebecca Olsen, and Chip Kyle

On-going Activities: Traditional mission activities have developed into an important part of the life of TPC. They help define who we are and where our interests lie. These include the following:

- **Tuesday's Treasures** – one of our most vital community mission projects, we support adults with developmental disabilities and their families.
- **School House Project** – provide school supplies for needy children in the Tigard-Tualatin School District (TTSD).
- **Giving Tree** – provide children's gifts and food baskets for needy families in TTSD at Christmas. In 2014, we supported 6 families with a total of 14 children from Durham Elementary School.
- **Janus Project** (a.k.a. the "Mitten Tree") – provide homeless youth with winter gloves, scarves, hats and socks.
- **Annual Cookie Sale** – proceeds in 2014 went to Compassion International in support of our sponsored children, Sarah and Estalin (see below).
- **Christmas Memorials** – Monetary gifts in honor/memory of someone special; proceeds in 2014 went to the Canine Companions for Independence.
- **Annual Presbyterian Offerings** – World Communion Sunday, Christmas Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing and Pentecost.

Special Activities: In addition to the traditional activities, we also have special or focused interests and efforts. These include:

- **Compassion International:** An outgrowth of the Shark Tank proposals, we have committed to the support of two youth – Estalin, a 7 year old boy living in Ecuador; and Sarah, a 14 year old girl living in Uganda. The intent of the committee is to make this an ongoing commitment with targeted efforts to fund the annual support.
- **Adult Mission Trips:** TPC conducted a total of four adult mission trips this past year. Three were single day trips to Newberg supporting Habitat for Humanity. The fourth was a multi-day trip to Bend working with that Habitat group (see the picture below).
- **Food Pantry:** The food pantry continues to be a special focus of the congregation. Individuals from TPC staff and coordinate volunteer workers. Many from the congregation work on a regular schedule receiving donations, stocking shelves and assisting those who come to the pantry to "shop".



Respectfully submitted, Chip Kyle, Mission Elder

YOUTH ELDER REPORT

In 2014, our TPC Youth (grades 6-12) gathered weekly/bi-weekly/monthly for fellowship and a focus on faith and mission. With the wonderful addition of Andrew Hall as our new Youth Leader – my role as an elder has been more as a support person behind the scenes, but I can give a general overview of our many events of the past year.

Much fellowship and fun has been going on with the help of Andrew and our youth are having a great time. The youth, along with Andrew and myself, did a lock-in overnight at TPC to raise awareness and money for world hunger - and to increase our awareness of the great need felt by so many in our world.

An amazing summer mission trip was decided upon and Andrew Hall, Shari Olsen, Gina Olson, John Olsen, Kaity Olsen, Bradley Olson, Leah Olson, Arielle Mazzuca, Emily Mazzuca, Megan Weener, Cameron Sweetland and Halah Grobey would be making the journey together. The mission trip would take place at the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona from June 22-June 29. In preparation for this ambitious mission trip, our youth worked very hard writing sponsorship letters to friends and family – explaining their desire and sense of purpose regarding the summer mission trip. Through generous sponsorship, fundraising, yard work for our congregants, vegetable sales and a wonderful church spaghetti feed and raffle – our youth achieved their travel fund goals for Mission Trip 2014!!!

Following the youth mission trip, our youth were able to share with the congregation their amazing journey at the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation. They worked harder than they had ever worked. They built a home together in unforgiving heat and what that they had to share with us at TPC was endless gratitude, wonderful stories and a most evident bond that our youth group and our youth leaders continue to solidify. This experience was truly a blessing for all that were involved – even for the cheerleaders and supporters behind the scenes.

Our TPC Youth group continued to gather for Awakenings fun and learning after their mission



experience.....and for a lot of wonderful fellowship together. Whether Andrew Hall or Pastor Ken Evers-Hood are leading our youth – the bonds that are forming are strong and lasting ones.

This summer, we were also blessed to have the largest confirmation/new member class welcomed by our congregation in some time! Our youth amazed us with their statements of faith and with their wisdom they shared at such a young age. Our congregation was also blessed by an amazing youth led worship service! They did it all and their heart and their love for God shown through their every word and deed. These youth are serious about their faith!!!

This fall, Cameron Sweetland, Emily Mazzuca and myself are the only ones able to attend CPYA at Aldersgate in Turner, Oregon from 11/21-11/23, but we will bring back news to share of a weekend spent with all of the youth and leaders from the Presbytery of the Cascades. As our next Youth Triennium draws nearer – these Presbytery relationships will mean a great deal.

