

TEMPLETON'S

Templeton Presbyterian Church
monthly newsletter

February 2020

IF: TEMPLETON February 7 & 8

THERE'S ALWAYS
ROOM FOR ONE MORE

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IF:GATHERING



WE SAVED YOU
A SEAT!

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IF:GATHERING



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TPC Kids



THE ARK

In both TPC Kids and The Ark we have been diving into the Old Testament!

In 2 Samuel 9, King David finds Jonathan's son Mephibosheth. David shows kindness by inviting him to the palace, feeding him a meal, and letting him eat at the palace regularly. God was kind to David, and David passed it on.

Bible Point: God is kind, so we are kind.

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME

Choose one or two people outside of your household and overwhelm them by showing them an act of kindness. Here are some ideas.

- *Help around the yard or house.
- *Make cookies for them.
- *Draw pictures for them.
- *Make cards/write letters for them.
- *Pray with them.



In 1 Kings 17:1-6, There's a drought for several years that makes food scarce. But God sends ravens to Elijah to bring him meat and bread twice a day. Elijah also has water to drink from a brook.

Bible Point: God is our provider, so we depend on him.

THROUGH THE WEEK

Try this fun reminder that God has provided for your family.

- *Make simple paper gift tags that say "Love, God."
- *Tape the gift tags on food packaging, on clothes hangers, above sinks, or even on your front door. Think of what God has provided for you, and put a tag there.
- *When you see the tags throughout the week, remember that the item you see is a gift God provided for you.
- *Thank God for his provisions!

TPC KIDS Mission Statement:

Partnering with parents to make disciples by teaching and encouraging kids towards a lifelong, joyous relationship with Jesus.



MEMORY VERSE

"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us."

-2 Corinthians 1:4

PASTOR'S PAGE

As I sat down at my computer, I think I feebly stared at the page for about an hour struggling to write. I have moments when current events so fill up the space in my head, that all I hear is the noise of the world drowning out my ability to feel like my words have much significance. I think there are times that we all feel dwarfed and intimidated by the powers at play around us, as we stand our guard against *"the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."* (Eph. 6:12) There are frustrating, infuriating, frightening, and tragic events happening around us daily – collapse of eco-systems, epidemics, political dysfunctionality, war-mongering, death and dying, moral chaos, and a growing anarchy of, what I call, "personal rightism" – and it is easy to feel powerless in the face of it all.

So the temptation for me is to discount and devalue my meager contributions. I mean – what difference does a sermon on a Sunday morning in Templeton really make? Truthfully, it won't make a difference in the impeachment proceedings, stem the Coronavirus, stop the fires in Australia, or bring back Kobe Bryant and the 8 others killed in the helicopter crash. But few people are called to use their gifts on the grand stage of national and world affairs. Most of us live smaller lives, whose impact is local, and our impact is cumulative – as millions and millions of people living smaller lives make up the whole of a society, a culture, a nation, and a world.

For us as believers – as followers of Jesus, people in whom God has given us his Spirit – we have the benefit of another perspective, which is the kingdom of God. Our local impact is the Body of Christ. I do not preach to the world; I preach to a congregation. It's not a matter of cloistering ourselves inward, shutting out the larger world so we can just do our thing here; it's a matter of committing ourselves to loving the people around us, being faithful to the gospel, living in obedience to the will of God, and bearing witness to the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ and the goodness of life lived in accordance to God's purposes.

I have to remind myself that we aren't the only ones doing this. God is at work in communities of faithful Christians all over the world, exhorted in Scripture to live as *"children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world."* (Phil. 2:15) And he is at work in us. My light / Our light isn't like the sun. It doesn't have unlimited range. It's like a light bulb: it can only light up a limited area. Some of us have 60 watt lights, others 100 watts, 200 watts, etc. You get the picture. Same with churches. Faithfulness is shining to the full wattage of *our own bulb*, and letting that light have whatever effect God gives it. What people do or what the world does with that light is not up to us. All we can do is shine.

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As we look toward Lent, my hope is that it will be a season of re-orientation, in which we can re-claim (or strengthen) our identity, calling, and mission as those who have died to sin and been raised to new life in Christ. During this time I hope that through preaching and personal stories of the power of God's promises, some of this can happen. I hope that through our own participation in key moments of this season – Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter – some of this can happen. I hope that through the basic discipline of Lent (which is fasting) – that is, some commitment to a discipline of sacrifice in some area of our lives – some of this can happen. May we take this as an opportunity to hear God's word to us in a fresh way and see God's work in us in a renewed way,

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A heads up: I will be gone this next week (February 3-6) attending the ECO National Gathering in Dallas, Texas, along with Scott Scott. I'll won't miss a Sunday, but I will be out of the office and unavailable from Monday through Thursday.

