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2020 Annual Report



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Pastor's Report

Before writing this year's annual report, I decided to do some digging and see what I came up with last year. In order to prepare the congregation for what I believed would be a restful time of sabbatical for us both I wrote this: "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."

And for some reason I hear Dr. Phil's unwelcome drawl in my head, "Rest? Sabbatical? Soul keeping? How'd that work out for you, Ken? How'd that work out for the congregation?"

Ok, so our plans for 2020 didn't exactly pan out the way we were thinking they would. But you know what? Despite all the challenges we faced together this year such as COVID, wild fires, and political upheaval- the Holy Spirit has continued to blow through it all and she has brought about some beautiful things along with the difficulties.

In March we shifted to live-streaming our worship service. In a matter of weeks, we experimented with forms of worship more suited for being socially distanced and tried various forms of technology before finding a stable signal, consistent look and feel to continue being able to contemplate and give thanks to God during this unprecedented time. I cannot thank Ian and Megan Swanson, Gary Young, and Kerry Hormann enough for getting us up and running in those early days. Then, when this crew faced the brutal reality of weekly production, we welcome Mike Shiffer and John Martin to help and hired Thomas Woodbridge first as an intern and now on a part-time basis. The land we are in is very different than what we had known, and yet we found a way together to sing the songs of Zion.

We also found a new way to connect with one another through a daily, Zoom based morning prayer time. Honestly, before COVID if I had suggested that folks meet every day for prayer at 9 AM, I'm fairly sure that somewhere the sound of crickets would begin to be heard to accompany the blank stares I'm imagining. But in a pandemic when we've all been working from home and social distancing? Well, what ELSE are you going to be doing at 9? During this time, we've heard fact-based updates on the pandemic from Russ, read scripture together, listened to John Martin play the accordion (what other prayer group can boast THAT?!), prayed for the world, read passages from inspiring books, met with a few of the authors including Deborah Jackson, Ridgway Addison, and April Stace, laughed, cried, and held space for one another and the world. The sense of call I have felt towards this community- this sense was renewed and deepened for me during this time. It was what I was needing, and I didn't even know it.

And so many other incredible things happened that showed who we are as a community. Your continued financial support not only to this congregation but to the mission work of this congregation personally blew me away. So many of my colleagues have not only faced the challenge of COVID and division but also a challenging financial landscape as well. We not only made it through 2020, but we flourished positioning us to move forward in 2021.

And yes, while last year my fortune ball obviously had a crack in it, I'm still searching the horizon and thinking ahead. In 2021 I am hopeful that I really will take that sabbatical, and I am working diligently with the session to find a temporary pastor who will not just tread water, but who will help TPC move forward. We will be hiring a music director, and we are looking for someone who isn't merely able to direct a choir but who is capable of overseeing the entire program, able to coordinate home recording efforts, and is comfortable live-streaming their work. (Should be an easy person to find, right?) And, the biggest challenge and opportunity we face in 2021: safely preparing the sanctuary for our eventual return while continuing to care for and build both our in-person congregation as well as the friends we've made in the virtual space that we will continue to nurture in the days ahead. I have a friend, Courtney Clayton Jenkins, who has inspired me with her own work. She serves a congregation in Cleveland, OH similar in size to ours. Committed to creating an online presence years before COVID, Courtney has found a way to create beautiful, liturgical, worship that reaches people who show up physically as well as speaks to about a similar number of people online from all over the world. I see this as an exciting way to continue to do what we do best here, and offer people all over the world a chance to connect with the Living God in our own quirky, creative traditional way.

So, with God's help we have a lot to accomplish. I look forward to working with you and seeing what the Spirit has in store for us.

Warmly,

Ken

Parish Associate for Pastoral Care & Visitation



“From a Distance”

The opening verse of Bette Midler’s song provides the perfect description of this awe inspiring view of Oregon’s Eagle Cap Wilderness as seen from Mt. Howard:

“From a distance the world looks blue and green,
and the snow-capped mountains white.
From a distance the ocean meets the stream,
and the eagle takes to flight.”

“From a distance” also describes how we have had to relate to one another since March 2020. For most of us, Sunday worship, graduations, birthdays, and anniversaries have been shared online. And, I’m so grateful to everyone who has made this possible and kept our TPC family connected over the long haul.

Even so, we’ve missed the joy of being together for worship and fellowship and the hugs and handshakes we’ve always taken for granted. Being isolated or restricted from loved ones while they were in the hospital, undergoing rehab, or under quarantine, wherever they were, and for whatever reason, has been one of the hardest things we’ve had to endure.

Offering pastoral care “from a distance” has also been challenging. During the last nine months, I had to put a hold on making hospital visits, going to see members in retirement centers, or nursing homes. Like you, I have had to do the next best thing and stay in touch with telephone calls, FaceTime visits, and Zoom gatherings. Along with Pastor Ken, Sarah, Susan, Mike, Debbie, Ron, as well as our elders, deacons, and Stephen Ministers, I continue to hold you in prayer, and treasure the ways we can stay in touch. While I may not be able to be with you in person, I’m grateful for the technology that enables me to see many of you face-to-face – on the “small screen” – from a distance.

~ The Rev. 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 well as, developing our moral compass rooted in a Christ-like life.

From January –March 13th, the Family Ministries team offered the following activities:

- Our kids led Family Ministries Sunday in January.
- Mission Elder, Russ Carlin and the Family Ministries team made dinner together at the Good Neighbor Center (GNC) and ate with families staying at the shelter.
- We volunteered at the Tualatin School House Pantry on no-school days.
- We hosted coffee hour once a month after worship.
- We went on youth group outings, including the waterslides in McMinnville on Valentine’s Day.
- Our kids, pre-k thru college, served as youth liturgists the second Sunday of every month in worship.
- Sandy Gurney, Chris Robertson, and Sarah Beck offered Sunday school for primary kids, 5-12 years old, downstairs after the Children’s Message.
- Jeff Engh, John Whitehurst and Sarah Beck offered Sunday school for middle school kids, ages 12-15 years old, after the Children’s Message.
- Denise Collins and Scott Cameron met with kids, ages 15-18 years old, downstairs after the sermon.

