

TEMPLETONES

*Templeton Presbyterian Church
monthly newsletter*

March 2020

**YOUTH
SUNDAY**
MARCH 1st
10:00am

Worship and Baptism service

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

TPC Academic Scholarship Application
is now online! See page 8

Saturday, MARCH 14

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

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Join us for a

VOYAGERS Luncheon

MARCH 19

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

TPKIDS



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Jumping in to 2 Kings

Here's what happens...

In 2 Kings 2:1-18, God takes Elijah up to heaven in a chariot of fire drawn by horses of fire. The chariot is caught up in a whirlwind, carrying Elijah to heaven. Elisha looks on, upset that Elijah is gone but ready to carry on his legacy. The mystery!

Bible Point: God can be mysterious, so we have faith.

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME

Walk through your home together and wonder about how things work. How does a lightbulb make light? How does an oven make heat?

Brainstorm possible explanations.

Which things you wondered about are a bit of a mystery?

Talk about the idea that we believe and trust in things working even when we don't understand how they work.

We can believe and trust in God when we don't fully understand him because we see him at work.

What's one question about God you'd love to know the answer to?



Fun times in the nursery!

In 2 Kings 6:8-23, God has been showing the prophet Elisha secret battle plans from the enemy country of Aram. The king of Aram is mad and sends a great army to surround Elisha and his servant. But Elisha can see another army all around them--God's army.

Bible Point: God is our provider, so we look for him around us.

THROUGH THE WEEK

Whenever you eat dinner this week, discuss the place that food represents. (Spaghetti represents Italy; Chinese food represents China; Idaho potatoes represent Idaho.)

Talk about the fact that when we say God is everywhere, we don't just mean God is around us. God is present in Italy, China and Idaho!

If you know any international stories of God at work, share them.

Pray for the people in the countries whose food you're eating.

Tell about a place it's hardest for you to see God.

TPC KIDS Mission Statement:

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



MEMORY VERSE

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?"

(Isaiah 43:19)

PASTOR'S PAGE

My last words in the February edition of this page was alerting you to the fact I would be in Dallas, Texas, attending the ECO National Gathering. I'd like to use my first words here in March to share a bit about my time there. In short, it was wonderful. I could fill up several pages detailing the value of that experience, both personally and pastorally (which I won't), but I do want to highlight a few things that I feel you ought to know.

The first is after 6 years in ECO, I am more convinced than ever that we made the right decision to leave the PCUSA. There was, of course, a risk in hitching our wagon to a fledgling denomination that had yet to "prove" itself. The questions yet to be answered were many – *Would there even be enough churches to remain viable? Would it be able to attract and recruit competent, God-honoring denominational staff that would provide competent, vision-driven, Christ-exalting leadership? Would there be the broad denomination support system that is so valuable for local congregations? Would we, as a congregation, thrive under a new umbrella? Would there be a large-enough pool of pastoral candidates available when I retire for the church to have the best chance to get the best available next pastor?* After 6 years I can say with almost 100% certainty that the answer to every question is "Yes." ***

ECO now has 406 churches, 22 presbyteries, a visionary leadership staff, and a financial reserve that is equal to 50% of the annual budget. The vision was not to be just an alternative denomination to the PCUSA, but a *movement* of the Holy Spirit whose goal is to building flourishing churches that grow committed disciples of Jesus Christ. To do that, they have been committed to developing and providing resources and support systems to encourage, equip, and strengthen the local congregation, as well as build a culture of planting new churches. We are in good hands.

For me personally, the worship was rich and uplifting, the main speakers powerfully spoke into places of my own circumstances, the breakout sessions gave me helpful information and insight into areas of life and ministry significant for me as a pastor and for us as a church. Through Ruth Haley Barton in particular, I was convicted and challenged to be much more attentive to the presence and voice of God through silence and solitude. That is hard for me, because as a "2" on the Enneagram (that's a whole other topic!) I love to be busy helping and doing things. I'm an extrovert and a people-person, so taking the time and effort to just be quiet and listen is like trying to learn a new language. But that is the language of faith I believe God wants me to learn...even at this point in my life. I will keep you posted!