Faithfully yours in Christ Jesus,



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TPC's 4th annual IF: TEMPLETON is right around the corner!

Ladies, you can still register at **templetonpres.org** (click the link on the Home page) or you can register at the door. Either way, please plan to join us for a beautiful time of worship, prayer, healing, and fellowship.

As we head into our final preparations, we're asking all of our church family to be praying for this event, including (but not limited to), prayers for:

- a meaningful time for every woman in attendance (and those still considering coming)
- health and encouragement for our team of awesome volunteers and vendors
- a warm, welcoming venue where women feel safe and blessed
- eyes to see and ears to hear what the Lord has for us.

Women's Conference
IF:TEMPLETON
AT IF:GATHERING 2020, WE ARE GOING TO FOCUS COMPLETELY, ENTIRELY ON THE PERSON OF JESUS. THAT IS IT, THIS IS OUR HOPE AND WE NEED HOPE.

February 7 & 8
2/7: 6pm - 9pm
2/8: 9am-12pm & 2-5pm

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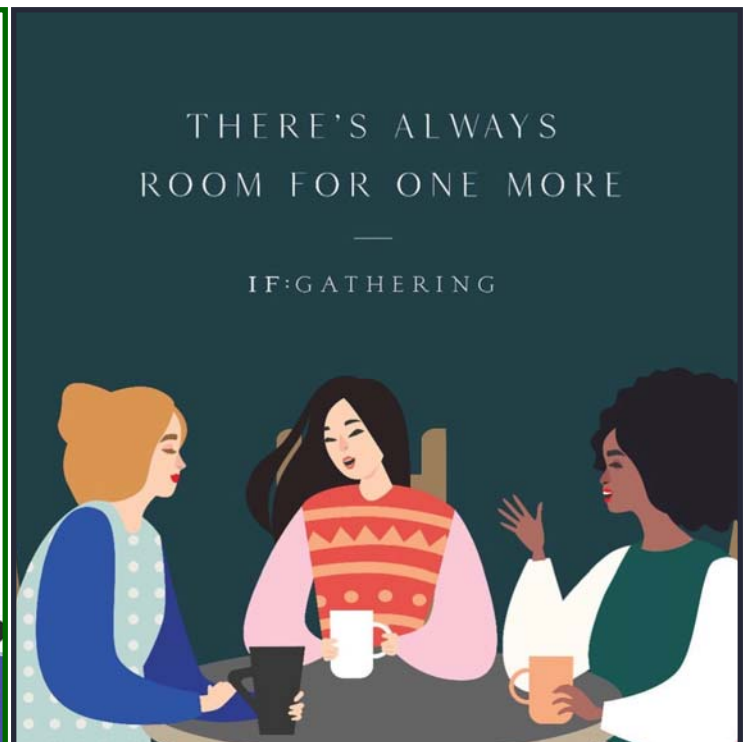
Register at
templetonpres.org
or at the door

Registration fee: \$25

Catered lunch for an additional cost at Fig available upon reservation.
Email: tragoandleslie@sbcglobal.net

FOR THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE HAS SET YOU FREE IN CHRIST JESUS FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH - ROMANS 8:2

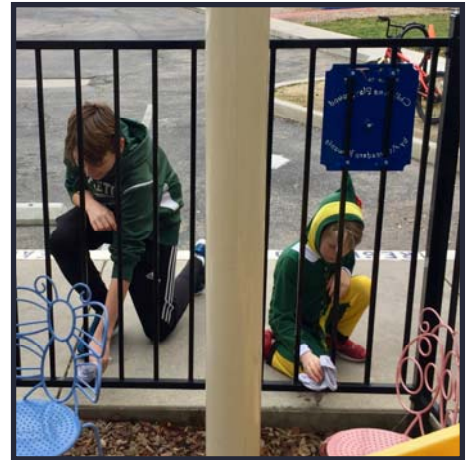
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MLK WORKDAY / ASH WEDNESDAY



Many **THANKS** to all the hard-working
volunteers who helped
with this year's MLK Workday
at ECHO Homeless Shelter.



