

August 2013

Beacon



The Trabuco Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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Summer Fun 2013



VBS!

Club H2O!

Forest Home!

Children's Ministries

Thank you TPC congregation for helping make this an AWESOME summer in Children's Ministries!

Forest Home

We sent 30 4th-6th grade children and counselors to Forest Home!

The theme at Forest Home was "Home of the World Changers". During the week children learned how to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God as a part of their life. Children explored the idea that God wants us not just to engage in our own lives, but the lives of everyone around us both near and far. Our world is not small, and neither is our calling to love others or to pursue God.

Vacation Bible School

We had 304 children participate in VBS with over 100 Youth, College, and Parent volunteers leading rotations, decorating, setting up, preparing snacks, crafts and more!

During the week children learned that God's love, Friends and Family, Prayer, Trusting God and God's Word help us all to stand strong in our faith! See the highlight video on the church website at www.trabucopres.com. Tab: Children, VBS, Video 2013.

Club H2O

We had 72 4th-6th graders join us for Club H2O with 13 High School & College age students



counseling and leading these young hearts. Each day the children had devotions led by their counselors that focused on God's unconditional love and sacrifice for us, Give Thanks in all circumstances, do not be afraid because God is always with us and God created each one of us uniquely with a purpose.

Thank you Deacons!! The Deacons fund provided several scholarships to children so they could participate in our summer ministries! I truly believe

God used these weeks to bring hope, healing, love & care to these children and their families and their participation was a gift to us as well. Thank you soooo much Deacons & TPC for helping make Forest Home, VBS, and Club H2O a possibility for so many!!

We are excited about the Fall!

Sunday School will kick off on Sept. 8 with "The Story for Kids".

Using the New International Reader's Version Bible, "The Story for Kids" reads like a novel. Events, characters and teachings from the Bible are arranged in order to show God's unfolding story of His great love for his people. Each week children will hear Bible stories and have hand's on activities, questions and discussions to help them apply God's Word to their lives.

TPC has pre-ordered several "The Story for Kids", "The Story for Children" and "The Story for Little Ones" books and will have them available for you to purchase (at discounted rates) on Sunday's soon.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

Please prayerfully consider teaching Sunday School this Fall.

Training, curriculum and supplies will be provided. You would teach approx. 1 Sunday every 5-6 weeks. Contact Leanna at Leanna@trabucopres.com or Leslie Sweet at Leslie@trabucopres.com for more info.



Pathfinders/Trailblazers
Pathfinders & Trailblazers will begin in October for all K-6th graders! Stay tuned, you will be

thank you!

Dear TPC Families and Friends,
It has been such a blessing to have worked in a place where I have felt truly appreciated over these past 9 years. I want to thank you all for your love and support throughout the years, as well as for the very generous parting gift you gave me. I use my iPad everyday, and when I do, I am reminded about how giving all the people of TPC are. I will truly miss working at TPC and being a part of the Children's Ministries programs here.

Thank you,
Jennifer Pearson

Youth Ministries - Junior High & Sr. High Events



This month we are wrapping up our summer events with two more exciting events.

August 7th 7pm to 9pm: Kick Ball Game: Junior High Vs. High School! We will be meeting at Trabuco Mesa Park for a dusk Kick Ball game. This event is FREE and we will provide drink and a celebratory dessert afterwards. Please join us for some fun!

August 14th 9am to 8pm: Knott's Berry Farm: We will be going to Knott's Berry Farm again this summer for a very fun filled day of action! Cost is \$40 which pays for transportation, ticket, and lunch.

Please RSVP for this event so we can arrange for rides to and from the park.

As fall is fast approaching please stay tuned for what will be happening in the High School and Junior High departments as we move into the school year!

If your child is interested in any of the above events or if you have any questions please contact our Junior High Director Alison Jenkins: Alison@trabucopres.com or our High School Direction Kevin Reimers: Kevin@trabucopres.com

Sr. High Houseboats 2013

We had an amazing time at this year's high school summer houseboat trip. 23 students along with 3 adult leaders had an awesome week on the California River Delta the week of July 28—August 2. The week was fun-filled with activities like wakeboarding, swimming, games and most importantly rededicating lives to following Jesus Christ.



