



TPC 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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- Children's sermon
- Easter egg hunt, memorial garden
- potluck
- Session planning project
- Spring blooms exiting building



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PASTOR'S REPORT

“By definition, soul evades the cage of definition. It is the indefinable essence of a person’s spirit and being. It can never be touched and yet the merest hint of its absence causes immediate distress...Soul has to do with the way a human being belongs to their world, their work, or their human community. Where there is little sense of belonging there is little sense of soul.” —David Whyte, *The Heart Aroused: Poetry and the Preservation of the Soul in Corporate America*

2019 has been another full year at TPC seeing the launch of Family Promise, the growth and development of the Princeton Log College project from several possibilities to one, clear, compelling, and actionable plan designed to foster a stronger sense of unity in our wider community. And I have started working with the deacons to learn how to have meaningful conversations with us with the goal being becoming like *anam cara*- soul friends to us in the years ahead. Soul friends are people who help us grow into the people God has made us to be through listening, self-discovery, and goal setting. TPC was also given the rare gift of a pastoral sabbatical grant. Every seven years the Presbytery has built into all pastoral calls a three-month paid sabbatical. Seven years ago TPC had to pay my salary plus build into the budget pay for a temporary supply pastor. This year, thanks to the grant, not only will my travel be covered but the salary of our temporary pastor is paid for as well.

Our theme for sabbatical is care for the soul. Here is what I wrote to the grant committee: “The theme for our sabbatical time at Tualatin Presbyterian Church is soul keeping: recovering a sense of soul and deepening in disciplines that ground us in who we've been made to be. The context in which I serve, Tualatin, Oregon, sits about twenty minutes outside of Portland. A typical suburban bedroom community, Tualatin is home to families under intense pressure to succeed in school, in sports, and at work all while appearing to be leading perfect lives on social media. While there are many positive aspects about our community—it is a safe place with incredible access to all kinds of opportunities—there is also a darker side to this privilege. People commonly open conversations complaining (or bragging?) about how busy they are, but they also seem compelled to maintain an unsustainable pace. Due to this stress as well as isolating architecture and public space, people articulate a longing for connection and a sense of loneliness even when they're surrounded by others.

This pressure to succeed also drives a strategic mindset—a mindset that values organization, planning, and control. This mindset is a requirement for families moving in so many different directions, but it often results in what Bishop Kenneth Carder and Professor Lacey Warner refer to as practical atheism in their book *Grace to Lead*. Ours is a culture in which people can almost believe that the future is under our control, and if we just attend to enough of the details we might really be able to master our own fate. But then when life happens, either through unexpected tragedy or holy disruption, I find people have little preparation for how to cope.

To put it succinctly: we are a people who are trying to live without soul.

We are comfortable in the realm of the intellect, the light, the happy, the surface, and the planned; we are deeply uncomfortable with the realm of the mysterious, the dark, the full range of emotion, the depths, and with the unexpected. We are consumers who have lost touch with our inherent, God-given gifts of creativity. We are a people who have achieved the world and who have lost touch with our souls.

There is a real price to this soullessness. Rates of depression and anxiety and problematic coping mechanisms, such as alcohol and drug use, are high in our community. And, at times, people break. Rates

of suicide among young people are climbing, and last year our neighborhood suffered a shocking loss. A 45-year-old father of three, Greg, completed suicide after several years of battling mental illness and a sense of isolation that finally overtook him. I barely knew Greg, but this thin thread was enough for his family to reach out to our church. I celebrated his life, and the main themes that emerged were how little they really knew about what was going on below the surface of Greg's life, and also how common the feelings of lack of belonging and disconnection are in our community.

The good news is there is so much we can do to create space for us to reconnect with our souls both as individuals and as a community. Through intentional practices of rest, silence, and cultivating spaces to be creative and to share this creativity as a community, we can learn to lower ourselves again into the depths of our God-made selves and recover a sense of soul.”



So, I'm grateful for the year ahead. As I write this, I am recovering from a serious car accident—something that reminded me how not in control I really am. I am looking forward to a year of slowing down a bit, listening for God's small, still voice, reading more David Whyte (the grant paid for copies of *The Heart Aroused* for the church), and reconnecting with my soul. I hope you will join me on this journey.

In Christ,

Submitted by The Rev. Dr. Ken Evers-Hood

PASTOR DICK WIGGERS – PARISH ASSOCIATE FOR PASTORAL CARE AND VISITATION

I have the perfect part-time job. I consider myself very fortunate. Why is what I'm now called to do perfect for me? Because being Parish Associate for pastoral care and visitation frequently brings together two of my personal passions: pastoral care and photography. A quick check of my calendar reminded me that in the past twelve months, I've made over 75 visits with TPC members at local coffee shops, in homes, including retirement homes or nursing homes, and in 7 different hospitals scattered throughout the greater Portland area.

While driving over 1,500 miles from one side of town to the other, I usually bring my camera along. As another photographer chides: "Don't leave home without it." For me, that's been good advice. No matter where my TPC visits take me, there are often photo ops right around the corner. In a few cases, some of you have been willing subjects, like our dear friend, Del Judy, whose life we celebrated at TPC on Saturday, September 7.



Others of you have asked me to take pictures at special fund raising events, like the ALS Bike Ride in July, the ALS "March for Our Lives" event in downtown Portland on March 24, or the "Light the Night" fund raiser that attracted hundreds of participants on October 12, who came together to raise funds to fight Leukemia and Multiple Myeloma.



Thank you for allowing me to continue be a part of the larger network of staff and members of TPC who seek to provide care for those who make up our church family.

Submitted by Dick Wiggers

FAMILY MINISTRIES

We practice an open door, holistic approach to family ministry which means we learn as we go in conversation with God and each other, building community in sustained relationship over time, embodying hospitality, kindness and compassion as we all develop our moral compasses rooted in a Christ-like life.

Nursery

Every Sunday morning, our skilled nursery attendants, Cindy Ellis and Kimberly Logan, keep the preschoolers safe and offer a space for creative play while parents enjoy worship. The last Sunday of every month, 4 - year olds have the option to participate in a community service project with the older kid's, grades K-12.

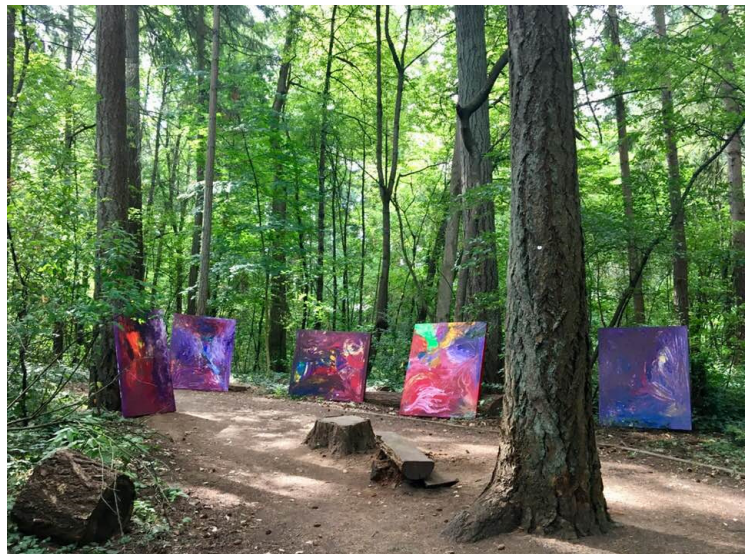
Worship Participation

The first Sunday of every month all kids are welcome to take communion, no matter their beliefs or doubts, as part of the church congregation. TPC Family Ministries encourages all ages of children and young people – from preschool through college – to participate in worship by serving as youth liturgists the third Sunday of the month.



Sunday school

Our education program is based in project based learning and focuses on using resources to develop Christian empowerment and create resilience in our students using the Bible – ancestors in the Bible – to explore the vulnerability of the characters and how those characters connect to our world today. The students then discern which ancestors to study: Paul the Apostle, Pontius Pilot, and Mary Magdalen. Younger students process through art projects, while middle school students discuss and create expression through projects, such as writing a contemporary nativity play of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Most Sunday mornings, preschool – high school students enter worship with their parents and are invited to sit in the front row(s) with the Director of Family Ministries, Sarah Beck and Family Ministries Elder and middle school Christian education coordinator, Jeff Engh. Students worship as part of the congregation through the children’s message, after which they head downstairs to the main children’s area. (On Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of the month, children start downstairs and come up to the sanctuary for Communion.) High school and college students participate through the sermon and then head downstairs for discussion of the sermon and scriptural texts, facilitated by high school Christian coordinators, Denise Collins and Scott Cameron.