FEBRUARY 26

ASH  WEDNESDAY

12:00pm service

STEPHEN MINISTRY / VOYAGERS

Stephen Ministry

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

(Galatians 6:2)

This exact verse is found on the website of Stephen Ministries.org in answer to the question, *What is Stephen Ministry?*

The answer to a second question, *What does bearing one another's burdens look like?*, describes how a trained Stephen Minister relates to a care receiver:

We are present with our care receivers without distractions

We listen without judgment

We walk alongside our care receivers providing support and comfort

We pray for our care receivers, inviting God into the midst of all our conversations

We have compassion for our care receivers and their challenges

Did you know that Stephen Ministers have been fulfilling this Scripture from Galatians 6:2 since March of 2000 when our Stephen Ministry Program began at Templeton Presbyterian Church?

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one relationship that is confidential, non-judgmental, and lasts as long as the care receiver determines they want to talk with a Stephen Minister. If you have anything you want to discuss and do not want to burden family members or friends, reach out to a Stephen Minister.

To initiate Stephen Ministry care for yourself or someone you know, contact Lois Ecklund at (408)718-8613 (cell) or (805)461-1470 (home).



VOYAGERS



On **Monday, February 17th** Voyagers will prepare and serve dinner at the El Camino Homeless Shelter in Atascadero. Thank you to all who have volunteered. Jane will be contacting you with details.



Save the date of **Thursday, March 19th** for our next get together.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Have you seen this basket in the Narthex?



It's for food donations for Atascadero Loaves & Fishes (ALF), our local Food Bank.



Please leave non-perishable food such as **canned goods, pasta, rice, beans and cereal**. ALF has specifically asked for the following items to be donated, as well:

Diapers	Infant formula	Baby food
Shampoo	Conditioner	Deodorant
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste	Feminine hygiene products

IMPORTANT: DO NOT leave expired or soon-to-be-expired food and hygiene items.

Many thanks from Atascadero Loaves & Fishes!

MOMS IN PRAYER

Come Pray with Us! Every other Friday morning
(February 7 and 21 this month) **from 8:30-9:30am**
in the TPC Library.

For more info, contact Maria Roberts
at mariariseup@gmail.com.



Sunday morning
USHERS and
PRAYER CHAPEL
ATENDANTS
Needed

Please contact Margaret
Ybarra to help (286-7954).



If you would like to join TPC's MEAL TRAIN TEAM to help members of our church family who are in need of temporary assistance with meals due to illness, loss of family, etc., please contact Robin Scott (441-3601).



FELLOWSHIP / SAVE THE DATE



Fellowship

A new year has begun and I, for one, am enjoying the very brisk weather and the rain. Hope everyone else is as well. Of course winter weather means that you would like some hot coffee after worship service and your Fellowship Committee will certainly provide that – however our little sign up board still has lots of empty spaces on it. Please check to see if you have an available Sunday to provide a bit of a snack to share for everyone to enjoy with that coffee.

I do thank each and every one of you who shares munchies with us. There is no need to be fancy. Everyone likes doughnuts, cookies, cake, veggies, chips, crackers and cheese, the list goes on. Team up with one or two friends to make it even easier.

So, welcome to a new year of fun and fellowship. May every day be especially good this year.

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SAVE THE DATES...



ADULT MINISTRY



***LECTIO DIVINA* February 2nd & 9th**

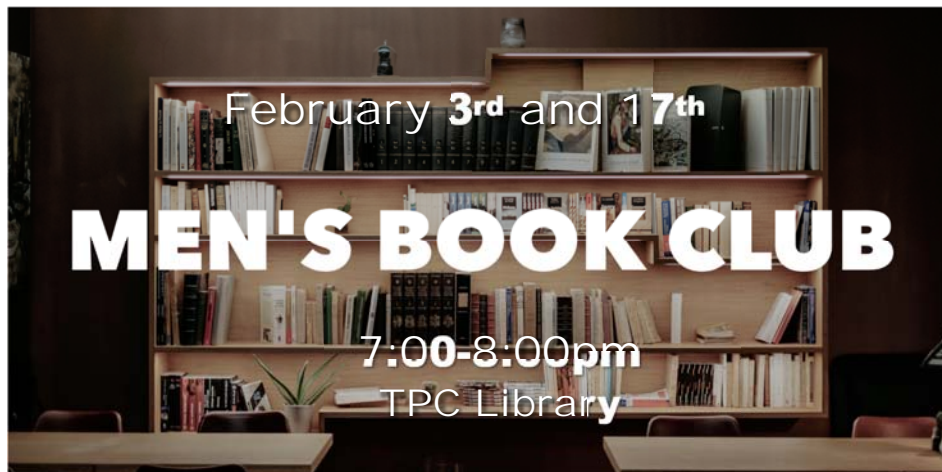
For the first two Sundays of February the Adult Sunday School Class will explore *Lectio Divina*—Divine Reading of Scripture. This is a form of prayer in which we interact with Scripture, to listen for God's word for us and then respond. The purpose of *Lectio Divina* is to encounter God at the present moment, in and through Scripture. We sit with God's Word, just as we are in the present moment; we listen for God's message to us; we respond to God with our prayer.