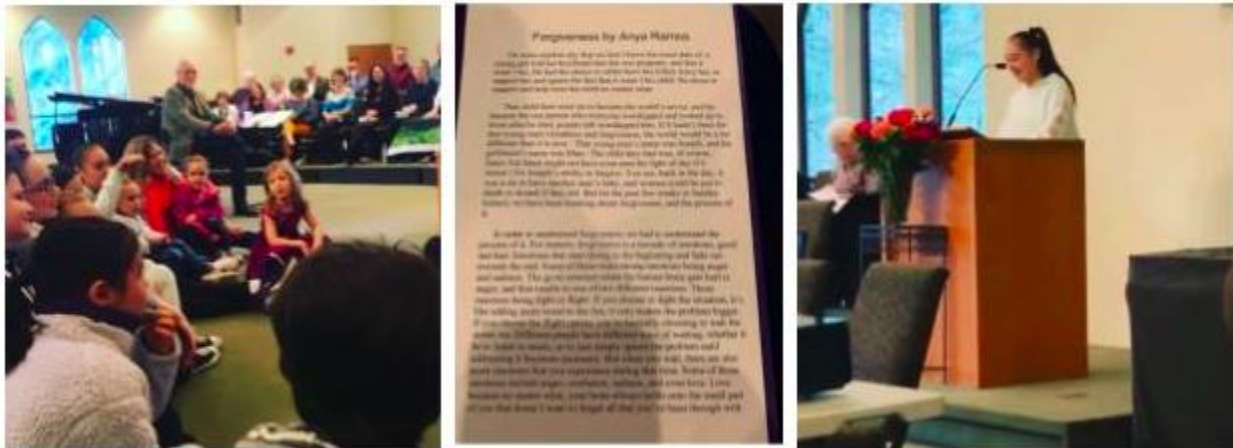
As of Saturday, March 14th, Session voted to close Tualatin Presbyterian Church due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we became a virtual church. Family Ministries continued the following activities and programs online to the present time.

- We offer weekly Sunday school for pre-school through high school via Zoom.
- We offer weekly connection time for primary kids, ages 5-12, Friday afternoons at 4 PM via Zoom.
- We offer weekly connection time for middle and high school kids, ages 12-18, Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM via Zoom.
- We publish a monthly Family Ministries newsletter for the church.
- We drive the church van at least twice a month to keep it running well.
- Youth liturgists read scripture the second Sunday of the month for virtual worship.
- We make monthly no-contact dinners for families staying at the Good Neighbor Center.
- We offer families the opportunity to volunteer at the Harvest Share.
- We participate in the Deacon flash-mob parades where we honored our graduating high school senior, Robert Weener, as well as, our graduating college seniors.
- Our teens self-organize game nights for kids ages 10-18 via Zoom.
- We offer quarterly virtual art camps for kids ages 5-16 via Zoom.

- We dropped off monthly care packages for kids on their doorsteps.
- We incorporate a “Doodle Ministry” into our weekly Sunday school Bible stories.
- We offered parents a weekly happy hour with Pastor Ken Sunday evenings in the summertime.
- We invited three guest presenters to talk to our middle and high school kids as part of our summer Christian Education program.
- We delivered buckets of Easter eggs and an “Oregon palm leaf” to kids as a way to continue our Palm Sunday Easter egg hunt tradition at home.
- In October, we delivered candy, pumpkins for decorating and a flyer about Reformation Sunday.
- We produced a virtual Christmas program that featured a reading of a Nativity story.
- We continue to work on the Log College grant project.
- Sarah Beck was accepted into the Foundations of Christian Leadership program at Duke Divinity, funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Family Ministry Sunday

In January, the TPC primary and middle school youth led a Family Ministry Sunday. The kids read scripture, assisted with offertory, the birthday chicken, and Anya Ramos preached a sermon on forgiveness. Her sermon was based on Family Ministries Elder, Jeff Engh’s Christian Education problem based-learning curriculum addressing the importance of the holy family.



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 virtual youth liturgists the second Sunday of every month.



Virtual Sunday school

Saturday nights, preschool families receive an email with a short Bible story, discussion questions, prayer, story guide and coloring sheet. Pastor Ken also read a story to kids on Zoom.

Primary kids, ages 5-12 years old, met from 10:10 –10:30 AM, via Zoom, with Christina Robertson, Sandy Gurney and Sarah Beck for a weekly Bible story, discussion and prayer.

Middle and high school kids, 12–15-year old's, met from 10:30-11:00 AM, via Zoom, with Jeff Engh and Sarah Beck for problem-based learning Christian Education curriculum and discussed topics relevant to current events.

In September, middle and high school kids, ages 12-18 years, requested we shift our focus to African church history and eastern Christianity.



Summer Guest Presenters

In the summertime, middle and high school kids had the opportunity to participate in a series of presentations by guest speakers focusing on current issues that are relevant to our young people. Ben Bowman, member of the Tigard-Tualatin School Board and recent candidate for State Senate, talked to our kids about the school district and COVID-19. He also discussed the Ready Schools, Safe Learner program. Mission Elder, Russ Carlin an industrial hygienist, discussed COVID-19: what it actually is, how it spreads and how to protect themselves and their families. Karen Carlin, a retired case manager for Clackamas County, discussed, over two Sundays, coping strategies for anxiety during COVID-19.



Staying Connected

Since youth group outings were not possible during the COVID-19 pandemic and kids needed to stay connected, we offered “Connection Time” to middle and high school kids, ages 12-18 years, every Wednesday afternoon at 4 PM, via Zoom. Primary kids, ages 5-12 years, had “Connection Time” Friday afternoons at 4 PM, via Zoom.

