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The Tualatin Presbyterian Church Annual Report provides an overview of our finances, outlines our important activities throughout the year, and invites wider participation in our various programs by providing detail on what we do to serve God from this place. May you enjoy learning more about us!

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Top: The all-church rummage sale

Bottom: Sarah Beck and a children's sermon

The flowered Easter cross

Rev. Lisa M. Robeck

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Rev. Lisa moving herself here
from California over Thanksgiving



Guest Lecturer, Marianne Borg & Rev. Lisa M. Robeck,
November 2024 Women's Retreat
at Menucha Retreat Center in Corbett, Oregon

PASTOR

My time as your newly called Pastor is still quite young, having been voted in by this lovely community on October 27, 2024. As such, I do not have much history to reflect on, but I will offer a word of hope for where we are headed as a community of faith, based on who I see you to be.

Tualatin Presbyterian Church is full of kind, generous people who are willing and interested in being companions to one another on our journeys of faith. This is a beautiful thing to witness and be a part of and it will hold us well as we enter the days of 2025 and beyond. I am proud to be among you and honored to help hold us together as a community of Jesus' beloved disciples. With His tender care and leading, we will continue to be a body of people who tend to our own souls while we seek to walk with others on their paths. In a world that is often too busy to notice the needs of those around us, it is a blessing to be part of a community that sees this as a sacred calling. The greater Portland area is fortunate to have this church in its midst. Thank you for being people who make this place a loving spiritual home.

To more good days ahead. And even in the tough ones, we will walk together, sharing the love, wisdom, and justice of our God with all those we know and the many people we meet each day.

Rev. Lisa M. Robechek
Pastor

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

This past year has been an incredible journey filled with spiritual growth, meaningful connections, and opportunities for mentorship within our youth, college cohort, and family ministries. Serving individuals from preschool through adulthood has been both a privilege and a deeply rewarding experience. We've also had the honor of supporting our congregation, leading various ministries, and collaborating with our dedicated pastoral team. It has been a blessing to be a part of God's work in and through our church community.

You will find a full report on pages 13-18, which reflects on the key achievements, challenges, and opportunities of the past year and outlines our goals for the year ahead.

Sarah Beck
Director, Family Ministries

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

2024 was an in-between year. It started with Rev. Dr. Ken Henry as our interim pastor and concluded with Rev. Lisa Robeck, who was called as our 'permanent' pastor on October 27, 2024.

I am in the church office about ten to twelve hours a week, longer if I'm working on a newsletter. Each week I put together a worship bulletin. If you wish to add information to a bulletin, you can send it to me at office@tpcspirit.org. The office phone number is (503)692-4160. If you leave a voice message, I receive an email that relays your message. The software is not perfect, so sometimes the message is garbled, but it is usually possible to figure out who called so a return call can be made.

The church master calendar is on the front desk. If you are planning a church event, please call or send me an email to determine if the space you want to use is available at your desired date and time.

If you have a question about your pledge to the church, I can't help you. I do not have access to financial data. For answers to financial questions, please email Julie Flint, our Financial Assistant.

Susan Springer
Church Administrative Assistant

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Thank you for your continued financial support of Tualatin Presbyterian Church. If you would like to move away from cash or check donations, we have an online giving option to set up regular contributions via credit card or ACH. Email me if you would like more information. On Sundays, two offering counters are needed to process the donations and deposit. We always need additional volunteers so please let me know if you would be interested in serving in this role. Giving statements are sent out at the beginning of the year for the previous year and at mid-year. If you need a statement at another time, please contact me at finance@tpcspirit.org

Julie Flint
Financial Assistant

ARCHIVIST

The position of "TPC Archivist" was created by Session at its April 2021 meeting in recognition of the importance of properly archiving TPC records.

We keep records of all session minutes, from 1982 to the present, along with 22 years of our monthly newsletters (available on the TPC website at Members > Newsletters). We are currently developing quite a collection of audio-video records that could also be regarded as part of the TPC archive.

If you find yourself cleaning out old files and have old documents that might be of importance, please let me know. Also, as I rapidly (it sometimes seems) approach 90 years of age, I would like to find a successor. If interested, please contact me at re3ric@gmail.com.

Rick Crall

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Jennifer Schloming retired as our Music Director in October 2024, after a couple years of service. We are incredibly grateful for her gifts of music; and to Kris Sparks who came in as our Interim Music Director until late December (Kris served some years back, and for 14 years, as the TPC Music Director). Tualatin Presbyterian Church is excited to welcome Ben Noyes as our new Director of Music Ministries in January 2025.



PIANIST

I would like to tell you how I view music's function within church services, and why I choose to play the music that I do.

Music has existed within Christian churches since antiquity. Early traditions followed those of Judaism, with monody — a single line of music sung alone or by a group — being the primary vehicle, such as plainchant (a.k.a. “Gregorian” chant). Music expanded with additional independent parts through the Middle Ages, with an explosion of complexity occurring in the Renaissance and Baroque Eras. Most of this music was sung by specialized experts within the church, either by people of the cloth or by trained choirs. With the Protestant Reformation also came the establishment of congregational singing — hymns — which emphasized the full participation of Christians attending services rather than merely the clergy. Today at TPC, we experience a combination of both music performed by specialized musicians as well as by the congregation at large.

Have you noticed that many of us can easily rattle off certain Bible verses or passages, such as Psalm 23 or John 3:16, without even thinking about it? These passages are engrained in our memory; however, the lack of conscious remembering means we often don't consider the essence, the deep meaning, of those words as we say them aloud. But, if we pick up a translation of the Bible different than we're used to, the unfamiliar phrasing causes our brains to slow down and re-process those words anew. So, too, is the case with music, and that is why I alter the textures and sometimes even the harmonizations of the hymns we sing: this forces us to re-consider the words and music we sing in a new, fresh context, rather than simply reciting without fully paying attention.

I also apply this philosophy to the solo works I choose for the Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude: there are many beautiful hymn arrangements for piano that I could perform during the services, but as the congregation is already singing them, this practice strikes me as redundant. Instead, I choose works from

the classical music repertoire. especially works by lesser-known composers — particularly women composers — that reflect upon the liturgical season or specific Sunday of worship. This newness can help us pay closer attention.

These piano works of course have no words, unlike hymns or the choir's anthems, and so their expression is more abstract. This music serves several different functions in the service: the Prelude signals congregants to gather for worship and is often rousing; the Offertory is more contemplative and introspective; and the Postlude is generally a spirited work meant to energize the congregation to go forth and live according to God's word. These are not merely "background" music in any sense, even when other activities occur simultaneously in the service — they can either emphasize or comment upon the mood of these activities.