Primary and Middle school students gather together to listen to Art Director, Christina Robertson tells a Bible stories and focuses on one Biblical ancestor each week.

Our Primary students work on art projects with primary school Christian education leader, Sandy Gurney and/or Director of Family Ministries, Sarah Beck. Whereas middle school students have a discussion group in the library about the Biblical character discussed in the story with middle school Christian education coordinator, Jeff Engh and/or Director of Family Ministries,



Sarah Beck. John Whitehurst also assists as an additional Christian Education leader for the Primary, middle and high school students.

The last Sunday of every month, the students participate in a community service project, such as Christmas gift bags and Easter Baskets for homeless shelters. On community service Sundays, the kids also serve the after-church coffee and cookies in the Narthex.



Princeton Log College Grant Project

The Log College Community of Practice represents 12 congregations from diverse theological, geographical, and social contexts across nine states and seven denominations. These churches, led by their Design Fellow and Design Team, received a \$15,000 grant from Princeton Seminary to build new ministry that takes theology and young people seriously.

The TPC Log College Design team is an intergenerational group made up of three students and nine adults from the congregation. For the next three years, our young people will work together to design and co-launch a Dreamer-sicle ministry. TPC kids and community partner will gather in our shared space and make paletas, a Salvadorian dessert that is half ice-cream and half popsicle. One the stick will be written the words 'Working together; dreaming together.' Our slogan is "Dreamer-sicles frozen ice-cream dessert make I.C.E. something sweet." The TPC young people want to build a youth-led partnership that models mutual support and solidarity for immigration rights.



Summer Program

Youth Summer Program provides students, kindergarten through high school, a community comprised of church peers, community kids and caring adult leader, who nurture through experiential education. Summer Program creates a place for inclusion, friendship, community and a foundation for building a faith in God. This program provided our children the opportunity to learn the importance of caring, hospitality and responsibility, as these qualities help build a cooperative community, a stronger church, and a healthier society.



Summer Program ran Monday – Friday from 9am - 4pm, for one week in July and one week in August. We took 13 - 16 kids on field trips around the city. We played in city parks, visited farms, and went swimming at community centers, body surfed in the ocean, toured the zoo and went roller-skating at Oaks Park. We chased goats in a field, slide down a waterslide at TPC, ate ice cream and made life-long friendships.

Art Camp ran Monday – Friday from 9 am – noon for one week in July. Primary Education leader, Sandy Gurney and Art Director, Christina Robertson helped plan and facilitate art projects with the Director of Family Ministries, Sarah Beck. An average of 15 kids made up of half TPC kids and half kids from the community, ages 5-14, participated in art camp this year. The last half hour of each day, the kids organized a talent show for the parents picking up kids complete with judges, music, microphone and disco ball in the narthex.



Additionally, we added a three-day middle school mission camp from 9am-4pm. The middle school students volunteered, with several different congregational members, local non-profit organizations, such as, SOLVE with Mission Elder, Russ Carlin; Tualatin School House Pantry with primary Christian Education leader, Sandy Gurney; and the Good Neighbor Center with Family Ministries Elder, Jeff Engh. In the afternoon, the middle school students made paletas with former nurse attendant, Athena Erickson, enjoyed an educational tour of Portland Shanghai tunnels with office manager, Susan Springer, as well as, took a jet boat tour of the Portland bridges and went swimming at Wilson pool.



Community Building Activities

We continued a holistic approach to family ministries by creating community building activities and events that serve TPC's youngest children, toddlers through preschool, as well as, our younger students, kindergarten through middle school, and TPC's older members, from college and beyond.



Nativity Play: The Middle school Students wrote a modern-day naivety play of our Lord Jesus Christ with the guidance of Family Ministries Elder, Jeff Engh and Director of Family Ministries, Sarah Beck that offered parts to any child or young person who wants to participate and we meet that child or young person where they are at in their faith journey.

Lock-in: Family Ministries hosted an all-night church lock-in beginning at 8pm on Saturday night and ending at 8am Sunday morning for kids ages, 5-14. Art Director, Christina Robertson and Director of Family Ministries, Sarah Beck chaperoned the event for nineteen kids who participated in the event. It was one of our best lock-ins so far.

Veggie Sales: Linda and Paul Fukasawa grow and sell their produce to the congregation in the narthex after worship. Several kids decorated and sold pumpkins in the fall. Proceeds went to the Youth Mission Fund. Thanks to Linda and Paul's kind donation, our kids were able to participate at Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019, along with other Presbytery of the Cascades Youth, at Purdue University in July.





Family Ministries Sunday: On June 9th, the TPC primary and middle school youth lead a Family Ministry Sunday, in place of a “Youth Sunday” in June. The kids read scripture, assisted with offertory and one of our high school students wrote, illustrated and read his book for the Children’s message. Several middle school students wrote and presented affirmations for the value they receive from the Director of Family Ministries, Sarah Beck.

Palm Sunday: Preschool kids waved palms during worship. Primary and Middle school students preformed a song with the choir. Christian Education leader, Sandy Gurney and Family Ministries Elder, Jeff Engh, facilitated an Easter scavenger Hunt, while Director of Family Ministries and high school students hid hundreds of Easter Eggs around the church for 50+ kids in attendance.



Youth Group Activities included: Frozen 2 at the Bagdad, Painting Ceramic, ice skating at the Sherwood Ice Arena, Walk with Immigrants and Refugees, feeding Animals at Fir Point Farm, eating dinner together at the Old Spaghetti Factory, swimming at Tigard High School, making paletas for the Log College project, etc.

Community Mission Work

Primary, middle and high school students worked on year-round community mission projects. They cooked full course meals and dessert for homeless families at the Good Neighbor Center. Families volunteered once a month at the Tualatin School House Panty serving coffee and cookies to folks waiting line Saturday morning for produce at Harvest Share. Additionally, primary, middle and high school students volunteered at the Tualatin School House Pantry on no-school days. The middle, high school and a few college students, worked to pick up garbage for SOLVE. The preschool, primary, middle and high school students made care kits for the homeless with the help of Mission Elder, Russ Carlin. Finally, the middle and high school kids are on a wait list to “adopt a room” (paint, furnish and decorate) at the Good Neighbor Center.



Submitted by Sarah Beck, Director of Family Ministries AND Jeff Engh, Family Ministry Elder

MUSIC MINISTRIES

It is hard to believe I am in my third year at TPC. Thank you all for your support and help in making this a most enjoyable experience for me!

Acknowledging that we have a diverse musical congregation, I continue to emphasize a variety of musical genres in our musical offerings from week to week. The choir, handbells, and soloists/small groups literally offer everything from Mozart to contemporary praise music. The Christmas Cantata, "Let there Be Christmas", consisting of classic Christmas carols and new and engaging ways to present folk and traditional Christmas texts, is just one example of our diverse musical offerings.

Many thanks are in order to our dedicated musical staff and all who have volunteered musically in 2019:

- To the following instrumental and vocal soloists who shared their talents in 2019, thank you: Shari Olsen, Kathy Wilson-Fey, Russ Carlin, Jeff Weener, Megan Weener, Bobby Weener, Denise Collins, Jill Gambill, Megan Swanson, John Martin, Bill James.
- Thank you Dr. Renato Fabbro and Debbie Ivanov for your support of the choir, service, and handbells.
- Thank you TPC for allowing me to "fill-in" on the piano from time to time
- Many thanks to Chris Robertson and Joan Nardi for your help

Thank you Ken Evers-Hood for your continuing support of the TPC music program and your willingness to "sit in" on the drums at a moment's notice.

Here's to another exciting, fulfilling year at TPC!

Blessings,
Gary Young, Director of Music Ministries

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR

In 2019, the Tualatin Presbyterian Church Bell Choir had a building year! In January, we added Jeni Wiggers! In September, we added Lynn Nielsen's daughter Kim! We did sadly say goodbye to Larry, but we love seeing him on Sundays!