Monica Gibson organized teen game nights once a month for kids ages 10-16 years, and our Family Ministries team stayed connected to our preschool through high school kids, by dropping off care packages once a month.



Digital Art Camps

Before COVID-19, the kids looked forward to art camps and the summer program. Unfortunately, we were not able to offer in-person camps this year, however, kids ages 5-16, enjoyed quarterly virtual art camps on Zoom. The goal of art camp was to offer a shared, safe space where our younger kids could connect with our older kids and create art together as an expression of community and worship.



Digital Christmas Program

Every year we put on a Christmas play for the congregation. This year we did something different. The kids decided to film themselves reading a home-grown Nativity story in front of their Christmas trees and written by Christina Robertson. We featured the video of our Christmas production, complete with outtakes, at the Children’s Christmas Eve Service.



Community Service

Last January, Family Ministries and Mission worked together to prepare a meal for families staying at the Good Neighbor Center (GNC) homeless shelter. Middle school kids mentored the preschool and primary kids while preparing the meal. After we finished, we ate dinner with families staying at the shelter.

The kids also volunteered at the Tualatin School House Pantry on non-school days.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Good Neighbor Center allowed Family Ministries to continue preparing no-contact meals in our homes and dropping them off at the front door.



Log College 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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Log College Project pivoted from a “Dreamersicle Ministry” to individual youth-led ministries focused on social justice and community need during these unprecedented times. The Log College Project will be completed May 2021.

Looking Forward to the Future

We don’t know what will happen in the coming months, however, these are some possibilities we are considering:

- Primary kid’s Sunday school will be looking at Biblical history from the creation story to the early church in Acts.
- Middle and high school kids will be learning about Christianity from around the world, including, Latin America, Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, and China.
- ConnectED “Open” Garage Ministries may offer additional support and resources to underserved students during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Virtual art camps are tentatively scheduled for spring and summer.
- Summer Program may resume when we reopen our church.

~ Sarah Beck, Family Minister Director

Music Ministries

The first couple months of 2020 were more or less normal with a typical level of activity and contribution to worship from the choir directed by Gary Young and the bell choir directed by Debbie Ivanov. That came to a sudden halt when TPC closed its doors beginning Sunday, March 15th in our efforts to slow the spread of COVID. Ron Fabbro has continued all through this time providing piano support recording some at home and some in the sanctuary.

For the next four months, the music was provided by Gary Young and the talented Megan Swanson, wife of the video/streaming guru Ian.

Debbie had this to say about the **Bell Choir**:

Well, an odd report for an odd year! The bell choir was not exempt from all the restrictions that came in February. It's probably a time we will all remember!

We played our regular 2nd Sunday services in January and February, but then everything closed. So sad. We missed each other so much!

Then comes Rick Crall! He asked if I was willing to work with him to make videos of the bell choir that we could offer for use in worship! So, I chose music, and by the end of May, everyone took bells and stands and music home, and we went to work! We thank Ron for playing piano for us on a few pieces, too (yes, also recording himself).

If you're curious, here's how we have to set up. We each need 2 electronic devices; something with a camera, and another with a sound port we can plug earphones into. We set up our bell position first (dining room table? Kitchen? Coffee table?), then the recording device goes behind our music, facing us. Rick fixed the 'sample' recordings so we would all start at the same time. First, turn the camera to record. Then, put in earphones and listen to music. (You need earphones because we don't want the 'sample' to play in our recording.) As the music plays, we each play our individual bells when called for in the music. We submit our individual parts to Rick, who then puts them all together and synchronizes them. Then, he and I check them for errors or sync problems before submitting them for worship.

By early July we submitted our first video for use in worship. Since then, we have been offering music for worship each month. There has obviously been a learning curve for all of us, esp. Rick! But what fun to be able to try and make it work! We even got Rebecca and Larry and Carolyn Locke (now in Seattle) to play with us so we would have a full choir! By the time we got to December, we even played several times in the month.

Outstanding kudos and blessings to Rick for making this possible!! His countless hours learning about programs, deciding which one to use, (paying for it himself initially and then reimbursed by TPC) and then putting each month together. Wow! We are blessed to have him as part of

our group and are thankful for what he has done for us this year. We all hope to be back together as soon as possible, masked or not. God alone knows when that will be!

In August, after completing three years at TPC as Director of Music Ministries, Gary Young resigned writing to the choir at that time saying:

I have decided to resign my position as the director of music at TPC. My wife's church has offered me the position of director of music and arts and I have decided to accept it. My wife and I have worked together at three different churches, including a church startup in the city of Prague, Czech Republic. We have worked well together in the past and this was a large part of my decision to leave TPC. This was a very difficult decision to make. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at TPC and will have many fond memories of working with all of you. I will miss you all!

Vocal choir: the software program TPC purchased came with licenses for two computers and starting in November, Sheri Olsen undertook using it and produced several vocal pieces – an anthem, a couple of introits and several hymns -- for the Christmas season. About a dozen members of the vocal choir are helping with this and are planning to continue to offer music for worship in the months ahead.

~ collected & compiled by Rick Crall



Financial Assistant

It has been a very different year for the financial assistant at TPC. Of course, I am not alone in this uniqueness! This year TPC learned how to continue to enthusiastically support our church from our own homes. We did not have an offering plate and we did not have offering counters, but we still had a very successful year of financial support. Thank you to everyone that is now donating regularly on our website and through the mail. If you haven't tried online giving, you can do so by clicking Give at the top of the TPC website at tpcspirit.org. If you want a shortcut, just go to tpcspirit.org/givenow .

We have also figured out how to work remotely to ensure that all pledges and donations are processed, that staff is paid, bills are recorded and paid and that financial reporting is up to date. Thank you to the support of the finance committee and Susan for all of the great help.

You probably won't find me in the office, but you can still reach me. I can assist you with making online or automatic donations, reviewing your pledge or giving status, processing reimbursements or anything else related to TPC financials. If you call the office, you can direct a message to my voice mail. You can also reach me by email at finance@tpcspirit.org.