I hope that members of the church listen to the music of the service with open ears and open minds — what does the music signal to you? Which elements do you like or dislike, and why? How does your familiarity or un-familiarity with the music and lyrics color how you experience it? And like with the scripture readings, how do they contribute to or affect your spiritual experience within the service? There are no right or wrong answers, of course! Just keep listening, and singing — and listening while you're singing, too! — and consider both the old and familiar and the new and unfamiliar as equal forces that shape our spirituality together in their own special ways.

Evan Paul,
Pianist

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR

This year's TPC bell choir continues to thrive and grow in our love for each other. As of this writing, we are short one position; please contact me if you'd like to join us!

This year, we welcomed Peggy and Glen Kelley and Diane Polivka to our group. We gladly welcome them! It's so fun to have an almost full group play our music! We're also thrilled that Kim Richards (and occasionally others) rings the Bells of the Cascades BIG bass bells in our pieces. We are fortunate to be able to use those bells (but yikes, are they are heavy to carry up and downstairs for rehearsal!).

We've continued to play on the 2nd Sundays of the month. We're looking forward to collaborating with Ben Noyes, our new Director of Music Ministries as he gets his feet firmly set directing our vocal choir.

We look forward to making music to praise God in 2025!

Debbie Ivanov
Bell Choir Director

WEDDING COORDINATOR

Our church hosts Baptisms, Confirmations, Membership and on through to Weddings! If you wish to plan a special service, contact our church office to confirm if the Pastor and facility are available on your desired date. If so, we will ask you to complete our Wedding Agreement form and remit a reservation deposit. With prior approval, non-member requests to use our church are granted.

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 others during the planning, rehearsal, and day of the event (I do not serve as a traditional, full-service wedding planner or consultant). I am an on-site resource for floral delivery, wedding related questions pre-service, and provide cues during the worship service. Occasionally assistance from the wedding coordinator has been requested at off-site weddings, such as a member home/garden/winery venue.

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 are responsible for set-up and clean-up if they want to use the kitchen and narthex area.

Stacy Mauer,
Wedding Coordinator

WORSHIP AUDIO-VISUAL COORDINATOR

Almost all TPC worship services require support for sound and video. The AV (audio visual) desk at the back of the sanctuary is staffed by two or three volunteers; one volunteer monitors and adjusts sound and lights, another manages the live-stream and recorded broadcast (which includes controlling the cameras and the titles for the streamed service). Current volunteers include Bob Carlson, Rick Crall, Greg Owen, Mike Shiffer, Erik Spurrell, and Jim Walchenbach. Jeff Cameron and Susan Springer are in training to help. We would love to have more volunteers on the team. If you are interested, please contact Mike Shiffer for more information.

You can sign up to observe on our Sign-Up Genius page at tpcspirit.org/AV . There is a slot for “A/V Observer (Training)” available every Sunday. We recommend that you sign up once to observe audio and once to observe video. Our tech team has created documentation to assist with training, and we will work with you one-on-one to learn the process. This work does not require special technical skills and is a fun and rewarding way to be a part of worship.

Mike Shiffer
Technology Coordinator

ELECTED OFFICER REPORTS

DEACONS

Deacons are in full swing and embracing each day with Joy! This is our Deacon word for the year ... to see if we're present with Joy, or anticipating Joy, or looking for the Joy in each and everyone of you! We're also focusing on our individual words that Rev. Lisa had us pick out of a basket. Good challenges of the mind and heart. We're so grateful for our Deacons, (back row) Jason James, Macy Walchenbach, Merle Olson, (front row) Candy Ferguson, Rosemary Willis, Candy Richard, and Susan Cameron. Together we make quite a team of fun spirited individuals.



We reach out to our parishes monthly, via email, cards and phone calls. It's important to stay in touch with all of you, keeping you informed and listening to your joys & concerns. We continue to provide meals when needed, home visits, and look forward to seeing you in church to get caught up with one another. We have a lot of fun creating events at church to keep us all connected. Serving Deacon Dogs, and Deacon donuts seem to be a favorite with the congregation!



Merle, Candy, and Macy serving up Deacon Dogs

We're making it an annual event to go apple picking and handing you each an apple wishing you good health in the Fall. Souper Bowl Sunday brings out TPC's competitive spirit. How much soup can we collect for the Tualatin Food Pantry? We topped the previous year bringing in 547 lbs. worth. We celebrate the big game day with a chili tasting after service. This and more brings us together!

We currently have 6 young students in college. We reach out to them 3 times per year sending care packages, cards, gift cards and chocolate. It's fun to support their success and remind them we're thinking about them. We're here for you! We lift you up in prayer! We continue to grow together seeking ways we can connect with you all bringing joy and kindness.

Susan Cameron
Deacon Team Leader

CLERK OF SESSION

Like all PC(USA) congregations, Tualatin Presbyterian Church is led in partnership between the Pastor of the Church and lay leaders from the congregation who are elected as Elders for a three-year term (each person may serve two consecutive terms before rolling off for at least a year of sabbatical). A Clerk of Session records the meeting minutes and keeps a record of church statistics.

Our current elders are:

Building & Grounds – Greg Owen
Connections – Judy Nix
Family Ministries – Sandy Gurney
Mission – Bunny Lewis
Stewardship/Admin – Susan Kelchner
Worship – Eileen Eakins (resigned in November), seeking a candidate to complete her term

Membership Report for 2024:

Active membership as of 12/31/2024 224 individuals
Deaths: 5
Transfers/Removals: 33
New members: 5
Baptisms: none

Craig Bowen,
Clerk of Session

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Building and Grounds continue to have many challenges this year due to the aging of the grounds, building and its' systems. The impact of time on the facility will only increase over the next years and will result in an increase in future building maintenance costs. It must be noted that our Capital fund for major building repairs took nearly a \$24,000 hit this year with the replacement of one of the three roof-top Air Handling Units. The other units are at the end of their normal life expectancy and may fail at any time.