I was especially invigorated by ECO's church planting vision and our global partnerships, especially with those churches in the middle east where their faithful witness, in the face of suspicion and opposition, has been remarkable. In both of these areas of mission, I came away convicted that this is something that we, as a congregation, can support. As an ECO church, I would love to see us embrace the vision of planting new churches by supporting those who are doing it. Planting a new church a risk-taking, faith-stretching, vision-challenging, call-testing, perseverance-maintaining endeavor. ECO's goal is to see 1,000 planted, revitalized, and flourishing churches and micro-expressions of the church by 2030. ECO has a grant-funding program to help church planters in starting new churches. Your Mission Committee, along with Session, has committed this year's Easter Offering to go toward this vision of planting new churches. During Lent we will hear from ECO leadership and church planters about what God is doing in this area. The offering will kick off on March 8 and culminate on Easter Sunday, April 12.

Faithfully Yours,



*** Our successful transition out of the PCUSA (Presbyterian Church in the USA) and smooth landing in ECO (Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) was due to two primary factors: 1) The culture within our church community that valued love, mutual respect, and unity in the body of Christ; 2) The tremendous leadership on the part of the Session, and most especially the Session Dismissal Task Force comprised of Scott Scott, John Doughty, Debby Price, Marc Ristow, and Anne Spohnhauer. They rightfully deserve the title, *The Fab Five*, and our gratitude for paving the way into the season of fellowship, ministry, and mission we are in today.

MARCH/APRIL HAPPENINGS

Saturday, MARCH 14

MEN'S BREAKFAST

8:00am Butler Hall
Speaker: Trago Wallace
"The Good Father, Adoption, and Grieving the Holy Spirit"
Join us for biscuits and gravy and all the fixn's!

April 4

Women's BRUNCH

9:30 am Leslie's house
Childcare will be provided

VOYAGERS



Thursday, March 19th
12:00 Lunch – Butler Hall



Pasta, Pizza, Salad & Dessert

Dan and Karen Jones will be sharing about a wonderful program their daughter, Meghan, is part of called **"North County Adaptive Sports & Recreation for Athletes with Disabilities"**. The organization goes on trips to the Melodrama and Cal Poly sporting events and participates in the Colony Days Parade, dances, and other social events.

Please **RSVP by March 15th** to Jane @ 805/462-2016 or cell 559/967-4584 and let her know what you plan to bring.

PLAN TO JOIN US THIS EASTER SEASON...

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 9
6:00PM

A QUIET TIME OF REFLECTION

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GOOD FRIDAY

THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

APRIL 10
DETAILS TO COME

Celebrate with us on

Easter

SUNDAY
April 12
8:00am and 10:00am services

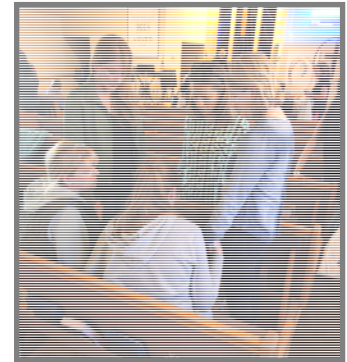
IF REFLECTIONS / FELLOWSHIP

LOOKING BACK ON IF:GATHERING 2020

It was such a joy to once again gather as women of our church and community for our local livestream of the IF:Gathering on February 7th & 8th. We dug into Romans 8, focusing on Jesus as our only hope. Women were wrapped up in His love and encouraged as part of His body. Through worship, bible teaching, and fellowship, the IF:Gathering reaches women in whatever circumstances or heartaches they might find themselves, and points their lives and focus back towards Jesus. We've heard from a woman who chose to believe in Jesus for the first time sitting in our pews, as well as a woman who has returned to the church after years of walking through life alone. Our Thursday morning bible study has begun again and is a safe and inviting place for women to come and continue these conversations.