I am looking forward to another great (and more normal) year as the TPC Financial Assistant.

~ Mike Shiffer

Administrative Assistant

I just read my Annual Report article for 2020. Needless to say, a lot has changed since then. Staff is primarily working from home and only going into the church building when necessary.

People continue to be all important. It's challenging to stay connected when we are told, due to the risk of contracting COVID, to stay apart.

Worship has moved on-line. The building is closed to outside activities such as rehearsals, recitals, and blood drives.

Communication remains central. Words written and spoken are important. Emails. Texts. Phone calls. And now the ever-present Zoom meeting, where we can see each other, but we're not in the same room. How many of us knew Zoom existed before COVID?

I continue to send out a newsletter each month. Most people receive it as an attachment to an email. A couple of dozen are mailed. If you are not receiving the newsletter each month and would like to, please email me at office@tpcspirit.org and I'll add you to the distribution list.

I would like to thank all those who contribute articles to the newsletter. I may be the editor, but I rely on articles written by members and friends to share what's being planned and what has happened, and what is in your heart, what you're feeling, as we navigate a bumpy landscape and try to dodge COVID.

I hope that 2021 will improve as the days pass. I'm not sure what the new "normal" will look like. Guess we'll find out and adjust, as needed.

~ Susan Springer

Clerk's Report

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

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 or upon request from clerk@tpcspirit.org.

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

Current elders:

Story Catching - Patrick Ramos, appointed

Long Range Planning - Craig Bowen

Building & Grounds – Greg Owen

Mission – Russ Carlin

Human Resources - Carolyn Pursinger

Communication – Ian Swanson

Stewardship/Admin – Maureen Wolf

Worship – Joan Nardi, coordinator

Active Membership Report:

Active Membership 12/31/2019 290

Reaffirmation of Faith: 1

Death: 6

Transfer: (1)

Active Membership 12/31/2020 284

New Members in 2020: Fenya Snegireff

Deaths of Members and Affiliates: Linda Duncan, Carol Slater, Shawna Fleck, Bill Thomason, Barb Kerr, John Dehoney, Norma Spencer, The Reverend Charlie Brown (Honorably Retired)

Baptisms of Children: Ayden Todd Owen

~ Liz Belz-Templeman, Clerk

Buildings & Grounds

1. Replaced all emergency light batteries. Thanks, Rick Maurer!
2. Carpets professionally cleaned.
3. Provided supplemental landscaping maintenance labor (weeding, trimming, watering, sweeping, etc.).
4. Repaired and re-adjusted grounds irrigation system.
5. Removed all ivy from trees behind church building and created buffer zone around base of trees.
6. Removed split tree from parking Lot. Thanks to the contractor using our parking lot.
7. Patch pot-holes on entry drive. Thanks to the contractor using our parking lot.
8. Remove and scrap out 1988 air handling unit in well east end of lower level.
9. Replace air handling unit in well east end of lower level. Thanks to the Presbytery of the Cascades for a \$7500 Barnabas Grant and to Rick Maurer and Todd Owen for their assistance.
10. Replaced retaining wall east side of new air handling unit. Thanks Bob Paetsch!
11. Relocated Fire Alarm communicator panel from basement to the worship closet due to poor reception. Thanks to Rick Maurer!
12. Replaced battery in the church van.
13. Installed numerous fluorescent tubes and electronic ballasts, as needed.
14. Applied moss inhibitor around grounds, including parking lot, as needed.
15. Scrubbed all downstairs vinyl floors and applied high-gloss wax to same.
16. Applied weed killer to weeds, as needed.
17. Adjusted parking lot light timer, as needed.
18. Removed unused basketball hoops and posts at entrance to former preschool.
19. Hired contractor to clean church roof, gutters and downspouts of debris.
20. Warranty work repairing rodent damage to parking lot lighting, Thanks Rick Maurer!
21. Replaced soffit lightbulbs.

~ Greg Owen



Worship

Worship at TPC began the 2020 year as we traditionally do. The Chancel Choir sharing their gifts of music and the Bell Choir ringing in their joyful sounds. Additionally, we had greeters at the front door and ushers handing out the morning service bulletins. Lay readers stepped up to the pulpit to share Scripture readings and our beloved Pastor bringing the message of faith and encouragement each Sunday morning.

Then, quite unexpectedly, everything changed and we began to create a new way to continue our Sunday morning worship services. Thanks to tech specialists Ian Swanson, John Martin, Mike Shiffer and other supporters we were able to launch our services “live-stream.”

Gary Young and Dr. Ron Fabbro continued to keep the music flowing along with prerecorded guest vocalists. In time, Rick Crall developed a plan to record the Bell Choir as they performed remotely with the leadership of Director Debbie Ivanov. In November Shari Olsen created a plan to bring choral music back remotely for the Advent Season with Rick's technical assistance.

We have had a sad goodbye to our Director of Music Ministries, Gary Young. In September, Gary received a special opportunity he couldn't resist. He was offered the position of Music Director at Lake Oswego United Methodist Church. His wife serves the Church as their pastor, so this gave them an opportunity to share in ministry as a team and it also gave Gary a responsibility closer to home. We have enjoyed his musical offerings to TPC and the choir will miss his delightful sense of humor and musical creativity. It will be a challenge to find his replacement in due time.

We all look forward to the time when we can return to our normal worship style and location. Even that time will undoubtedly bring opportunities for new ways to worship and grow in faith. May it be the light of the future!

~Joan Nardi

Liturgical Art

At the Session budget meeting in September 2019, I proposed reducing the 2020 art budget and seeking grant money from the Calvin Institute of Worship, funded by Lily Endowments, Inc for a more ambitious art project. Jeff Cameron and I had an idea to produce faux stained glass window panels that we could change out with the various liturgical seasons. We would commission George Fox art students to design the windows.