- Replaced burnt-out lights and failed ballast. Thanks Rick Maurer and Larry Nord!
- Professionally cleaned carpets multiple times and spot cleaned regularly.
- Congregational workday (weeding, trimming, sweeping, and general clean-up of grounds).
- Cleaned, weeded Memorial Garden. Thanks Mike Nelson.
- Adjusted parking lot light timer.
- Fixed Strobing parking lot light. Thanks, Rick Mauer and Larry Nord!
- Cleaned church roof and cleared gutters/downspouts of debris.
- Treated roof for moss and other organic growths under warranty.
- Painted Narthex Stairway, Thanks Sarah Beck and Larry Nord for their assistance.
- Quarterly inspection and preventative maintenance of building HVAC units.
- Quarterly pest inspection and treatment of building perimeter.
- DEQ and License renewal for Church Van.
- Age-related replacement of Fire Alarm System electronic components.
- Replaced wireless body and hand-held microphone system for sanctuary audio system.
- Age-related repair of kitchen commercial freezer (sensor failed causing freezer to shut-down).
- Repair of kitchen dishwasher. The unit is at end of life and parts are hard to find.
- Replaced roof top HVAC unit, an age-related issue. Cost \$30,003 (Arrow Mechanical for Unit and Installation) and \$271.50 (Innova to connect new unit to Fire Alarm System) offset by \$410.08 from scrapping old unit and a Baranabas Grant from the Presbytery for \$6,240. \$23,624.42 of the Building Capital fund was used to cover the TPC costs for the Air Handling Unit replacement.



Greg Owen,
Building & Grounds Elder

CONNECTIONS

Everything is interconnected...recognize the beauty in relationships and the importance of connecting with one another.

2024 was a year of comings and goings at TPC. In October we said good-bye to our beloved Pastor Ken Henry, who served as our Interim Pastor for 18 months. We held a church celebration wishing Ken and his wife, Heather, all the best as they enter retirement. In addition, we celebrated the retirement of Jennifer Schloming, our Director of Music Ministries. We also said good-bye to many of our long-term members with the passing of Tina Clark, Jay Wilcox, Herb Richardson, Larry Church and Ronn Rhodes. The Fellowship team and many volunteers ensured lovely memorial receptions were held in their honor.

In November, we joyously welcomed Rev. Lisa M. Robechek as Pastor. As a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee, most of my year was spent in the due diligence of assisting the committee in the decision-making process. There were several welcoming activities that included the PNC putting together a dinner when Rev. Lisa came to interview, a breakfast for her congressional vote, and a celebration dinner afterwards. All were wonderful opportunities to connect with our new pastor. For the congregation, volunteers put together an open house reception the day before the congressional vote, so members were able to meet Rev. Lisa in advance of voting the next day.

The Women's Group known as **Coffee Connections** is held the second Tuesday of each month. These informal gatherings (usually attended by 14-20 people) allow women of faith to gather for conversation and camaraderie. We occasionally have speakers join us to discuss matters of interest. Many thanks to Donna Hammersley, Dianne Lemmon, and Dee Dutoit who graciously opened their homes to us. In June we had a miniature golf outing and a barbecue hosted by Judy Nix.

As we close out 2024, we are looking forward to having a celebration for Ben Noyes as Director of Music Ministries as well as multiple opportunities to welcome new members to our church in 2025.

Judy Nix,
Connections Elder

FAMILY MINISTRIES



Key Responsibilities and Accomplishments

- Led Sunday morning programs focused on Bible stories, arts and crafts, and community outreach, providing curriculum, storytelling, and ongoing support to children.
- Developed and implemented five week-long day programs and six drop-in day programs during school breaks and federal holidays, engaging 8-30 children and coordinating with 2-5 volunteers.
- Nurtured connections between children, families, and young adults through family-oriented activities, including tutoring, babysitting, drop-in days, camp, and partnerships with organizations such as Family Promise and the Good Neighbor Center.

Young People Ministry (Ages 5-13)

- **Weekly Worship & Bible Stories:** This year, we facilitated engaging youth group gatherings focused on spiritual growth, storytelling, Bible-based art projects, relationship-building, and fun. Activities included memorizing the Lord's Prayer, participating in communion, reading scripture during worship services, and participating in special moments like the "Birthday Chicken" and the Christmas pageant.
- **Events and Camps:** We organized several special events, including five week-long camps that paired middle-schoolers with younger children for mentorship and community-building field trips. We also offered drop-in days for families on Federal holidays. Attendance ranged from 8 to 30 participants, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from children and parents alike.
- **Community Outreach:** Youth participated in service opportunities through partnerships with community outreach organizations. We hosted monthly Bingo Nights at Family Promise, prepared meals at the Good Neighbor Center, assembled Easter baskets and sewed pillows and blankets for children in homeless shelters.



Young Adults Ministry (Ages 14-21)

- **Building Community and Faith:** We offered a unique high school ministry through Tuesday night Zoom gatherings, Starbucks Sunday group meetups, and participated in worship services as liturgists and soloists. College students also served as mentors during children's camps and the children's messages, deepening their faith journeys while guiding younger participants.
- **Engaging Events and Outreach:** We organized a wide range of activities, including a Rummage Sale, Church Camps, Attending Kids' School Performances, Family activities like, The Pirates of Pinehurst, Friday afternoon BBQs in the summertime, Kids' Coffee Hour, and drop-in days. Mentorship opportunities were offered through church camps, alongside community outreach initiatives like meal preparation at the Good Neighbor Center, supporting the Tualatin Food Pantry, and hosting Bingo Nights at Family Promise. Other highlights included assisting with Sunday morning Bible stories for children and reimagining the nursery space for the next cohort of kids.
- **Personalized Young Adult Support:** We provided support to young adults navigating significant life transitions. This included guidance on applying to colleges, securing internships, managing personal finances, exploring career paths, addressing mental health challenges, and coping with family dynamics and loss.



Adult Christian Education (21-Up)

- **Sunday Morning Gatherings:** Each Sunday morning before worship, group gatherings provided an opportunity to delve into sermon scriptures, explore weekly discussion outlines, and strengthen connections within the congregation. A highlight of the year was hosting the **Strengthening Women's Ministry Retreat**, fostering spiritual growth and fellowship.
- **"Food for the Soul" Study Group:** In October, retired pastors Rev. Alan Kelchner and Rev. Dick Wiggers led a six-week study titled *Food for the Soul*. Over 20 participants met weekly for lunch (soup and bread) to discuss Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Holy Envy*. The study provided an exploration of Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism, enriching participants' understanding of faith and values. Field trips included: **Local Mosque:** A warm and gracious welcome and **Hindu Temple:** A deeper understanding of diverse faith traditions.



- **Women's Ministry Retreat:** Several women attended a retreat at Menucha during the first weekend of November, featuring keynote speaker The Rev. Canon Marianne Borg. This retreat provided an inspiring and transformative experience for all participants.