Our youth are anxiously awaiting the return of Andrew Hall to close out this amazing year. Our entire congregation stands behind our TPC youth with wonder over what the coming year will bring. Pride, hope, awe, lifelong friendships, inspiration, deepened fellowship and abounding faith are only a few of the words that I have heard to describe our youth and our amazing youth leadership! 2015 is going to be another amazing year!!

Submitted by Kathy Sweetland, Youth Elder

WORSHIP ELDER

Worship Elder:

Joan Nardi

Worship Team Members:

Debbie Ivanov

Judy Nix

Carol Rhodes

David Kelly

Adele Pelletier

Ron Rhodes

John Lewis

Mary Shiffer

TPC has enjoyed a variety of worship experiences during this past year. In addition to our beloved Pastor's stimulating sermons, our pulpit has also been graced with a number of gifted lay persons and guest speakers who have shared their insights of God's Word.

In March, Dave Backen resigned his responsibility as Liturgist Coordinator. We thank him for his many years of service. Adele Pelletier has graciously assumed the responsibility.

On Sunday, April 6th, the Chancel Choir accompanied by a small orchestra and directed by Dr. David Kelly, Director of Music, presented Gabriel Faure's inspirational "Requiem". Several members of the congregation noted they were blessed by the music.

Sunday, May 18th, was a day of celebration as we honored the newly degreed Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood.

Our youth provided our worship experience on Pentecost Sunday. They shared their music, art and personal experience of God in their lives.

On June 29th, a unique service of scripture readings and hymns led us into the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The service was then concluded with the dedication of the Memorial Garden on a beautiful Sunday morning.

Church History month was introduced by Chris Robertson on October 12th. In addition to her unique sermon, and music by the Bell Choir, we enjoyed art work newly created by our youth.

Both the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir have continued to grow in number of participants. Their musical offerings continue to enhance our worship services. Additionally, beginning this September, the youth have been participating with special musical ensembles on a monthly basis. This has provided another special element in our worship.

With Session's approval, 50 copies of the New Revised Standard Bible have been purchased and placed in the back of the Sanctuary for use by the congregation during worship.

On a very sad note, our sister and longtime coordinator of Sunday morning Greeters and Ushers, Clare Hahn, left us on December 17th to join our Lord. She will be greatly missed.

Finally, our heartfelt thanks to all who volunteer for a variety of worship responsibilities: greeters, ushers, liturgists, readers, and sound technicians. Thank you all for your service.

Submitted by Joan Nardi, Worship Elder

DEACONS' REPORT

Our congregation is divided into twelve parishes. Each Deacon is responsible for a parish, which is made up of between 12-18 families, individuals, members and non-members. Deacons are elected by the congregation and serve three-year terms.

Currently Serving Deacons:

Parish 1	Barbara Kerr
Parish 2	Jackie Norman
Parish 3	Susan Cameron
Parish 4	Barbara Harriman
Parish 5	Russ Carlin
Parish 6	Susan Fee
Parish 7	Dan Barker
Parish 8	Becky Backen
Parish 9	Karen Black
Parish 10	Julian Awdry
Parish 11	Rebecca Crall
Parish 12	Mary Maleta

Prior Deacons (Term Ended May 2014):

Parish 2	Bud Bender
Parish 3	Marilyn Staples-Sundt
Parish 5	Karen Stevenson
Parish 6	Nancy Wilcox

2014 Highlights

In addition to routine responsibilities, the Deacons focused on two new areas during 2014.

1. At monthly meetings the Deacons identify persons or groups to recognize for their service and efforts on behalf of the congregation. Each person/group identified is sent a card expressing the Deacon's appreciation and thanks.
2. Deacons are responsible for coordinating food and other temporary assistance for persons in the congregation who are experience illness or loss. The Deacons have initiated a pilot study using an Internet application called CareCalendar, Which makes it easier to keep the congregation informed of unmet needs and improves the coordination of meals, rides and other types of assistance. In 2015, the Deacons will evaluate how well the CareCalendars worked and whether to adopt it permanently.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Barker, Moderator

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

2014 PROGRAMS

What a great year! Even though we had to say goodbye to Drew from September to the end of the year so he could fulfill his student teaching requirements, the youth still accomplished wonderful things!

Every two weeks the youth gather at what Drew calls The Awakening. There, they tend to eat pizza and catch up. They check in with one another talking about what's going well and not so well in their lives. They play a group game and then learn about scripture or the tradition or the church. Other than playing a version of hide and seek with glow sticks and all of the lights off (creepy) my favorite game involves a trash can named "Kenny." The kids connect to one another by holding short links of rope and then try to push and pull one another into Kenny using the ropes. No serious injuries yet... ☺

As mentioned in Ken's report, Ken, Drew, and Laura Spurrell led a confirmation class leading to a wonderful group of youth joining the church in the spring.