With the help of Jeff Engh, we wrote and submitted our grant proposal in early January 2020. We put together a team consisting of Jeff Cameron, Jeff Engh, Patrick Ramos, Nancy Wilcox, Sarah Beck, Bob Paetsch and Priscilla Hagan. Then we waited. COVID reared its ugly head and we transitioned from in-person worship to virtual worship. And we waited some more. In May 2020 Calvin Institute informed us that they approved our proposal, and we began our work.

We met on Zoom to identify the kind of art we wanted. I worked with the team to create mood boards and narratives to share with prospective artists. Jeff Cameron hired two artists: Brooke Lords, who had created our windows of modern-day saints and would design the Advent windows, and Megan Nipp, who would design our Easter windows. Jeff Cameron would design the Lenten windows from photos he took in central Oregon.

We hoped that we would be back in the sanctuary for Advent Worship, but that was not to be. COVID-19 continued to rage. We installed the Advent windows and the Virtual Worship Team incorporated pictures of the windows into the Advent worship service videos. We reviewed our grant budget and realized that we could afford to print Christmas cards and send them to everyone in the congregation. We enlisted the help of Susan Springer and the cards went out.

We're looking forward to having sets of windows for Lent, Easter, and Ordinary time, and of course we're looking forward to enjoying the windows when we worship together in person.

~Chris Robertson, Art Director



Mission

"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. This year that has been more evident than ever; wildfires ravaged the state, the pandemic threatened people's livelihoods while health concerns were first on everyone's minds as we cared for our families and each other.

The beauty of Mission at TPC, is that all major community programs were not only supported, but thrived, during the pandemic. The willingness of our congregation to support the community was evident by the many projects that were provided. Not only did we share and protect our loved ones, but we also found creative ways to give 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 which this year needed to be virtual, but still collected donations for Compassion International and supporting Estalin and Sarah, Tuesday Treasures (helping build community for those with intellectual disabilities) and multiplying and redirecting a generous grant from the Presbytery to help support a community initiative of our choice. The Mission Committee chose Rios de Agua Viva, the church that leases their worship space (pre-pandemic) at TPC and was hard hit by the pandemic.

It is the willingness of spirit that continued to shine through as the congregation donated money to purchase face masks for farm workers and the Giving Tree Christmas presents (52 wrapped presents including over \$1,000 for food) were delivered to the front of the church where masked congregants shared a quiet vespers service. Community, Service and Spirit all combined to create a generous event.

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 or providing relief from hunger and homelessness, thousands of hours are donated annually in quiet and meaningful ways that enrich our congregation and the entire community.

As we continue to support the PC-USA and our congregation-wide missions, we encourage you to consider how you will mission in 2021.

~Russ Carlin

"Faith in action is love and love in action is service." ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

Family Promise of Tualatin Valley

TPC continued to be a strong supporter of Family Promise, as the program responded to providing services a bit differently due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Families moved away from staying in churches and were housed at the Extended Stay America in Tigard. Funding from the government CARES program allowed Family Promise to house up to 15 families, making it the largest shelter program providing wrap around support services in Washington County. Nearly 6,000 bed nights of shelter were provided by Family Promise of Tualatin Valley.

TPC and other churches continued to provide weekly food boxes, delivered by volunteers in a contactless manner. For families, knowing that they would have regular food, brought the most gratitude, often expressed with tears. Almost 12,000 meals were provided during 2020.

With places for used furniture and household items closed, a furniture ministry grew organically with furniture, linens, and kitchen items stored in the TPC basement. This ministry provided furniture, beds and household items for 34 families (80 individuals) who were able to return to secure housing with dignity. Many thanks to TPC volunteers for donations and the pick-up and delivery of items.

TPC, along with other churches, pulled together to respond to a global crisis by caring for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. This chapter in TPC's history can be remembered with pride, as our ever-generous members put their faith into action.

~ Derrilyn Bayha and Pam Bowen, Host Coordinators

~ Judy Nix, Board Member and Move Team Coordinator

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

In 2020, we saw two departures from our TPC staff. Gary Young served his last Sunday as Music Director on September 6. We have not hired a replacement as we consider the current and future needs of the TPC community. Kimberly Logan also moved on from her role as childcare attendant. We will revisit childcare needs when in-person worship resumes. We thank both of them for their wonderful contributions to our congregation. We were delighted to hire Thomas Woodbridge as an intern to help with our live streaming services. We look forward to Thomas' continued assistance to our virtual gatherings.

Budget

The 2020 budget was prepared for salaries, benefits and payroll expenses, which are the largest of TPC expenses.

Preparation for Pastor Ken's Sabbatical

Due to COVID, Pastor Ken had to postpone his Sabbatical. He plans to take his Sabbatical in 2021, and we will be searching for a Temporary Supply Pastor to serve TPC while he is away.

~Carolyn Pursinger

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 and report to Session;
- Conduct an annual financial review to ensure controls are in place and financial transactions support the reported figures;
- Review the building loan (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 and provide results of the campaign to the budget preparation process;
- In concurrence with the Pastor, set overall giving goals and objectives.

In January 2020 after the congregation was given the opportunity to comment, an annual budget was presented to and approved by the Session. The church began 2020 with a surplus of \$10,915. \$4,442 of the surplus was utilized during the 2020 operating year. Additionally, a special reserve transfer of \$2,000 was made to the Capital Improvement Fund and the remaining \$4,473 was directed to the Reserve Fund. TPC was fortunate to receive a Payroll Protection Plan loan for \$33,525 which was fully applied to

staff salary and related expenses. The loan was forgiven in November 2020. Additionally, Pastor Ken's expanded virtual outreach had a positive impact on Giving. Unpledged Giving was \$29,711 greater than budget. Due to the reduced activity due to COVID-19 shutdowns, personnel transitions, and the generous giving by the congregation, TPC ended the year with a fund balance of \$64,419. We are so fortunate to have such a generous community at TPC! Financial statements for 2020 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, and Mike Shiffer (Financial Assistant). The committee reviews monthly financial statements and discusses financial issues as they arise to make recommendations to Session. The committee also provides tax planning strategies, so members could continue to benefit from their generous church contributions given federal tax law changes.