Family Engagement

- **Family Events:** We hosted a variety of family-focused activities, including a church-wide rummage sale to support the general fund and service projects like volunteering at Family Promise Bingo Night. Hands-on activities such as crocheting, cooking breakfast for summer campers, and making blankets fostered intergenerational connections. These activities were enriched by mentorship from older congregation members and by babysitting or tutoring support provided by high school and college youth.
- **Programs for Children and Youth:** Church camps, drop-in days, and other resources empowered kids to grow in their faith, build friendships, explore new experiences, and engage with deeper questions. These programs provided opportunities for both spiritual growth and community building.
- **Collaborative Support:** We worked closely with families to address individual needs and offer pastoral care, ensuring personalized support and guidance tailored to each family's unique circumstances, focusing on grief, illness, crisis situations, mental health and family support.



Congregational Engagement: TPC Rummage Sale

- **The TPC Rummage Sale,** held on July 13, 2024, was a shining example of congregational engagement and collaboration. This event, inspired by our teenagers in response to discussions about balancing the 2025 budget, showcased the creativity and dedication of our church family.
- **Group Collaboration:** The success of the rummage sale was truly a group effort, involving over 45 volunteers who contributed their time and talents. Tasks included planning, collecting and organizing donations, creating signage, setting up the Narthex and Sanctuary over three days, and providing lunch for workers. On the day of the sale, volunteers stepped up as cashiers, negotiators, and helpers for buyers, with a remarkable cleanup crew of 27 individuals who cleared and cleaned the space in just two hours. Remaining items found new homes through donations to local organizations:
 - **Family Promise:** Sheets
 - **Lions Club:** Children's books
 - **Tigard-Tualatin Caring Closet:** Supplies for students
 - **Local Food Bank:** Grocery sacks
 - **Value Village:** Four truckloads of items
- **Fundraising:** Some unsold items from the rummage were sold online after the event, boosting our receipts. This shared experience not only raised \$4,417.03 for the General Fund but also strengthened our sense of community and purpose. Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, or supported this event—it was a wonderful demonstration of what we can achieve together as a congregation.

Leadership and Volunteer Development

- **Volunteer Recruitment and Training:** We recruited and trained college-aged youth to serve as volunteers for the upcoming children's and youth ministries. This initiative empowered the next generation of leaders, equipping them to serve in meaningful ways within the church community.
- **Mentorship Program:** We continued to develop a mentorship program, pairing older youth with younger children to foster relationships and guide both personal and spiritual growth. This program not only built connections but also helped deepen the faith journeys of both mentors and mentees.
- **Worship Support:** I occasionally preached on Sundays and facilitated children's involvement in scripture readings and spiritual formation activities. I also contributed to the worship experience by writing candle lighting liturgies, creating opportunities for deeper engagement in the service.

- **Special Worship Services:** We coordinated several special church services, for Lent, Good Friday, and 4 PM Christmas Eve. We facilitated a gathering for the blessing of the animals, and arranged for the reading of high school seniors' statements of faith during Youth Sunday.



Community Outreach and Mission

- **Supported Community Partnerships:** We supported local organizations, such as the Good Neighbor Center, Tualatin Food Pantry, Family Promise, Janus Program, Tigard-Tualatin School District, Marandas Garcia Law Group LLC, National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, and Caring Closet.
- **Organized Janus Project** and collected over 630 cold-weather items, for homeless youth in Portland. The Tigard-Tualatin School District Christmas gift card drive brought in \$1,600.00 for local families

Leadership & Administration

- **Flexible Fill-in Support**
Across Roles: I served as a versatile staff member, stepping into various roles as needed. Responsibilities included leading worship, assisting with front office tasks, providing pulpit supply, and serving as a committee leader, ensuring continuity and support in church operations.
- **Administrative & Operational Support**
Provided ongoing support to the senior pastor and administrative team by assisting with annual planning, monthly scheduling, and a variety of administrative tasks. Close collaboration with the office manager helped maintain smooth and efficient church operations throughout the year.

Highlights and Milestones

- **Growth in Participation:**
Experienced a 40% increase in youth group participation during our five-week camp session, reflecting overall growth across all age groups.
- **Memorable Moments:**
 - Bi-monthly youth outreach, engaging all age groups, resulted in significant personal and spiritual impact.
 - Candlelight Ash Wednesday service in the Narthex, a time to remember those we've lost.
 - High school seniors shared powerful testimonies about what it means to be a Christian in today's world.



- Palm Sunday Egg Hunt, with 25+ children carrying palms and searching for candy-filled eggs, followed by a church-wide potluck.
- June Summer Camp hosted 30 kids, culminating in a Friday afternoon BBQ to celebrate a week of bonding, mentorship, and community exploration.
- The Rummage Sale was a huge success, raising over \$3,000, with 30 volunteers helping to clean up in just a few hours.
- Halloween Party at the Gurney house, where families enjoyed frosting cookies, playing tag, exploring the Pirates of Pinehurst show, and celebrating dry weather.
- Women's Ministry Retreat at Menucha with Keynote speaker, Rev. Cannon Marianne Borg and in attendance our new pastor, Rev. Lisa M. Robeck.
- Christmas Pageant featured a homegrown play with a six-month-old baby Jesus, two "wild turkeys" instead of a Christmas sloth, and a group sing-along of the Christmas Hallelujah song by Cloverton.
- Senior Rachel Maxwell spent her senior year reimagining and transforming an underutilized space in the church nursery. With the help of children ranging from ages 5 to high school, she created a dynamic, imaginative area that showcases how the church can be a place for kids to explore, play, and dream. This project aimed to inspire both children within the church and the larger community.

Challenges & Opportunities

Challenges

- **Resource Management:** Navigated budget constraints, church availability, and transportation challenges while striving to meet the increasing needs of youth and families.
- **Engaging Families:** Adapted to the busy schedules of families juggling sports, activities, and vacations, making accommodations to ensure inclusivity and providing flexibility based on individual family needs.
- **Maintaining Spaces:** Handled the aftermath of activities by managing and cleaning messes on the bus, in the kitchen, on church grounds, and within the building, even after early pickups.
- **Spiritual Support:** Provided meaningful spiritual guidance to a diverse group of families, kids and adults, addressing their needs amid ongoing social, political, and economic pressures.



