

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE ON THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE?

With prayer and perseverance, by the end of October (or early November), the TPC Session is hoping to nominate and bring before the TPC congregation a group of people to serve as your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). This group will meet regularly to pray, discuss, read, learn, discern, and prepare the TPC congregation for a new pastor. This is easily a year-long commitment with meetings that can occur as often as 3-4 times a month. Some PNCs meet weekly. The Session has yet to determine the group size of the PNC, but as we digest and discuss the results of the on-line survey, we'll get to that question very soon.

If you are considering serving on the PNC, I'm letting you know now, it will involve more than reading applications and listening to sermons. Serving on this important committee is a Call. In the Presbyterian Church (USA), we believe God calls people to particular acts of service to further the Kingdom of God. Serving on the PNC will involve learning to trust others on the committee, exploring your own faith in God in Jesus Christ, and listening for how the God's Spirit is moving both at TPC and in the world around us. In my experience, people who serve on PNCs become close friends and upon calling a new pastor, some committee members wish they could keep the committee going forever and ever. But alas, all good things come to end.

In the coming months, the Session will be asking you to pray about and consider serving on the PNC. Caution: This process does not mean nominating someone else to do this work. Rather, it means discerning in the coming months how God is calling you to grow in your faith. Are you being called?

Ken Henry, Interim Pastor



PASTORAL SEARCH SURVEY

The deadline for the survey has been extended one week, to Friday, September 8.

THANK YOU to everyone who has taken the survey. We appreciate your input.

If you haven't taken the survey, there is still time, until September 8.

The survey has questions about TPC's current ministry and your involvement. It also asks for your input on pastoral leadership and your vision for our future. This is an opportunity to assess who we are, where we see ourselves going and what are the attributes of a leader who will help TPC live into its future.

The survey is online, but a paper version is available. There is a link on the TPC website, www.tpcspirit.org, that will take you to it. It is a long survey. Expect to spend at least 30 minutes.

Results of the survey will be shared with the congregation and will be used to create the next step of the transition process - a Mission Information Form.

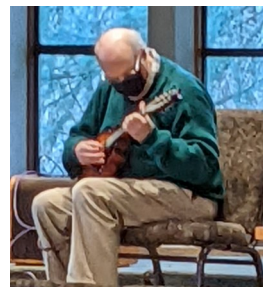
TPC Session Members: Eileen Eakins, Worship, Sandy Gurney, Family Ministry, Chip Kyle, Mission, Lynne Neilson, Stewardship & Administration, Judy Nix, Connection, Greg Owen, Building & Grounds

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5. CARPET CLEANING DAY AT TPC. Due to wet carpets, please postpone any planned trip to the church.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN TO PLAY A STRINGED INSTRUMENT?

If you have ever wanted to learn to play a stringed instruments (something that fights brain decay in seniors), you now have a golden opportunity. **Starting Thursday, September 7th at 1:00 pm**, all interested “would be” musicians are invited to meet in the narthex and enjoy a 45 minute lesson learning to play the ukulele. If you have an instrument gathering dust in the back of your closet, dust it off and bring it to church and enjoy the camaraderie of learning and performing a song on your instrument. Guitarists and other string players who have not played in years are also welcome. Each week, the group will tune up and learn a song or two. Banjo Bill, aka Bill James, will be leading the class and providing the fun. If you do not have a ukulele, Bill has a limited number of donated ukes that will be available so you can see if you might be the next great Tiny Tim. Put the hoot in hootenanny and join us for a guaranteed good time.



TPC BELL CHOIR RESUMES REHEARSAL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 at 7 PM IN THE SANCTUARY

Interested in ringing handbells? Come join us in the sanctuary.

MEN’S GROUP MEETING ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023, 10 TO 11:30 AM

Greetings men of TPC and interested ladies. The TPC Men’s Group Meeting in September will be on the 9th from 10 to 11:30 am. This month the guest speakers, John Whitehurst and Andrew Perkins, will talk about TPC’s sponsorship of young people living in other countries through Compassion International. TPC has participated in this program for many years. John Whitehurst and Andrew Perkins both individually sponsor children out of the country.