The 2020 annual financial review was completed on July 26, 2020 and was conducted in accordance with the Book of Order G-3.0113 and Presbytery guidelines. Due to the viral pandemic and church building closure, review procedures were restructured to be conducted remotely by a two-member team of the finance committee, Carolyn Barker and Chip Kyle. The 2019 accounting records were found to be well organized and nothing was found to suggest the internal control procedures were not working. Mike Shiffer, financial assistant, is to be commended for his outstanding work. A few recommendations were made regarding personnel records 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, especially during this COVID-19 season. 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.

~ Maureen Wolf

Fellowship

As I read last year's report, I realized that I have not done any of the things I hoped to do in 2020. The only fellowship event in the past year was a potluck before the Ash Wednesday service the end of February. Everything changed drastically soon after that. At one point I held out hope for a picnic in the summer, but that was not to be. I am now hoping that we will be able to gather outdoors before summer is over in 2021. If anyone would like to help organize a picnic for this summer and events into the fall (assuming that things have improved by then), email me at barbjcrall@gmail.com.

~ Barb Crall, Fellowship Director

Deacons

When a pandemic hits our community, the Deacons do what they do best!

Keep caring, keep connecting, keep celebrating the joys, and keep members in our prayers at times of loss. It's been a year!



Deacons celebrate some of our TPC college students!

Our TPC college student's world turned upside down when Covid 19 hit. Most came home to finish their final term or semester. They learned to navigate their classes and finals online. We wanted to give them a celebration for completing their year. Some graduated and some returned this Fall to pick up where they left off. Deacons and other TPC members drove their cars around the parking lot twice, honking, blowing bubbles and throwing candy & gift cards to our college students!

Deacon Carolyn Hale organized car parades so we could drive by and shout hello to our TPC members and their neighbors! With decorated cars, honking horns, bubbles, and fun whirly flowers, we had a parade of cars to spread cheer!

Deacons Carolyn Hale and Sheri Shipporeit led our first group of Soul Friends with in depth zoom discussions every other week. They found a strong bond amongst themselves and explored how to grow more faithfully and reach personal goals.

The Deacons have continued to meet via Zoom once a month. We share your joys and concerns and lift you all up in prayer. We continue to prepare meals, send flowers and cards.

We can hardly wait to greet you all when we return in person to TPC! We might have to have Deacon Dogs, Deacon Donuts, and Deacon Desserts all in one day!

~Susan Cameron

Technology Committee

2020 has been a year of rapid change for the Technology Committee. When the church could no longer meet in-person because of the Covid-19 pandemic, dedicated and knowledgeable people stepped in with the necessary technical knowledge and equipment to live-stream our worship service. Thanks to the leadership of Ian and Megan Swanson, Kerry Hormann, Music Director Gary Young, and Pastor Ken, the live-stream worship service was ready to go on the first Sunday after the shutdown. Dr. Ron Fabbro, pianist, participated in some of the early live stream services and then recorded preludes and postludes to enrich the pre-recorded worship services.

After several months of live streaming the worship service, we changed to a system of pre-recorded worship services. This system greatly reduced the stress that comes with producing live events, and at the same time offered better creative control. Mike Shiffer and John Martin led this effort in the early phase. It soon became apparent, however, that more time and professional video skills were needed to make this process move smoothly on a weekly basis.

With the help of Jeff Cameron, we were able to find a George Fox University student in the television production program who needed an internship to complete his academic program. The timing proved to be fortuitous because soon after he was hired, Mike broke his leg and John landed in the hospital. Thomas Woodbridge, our university intern, has continued his employment with TPC after graduation from George Fox. Thomas is now TPC's part-time employee responsible for assembling our video worship service every Sunday.

During the course of 2020, some new video and audio equipment has been purchased to support our weekly video productions. Two of the major items include a new audio mixer and additional lighting for the sanctuary.

Many thanks to the members of the Technology Committee who are always ready to pitch in when their skills are needed: Mike Shiffer, Ian Swanson, Rick Mauer, Kerry Hormann, Dan Barker, Herb Richardson, Russ Carlin, Committee Chairperson John Martin, and Session liaison, Elder Greg Owen. A special shout out to Mike Shiffer and John Martin for their help in getting many of our congregation members up and running on Zoom!

~ John Martin, Technology Committee Chair

The Marge Dean Memorial Garden

2020 saw no new changes to the garden. The original memorial stones are mostly completed with names and dates of deceased members. We have added a new display area and four new memorial stones for future use and plan to add more. In the works is to add a few more flowering plants.

~Mike Nelson

Stephen Ministry

"Christ Caring for People through People"

This year our Stephen Ministry program at TPC entered its fourth year of service within this church community. We continue to nourish this congregation and beyond with Christ-centered care, based on compassionate listening and being there for our Care Receivers. Our Care Receivers continue to be you; a person that needs a listening ear and kind heart, to sit and be with you and hear your story in complete confidentiality.

In 2020 our Stephen Ministry Leadership Team consisted of Eileen Eakins, Jean Martin, Nikki Martin, Stephen Ricker and Susan Springer. This year we faced the effects of lockdown and lockout from our church facilities, challenging us to continue our twice monthly meetings with the Stephen Ministers. The team responded with Zoom technology that has allowed us to continue to meet the second and fourth Tuesdays each month.

Stephen Ministers that have served this Community in 2020 include Bud Bender, Pam Cameron, Eileen Eakins, Sandy Gurney, Kerry Hormann, Jean Martin, Joan Nardi, Carol Rhodes, Stephen Ricker, Nancy Wilcox and the welcome (and delightful) return of Larry Church. This group has also faced solving the logistics of maintaining a relationship with their Care Receivers while maintaining proper Covid-19 pandemic safety protocol. As with the whole world around us, we have adjusted ourselves to the current situation with phone calls, FaceTime and socially distanced, in person meetings, in backyards or parks as solutions to maintaining our weekly face-to-face meetings with a Care Receiver.