Opportunities for Growth

- **Expanding Outreach:** We have the opportunity to extend our outreach to underserved groups, especially seniors in low-income assisted living facilities who experience isolation and would greatly benefit from companionship and visits.
- **Enhancing Online and Social Media Engagement:** We aim to enhance TPC's online presence and social media engagement to better connect with youth, young adults, and the wider congregation. This will help foster stronger relationships and build a more inclusive, connected community.

Goals for the Coming Year

- **Build Community:** Foster stronger intergenerational connections by organizing joint family and church-wide activities that encourage faith sharing and mutual support.
- **Develop Leadership:** Create a leadership pipeline for youth and young adults to take active, faith-filled roles within the church, helping them grow in both spiritual and practical leadership.

- **Expand Outreach:** Connect with new families in the community by providing creative, engaging outreach opportunities and fostering community-building events that invite them to explore faith and join our church family.
- **Increase Community Impact:** Strengthen partnerships with local non-profit organizations to serve our community in meaningful ways, demonstrating God's love through action and outreach.



Special Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to John Whitehurst for his consistent weekly volunteer service and to Christina Robertson for sharing the Bible stories with us on Sunday mornings. Your dedication and contributions are truly appreciated!



Sandy Gurney,
Family Ministries Elder

and

Sarah Beck,
Director of Family Ministries

MISSION

The following members have served on the Mission Committee this past year: Derrilyn Bayha, Carolyn Hale, Donna Hammersly, Mike Nelson, Larry Nord, Andrew Perkins, and Mary Elaine Shiffer. Chip Kyle served as the Mission Elder until June 2024 when Bunny Lewis stepped into this role.

On-going mission activities are an important part of the life of our church. They help define who we are and where our interests lie. These include the following:

- Giving Tree – Family Ministries collected gift cards from Fred Meyer, WinCo, and Walmart. A tree decorated with “ornaments” of \$25 and \$50 gift cards stood in the Narthex and gift cards were delivered through Family Ministries.

- Janus Project–Family Ministries also collected and provided homeless Portland area youth with winter gloves, scarves, hats and socks and other needed items. Items were delivered to Janus the week before Thanksgiving.

- Annual Cookie Sale – proceeds in 2024 went to Compassion International in support of our sponsored children, Sunday and Estalin (see below). Buyers were very generous this year with a total of \$1,556 collected through goodwill offerings and the sale of donated, beautifully decorated cookies.

- Annual Presbyterian Offerings – There are 4 denomination-wide offerings that we support each year: One Great Hour of Sharing (\$2,365 was collected this year), Pentecost (\$1,036), Peace and Global Witness on World Communion Sunday (\$1,045) and Christmas Joy (\$1,269). Each of these was well supported by the congregation.

- Food Pantry - This past August, Donna Hammersley led us in a month-long food drive as the Pack with Pride program was discontinued and all donations were to be sent to area food banks. This drive restarted the ongoing collection of food which Mike Shiffer and other members of our team have helped deliver to the local food banks over the years. The Mission team has decided to continue the ongoing collection of food and encourage everyone to reach for one or two extra items while shopping to bring to church on Sundays.

- Compassion International - An important part of the TPC mission work is to sponsor children living in poverty. Our sponsorship is funded by money raised in the annual TPC cookie sale. Sponsoring children through Compassion International is a powerful way to make a lasting impact on a child’s life and future. By providing financial support, we help meet their basic needs, including education, health care, and access to spiritual development programs. In addition to these tangible benefits, our sponsorship creates an opportunity for a meaningful relationship through letters and prayers, which help them feel loved and encouraged. Through Compassion International’s comprehensive approach, we are playing a key role in lifting them out of poverty and empowering them to break free from the cycle of hardship, offering a brighter and more hopeful future.

See the report on the following page, detailing the children we serve ...



Estalin lives in the mountainous community of Pijal, Ecuador. In his letters he writes to us about his family, school, and the planting season. His family plants and harvests corn and beans. He especially enjoys the harvest time when the extended family comes to help work the land together. He also enjoys vacation time with his cousins exploring the mountains and riding motor bikes. Last year he turned 18 and advanced into the final upper secondary school level. In school he plays tennis and wants us to know that he no longer enjoys math. He aspires to learn how to repair motorcycles by taking vocational classes. His letters always include creative drawings and questions about what we enjoy and our activities.

Sunday is 13 years old and lives on the plains of Paloga, Uganda. We began sponsoring her in August when our previous sponsored child, Sarah (also from Uganda),

successfully graduated from the Compassion program. Typical houses in Sunday's region are constructed of dirt floors, mud walls and thatched roofs. Her community needs irrigation, scholastic materials, and health centers. Her family of seven earns approximately \$9 per month through day labor and trading at the markets. At her school she was elected by her classmates to lead and organize sports activities. Her favorite sport is soccer and her favorite school subject is social studies. She enjoyed seeing the photos we sent her of Tualatin and of the Church.



Both of our sponsored children have expressed how grateful they are for the support and love we show them through our sponsorship and letters. For more information about Compassion International or sponsoring a child visit the website at www.compassion.com. If you have questions about our Church sponsorship, the children we support or the compassion program, please see Andrew Perkins or John Whitehurst.

The generosity of the members of TPC has no limits. We are all grateful for your continued support of the opportunities for mission in our world. If you would like to join the mission team, our meetings are on the first Monday evenings by Zoom.

Bunny Lewis,
Mission Elder

STEWARDSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

Finance Team Members: Carolyn Barker, Julie Flint (financial assistant), Susan Kelchner (Elder), Chip Kyle (treasurer), Lynne Neilson, and Mike Shiffer.

Stewardship Team Members: Cynthia Groby, Carolyn Hale, Susan Kelchner (Elder), Merle Olson, and Macy Walchenbac.

The Finance team is charged with recording and monitoring our church's financial health. To that end, the team meets monthly to review the church's financial status and address any outstanding concerns so that we can make recommendations to Session for any required actions.

2024 was a transition year as the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) searched for a new permanent pastor. TPC, like many churches during transition, experienced an income reduction. In order to fully fund the 2024 budget, a supplement of \$31,000 from the church's reserves was anticipated.

Recognizing the need to increase income and with the excitement of the pending arrival of our new pastor, the Finance team created a different approach to the annual fall stewardship campaign. In October, at a special congregational information meeting, the team presented a complete picture of the church's financial status, and the financial support needed in order to fully fund our needs. The congregation was challenged with an ambitious goal requiring a huge increase in pledges. And the people of TPC responded with a remarkable pledge increase of 35%, reaching 98% of our pledge goal.