You are invited to come and find out how our support has helped. Bring any questions and ideas for discussion. This is sure to be a dynamic and interesting topic and we hope for a good turnout. This meeting will be in the church narthex; coffee and donuts provided. For questions, contact Dale MacHaffie, 503-784-2476. All TPC members, men, women and friends, are invited and welcome to attend.

COFFEE CONNECTION

September’s Coffee Connection will be on Tuesday, September 12th at 10 am at the home of Judy Nix. I’m hoping for a beautiful fall morning so we can be outside. Judy’s address is 10678 SW Dogwood St., Tualatin. Cell: 503-735-5127
Judy Nix

POTLUCK, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AFTER WORSHIP

A Welcome Back Fall Potluck is planned for Sunday, September 17 after worship. All are invited to stay after worship to share fellowship and good food. An RSVP is requested, but not required. You can use the green insert from the Sunday, September 3 bulletin to RSVP. How many adults and kids plan to attend? What would you be willing to bring to share? Main dish. Side Dish. Green salad or veggie tray. Fruit or fruit tray. Dessert (please pre-cut). Can you help with setup or cleanup? If you have questions or wish to RSVP, contact Barb Crall at 503-692-1677 or barbjcrall@gmail.com.

TPC READERS START SEVENTH YEAR!

by Jean Martin

Would you believe there are two fiction-reading groups at TPC who are starting their seventh year together this **September!** One group meets on **Second Thursday mornings**; the other on **Third Thursdays**. Both groups meet from **10 to 11:30 AM on Zoom**. Priscilla Hagan facilitates discussion of the monthly book selections of fiction books with spiritual themes.

In September 2023, our book is *While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams. Abrams uses her political and legal background to great effect here. This is an intelligent thriller that covers a broad range of topics: politics, genetic bioengineering, Supreme Court procedures, international biomedical company mergers, medical and military ethics, and a secret code based on chess moves.

October's book is *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. Rosalie Iron Wing grows up in the woods with her father, who tells her stories of plants, of the stars, and of the origins of the Dakhóta people. Many years later, Rosalie returns to her childhood home and begins a search for family, identity, and community. In the process, she learns what it means to be descended from women with souls of iron—women who protected their traditions with a precious cache of seeds through generations of hardship and loss. Weaving together the voices of four indelible women, *The Seed Keeper* is a beautifully told story of remembering our original relationship to the seeds and, through them, to our ancestors.

In November, our book selection is *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Brooks braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.

We have openings in both the Second and Third Thursday reading groups. If these books sound good to you and you would like to join us, please contact Priscilla Hagan, Carolyn Hale, or Jean Martin. Small groups are a great way for newer members to connect to TPC and for longer-term members to reconnect!

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise now has many projects due to the acquisition of the Quality Inn - now called Bridge to Home. We are always looking for volunteers to help in many areas and help planning our annual fundraiser to help cover costs. Below is more information about a few things that are happening.

Providing pantry items - our next shopping trip is in two weeks. If you would like to donate cash or help shop, please let me know - Derrilyn Bayha, 661-747-8447 or dabayha@mac.com

FPTV's 6th annual fall fundraiser Eat, Drink & Be Giving is right around the corner! Held at Vine and Sparrow in Sherwood, this year's event will feature music by the Cider Janes and lots of delicious food and drink. Tickets will go on sale next month.

As part of our fundraising event, we are hosting an online auction of items and experiences. **Do you own a business or have something to share? If so, we'd love to hear from you!**

Examples of auction items include (but are not limited to):

- Restaurant or winery experiences
- Tickets to sporting or arts events
- Services such as salons, spas, cleaning, or other home services
- Activities such as golf, pottery classes, or axe throwing
- Vacation homes

Have a better idea? We are open to your suggestions as we build an exciting list of auction items to raise funds to support and re-house our families.