Because we are a smaller choir, we have been playing ensemble music. However, we decided to expand the repertoire back to 3 octave music. It gives us so many more choices and gives us the chance to learn new techniques when we have to expand our parts a little to cover all parts. Those who want to are enjoying changing positions on different pieces...I think it's a great skill to be able to do!

We played our regular schedule of participating in Worship on the 2nd Sundays of each month, adding an extra on Easter. A sad, but joyful at the same time, opportunity to play came in late August when our beloved Del passed. She had told us a few years ago what pieces she wanted played at her Memorial Service! We were honored to have Caitlin Byers, Nancy Patton, Martha Wilson and Kris Sparks join us to honor Del.

In the Fall, we purchased new music stands and new lights for the stands. Great move! The stands are higher, affording more ergonomic playing, as well as easier watching of the Director. The lights are brighter than our previous lights and easily charged at home when needed.

We love collaborating with the choir to bring music to the congregation! We accompanied the choir on two cantatas this past year and are looking forward to more opportunities to work together! Thanks, Gary, and choir members!

We're still requesting and accepting new members! We continue the 'family' tradition and love each other and support each other always. If you're interested in learning with more simple music, please contact any of us or just show up for rehearsal on a Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. You will be gratefully welcomed!

We thank everyone for your continued support, prayers and love of the sometimes-changing Bell Choir! We will continue to work hard at bringing you music to enhance your Worship and love of our Lord Jesus!

Submitted by Debbie Ivanov, Bell Choir Director

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

I am in my fourth year as the TPC Financial Assistant and I love my job. I get to mess around with lots of numbers (yay math degree), talk to lots of great people and keep the TPC finances on track. My main responsibilities are financial reporting, account reconciliations, payroll processing, donations processing, vendor / volunteer payments, managing online payment processing, scheduling and supervising offering counters and whatever else the Finance Committee sends my way. I can always use additional offering counters so if you would like to learn about this opportunity, just let me know.

I am here to help you in just about anything financial (and TPC related). So, contact me for assistance with making online or automated donations, reviewing your pledge or giving status or just to talk about how all the numbers work at TPC. I am available on most Monday mornings and all day on Wednesdays to help you or for a friendly chat. You can call the church office or reach me anytime at finance@tpcspirit.org. I am looking forward to another great year as the TPC Financial Assistant.

Submitted by Mike Shiffer, Financial Assistant

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Hello from the front office. Currently there is sunshine reflecting off the tree outside my window. This is not always the case, this being Oregon. Currently the office is quiet, I can hear the fan running. This is not always the case. Some days there are people in and out, in and out. Some days Pastor Ken, Sarah Beck, Mike Shiffer and I are all here at the same time, but that doesn't happen often. Our differing responsibilities and timelines determine how we come and go, as does what we're currently focused on.

PEOPLE

This is all about people. Working with people. Caring for people. Getting to know people.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Getting the word out. Two primary office tasks are the weekly worship bulletin, and the monthly newsletter. I speak of these tasks as puzzles that I put together. If the pieces I'm given don't fit together nicely, I come up with something, additional words or pictures to finish the "puzzle."

BUILDING USAGE

Many groups meet in our building, some are church affiliated, others are not. See the list below. Session, Deacons, Presbytery Committees, Stephen Ministry, Chancel Choir, Bell Choirs, Loving Stitches, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Jazz Band, Family Promise, Rios de Agua Viva, Tuesday's Treasures, Project Linus, Rock Club, Weddings, Memorial Services. Court of Honor

FORMS OF COMMUNICATION

What is the best way to communicate with people? There is a lot to consider. Who needs to know? Who wants to know? What is the best form of communication? Written words i.e., bulletin, newsletter, signage at the church? Verbal such as announcements at the beginning of worship? On-line, i.e. email, social media (Facebook, Instagram????) This discussion continues.

OUTSIDE THE BOX; OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

In 2019 I had the opportunity to go out and about with Sarah Beck and the youth. I went with them to Fir Point Farm. I toured Portland to see what's underground. I went with them to the Tualatin School House Pantry and sliced huge chunks of cheese. I toured the Good Neighbor Center to see the service they are providing to individuals in need of housing. Good stuff!!!

INFORMATION/VOLUNTEERING

Name tag. Are you missing yours? Email office@tpcspirit.org and ask for a replacement.

Church Directories are on the table to the right as you enter the office. If we run out, we will print more.

Interested in greeting at the front door or passing out bulletins on Sunday morning?

Add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex, near the kitchen.

Want to serve coffee and cookies on Sunday morning? Sign up at bit.ly/tpccoffee

Submitted by Susan Springer, Administration Assistant

CLERK OF SESSION

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.

Over the years, the work of the clerk has grown gradually to the point where it is too big a job for one volunteer. This year, we created a task force of interested volunteers to spread the workload. This small group has provided meaningful assistance. Thanks to Debbi Owen and Liz Belz-Templeman for their assistance. More help is needed and if you are willing to serve TPC in this sort of activity, please contact Ken, or the clerk, Rick Crall for more information.

Duties of the Session: The session functions like a corporate board of directors conducting regular meetings each month with occasional special meetings as needed. Meeting minutes are available in the church office and a summary is published monthly in the TPC Newsletter.

Congregational elections occur annually in March. Ruling elders serve three-year terms by classes. Each elder is associated with an area of responsibility.

Class of 2020:

Story Catching-John Casebeer

Family Ministry – Jeff Engh

Worship - Chris Robertson

Class of 2021:

Long Range Planning-Craig Bowen

Mission – Russ Carlin

Stewardship/Admin–Maureen Wolf

Class of 2022

Building & Grounds– Greg Owen

Communication – Ian Swanson

Human Resources Carolyn Pursinger

Active Membership Report

Active Membership at 12/31/2018	308
Transfer and Reaffirmation of Faith	3
Death	(3)
Losses	(18)
Active Membership at 12/31/2019	290

New Members in 2019:

Jan Murphy, Russ Murphy, Barbara DeClue

Deaths of Members and Affiliates: Cecil Taylor, Del Judy, Bob Fitzhenry

Baptisms of Children: None this year

Submitted by Rick Crall, Clerk of Session

WORSHIP

Our worship services continue to provide an opportunity for inspiration, reflection and joyful celebration of who we are individually and collectively in Christ. Pastor Ken, our leader and teacher, frequently brings new insights of faith providing an avenue for both personal and community growth. For his efforts we are most grateful.

Music is also an important part of our worship services. Gary Young, Director of Music Ministries, continues to provide a variety of anthems sung by our Chancel Choir. On Palm Sunday, Gary included several youth and also the Bell Choir in a special anthem. For Christmas, he directed a new cantata, "Let There Be Christmas" written by Joseph Martin. It included both Chancel and Bell Choirs as well as readers from the congregation. There were a number of traditional carols which the congregation sang with the choirs. According to several people, such inclusions made the music and its message very personal.



Debbie Ivanov continues to direct the Bell Choir. They share their gifts at least once a month which the congregation appreciates.

We are also grateful for our very talented accompanist, Dr. Ron Fabbro.

Our Director of Family Ministries, Sarah Beck continues to encourage our youth to participate in Worship by learning to be Liturgists. Typically, the third Sunday of the month one of our youth is the Liturgist. Youth also assist as Lay Readers on occasion.

Art is also a primary focus for our worship experience. Our Art Director, Chris Robertson, shares the following: "In 2019, the TPC Art Team focused funds and energy on two projects: producing a set of six large abstract canvases depicting "Spirit", and a set of five faux stained glass window panels, portraits of modern day saints. The team could not show the large panels as planned this fall. They will be on exhibit from mid-January, 2020 until Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. The window panels were on display from Reformation Sunday until the first Sunday in Advent.

The art team has submitted a Calvin Institute Vital Worship Grant proposal to produce four more sets of five faux stained glass window panels, one each for Advent, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time. The Calvin Institute will contact us regarding the Grant award status before May 1, 2020."

We are also thankful for the many volunteers who assist weekly during worship. They serve as greeters, ushers, readers, Liturgists, and also sound technicians. If you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities, please contact Joan Nardi either via email: Jnardi44 at gmail.com or by phone.

