



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear friends,

What a month we've had! Whew! While my life normally revolves around the calendar of the church, with my biggest seasons being Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter, May turned out to be an enormous month as well. See, May turned out to be leadership month around here at TPC. In the first weekend of May our elders met for a planning retreat. Susan Springer writes a brief piece about that meeting a little later in the newsletter. This last weekend our deacons met and learned more about listening and responding skills, caring for different personality types, and prayer and its place in caring for the congregation. This Sunday we also thanked our outgoing deacons and elders for their fantastic service, and we ordained and installed our newest deacons and elders, welcoming their energy and their wisdom.

With all this time spent on our leadership, it got me to wondering about the nature of leadership. It got me asking questions like, "What is leadership really about, anyway?" And given that all of you in the congregation are leaders in at least some aspect of your lives, for instance some of you lead in your classroom or workplace, and some of you take more of a leading role at home, I thought I might share some of my thoughts with you. Now, I have to admit I started out by thinking about all these deep and philosophical concepts. I thought about Biblical leadership and Moses and Jesus. I thought about the fantastic book on leadership by David Heifetz at Harvard: [Leadership Without Easy Answers](#). Oh, I had all these complicated and wonderful thoughts, but I received something the other day that blew all of this out of the water. I received a copy of "Everything I Needed to Know About Leadership, I Learned From My Dog", and I realized I had to share it with you.

Here's the list:

- If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want, and if that doesn't work, beg.
- Be direct with people; let them know exactly how you feel by piddling on their shoes.
- Leave room in your schedule for a good nap
- Always give people a friendly greeting, a cold nose in the crotch is effective.
- When you do something wrong, always take responsibility (as soon as you're dragged out from under the bed).
- If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.

The first is really true. If you don't get what you want at first - keep at it. Persistence is just a dressed up word for begging. The second is true as well. Always be direct in your leadership. You may decide that you don't need to "go nuclear" and actually soil an elder's shoe when things don't go well, but definitely tell others how you feel face to face. Third is the most important lesson of all, leadership is tiring. All good leaders find ways to take a break now and then. (I've heard that heading off to the mountains in early spring without snowshoes is particularly relaxing.) And it's true that we do make mistakes from time to time. As Luther famously said, "If you are going to sin, sin boldly." When you do slip up, apologize. Imagine how our world might be different if leaders learned to say, "I made a mistake, I'm sorry." Lastly, the best part of being a leader is getting to thank people for their incredible gifts of time, energy, and vision. I've come to think that notes and small gifts beat drooley kisses at this point, but hey, you have to find what works for you.

Well, I hope this has been enlightening for you. Whether you are leading right here at TPC, or whether you lead elsewhere, remember these tips from our four legged friends. And to any who would say I haven't been Biblical enough-dog spelled backwards is... ☺

In Christ,
Ken

**Please remember
in prayer:**



Please remember in prayer: Bernice Recknor (grandmother of Robyn MacKay), The Crall family, Ronnie Tucker (Charlie Brown's cousin), Jackson (submitted by Lynn Scroggin), Don and Elizabeth Schafer, traveling mercies for Judy Parson's son, Family of Don Fox (friends of Karen Jones), Maynard Rorman (Karen Jones' father), Janet Seraphine (submitted by Cathy Chase), Alex Allen and Bonnie and Warner Allen (friends of Sherry Nelson), June Jackson and Judy Eberhardt (friends of Dorothy Butts), Maureen Goodrich, and Ronnie Lee King (Cameron family).

Greg and Debby Owen would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns on Greg's recent surgery. He is doing well and hopes to return to work in about four weeks.



Fellowship Committee

June 11 – Quilting – join us for a morning (off-site) working on the ABC Quilts for at-risk babies in area hospitals. Talk with Jaci Smith, Dee Johnson or Toni MacHaffie for more information.

June 12 – Thank You Teachers! – Stay for cake following service, to thank all the teachers who work hard for our youth.

June 23 – The Wesley Bell Ringers from Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City, Utah will perform a one-hour concert on Thursday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m. at TPC. I (Susan Springer) am an alum of this choir, having rung with them when I was in high school. Pastor Ken has a niece who is a member of the choir.

