

A Message from Pastor Ken

Things are getting a little busy around here, have you noticed? It's getting so we're either going to have to physically enlarge our calendar or we're going to have to issue those little magnifying lenses you get with the Oxford English Dictionary to folks trying to see if there is space available. Now I'm thrilled that so much is going on around here and look forward to even more, but I also think it's high time that we office trolls (OK, angel in Rhoda's case, troll in mine) refresh the family on how best to ensure you find the space and time you want for your event.

First off, if you would like to reserve space here at TPC please make sure you either fill out a building request form or contact the office via email. The form is your best bet as it will gather all the information we need to make sure your wish makes it from request to calendar. Now when less was going on I know you could just show up and assume you would have the space you want, however on many days, especially Monday nights, this simply is no longer the case. So think ahead and let the office know about your needs, because when conflict occurs, whoever is on the calendar at the time of the dispute has claim to the space.

Well, what if two groups want to use the same space at the same time? I'm glad you asked that. It's happened. There are several factors we use at TPC to make decisions about building use. First off, while TPC absolutely welcomes outside groups (both nonprofit groups who use our space for free and for-profit groups who lease space from us) to use the church, we do give priority to the space needs generated by the session that are critical to the mission of TPC. Again remember, though, that priority is given to mission critical needs when making decisions about the calendar. We honor our commitments, and once a conflict takes place, the calendar will be our guide except in an extreme circumstance.

So what about when two TPC events desire the same space at the same time? Ah, this calls for much more discernment. When two or more parties desire the same space and time on the calendar, I will sit down with the leaders involved and see if compromise is possible. If we can not resolve the conflict by meeting (and so far this has always worked), then I will bring the dispute to the elder for buildings and grounds, who will then make the final decision.

Well gracious! Why does it have to be so formal and planned out? Do we really have to think about it like this? Friends, you've known me for two years now. You know administration is not my strongest gift. ☺ I have no interest in being legalistic. What I do have is an abiding love for this family and know that as more and more of us need to use the building, following guidelines that are fair and thoughtful of others is going to be the best way to maintain the feeling of peace and family we so value here.

So please, please, please- get to know your calendar and get to know the building use request form. They are our friends here at the office- we know you will like them, too. ☺

Pax,
Ken

May Birthdays

5/02	Craig Walker	5/17	Sandy Reiling
5/04	Stacy Hughes	5/17	Gary Frey
5/06	Marcia Bell	5/17	Scott Cameron
5/07	Mark Robertson	5/19	Nancy Wilcox
5/08	Glynn Jenovich	5/19	BJ Stevenson
5/11	Ron VanSchoiack	5/21	Ronn Rhodes
5/11	Dave Backen	5/21	Elizabeth Beymer
5/12	TJ Grand	5/23	Emily Mazzuca
5/14	David Burggren	5/24	Emerson Wood
5/15	Dorothy Martin	5/24	Brian Jones
5/15	Stephanie Bartlett	5/27	Brad Weaver
5/16	Alex Lewis	5/27	Sarah Springer

If we missed your birthday, please contact the Church Office.

Please remember in prayer:



Scott Cameron's mom, Rob Ayers, Les Bone (Laura Spurrell's stepdad); Walt Dean, Andy Koning Don Peterson; Don Shafer; TJ Grand;

General Fund Status January – March 2006



	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 201,667	\$ 200,890
Expense	<u>\$ 201,292</u>	<u>\$ 188,124</u>
Net	\$ 375	\$ 12,766

	March 2006 BUDGET	ACTUAL
Income	\$ 17,850	\$ 18,124
Expense	<u>\$ 18,163</u>	<u>\$ 20,085</u>
Net	\$ -313	\$ -1,961

A Message from Randy & Marion Beyer –

We thank everyone for your love, prayers, cards & concerns. Your gifts of food & transportation are appreciated immeasurably. We are grateful that we belong to such a caring and loving church.

Peace & Love
Randy & Marion Beyer

Mexico Mission Trip, June 16-26, 2006

Members of the high school youth group are now selling shares of stock for \$25.00 to help finance their mission trip. The youth will travel to Mexico to build houses for people who otherwise would not have a home. On Sunday, July 9, after the worship service, the youth will share their Mexico experiences with you. Your support of this mission trip is greatly appreciated.