Thank you for being a part of our community, and feel free to reach out to Elise with questions or ideas (971.279.9569 or elise@familypromiseoftv.org).

SPECIAL PROJECTS -

Playroom Volunteers Needed seven days a week from 10 to noon and then 4 to 6pm. Please contact Gina@Familypromiseoftv.org with questions.

Playroom Volunteer Signup - contact Derrilyn to sign up

Saturday's community meals continue to be a weekly highlight for our guests. Please consider providing a hot meal in September.

Hot Meal Signup - contact Derrilyn to sign up

Bridge to Home Host Bingo Night – Thanks to Karen E., Carol G., and several other volunteers, guests in our program enjoyed a lively bingo night complete with popcorn, ice cream sundaes, and prizes. The evening was such a hit, we plan to offer a bingo night each month. If you are interested in volunteering, supplying sweet treats, or providing prizes, please contact Gina@familypromiseoftv.org

THANKS so much for all your support - the families are so grateful!! Thanks to the members of our church who graciously volunteer at Bridge to Home!!

CASCADES PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

In-Person Fall Gathering, Saturday, September 30, 2023, 10 am to 2:30 pm

BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN EACH OTHER

John Knox Presbyterian Church, 452 Cummings Lane N. Keizer, OR 97307

Workshops: Sharing ideas, strategies and practices that work

How to Do PW: Facilitator: Rebecca Jewel, Secretary, PWP Cascades

How to Do Community Gardening: Facilitator: Mary Jo Emmett, John Knox Community Garden Coor.

How to Do a Food Pantry: Facilitators: Jane Holmes and Connie Brenner. PWP CT members

Gathering Time is at 9:30 am. Program will begin at 10 am

This is an in-person gathering. There will be no virtual option.

Cascades PW Fall Gathering Registration

In-Person Registration: Cost: \$15, includes lunch. Please include the following information for all attendees: Name, Email Address, Church, Dietary concerns: Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free, Dairy Free, other:

The cost is \$15.00 Send completed form and check(s) made out to Cascades Presbyterian Women to Mary Lou Williams, 14601 NW 26th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98685 (360-576-5364) by **September 25, 2023**.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, Oct. 1st

Our church has consistently and strongly supported the special offerings of the wider Presbyterian Church. On the **first Sunday of October**, TPC will collect donations to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. This offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own local, regional, and global communities.

This offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to members who work for peace every day. Your support of this offering helps encourage members who struggle against senseless violence and aggression. It helps congregations address the growing mental health crisis and the increase in the number of suicides in their communities. It provides resources for congregations seeking to address issues of gun violence in their communities. It helps to seek reconciliation in war-torn areas.

One quarter, 25%, of the collection will be retained by TPC in activities directed by the Mission Committee. Another quarter will be retained by the Presbytery to support their efforts and the remaining half will support the peacemaking work done by Presbyterians across the globe.

We encourage you to generously support this offering.

Chip Kyle, Mission Committee

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 1st, 2 to 3:30 pm at TPC. Bring your pets from home for a blessing by Pastor Ken Henry and Pastor Dick Wiggers.

PARISH SPOTLIGHT

Laura Spurrell came to Tualatin Presbyterian Church 20 years ago because her son, Erik, was participating in Tuesday Treasures. She was impressed with the love and acceptance she found here and has stayed to become an active member contributing her time and talent in various ways, especially in leading worship.

Greatest Joy - life itself. Her love of family is central in her life. Laura enjoys time spent with her 3 children and her 3 grandchildren. She especially appreciates her independence now that she is an empty nester.

Greatest Satisfaction - volunteering at Coffee Creek Prison. The Labyrinth Program is particularly important to her to bring spiritual enrichment into the lives of the women there, and in addition doing Spiritual Direction with a few of them. She enjoyed working with the women with their quilting projects while learning new skills along with them when she first volunteered there.

