

PARISH PRESS

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WHEN WILL IT ALL END?

Steve Ranney, Pastor

This is a question that pops into my head on a regular basis. This long year has been stressful in so many ways, but the biggest one for me has been trying to figure out the path we need to follow to get back to normal. As I have told Session, this is one of the things that keeps me awake at night. Like you, I have missed seeing all of you and connecting each week. While I have loved the ability to check in with many of you through the Zoom Coffee Time and various committee meetings, one of the big lessons we have learned this year is that there is no substitute for being physically together (even if it is six-feet apart). So, as the vaccines are making their way through the population and the infection rates are dropping, the Session has been looking at how and when we can re-gather safely.

Let me first say that we still do not know when we will have our first in-person worship service (and the day I can get my hair cut). That day is still shrouded in the fog of the future. We have, however, started taking some steps toward returning to normal. The first step has been returning to the Sanctuary for our recorded service. Thanks to a very generous gift that we received last year, we have been able to install a video system that will allow us to stream our service every week. For right now, we will use it to record the various pieces of the service, so they can be linked together on our YouTube channel. This system, however, will allow us to bring all of the parts of the worship services back into the Sanctuary, a very familiar place.

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The second step we will take is that sometime in March we will move from a pre-recorded service to a live stream service. What this means is that Dr. Siebenaler, the quartet, and I will gather, with appropriate protections and precautions, on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. and provide the service live through our new streaming system. For those of you who would like to view the service at a later time, after the service is done, a recording of the service will be attached to the website at <https://www.tustinpresbyterian.org> for future viewing. This step will prepare us for the time when we can safely allow our family to re-gather for worship. After we move to live streaming (we will send a blast email out to let you know the exact date), Coffee Time will be moved to 10:50 a.m. We expect to continue this schedule until we can re-gather.

I know that this has been a hard year for all of us, but by the grace of God, we are still a family and in the not too distant future, we will be able to join each other for a wonderful celebration and time of thanksgiving. Please remember to pray for our Session as we work toward that wonderful day.

*******CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS AND TPC EVENTS*******

Some of the articles that follow may discuss events that were originally planned for March but which have been postponed or cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Other articles may present information about events planned for March and later that have not yet been changed. Some of these events, however, may also have to be modified, postponed or cancelled in the coming days. Further information will be made available as the restrictions on gatherings that will be in effect during March are clarified.

SIMPLE GUIDE TO SERMON LISTENING

A simple way to grow through the sermon is to seek to complete the three following statements:



1. One point I heard in the sermon today was....
2. One way I can apply this in my life is....
3. This sermon brought to mind....

COMMUNION SCHEDULE
Communion will be celebrated on
Sunday, March 7



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, enabling our congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. Additionally, it supports our ministry to refugees. Millions of refugees and displaced persons around the globe suffer from the loss of international aid and refugee resettlement opportunities. Firm in the call to welcome the stranger and serve the vulnerable, people of faith are providing lifesaving services in ways that uplift the soul and reaffirm an individual's dignity.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program works to alleviate hunger and eliminate its root causes. It provides support for congregations and presbyteries working to alleviate hunger in their local communities. It also provides vegetable seeds, farming equipment and other supplies to local farmers both here and abroad so that they can feed their communities.

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People continues to work with low-income communities across the United States to overcome oppression and injustice. It invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

This year we will receive the offering on March 28, Palm Sunday. Make checks out to Tustin Presbyterian Church and indicate that the gift is for One Great Hour of Sharing in the check memo. In this time of pandemic, the need is even greater. Please prayerfully consider your contribution and give generously.

THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL (MARCH – APRIL)

The Upper Room Daily Devotional is available for mailing upon request. If you would like us to mail you a copy, please contact Patty Sanchez at receptionist@tustinpresbyterian.org, or you can get an electronic copy online at <https://www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches>.



DEACONS' FUND



Deacons' Fund

Did you know that the TPC Deacons are funded solely by donations? If you give regularly to TPC, you have gold and white envelopes in your box. This offering is welcome at any time, but it has traditionally been a part of our communion service on the first Sunday of each month. Please consider giving a gift to the Deacons' Fund. It will be money well spent.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

To all members of the TPC congregation:

As you know, we usually elect the congregation-at-large members of the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting of the congregation, normally held in January. This year the annual meeting has had to be postponed to a date still to be determined when we can meet in person. However, there is still work for the Nominating Committee to do, so we need to elect the at-large members, subject to ratification of their election at the annual meeting of the congregation.



