

TPC monthly newsletter—APRIL 2022

#### Hello TPC Family!

As we approach Easter and the anticipation of resurrection, I am mindful of some words that Jesus gave us in the Gospel of John: "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise



him up on the last day." -John 6:40. The will of God our Father is that we would look upon Jesus His only Son and receive Him as the Lord of our lives. Doing so gives us the greatest gift of all, eternal life, and the hope of the resurrection. The apostle Paul said in his letter to the Thessalonians: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." -I Thessalonians 4:13-14. So, resurrection is a great work of God and a hope for those in Christ. I know we all understand just how short, precious, and fragile life is. At best we are like Scripture says, "grass and flowers." But God's desire for us is that we would be more. God's desire for us is that we would be eternal with Him. The way this happens is through Jesus. The kingdom of God has come with Jesus. His death and resurrection have begun the new way of things. We are still in a time of waiting for His return. But we wait with a sign and a promise. The tomb is empty, and Christ is coming soon!

I pray blessings upon you during this season of Easter, and I look forward to being the church with you!

Blessings and Peace!

Pastor Roger Soli Deo gloria



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6:00PM Soup & Bread Dinner Butler Hall Service to follow Sanctuary

Sunday Service moves to the Sanctuary starting APRIL 3

> Service will still be shown online at templetonpres.org





# **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: <u>admin@fpctempleton.org</u> 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)
- C April 24, 2022 is the deadline for receipt of application submissions by the church office.

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



\*Women's Bible Study\* Thursdays 1:00-2:30pm TPC Parking Lot



# 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*". Donations can be made by check to TPC (please indicate "Easter" on memo line) or online at: templetonpres.org/giving (Easter Offering).

When you support ECHO, you support:

- A unique residency program, providing case management services to assist residents in securing a job and finding permanent and sustainable housing
- Nutrition Program in partnership with SLO County Public Health, Twin Cities Hospital, and GleanSLO
- Shower Program hot showers for the community 3 nights a week
- Meal program they serve up to 150 meals per day
- Children's Programs tutoring, art and music along with Medical & Dental



**Men's Ministries** is sponsoring the ECHO BBQ on Monday April 18<sup>th</sup>. We have some guys signed up for providing BBQ skills and food but more are needed. Please contact Tim Price, Marc Ristow, Alan Bond or Greg Honegger if you would like more information.

# Stephen Ministry Training Concludes in April

Four Stephen Ministry trainees will be finishing their 50 hours of instruction and practice by the end of April. The training is being provided by Templeton Presbyterian Church Stephen Leaders Lois Ecklund, Susan Hayward, and Frank Bush, with Pastor Roger, Carol Bower, and Renee Bush teaching topics, too. On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, new Stephen Ministers Joanne Breffle, Betty Dawson, Maria Roberts, and Cal Struble will be commissioned during the worship

service. Please pray for them as they finish their training and begin their service as Stephen Ministers providing Christian care and support in our North County area.

Contact Lois Ecklund to find out if a Stephen Minister can help you or a loved one through a difficult time. Her phone # is 1-408-718-8613 (cell) or 1-805-461-1470 (home).



## TEMPLETONES -





### YOUTH GROUP

Middle School Tues: 7:00-8:30pm High School Wed: 7:00-8:45pm



# join us for IF:TEMPLETON

WOMEN'S STREAMED CONFERENCE EVENT

We'll gather together, worship, listen to the best of the conference, and have time of fellowship and connection. Cost is still \$25. Register at **templetonpres.org**.



Happy Easter! Join us on Sunday, April 17th for an Easter Egg Hunt, a game, and a Bible story!

We are still collecting for our ECHO offering. The Children's Ministry currently has \$35.77 in our offering jar for ECHO. Good job, kids!

**HELP!!! Do you love kids?** We are looking for volunteers to work in the nursery one Sunday a month. If you are interested, please see Diane or email Diane at <u>children@fpctempleton.org</u>.

Mark you calendars! Mount Hermon Family Camp is August 7-10, 2022 (Sunday through Wednesday). Please put your family on the list by April 24. Come grow closer to God while enjoying the beautiful scenery, archery, and ziplining! The memories will last a lifetime!





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Donations can be left in ECHO basket in Butler Hall.

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