

Tigard Church of God Tidings

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APRIL EVENTS START APRIL 5

April 5 will be a busy day at TCOG. At 8:30 am to 12:30 pm there will be a **Work Day**. The outside grounds need to be cleaned before mulching can be done on the property.

If you are on the **Ministries Council**, you have a meeting from 11 am to 12:30 pm when groups will schedule summer activities. The various events and activities will be discussed and maybe new ones will be added.

Last, but not least, there are **500 plastic eggs** that need to be stuffed with candy and treats for the children's Easter egg hunt. If you have questions contact Heather Foote, the new leader of the Children's JAM Programs.

Sunday, April 6 will feature the annual **PMPBA boat** display. The various creations will be set up in the Fellowship Hall to be viewed during Connection Point and following the Morning Worship service.

FOLLOW THE SON ~ April 12 (Ladies Tea)

Ladies – you don't want to miss this great 11 am to 2 pm yearly event. Sign-up at the Information Center or see Bonny, Kimberly or Shirley for a ticket. John 8:12 is this year's theme. Fred and Denise Douglas are the special guest speakers.

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 13. Worship with your church family is at 10 am.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday will be observed on April 17. At 7 pm there will be scripture, communion and foot washing.

EASTER DAY EVENTS

EASTER BREAKFAST

A great way to start celebrating the Resurrection of our Risen Savior will be Breakfast at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The tasty food will be casseroles, muffins and cut-up fruit provided by those who sign-up at the Information Center.

MORNING WORSHIP

The service begins at 10 am and the choir will sing a special song after the children hunt Easter eggs at 10:30 am. Pastor Milt will preach at 10:45 am and four people will be baptized.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR PASTOR MILT and SHIRLEY

A week after Easter, on Sunday April 27, the TCOG congregation will say Good Bye, Best Wishes and God Speed to Pastor Milt and Shirley. Culver

They are retiring from the active ministry and moving to Spokane, WA. Please remember them in prayer as all the tasks of moving are happening this month. A Farewell Reception will be held after the Morning Worship service.

Family and friends celebrate the life of Pamela Dorsey-Muller

PAMELA RAE DORSEY-MULLER

Family and friends gathered at Tigard Church of God on Saturday, Feb. 22, for a Celebration of Life for Pam Muller. She was born on Aug. 8, 1952 and went home to Heaven on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025. Before the service started Jane Whitehead played a beautiful piano prelude. Pastor Milt Culver welcomed everyone and prayed. Several family members shared their thoughts about Pam. Her husband Robert (Bob) was the first to speak.

Bob said that she was born in the local area and they attended Tigard High School. He saw her in the hallways where "she was a butterfly and I was a fly on the wall." They graduated in 1970. Pam's biological father, Clayton Dorsey, died in 1969 before Pam finished high school.

He said "my wife was a character and could and would light up a room." She worked at the Chalet Pancake House for 31 years. One day Bob ate there and she remembered him from high school. They talked and "reconnected" but went their separate ways. "She was a ballerina when she was serving people," he added.

Pam left the pancake house to work at the Good Neighbor Center. She started out cooking in the kitchen, then sorting donations and ended up as the shelter's donation manager. "I didn't see her for 31 years," he said.

In 2003 Bob was working for Pacific Office Automation and a service call came in from the Good Neighbor Center. The only person available to check out the copier was Bob. He didn't see Pam until she came into the office and said, "I know who you are. You're Bob Muller." They exchanged some chitchat and at one point Bob said, "I'm a Christian." Pam replied, "I'm a Christian too." Bob fixed the copier and they ended with "let's get together for coffee sometime."

Bob felt a connection with Pam and asked her if she would like to go out to dinner. Their first date was at Shari's Restaurant in King City. Pam invited Bob to attend the Tigard Church of God with her and he accepted the invitation. After walking into the church, he found out she was part of one of six families who started the Tigard Church of God. Pam's stepfather, Bill Martin, was the pastor.

After six months they decided to marry. Their wedding was May 16, 2004 after the morning worship service and officiated by Rev. Martin, Bob's new father-in-law. "When you know it's right, you just know," Bob said. Pam's stepfather wanted them to attend counseling sessions and one task was taking a test. According to the counselor, "the results of your tests are remarkable. You two are literally on the same page." Bob said Pam grew up in the box (close to each other in a tight-knit family) and Bob grew up out of the box (not a close family and different environment).



