



A Message from Pastor Ken

Howdy folks, as Ellen VanSchoiack shared with the congregation on Sunday, November 13th, TPC is receiving another grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship! Last year the grant was extremely specific regarding the worship of God through creative, impermanent, artistic expression. This year the grant is more broadly worded. This year, we will be working to put flesh on a concept we're calling: vertical habits.

When we say 'vertical habits' what are we talking about? Vertical habits is the attempt to understand the dynamic relationship between our worship lives and our everyday lives. In other words- how does Sunday impact Tuesday, and what in the world does Saturday night have to do with Sunday morning? The word vertical refers to the relationship we have with God. The term habit refers to the ways in which how we worship shapes and forms us over time. Our goal in all of this is that when the grant is over, the congregation can: a) better articulate what worship is; b) better understand how our worship lives relate to our daily lives.

How will we do this? We're focusing this project in three major ways: youth, nonserving elders and deacons (as well as other adults who might be able to be involved), and creative artistic endeavors aimed at helping folks connect Sunday with the rest of the week. With our youth we hope to take a worship immersion retreat, examining what worship is from the perspective of the Reformed tradition. Further, we want them to understand this so well that they will be able to plan and lead worship in language and ways authentic to them and faithful to our tradition. Our goal here will be to have the youth design and lead a worship service and then have regular ongoing participation.

With our adults we realize that while many of us love and appreciate worship here at

TPC, many of us have a lot of questions about why it is we do some of the things we do. Why, for instance, do we incorporate the baptismal font during the Assurance of Pardon after the Prayer of Confession? Why does the sermon fall in the middle of the order of worship rather than come at the very end, like it did in the 1946 Book of Common Worship shaping the worship some of you knew growing up? We will hold a series of training events aimed at nonserving elders and deacons (and open to anyone not already committed to other ministries of the church) asking some of these questions, hoping to foster a sense that something besides mere personal taste drives the shape of our worship here at TPC.

And finally, through worship and a series of creative art aimed at different parts of the congregation and congregational life, we hope to find ways to spark our curiosity and wonder regarding how we understand worship, and how worship effects our ordinary selves.

We're really excited about this project, believe it will impact our congregation in positive ways in ways we aren't even aware of yet, and are looking forward to getting started. If you are curious about any aspect of the project, please talk to Ellen or myself, although be careful- we're hoping it will be habit forming. Ok, I know...keep my day job... 😊

Peace in Christ,

Ken

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS!

11/27/05 - Hanging of the Greens

This is a family-oriented evening church service when we decorate the tree with hats and mittens for homeless youth in our community, sing all your favorite Christmas carols and prepare the church for Advent, followed by a soup potluck.

12/10/05 - Progressive Dinner

We will all meet at the Lambeths for appetizers and then break into small groups for dinner and dessert. Come join us for the fellowship event. Deadline to sign up is December 4th. Sign up is on the Tower.

1/14/06 - Hockey Night

Bring your family and join us for our annual trek to the Winterhawks game. We'll be playing Seattle at the Rose Garden and it's Mascot Night. Sign up will be on the Tower by mid-December.

1/29/05 - All church potluck following Worship It's SuperBowl Sunday, so let's all bring a can of soup to help fill the food barrel.

2/11/05 - Senior Ladies Tea Party

More details to follow later.

Deborah Lewis, Fellowship Elder

MISSION GIVING!

- Return your unwrapped gifts for the "Giving Tree" to TPC no later than December 18
- Continue to bring mittens, gloves, socks and hats to decorate the TPC Christmas tree. These items will be given to the homeless youth in the Portland area.
- The Christmas Eve offering will be donated to Habitat for Humanity

TPC Christmas Families

TPC will be sponsoring 7 local families this Christmas. Watch for the giving tree with Christmas wishes for the children of these families following Hanging of the Greens on November 27. More information on the gifts will be available next to the tree. Additionally, we will be purchasing holiday and other food items for the families. Donations for the food purchase can be placed in the offering from now until December 9. Please mark your checks "Christmas families".