The highlight of the year, though, was undoubtedly the youth mission trip to Arizona. The youth held a fantastic spaghetti dinner fundraiser that was fun for all. Then, working with Amore Ministries, our young people worked to improve living conditions for some families who were truly in need. Such actions may not save the entire world, but they sure make a difference in a small corner of it.

When Drew wasn't doing all this, hiding a hundred army men in Ken's office (and shooting him with nerf guns), Drew managed to create a monthly Parents Night Out and a Murder Mystery Dinner with 30 in attendance, half of whom were guests that night.

We're all looking forward to Drew's return and another great year!

Andrew Hall, Director of Youth & Family Ministries (on leave-of-absence)
Submitted by the Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Both vocal and instrumental music bring worship to life in varied and wonderful ways. I wish to thank each volunteer and staff member for their devotion to bringing the best they have to offer to the Music Ministries of TPC during 2014.

The **Chancel Choir** continues to provide a variety of choral styles and lead congregational singing in worship on 3-4 Sundays of each month.

Our wonderful **Bell Choir** rings on the 2nd Sunday of each month, under the vibrant leadership of Debbie Ivanov.

Pianist and Accompanist, Dr. Ron Fabbro continues to be at the center our music staff, caring for the needs of choir and soloist rehearsals and tirelessly providing worship music leadership.

Soloists enhance worship on a regular basis, bringing both vocal and instrumental music to life. I wish to thank those Chancel Choir members and various instrumentalists that step forward in this important capacity.

Expansion of Music Ministries

There have been two elder requests resulting in expansion of Music Ministries:

1. **“Current Music”** (contemporary style) request resulted in “Cantor Leadership” of congregational singing with the goal of bringing some contemporary style.
2. **“Youth Singing”** request resulted in regular “Youth Music” participation in worship as well as youth assistance with “Cantor Leadership” of congregational singing.
3. Music in a more current and contemporary style can be enhanced by the use of guitar, bass, drums and wind instruments. We have been blessed by the skills of several such instrumentalists.

Sound and Technology has been called on more frequently this year to support Music Ministries. Both John Lewis and Mike Shiffer have been instrumental in helping to amplify both “Cantor Leadership” and “Youth Music”. John Martin has also enhanced Music Ministries with his video assistance.

Epiphany Festival Concerts in January and April were extremely successful, bringing music to very responsive audiences. Thank you to the many musicians, both vocal and instrumental that made these events possible. Thank you also to Judy Nix and each volunteer that made the receptions a success following each concert. It is important to acknowledge that each Epiphany Concert covered it’s own expenses separate from the annual budget of TPC and that the opportunity to share music on these two afternoons was appreciated.

In the Spirit of Music!

Dr. David Kelly, Director of Music Ministries



Dr. Ron Fabro, Choir Accompanist

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR REPORT

In 2014, the bell choir grew, in numbers, experience and love for each other! We started the year down 2 people, but by December, had every spot on our tables covered! (Which doesn't mean we don't have room for substitutes or others interested in checking us out!) We continued our schedule of playing for worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month, except for summer months. In addition to those Sundays, we provided our a'pealing' sound for Easter and Christmas Eve.

A particularly great experience for the bell choir involved partnering with Calvin Presbyterian Church's Kings' Ringers and Bells of the Cascades to host a weekend learning session with Fred Gramann, a well-known handbell composer and organist in Paris, France. He met with us on Friday evening and all day Saturday, and we finalized the weekend with a concert for the public on Saturday evening! Besides pieces composed by Mr. Gramann, the concert included the worldwide premier of a handbell piece written especially for this occasion by David York, Director of Bells of the Cascades. It was a great weekend for fellowship and ringing...we hope to do it again soon!

We always welcome new and interested folks to come check us out! We meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and would love to show why we love handbells so much. Our 'family' supports each other in learning as well as Christian living, in Jesus' name.

Submitted by Debbie Ivanov, Bell Choir Director

THE OFFICE

There are three, soon to be four, people working in the office. The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood takes care of all things pastoral. After finishing a master's degree in California, Andrew Hall will return in February and resume working as the Director of Youth and Family Ministry. Rhoda Friesen takes care of all things financial...pays bills, tracks pledges, posts donations, coordinates payroll, and works with the Sunday morning money counters. Susan Springer puts together the Sunday bulletins and inserts and edits the monthly newsletter. She also coordinates building usage and updates the church calendar and the church membership data base.