Fellowship Pancake Breakfast – September 15



Famous TPC Pancake Chefs

Inquire with Dot Viera-Blake at cdotgo@cox.net

Please set aside plenty of time on September 15th to enjoy our Fellowship Pancake Breakfast. Our Famous TPC Pancake Chefs will be whipping up some fluffy golden brown pancakes along with many other delectable foods.

Come enjoy a delicious breakfast and lots of friendly fellowship. Starting right after church service, Sept. 15th.



Christian Education Opportunities for Adults—Fall 2013



Experience scripture like never before!

The Story is God's unfolding story from the Bible, presented as one sweeping narrative, arranged chronologically from Genesis to Revelation. If you have never read the whole Bible (or if it has been a while) *The Story* makes it easy, as well as helping participants understand how their stories intersect with God's story.

This will be a powerful church-wide experience. Pastor John will be preaching from these stories on Sundays, children and youth will read/hear the same stories in age-appropriate Sunday School lessons, and adults may participate in additional ways as interested - Bible Study groups, small groups, reading individually, or guiding family discussions.

Books will be available to purchase after church beginning September 1st. Small group sign-ups begin that day as well.

Reading and Discussion Group (RAD)

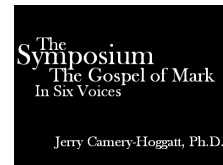
Meets on alternating Sunday evenings 6:30 – 8pm at the church.



All men and women welcome. Fall dates are Sept. 8 & 22, Oct. 6 & 20, Nov. 3 & 17. Current book: *RED LETTER REVOLUTION: What if Jesus Really Meant What He Said?* by Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne.

The Gospel of Mark

Listen to the author's dramatic reading of this novel that uses a fact-based fictional narrative to follow six first-century Romans who come together to discuss the gospel as Mark is writing it. The diverse characters each have their own dramatic storylines steeped in the history and culture of the time.



The sessions are an entertaining, edgy, and unique opportunity to "go deep" in the study of the Gospel of Mark. There are approximately three segments each meeting--20-minute reading followed by a 10-minute break for "Q & A" (x 3.)

Meet at TPC on alternating Sunday evenings, 6 - 7:30pm

1 Hour, 1 Topic, 1 Wednesday "Gratefully Stewarding Our Resources"

Wednesday, September 25
6:15-7:15pm
Presented by Craig Repp & Karl Dimler

"How Presbyterians Interpret Scripture"

Wednesday, October 30
6:15-7:15pm
A Panel Discussion Facilitated by Pastor John McKeague

Extraordinary Love in Ordinary Marriages:

TPC Date Night - October 26th 7pm

New! Sanctuary Groups Beginning in October.

A safe time and place for healing & support

A sanctuary is a protected space, a place of asylum and safety. We would like to provide just such a time and place for three specific groups of people--protecting their confidentiality and offering tangible resources and support.

Unwelcome Surprises in Parenting Adolescent & Adult Children

October 11, 9 - 11am

Providing Care for Elderly Relatives

October 19, 9 - 11am

Grieving the Loss of a Parent(s)

November 2, 9 - 11am

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study

Please plan on joining us for the women's Bible study this fall. We will be studying *The Story* along with the rest of the congregation. *The Story* is the Bible from Genesis through Revelation told as a continuous story. The Tuesday morning study will begin September 17 at 9 in the MPR. The schedule will be: 9-9:15 – meet and greet, 9:15-9:20 – announcements and prayer, 9:20- 9:30 DVD, 9:30-10 group discussion and questions and 10-11 – small group time.

Please contact Kathy Smith with any questions or if you need childcare at 858-7691 or randykathysmith@gmail.com.

Women's Evening Bible Study

This year there will also be a 7pm Thursday evening group. Let Kathy Smith know if you are interested in participating in this group.

Hope to see you at one of the groups!

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study will resume Tuesday morning, September 3, at 6am. More information to follow.

Deacon News

Welcome New Families -

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With TPC!