Mike Shiffer, Mission Elder

TUESDAY'S TREASURES

At Tualatin Presbyterian Church

WHO: Any Developmentally disabled individuals, age 18+

WHAT: Tuesday's Treasures Program

WHEN:

Fall to Spring

September to May: 3rd Tuesday of the month
7:00-8:30 pm @ TPC

Summer:

June to August: Tuesday to be announced special events; time and location may vary

WHERE: Tualatin Presbyterian Church

WHY: Spiritual growth, social contact,
FUN!

CONTACT: Carolyn Locke, Coordinator
(503) 656-1534 home; (503) 768-7305
work

CALENDAR FOR 2005-2006:

Dec 20: Treasure Night 7-8:30 pm @ TPC

The Christmas Story

Jan 17 or 24: All Treasure Group Concert

Feb 21: Treasure Night 7-8:30 pm @ TPC
Work for God

Mar 21: Treasure Night 7-8:30 pm @ TPC

Praise God

Apr 18: Treasure Night 7-8:30 pm @
TPC Love God

May 16: Treasure Night 7-8:30 pm @ TPC
Celebrate God

June 27: All Treasure Group Dance

July: Treasure Carnival 7-8:30 @ TPC
Summer Safari

August 8: All Treasure Group BBQ

Tualatin Peacemaker Award

Part of the money that you donate to the annual peacemaking offering each year is retained for local peacemaking use. The local portion collected at TPC (25% of the total) will be used to create an annual award to recognize the peacemakers in our community. The Tualatin Peacemaker Award is given annually to honor an individual or group that best demonstrates the spirit of peacemaking. The nominees are those who make an investment of their life and their energies in pursuit of peace. The recipient of the award must reside or be an organization within the Tualatin area or be involved in the Tualatin community. Nominations must be received by February 1, 2006. The award will be presented at The Tualatin Peacemaking breakfast which will be held in spring 2006. The breakfast is an opportunity to recognize the efforts of all of those nominated for the award. In addition to recognition at the Peacemaking breakfast, the winner will be presented with a cash award.

To nominate an individual or group for the Tualatin Peacemaking Award, send the following information to the Peacemaking Award Committee at Tualatin Presbyterian Church:

1. Name of the individual or group being nominated
2. Description of the efforts of the individual or group towards peacemaking
3. Reasons why you think that the nominee should be recognized for their peacemaking activities

Send nominations or inquiries to:

Peacemaker Award Committee
c/o Tualatin Presbyterian Church
9230 SW Siletz St
Tualatin, OR 97062

Or email nominations to peacemaker@tpcspirit.com

Here are a few examples of PEACEMAKING activities

- ❖ Involvement in programs to support victims of domestic violence
- ❖ Work with programs promoting world peace
- ❖ Involvement in efforts to reduce hunger or feed the hungry
- ❖ Work with programs to provide social services to the homeless
- ❖ Involvement in programs that provide special services to those with developmental disabilities
- ❖ Work in rehabilitation programs within a correctional institution
- ❖ Supporting of those in recovery from addictions

The Mission Committee is in the process of organizing a committee to review the nominations, select the winner and organize the award breakfast. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact mission committee chair, Mike Shiffer.

What's happening in

Faith Village Sunday School?



Sunday School in December will be different from our regular Rotation:

December 4 - Advent project as a multi-age group(s)

December 11 - Christmas video as a multi-age group(s)

December 18 - Christmas program preparation

December 25 - Christmas! (No Sunday School)

New! Ken will be joining with Faith Village Station Leaders during our preparatory meetings to add additional insight into the scripture and message of the upcoming Rotation. We will typically meet right after church the 3rd Sunday of the month to prepare for the rotation starting the following month. This is a great opportunity for a little in-depth scripture study and is an **added benefit of volunteering** to teach in Faith Village!

January leaders will meet Sunday, Dec. 4 at 11:30 a.m. to prepare for Bible Teachings.

January Rotation:

Bible Teachings

(The Shema / Beatitudes)

Verses: Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Matthew 5:1-12; 22:37-39

Main Idea: The Bible is the special book of our faith and contains God's teachings that help us know how God wants us to live.