They spent their honeymoon in Seaside and Bob described them as "middle-aged lovebirds." They spent time crunching clam shells and he found out she liked vampires and horror movies. Bob moved into Pam's one-bedroom condo that overlooked Greenburg Road and Highway 217. Both of them had children from previous marriages and every other weekend "we were the Brady Bunch." With four children in the condo the kids slept on the couch and on the floor. "We survived it," Bob said because Metzger Grade School was close by and he spent a lot of time there so the children could release their pent-up energy.

Bob said Pam helped others. "She would do anything for you. Now she is in eternity with her loved ones. She's not suffering, she's home." He added that her nickname was "Pam the Ham." The deaths of Pam's sister, Elaine Hoitink in 2020, and her mother, Honerhea in 2022, "brought sadness into her life," Bob said. "She lost a lot of her spark."

He talked about the last few days of her life. Her Parkinson's disease put her in the hospital twice in December. On the Sunday before Christmas, she was unresponsive and a request for prayer was given to her church. Later that day Pam started to hear and swallow. Christmas Eve was on Tuesday and Bob and Pam ate Chinese food. On Christmas Day Bob took her home. "We had a week together walking and talking." Hospice nurses couldn't believe the change but Bob told them, "Our church family prayed and God gave us a Christmas miracle." Pam passed quietly on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 3:30 pm. She was married to Bob for 21 years, seven months and 19 days.

Other family members who spoke included Heidi Anderson, Pam's daughter, and Stacey Drake, her son. Granddaughter Emily Drake shared that her "Grandma loved unconditionally, and was kind and brave. She loved me and my sister. We liked to hear her laugh."

Daughter Heidi shared that she "is thankful that the Lord blessed me with a courageous and strong mother." She loved tulips, Tupperware, salt, Seinfeld, I Love Lucy, Steve Harvey, making snap-chat videos and the color purple." Pam even painted her toes with a Sharpie. She loved sending greeting cards and "wrote her name everywhere." It didn't matter if it was on baby clothes, stuffed animals, stretch pants or short-sleeve tops. Her favorite foods were white fish, Top Ramen, Kit Kat candy bars, mint chocolate ice cream and salt and vinegar potato chips. She also won first place in a tanning contest.

Son Stacey said, "the Dorsey's were a huge part of TCOG." The life lesson that he learned from his mother is, "always enjoy life around you." He is the father of twin girls and one time when Pam was visiting Stacey wanted them to take a nap. One of the twins replied, "Grandma said we didn't need to take a nap and Grandma is boss." Stacey will miss "talking to her on the telephone."

Pam's cousin, Roger Dorsey, said that Pam never let him forget that she was nine months older than him. Pam received her first horse around the age of nine or 10 and she enjoyed riding bareback. One day the two of them "raced" the horses down a trail. There was a log across the road and when Roger's horse jumped the log he fell off. Pam was ahead of him and she came back and said, "Is everything OK?" Roger replied, "My back is hurting but I think I'm okay." Pam quickly said, "Not you, the horse." She and her horse could cover one-fourth mile in 35 seconds. Roger said, "When I get to Heaven she will say, "I beat you here."

Grandson Tyler Ogilvie said "she never let me down. She was always there." He drew a laugh from everyone when he said that once Pam taped him to a chair with duct tape!

There was a display of pictures and other mementos from Pam's life on the north wall of the Fellowship Hall. The altar in the sanctuary held many beautiful tulips in memory of the loving life she lived. Pam will be missed by all who knew her.



YOUTH ENJOY WINTER RETREAT IN THE SNOW

Back row from left: Pastor Teresa Hellstrom, Hailey Hellstrom, Madison Habre, Jaiden Barragan, chaperone Emily Tietje, Alexa Avalos, Miley Habre, chaperone Craig Tietje. In front: Chance Kemper and Ahlyna Barragan.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Truus Leendertse | 5 |
| Gary Provo | 6 |
| Misty Miller | 8 |
| Mason Eaddy | 11 |
| Chance Kemper | 12 |
| Pastor Milt Culver | 14 |
| Linda Dobbins | 15 |
| Elizabeth Kemper | 17 |
| Lulu DeVito | 18 |
| Lorraine Taylor | 19 |
| Jason Eaddy | 29 |
- Birthday cards at the Information Center are available for you to sign.



