



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”  
-Frederick Buechner

Sometimes people ask me why it’s important that I say I’m a *Presbyterian* pastor. And what a great question. Why indeed Presbyterian? Why not Lutheran, or Episcopalian, or better yet, why not just plain Christian? Why hang on to this impossible-to-spell label? Is it really all that helpful? I wonder this myself sometimes. Especially since I spend most of my time telling folks how dangerous religion can be when it gets in the way of what God’s Spirit has in mind for us.

And yet I am terribly grateful to be part of a tradition. Though I’m not proud of every aspect of Presbyterian history (we have a few crazy uncles that make me extremely nervous), there are some things I believe we’ve done really well. And of the things I think we do well is the consistent emphasis Presbyterians place upon the doctrine of vocation, or call, in our theology. From Calvin onward we have insisted that it isn’t simply pastors and religious leaders that have a special calling. No. God calls each one of us to something of vital importance. God creates each of us with a purpose.

This is what writer and Presbyterian minister Frederick Buechner is getting at when he tells us the place we are called is the place where our deep gladness, not just a superficial kind of happiness, meets the need of the community around us. This kind of calling isn’t just for ‘religious’ people- it’s for all of us whether we be butchers, bakers, or candlestick makers.

Starting September 9<sup>th</sup>, TPC will also be focusing on this theme of call. In worship we will be studying texts having to do with vocation from every part of scripture. We will reinforce this theme with an art installation. We will also hold two very special events: one helping us hear the

call from TPC’s officers; and one aimed at helping us hear the call from one another.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> our elders and deacons invite you stay after worship to see what they have planned for the year ahead, how you can help, and to learn what other ideas you might have. This is a great chance not only to learn more about the leaders of TPC, but also to find a way to give back.

On October 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the various mission projects in which TPC members and adherents are involved. Now here’s the thing- while we will learn more about ‘official’ missions like the Tualatin Food Pantry and Tuesday’s Treasures, we also want to hear about the volunteer activities you participate in outside of TPC, such as the Oregon Donate Life, Medical Teams International (formerly known as Northwest Medical Teams), and the Red Cross. This is mission, too, folks. And others might want to help if they know the amazing things people are already up to out there. Further, we will learn about the concept of ministry groups, which I’ll write more about in next month’s newsletter.

It’s a new season. And God has something in mind for you. My deepest hope is that TPC can be help you discern this call in the months ahead.

In Christ,

Ken Evers-Hood

## September Birthdays!

9/02 Ken Evers-Hood	9/12 Anna Sweetland
9/03 Ryan Wieder	9/13 Warren Beymer
9/03 Erin Mauer	9/15 Gary Bell
9/05 Wesley McGregor	9/15 Ryan Burggren
9/05 Ben McGregor	9/17 Darian Breshears
9/05 Jackson Martson	9/18 Vic Collins
9/06 Katie VanSchoiack	9/20 Debbie Reid
9/07 Claudia Wahl	9/20 Robbie Price
9/07 Nancy MacHaffie	9/20 Hannah Price
9/07 Joshua Beymer	9/21 Dee Johnson
9/10 Dee Dee Hansen	9/23 Debbie Imus
9/10 Melissa Burggren	9/26 Phil Friesen
9/10 Corbin Bowen	9/27 Doug Steffen
9/10 Nicholas Hines	9/28 Marsha Steffen
9/11 Louise Ludwig	9/29 Heather Harriman
9/11 Karly Corona	9/29 Owen Schmidt

## General Fund Status January – July 2007

	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 121,683	\$ 112,914
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$ 126,892</u>	<u>\$ 117,379</u>
<b>Net</b>	\$ -5,209	\$ -4,465

	<b>July 2007</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$ 17,383	\$ 20,144
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$ 18,697</u>	<u>\$ 16,072</u>
<b>Net</b>	\$ -1,314	\$ 4,072

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Pastor Ken will teach a ten-week class on, "Ten Theologians Everyone Should Know". People don't need to prepare for the class, and should feel free to attend when they are able. The class meets Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 10:15 in the Adult Ed room downstairs starting September 9.