Favorite Musical – Laura loves theater. Asking her to name a favorite musical is a difficult proposition. Here is a list of some of her favorite ones: *Les Miserables*, *Man of LaMancha*, *Lion King*, and *Cinderella*.

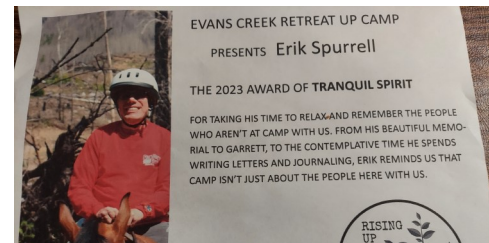
Favorite Trip – She says it's wherever she is at the moment. She is really looking forward to a trip to Budapest in October to meet with people from a Bible Study group that formed during Covid. Laura's friend, Anne, who is a pastor and lives in Albuquerque, had been teaching in Budapest, so to keep in contact formed this Zoom Bible Study group that has been together for the last three years. Laura and Anne will spend 3 weeks together touring Eastern Europe. Safe Travels Laura!



The painting is one of Laura's favorite places, a waterfall near Holden Village near Lake Chelan in Washington.

PAST HAPPENINGS

THANKS FROM ERIK SPURRELL - Erik sends a big thank you to all who wrote to him and other campers. It was a great week that included horses.



CATHY LEE CLOW CHASE CELEBRATION OF LIFE was August 12, 2023

Many hands worked together to honor Cathy's amazing life. Barbara Crall, Bereavement Coordinator, made sure everything came together as the family desired. Approximately 70 people attended.

MEN'S GROUP MEETING, SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 AT FAMILY PROMISE

On Saturday, August 19, the TPC men's group toured the recently purchased Family Promise facility; it is the former Quality Inn located at 11460 SW. Pacific Highway in Tigard. It has been renamed Bridge to Home.

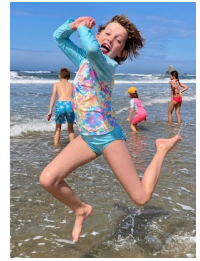
Gina Olson gave the group a tour and shared some of the history of Family Promise. Family Promise was started in 1986 in New Jersey. It has grown to 200 affiliates in 43 states. The Tigard building has 114 rooms. It currently provides a home for 40 families with an ultimate goal of hosting 70!



Photo by Alan Grobey.



TPC YOUTH CAMP
Monday, August 21 to
Friday, August 25.
Lead by Sarah Beck and
Sandy Gurney



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at TPC was WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1 TO 6:30 PM

The blood drive collected 22 whole blood and 2 Power Reds for a total of 24 units. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this drive whether you donated blood, volunteered at the drive or baked cookies. It was a team effort. Thanks to Scott Cameron for coordinating it all. The next blood drive will be in January, 2024,

WAYS TO DONATE TO TPC Scan this code with your smart phone to donate to TPC by debit/credit card or bank account. Scanning this code takes you to the TPC donation page. Questions? Talk to Mike Shiffer. **If you haven't already**, please bring your pledge up to date. Our financial people will sleep better....



COFFEE HELPERS

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

BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMMERS

If you get an email that looks like it came from Pastor Ken asking for a favor, stop and take a second look. What is the originating email address? If it is a gmail account, the email is NOT from Pastor Ken. Ignore/delete that email. **Pastor Ken will not email you asking for gift cards. For church matters Pastor Ken uses the email address pastor@tpcspirit.org.**



KATHY SWEETLAND passed away on Tuesday, August 23. She had dementia and was 55 years old. Kathy and her husband, Todd Sweetland, used to attend Tualatin Presbyterian Church.

ODDS AND ENDS...

ANNUAL PER CAPITA FEE FOR 2023 IS \$45.60. Make check payable to TPC and write per capita on the comment line. Place check in the offering plate, turn it in at the office or mail to TPC. Thanks.

TPC POLO SHIRTS - Two shirts remain. Yours for the taking, hanging in the hallway.

SESSION will meet on September 20 and September 27. Session last met on August 30.