There are twenty youth and seven adults traveling with the group. We have been asked to house them on Thursday, June 23, feed them breakfast on Friday, and return them to TPC by 7:30 or 8:00 a.m. If you'd like to volunteer, please talk to Susan Springer or Ken Evers-Hood. Thanks!

July 7 – See the play **Chicago**, put on by Broadway Rose Theater (held in the Deb Fennell auditorium at Tigard High School).

July 17 – Picnic at Tualatin City Park following church service (11:30 – 2:30 pm). Hamburger flippers needed—see Deb Lewis to volunteer.

July 28 – Join us for the play **Nunsense**, also put on by Broadway Rose Theater

Seeking Cooks for Youth Group Dinners on Sunday Nights

Most Sunday nights the youth eat dinner at the church. Parents traditionally volunteer to prepare the dinner, but we'd like to offer this opportunity to all members of the congregation. Eat with them and get to know them!

Currently we need cooks for the following summer dates: July 10 (pizza night), July 17, July 24, August 7, August 14

Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. for about 10 people. Each youth pays \$3.00 for dinner. To volunteer, talk to Susan Springer (503) 692-2893 or Crystal Shearer at the church office.

Drivers Needed to Take Youth and Adults to Medford for Mexico Mission Trip

Seven youth and two adults are going on the mission trip to Mexico June 17 to 27. We need transportation for them to and from Medford, Oregon. I'm planning to drive my van on Friday, June 17, but we need either another van or two cars to get everyone and their gear to Medford. (From there they meet up with youth from other churches and travel by bus.) And they will need a ride back from Medford on Monday, June 27. If you can drive on either of these two dates, please talk to me. Thanks. Susan Springer, Youth Elder (503) 692-2893.

General Fund Status January – April 2005



	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 76,532	\$ 72,478
Expense	<u>\$ 73,152</u>	<u>\$ 67,885</u>
Net	\$ 3,380	\$ 4,593

	February 2005	
	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 19,133	\$ 19,359
Expense	<u>\$ 18,163</u>	<u>\$ 17,914</u>
Net	\$ 970	\$ 1,445



INTERESTING IN LEARNING TO RING HANDBELLS? Have you always wondered how these instruments work and how the members know which technique to use? Have you played other instruments and found your curiosity piqued? Would you just like to have a little fun? During the month of August, our handbell choir director, Martha Wilson, will have "non-ringer" rehearsals. These are purely for fun and involve no long-term commitment. If you fall in love, we could certainly find a way to keep you ringing, but there's no expectation of future involvement, just the hope that you have fun and learn something new! Interested? Mark Thursday nights on your calendar. We will meet from 7:30-8:30 every Thursday EXCEPT Aug 11th. Come to any or all. For more information, contact Martha at (503) 691-6728.

A Message from Heather Chase

For those of you who are wondering where I will be this summer - Nepal? Jamaica? Finland? Nigeria? I will be staying put this summer. Hallelujah, no moving. I have two jobs that will keep me busy doing ministry. I will continue working with the Episcopal Church and will also work at the seminary with the Doctor of Ministry students during their summer intensive courses. The teachers for the Doctor of Ministry program travel from all over the world to come teach in California, which means I don't have to go anywhere. So much for school's out for summer, but I will get some vacation in South Carolina and hopefully New York/New Jersey and Oregon later this summer.

My travel this summer will be living vicariously through the experience of the youth mission trip to Mexico. I am looking forward to reading about their stories in future newsletter articles.

Safe travels to all on the mission trip,

Heather ><>

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GRADUATES!



Adam Kinyon, son of Kay and Kathy Kinyon, graduated from Southern Oregon University with a BA in Photo Journalism and a minor in Art. His future plans are to work in the field of photography, writing and graphic arts.



Julie Locke, daughter of Carolyn and Brian Locke, received her Bachelor's degree on May 22 from Pacific Lutheran Univ. Her majors were Environmental Studies, Women's Studies and History. She also received the Woman of the Year in Sports Award.

Greg Lewis, son of John and Deborah Lewis will be graduating this spring with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business with options in International Business and also Management and a French minor.