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 9.

Happy New Year! Please join us for a celebration of the "New Year" of Sunday School on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m. We will have food and fun before breaking up into our new classes. Parents are invited to join us for breakfast; you can even bring a treat to share, if you want! (Children may be brought at 9:15 if their parents are attending Adult Ed class.)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 SAUSAGE FESTIVAL AKA ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AFTER MORNING WORSHIP

The TPC picnic will be at Tualatin City Park, noon to 3 p.m. Sausage, sauerkraut, buns, condiments and drinks will be provided. Please sign-up on the tower to bring something to share...salad or dessert. Come rain or shine as we will be picnicking in the undercover areas. Children's activities are being planned.

## GOLF MEN'S "ADVANCE" OUTING, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007 (Women "Retreat," the men will "Advance") Charbonneau Golf Course Cost: \$50.00 each person (make checks payable to Mike Nelson) Covers 18 holes of golf, golf cart and lunch

Here's the plan. There will be two teams; captains will be the Revs Ken and Charlie. Teams will be chosen by draw. Two players from each team will form a foursome.

Best ball rule will be in effect, but worse ball will be in effect on two holes, one on the front nine and one on the back nine. One mulligan can be purchased by each player for \$5.00. (A mulligan is a "do-over" shot in case you hit one that is difficult to play.) The captain of the team with the combined lower score wins bragging rights.

**NEW deadline to sign up is Sunday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**; there's a sign-up sheet on the tower in the narthex and there will be a sign-up/payment table in the narthex on each preceding Sunday. Clubs will be available for rent. Questions? Talk to Ronn Rhodes at 503-885-8066.

# Happy New (School) Year



## Sunday School Classes start Sept. 9

3 yr – Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> graders

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders

6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders

Please join us on the 9<sup>th</sup> for breakfast treats, fun activities, and meeting with your class and teachers. Parents are invited to join us for breakfast. You are welcome to bring a treat to share

## ***Fall Festival***

Tentative date: Saturday, Oct. 13

Dinner starts at 5:30 pm: main dish provided, potluck side dishes and dessert.

Games, food, prizes, crafts, and more! Volunteers needed- look for sign-ups in the narthex.

## **Help needed...**

**Cooking coordinator:** The students really enjoy cooking as part of their classes and we would like to supplement our curriculum with ideas from various cooking lesson books. We are looking for someone to preview our upcoming Sunday School lessons and suggest appropriate cooking lessons. This does not involve teaching, just sending ideas to the teachers on a monthly basis.

**Computer coordinator:** We need someone to help with our classroom computers- creating a wireless network and connecting to printers as a one-time task. Ongoing possibilities include creating questions for bible games, previewing upcoming lessons and helping plan and implement computer activities to supplement our curriculum.

If you are interested in helping in either of these areas, please contact Shari Olsen at [ssjolsen@msn.com](mailto:ssjolsen@msn.com) or (503) 635-4019.

## SESSION ROUND UP:

As one more way of connecting you to what's going on at TPC, here is a quick summary of what happened at the most recent session meeting on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

-Session welcomed Kris Sparks, who gave us a great update on some of the changes the choir has experienced this year (i.e. the All-Comers Choir) and her plans for Fall.

-Our clerk reported 3 new members joined by reaffirmation of faith in July, Betty Boyd, and Cindy and Stephanie Hoppe; as session voted to receive Stan and Marilyn Heath by letter of transfer. The clerk also read us thank you letters from our local high schools thanking the session for supporting their respective project graduation nights.

-Dr. Craig Bowen reported on the progress he has made regarding evening worship. This summer the youth have been invited to meet for dinner at 6:00 PM and Ken has led worship with them at 6:30. In the fall the full 2 hour program will be implemented on Sunday nights including games, learning, food, and worship. Great job, Craig!