Submitted by Joan Nardi, Acting Worship Elder

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

1. Replaced all exit signs.
2. Replaced all emergency lights.
3. Carpets professionally cleaned.
4. Replaced failed fluorescent ballasts and tubes.
5. Provided supplemental landscaping maintenance labor (weeding, trimming, watering, sweeping, etc.)
6. Installed twist-timer override control for downstairs wall heaters to accommodate Family Promise program.
7. Installed mini blinds in two Family Promise sleeping rooms.
8. Repaired and re-adjusted grounds irrigation system.
9. Made improvements to Memory Garden, including addition of viewing area with concrete block walkway, repair of two existing memory stone borders, creation of additional memory stone display area and installation of bark mulch. (Details, page 35)
10. Removed all ivy from trees behind church building and created buffer zone around base of trees.
11. Replaced broken wall heaters downstairs.
13. Upgraded kitchen with new electric range/hood and double-electric ovens, including the associated electrical wiring.
14. Replaced four toilet paper holders in preschool area.
15. Professionally pruned and trimmed trees in parking lot.



Submitted by Greg Owen,
Elder for Building and Grounds

It takes a village to keep the building and grounds of a church looking good and running smoothly. TPC is no exception to that rule. The Building & Grounds Elder and the B&G Caretaker receive loads of help from a multitude of church volunteers, too numerous to list here in total. However, three volunteers deserve a special shout-out for their contributions in 2019: Rick Mauer, Rod Kerr and Cecil Taylor

Rick has been vital in providing electrical work, including the wiring needed to add a double-oven in the kitchen and the replacement of all of the exit signs and emergency lighting fixtures in the church building, to name a few of the projects he worked on.

Rod has been a tireless volunteer by completing projects in 2019 (and in many prior years), such as converting the "door to nowhere" into a wonderful storage closet for donated items, constructing shelving in multiple storage areas, and by keeping the heaters in the downstairs area in working order.

Although Cecil passed away in 2019, he leaves a legacy of selfless volunteerism that lives on within the walls of TPC. Cecil was always willing to help out, whether it was to paint the walls of the rooms downstairs, to hang artwork or arrange the chairs in the Sanctuary, or to assist in building colorful banners to drape from the rafters. His dedication and kindness will always be cherished.

Submitted by Bob Paetsch, Building and Grounds Caretaker

MISSION ELDER REPORT

"Mission is caring. Mission is sharing. Mission is faith in action"

These seemingly simple statements are found on the TPC website. The reality of Mission in this congregation is more complex, more nuanced and simply wonderful to behold. It permeates our presence in the world and is not constrained to one or two specific programs or events; it is a way of thinking, sharing and giving back.

At TPC, the Mission Committee provides a framework and support to the major programs for the congregation: Family Promise (Helping homeless families get a fresh start), The Giving Tree (providing gifts to disadvantaged families at Christmas), The Janus Tree (providing winter wear items for at-risk youth), The TPC Cookie and Bake Sale (providing funding to Compassion International and supporting Estalin and Sarah), Tuesday Treasures (helping build community for those with intellectual disabilities) and the Refugee Collective.

But that is only part of the story. The joy of Mission at TPC is often personal and comes from identifying causes that move us to plan and provide for those in need. Whether it is donations of time to local nonprofits, participating in major events that improve housing, raise funds or awareness for ALS, Multiple Myeloma, Leukemia, or provide relief from hunger and homelessness, thousands of hours are donated annually in quiet and meaningful ways that enrich our congregation and the entire community.

The list of supported groups is too long to list here. They include support of schools for food and hygiene products, glasses for African Eyes and the work of Dr. Craig Bowen, Coffee Creek Dog Programs and the Tualatin Area Food Bank. Additionally, this congregation supports PC USA with special offerings of Christmas Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost and the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

In 2019, Mission has had the opportunity to help support Family Promise. Here is how that program has impacted lives and our community:

FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY

Members of TPC have continuously demonstrated their generosity and desire to make a difference in our local community, and that has been strongly demonstrated by Pastor Ken and the congregation's support of Family Promise.

TPC has been a continuous supporter of ensuring that the Tualatin Valley affiliate of Family Promise got off to a good start. Our congregation stepped up and was the first church making the commitment to become a Host Church. TPC volunteers have been present at each stage of helping Family Promise get off the ground. From participation and support of fundraisers, refurbishing of the Family Promise Day Center, volunteering with the grand opening and stepping up when we hosted our first families in April of this year, TPC has been at the forefront. TPC volunteers have transported beds, driven families to the Day Center and Host churches, donated clothing and furniture, made meals, entertained kiddos, listened and connected to families, and slept overnight at the church. Faith in action has been present in all these beautiful acts of kindness.

Family Promise has brought TPC in contact with 20 local congregations, all of whom are working together for the common goal to make a difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate. Guests in the Family Promise program are not chronically homeless, but have been affected by a job loss, medical bills or other circumstance that has caused them to lose their home. They are willing to do the work necessary to get back on their feet.

The intensive case management provided to program families has resulted in 56 people (34 children and 22 adults), previously living in cars, tents and sheds, that now have housing. Pretty amazing when you realize FPTV has only been open for nine months. We are ending homelessness, one family at a time.

It has taken a village to make Family Promise successful at TPC and much of that success lies with the dedication of TPC's Host Coordinators, Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen. They are two of the strongest Host Coordinators among all the Family Promise congregations, and families love to stay at TPC because they know that the volunteers will be well-trained and things will go smoothly. Many thanks to the 30-35 people who have volunteered each quarter when TPC is a Host Church.

There are TPC volunteers who have been consistently key in making the Family Promise program work: Dianne Lemmon and Bonnie Nord make sure the Day Center pantry is stocked with food and healthy snacks. Shari Olsen uses her creative talents for every fund raiser we have had; Gina Olson serves as Volunteer Coordinator Chair on the Board; and Beth Schulke is a Board member who assists with grant writing.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with your entire mind,' and your neighbor as yourself.' " Luke 10:27 (NKJV)

Submitted by Judy Nix, Family Promise Board Chair

As we continue to support PC USA and our congregation-wide missions, we encourage you to consider how you will mission in 2020.

"Faith in action is love and love in action is service."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Submitted by Russ Carlin, Mission Elder

STORY CATCHING AND RELEASING

Overview

Three major activities were most prominent during 2019 and many more could have been added, but church calendar scheduling conflicts, a noticeable reduction of volunteers due to lack of extra time to offer and other current TPC responsibilities, and other proposed personal story sharing opportunities were not an attractive formula or intended result. New start-up programs at TPC and many churches have difficulty gaining traction resulting in a regular social participation opportunity for the items I have previously mentioned and many more. Many times the same volunteer individuals start, continue, and complete most of the tasks required to keep a church organization ready for all the current requirements already in place. My primary goal as Elder has been to create situations where our lives can intersect naturally within loosely structured events of sharing, socialization, learning, bonding and ultimately renewing and strengthening our varied Godly intersections within ourselves and those around us.

Worship Reflection

During the 3rd or 4th Sunday each month, one person from the congregation is given 3-4 minutes to share their personal reflection regarding worshiping at TPC. I provide a one page detailed review of this process and suggestions for the sharer. I usually meet with the person for an hour to discuss the details in that document and their ideas and concerns. Normally, that person has about a month to reflect on what they want to share and then their worship reflection is scheduled on a Sunday which fits best with the TPC calendar. This one method of beginning to get to know others at TPC and it also provides inspiration and humor for all. This story sharing opportunity will be caught by those attending Sunday worship beginning again in 2020.

Many of the past Worship Reflections are available for viewing on the TPC website. Webmaster Ian Swanson has created an "Our Stories" section on www.tpcspirit.org.

Neighborly

Neighborly was created as an after Sunday Worship gathering downstairs in the TPC multi-purpose room so individuals might have an opportunity to share and listen to life stories. Its soul purpose was to offer a safe and casual environment for people to interact and meet others or to get to know acquaintances more deeply, and hopefully be a springboard for making friendships. While this new opportunity started off well, it eventually became the same few people which knew each other already, and while fun and exhilarating this ongoing event was not fulfilling its created purpose..

Communion Sunday Shuttle

TPC received an incredible gift of a 14 passenger vehicle, built with a motorized lift capacity for loading and unloading those in a wheelchair. There are two wheelchair accessible areas at the back of the shuttle. The first Sunday of each month we currently have four stops to pickup and return those using the TPC shuttle. TPC shuttle drivers must complete various teaching modules, security verification, and other Session required items before they can drive the shuttle. It helps if there is a volunteer ride along helper for the shuttle driver. New shuttle driver and ride along volunteers are needed. A new shuttle drive class will be held at TPC Saturday morning, Feb. 29th, 2020.