Thank you to those of you who donated and prayed for this event. It was truly a team effort by so many people of this church. If you weren't able to join us but would like to watch some of the teachings, they will be available on Right Now Media before the end of the month. We hope you plan on joining us again next year for IF:Templeton 2021.

Gratefully,
Leslie, Brendy, Camille



Fellowship

Who'd a thought that the year would be moving along so quickly!!! Can't believe that it is already March and I'm trying to figure out what to wear for Easter Sunday in April. Forgive me; I digress from my usual topic – SNACKS after worship service!! The sign up board has lots of empty spaces which mean there are lots of opportunities for you to share some goodies with your fellow worshippers. Coffee, conversation and a tidbit provide a special time for us to be together. That's the best part - getting to know each other just a little better every Sunday. When we share all of the pleasures and rewards of a Sunday morning, those experiences bring us closer together.

Remember, "sharing is caring" and that is something that we are asked to do by the one who saved us all. Jump into the mix by choosing a Sunday morning that suits your fancy. Co-op with a friend and have fun gathering different types goodies together. No ideas? Give me a call and we can work something out together.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

STEPHEN MINISTRY ^{by the} NUMBERS

Templeton Presbyterian Church

42
individuals

42 individuals completed 50 hours of intense training to be commissioned as Stephen Ministers at Templeton Presbyterian Church, between 1999 and 2019.

131 individuals have received care from a Stephen Minister between 1999 and 2019.

131
individuals

20
years

Templeton Presbyterian Church has been a Stephen Ministry congregation for 20 YEARS!



10 Stephen Ministry classes of 50 hours each were held between 1999 and 2019.

10
training
classes

14
individuals

14 individuals completed one week of intense training to be commissioned as Stephen Leaders at Templeton Presbyterian Church, between 1999 and 2019.

More than 10,000 hours of care were provided by Stephen Ministers between 1999 and 2019.

Over
10,000
hours

To learn more, contact Lois Ecklund at (408)718-8613 (cell) or (805)461-1470 (home)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



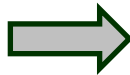
PRAYER SHAWL NEEDS YOU!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at Templeton Pres continues to be one of the most moving and inspiring groups at work in our church community. Over 350 shawls have been delivered since the group of nine women started in September of 2008. Their shawls have been shared with those who need healing, comfort for the loss of a loved one, someone under stress, and even someone who is a caregiver in a stressful situation. God chooses who receives each shawl. As the knitters begin a new creation, they have no idea where it will go!

This hardworking team is in need of additional hands and fingers. They are happy to teach newcomers who are willing to learn. **The group meets at 1:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month in the TPC Library.** If you would like to be a part of this caring ministry or would like to request a Prayer Shawl for yourself or someone you know, please contact Lois Ecklund at 805/461-1470 or lecklund514@sbcglobal.net.



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!

SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL UPDATE

Templeton Presbyterian Church Academic Scholarships



APRIL 26, 2020 is the deadline for receipt of application submissions by the church office.

The TPC Academic Scholarship/s will be awarded based upon student commitment to the TPC Mission Statement; merit and/or financial need will also be considered. Applicants must be TPC covenant partners, children of covenant partners, students active in TPC's youth group, or students active in TPC's ministries. The number and amount of awards are variable. Renewal applications will be considered. Scholarship checks will be distributed upon proof of college/university registration.

Application process:

Complete the TPC Academic Scholarship Application available online at **templetonpres.org** (Ministries: TPC Youth). Download this file to one's computer, complete the application, save, and email it to the church: **admin@fpctempleton.org, Attention: TPC Academic Scholarship Committee.**

To the application, attach the following:

- Essay (1 typewritten page): demonstrate how you have lived, and will live, a life consistent with the TPC Mission Statement.
- Letters of recommendation: two letters of recommendation (one that addresses academic accomplishments and one that addresses character)
- Transcript: an unofficial copy of your transcript
- Copy—if available—of your FAFSA confirmation page indicating your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