Session has decided that the most efficient way to proceed is to present the slate to you both by email and in the *Parish Press*. If you have any objection to the election of anyone on the slate presented or wish to nominate someone else, please contact Sue Currie by email at suecurrie@cox.net or by telephone at 714-669-5435. If no objections or additional nominations are received by March 8, then the slate below will be deemed to have been elected. At-large members of the Nominating Committee serve a one year term.

The 2020 Nominating Committee nominates the following people to serve as at-large members of the 2021 Nominating Committee:

- Gary Boggs
- Martha Connely
- Gail Greek.

— Sue Currie for the TPC 2020 Nominating Committee



THE PRISCILLA PATTERSON PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

If you would like to knit or crochet prayer shawls, please contact Patricia Stout at 714-875-1009 or at pcs-3@cox.net. She will give you access to the yarn, complying with all social distancing and face mask requirements.

We are starting the search for Brenda's replacement. If you know of someone who would be a good fit with our staff and our church, please pass this on to them.

JOB DESCRIPTION



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Tustin Presbyterian Church

Major Duties/Responsibilities

- Provide secretarial support for the Pastor/Head of staff as well as for program staff.
- To prepare, reproduce and distribute a variety of documents and mailings such as worship service bulletins.
- Perform general secretarial and hospitality duties when Church Secretary is not there.
- Supervise all clerical volunteers.
- Liaison with custodial and maintenance staff as well as with tenants.
- Schedule and coordinate with contractors that come to work on the building.
- Process all incoming checks made out to Tustin Presbyterian Church.
- Other duties may be assigned, consistent with the terms of this job description.

Work Hours

- This is a 24 hour per week position. Work schedule will include mornings but is flexible.

Salary

- \$18-\$21 per hour, negotiable

Qualifications

Education

Minimum of a High School Diploma. Secretarial or Business College education desirable.

Skills

- Computer
Good working knowledge of Microsoft Office and desktop publishing
- People/Communication
Needs to be caring, compassionate and calm
- Critical Thinking
Needs to have good common sense and an aptitude for and willingness to learn
- Spanish Bilingual a plus but not mandatory

Apply at: tustinpresbyterianjobs@gmail.com

- Please include resume and brief introductory letter.

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TPC SPANISH MINISTRY



The Spanish Ministry has started a Sunday worship service via Facebook. If you would like to download the service, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/josejorgeborjon>. The group is also meeting via Instant Messenger every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join them, please contact Patty Sanchez at 714-864-8549.

TPC VIRTUAL INSTALLATION JORGE GUTIERREZ, SPANISH MINISTRY MODERATOR



SCRIP NEWS

Scrip is still available! You just need to contact Janette Ditkowsky by telephone at 714-350-8668 or by email at jtditkowsky@gmail.com, and you can make a plan to get the scrip that you need for:



- Groceries: Stater Bros, Vons/Albertsons, Sprouts, Smart & Final, Walmart and Target
- Take-Out Food: We have a big list. Call Janette and ask her if she has your favorite!
- Ordering Online: Amazon
- Home Projects: Home Depot, Target, Walmart and Staples
- Gifts: Amazon and Barnes & Noble

Every time you buy Scrip, you benefit in two ways:

1. You receive the full-face value of the gift certificates.
2. You contribute a percentage of the total to the TPC Music Program.

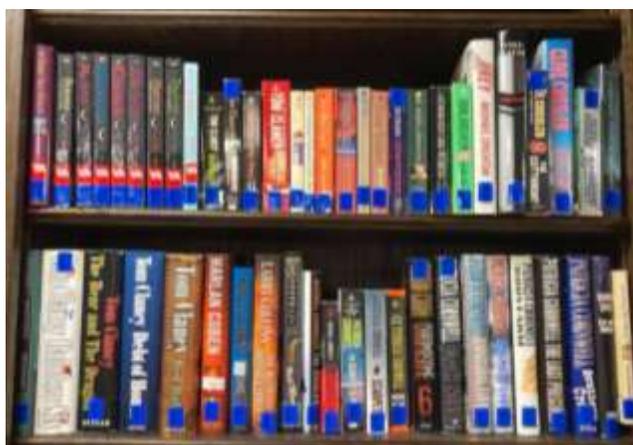


YOUTH NEWS

The youth have been busy this month with our virtual bake sale! Funds raised are helping the disenfranchised during COVID-19 with tests for those who cannot access them. Thank you to all who have participated and a big thank you to the deacons and the Benjamin family for all your help with baking these delicious items!