Summary

My Elder timeline concludes at the end of May 2020 and this is my last submission for the TPC Annual Report. God's unending, unwavering loving Grace blankets us all, so let's be ready for that surprise beginning, the unpredictable ending, but most of all, that daily regular story of ourselves and those others, crossing right in front of each of us.

Submitted by John Casebeer, TPC Elder for Story Catching and Releasing

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Staffing/Employment

Staffing remained stable during 2019 with no departures or replacements. TPC has 2 full-time employees and 9 part-time employees with a combined tenure of 74 years of service.

Compensation/Benefits

Salary and benefit studies were conducted for the pastor and other employee positions for the budget process and to ensure market competitiveness.

Budget

The 2019 budget was prepared for salaries, benefits and payroll expenses, which are the largest of TPC expenses.

Strategic Initiative to Integrate TPC as a Family Promise Host Church

The first quarter of the year was devoted to developing strategic initiatives working with an outside consultant. This resulted in the HR Elder leading a team to ensure TPC would be able to successfully perform the quarterly responsibility of a Family Promise Host Church. Strategies, tactics, and timelines were developed and acted upon to recruit Host Coordinators; ensure room readiness per Fire Marshall expectations; recruit, background check, and train volunteers for Host Week responsibilities; policy and a request developed for use of the church van for three months; and ongoing communication plans in place to ensure program visibility.

TPC hosted on four separate weeks (once per quarter) during 2019. Many thanks to Host Coordinators Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen and the 30-35 volunteers who showed up throughout each Host Week to demonstrate God's love by providing meals, fellowship, play, and be overnight "sleepers." Family Promise families consistently provided compliments on how enjoyable their stay at TPC was, as the volunteers were well trained.

Preparation for Pastor Ken's Sabbatical

This position developed a job description for use in evaluating candidates for the position of Temporary Supply Pastor in Summer 2020.

Job Search Assistance

This position has provided job search assistance to 14 individuals who are either members or friends of TPC.

Submitted jointly by Carolyn Pursinger, Human Resources Elder (June – December 2019)
and Judy C. Nix, SPHR, (January – May 2019).

STEWARDSHIP/ADMINISTRATION

The responsibilities of the Stewardship/Administration Elder include the following areas and topics:

Finance:

- Prepare the annual budget;
- Review and oversee the monthly financial reports prepared by the Treasurer & 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 (if applicable and 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:

- Establish the goals and message of the annual campaign as well as specialized giving programs
- Present campaign goals to the congregation;
- Review campaign progress & provide results of the campaign to the budget preparation process;
- In concurrence with the Pastor, set overall giving goals and objectives.

In January 2019 after the congregation was given the opportunity to comment, an annual budget was presented to and approved by the Session. The church began 2019 with a surplus of \$9,814.81. \$9,461 of the surplus was utilized during the 2019 operating year. Additionally, a special reserve transfer of \$2,701 was also used in support of Children's Ministry, as directed by the donor. Due to careful stewardship on the part of the Elders, staff, and generous giving by the congregation, TPC ended the year with a fund balance of \$10,915. We are so fortunate to have such a generous community at TPC! Financial statements for 2019 are included on the last pages of the published annual report.

A finance committee assists the Stewardship and Administration Elder. Members of the committee were Maureen Wolf, Chip Kyle (Treasurer), Carolyn Barker, Joan Nardi, and Mike Shiffer (Financial Assistant). Jennifer Ayers resigned this year as treasurer and the committee thanks her for her dedication and service to the church for many years. The committee also thanks retiring member, Joan Nardi, for her service. We are grateful for our wonderful volunteers. The committee reviews monthly financial statements and discusses financial issues as they arise to make recommendations to Session. The committee also provided tax planning strategies, so members could continue to benefit from their generous church contributions given the recent federal tax law changes.

The 2018 annual financial review was completed on March 13, 2019; the testing and verification procedures were performed on the 2018 accounting records in accordance with Presbytery guidelines. The qualified review team consisted of Carolyn Barker, Jennifer Ayers (Treasurer), Joan Nardi, Lynne Neilson, Diane Paetsch, and Kathy MacCluer. A few recommendations were made to improve internal controls and the maintenance of TPC contracts. Overall, the review committee feels appropriate controls are in place.

Church members and attendees continue to take advantage of our online giving program. We are grateful to have such a committed and competent financial assistant such as Mike Shiffer; he ensures our strong financial systems are intact and church continues to thrive.

Submitted by Maureen Wolf, Stewardship & Administration Elder

COMMUNICATION

As 2019 has been the first year with an Elder of Communication, the bulk of the work done was on understanding what the role should focus on.

As communication is both a fundamental aspect of all Elder roles as well as something identified by Session as a critical area of growth for the church, the term could essentially mean nearly anything. In addition, the role that Communication replaced on Session was that of Fellowship. While fellowship is closely related to communication, they are not the same, and thus something would be lost if we did not find a way to have someone focused on fellowship.

Session together decided that the right decision was to appoint a fellowship director. Barb Crall graciously and selflessly volunteered for the position, and we are grateful for her time and effort in this role.

Over the course of the past few months, communication has narrowed its focus in 2020 to a few key areas that will provide the building blocks for further strides in the future. The first area that we will be focusing on is a new articulation of what TPC is. You'll be hearing more about this in the new year, so stay tuned for ways that you can help us in our efforts!

Submitted by Ian Swanson, Communication Elder

FELLOWSHIP

As the newly appointed Director of Fellowship, I would like to put together a fellowship committee. We already have three on-going fellowship groups: women's fellowship which meets monthly, men's fellowship which also meets monthly and the fellowship dinner groups that change dinner groups every four months.

I feel that it is important to find other opportunities for fellowship—especially some aimed at including families. I, of course, have my ideas, but I would like to have a committee that meets several times a year to come up with ideas and helps implement them. I envision keeping our traditional annual events such as the Palm Sunday brunch and egg hunt, the picnic, the progressive dinner and various potlucks while adding on some new events (or bringing back some we have not done in a while).

If you would like to be a part of this committee please contact me at barbjcrall@gmail.com or 503-692-1677.

Submitted by Barbara Crall, Fellowship Director

DEACONS

The Deacons are one big family! We're a family that welcomes, prays and takes care of our TPC family!

We continue to grow in faith with one another and connect more with our parishioners. Sharing and learning about everyone's gifts and blessings is fun for all the Deacons. We celebrate your joys and pray for your concerns.

The Deacons host events to connect with our TPC community and with one another. We start off the year with the Souper Bowl! It's a can food drive, collecting hearty soups for our Tualatin Food Pantry while sampling the latest chili recipes.



In March we enjoy bringing out the paper Shamrocks for everyone to write a note of praise on each one. Deacon Dogs comes back every year by popular demand!



We hold the TPC College Students close to our hearts! We send care packages and coffee gifts cards to each student in the Fall, then a Valentine card and chocolates for Valentine's Day, then a card of encouragement for end of year finals.



As the Church grows, as we grow and change, all of our needs change as well. Presently, Dr. Reverend Ken Evers-Hood is coaching the Deacons in becoming soul friends. It's fun to embrace new ideas and new ways of connecting with our community friends.

Submitted by Susan Cameron, Deacon Team Leader

STEPHEN MINISTRY

A History of Stephen Ministry at TPC

2016—Pastor Ken, Stephen Ricker, and Susan Springer attended Stephen Ministry Leadership Training. Nikki Martin, with experience leading Stephen Ministry programs in five other churches, joined the TPC Stephen Leader team.

2017—TPC Stephen Leaders trained 12 new Stephen Ministers: Trish Ames, Bud Bender, Larry Church, Eileen Eakins, Annica Gage, Jean Martin, Jackie Norman, Carol Rhodes, Beth Schulke, Nancy Wilcox, Melinda Woods, and Herb Zachow. TPC commissioned the new class of Stephen Ministers in June, 2017, and they began their caring ministry relationships. Annica Gage resigned her position to attend seminary in the fall of 2017.

2018—TPC Stephen Ministers continued their caring ministry relationships. TPC trained two new Stephen Leaders: Eileen Eakins and Jean Martin.

