



Dear friends,

One of the funniest t-shirts I've seen has a basket on the front with the caption: "Why is it getting so hot? And just where are we going in the hand basket anyway?"

Where are we going? This is a question every church needs to ask itself from time to time. This year, as part of our stewardship campaign, I presented the initial work from the session, who spent their time discerning answers to just this question. In the short run this is helpful information for the congregation, since it gives us an idea of where the session believes Christ is leading us. In the long run, however, this vision will need to become owned by the entire congregation. What I propose is that we take another look at what session has created, and begin praying about what parts of the vision we may have missed or might state in a better way. After Advent and Christmas, we will hold a congregational meeting to talk about how the changes in worship are going and about this vision. So here it is one more time- I look forward to hearing your thoughts and prayers!

Our Values:

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 and children: 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

Education: We believe education will be the foundation that equips every member to help make these dreams come true

Strategic Initiatives (how we get from here to there):

- 1) Nursery- hire part time staff person as quickly as possible (Done!)
- 2) Address the present "in-between time" situation with youth leader; bring our sense of call towards hiring the second staff person
- 3) Launch evening fellowship and worship event aimed at young adults
- 4) Increase giving- both in terms of increasing membership and individual commitment
- 5) Examine leadership structure to ensure we are optimally set up to follow our vision
- 6) Organize comprehensive effort to connect seekers to leaders

In Christ, Ken

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Elizabeth Shafer, undergoing medical tests to determine cause of severe health issues; Deloris Allen, Evelyn Hart's mother, dealing with Alzheimer's; Linda Fukasawa's family upon the passing of her father, Milt Beck; the family of Julia Fritz, Clare Hahn's cousin, who passed away; and the family of Cathy Livingston, Toni MacHaffie's cousin who passed away; Chris, husband of Karen Stevenson's friend, Maureen; Tim McBride, nephew of the Shiffers, for deployment to Iraq; Maxine Jenovich and her family following the death of her husband, Glynn; Connie Myers' dad, Irvin Kessler, who broke his hip; Chris Robertson's cousin, Kimberly Kim; Cloy Dickson; Karen Trine in her fight against breast cancer; Ronnie Lee King (Cameron family); Robert J. Spivey (Diane Adams' nephew who is serving in Iraq).

ADULT EDUCATION Sunday morning classes

9:15 to 10:15 AM

Pastor Ken is teaching a class in the Adult Ed Room on the Book of Confessions, what we as Presbyterians believe.

Rich's Bible Workshop will continue to meet in the Library.

Don't forget to sign up for the TPC Women's retreat featuring award-winning novelist, Jane Kirkpatrick. Sign-up sheet is on the tower in the Narthex. Spaces are filling up fast.



Several people asked if friends from the community may attend. They certainly may, on a space - available basis. Sign up for TPC women only will continue through December 3. After that date, friends from outside TPC are welcome to sign up. We are limited to 30 overnight guests, but will have space for more participants who will not be staying overnight at Menucha.

Celebrating Holidays from the World's Great Religions

Our very own Cathy Lambeth will teach a class for 1st through 6th graders that introduces students to a sample of the holidays of the world's religions, including:

Hinduism: Divali – The Festival of Light;
Buddism: Wesak – Buddha's birthday,
Christianity: Christmas – Jesus' birthday;
Judaism: Hannukah – the Festival of Lights,
Islam: Ramadan and Id-ul-Fitr – Thanksgiving at the end of Ramadan.

Students, and their parents who are encouraged to also come to the class, should bring their own lunch; snacks and supplies will be provided. Cost will be \$15-\$20 per student, with a discount for additional siblings.

Please R.S.V.P. requested/urged by 12/5 to Virginia (Virginia@vjbooks.com) or Cathy (lambheel@comcast.net)

Here's an update on our candidate for ministry, Heather Chase. She is under the care of TPC and Cascades Presbytery in her process toward ordination. Heather has been a member at Tualatin Presbyterian since high school when her parents, Harry and Cathy Chase, moved to Tualatin. Please keep her in your prayers.