Furthermore, people heard the concern raised about continuing to deplete the church's reserves. They dug deep and gave extra generous donations in 2024, so that instead of using \$31K of reserves to balance the 2024 budget, we ended up with a \$33K surplus which will go back into our financial reserves. God is Good and the people of TPC are amazing!

On top of all the 2024 pledged and unpledged donations to the operating budget, many members made a special 2024 pledge to the Capital Improvements Fund boosting that resource by almost \$20K.

With such a strong response in pledges, the finance team easily refined its budget recommendations and presented a balanced budget proposal to the church session for 2025.

In gratitude for TPC's faithful response,

Susan Kelchner,
Stewardship and Administration Elder

WORSHIP

Worship services took place regularly during 2024, in person, with live streaming.

Communion was held on the first Sunday of each month, with interim pastor Rev. Ken Henry presiding through September; Presbytery of the Cascades' Rev. Steve Parker presiding in October; and newly called pastor Rev. Lisa M. Robeck presiding in November and December.

The effort to recruit volunteers to act as front-door greeters, readers, liturgists, and Communion servers continued successfully throughout the year, with many new faces taking part in Sunday services.

Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers, the Hanging of the Greens service returned after a few years' absence and was incorporated into the worship service on December 1, marking the beginning of Advent.

During 2024, Worship Elder Eileen Eakins reached out to two different neighbors who complained to the church office about loud music during late-night services held by TPC's subtenant church, Rios de Agua Viva. Elder Eakins communicated to the neighbors that their concerns were heard, that TPC valued being a good neighbor, and that the Session was aware of the issue and would continue to work with Rios' leaders to try to address it.

Following the departure of Jennifer Schloming from the position of Director of Music Ministries in October, and in the absence of a pastor to lead the effort to fill the position as in the past, Worship Elder Eileen Eakins assumed the duties of coordinating the music program while working closely with Connections Elder Judy Nix to recruit, interview, and audition multiple applicants. Blessed with multiple strong candidates, Ben Noyes was ultimately selected to fill the position beginning in January 2025.

Eileen Eakins,
Worship Elder

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The PNC began its work in January 2024, focusing on the process of calling a new pastor for Tualatin Presbyterian Church. The committee utilized input from the congregational survey to develop the Mission Discernment Profile (MDP), a critical document outlining the church's needs, mission, and vision. Following approval by the Session and the Commission on Ministry (COM), the MDP was posted online to attract candidates through the Presbyterian Church (USA) online system as well as self-referrals.

Throughout the year, the PNC carefully reviewed Personal Discernment Profiles (PDPs) from prospective candidates, conducted interviews, and evaluated many online sermons. Mock interviews helped refine the process, prior to interviews with real candidates. By mid-year, the team began narrowing down candidates, holding multiple rounds of interviews, and attending worship services led by top contenders.

Despite the complexity and time-intensive nature of the process, the PNC remained steadfast in its goal of finding the best possible pastor for TPC. In September, Chairperson Alan Grobey announced that the committee had found a candidate to bring before Tualatin Presbyterian Church for approval to be the next pastor.

On October 27th, the candidate, Reverend Lisa Marie Robeck, led worship at TPC. Following worship, a congregational meeting was held to vote on the call for Reverend Lisa Robeck. The congregation members unanimously voted to extend a call to Reverend Lisa to be the next pastor for Tualatin Presbyterian Church! The PNC thanks the congregation for their trust, patience, and prayers as they carried out this important work.



Chip Kyle, Gordy Winterrowd, Jim Walchenbach (back row)
Susan Cameron, Liz Reding, Alan Grobey, Judy Nix, Alan Kelchner (front row)

Alan Grobey
Chair, Pastor Nominating Committee

CHURCH GROUPS AND PROGRAMS

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The bereavement committee's main responsibility is to coordinate the reception following a memorial service. Assistance provided by the committee includes organizing, supplying and serving food for the reception, as well as setting up tables and chairs and cleaning up afterwards. Sometimes we also supply flowers for the serving table, set up tables for displays, and do other small acts of hospitality to help the grieving family on the day of their loved one's memorial service.

Currently, we do not have a standing committee; the coordinator contacts people as needed. Help is always readily forthcoming, but we are interested in forming a committee. If this is something you feel as a calling, contact Barb Crall at 503-692-1677 or barbjcrall@gmail.com

Barb Crall
Bereavement Coordinator

CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP

In 2024 we held five all church fellowship events.

The first event was the annual Palm Sunday brunch and egg hunt. The fellowship committee organized the brunch which was attended by about 80 people. Our Director of Family Ministries, Sarah Beck organized the egg hunt.

The second event was a potluck, which included music bingo led by member, Bill James.

The third event was a hootenanny in the Willis's backyard. Entertainment included singing favorite folk songs, led by member Bill James and retired pastor, Dick Wiggers.

The fourth event was the annual church picnic in Tualatin Community Park. Approximately 80 of us gathered to enjoy grilled sausages and a potluck of side dishes and desserts.

We ended the year with the annual appetizers and progressive dinner. Our evening started at the Hayhurst home. Those interested moved on to smaller settings for main course and dessert.

Contact Barb Crall at 503-692-1677 or barbjcrall@gmail.com if you would like to join the fellowship committee and help to plan more activities for 2025.

Submitted by Barb Crall
Fellowship Director

SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP MEALS

The purpose of this program is to have fun and to encourage and expand fellowship among members of our church family. Randomly formed groups of 7-9 adults share meals once a month for 4 months, and then the groups are re-shuffled to form new groups.

The Fellowship Dinners program started in the fall of 2008. In the fall of 2024 we changed the name to "Fellowship Meals" and opened Lunch as a new option. There were 37 participants and many of the participants had been in the program since its beginning. Adding the lunch option has benefited our older participants but has added new challenges grouping participants randomly with varied group compositions.

Participation is based on a sign-up during the month preceding each phase. A steering committee meets about once a year to review and revise the program as needed. Thanks to Mary Ortez, Rick & Barb Crall, LaVette Columbo, Pam & Scott Cameron, and Kerry Weaver for serving on this committee. If you have ideas or suggestions to help this activity evolve further, your input is welcome!

Rick Crall
Small Group Fellowship Meals Coordinator

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

TPC has a tradition of hospitality and service. What better way to show our hospitality than to provide a fellowship time with coffee and cookies after each church service! Responsibilities for the volunteers are posted in the kitchen and our coordinator, Derrilyn Bayha, is happy to help new recruits. Thanks so much to everyone who volunteers to help. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, if you would like to volunteer. We are also very thankful for all the volunteer bakers who provide the treats.