When someone says, talk to "the office," or turn something in to "the office," that really means talk to, communicate with, or meet with Rhoda or Susan.

Though each has different responsibilities, Rhoda and Susan work well together and cover for each other when one needs to be gone from the office for whatever reason. They act as a sounding board for each other when things get dicey. Just as Ken has his Tuesday morning gathering of fellow pastors, they have one another.

Below are some frequently asked questions of "the office."

Q: Have I paid my per capita for this year? Note: Per capita for 2014 is \$25.24. Per capita for 2015 will be \$27.96.

A: Check your last quarterly contribution statement, or call or email Rhoda (rhoda@tpcspirit.org).

Q: Is my pledge paid up to date?

A: Check your last quarterly contribution statement, or call or email Rhoda (rhoda@tpcspirit.org).

Q: When is a particular event taking place?

A: Go to the church website, www.tpcspirit.org and check the on line calendar. Or consult the most recent newsletter or Sunday worship bulletin insert...or call the office.

Q: When is the newsletter deadline?

A: In a typical month, session meets on the third Thursday of the month. The newsletter deadline is the following Tuesday at 9 a.m. Send articles to susan@tpcspirit.org.

Q: How can I get a current copy of the church directory?

A: Paper copies are available on the square table in the corner of the office, on the right as you enter. If you prefer a PDF file, email Susan (susan@tpcspirit.org) and ask her to send you the current file.

Q: Can I make an appointment to meet with Pastor Ken?

A: Yes. Email Ken at kevershood@gmail.com.

During a "normal" week Rhoda is in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays; Susan is in the office Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The office phone number is (503) 692-4160.

Submitted by Rhoda Friesen and Susan Springer, Administrative Assistants

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The bereavement committee's mission is to assist families in any way that we can in their time of loss. One thing we do is organize the reception following a memorial service. We provide the food that family requests for the reception, and set up and clean up. We will also supply flowers for the tables, set a table for a display, and provide a sign in book.

Committee members are Barb Crall, Judy Nix, Susan Fee, Linda Watkins, Barb Kerr, Barb Harrimen, Laura Spurrell, and Ted Lambeth. The committee could not function without the assistance of Rick Crall, Bob Nix, Marshall Watkins and Rod Kerr. I cannot list the members of the committee without listing Clare Hahn who was a pillar of this committee from its beginning until her death in December.

In 2014 we assisted with receptions for TPC members Philip Martin in September and John Mears in November, and a member of Diane Adams' extended family in December.

Submitted by Barb Crall, Bereavement Committee Chair

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

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 seventh year. Someone who has participated continuously since the beginning could have had 4 dinners with each of 48 families (couples or singles). With that many prior associations, we now have to discard the oldest couple of years of history when we shuffle the groups avoiding prior associations..

This program is no longer new or novel, and has reached a stable maturity. Participation has dropped about 12% since its peak two to three years ago. There are currently 77 participants, 33 of which participated in the first phase in the fall of 2008.

Participation is based on a general sign-up once a year at the end of the summer. Prior to the start of the second and third phase of each year there is an opportunity for new participants to sign up, but continuing participants do not need to do anything, unless they wish to opt out. Beginning next autumn we are planning to slip the schedule one month so that the autumn sign-up will be in September, instead of August (when many folks are on vacation), and the winter sign-up will be in January instead of December (which is a busy month).

A steering committee of 5 families has organized and guided the program -- contact any of them for more information or to provide comments or suggestions. They are: Sherry and Mike Nelson, Barb and Rick Crall, Mary Ortez, Rick Norse, Rachel Norse, Carol and Ronn Rhodes.

Submitted by Rick Crall

HEALTH MINISTRY

YEAR END REPORT 2014

Mission Statement: The mission of the TPC health ministry is to promote an integration of faith and health in uniting mind, body, and spirit by fostering educational programs and supporting healthy activities.

Recap for 2014:

The **Health Ministry committee** has met regularly to support the health ministry of TPC through discerning the needs of the congregation for health based programs and activities. The goal of the committee is to educate and motivate people to adopt healthy lifestyle changes, which will improve and sustain their quality of life. Member of the committee include **Parish Nurse:** Dianne Lemmon, **Health Ministry Liaison:** Karen Black, and **Health Ministry Committee Members:** Sandy Reiling, Jay Wilcox, Karen Jones, and Rob Ayers.

Medicare enrollment choices have been presented to the congregation by Karen Black as a **SHIBA** volunteer. She gave information about Medicare enrollment decisions to the TPC congregation and to individuals by appointment.