Dear TPC friends,

I wanted to send you a quick update. I am officially done with my Masters of Arts requirements and soon you will be able to check out my thesis, "Preparing Congregations for Times of Crisis through Preaching: Strategies for Using the New Homiletic" through interlibrary loan anywhere in the world. It is exciting! I hope pastors can use it to provide hope and healing to congregations in times of crisis. Thanks for your support of me in process through seminary. I am finally done. Special thanks go to Jaci Smith who was my editor. She was incredibly helpful!

I look forward to seeing you all for the Christmas Eve service this month. It is a special service that reminds me that while I may live thousands of miles away, my church home is at Tualatin Presbyterian. Thanks again for supporting me in this process and believing in my call to ministry. I will continue to keep you posted about my ordination process.

Happy Advent,
Heather ><>

Do you have a **portable** TV stand or kitchen cart you're not using anymore? The Sunday School is in need of both of these items and would greatly appreciate your donation! Please contact Shari Olsen at (503) 635-4019 or ssikolsen@msn.com. Thank you!



Cookie
Sale

To help defray the expenses for the Women's retreat, Adult Ed will hold a Christmas cookie sale on December 16. We need cookies and people to buy and enjoy them.



Worship Committee

We, at TPC, are glad that you are joining us for worship and we invite you to participate in the Sunday worship services. Listed below are opportunities for you to become involved in worship.

Reader- One person reads scripture aloud to the congregation. Adults and trained children are welcome to participate.

Contact: Dorothy Martin (503-675-5396) or Judy Nix (503-612-0006) to volunteer

Readers



Greeter/Usher- Four people total are needed. Two people greet people as they enter the church and later in the service they help collect the offering. The other two people bring the microphones to people in the congregation as they speak their joys and concerns as well as help collect the offering.

Contact: Clare Hahn (503-692-4807) or sign up on the tower in the narthex (lobby).

Liturgist- The responsibility of the liturgist when the pastor is present is smaller than when the pastor is away. When the pastor is present, the liturgist reads the call to worship, and the prayer of dedication as well as assists the pastor with the service. When the pastor is away, the liturgist leads all of the service except the sermon, one scripture and the benediction, which are done by the visiting pastor. We refer to this as the expanded role of the liturgist. It is recommended that a person new to the expanded role of the liturgist attend a liturgist training session before serving in the role.

Contact: Dave Backen (503-625-4965)

Procession of the Elements- We try to get children involved in this part of the service. Consequently, families and people with grandchildren and nieces and nephews are encouraged to participate. The procession involves three people (or more) carrying the bible, a pitcher of water, and a lighter to the communion table and pulpit, and then lighting the Christ candle.

Contact: Pastor Ken Evers-Hood (503-692-4160)

Children's Message- One or two people present a brief message to the children during the service using the materials provided or their own ideas.

Contact: Karen Stevenson (503-620-7189)



Church set-up and take down- One or two people follow the checklist to set-up for the worship service and then put things away when the service is over. This task takes about 30-45 minutes immediately before worship and a few minutes afterward.

Contact: Karen Stevenson (503-620-7189)

The Worship Committee provides training throughout the year for potential readers, liturgists, children's message leaders, and church set-up/take down hosts. The committee members are available to help you in any way as you prepare to participate in worship. If you have questions, please **call Karen Stevenson at 503-620-7189**. We look forward to getting to know you and urge you to jump in and get involved!

**MARK THESE FELLOWSHIP EVENTS
ON YOUR CALENDAR:**

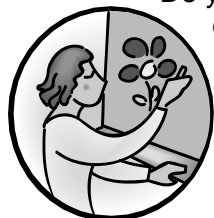
12/2/06 – TPC's Annual Progressive Dinner - sign up sheet sign on the Tower. Join us for an evening of getting to know each other better and eating yummy food! This is an adult activity that has been a tradition of TPC for many years.

