

TEMPLETONES

TPC monthly newsletter—MARCH 2022

Hello TPC Family!

Spring is in the air!! Well, I have learned that in California that can change quickly! This time of year is a wonderful time to reflect on the new life God brings to us in nature and otherwise. We understand true life comes from Jesus Christ our Lord. This March we begin the season of Lent. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ we experience and celebrate on Easter. We begin Lent with a liturgy of Ash Wednesday that reminds us “we are dust, and to dust we shall return.” This reminder speaks to our frailty and brokenness as sinners. It speaks of our coming physical death and the mourning and grief we all experience. This symbol of ash also serves as an important marker of things to come. Through the death of Jesus, we receive atonement for our sins. Through our death in Him we find the assurance of forgiveness and the hope of resurrection. I pray blessings upon you during this season of Spring and Lent, and I look forward to being the church with you!

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Roger

Soli Deo gloria



GUYS, come get fueled up with good grub, then stick around for a TPC workday, ending around noon. If needed, a second workday is planned for March 26 from 8-12.



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Templeton Presbyterian Church Academic Scholarships



Session and covenant partners in our congregation have helped create a supportive ministry for graduating high school, community college and graduate students – **TPC Academic Scholarships** – to encourage and support students attending four-year accredited colleges/universities or graduate schools, whose life accomplishments have demonstrated their commitment to Jesus Christ as reflected in the stated mission of our church (below).

If you would like to add to the TPC Academic Scholarship Fund, please designate “Academic Scholarship” on the memo line of your check. It will be very gratefully received!

Presbyterians have a history of placing a high value on higher education, and have been instrumental through the ages in establishing colleges, universities and seminaries. As the hostility to church and faith in general continues to grow in academia, and the culture at large, it becomes even more imperative for the church to lift up a generation of students who can give an intelligent, vibrant witness for Christ during their years of higher education study.

We have 3-5 graduating high school and community college students this year who may be eligible for a TPC Academic Scholarship! We want to tangibly show our students our support – let them know we have their back as they embark on this new, sometimes daunting, college adventure. We also want to underscore our support for their families, some of whom are not eligible for significant government programs to help offset the increasingly high cost of a college education.

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 found at templetonpres.org/ministries/tpc-youth. Download the file, complete the application, save, and email it to: admin@templetonpres.org Attention: TPC Academic Scholarship Committee.
To application, attach the following:
 - ◇ Essay (1 typewritten page): demonstrate how you have lived, and will live, a life consistent with the TPC Mission Statement.
 - ◇ 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)
- **April 24, 2022** is the deadline for receipt of application submissions by the church office.

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS HELP!

Templeton Presbyterian Church is blessed with so many wonderful choices of ministry. We can choose to go to several of Bible Studies, help with youth groups or Sunday School, prepare and serve food for homeless with ECHO. Our church calendar is filled with opportunities to serve.

One small, quiet ministry that takes place monthly is our Prayer Shawl Ministry, led by Lois Ecklund. At 1:00pm, the church library is busy every second Wednesday of the month. But oh so much happens in that space, in that short time.

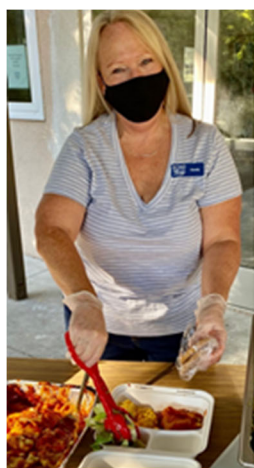
In the ten years of meeting together, over 350 prayer shawls have been crocheted or knitted! Each of those shawls has

been prayed over as they are created, each one is blessed by group prayer, then distributed where God has called them to be given. Over the years, they have blessed our church family, friends in local communities, as well as sent across the United States and even a few sent overseas. If someone knows someone who could use the warmth of the shawl, the feeling of prayer and comfort over their shoulders or on their lap, the shawl is theirs.

But we need more help! Our numbers of helping hands have dropped and sadly, requests are not able to be filled in a timely manner. Do you have a couple of hours so you could lend us some help? Our needles and yarn are provided; if you need to learn, we have helpers to do that. And I promise you, the company is charming!

The mission is heartwarming, the stories we receive from those gifted by shawls are full of God's grace & love. If you can help, please call Lois Ecklund, 805-461-1470. God is waiting for you there!

***Women's Bible Study* Thursdays, 1:00-2:30pm TPC Parking Lot (No mtg 3/3)**



EASTER OFFERING to Benefit ECHO

Our Easter Offering this year will be for the El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO). We have been involved with ECHO since its beginning, supporting them in their Mission to *"Empower people in SLO County to make positive change by providing food, shelter, and supportive services"*. Look for more information during the Lenten season to come.

Children's Ministry

WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS
March 9 & March 23
3:30—4:30 pm
Templeton Park

Please come enjoy a fun-filled hour of devotion and games! We would love to see you!

Children's Offering

During the month of March, Children's Ministry will be supporting the Mission Committee and collecting an offering for ECHO Homeless Shelter.

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" -Acts 20:35



YOUTH GROUP

Middle School
Tues: 7:00-8:30pm

High School
Wed: 7:00-8:45pm



Play Ball!

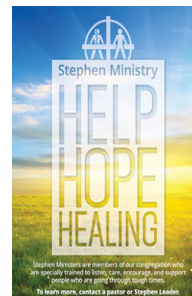
Men's Ministry has 20 tickets to the Giants/Dodgers game on August 4th @12:45pm. Please see Greg Honegger for ticket info (661/301-1995).



STEPHEN MINISTRY: Confidential Christian-based Care

Stephen Ministers provide quality care to individuals from our church and local community who are dealing with a difficult situation. Trained Stephen Ministers walk alongside, listen to and pray for their care receiver. Now more than ever, we are ready and eager to serve others in this most challenging time we are all experiencing.

Contact Lois Ecklund at (408)718-8613 (cell) or (805)461-1470 (home) to find a Stephen Minister for yourself, a family member, or a friend.



For the month of March, ECHO is requesting:

Travel-size shampoo, soap, deodorant, and sunscreen, as well as feminine hygiene items.

Donations can be placed in the basket in Butler Hall on Sundays or Mon-Thur 9-3.



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