Fellowship Events

5/20/06 – Wine tasting tour - See Sign-up on the Tower. We will be touring Bergstrom, Owen Roe, Berans, and Elvenglade. The first 16 to sign up and pay \$25 get to go! (You get the money back on the day of the tour)

7/13/06 – Broadway Rose Theatre – 42nd Street; we have 20 tickets at \$18; tickets are 1st and 2nd rows, which we purchased through a sponsor for a better rate and seats. Sign up sheet is on the Tower.

9/17/06 – TPC Picnic PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATES – Picnic to be held at the Tualatin City Park following church service.

10/7/06 – Dead Sea Scrolls – Join us for a viewing of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Seattle. We have just a few tickets left. We have train and hotel info available for those folks who are interested in taking Amtrack up and/or staying overnight. Sign up is on the Tower. See Deborah Lewis if you have questions or would like train/hotel information. Ken will give an informational talk prior to the event.

Baptisms at TPC

Piper Marie Hammer was baptized on April 16. Parents are Archie and Amelia Hammer and grandparents are Cliff and Donna Hoff.

The **Quilting, Knitting and Crocheting** group will meet next on Saturday May 13, at 9:30 AM to make quilts and blankets to show our love for children in need. Come join us! We have some donated yarn and (cotton and flannel) fabric. Please check with Jaci Smith, Mary Shiffer, or Shirley Schultz to see these – or to donate a gift of a quilt or blanket you have made.

CROPWALK is Sunday, May 21

A TPC team will be participating in the Portland CROPWALK on the afternoon of Sunday, May 21. The purpose of the CROPWALK is to raise money to fight hunger locally and through the international relief and development efforts of Church World Service. If you would like to participate in the walk, please see Mike Shiffer who will direct you to one of the TPC CROPWALK leaders. This year 25% of the funds raised will be split between Tualatin School House Pantry and the Northeast Emergency Food Program in Portland. Individual TPC walkers will be asking for donations from church members, family and friends to support this effort.

TPC Treasure Program Celebrates 5th Anniversary

In April 2001, 19 TPC volunteers met for the first time with 6 Treasures, developmentally disabled adults from our local area. Now, 5 years later, 9 of those original adults (Mike & Mary Shiffer, Cliff & Donna Hoff, Denise Collins, Barbara Harriman, Ted Lambeth, Marsha Steffen, Carolyn Locke) continue to help every month with our Treasure Night outreach program. The experience has been an adventure in developing special friendships among all involved in the program as we meet for a monthly activity night filled with Christian fellowship. At the end of the evening we volunteers head home inspired and energized with Christ's love as shared by our amazing Treasures. It didn't take us long to realize that we are the 'receivers', not the 'givers', in this ministry. In addition to those mentioned above, thanks to others who are currently helping: Del Judy, Kathy Sweetland, Cathy Lambeth, Barbara Larson, the Olson Family, and most recently Sherry Heatherly and Rik DeBruyn.

If you know of developmentally disabled adults who may be interested in our program, or if you would like to take advantage of this life-changing volunteer opportunity, please contact Carolyn Locke 503-656-1534.

BELL NEWS!!

The bell choir continues to look for ways to raise funds for the purchase of our own handbells. To that end, please note the following two events:



1. **SAVE YOUR RUMMAGE!** The bell choir will be hosting an all-church rummage sale the first part of summer, date TBD. We estimate that we'll begin taking your no-longer-needed items mid-May.

2. **MARK THE DATE--JUNE 11th!** The vocal choir and handbell choir will be performing a concert at 4pm to raise funds for the bell purchase. We're also excited to report plans to record this concert and create a CD for sale within the church. Soon we can be like your network---we can go wherever you go!

Adventure of the Treasure Seekers – Exploring God's Promises

Come join the adventure! This year we hope to host up to 70 children for our week-long vacation Bible school program. This is a big undertaking and will require the help of many people. Please check and mark your calendars for **July 10-14, 9:00-11:30 AM**. We need you!