Our statistics for the year include 578 individual contacts between a Stephen Minister and their Care Receiver for a total of 165 hours and 21 minutes. This is Compassion in Action.

Thank you to the Session elders for their continued support of this important program for TPC and our thanks to the members of our congregation for your trust in our Stephen Ministers.

A Stephen Minister is:

- * A trained lay volunteer
- * A good listener
- * Trained in confidentiality
- * Supervised for quality care
- * Ready to offer God's love through a Christian
caring relationship on a one-to-one basis

What does a Stephen Minister do?

- * Offers Christian friendship and care
- * Listens
- * Encourages
- * Keeps confidence
- * Prays
- * Supports

To get help or for more information contact: Pastor Ken or Susan Springer, office@tpcspirit.org

Stephen Ministry is a free service open to all church and community members.

~ Stephen Ricker

Adult Edge

For many years now, Adult Edge has been 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 or another outside speaker and often 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. Up until this most unusual Covid-19 year, Adult Edge has met on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM, downstairs in the Adult Education Room. And sometime in 2021 (when it is deemed safe to meet again in the church), Adult Edge will resume its Sunday morning schedule. Childcare will be available. All will be welcome once again!

Adult Edge kicked off 2020 with a very timely and illuminating exploration of institutional racism and white privilege in the United States. *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving helped us see ourselves more clearly as we related to her mix of enlightening facts and personal story. In the author's own words: "*Waking Up White* is the book I wish someone had handed me decades ago. My hope is that by sharing my sometimes cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, I offer a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance. As I unpack my own long-held beliefs about colorblindness, being a good person, and wanting to help people of color, I reveal how each of these well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated my ill-conceived ideas about race. I also explain why and how I've changed the way I talk about racism, work in racially mixed groups, and understand the racial justice movement as a whole."

Even though we intended to complete the *Waking Up White* study and move on to Amy Jill Levine's DVD class about Jesus and the parables, the corona virus pandemic thwarted our plans. Thus, Adult Edge has been on indefinite hiatus. But the subject of race remains all too relevant so we shall resume our *Waking Up White* study whenever it is safe to do so in 2021.

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. Except for a brief interruption due to Covid-19, TPC Readers have gathered every second and third Thursday during 2020—in person the first few months and virtually on Zoom the rest of the year.

Our 2020 reading journey started off with an exciting sailing adventure, *Before the Wind* by Jim Lynch. In February, we immersed ourselves in the movie theater along with the homeless characters in *Ragged Company* by Richard Wagamese. We took a break to get our bearings in March, April, and May—and then resumed in June via Zoom with a delightful tale about the power of music to inspire the women on the home front of Chilbury, England during the second world war (*The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan). In July, we moved to the marshes of

North Carolina with *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens; and in August, we came back home to pioneer-era Oregon with Jane Kirkpatrick's novel, *Everything She left Behind*.

In September, TPC Readers paddled down the Minnesota River with four young depression-era vagabonds in William Kent Krueger's *This Tender Land*. October found us in the aftermath of the 1999 Turkish earthquake, caught up in cultural, political, and religious tensions with Alan Drew's *Gardens of Water*. We finished our reading year with *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline, a beautifully interwoven story of unexpected friendship, set alternately in contemporary Maine and 1930s Minnesota.

In December, unable to gather around Priscilla Hagan's bountiful round table for our traditional Christmas Brunch, both groups donned their festive attire and gathered for virtual table fellowship and a chance to suggest book ideas for 2021. TPC Readers will continue in January 2021 with Paul Coelho's classic fable, *The Alchemist*. We will announce the full schedule of 2021 book choices at the January meetings and in the February TPC newsletter.

Small groups are a great way for newer folk to enter into 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 & John Martin



Second Thursday Readers

Third Thursday Readers

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 four months, and then the groups are re-shuffled to form another set of Fellowship Dinner groups.

The Covid pandemic interrupted this program. Without out any discussion or direction, all of the groups simply went quietly into hibernation in March of 2020.

Normally, 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. This may be a good time to reassess and make overall changes. 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 or change, talk to someone on the Steering Committee!

~ Rick Crall

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. The group generally meets once a month for a brunch potluck followed by a planned program. Our gatherings ceased following the pandemic shutdown of the church building.

The January luncheon program featured Melanie Mock, an author and Professor of English at George Fox University. She discussed topics included in her latest book, *Worthy: Finding Yourself in a World Expecting Someone Else*.

On March 3rd the group enjoyed a field trip social for lunch and shopping at Albertina's Place. John Casebeer graciously assisted by driving the TPC bus. Proceeds from lunch and shopping benefit the Albertina Kerr Center nonprofit community services.

Community service for 2020 included donations of food to the Backpack Buddy Program and the call for action to clean out closets and donate items to start the Family Promise Move-In Program. Donated goods consisted of kitchen items, linens, and furniture. In addition, 40 move-in baskets of household items were assembled in conjunction with donations from the Young Men's Service League.

~ Carolyn Barker and Judy Nix

TPC Treasure Night Program

Our TPC Treasure Night program has been an important mission of our church for over 19 years. This program (known as “Treasures”) serves adults with developmental disabilities via a monthly program. Until March 2020, the program happened each third Tuesday of the month 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 all who have mild to profound developmental disabilities. In addition, many are also 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 the success of the program. They range in age from 13 to 74, from children to those with no prior connection to adults with disabilities including 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, who participate in dual roles, both as Treasures and as volunteers. For more information about how you can be part of this awesome group, please contact Mike Shiffer, Mary Shiffer or Denise Collins.