2019—TPC Stephen Leaders trained a new class of four Stephen Ministers: Pam Cameron, Sandy Gurney, Kerry Hormann, and Joan Nardi. TPC commissioned the four new Stephen Ministers in June and thanked four of the original class who resigned after two years of faithful service (Trish Ames, Larry Church, Jackie Norman, and Melinda Woods). Beth Schulke resigned later in 2019 to volunteer more extensively with Family Promise. Stephen Ricker took on the role of Stephen Minister, in addition to continuing his position as Stephen Leader.

Cumulatively, TPC Stephen Ministers have cared for 22 congregation members and affiliates since June, 2017. During 2019, TPC Stephen Ministers provided care to a total of 15 recipients. Currently, TPC Stephen Ministers are providing care to eight recipients.

A Care Receiver's Experience with Stephen Ministry at TPC

I was skeptical that Stephen Ministry would be of any benefit to me and my situation, but I figured I'd give it a try and see what happens. I was familiar with the type of ministry they provide and felt that I wasn't that needy. I wasn't dealing with a sudden loss or lifestyle change or major life event. Things were just snowballing slowly for me and I could feel the burden slowly increase.

It was a great experience and it helped me a lot. Just being able to meet with someone who could patiently listen and provide feedback was helpful in itself, but most helpful was having someone support me through my own thoughts and actions as I slowly rolled that snowball back up the hill. My problems weren't solved, and they didn't have to be. But I am stronger for the experience and have more confidence in my ability to persevere through difficulties.

Because of my work schedule, at times I was out of work and it was easy to meet up. At other times it was really hard to find time. All the while my Stephen Minister remained flexible to my schedule and I never felt pressure to make time. It was more like he was just always there whenever I was available and that was really cool.

I was aware of the program from my previous church and knew it also existed at TPC but never thought it was for me. I was talking to Pastor Ken in his office and he suggested it. I was skeptical, as I mentioned, and said I probably didn't need something like that. But he's a smart dude and I was feeling that God had put us together in that moment of conversation and maybe it was just the path I should take, so I took it.

Anyway, in summary... I didn't think I needed it, but I did. I didn't think it would help me, but it did. I am glad I took the path.

And they lived happily ever after. The End.

John Whitehurst

Editor's Note: John met with his Stephen Minister for two years. At the end of that time, John and his Stephen Minister decided to terminate their formal Stephen Ministry relationship. They now enjoy each other's friendship.

Submitted by Nikki Martin, Stephen Ministry Coordinator

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Adult Edge

Adult Edge is TPC's version of Sunday morning adult education with an innovative vibe. The class is discussion-focused and question-friendly—a safe and thoughtful space to explore contemporary theology, spiritual formation, and social issues. Sometimes taught by Pastor Ken and sometimes facilitated by class volunteers, Adult Edge uses a variety of learning methods—books, DVDs, and lecture—but the real richness of the class comes through shared conversation. Adult Edge meets on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM, downstairs in the Adult Education Room. Childcare is available. All are welcome!

Adult Edge kicked off 2019 with LOVE! In January, we started a six-week study of Bob Goff's *Everybody Always: What Happens When We Simply Love Everyone?* This author was recommended by John Casebeer, who thought it would be helpful as we begin our Family Promise mission—or just helpful to all of us with our New Year's Resolutions! Thinking about the challenge of loving everybody always fostered much introspection and spiritual growth.

In March, we switched gears to a more theological examination of *Saving Jesus*, a video exploration of a credible Jesus for the 21st century. This 12-week study featured 25 well-known, contemporary biblical scholars and theologians, such as Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, Amy Jill-Levine, Brian McLaren, and Rita Nakashima Brock.

After a summer break, Adult Edge resumed with our second annual *Ingathering of the Waters* ceremony. While we were on sabbatical during the summer, we all collected water samples from our summer adventures and shared how these bottles and jars of water were meaningful to us—a great way to regather ourselves for the fall!

In September we began a study about creation care, requested by Rob Wiesenthal. The Rev. Michael Dowd led us through a challenging eight weeks of eco-theology: *Pro-Future Faith: The Prodigal Species Comes Home*. Dowd invited us to bridge the gap between head and heart and science and faith—to recognize our human impact on the earth and reclaim our moral and prophetic voice on behalf of future generations.

Moving from the theoretical to the practical, Liz Belz-Templeman made it possible for Adult Edge to spend the month of November at a special time right after church to host master recyclers Betty and Jon Shelley. They helped TPC members reevaluate what we bring into our homes and taught us techniques for better recycling in their *Less Is More* class about how to reduce household waste.

In 2020, Adult Edge plans to explore unconscious bias with *Waking Up White*, an engaging and challenging investigation of racism, power, privilege, and leadership.

Adult Small Groups—TPC Fiction Readers

Thanks to a great idea conceived by Priscilla Hagan, the TPC Adult Education Committee launched two new adult small groups for fiction lovers and insight seekers in 2017. Every Third and Fourth (changed to the Second in September) Thursday during 2019 TPC men and women continued to gather in Priscilla's home to share their perspectives on the book of the month.

Our 2019 reading journey immersed us in a touching love story between a Chinese boy and a Japanese girl during the imprisonment of Japanese citizens from Seattle during World War II (*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*), taken us back to the seventeenth century struggles of the first Native American students at Harvard (*Caleb's Crossing*), and given us a haunting glimpse of the cost of war through the eyes of four individuals caught up in the siege of Sarajevo (*The Cellist of Sarajevo*).

After a summer break, TPC Readers resumed in September with *The Book Thief*, the story of a young girl who saved her soul by reading stolen books in Nazi Germany. In October, we discussed *The Hate U Give*, in which the careful balance Starr maintains between her poor black neighborhood and the posh school she attends is shattered by the shooting of her best friend by a white police officer. Our November title was *In the Midst of Winter*, a sweeping novel that journeys from present-day Brooklyn to Guatemala in the recent past to 1970s Chile and Brazil—a timely message about immigration and the meaning of home.

In December, both groups met for potluck Christmas brunches—a time of table fellowship and a chance to suggest book ideas for 2020. TPC Readers will continue in January 2020 with Jim Lynch’s sailing adventure, *Before the Wind*. We will announce the full schedule of 2020 book choices at the January meetings.

Small groups are a great way for newer folk to enter into congregational life and for longer-term members to reconnect. We have several openings in the Second Thursday reading group. Please contact Priscilla Hagan, Carolyn Hale, or Jean Martin for more information.

Submitted by Jean and John Martin, Adult Education Committee

TPC 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 fall the program started its 12th year. Almost a third of the participants have been in the program since its beginning, and someone who has participated continuously since then could have had 4 dinners with each of 112 families (couples or singles). With so many prior associations, we now have to discard half of the oldest years of history when we shuffle the groups avoiding prior associations.

There are currently 5 groups with a total of 43 participants from 24 households.

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. Continuing participants do not need to do anything, unless they wish to opt out.

A steering committee meets about once a year to review and revise the program as needed. At its meeting this September, the Steering Committee observed the gradual reduction in the number of participants. We discussed ways to improve our efforts to bring this program to a larger segment of our congregation, and have taken some of those steps. Thanks to Mary Ortez, Rick & Barb Crall, Julie Nader, Pam & Scott Cameron and Kerry Weaver for serving on this committee. If you have any ideas or suggestions about how this program should operate, let someone on the Steering Committee know about them.

Submitted by Rick Crall

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Men's Fellowship Group has been in existence for over 10 years. The group's purpose is to create a venue that encourages the Men of Tualatin Presbyterian to join once a month and build relationships with each other, fellowship and serve others.

Communication for each Month's event is done through a combination of Church announcements, web site and bulletin calendars along with a TPC Men's email list. If anyone wants to receive an email communication, it is important to check with Mike Weaver or Mike Shiffer to make sure their email is on the list.

The Men's Fellowship Group consists of between 20 and 25 active members. In the past the group has met in the Church's narthex on Saturday mornings to enjoy a breakfast meal prepared by its own members and to fellowship with one another. This has been, the 3rd Saturday of each month, September through May.

Breakfasts are often 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 or even disaster planning. The topics are engaging and provide an opportunity for men to laugh, share and learn about topics that affect us all. This season we added to the Men's get together a spirited evening coupled with a charitable effort. In October the Men's group met at McMenamins and had a lively evening of burgers and brew. In November the group met for dinner at Hayden's and collected hats and gloves for the Janus tree.