Our first need is adults and middle school/high school youth to fill positions such as group leader, snack coordinator, game leader, craft leader, storyteller, set-up/decorator, clean-up crew, mission project coordinator, registration/sign-out, music/song leader, and nursery/childcare. We also may have jobs prior to VBS that require preparation, such as cutting out pieces for the crafts. Then, there's a barbeque scheduled for families of children attending on Thursday evening, time yet to be determined (about 5:30 or 6:00 PM). Feel like flipping burgers and dogs for us on the grill or doing any of the other, above-mentioned jobs? *Please sign-up in the narthex on the folding wall by May 21st.*

Children's sign-up will be next month and will be open to 4-year-olds through those having just completed 5th grade. Because of the immense preparation required for 70 children, however, **we will require pre-registration this year**. We will handle registration on a 'first come - first served' basis, with church members getting first dibs on the spots available. Keep an eye out for forms and more information later. Come and see if you can 'dig it' with us in this Indiana Jones Bible adventure!

Please call Denise Collins (503.682.3785) or Jackie Dannemiller (503.885.2405) with questions or concerns.

Greetings all,

We need your help! For some time now the session has been thinking and praying about challenges related to holding Sunday school during worship. We honestly aren't sure about the best way to move forward, and so we are calling a series of congregational meetings to learn about the problems as well as to work towards new possibilities. Currently, we are planning to meet after church on May 7th and again on May 21st. Refreshments and child care will be provided. On May 21st we will make decisions about future meetings.

To get a sense of what we're facing, the CE (Christian Education) committee articulates the difficulties in this way: "Three issues seem to be at the heart of our concerns regarding the current arrangement:

1. Teachers cannot participate fully in worship. Given the number of families in our Sunday School program, each family would need to provide a teacher 2-3 rotations (4 weeks each) per school year and about 10-12 teachers without children in the program would be needed. We are struggling to get enough teachers for the winter/spring months and those who have already taught several times are missing a lot of worship.
2. Adult education classes are held when there is nothing offered for the children, making it very difficult for parents to attend. Holding all education classes at the same time on Sunday mornings would free the parents to attend while the children are in class.
3. Children in our church community do not have the opportunity to worship throughout a full service until they are in high school, unless they give up Sunday School. If we believe there is merit in hearing a sermon, sharing Joys & Concerns, and participating in the Offering and Benediction when are our children going to learn to value these as well?"

So how will we spend our time together? We will follow a problem solving method that Session and other committees have been using in the past year. 1) Hear and understand the challenges; 2) Ask questions; 3) Brainstorm possibilities; 4) Select a reasonable number of possibilities and follow up; 5) Report on the progress.

I really hope you will be able to be present for these discussions. The challenges we face are complicated and not easily resolved, but we believe that by working together we will find solutions that are both faithful and effective.

In Christ,
Elder Shari Olsen and Ken Evers-Hood

RECIPE

Challah is just a sweet, white (usually braided) bread. It is supposed to be like the manna from heaven that fell from the sky while the Jews were lost in the desert for 40 years.



For Rosh Hashana (the Jewish New Year), it is traditional to make a round challah. For that you make a long snake and coil it around.

1 Cup warm water
1/2 cup Canola Oil
2 Eggs (save one white)
4 cups flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 T. yeast
1 T. salt

Mix in bread machine. Then braid and put on oiled cooking sheet and let rise for 1/2 hour. Before putting in oven, cover bread with reserved egg white. Cook at 325° for 45 minutes.

Shalom!
Virginia Lenneville



May 14: Mother's Day

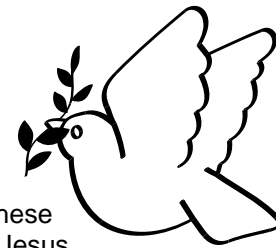
No Faith Village, children will lead the Service of Worship

May/June Rotation: Signs of Faith

Dates: May 21 – June 4

Symbols were created by Christians as a way to express their faith. These symbols help us understand and remember what we believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

We will be learning through Cooking, Art, Computer and ??



June 11: End of Year Party

June 18: Summer Sunday School begins

*Teachers needed for ages 4 yrs.-4th grade
One-week commitment
Sign-Up sheets in narthex*

July 10-14: VBS – Treasure Seekers!

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*Learning and sharing faith through Art, Computer, Science,
Storytelling, Music & Movement, Video, Creative Cooking, &
Games*



Young people age 3 yrs - 8th grade are invited to participate in the service. We would like to plan the readers and parts in advance and have a chance to practice during Sunday School on May 7. If you are interested and plan on attending this service, there will be sign-up sheets available at church. You may also contact:

Shari Olsen at (503) 635-4019, ssjkolsen@msn.com or

Karen Stevenson at (503)620-7189, Kareelou@comcast.net



Palm Sunday at TPC