Healthy hints continue to be published in the bulletin and in the newsletter on a regular basis to bring timely information to the congregation regarding current health recommendations. These are provided by the parish nurse.

Plans for 2015:

1. **Advance Directives:** Meet with the congregation to discuss and fill out advance directives. This discussion will be led by Karen Black in February.
2. **Walk to Jerusalem:** In January, the congregation will be challenged to collectively walk equivalent miles to arrive in Jerusalem by Easter. This was done in 2013 and was well received with enough interest to repeat the challenge.
3. A prostate cancer support group will be ongoing, initially meeting quarterly, and facilitated by the Parish Nurse.

Many thanks go out to my committee members for their support and their efforts.

Dianne Lemmon, RN, TPC Parish Nurse

KITCHEN ELVES

Do you ever wonder how the kitchen stays so clean? It is mysterious! Yes, there are "Kitchen Elves." Quarterly they do the following....

- Defrost the freezer
- Pull things out of cupboards to clean
- Clean the refrigerator and throw old things away
- Clean the floor drains
- Put the dishes away that have been left out
- And sweep and mop...

I call people to help with these tasks...They come and give me their time. Thank you elves!

Submitted by Pam Cameron

LOVING STITCHES – 2014

"Whoever helps a child stands tall."

We are all about giving children in need a blanket to comfort them. They are in a) hospitals for treatment, b) special camps, such as Camp Rosenbaum for low income children (at weeks end they learn their counselors are police), and Operation Snowball (Dallas) a camp for any child in the US whose parent is away in service, c) in Randall Hospital because of neglect, being abandoned, or mistreated, CARES NW works with them and their families, d) children whose school was destroyed by fire, and e) to many other groups and individual children.



Our son has never had an attachment to a stuffed animal or blanket... until Wednesday! He had some pretty grueling medical tests performed this week and received a stuffed frog & matching blanket from Project Linus! His new favorite friend is called "Hoppy" and we feel so blessed to have received the beautiful blanket! What a wonderful gift to give families who spend too much time in hospitals! Thank you for your gift and love!

Project Linus

These members gave 147 blankets in the last two years to the Portland/Vancouver Project Linus: Diane Barry, Mary Ortez, Yvonne Wagner, Barb Kerr, Barbara Harriman, Maureen Richardson, Patty Farrell, and Shirley Schultz. Also, we were given blankets by Bud Bender, Cackie Kyle, Hilde Frey, Susan Springer, Adele Pelletier, Nancy Church, Jackie, Emily, and Arielle Mazucca, Bonnie Nord, Sandy Reiling, Stacy Mauer and Denise Collins.

Contact Mary Ortez, our new coordinator (503-612-1993), for more information. We meet the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month – 10:00 AM in the Narthex, or give a new blanket to Shirley Schultz.

Submitted by,
Shirley Schultz

MARGE DEAN MEMORIAL GARDEN

This year we made great progress on remodeling the Marge Dean Memorial Garden.

Norm Dannemiller and the boy Scouts made a very generous financial donation to this project and were instrumental in cleaning the Memorial Garden. Many of our members made generous donations that made it possible to purchase the supplies we needed to complete this project. That included removing the railroad ties, purchasing the pavers and pruning the existing plantings in the garden area.

This project is not completed. Future projects include new display areas for the memorial stones, and a center walk way. Also on the drawing board are two planting areas.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Nelson

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This group meets every third Saturday of the month, except in July and August, when no meetings are held. It has been in existence for over six years.

The Men's Fellowship Group consists of between 15 and 20 active members (the group is always looking for new members) who meet once a month at 7:30 a.m. in the church's narthex to enjoy a breakfast meal prepared by its own members and to fellowship with one another. Breakfasts are followed by either a guest speaker or, on some occasions, voluntary participation in a TPC or community project. The Men's Group prides itself in scheduling a variety of interesting topics from men's health to community leadership, to non-profit organizations, just to name a few. Meetings are adjourned by 9:00 a.m.

The primary church project undertaken by the Men's Group in 2014 was the installation of a low-voltage lighting system for the church's site sign on Boones Ferry Road. The cost of the lighting materials was about \$500, which was paid for by the group. Many other smaller church projects were completed by Men's Group members throughout the year. The group is always open to suggestions for future projects at the church and in the surrounding communities.

At every December meeting, held at a local restaurant, members donate Christmas gifts to underprivileged children through the Toys For Tots Foundation.

As you have read, Men's Group programs and projects vary widely and tend to be service oriented. The members find these activities broaden the opportunities to serve our church and communities, which in turn deepens our relationship with God.