12/3/06 – Hanging of the Greens, with soup and salad potluck. Come join us for the traditional beloved service decorating the church for Christmas. Be sure to bring socks, mittens and scarves for the homeless youth of our area. This is a family event.

12/17/06 – Happy Birthday to Jesus! – Kids are invited to make a Christmas ornament for their families and decorate some Christmas cookies. Yes, there will be a birthday cake!

1/13/07 – Egyptian Exhibit at Portland Art Museum. Sign up is on the Tower. This is a family event. **QUEST FOR IMMORTALITY: TREASURES OF ANCIENT EGYPT** Tickets are available for **Saturday, January 13, 2007 at 1:30 pm.** Cost is \$15. Sign-up on the tower in the narthex. The following is from the Oregonian, Sunday, November 5:

Starting Nov. 5, the Portland Art Museum hosts "The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt." The extravaganza features 107 pieces of sculpture, decorative objects and funerary art, including a re-creation of an Egyptian tomb.



Do you have a little time and a little creativity wanting to get out? We are looking for someone to get creative with the downstairs bulletin boards for Sunday School. Please contact Shari Olsen at (503) 635-4019 or ssjkolsen@msn.com if you are interested. Thank you!

Youth Group Ministry - Grades 3-8

Mark your calendars now - NUMS (Never Underestimate Middle Schoolers) opens the New Year with an open invitation to all youth in the grades 3-8 to our first activity for 2007.

Sunday, Jan. 7 at TPC from 5:00 - 7:30 pm. Dinner is provided for a \$3.00 fee per person, snacks and movie provided. Youth group will split into two age appropriate groups for activities, one elementary, one middle school. Come check us out! Find out what LOGOS is! Interested? Contact Jackie Dannemiller for additional information at ndannemi@spiritone.com

Sight Night Thank You

BSA Troop 530 and the Tualatin Lions Club would like to thank all those who donated their used eyeglasses. The Scouts were able to collect over 175 pairs of eyewear. The next step is for the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility "opticians" program to clean up and repair the glasses before they are donated to those in need. Thank you for helping!

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOLDERS SOUGHT

Once a month, usually the 4th Thursday, a group of about four people get together to fold the newsletter. As they fold, they talk and laugh and have a great time. You don't have to write. You don't have to count. You don't have to carry a tune. No weekly commitment, just once a month if you're available. The pay is lousy, but the fellowship is GREAT. To join this merry group, talk to Del Judy or call the church office.

December Birthdays

12/01	Debby Owen	12/15	Judy Parsons
12/01	Rachel Norse	12/15	Jackie Dannemiller
12/04	Dick Kadel	12/16	Stacy Bartlett
12/04	Emma Steffen	12/17	Clare Hahn
12/05	Emma McGregor	12/17	Greg Imus
12/06	Greg Owen	12/18	Clyo Dickson
12/07	Rick Crall	12/19	Todd Sweetland
12/07	Nancy Catanese	12/19	Dorothy Butts
12/09	Leah Olson	12/20	Dorothy Farrell
12/10	Tanuja Senthirajah	12/21	Jaci Smith
12/10	Philip Martin	12/22	Rick Norse
12/11	Marlene Hines	12/25	Allison Blair
12/13	Barbara Kozak	12/27	Myrna Friese
12/13	William Evers-Hood	12/29	Norman Dannemiller
12/15	Philip Cook		

Advent in Faith Village



Fall/Winter Classes

Preschool Class for 3-5 yr olds

Workshop Rotation for K-5th grade-Advent: The Angels Announce God's Message

Middle School – Creative Lessons on the Prophets

High School Class - Bookmarks: Bible Exploration

Our Mission Project: Operation Shoebox Nov. 26, Dec. 24, Dec. 31

We are looking for teams of 3 to share the teaching in each class starting in January:

Sign up sheets are in the narthex on the table in front of the office.

Preschool, K/ 1st grade, 2nd / 3rd grade, 4th / 5th grade, Middle School, High School

Schedule Change

Starting October 29 we moved to a separate Sunday School and Worship time.