In March 2020 we made the difficult decision to suspend the program until we could safely meet again. We were fortunate to have two great Treasure nights including our annual music night with Bill James and John Martin. It was a great time for our Treasures and volunteers. Some of our Treasures have been able to participate in special virtual events sponsored by Quiet Waters Outreach. We hope that we will be able to resume this special program in 2021.

We are grateful for the Treasures and the memorable moments we have shared together.

~Mike Shiffer

Hospitality

2020 did not allow for much hospitality within the church. I am hopeful that in 2021 we will once again be gathering together for fellowship and friendship.

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 two servers each Sunday with nursery assistants helping set up. Responsibilities for volunteers are posted in the kitchen plus I am happy to help new recruits. Servers are members of the congregation that have volunteered by signing up on <https://goo.gl/9imGAU> or contacting me directly at nordb51@gmail.com or text at 503-704-6426. I also contact past volunteers every few months requesting they sign up for future dates. Youth Ministry has been our servers on the last Sunday of each month. What a blessing!!!

When TPC is open, I will be looking for new and seasoned volunteers so contact me via email or text. It is a fun opportunity to serve.

~ Bonnie Nord, Hospitality Coordinator

Health Ministry

It has been a most unusual year—2020 the year of Covid-19, social distancing and on-line worship. As the Parish Nurse. I have contributed information each month for the newsletter including Covid-19 prevention, Covid-19 testing, safe holiday activities during a pandemic, and Covid-19 vaccinations.

~ Susan Fee, Parish Nurse

Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain is a group of people who agree to pray for others during any time of trouble or need. 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 of all kinds.

At TPC, the Prayer Chain serves our congregation, community, friends, neighbors, and family by offering up our prayers for anyone 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. We accept prayer requests from anyone seeking the comfort of prayer for themselves or others.



“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.” — Oswald Chambers

Our group includes approximately 65 members as well as our church’s board of deacons. During 2020, we reconfirmed prayer chain members, which slightly reduced membership in the group. Coordinated by Greg Imus via email at rgregoryimus@gmail.com, we added 186 new prayers to our prayer list in the past 12 months. Of these, 73 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 134 prayer requests, of which 45 were requested for inclusion in our Sunday bulletin.

During normal “non-covid” years, selected prayer requests are included in the church’s printed bulletin. Even though TPC is meeting virtually in 2020 due to the pandemic, we have continued the practice of releasing the weekly “bulletin” prayer list. Although these petitions are not necessarily brought to the general congregation due to the temporary discontinuation of in-person worship, the weekly update serves as an additional notice to spawn additional prayers for our recipients. Moreover, we desire to retain consistency in our process as we have faith that in-person worship will resume during 2021.

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 lifting prayers on our behalf.

~ Greg Imus, coordinator

Wedding Coordinator

The first contact is usually with the church office. The Administrative Assistant checks the calendar and coordinates contact to see if the Pastor, music director, custodian and wedding coordinator are available on the desired date. The wedding agreement form is completed and reservation deposit remitted. With approval there have been other officiants and non-member use of TPC, and the wedding coordinator assists them.

Not a “pop-culture” wedding planner or consultant, the role of the TPC wedding coordinator is as a liaison between the wedding party and the Pastor, custodian, music director or accompanist, sound technician, custodian and any other needed TPC resources during the planning stage, rehearsal and day of the wedding.

The wedding coordinator helps with service cues between the Pastor, pianist/musician and the wedding party during the wedding rehearsal and the wedding. The Coordinator also helps in various ways the day of the wedding from receiving floral deliveries and any other items that may arise. There have been a number of off-site weddings the wedding coordinator has been requested and was happy 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 are responsible for set-up and cleanup if they want to use the kitchen and narthex area. We’ve only had one reception here during my tenure.

~ Stacy Mauer, TPC Wedding Coordinator

Red Cross Blood Drive

For the last 30 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. 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. I have even been referred to as a “vampire,” an image that I wear with pride.

Usually we host two blood drives, one in January and the other in August. This year thanks to the Corona Virus we only had one drive, Jan, 30, 2020. We did well, collecting 42 units. It remains to be seen when the next drive will be held, but be sure that when we are once again allowed to host a blood drive, I will be sure to let you all know. 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 to be named are: Pam Cameron, Sue Hayhurst, Carolyn Hale, Diane Berry, Kerry Weaver, Barb Harriman, Jay Wilcox, Neil & Sandy Reiling, Tom Hahn and Donna Benner not to mention the many cookie bakers that make our canteen the best blood drive canteen 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 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, 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 low these many years, and that the Red Cross Blood Drives are a regular component of TPC's mission to the community that I hope will continue for many more years to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

~ Scott Cameron, Blood Drive Chairman

Tualatin Schoolhouse 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 16 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 support, financial contributions and volunteers.

In March 2020, the pantry modified their food distribution model to ensure the continued ability to serve hungry families. Distribution hours were modified, curbside service was implemented and COVID protocols were introduced. The pantry is now providing pre-packaged food. Thanks to great community support and dedicated volunteers, the pantry has not experienced extreme food shortages and has been able to meet the needs the community.

Every year the pantry distributes Thanksgiving turkey dinner kits to anyone in the area. That tradition continued as a curbside distribution in 2020. In 2020 the pantry also (for the first time) distributed Christmas ham or turkey dinner kits. Generous donors provided the funds to purchase the Christmas dinner fixings.

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. Updated drive-up service hours are Monday 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, Wednesday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and Friday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Clients should remain in their vehicles and follow signs. Volunteers will load food in client vehicles.

Some volunteer opportunities are available at schoolhousepantry.org/signup

More information and online giving are available on the pantry website schoolhousepantry.org . For more information, please contact Mike Shiffer mike@schoolhousepantry.org .

Thank you TPC for 16 years of support at Tualatin Food Pantry!

~ Mike Shiffer, Board President, Tualatin School House Pantry

Financial Reports

Financial reports have been omitted from the website version of the annual report. If you received the annual report via email, they are separate attachments. If you would like to request a copy, email the TPC office at office@tpcspirit.org

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