TPC MISSION STATEMENT: *Introduce people to Jesus, Include them in His church, Imitate His life, Ignite service in His name, Inspire glory for God.*

Financial Update

As we review our financials half way through our fiscal year we wanted to share the good news with the congregation. Through your generous contributions and support of our many programs here at Templeton Presbyterian, we are pleased to report that as of the end of December we are above our projected income budget. In addition to salaries for our wonderful staff and upkeep and maintenance of the buildings and property, these are just some of the programs that you support:

- *Vacation Bible School
- *Camp scholarships
- *Academic scholarships
- *Children's & Youth Sunday School
- *Nursery care
- *13 individual domestic and overseas Missions
- *Middle and High School youth programs
- *Living Nativity

While we are a small congregation, it is incredible what God has done and continues to do through TPC. You make all of this possible, thank you!

The Finance Committee

CLASSES/MEAL MINISTRY/MOMS

SCHEDULE OF ADULT CLASSES



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45am TPC Library

Video lecture and discussion series:

"The New Testament in Its World". An introduction to the history, literature, and theology of the first Christians. Led by Steve Pointer.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB 7:00-8:00pm TPC Library (March 2nd and 16th)

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)

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 6:30-8:00pm TPC Chapel

John: The Word Was God. Led by Doc McDonald and Rich & Beverly Crawford.

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY 11:00am TPC Library

"How to Be a Covenant Community of Believers" *Romans 12:9-21.* Led by Debby Price.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP 9:30am Butler Hall

The Book of Philippians with Jo Saxton. Led by Brendy Alsop

MEAL MINISTRY READY TO SERVE

The TPC Board of Deacons has started a Meal Ministry under the coordination of Robin Scott. Whether you or your family member have a short term or longer term need, let your deacon know. The deacon will contact Robin who will activate the service by alerting church members who have agreed to provide meals. Your food preferences, any food allergies, the number of meals per week, and the delivery time will be collected for the volunteers bringing you meals. And, since there are 10 volunteers at this time, please let Robin know at 805-441-3601 if you can join the group that will be available to provide meals. -Frank Bush, Deacon Moderator



MOMS IN PRAYER

March 6th and 20th

8:30-9:30am TPC Library

Praying for our students, schools, and community.

YOUTH MINISTRY

What an amazing winter we've had, witnessing God move mightily in the hearts and minds of our students. 50 High School Students went up to Hume on Jan 17-20 followed by 25 Middle School Students on Feb 7-10th. We were thankful that there was snow on the ground for both trips and that the roads were clear and there were no snags in our travels. We had several students make commitments to deepen their walk with Christ and **16 students** have chosen to be baptized! In addition to this, the Holy Spirit moved in the heart of two of our students to surrender their lives to Christ for the very first time. I am looking forward to sharing more with the congregation on March 1st during our Youth Sunday Service.

Hume Lake Middle School Winter Camp 2020



SATURDAY MARCH 14TH

SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN

Middle school & High school

Cost: \$60 bring money for lunch/dinner

Time: 7AM-MIDNIGHT

Meet at TPC @ 7AM and be picked up @ Midnight.

Bring a check or cash and sign-up in the youth room!

To register for our 2020 Six Flags Trip on March 14th, go to www.templetonpres.org/ministries/tpc-youth/ and click register!

Dave Johnson
Director of Student Ministries

MARCH CALENDAR

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Worship Service 10:25 AM TPC Kids 10:45 AM Communion 11:10 AM Coffee Fellowship 1:00 PM House of Restoration service	2 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	3 9:00 AM Prayer Group 11:00 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM House of Restoration - practice 7:00 PM Middle School Youth Group	4 2:00 PM Youth for Christ 6:00 PM A.A. 6:30 PM House of Restoration service	5 9:30 AM Women's Study Group 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Worship Band Practice 7:30 PM Handbell Choir	6 Church Office Closed 8:30 AM Moms in Prayer	7
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We hope to see you this Easter season...