Kevin Owen, son of Greg and Debby Owen, received his J.D. degree on May 22 from Washington School of Law. Kevin and his wife, Pat, plan to continue to live in Washington D.C. where he will work in Employment Law.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



Andy VanSchoiack, son of Ron and Ellen VanSchoiack, gave the sermon on May 8 for Senior Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY





June Birthdays

6/01	Colston Warne	6/12	Mike Nelson
6/02	Even Friese	6/14	Marilyn Wood
6/02	Olivia Schmitt	6/14	Carolyn Hale
6/04	Tiffany Dionne	6/17	Judy Nix
6/04	Shari Olsen	6/19	Sam Weaver
6/05	Connie Myers	6/21	Gordy Winterrowd
6/06	Rich Robertson	6/24	Tara Schleicher
6/06	Erin Nelson	6/26	McKenzie Killinger
6/06	Tate Kadel	6/27	Gwen Hale
6/07	Julian Awdry	6/28	Barbara Harriman
6/07	Bradley Olson	6/29	Marilyn Staples-Sundt
6/09	Noel Johnson	6/30	Herb Zachow
6/11	Lori Beymer	6/30	Michele Crawford
6/12	Del Judy		

Food Pantry News

Have you checked the food donation barrels in the narthex? We love to find those barrels overflowing with TPC donations when we go to pick up the food (usually on Monday mornings). All donations are welcome but we do have a continuing need for canned fruit, cereal (hot and cold), juice and paper products. We are now running low on peanut butter. Check out the food pantry website at www.schoolhousepantry.org for more information on Tualatin School House Pantry.

Tualatin School House Pantry has received a community grant totaling \$1,197.63 from The Fred Meyer Foundation. This grant will assist the food pantry in purchase of fresh dairy products (milk will be the priority). The Fred Meyer Foundation assists nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping children and reducing hunger in communities served by 129 Fred Meyer stores in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Thank you all of the community partners that support this special mission.

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What's Up with the Elders?

The elders met with Pastor Ken on Friday and Saturday May 6 and 7 for training. We discussed values...the ones that drive our daily life and the ones that drive TPC. After much discussion, our core value came down to family...our nuclear family, our church family and family in the sense of the greater community, the world. We discussed our goals and our vision for TPC in the future.

We also worked on improving our effectiveness in our monthly meetings. We plan to share committee reports before the meeting to free up time for more substantial discussions about our goals and vision. We plan to support each other by problem solving as a group when problems arise.

Have Mike & Sherry Nelson and Bob Bolton decided to blend TPC's Communion Wine?



MAKE A
"walking snack"

Summer is a great time to take long walks with friends to look at the beauty of God's world. Make an easy "Walking Snack" to take with you on your walk.



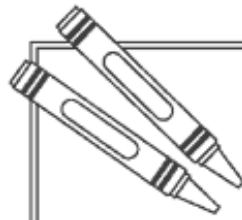
Here's what you need:

- apple
- peanut butter
- chocolate chips
- mini-marshmallows
- knife



Here's how to make it:

1. Ask a grownup to help you with this recipe.
2. Hollow out the apple from the top. Remove most of the core, but leave the bottom of the apple uncut.
3. Put some peanut butter into the apple. Fill the hole about halfway.
4. Add some chocolate chips, but leave room for marshmallows.
5. Finish filling the apple with marshmallows.
6. Make another one for a friend.
7. Take the apple snacks along with you when you take a walk with your friend.

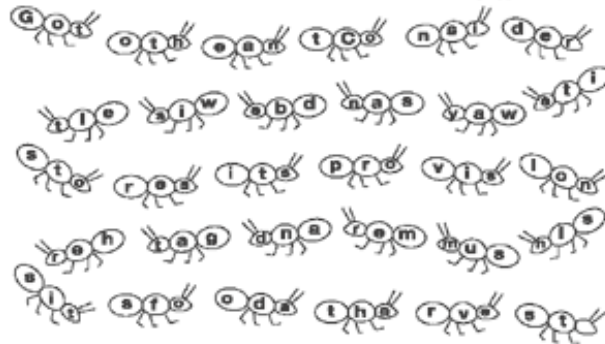


Just for **KIDS**

Do Good Works Unto the Lord!

The Bible tells us that ants are good workers and we can learn from them. Make a list of things you can do this summer to keep busy like the ants. You can help your family, your neighbors, your friends and your church. Get your friends together to think of projects you can do as a group.

Fill in the blanks below with the letters from the ants. Follow the ants back and forth, and write the letters in the order they appear.



Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV

Answer: Go to the ant ... consider its ways and be wise! It ... stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. — Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV