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Heather Foote is new Children's Director

The new Children's Ministries Director is Heather Foote. She oversees all their activities, which includes the Tuesday evening JAM (Jesus and Me) program. Heather was born in Ketchikan, Alaska, but has lived in Oregon most of her life. She has many relatives in Alaska but did live in our 49th state between the age of five to 13.

Heather is married to Jason and they have two children, a daughter Sara, and a son Steven. They are proud grandparents to Axel, 3, Joel's son, and Kylee, 9, Tinley, 7 and Daylee, 6, Sara's three daughters. Jason and Heather live in Tualatin.

Heather has been involved with children for most of her life. It started when her mother did in-home daycare. "I helped my mom and have a passion for kids." Heather did in-home daycare for 20 years and also received a child development accreditation certificate from the University of Alaska. She previously served as the Children's Ministries Director at Hillsboro Church of God.

Jason is a machine technician. He does HVAC work and has a degree in facilities maintenance. He and Heather first met when they were in their teens. Their mothers, both named Sue, were working at the same daycare center. Heather went into the break room to do some homework and her mother brought Jason into the break room and introduced them. Jason worked in the kitchen at the daycare and Heather was there helping her mother and volunteering for community service hours. They connected again a few years later.

Heather has an older sister and a younger brother. Jason has a younger brother. Heather's hobbies include card making, scrapbooking and photography. She also helps people organize and declutter their homes. Someday she would like to be a facilitator for decluttering.



Tuesday Night JAM Program and Snacks

Thanks to Ruth Walton for the photos



SENIORS ENJOY LUNCHEONS IN DECEMBER AND MARCH

The seniors of Tigard Church of God are blessed to have a wonderful leader, Lynn Peirce. Luncheons were held on Dec. 30 and March 6. The menu for December was hot dogs, potato salad and baked beans. March featured spaghetti pasta, French bread and salad. Fudgesicles were dessert.

Lynn reads a devotion each time the group meets. It always seems timely and gives the ones who hear it “food for thought.”

In March the group viewed the movie “*The Forge*.” It was a compelling story of a young man who was uncertain about his future. He met a man who mentored him and the young man accepted Christ and became a man of character.

Popcorn, pop and candy was enjoyed during the movie.



MUSIC IS A SPECIAL MINISTRY AT TIGARD CHURCH OF GOD

If you attend Morning Worship at TCOG you will be blessed by the music that is sung every Sunday. With a mix of sacred hymns and wonderful choruses you can joyfully worship the Lord in song.

The Worship team on the platform is usually four or five people: Pastor Milt, Pastor Teresa, Jenna Knight, Lorna Nelson and Bruce Krieg.

They are fortunate to have people who accompany them. Shirley Culver plays the grand piano and Jane Whitehead brings the electric piano “synthesizer” to life. Add in Keith Hatfield who plays either the Congo or electric drums and Tim Osburn who strums a guitar and they add much to the worship atmosphere.

Jane Whitehead and Keith Hatfield
pose by Keith’s Congo drums





Thanks to our fantastic church secretary, Kim Zenzano, who creates these beautiful posters for the bulletin board by the Information Center. They are truly "works of art" and TCOG is fortunate that she shares her creative talents with her church family. This is the bulletin board that was on display until after the movie. Kim said that she updates the bulletin board every quarter. You will want to see what she has currently created and posted. THANKS KIM!



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE MARCH 30, 2025

The Search Committee appreciates the support and prayers from the congregation as we go through the search process for a new pastor. The committee has been meeting regularly since Feb. 1. Included in the meetings has been Fred Douglas, the advisory from the Church of God Association.

The most recent task has been the selection of special speakers for the time between Pastor Milt's last Sunday on April 27 and the arrival of an interim pastor. The committee has met with Bob Moss, Director of NXT Step Services, which is a program through the Church of God Ministries that works with churches in the process of a pastoral transition. The Search Committee and Executive Board met with Bob via Zoom on March 23.

The Executive Board has met and approved going forward with the TIPS process. We will be working with Bob and his team to secure an interim pastor. We anticipate the arrival of some team members in the near future as we begin the transitional period. Please continue to keep all of us in your prayers as we move forward.



This photo is the food that was at the December Senior Luncheon