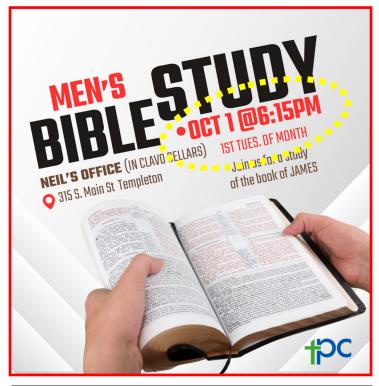


TPC monthly newsletter—OCTOBER 2024





# SHOEBOXES are coming OCTOBER 20 Stay tuned!

It's hard to believe we're already talking about packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child—but we are! Empty boxes and instructions will be available in Butler Hall starting October 20. More info coming soon!

To pack a box online: samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/ buildonline/



TPC is once again joining Templeton's "*Trick-or-Treat on Main Street*" event! We will be hosting games, giving away candy, and spreading spooky good cheer all around. Check in with Shelly to see how you can help: *children@fpctempleton.org* 



Our TPC family contributed over <sup>\$</sup>4,000 during the August quarterly DEACONS OFFERING!

### Dear Congregation,

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in all of our prayers . . ." (I Thess. 1:2) We are so grateful for your generosity in responding to our Deacon Offerings four times a year. Our August offering raised over \$4000, our highest total given in a quarterly offering to help us meet the needs of people in our congregation and community!

We are gearing up right now for the Thanksgiving Basket outreach in November and we plan to use your contributions to fund those baskets. We have another Deacon Offering in November but it will not be credited to our account until after the new year, so our current funds will be used to buy all the food provided to our Thanksgiving Basket families—some with as many as 10 people. As you've noticed, the cost of groceries has increased greatly, so we would not be able to give away full baskets (2-3 grocery bags) without your gifts.

In addition to funding Thanksgiving Baskets, we continue to give vouchers for gas and food from Templeton Market, which runs about \$500 a month.

Thank you for your faithful support!

"... remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Thessalonians 1:3)

Linda Hansen, Deacon Moderator

# VOYAGERS Wed., OCTOBER 23 11:00AM Butler Hall <sup>\$</sup>10/person

Join us for a yummy lunch, fun friends, and guest speaker, Cindy Decker from Caring Canines Therapy Dogs.

Lunch Menu: pizza, salad, fruit, dessert

# **RSVP by OCT 15** to Jane:559/967-4584 or Richann: 805/712-3564

### **Caring Canines:**

The purpose of the SLODOG Caring Canines program is to bring trained therapy dog teams directly to individuals residing in local care facilities, participate with Reading 2 Rover programs, and College Outreach programs in San Luis Obispo County.

http://slodog.com/caringcanines



## Stephen Ministry at TPC is Thriving!

We now have 4 trained Stephen Leaders! This past summer, Yvonne Hoffman, one of our trained Stephen Ministers, attended an intense Stephen Leader Zoom training with Stephenministry.org. After completing her coursework, Yvonne was commissioned during a worship service on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Yvonne!

Stephen Leader responsibilities:

- Frank Bush Team Leader
- Lois Ecklund Referral Coordinator
- Susan Hayward Supervision/Training Coordinator
- Yvonne Hoffman Communications Coordinator



Mary Blanks, Kiley Bower, and Laura Fletcher have begun the 50 hours of training to become Stephen Ministers at TPC. They will meet every Tuesday and some Saturdays between September 10<sup>th</sup> – December 10<sup>th</sup>. When you see them around the church, offer encouragement and thank them for their commitment to this important ministry. **Thank you Mary, Laura, and Kiley for your commitment!** 

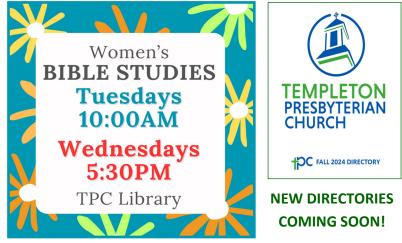
## For information about Stephen Ministry, contact:

Lois Ecklund (408-718-8613) Frank Bush (805-466-6012) Susan Hayward (917-613-9903) Yvonne Hoffman (925-586-1151)

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in last month's congregational surveys. Your input is greatly valued and appreciated!

We are looking forward to a visit from the Church Doctor Ministries team later this month. They will be joining us for a Sunday service as well as meeting with staff and church leadership.

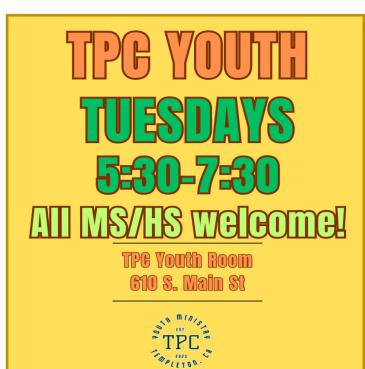






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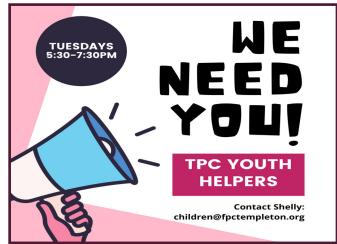
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Addie and Clemmie ready to ring the bell and get things started on Sunday morning!









What's happening @TPC? Scan the code to find out!



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