Submitted by Bob Paetsch, Chairman



SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP

Once a month, most recently on Thursday evening, a small group of people gather in my home. We share our lives, and the joys and concerns we bring. We gather them up in prayer, along for those for the world and our community. Then we open up the Bible and read a lesson, often the one for the coming week. In silence, we listen, and then share what we hear in the reading. There is no right or wrong answer, only what Spirit whispers to us. Multiple readings and sharing deepen our listening. The evening closes in prayer.

When it came time to come back together in September, we mutually discerned that we needed to take some additional time off, and chose to declare a fallow year, and check in next summer to see if the group had run its course or if we wanted to continue. We all learned and gained from this small and faithful group.

Laura Spurrell, Hostess

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

New in 2014, the Technology Committee operates under the Building and Grounds elder, Bob Paetsch. Members of the group include Rick Mauer, John Lewis, Dan Barker, Russ Carlin, Mike Shiffer, and Melissa Evers-Hood. John Martin chairs the Committee.

While the formalization of this committee is new, we gratefully recognize the long-time services of several members of the committee: John Lewis for audio systems; Mike Shiffer with computer systems; and Rick Mauer for all things electrical. The church has solid technology systems in place because of their efforts.

This new committee provides support for a wide variety of audio, video, and computer technologies. In 2014 the Committee secured a new data projector for the church and is now implementing a plan to provide floor connections in the sanctuary for power and audio/video connections. Office computer software has been updated and hardware evaluated for replacement. WIFI connections within the church have been balanced and maintained. The TPC web page has been maintained and evaluated for future updates. TPC's Facebook and social media presence has increased. Sermons have been video recorded and posted on TPC's web page. And, Pastor Ken has been supported with his use of technology in the sermons.

In the upcoming year the committee plans to conduct site visits to churches that have recently modernized technology systems to determine what enhancements may benefit our congregation. We will be looking at upgrading and expanding current systems as well as exploring new technologies.

The committee welcomes new members who may have skills and interests in audio, video, computers, and web design.

Submitted by John Martin, Committee Chair

TREASURE NIGHT PROGRAM 2014

Our TPC Treasure Night program continues to be a vibrant mission/outreach ministry which has been serving developmentally disabled adults (known as “Treasures”) of Washington County for over thirteen 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. The purpose is to share God’s love with Treasures, all of whom have mild to profound developmental disabilities. In addition, many also are affected by physical disabilities. They all love Jesus and each other, among many positive traits they bring each month.



Our dedicated volunteers are key to the success of the program. They range in age from 6 to 91, from children and those with no prior connection with disabled adults to skilled special education and Christian education teachers. The volunteers agree that the Treasure Night experience is so powerful that they keep coming back. Thank you to these volunteers who helped this year in ways both large and small: Julian & Sue Awdry & service dog Lauren, Bud Bender, Denise Collins, Shirley Dechaine, Emily & Monica Gibson, Barbara Harriman, Cliff & Donna Hoff & family, Del Judy, Ted & Cathy Lambeth, Barbara Larson, Carolyn & Brian Locke, Jackie Norman, Stephen Ricker, the Ristow family, Mike & Mary Shiffer & grandsons, Laura Spurrell & grandchildren, and Dick Wiggers. We are blessed to have our multi-talented TPC Treasures, Erik Spurrell & Rob Wiesenthal, participate in dual roles, both as Treasures and as volunteers. We can always use more volunteers. For more information about how you can be part of this awesome group, please contact Carolyn Locke.



Memorable moments for 2014 include our 14th annual TPC Treasure carnival in July filled with “Summer Fun” games, prizes, photos, and service dog Lauren; two special recognition nights: one to thank Jerry Davis (& wife Mary), singer and songwriter, who has performed annual

concerts for Treasures for years; another special recognition night honored Steve Ristow & family for eighteen years of service to developmentally disabled adults and their caregivers through Quiet Waters Outreach.

Submitted by Carolyn Locke, TPC Treasures Coordinator

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN BLOOD DRIVE

For the last twenty-five years or so TPC has hosted an annual Red Cross Blood drive around the Holiday season and for the last few years in the summer. I have happily adopted this program as my contribution to the mission of TPC in the community. So when you see me at the microphone during the announcements portion of the Sunday service most of you know that I am asking for volunteers, donors or cookie bakers for a Red Cross Blood Drive.