Derrilyn Bayha
Sunday Morning Fellowship Coordinator

COOKIE COORDINATOR



My role is to ensure we have an ample supply of cookies for our after worship fellowship hour. I work with a group of volunteers, who supply baked goods periodically. When our supply gets low, I simply email the next 10 volunteers to request 3-5 dozen cookies or other baked goods. We also welcome store-bought goodies. The baked items are packed into freezer bags and placed in the freezer.

Instead of assigning specific delivery dates, I give volunteers a 1-2 month range for delivering their baked contributions. Volunteers are asked for help only 2-3 times annually. So, the baking commitment is moderate.

We always need more bakers! If you're willing to contribute cookies, I'd love to hear from you. Please call or text me at (503) 970-3214 or email me at sue.hayhurst@comcast.net. It's a fun and easy way to contribute to our church family. Many thanks to all of you who supply cookies!

Sue Hayhurst
Fellowship Cookie Coordinator

FICTION READING GROUPS

Thanks to a great idea conceived by Priscilla Hagan and Jean Martin, Tualatin Presbyterian Church launched two adult small groups for fiction lovers and insight seekers in September 2017. In 2024, we celebrated seven full years of reading together!

There are two morning reading groups: one meets on the second Thursday of the month, the other meets on the third Thursdays. Both groups read the same book and meet monthly on Zoom from 10 to 11:30 AM. Priscilla skillfully facilitates discussion of each month's fiction selection.

We began our 2024 reading journey in January with Isabelle Allende's *The Japanese Lover*. This tender, secret love story between a Jewish refugee girl from Poland and the son of a Japanese gardener in San Francisco endures for almost 70 years. Then in February, *West with Giraffes* by Linda Rutledge took us on a 1938 road trip to transport two giraffes from the east coast to the San Diego Zoo. March found us on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota in the 1950s, a time when members of the Chippewa Council carry the fight against Native Dispossession to Congress in Louise Erdrich's *The Night Watchman*. In April Catherine Ryan Hyde's *Where We Belong* introduces us to Angie and her little sister Sophie, who is autistic and shrieks, which makes it hard for their mom to provide permanent housing. A seriously private but kind man and his empathic Great Dane help Angie and her family find a home that works for them. Next, we walked the Camino de Santiago with suddenly widowed Zoe and recently divorced Martin in *Two Steps Forward* by Graeme Simsion. In June, T J Klune helped us see through the eyes of magical creatures to learn that unconditional love is a powerful antidote to hate in *House in the Cerulean Sea*. In July we returned to favorite author William Kent Krueger in *The River We Remember*, an unflinching look at the wounds left by the wars we fight abroad and at home, and then in August we got caught up in the suspicious death of a transgender high school girl in Jodi Picoult's *Mad Honey*. In the fall, we shifted gears to Nova Scotia and Maine and a lost First Nations girl in *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. In October James McBride took us back to the 1920s to Chicken Hill, a neighborhood where immigrant Jews and Blacks lived side by side and rescued a deaf Black boy from a cruel institution in *Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*. We finished up our year of books in November with *Where the Sky Belongs* by Rhys Bowen, a WWII era story about Josie who must forge a new life in the British countryside after bombs destroy her London home.

In December, both groups donned their festive attire and gathered for virtual table fellowship and a chance to suggest book ideas for 2025. TPC Readers started off January 2025 with Erica Bauermeister's *No Two Persons*, in which we see that books affect each of us in the most unexpected ways! We announced the full schedule of 2025 book choices at the January meetings and in the February TPC newsletter.

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

Jean Martin
Book Group Coordinator

LOVING STITCHES

Our group makes blankets, throws, Lapghans (*smaller version of a traditional Afghan*), hats and scarves for children and their families, veterans, and adults in need of comfort. We work with Family Promise, Tigard Tualatin Resource Center, Avamere Rehabilitation, Good Neighbor Center, Janus Project and Veterans Administration Hospital. This year we also made numerous newborn, child and adult hats and scarves for local agencies and hospitals.

We have made and donated 75 blankets and Lapghans, 18 quilts, 113 hats, 61 scarves and 12 wash cloths. Many thanks to our generous donors including Donna Hoff, Amelia Fusco, Diane Barry, Yvonne Wagner, Mary Ortez, LaVette Columbo, Nancy Cantonese, Betty Taylor, Mary Elaine Shiffer, Shari Olsen, Linda Gilbert, Miran Park, Linda Bartlet, Nancy Wilcox, Toni MacHaffie and many other members of our congregation.



Contact Mary Ortez (503) 612-1993 for more information. We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon in the Narthex of the church. Contact Mary Ortez to donate yarn that we can use to make these helpful items.

Mary Ortez
Loving Stitches Coordinator

MEN'S GROUP

Our men's group met 11 times in 2024. Meetings were held on selected Saturday mornings in the Narthex and generally ran from 10:00am to 11:30am. Donuts and coffee were supplied, and interesting speakers were featured. Despite the group's moniker, both women and men were welcome at our gatherings.

Andrew Perkins helped choose topics of interest and timeliness for the congregation. We strive to offer topics that will be interesting to everyone who attends the church, both men and women. Young people are also welcome, but we ask for parental permission for meetings set up to deal with tougher topics. Our attendance varies between three and twenty people.



January 2024: Scott MacHaffie started the year off right by talking about how to finance your children's higher education. Scott had volunteered at Tigard High School where his twin sons attended school. He has volunteered at THS for the past four years, helping students understand how to secure financing for attending higher education in Oregon.

February 2024: A Jewish representative came to the meeting and explained the current conflict in Israel. He was both knowledgeable and fascinating.

March 2024: Dale MacHaffie spoke on updated news about elections and legal topics connected to the elections.

April 2024: Earthquake preparedness was the topic for April. Glen Kelley, a member of the congregation explained the volunteer emergency program. It is a program to notify people at home about disasters in the area and what actions they should take.

June 2024: Dale MacHaffie presented current Oregon and federal court cases involving those dealing with elections.

July 2024: Glenn Kelley led an Interesting group discussion on Disaster Preparedness.

August 2024: Linda Azor, board chair of Honor Flights, spoke to us. The meeting was in honor of Jay Wilcox who passed away in May and who was a big supporter of the program.

September 2024: Discussion of Sanctuary Cities, States and Counties led by Dale MacHaffie.