In December our meeting is being held at Hayden's and members will donate unwrapped Christmas Gifts, priced under \$25, for underprivileged children through the Toys for Tots Foundation.



The group always welcomes engaging speakers and enjoys a spirit of giving. If you have an interest or a passion for a topic, please let any member of the Men's Fellowship Group know and we will find room to share your vision with the group. Our goal is enriching our understanding and providing support to each other as we provide examples to our families, church and communities.

Submitted by Mike Weaver

NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR

As the New Member Coordinator, I have had a wonderful opportunity to meet so many new people from all walks of life. The ladies' Coffee, Cookies and Conversations gatherings continue to be a great way to build stronger relationships, and I hope to have more in the coming year. Another idea that I'm in the early stages of formulating is a single ladies group. Its purpose would be to incorporate fun, friends and fellowship. I'll keep you posted as to my progress. Please contact me if you'd be interested in such a group.

Submitted by Diane Paetsch

PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a connectional church: Tualatin Presbyterian Church connects one level up to the Presbytery of the Cascades, which links to the larger Synod of the Pacific, which joins up with the church-wide General Assembly of the PC(USA). Paul Belz-Templeman, who worships with us at TPC, is the Stated Clerk for our presbytery!

The Presbytery of the Cascades meets three times a year in March, June, and November in churches around the state. Depending on the size of the congregation, churches send representatives (called commissioners) to presbytery meetings; TPC is entitled to send two voting commissioners to each presbytery meeting. Pastor Ken is a member of Presbytery (rather than the local church) so he is also a voting member. In the fall of 2019, the session elected John and Jean Martin as commissioners with Mike Shiffer as alternate.

Presbytery meetings intersperse worship with the conduct of presbytery business and opportunities for education. Commissioners hear reports from presbytery commissions and committees such as the Commission on Ministry and the Presbytery Leadership Commission (functions like a local church session).

This spring we enjoyed a beautiful drive to First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis. We heard an inspiring testimonial from an OSU student about the WestM United Campus Ministry, which celebrated 100 years of campus ministry this year. In June, we combined the presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian, Ashland with a trip to the Rogue River, the California Redwoods, the Oregon Caves, and a play in Ashland! At a powerful pre-presbytery workshop, three Native American speakers shared their personal stories to help us understand their experience and create opportunities to seek justice together. November found us up the road in Beaverton at Southminster Presbyterian Church. Two highlights of Southminster are their commitment to educational opportunities and interfaith outreach. It is always interesting to see the physical facilities of other churches and learn about their unique mission involvements.

Serving as a Presbytery Commissioner is a good way to see our connectional church in action, to meet Presbyterians from other churches, and to check out some new places in Oregon! Any TPC member who has been ordained as an elder is eligible to participate in this important and informative ministry. Please contact Rick Crall if you are interested in representing TPC at future presbytery meetings.

Submitted by John and Jean Martin, Presbytery Commissioners

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GROUP
*Connecting Women Through Educational Programs,
Spiritual Development and Community Service*

All women are welcome to join the Women's Ministry Group. It is a fun way to meet new friends and participate in service activities. Our programs and activities are based on participant input at an annual planning meeting.

POTLUCK BRUNCHES...GOOD EATS!

Each meeting kicks off with a potluck brunch followed by a short program on an interesting topic. The potluck brunch gatherings are generally scheduled 10:30 to noon on the third Saturday of the month except when holidays compete with scheduling. Programs are advertised monthly in the narthex, by email, church bulletins and newsletters.



2019 MEETING PROGRAMS

- DonnaLee Benner shared her Christmas Nutcracker Collection and stories.
- Watercolor artist Betty Taylor shared her art and showed how her paintings are developed.
- Heidi Kaltur presented her story about the establishment of the "Peace for Paul" orphanage in Uganda.
- Bus field trip to Albertina Place for lunch and shopping in the Albertina Kerr benefit heirloom, jewelry and clothes closet shops.
- Nancy Wilcox shared Mod Podge Art ideas and creations.
- Life of women on the Oregon Trail was presented through readings from their diaries by Carolyn Barker.

2019 SERVICE PROJECT

Assistance was given to the Backpack Buddy Program at Alberta Rider Elementary School.

Submitted by Carolyn Barker and Judy Nix

TPC TREASURE NIGHT PROGRAM

Our TPC Treasure Night program continues to be a vibrant mission and outreach ministry which has been serving adults with developmental disabilities (known as “Treasures”) for over eighteen 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 the key to success of the program. They range in age from 13 to 74, 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—many for eighteen years! We are also 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 Mike Shiffer, Mary Shiffer or Denise Collins.



Highlights of 2019 included our fourth Annual Music Night, thanks to our talented TPC musicians Bill James and John Martin who led us in singing and fun. Our lessons for the first half of the year focused on Friends of Jesus. In July we had tons of fun at our annual Treasure Carnival – Fun with Friends. In the Fall we began focusing on Super Heroes of the Bible. So far, we have talked about Noah (Hero of Promises), Abraham and Sarah and for our Christmas lesson, Joseph (A Hero and a Daddy). We are grateful for the Treasures and the memorable moments we have shared together this year.

Submitted by Mike Shiffer
TPC Treasures Planning Team with Mary Shiffer and Denise Collins

TPC HEALTH MINISTRY

There is really very little to report. There has not been enough interest in a health ministry committee to sustain it. As parish nurse, I have submitted health related articles for the newsletter, maintained the AED (automated external defibrillator) located in the narthex, and been available to answer questions.

Submitted by Susan Fee, Parish Nurse

PRAYER CHAIN REPORT

God promises us in His Word that he hears every word that we pray to Him. Like a good parent, he is waiting, ready and willing to listen to our worries, our concerns, and our needs. Whether we are seeking forgiveness, strength, or healing, prayer provides a channel to communicate with God and receive supernatural strength and power.

At TPC, the Prayer Chain serves our congregation, community, friends, neighbors and family by offering up our prayers for anyone and everyone who needs the comfort of having others pray for them. In our own small way, in the quiet of our homes and privacy of our personal prayers, the TPC prayer chain seeks to serve others.



“Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one”

— Bruce Lee

Our group includes more than 70+ members, plus the current board of Deacons. Coordinated by Greg Imus via email at rgregoryimus at gmail.com, we added 134 new prayers to our prayer list in the past 12 months. Of these, 45 were requested to be included in the TPC’s Sunday bulletin for prayers from the wider congregation. During the previous 12-month period, we received 166 prayer requests, of which 66 were requested for inclusion in our Sunday bulletin.

“The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.”

— Soren Kierkegaard

We accept prayer requests from anyone seeking the comfort of prayer for themselves or others. Prayer needs are often personal with the requestor wishing to maintain confidentiality while also feeling the loving benefit of our prayer chain members raising our prayers to God on their behalf. With the variety of issues and trials people face in their lives, it’s often a comfort to know that others are thinking of us and by saying prayers on our behalf.

“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.”

— Mother Teresa

Submitted by Greg Imus

2018 TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

TPC's Technology Committee operates under the Building and Grounds elder, Greg Owen. Members of the group include Rick Mauer, Kerry Hormann, Dan Barker, Russ Carlin, Mike Shiffer, Herb Richardson, and Ian Swanson. John Martin chairs the committee.

The Technology Committee operates and maintains several systems that support the programs of the church. These include audio and video systems, computers and computer networks, electrical systems, and the TPC website (www.tpcspirit.org).

Our major project for 2019 was relocating the audio control console. The old location reduced seating capacity and obstructed traffic flow in the sanctuary. Special thanks to Rick Mauer for relocating electrical outlets and cables. The new location, closer to the back wall of the sanctuary, allows for an additional row of chairs in the sanctuary. It has also improved traffic flow and allowed better access for wheelchairs.



The Technology Committee supports Pastor Ken's use of video resources in sermons as well as projection of the children's message in the worship service. We also record the sermons and post the videos on the TPC website. During the past twelve months, there have been almost three thousand internet viewings of Ken's sermons, featured church music, and special TPC events.

The committee welcomes new members who may have skills and interests in audio, video, computers, and web design. Mike Shiffer coordinates the Sunday morning audio system operators. If you have skills in any of these areas, or would like to learn, please contact Mike at the church office.