Opportunities to Help:

- ❖ Room Design Team – under the leadership of Norm Dannemiller, this team will plan, design, and oversee the painting and decorating of our downstairs areas to create a Biblical Village environment to enhance our Sunday morning classes.
If you would like to be part of this fun and exciting team, contact Norm at 885-2405 (ndannemi@spiritone.com), Shari Olsen at 635-4019 (ssjolsen@att.net) or Crystal Shearer at the church.
- ❖ Materials and Supplies Person or Team – Job Description: Beg, Borrow or Buy the supplies needed for the month's Rotation.
- ❖ Station Themes for upcoming Rotations:
 - Bible Teachings – January
 - Life In Bible Times – February
 - People Who Made a Difference – March
 - Road to Emmaus – April
 - Signs of Faith – May / June

December Birthdays

12/01 Debby Owen	12/13 William Evers-Hood
12/01 Rachel Norse	12/15 Philip Cook
12/04 Dick Kadel	12/15 Judy Parsons
12/04 Emma Steffen	12/15 Jackie Dannemiller
12/05 Patricia Killinger	12/16 Stacy Bartlett
12/05 Emma McGregor	12/17 Clare Hahn
12/06 Greg Owen	12/17 Greg Imus
12/07 Rick Crall	12/18 Cloy Dickson
12/07 Nancy Catanese	12/19 Dorothy Butts
12/09 Leah Olson	12/20 Dottie Farrell
12/10 Tanuja Senthirajah	12/21 Jaci Smith
12/10 Philip Martin	12/22 Rick Norse
12/10 Matt Buck	12/25 Allison Blair
12/11 Marlene Hines	12/27 Myrna Friese
12/13 Barb Kozak	12/28 Norm Dannemiller

Pardon me, is this space reserved?

When your committee or organization plans a meeting, rehearsal or gathering that will take place in the church building, *please* make sure



you have submitted your information (date, time, location) to the office in order for your meeting to be added to the calendar. In the event that another group has already spoken

for that particular place and date, it will also allow time to "work out the kinks" and ensure that everyone has a successful and stress-free meeting. Also, if you have a change or cancellation, be sure to notify the Church Office.

Remember: Your upcoming meetings, changes or cancellations will not be printed in the TPC Newsletter unless it is on the calendar.

The church calendar is updated regularly and hangs in the office above the copy machine. Next to it you will find yellow "calendar reservation forms" which must be submitted to Rhoda for the calendar. If you have any questions call Rhoda at the church office (Tues-Thursday 9am-3pm, Fri 9-noon) at 503-691-4260.

To All Our Friends at TPC

We cannot begin to find words adequate to express our deep appreciation for the love, care and prayers that have come from your hearts. We hope that this short note will let you know that we have not overlooked your concern for us. We love each and every one of you.

Love and Peace,
Randy & Marion

Please pray for: Marilyn Heath who is in the hospital, Andy Koning (Kris Sparks' nephew) who is facing another bout of cancer; Judy Parsons as she recovers from an auto accident; Toni MacHaffie's cousin Cathy Livingston who had surgery for brain cancer this week in Dallas; Scott Cameron; Rob Ayers; Don Peterson, who is undergoing chemotherapy; Elizabeth Shafer, TJ Grand; Craig Wiggers on assignment for the Marines in Baghdad



A special thank you to Robin and Stacy Hughes for their donation of the air hockey table which has been

placed in the youth group room.

Also, thanks to Linda and Marshall Watkins for their donation of shelving which will be put to good use.