The last few years it has been in January and August. Next year's drive will again be in the month of January on Friday the 9th. The date for the Summer time drive in August is TBA. This year's drives were held January 31st and August 27th. January's drive got 37 sign-ups and had 1 deferral but collected 32 units of blood that matched our goal. August's drive had 40 sign-ups, 1 deferral and collected 34 units, two more than our goal of 32. I have been blessed with the help of many eager volunteers to work as greeters/registers, escorts, and canteen servers. Many of these volunteers have become regulars who work the drives every year. Some of those to be named are: Pam Cameron, Del Judy, Dianne Barry, Susan Fee, Morgan Olsen, Jay Wilcox, Myrna and Lynn Friese, Tom and Clare Hahn and Neal and Sandy Reiling, not to mention many cookie bakers that make our canteen the best blood drive canteen in the metro area.

The donors that regularly participate (most from our own congregation and some from the community at large) are too numerous to mention. The newest thing to note is that the donors are now able to schedule their appointments online. This makes it easier for me to juggle donor's donation times and for them to see what time slots are available. It also makes it easier for me to see who donated before and who will likely be willing to do it again. You gotta love technology.

As a side note: In the past the Red Cross has referred to our drive as the STW (Sherwood-Tualatin-Wilsonville) Christian Action Coalition Blood Drive. It now has been changed to the Tualatin Presbyterian Church Blood Drive.

It is well known that giving blood saves lives. I am proud that TPC has committed to hosting these blood Drives for low these many years, and that the Red Cross Blood Drives are a regular component of TPC's mission to the community that I hope will continue for many more years to come.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Scott Cameron, Blood Drive Chairman

TUALATIN SCHOOL HOUSE PANTRY

Tualatin School House Pantry has had a very busy year. They continue to serve 650 – 700 households every month. The once-a-month Harvest Share program is also drawing 100 – 125 families each month. On one Saturday morning each month, clients come to the pantry and receive a very generous supply of fresh produce as their share of the harvest. This is a popular family volunteer activity and usually has at least one TPC family on the volunteer staff. This year the pantry chose to be part of Oregon Food Bank's "healthy pantry" initiative. This program focuses on educating clients about healthy eating. Every month a healthy idea is emphasized. Clients can sample healthy foods and receive healthy recipes. Signage in the pantry identifies the best food choices for families that want to promote healthy eating. The pantry continues to host a monthly emergency dental clinic for clients without the insurance or financial means for dental needs. Although food and financial donations are lower than in past years, the pantry continues to meet the growing needs of hungry families in their service area.

Tualatin Presbyterian Church continues to be a strong supporter of the pantry. There are more volunteers from TPC than from any other local church. Your volunteer hours, food and non-food donations and financial donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

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

Submitted by Mike Shiffer

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GROUP

Mission Statement: To connect and enhance the spiritual life of women through Christian education opportunities and community service.

Potlucks and Educational Programs:

All women are invited to attend the Women's Ministry Group that generally meets monthly with a summer break. A short program follows our Saturday morning potluck brunches. Program topics this year included the Aids Orphan Education Trust in Uganda, Using Power Responsibly, Celebrating the Jewish Festival of Purim, "She" (a nouma DVD by Rob Bell), and an Advent Preparation.



Women's Day Retreat:

A Women's Day Retreat and luncheon was held at the Alton L. Collins Retreat Center at Eagle Creek. The event was filled with laughter and fellowship as Judy Tuttle-Zollner from the Salem Pastoral Counseling Center led us in studying the topics of gladness and suffering.



Service Projects:

Service projects are an important part of our ministry. We support the following projects:

- **Welcome Baskets for HopeSpring** - HopeSpring is a comprehensive program that helps homeless mothers and their children get back on their feet. When the family is able to move into stable housing, a welcome basket is provided with some essential household products. We will provide and pack welcome baskets at our meetings.
- **School Backpack Program** – This program in the Tualatin-Tigard School District provides weekend meals for children to take home to their families. We assist in providing food and volunteers to pack food for needy children to take home on Fridays.

Submitted by Carolyn Barker

WORSHIP ART COMMITTEE

The goal of 2014 was to complete the collection of fabric liturgical color banners for the Sanctuary. In 2013, red Pentecost banners, white satin banners and blue Advent Sanctuary sets were completed. A set of purple banners, Communion table cover and pastor stole were completed for Lent. These same purple pieces are being used this Advent along with purple and rose Advent candles. Gold banners, tablecloth and stole were completed to celebrate the Easter season. Pieced green banners table covering and stole were created for Ordinary Time. The 60 shades of green fabric, ranging from the light and bright greens of spring led to fuller more intense green for summer. The olive green and forest green completed the banner for fall and early winter. The pattern was original variation, based on a pattern called the North Wind. All pieces contained batting for dimension and were machine quilted.