Submitted by John Martin, Technology Committee Chairman

MARGE DEAN MEMORIAL GARDEN

This report on the remodel of the Marge Dean Memorial Garden has been about six years in the making. Now I can say that we have achieved completion of the intended remodel and restoration.

It began with the removal of all the old railroad ties. The walkway around the perimeter was redone with pavers and gravel. A new walkway to the center of the garden was added and a new display area for memorial stones was added. We also added a rose planting area at the north end.

All of this was completed with a lot of assistance from Boy Scout Troops 799 and 797, Scott Cameron, Dan Paetsch, Dale MacHaffie and many others.

Submitted by Mike Nelson

WEDDING COORDINATOR

We had two weddings onsite at TPC this year. Two “children of this church” joined their lives with another and started on life’s adventures together. Michele Crawford married Squire Sulliman with Rev. Dr. Dick Wiggers officiating. Their attendants were family, friends and in a TPC first, the family dogs were Flower Dog and Ring Dog, causing a number of smiles. Michele and Squire were anxious to get to the reception and get their life’s dance underway-literally!

Molly Maleta married Ryan Hotchkiss with Rev. Dr Ken Evers-Hood officiating. Surrounded by family and many friends they beamed throughout the ceremony. You may catch these two as they continue “The Game of Life” enjoying a Duck game and wearing their Duck colors proudly-never without a smile!

The first step for a wedding at TPC is to contact the TPC office to see if Pastor Ken and TPC are available on the desired date, complete the Wedding Agreement form, and remit the reservation deposit. The office coordinates this initial contact. Occasionally there are other officiates or non-member requests to use the TPC.

Not a traditional wedding planner or consultant, the role of the TPC Wedding Coordinator is to be a liaison between the wedding party and the Pastor, custodian, TPC pianist, sound technician and any other TPC resources during the planning stage, rehearsal and day of the wedding.

I am an on-site resource during the wedding rehearsal and on the wedding day and service to assist with floral delivery, answer related questions, assist with other items that may arise and wedding party service cues. We occasionally have off-site weddings, such as a member home/garden etc venue that I have been requested to assist.

The kitchen and narthex are available for receptions although they are usually held off site due to time constraints and the non-Communion alcohol policy. Families would be responsible for set-up and clean-up if they do want to use the kitchen and narthex area. We’ve only had one reception here during my tenure.

Contributed by Stacy Mauer, TPC Wedding Coordinator

LOVING STITCHES

“Whoever helps a child stands tall”



We are all about giving children in need a blanket to comfort them working with Portland/Vancouver Project Linus. They give blankets to dozens of organizations serving children from a broad area of Oregon and Washington. Here are just a few: Randall Children’s Hospital , Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, Salmon Creek Legacy Hospital-NICU, SW Washington Medical Center-Birthing Center, Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, Shriners Hospital, Department of Human Services-Portland/Vancouver, Ronald McDonald House, Camp Erin, Open House Ministries, Raphael House, Providence Beginnings, Children of Fallen American Service men and women, Good Neighbor Center and Wings. This year we also made numerous newborn, child and adult hats and scarves for local agencies and hospitals. We also sent 153 dolls and bears to migrant children in San Antonio, Texas. We also participated in the local “Click for Babies” program to provide purple baby hats for local birthing centers education programs to prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome. Our congregation provided 32 this year.

Our church has donated 89 knit & crocheted blankets, quilts, and fleece blankets. Many thanks to our generous donors including: Shirley Schultz, Diane Barry, Yvonne Wagner, Mary Ortez, Cackie Kyle, Susan Springer, Bud Bender, Kathy Kinyon, Barbara Harriman and many other members of our congregation.

Contact Mary Ortez (503) 612-1993 for more information. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 10:00AM to 12:00 noon in the Narthex of the church or give a blanket to Shirley Schultz our liaison with Project Linus.

Submitted by Mary Ortez

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

TPC has a tradition of hospitality and service. And what better way to show our hospitality than to provide a fellowship time with coffee and cookies after each service. There are usually 2 servers each Sunday plus the nursery assistants help with set up. Responsibilities for the volunteers are posted in the kitchen and I'm always happy to help new recruits. These servers are members of the congregation that have volunteered by signing up at bit.ly/tpccoffee or by contacting me directly, nordb51 at gmail.com or text at 503-704-6426. This past year the Youth Ministry have been our servers on the last Sunday of each month; What a blessing! Thanks to all who have served and supplied cookies. **It is a fun opportunity to serve.**

Submitted by Bonnie Nord, Hospitality Coordinator

TPC RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

For the last thirty years 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. I've even been referred to as a "vampire". An image that I wear with pride.

Every year we host two blood drives one in January and the other in August. Next year's drive will again be in the month of January on Thursday the 30th. The date for the Summer time drive in August is TBA. This year's drives were held Jan, 29th & Aug. 29th. January's drive got 39 sign-ups and had 1 deferral and collected 37 units of blood which exceeded our goal of 35 units. August's drive had 36 sign-ups, 2 deferrals and collected 37 units, six more than our goal of 31. We 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 are: Dale & Toni MacHaffie, Sharon Capps, Pam Cameron, Karolyn Phillips, Bonnie Nord, Sue Hayhurst, Carolyn Hale, Diane Barry, Peggy Gibbons, Marilyn Wood, Jay Wilcox, Neil & Sandy Reiling, Tom Hahn and Bill Dunlap not to mention the cookie bakers that make our blood drive canteen the best West of the Mississippi.

The donors that regularly participate (most from our own congregation and some from the community at large) are too numerous to mention. One thing to note is that the donors are able to schedule their appointments on-line. 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. They can also complete their health history questions on "Rapid Pass". "Rapid Pass" makes the wait to donate shorter by about 15 minutes. You gotta love technology.

It is well known that giving blood saves lives. (Each unit can save up to three lives). On a personal note, in case you ever wondered, I have donated 176 units of blood over the years. So that you don't have to do the math that's 22 gallons. However, due to the fact that I am now on blood thinners that number will remain forever. I encourage each and every one of you, that are capable, to donate every 56 days if you can. That means that you could squeeze in up to 6 donations per year. Or you could donate Double Red every twelve weeks. The need for blood is constant. The Red Cross is always in the need for more blood and at times they reach a critical point where there isn't enough blood available to fill the needs.

I am proud that TPC has committed to hosting these blood Drives for lo 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

The mission of Tualatin School House Pantry is to provide emergency food to Qualified households in a welcoming environment

Tualatin School House Pantry has been an important part of our community for over 15 years! TPC has a long history with the pantry and was a key participant in making the pantry possible. The pantry provides food to families in the Tualatin, Durham, Lake Oswego and West Linn area. They also serve unhoused individuals and families. TPC supports the pantry through food donations, mission financial contributions and volunteers. Sarah Beck and family ministry provide snacks and encouragement to clients participating in a monthly produce distribution. You can leave food donations (any non-perishable items) in the collection bins in the narthex mission closet. Current needs are often printed in the bulletin and newsletter as well as the pantry website www.schoolhousepantry.org and Facebook page (look for schoolhousepantry).

The pantry also hosts a Medical Teams International dental clinic one or two times a month. They also have a close partnership with Northwest Children's Outreach (clothes for kids), the Borland Clinic and Hopes Table (Monday night community dinners at Rolling Hills Community Church).

Tualatin Food Pantry is a partner agency of the Oregon Food Bank. The pantry leases space on the lower level of Rolling Hills Community Church at 3550 SW Borland Rd, Tualatin. Service hours are Monday 3:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Thursday 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM and Friday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Interested community members are welcome to visit during our service hours/



In 2019, the pantry introduced their new logo. The logo incorporates a representation of the Tualatin community, a reminder of our schoolhouse roots, an apple symbolizing the nutrition that is provided and a heart representing how the pantry approaches all that they do. Be sure to check out the newly designed Tualatin Food Pantry website at www.schoolhousepantry.org. The new site includes lots of info about the pantry and the services that are provided. You can also make financial contributions to the pantry on the website.

If you want more information about the pantry, please talk to Mike Shiffer or send a message to mike@schoolhousepantry.org

Thank you TPC for 15 years of support at Tualatin Food Pantry!

Submitted by Mike Shiffer, Board President, Tualatin School House Pantry

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.