MEET & GREET
Our NEW Members

Kim Couto and sons, Steven and Brennan
Jana Hudgins
Linda Fukasawa

General Fund Status January – October 2005

	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 183,817	\$ 182,767
Expense	\$ 183,129	\$ 168,039
Net	\$ 688	\$ 14,728

	October 2005	
	<i>BUDGET</i>	<i>ACTUAL</i>
Income	\$ 17,850	\$ 18,263
Expense	<u>\$ 18,163</u>	<u>\$ 14,895</u>
Net	\$ -313	\$ 3,368

We are still accepting pledge cards

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 11 AT 5:00 PM



Greetings TPC family! 'Tis the season and your TPC bell choir is planning a festive concert bringing you the "Sounds of the Season." The concert is on December 11th at 5pm. This is a huge undertaking for a still "young" choir. Every time the choir plays, I hear comments from many of you that you just can't believe the level of musicianship you hear from them after only four years of ringing together. I have the joy of telling them, on a fairly regular basis that they just amaze me! I will tell you more about the members of the choir later, but for the moment I want to focus on our upcoming concert.

Many of you are aware that the bells used by our choir do not belong to TPC. The bells belong to a community choir "Bells of the Cascades." Kris Sparks and I used to belong to that group, but no longer ring with them. The group allows us the use of their bells in exchange for the use of our building for rehearsals, equipment storage, and use of our handchimes. This relationship has worked very well and shows no signs of changing. However, being dependent on another group for our existence leaves us potentially vulnerable. Handbells are expensive. To replace the current five octaves of bells we use, along with necessary equipment, would cost nearly \$20,000.00. Session has given approval to begin formal fundraising so that money can be set aside for the purchase of our own set of handbells. It may take a couple of years to raise that much money, which is all right as there is no imminent need. However, we didn't want to face a crisis of needing to purchase handbells and having no funds designated for that purpose, hence, the idea of this concert. This is the official "kick-off" fundraising event for the handbell purchase fund. We will not be charging admission, but will be asking you to consider to what degree the handbell choir has ministered to you during it's short life at TPC, then asking you to give generously.

In addition to our handbell choir, there will be at least one duet, the TPC vocal choir will be joining us for a song, and a new group, River City Bronze, which includes Sherry Heatherly and myself from our TPC choir, will perform for you. We will be joined by many percussion instruments and you'll have your first chance to see Pastor Ken play percussion! There will be light refreshments served after the concert. Again, the date is December 11th at 5pm.

This concert will feature many songs, some of which you will not hear in worship, like "Jingle Jolly Christmas." Our group has been working on these intermittently while rehearsing other songs for worship since September, but very diligently since the first weekend of November when, at their own expense, we went on a working retreat and had five rehearsal sessions between Friday night and noon Sunday. We've also added three additional rehearsals to our normal schedule to prepare for this event. This group

is so dedicated and loves ringing bells. If you are half as blessed to hear them, as I am to direct them you can't wait for this concert!

The choir is only four years old. Handbell music is graded by degrees of difficulty, rated from 1-6, with only a few choirs in the US competent to play level 6. Your choir is already performing some level-4 music—quite a feat. This summer they will be going to Nampa, ID to participate in a handbell conference and will ring at the “Coppers,” otherwise known as intermediate, level. Just two years ago, in Tacoma, they rang at the “Tins,” or beginning level. The levels are named after the various alloys that comprise the casting of the handbells, with “Bronze” being the third, most advanced, level. Original members of the TPC choir who still ring with us in the concert are: Diane Barry, Barb, Rick and Rebecca Crall, Brian and Carolyn Locke, Dottie Farrell, Del Judy, Susan Springer and Marilyn Wood. Of all these members, only Susan had rung in a handbell choir before and that was a few years back—in her high school days. Recently we've been delighted with the addition of two veteran bell ringers: Kim Cuoto and Sherry Heatherly, both skilled ringers and delightful people.

My dream for our bell choir is always that it is fun for the ringers and a ministry to the congregation. I would love to see the choir add at least one more person to the bass section. I'm eager for them to continue developing their skill levels—a feat they've embraced with enthusiasm and much hard work. And, watch for an announcement about a beginning handbell choir, which will be starting after the first of the year.

The congregation, session and staff of TPC have been so loving and supportive of this group as you've listened from our earliest attempts at ringing this instrument to our current joy at making music. We hope you find your Christmas season enhanced and blessed by this concert and look forward to seeing you on December 11th at 5pm!

Warmly,
Martha Wilson