LIBRARY



The youth are continuing to do grocery deliveries and book deliveries too. For books available, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/TustinPresbyterian/photos/4051676121527053> and scroll through the photos. If you would like to borrow a book, please let Sandy Alford know. She'll add it to the list of tasks that the youth perform on a weekly basis.

COMPASSION

The TPC family extends its heartfelt sympathy to Huw Christopher on the loss of his wife, Rachel Christopher, who passed away on February 10. We ask the members of the TPC family to remember Rachel and her family in their prayers.

Also, the TPC family extends its heartfelt sympathy to Patty Sanchez on the loss of her uncle, Ramiro Ocampo, who passed on January 25, and the loss of her aunt, Cristina Ocampo, who passed away on February 10. We ask the members of the TPC family to remember Patty and her family in their prayers.

THANK YOU TPC

My family and I are doing well. We're all healthy. Thank you!
— Joyce Mojica

THANK YOU DEACONS

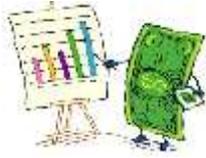
The Derbys would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards, and calls during Char's recovery from her fall and concussion in December. Char says, "The TPC Deacons are rock stars! I felt very well cared for, and I've enjoyed snuggling with my prayer shawl during the winter months."

Thanks
— Char Derby

PER CAPITA

Each year, each congregation pays the Presbytery a modest sum per member. This "per capita" payment helps with the administrative costs of Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. For 2021, the amount per member is \$36.83. We ask that all active members contribute this amount at the beginning of the New Year. Those with offering envelopes have a "per capita" envelope in the front of their boxes. Because TPC will pay this full amount, when you pay your per capita, you are making those funds available to the General Mission of TPC. Thank you for your generosity.





FINANCE REPORT – OPERATIONS ACCOUNT

Period: January 1 – January 31, 2021

Income: **\$35,661.32** Expenses: **\$52,004.38**

Deficit as of January 31, 2021: (\$16,343.06)

Your gifts serve God’s work. Thank you for your continued support!

SESSION SUMMARY

The following are the significant items from the February Session meeting:

- Agreed to test new video equipment in the Sanctuary by live-streaming a worship service in March.
- Received the resignation of Sue Currie as an active member of Session so she can focus on her responsibilities as Clerk.
- Approved Loren Webb as Moderator of the Mission Committee.
- Approved the PreK–5th grade curriculum for 2021–2022.
- Approved posting a link to a video-based Lenten devotional series by Rev. Dr. Tim Cargal.
- Approved a General Mission Pledge of \$15,840.60 for 2021.
- Approved congregation-at-large members of the Finance and Mission Committees for 2021.
- Approved a process for electing the 2021 Nominating Committee Members-at-Large.

SESSION COMMITTEE ASIGNMENTS FOR 2021

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>VICE-MODERATOR</u>
Christian Education	Char Derby	
Endowment	Bill Groves	Bob Evans
Fellowship	Heather Philips	
Finance	Bill Groves	
Membership & Outreach	To be determined	
Mission	Loren Webb	
Nominating	Loren Webb	
Personnel	John Kleponis	Socorro Ching
Property	David Young	Angel Ocampo
Spanish Ministry	Jorge Gutierrez	
Stewardship	Bob Evans	
Worship	Ryan Reithmeier	Jorge Gutierrez

Clerk of Session: Sue Currie
 Church Treasurer: Bill Groves
 Corporation President: David Young
 Corporation Vice-President: Heather Philips
 Corporation Secretary: Sue Currie
 Corporation Treasurer: Bill Groves

TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Steve Ranney	Ext 103
Chancel Choir Director.....	Colin Stave	Ext 109
Organist	Dr. Dennis Siebenaler	
Director of Children’s Ministries	Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger	Ext 104
Director of Youth Ministries/Worship Assistant.....	Emily Fuentes	Ext 105
Financial Secretary	Martha Romick	Ext 106
Receptionist.....	Patty Sanchez	Ext 101

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March 2021 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Please watch for updated information and plan to join us when we are able to resume our regular worship services and other activities.	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

TO BE DETERMINED

BR: Bride's Room; CE: Christian Education Building; CR: Choir Room; FH: Fellowship Hall; FL: Fireside Lounge
 GR: Groom's Room; K: Kitchen; L: Library; MPR: Multi-Purpose Room; O: Office; P: Patio; PL: Parking Lot; S: Sanctuary
 SR: Scout Room; TCP: Tustin Community Preschool; TTPC: Tustin Taiwanese Presbyterian Church; YL: Youth Lounge