The theme for the sanctuary art during Lent was 'Lay your burden down.' The congregation was invited to pick up stones from a basket by the Font and place them around the base of the small cross in front of the Communion Table to symbolize the burdens of life and spirit and giving them over to Jesus. On Easter, the small cross was replaced by a larger gold cross surrounded by stones, large and small, representing the burdens of the congregation that were born and redeemed by Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior.

The final major worship art project of the 2014 year are the Chrismons crafted by 22 members of the congregation. The Chrismons are symbols that represent Jesus Christ and Christian Life throughout history. These were created in the traditional white and gold, using 4 media, felt and beads, felt and glitter glue, Hardanger work and counted cross stitch. The children made dove and butterfly Chrismons with gold fingerprints on cardstock. These are hung from the greens hung around the sanctuary. Twelve Icons and symbols from church history were painted on small canvases and placed in the west windows and inside the wall wreaths. These paintings were created by Chris Robertson. The twelve Hardanger pieces were made by Cackie Kyle. It is hoped that the approximately 100 Chrismons will become heirlooms to be used for many years to come at TPC.

Again the Susan Collier Boehm Porcelain Nativity serves as the focal point of the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve and through Epiphany. Five pointed stars of several sizes surround the large Star of Bethlehem suspended over the Communion Table and Nativity. White and gold adorn the Communion Table and hang next to the Cross, joyously announcing the birth of Jesus.

Thank you to Session for the opportunity to serve the past two years as your Worship Art Director. It has been challenging and rewarding. It has been wonderful to see participation by the congregation during Advent and Lent seasons. The strong participation in the Chrismon project has been exciting to watch and a real blessing to the whole community of TPC. I hope that you, the congregation, have found the meaning of the liturgy enhanced by the sanctuary art. It has been my goal to add to the meaningfulness of the liturgical seasons rather than decorate space.

Chris Robertson will be serving as Worship Art Director beginning January 1, 2015. She is a talented, creative person with a passion to serve. I know that TPC will provide the support and assistance she requests and needs.

Grace and Peace, Mary Shiffer

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT – SHARK TANK

Last year was full of many blessings for TPC and its congregation. The awesome thing about our church community is that when we feel blessed we feel compelled to share what we have with others, and that surfaces in a variety of ways. A great example of this was an anonymous donor who felt compelled to give \$10,000 to the church with the caveat that it be used for a non-budgeted item. As the Elders set out to determine the best way to utilize these expenses the first thing that came to mind was the recent news that we needed \$2,000 to fix a newly reported irrigation issue. After the immediate response of feeling good about finding a practical use for some of the money, the Elders took a broader view of what this really meant for the church and decided we needed to have some fun with this. After all, we've always been known for being a little outgoing, weird, and creative – right? An idea emerged to hold a Shark Tank style competition and let the members have a voice in what the remaining \$8,000 should be used for. Who would know the immediate needs of our church better than the members? What mission was calling to them? What was on their wish list for the church? How could we better serve others through ministry and outreach?

Eight proposals quickly emerged. The responses were really amazing. They ranged from international mission work with children to 21st century technology upgrades to goats and sheep in the parking lot. Someone even thought it might be nice to have Bibles (in a church!). In the end we wound up prioritizing the funding for four proposals. 1) Sponsoring two children Sarah (Uganda) and Estalin (Ecuador) through Compassion International; whom we are also encouraged to support with prayers and letters of encouragement. 2) A new projector so we can enjoy a multi-media service (including Skyping with Andrew Hall). 3) The purchase of 50 pew bibles along with a beautiful bookcase crafted by our own Rod Kerr. 4) The purchase of new hymnals that arrived last month.

Even though every idea wasn't funded, we realized the value in hearing a great idea and then finding ways to run with the idea even if it couldn't be funded with the Shark Tank money. An amazing example of this was our first living nativity. We held this in the church parking lot to draw the community and our members together at our doorstep to celebrate the birth of Christ. Not only did this attract members of our community, it also engaged the children of our congregation who played every role in the living nativity – from Mary (Morgan Olsen) to baby Jesus (Maggie James) to all the four-legged animals (aka Elementary Sunday School children). This outreach was ultimately funded through Children's Ministry.

This congregation has truly felt the impact of this wonderful gift that was bestowed upon us and we will continue to be reminded of it each time we pray for one of our "Compassion" children, watch Ken incorporate video or images into our service, sing our favorite hymn, and follow the scriptures in a Bible versus in our bulletin. A big thank you for the generosity that sparked great new ministry, worship, and service throughout the congregation. Another big thank you for those of you who shared your dreams with us.

Submitted by Jennifer Ayers, Treasurer

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