-Scott Mitchell reported on great progress made in overhauling the way session reports our finances. Our goal is to have the ability to compare present actual data with historic data, to give us a better idea if we are ahead or behind of where we would to be.

-Finally, Ken presented his ideas for Fall and session did a fantastic job shaping and improving these ideas. This Fall we will focus on vocation and our goal will be to support this by preaching, worship art, and two special meetings after church to highlight different ways of getting involved. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> we will host an opportunity fair with every elder presenting what they've done, what they are planning to do this year, and what they would like to do with more support. Then, on October 14<sup>th</sup> we will hold a mission fair where we will inform the church about different mission opportunities as well as introduce the concept of ministry groups, which are small groups of people interested in working together for support.

## Second Annual FESTIVAL OF FAITH "How does my religion view "Others"?"

Sunday, September 9, 2007  
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Portland State University Smith  
Memorial Center Ballroom and class  
rooms

(Broadway & Montgomery)  
Parking at PSU is FREE on Sundays

Keynote Speaker: Iman Toure

Learn answers to the following  
questions and many, many more:

What is the religion of Islam, exactly?  
And how do Muslims view other  
religions, such as Christianity and  
Judaism?

What is Judaism, and how do Jews view  
Mormons or Buddhists?

What is Buddhism and how do they view  
Hinduism or Scientology?

How does my religion view people not of  
my faith?

The program includes:

Workshops related to major faiths  
Display tables by different faiths  
Mayor's proclamation  
Question/answer sessions  
Music  
Promotion of understanding and  
respect for each other  
No admission fee

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## "Where Land Meets Sea" focus of Creation Care Fellowship in Newport, Sept. 22

The Oregon Coast at the end of summer is a marvelous place to be! The Eco-Justice Team of Presbytery of the Cascades' Congregational Support Committee, Presbyterians for Restoring Creation and the Eco-Justice Team of First Presbyterian, Newport, invite all who are interested in enjoying and caring for God's good creation to "Living on the Edge: Caring for Creation Where Land Meets Sea," on Saturday, September 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Newport. An optional aquarium tour and bonfire on the beach will also be offered. The opening keynote, "A Net Full of God," will be presented by The Rev. Irene Martin, from Skamokawa, WA, family fisher and author of Sea Fire, Tales of Jesus and Fishing. The second keynote is Ecology of Gray Whales on the Oregon Coast by Carrie Newell, Lane Community College instructor, OSU Ph.D. candidate, and expert on summer resident gray whales and their feeding behavior off the Oregon Coast. Workshops include "Ethical Eating from the Ocean," "Wave Energy on the Oregon Coast," and "What Belongs on the Local Ark: Invasive Species on Land and Sea." Registration cost is \$10.00 or \$5.00 for students and seniors.

To register, send form with your check made payable to Presbytery of the Cascades to: Dawn Champoux, Presbytery of the Cascades, 1475 Ferry Street, Suite 121E, Eugene, OR 97401 or call 1-800-926-3233. Pre-registration deadline is September 15.

Lunch availability is not guaranteed for those who register after the deadline. Call Jenny Holmes at 503-281-8175 for a full registration brochure and for other information. Also, there is a flyer on the tower in the narthex.

## DRIVERS NEEDED FOR TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY

We are in desperate need of drivers for the Tualatin Food Pantry. Every Tuesday, we must drive to Hillsboro and pick up our food order from the Oregon Food Bank. It ranges in size from 2,000 to 4,000 pounds. We usually schedule 2 drivers...one with a pick up or van and one with an SUV. Our Doc time in Hillsboro is 2:15 p.m. That means the drivers need to leave Tualatin by 1:30 and return to

Tualatin by 3:00. We could also use help unloading the order and restocking the Pantry after the order arrives at 3:00 p.m.