RECYCLE PRESCRIPTION GLASSES AND CASES - still possible

If you have prescription glasses and cases that you no longer use or want, you can bring them to the church to be recycled. The glasses go to Tualatin Eye Associates where they determine what the lens prescription is and then give the glasses to people who need and can use them.

SEPTEMBER TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday worship is at 10 am in person. On-line worship is at www.tpcspirit.org . Also on Facebook and YouTube.					1	2
3 10 am in-person, and on-line worship	4	5 TPC carpet cleaning	6 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC	7 1 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	8 Survey deadline	9 10 am Men's Group 10 am at TPC
10 10 am in-person, and on-line worship	11 7 pm Deacon Meeting	12 10 am Coffee Connection 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	13 7 pm Mission committee meeting	14 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 1 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	15	16 Fall Vocal Choir Rehearsal 10 am to 12:30.
17 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Welcome Back Fall Potluck after worship	18	19	20 10 am Loving Stitches at TPC 7 pm Session Meeting	21 10 am TPC Readers/Zoom 1 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	22	23
24 10 am in-person, and on-line worship Online survey results after worship and again at 4 pm on Zoom	25	26 7 pm Stephen Ministry/Zoom	27 7 pm Session Meeting October newsletter deadline office@tpcspirit.org	28 1 pm Uke practice 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	29	30



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!!

04-Bill James
 06-Kevin Owen
 09-Katrina Weener
 10-Dee Dee Hansen
 10-Grace Love
 12-Charlotte Holland
 12-Kerry Weaver
 13-Sharon Capps

14-Julie Nader
 15-Eliza Swanson
 16-Edda Brown
 18-Jalen Carlson
 18-Emma Wolf
 20-Rachel Norse
 20-Karen Ramos
 21-Dee Johnson
 22-Emily Gibson
 22-Jason James

23-Debbie Imus
 23-John Whitehurst
 24-Michael Byers
 24-Jeremy Reding
 26-Luke Winkler
 27-Doug Steffen
 28-Marsha Steffen
 29-Owen Schmidt
 30-Priscilla Hagan

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

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

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

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

TPC 2023 FINANCIALS	Actuals	Budget	Dollar Difference
Operating Income Year to Date 7/31/23	\$189,864	\$194,664	(\$4,800)
Operating Expenses Year to Date 7/31/23	\$203,172	\$209,365	\$6,193



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Hello,
September!

2023

TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Web Address: www.tpcspirit.org We're also on Facebook.

Worship Service – Sundays at 10 a.m. in person, and on line at www.tpcspirit.org

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Ken Henry

Parish Associate: The Rev. Dr. Richard Wiggers

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

Deacons and their parish number: Derrilyn Bayha (5), Susan Cameron (7), Linda Fukasawa (2), Jason James (4), Dianne Lemmon (3), Kerry Weaver (1), and Rosemary Willis (6).

Director of Family Ministries: Sarah Beck

Financial Assistant: Julie Flint

Administrative Assistant, Newsletter Editor: Susan Springer

Director of Music Ministries: Jennifer Schloming

Pianist: Dr. Evan C. Paul

Bell Choir Director: Debbie Ivanov

Building and Grounds Caretaker: Larry Nord

Art Director: Chris Robertson

Bereavement Committee Chair: Barbara Crall

Blood Drive Coordinator: Scott Cameron

Clerk of Session: Craig Bowen

Cookie Coordinator: Sue Hayhurst

Fellowship Director: Barbara Crall

Hospitality Coordinator: Derrilyn Bayha

Membership Coordinator: Diane Paetsch

Men's Fellowship Group Coordinator: Dale MacHaffie

Parish Nurse: Susan Fee

Prayer Chain: Greg Imus

Stephen Ministry: Jean Martin, Susan Springer

Treasurer: Chip Kyle

Wedding Coordinator: Stacy Mauer

Archivist: Rick Crall

The office is open limited hours. Leave voice message at 503 692-4160. We will get back to you.