Children may be brought downstairs at 9:15 to accommodate parents attending classes.

Classes for K-12th grade will be held from 9:30 – 10:15 am.

Worship Journals are available in the narthex for children to use during the service. Your child may put his/her name on a journal and keep it in the basket for future use.

TOP TEN THINGS TO DO WHILE YOUR KIDS ARE IN CLASS...

1. Attend **Adult Education** Christianity 101: Tracing Basic Beliefs
2. Attend **Adult Education** Bible Workshop in the library
3. **Rehearse with the choir**, sing during Worship Service
4. Update the Sunday School **Bulletin boards**
5. **Teach** High School
6. **Teach** Middle School
7. **Teach** 4th/5th grade
8. **Teach** 2nd/3rd grade
9. **Teach** K/1st grade
10. **Teach** Preschool Class



Upcoming CE Committee meetings are Thursday, January 11 and February 8.
All are welcome!

Need Prayers?



Praying to God on behalf of others offers them a sense of comfort that can be found nowhere else. And, prayers are always answered. Sometimes we wish the answers were different, but there is always an answer.

At TPC, we regularly pray for one another, and there are many ways you can request prayer – or have the chance to pray for others.

PRAYER BOX:

As you enter the sanctuary, you'll see our church's small, wooden prayer box. If you would like prayers for any person or any subject, simply write your request on the prayer form found next to the prayer box. On the form, you can stipulate whether the prayer is just for the eyes of our church's prayer-chain members – or if you would like the pastor to read your prayer request in the morning prayer.

JOYS & CONCERNS:

During "joys & concerns," you have the opportunity to personally share your prayer request with the congregation. Remember, you still have the prayer box option if you need a prayer but are not comfortable verbalizing your request to the congregation.

PRAYER CHAIN:

There are several members of the TPC congregation who regularly pray to God on behalf of whoever makes a request. If you need prayers, please contact Greg Imus via email at gimus@shindaiwa.com and your request will be passed along to members of the prayer chain. We will also include your prayer request in the church's bulletin in following weeks – unless you state that your prayer request is to be kept confidential among the members of the prayer chain.



If you would like to become a member of the prayer chain, please send your name and email address to gimus@shindaiwa.com and you'll be added to the list for TPC's prayer chain.

Prayer is not only a powerful force, it's also a loving response we can offer for those who are in need.



A Note from the Jenovich Family

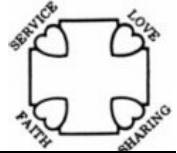
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Tualatin Presbyterian Church

We sincerely wish to thank each and every one of you for your prayers and love during the time Glynn was so ill. We felt them all.



*Tualatin Presbyterian
Church Calendar
December 2006*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Progressive Dinner
3 Adult Ed – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 Worship – 10:30 am Hanging of the Greens and Potluck 5:00 pm	4 Spiritual Formation (off site) 7:00 pm	5	6 Bible Study – 10:00 am Bells - 6:45 pm Choir – 7:30 pm TPC Spirit Jam – 7:00pm	7 Guitar Jam Session 9:00 am – 11:am	8	9
10 Adult Ed – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 Worship – 10:30 am		12	13 Outreach -7:00 pm	14 Guitar Jam Session 9:00 am – 11:am	15	16 Cookie Sale 10am – 2pm
17 Adult Ed – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 Worship – 10:30 am Fellowship Event – Birthday for Jesus	18	19 Tuesdays Treasure s 7:00 pm	20 ↓	21 Guitar Jam Session 9:00 am – 11:am Session/Deacon s @ Evers- Hood's 7:00 pm	22	23
24 Adult Ed – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 Worship – 10:30 am Family Service – 5:00 pm Communion Service 10:00 pm	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 Guitar Jam Session 9:00 am – 11:am	29	30
31 Adult Ed – 9:15 am Sunday School – 9:30 Worship – 10:30 am						