To volunteer, call or email Linda Moholt, cell 503-869-0901, [www.agelesslife.com/Moholt](http://www.agelesslife.com/Moholt)

## SUNDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to make a verbal announcement on Sunday morning, please email your request to Pastor Ken by no later than noon on the preceding Wednesday, [pastor@tpcspirit.org](mailto:pastor@tpcspirit.org)

## FLIGHT COMPANION WANTED

Erik Spurrell would like to go see his dad in Florida at some time in the future. His dad has left the responsibility of his travel up to Erik. For reasons that most of us understand, Erik cannot fly by himself. If you are going to Orlando, Florida for pleasure or business and would be interested in Erik flying with you, please call and talk to me about it. Who knows maybe it can work that he goes out with one person and comes back with another. Thanks in advance for your attention to this.

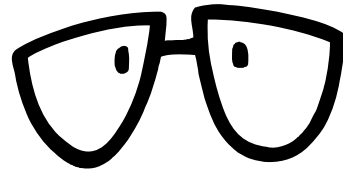
Laura Spurrell, the mommy

## Mission Notes

A "hearty thanks" from the Essential Health Clinic volunteer staff for the dinner provided by Barb Kozak, Karen Schmitt, Judy Nix, Shirley Shultz and Linda Fukasawa in late June. They report being well fed and especially pleased with the home-made goodies. Well done, ladies!

For those of you who would like to participate in this opportunity for sharing, we will be their dinner hosts/hostesses again in November, so look for future announcements.

**It's coming to a theater near you - the Oregon Food Bank "Cans Film Festival"!** The date of the event for this year is Thursday, September 27th, at the Regal Cinema theaters. For just three (3) cans of food, per person, you can enjoy a free movie. More details will be coming soon, so watch for them. In the meantime be sure to put this event on your calendar as it's "never too soon to plan a night out".



### DO YOU SEE WHAT WE SEE?

We need your help! At the upcoming session retreat in September your session will be taking another look at vision towards which they see God calling us. Last year session presented this vision in two congregational meetings and asked for your feedback using poster boards in the Narthex. We're asking for your help again. Specifically, please tell us three things: what excites you about this vision, what turns you off, and what are we missing? (And please note we're shooting for the big picture here. There are many important things going on at TPC we haven't included in this document. We're not trying to capture everything we're doing- just the few things we want to make sure we do really well.) Please send your feedback to Susan at office@tpcspirit.

#### Values (who we are down deep):

Worship: Christ-centered, informal, creative, traditional

Fellowship: Nurturing accepting and connected relationships with Christ and one another

Mission: Reaching out, working for God, and using our gifts to follow our call globally, locally, and personally

#### Vision for next 3-5 years (where we see Christ leading us):

Growth: we want to grow 10% per year over the next five years and reach 400 members.

Staff: we will need two full time, ordained ministers of Word and Sacrament, two full time administrative staff workers, a director of music overseeing a staff including an accompanist and a bell choir director, and two part time nursery care givers

Youth: we see a CE program with filled class rooms on Sunday morning, 40-50 youth, and a young adult ministry

Outreach: we see a comprehensive program welcoming and connecting everyone from seekers to leaders to TPC

Mission: we see an annual family mission trip, a youth mission trip, and every member regularly and actively following their personal sense of call



## Tualatin Presbyterian Church Calendar September 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Adult Ed – 9:15am Worship – 10:30 am Communion	3	4	5 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	6	7	8
9 Adult Ed – 9:15am Sunday School Kickoff 9:30 am  Worship – 10:30 am	10 Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm	12 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	13	14 Session Retreat	15
16 Adult Ed – 9:15am Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am  TPC Picnic at Tualatin City Park following Worship	17	18	19 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	20 Session Meeting 7:00 pm	21	22 Newsletter Deadline
23 Adult Ed – 9:15am Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am  Session/Deacon Fair after Worship	24	25	26 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	27 Newsletter mailed	28	29 Men's "Advance" Golf Outing
30 Adult Ed – 9:15am Sunday School – 9:30 am Adult Ed – 9:15 am Worship – 10:30 am						