October 2024: Sanctuary Churches, presented by Rev. Alan Kelchner, Mary McCormick and members of the congregation.

November 2024: John Marandes, Immigration lawyer, and his wife, discussed the problems of nonlegal immigration.

December 2024: Discussion of future meeting topics and speakers, 4 attendees: Dale MacHaffie, Andrew Perkins, Neal Reiling and Rick Mauer all contributed good input for future topics.

Dale MacHaffie
Men's Group Coordinator

PRAYER CHAIN

Our Prayer Chain serves our congregation, community, friends, neighbors, and family by sharing our prayer requests with each other.

Prayer is among the most ancient of human practices, and to this day billions of people believe in its power. Prayer transcends religions, denominations, sects and belief systems.

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. We accept prayer requests from anyone seeking the comfort of prayer for any reason whatsoever.



"In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart."

*- John Bunyan
(English writer and Puritan preacher. Author of The Pilgrim's Progress)*

Our group includes approximately 75 members as well as our church's board of deacons. Coordinated by Greg Imus via email at rgregoryimus@gmail.com, we added 64 new prayers to our prayer list in the past 12 months. Of these, 55 were cleared to be shared with the wider congregation as much as possible, while others were to be kept confidential among the prayer chain members only.

While we do not necessarily publish prayer requests in the weekly bulletin, many of the non-confidential personal issues needing prayer are offered up to the congregation via "joys and concerns" during Sunday services. These tend to generate additional prayer support from other members of the congregation.

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 comforting to know that others are lifting prayers on our behalf.

Greg Imus
Prayer Chain Coordinator

VEGGIES FOR YOUTH

Donations for 2024 veggies totaled a very generous record of \$2,605. Thank you to all who donated. Our hope is anyone in need of fresh organic veggies would be able to enjoy some of the bountiful crop, while raising some extra funds for our family ministry projects.

2024 was an exceptionally good growing year for our garden. We went to Europe at the peak of harvest in September and Paul fell in August – so he was unable to help with the harvest prior to our trip. We had a lot of major help harvesting the veggies from many kind friends. Undine Driesse, Dee Dutoit, Carol Hill, Marilyn Wood, Carolyn Hale, Cynthia Grobey and her family, Rebecca Crall, Steven and Amanda Springer all helped harvest and get the veggies to church. We give a huge thank you to all our loving helpers, including Al's Garden and Home Center, who continues to support this project.

We have had people interested in organic gardening and would like to offer a hands-on, organic vegetable growing class once per month in 2-hour sessions. We are limiting the class to five people. We will have the class starting in April and followed by classes in May, June, July, and September. We will charge \$20.00 per class with all the fees going to TPC as a donation. Let us know if you are interested in taking Veggie 101. We will schedule the dates and times depending on the schedules of anyone interested in participating.

Paul and Linda Fukasawa
Veggies for Youth Coordinators



WIDER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

FAMILY PROMISE OF TUALATIN VALLEY

TPC continues to be a strong supporter of Family Promise which helps vulnerable families end the cycle of homelessness through a community-based response, providing short-term shelter, food, case management and housing navigation services.

At Bridge to Home in 2024 they provided these services for 143 families comprising 232 adults and 221 children. TPC has many volunteers who help on a regular basis doing some of the following jobs - shopping for and making donations of groceries; organizing the food pantry and filling grocery orders; helping with bingo and movie nights; putting together and donating move-in baskets; managing the Birthday room; as well as providing holiday gift room donations. They also provide a variety of other assistance such as tutoring, helping with the clothing closet, making meals, baking treats for holidays and events, assisting with fundraisers, and making Valentines-for-Heart for kids.



THANKS to all the TPC Volunteers and for TPC's continued generosity. If you have any interest in volunteering, please contact Gina (mgolson5@comcast.net) or Derrilyn (dabayha@mac.com).

Derrilyn Bayha and Gina Olson
Family Promise Coordinators

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

For the past thirty-five 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 have even been referred to as a “vampire.” An image that I wear with pride.

Usually, every year we host two blood drives, one in January and the other in August. This year we had two drives, one drive Jan. 24, 2024. We did very well in collecting 29 units. One on Aug 21, 2024. We did well, collecting 24 units. We will have had our first drive for this year Jan 22, 2025. Our summer drive will be in August 2025 so please help and/or donate if you can.



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 Pam Cameron, Candy Ferguson, Lynne Neilson, Bob Carlson, Stacy Mauer, Sue Hayhurst, Neil & Sandy Reiling, Toni & Dale McHaffie, not to mention the many cookie bakers who make our canteen the best blood drive canteen west of the Mississippi.

The donors who regularly participate (several from our own congregation and most from the community at large) are too numerous to mention. Donors can schedule their appointments on-line. This makes it easier for me to juggle 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” which shortens the wait to donate by about 15 minutes. You have to 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, because I am taking blood thinners, that number will remain forever.

I encourage every one of you, who is 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 need of more blood and at times they reach a critical point where there isn’t enough blood available to meet the needs.

We can be proud that TPC has committed to hosting these blood drives for 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.

Scott Cameron
Blood Drive Coordinator

TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY



In 2024 Tualatin Food Pantry celebrated 20 years of service to families in Tualatin, Durham, Lake Oswego, Wilsonville and West Linn. Tualatin Presbyterian Church and Tualatin United Methodist Church led the effort to open the pantry in 2004.

The pantry is located on the lower level of Rolling Hills Community Church. TFP serves clients Monday 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM; Wednesday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM; Thursday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM; and Friday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The pantry allows clients to select their own food for their family. It's like going to a store but without the cash register! For more information about the pantry including how to volunteer please visit tualatinfoodpantry.org.

The mission of Tualatin Food Pantry is “Alleviate food insecurity in our community in a welcoming way that brings dignity and choice to our neighbors”.

TPC friends can support the pantry in several ways

- Donate non-perishable food items by taking them to the pantry or placing them in the donation bins located in the TPC narthex closet.
- Make financial contributions to the pantry by indicating food pantry on your TPC donation; clicking the “Donate” link on the pantry website; or mail your donation to Tualatin Food Pantry, PO Box 248, Tualatin, OR 97062-0248
- Volunteer for a two-hour shift at the pantry by clicking the Get Involved link on the pantry website tualatinfoodpantry.org.
- If you are interested in other ways to help (for example, coordinating your own food drive) you can contact the pantry by clicking the Contact link on the Get Involved page.

Bunny Lewis
Food Bank Coordinator

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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.