If you are a new family to TPC, the deacons would like to welcome you! The deacons are committed to serving members of their parishes in a number of ways including answering general questions regarding the church and its activities, helping to connect you with others in our church family, praying regularly for our families and even arranging for meals during difficult times. In the life of every church, people experience a variety of circumstances that may include the support of a deacon who may be able to provide resources and forms of assistance.

If you would like to be included in a deacon ministry parish, please contact Leslie Wilson at katyamw@cox.net. The deacons would be delighted to include you and your family!

“For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 3:13

2013 TPC Deacon Team

Jill Lagatta


Tom and Lani Napoli

Tom and Bambie Newcomb

Kathy Smith

Leslie Wilson - Moderator

Adult Choir

 The TPC Adult Choir is on break for the summer. We will begin rehearsing in September on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary from 7:15-8:15 pm and sing during worship two Sundays a month.

Contact Cindy Hutcheson
cindy9082@yahoo.com

ARTS Group

“ARTS” (short for *Adults Redefining ThemSelves*) is much more than a social group. ARTS was formed as a part of TPC Fellowship to develop deeper friendships and discover ways to support each other as we began to experience the next stages of life.

ARTS is composed of singles and couples who are in the later years of career, or are looking towards retirement or are already retired, or who are no longer dominantly “child centered” (i.e. children are now 18+ years old), or who have more discretionary time, or who are

seeking new careers and/or exploring volunteering, or are becoming grandparents, or are coping with physical changes and challenges, or are coping with aging parents...and/or all of the above and more!

Please contact Cindy Hutcheson for more information or to join ARTS.
Cindy9082@yahoo.com

Missions



Wilson
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TPC Book Collection to Benefit Wilson Elementary School

For the past three years TPC has joined with First Presbyterian Church Santa Ana and six other Presbytery churches to provide a book fair for the children of Wilson Elementary.

Won't you help us once again by donating new or gently used books for children 4-10 years old?

Wilson Elementary is located in one of the most densely populated areas of Santa Ana with a student body that is 99% Hispanic and 98% who qualify for lunch support. Many of the students weren't able to own a book before the book fairs. Now, the reading scores have increased, and the students are able to have a few books each year to read at home. The book fair is held right before the Christmas holiday so kids have something to read while away from school. **TPC is collecting books in**

the narthex between 8/18 and 9/15. Please drop your books off whenever convenient and we will store until December. Contact Chris Yragui at 949-678-3070 or yraguifamily@cox.net with any questions. Thank You!



Calling all TPC Artisans

Our Annual Mission Christmas Market is scheduled for December and all proceeds support our mission projects. Each year we offer all types of items made by our own artisans and crafters. We know many of these items are prepared in

advance so we invite you to consider preparing something for the market. Or perhaps you know someone who would like to donate something. We welcome bakers and cooks who have special recipes to share, woodworkers, potters,

painters, sewers, knitters, jewelry makers, and anyone who has a talent to share. Please contact Carolyn DeBerard saroos@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.

Thank you from Malawi!!

The TPC team that went to visit ministries in Malawi is back with more stories of God's love. We invite you to come hear these stories of what He is doing in the warm heart of Africa on **Sunday, September 22nd**. Thank you, our church family, for sending us!



Christian Education Elder Spotlight—Mary Wiser

Tell us about your childhood

I grew up in a small town called Orchard Park NY, south of Buffalo. I am the youngest of five children. We lived a modest life and both my mother and father worked really hard. Sometimes more than one job. I grew up Catholic and attended church pretty regularly.

My favorite part of my childhood was spending the summer at our tiny cottage about two blocks away from Lake Erie. I spent every day possible at the beach and in the water. The winters were spectacular for a kid! We built the best snow forts and we lived close to a county park that had great sledding hills and toboggan chutes. I skied when I was much older.

The holidays were spent visiting family who were all within a 20 minute drive in any direction. I have 36 first cousins so there was never a dull moment. For many years two Sunday's a month during the summer, all of my father's side of the family would meet after church in the park and have a potluck picnic. We would stay all day. I lived in Orchard Park until the move here to Orange County in 2004.