The focus is on personally encountering God at the present moment, therefore, no two persons will have the same experience with identical verses of Scripture, nor will one person have the same experience when returning to the same verses of Scripture at another time.

Come explore this powerful way of being with God in a group setting!

Contact Susan Hayward (917-613-9903) to learn more.

Beginning **February 16** and continuing till Easter: "**The New Testament in Its World**", a video lecture and discussion series with Steve Pointer. An introduction to the history, literature, and theology of the first Christians.



For the Glory; The Untold and Inspiring Story of Eric Liddell [hero of Chariots of Fire], a biography by Duncan Hamilton. Contact Steve Pointer if interested (224-715-0429)

YOUTH MINISTRY



January 2020 was an amazing month within our ministry! We had the opportunity to bring 50 High School students and 6 Leaders to Winter Camp at Hume Lake this year! For many of our students, Hume was a place where they were able to experience dynamic spiritual growth. Many students who were already Christ followers recommitted to surrendering their lives wholeheartedly to Christ while others who have yet to surrender took major steps forward in learning more about who God is and what how trusting in Christ could change their life! Additionally, while at Hume Lake one of our students made a first-time decision to follow Christ! What an amazing blessing to be a part of her testimony! Lastly, we have several students who have made decisions to be baptized this spring during Youth Sunday Service! God's grace and mercy was on full display throughout our weekend of camp and we cannot wait to see what is in store for our Middle School group!

UPCOMING:

FEBRUARY 7-10

In one week we are bringing a group of 30 Middle Schoolers and Youth Leaders to our Middle School Winter Camp at Hume Lake! Please pray for soft hearts as our group of Middle School group contains students who have come to trust the Lord and others who have not! What an amazing opportunity to minister to our group and see them grow in their faith!

New Series: ORIGIN STORY

On February 24th we will start an 8-week Apologetics series focusing on creation, entitled *Origin Story*. Our students both at Templeton Middle School and Templeton High School are in the midst of curriculum which is teaching creation through theories such as The Big Bang and Human Evolution. With this series we hope to empower our students with the Creation account of Genesis 1 and help them build a defense for their faith! *1 Peter 3:15* Please pray for Dave and other leaders as they prepare this series for our students this spring!

A "Good" Problem: *Our ministry is experiencing rapid growth; we could use your help! We are looking for youth leaders for our weekly programming AND Middle School Sunday School teachers. Would you think about serving? Let Dave know if you are interested in joining the team!*

In Christ,

David Johnson (508) 424-8408 students@fpctempleton.org

JANUARY SERIES:



Student Ministry Schedule

Mondays 7-8:45PM
High School Ministry

Tuesdays 7-8:30PM
Middle School Ministry

Feb. 7-10
Middle School Winter Camp

February 10th & 11th
No Youth Group this week.

March 1st
Youth Sunday & Baptisms

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:25 AM TPC Kids 11:10 AM Coffee Fellowship 1:00 PM House of Restoration service	27 6:30 PM Men's & Women's Bible Study in Chapel 7:00 PM High School Youth Group	28 9:00 AM Prayer Group 11:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM House of Restoration - practice 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry 7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group	29 2:00 PM Youth for Christ 6:00 PM A.A. 6:30 PM House of Restoration service	30 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Handbell Choir	31 Church Office Closed	1
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16 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:25 AM TPC Kids 11:10 AM Coffee Fellowship 1:00 PM House of Restoration service	17 Church Office closed - President's Day 4:00 PM E.C.H.O. Dinner 6:30 PM Men's & Women's Bible Study in Chapel 7:00 PM High School Youth Group 7:00 PM Men's Book Club	18 9:00 AM Prayer Group 11:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group 6:00 PM House of Restoration - practice 6:00 PM SESSION meeting 7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group	19 2:00 PM Youth for Christ 6:00 PM A.A. 6:30 PM DEACON Meeting / Library 6:30 PM House of Restoration service	20 4:45 PM Worship & Music Committee meeting 6:00 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM Handbell Choir	21 Church Office Closed 8:30 AM Moms in Prayer	22
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