Tell us about your family

I married my best friend. Brian and I are high school sweethearts. We have been married 28 years, and have known each other since 8th grade. We attended different colleges and were married about a year after graduation. We have three children. Blair 24, Kelsey 22, and Zachary 17. Blair will be getting married on August 9th, 2013 and will be moving to NYC where her fiancé, Wes has taken a position at NYU. Kelsey just graduated from The University of Oregon and has secured a job in Portland. Zach, plays guitar during worship, and attends SMCHS. He will be a senior this year.

What are your hobbies?

I love to cook. I enjoy being creative in an artsy kind of way. I like to ski. Most of all I love being with my family and enjoying good food, good wine and lots of laughs.

How long have you attended TPC?

We have been attending TPC regularly for about 4 years.

What is your favorite movie or book?

I don't like this question because I never say anything very adult worthy. I always refer to the movies and books that I watched with my kids or that I have read to my kids because I loved experiencing how magical it was for them. Such a joy!!

Restaurant or food ? Vacation? Favorite scripture

My favorite restaurant is Vista Grille in Puerto Vallarta.

My favorite food is any amazing fish entree.

My favorite vacation is anywhere.. It a vacation right!!!

My favorite scripture is...Well, I don't have one, but I can say that from a young age I grew up watching football. I was curious about what all the signs saying John 3:16 meant and my Mom told me to get the Bible and look it up. That lead to me paging through the Bible a bit and becoming more curious. I'm still curious.

What's your most enjoyable activity/event for you at TPC?

I enjoyed the Drive thru Nativity. Easter week is very moving for me (Maundy Thursday especially).

What are you enjoying most about being and elder?

I am very humbled serving as an elder. I appreciate the work and effort of previous session members and the history of TPC. I hope to be a worthy contributor and serve the congregation and the needs of the church, and the greater community. I feel God has asked me to do something out of my comfort zone so that I may better know who we are.



How would you describe your role as Christian Education Elder?

My role as Co-Elder of Christian Elder has been enlightening to say the least. I have an amazing partner in Shaleen. She has been a mentor and a great source of knowledge. There are so many great things happening in Christian Education for such a small church. I hope to be a supportive connection for the staff and represent them and the programs now and future programs in the session.

Anything else you want to add regarding your new role as Christian Ed Elder ?

I look forward to being a contributing part of this amazing congregation. I am so blessed!

TPC Extras!



**Don't Forget
Your Tithe**

Thank you.



**Helping Hands
Ministry:**

Are you interested in being involved in our church's meals

ministry?? Are you available to run errands or give rides? If so, we would love to include you in our church community on the LOTSAHELPINGHANDS website. Please email or give Deanne Weissman a call and she will be able to answer any questions that you may have and get you into our TPC Helping Hands website. Also, we are currently updating our website so if you are no longer available to provide at this time, please let Deanne know as well. A big thank you to all who have been graciously providing rides and meals to our TPC family!!

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**SAN
FRANCISCO
SOLANO
FOOD BANK:**

Do You Know? Trabuco Presbyterian Church collects food, hygiene, and other non-perishable items for the

Solano Food Bank, located in RSM. Collection bins: barrel in the narthex near the entrance to the nursery; the other in the MPR room just inside the double doors on the left. Each time you go grocery shopping why not pick up a few extra items and bring them to church every Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please call Lori Aced at 888-5501.

**Attention Ralphs eScrip
escrip
Participants:**



PAVILIONS

You will need to re-register your card for TPC to receive escrip donations. It's easy! Detailed instructions can be found at www.ralphs.com. Click on Services, click on Community Contributions, click on 'For participant questions, click here'. This is also a good opportunity to sign-up to participate in escrip if you haven't already.

We also have escrip account with Pavilions/Vons. By registering your grocery cards with these grocery stores, TPC receives by 5% of your total purchase! Detailed instructions on how to register your cards can be found on the TPC website, www.trabucopres.com. Go to 'Giving', then click on 'escrip'.



We need Ushers and Greeters!! You will be added to a rotation schedule (approximately once every 5 weeks).

Also needed, sound board & slide volunteers to help on Sunday mornings (in the sound booth box located in the back of the sanctuary).

If you are interested please email Terry Wedel, Worship Elder otis2@cox.net. Since you are already attending church on Sunday, why not help out before the service.

Get involved TODAY!

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