



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

April 2017

## Tualatin United Methodist Church

20200 SW Martinazzi Ave.  
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**Sunday Worship**  
10:00 am.

**Sunday School**  
Sunday School available  
during the worship hour

**Nursery**  
available during worship  
Infants to 4 years old

**Church Office Hours**  
Monday to Thursday  
9:00 am. - 3:00 pm.

## FROM THE PASTOR

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

I was reading the resurrection stories from the Gospel's earlier today. And something struck me as I read them. Each one of the Gospel's mentions the stone being rolled away. They of course, are referring to the stone that covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb. It was the gospel of John's retelling of the story that most caught my attention. It says:

"Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark,  
and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb, so she ran"

Now of course, it is totally possible that had I been the one to journey to the tomb instead of Mary, I likely would have run as well. "Where's the stone?? Where the heck is the stone?" seems to be on the minds of the discoverers. Where is the stone that has sealed death away? Where is the stone that holds the ordinariness of our expectations? Maybe it is an easier path to imagine that life and death will always fall into a somewhat predictable pattern. And when we follow the path that we've walked so many times before, we expect the same. The death. The stone. The grief. The loss.

Mary happens upon an expected sequence of events and finds the stone GONE! She runs. Why did she run? Because it was a shock? Was she scared? Did she imagine someone stole his body? Did she want to find help to figure out what happened? Maybe yes, maybe other reasons entirely. It made me think that having the same anticipated set of events gives us a kind of comfort in knowing what to expect. I don't know about you but I don't like surprises. I like to see the road ahead, you know what I mean... and plan for it.

There's no planning for this right??? New life jumps out and us, we freak out and run the other way hoping to come up with some kind of reasonable explanation. We are a fickle bunch, human beings. We want new life, we live for hope and ordinary resurrection moments every day and yet when it happens we are surprised and we run. You kind of have to laugh right? I am. God offers us new life, new life that cannot be overcome by death, or fear, or hopelessness and we bolt.

So, this gospel story almost yells at us! Forget about the stone, embrace new life. See the hope in every sunrise. Know that no matter what your day brings, in God's love you can bring new life for others. You can't control it, plan for it, schedule it for a convenient afternoon after your workout. Go ahead, let it hit you upside the head.....

**NEW LIFE.... NEW LIFE... NEW LIFE...!!!!**

It is God's gift to every creature!! There is a new beginning..... Run to it!!

*Rev. Amy*

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

- *Kay Gooding, recovering from hand surgery*
- *Joan Beyer—recovering from hip tendon repair*
- *Melissa Brown—applying to graduate school*
- *Gary & Bonnie Inloes—Welcome home!*
- *Tom & Emilie Kroen—Travel mercies.*
- *Dana Paulinos—Mom's health*
- *Netha Thacker—Celebrate her mom's 90th birthday*
- *Debbie Raby—does not need surgery*

## Hilltop Community Garden Update

### Rough Winter for our Bees

Sadly, our beekeeper reported that winter was not good for the bees so the hive was replaced with a "swarm box" a few days ago. He hopes to attract a new queen before other bees come available later this spring. In the meantime, plan to attend a Garden Party Saturday, May 6 at Winona Grange (8340 SW Seneca St., Tualatin) starting at 9:30 where he will speak on the importance of bees in our lives. The workshop ends at 3 and will include other speakers and a ukelele concert as well as a plant sale.



## Let's Pile It Up!!

**Lent 2017 Giving Suggestions—There is still time to bring any of these items!**

### Weekly Focus: Ideas for Food Pantry

Lent 1	March 5	laundry soap
Lent 2	March 12	cake mix, frosting, candles
Lent 3	March 19	adhesive bandages and small antibiotic ointment
Lent 4	March 26	toilet paper

### Focus on items for the Caring Closet (Tigard Tualatin School District)

Lent 5	April 2	Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant.
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There are many things that folks cannot purchase with food stamps..... Let's help them out with these items.

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## HOLY WEEK

### EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, April 9th  
following worship**

Younger children will participate in a fun Easter Egg Hunt following worship on Palm Sunday, April 9th. If you would like to donate small items (small wrapped candy, stickers, toys, etc that fit into the eggs), please bring them to church. We will fill the eggs on April 2nd.



### PALM PROCESSIONAL

**Sunday, April 9th  
10:00 am.**

All kids (and kids at heart) are invited to join in the Palm Processional at the start of worship on April 9th.



### ***Maundy Thursday Communion Service***

**Thursday, April 13, 2017, 6:00 pm**

During Holy Week we will worship and share the Lord's Supper on this Thursday before Easter Sunday. We will remember the night that Jesus shared the gifts of bread and cup with his disciples. We will hear and reflect on the new commandment (*mandatum novum* in Latin) in John 13:34: "Love one another as I have loved you".

## EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

*Come share in fellowship & simple fare  
in the Narthex beginning at 8am, April 16th*

*Everything will be provided by the  
Witness Committee*

## **Easter Worship**

**Sunday, April 16, 10 am**



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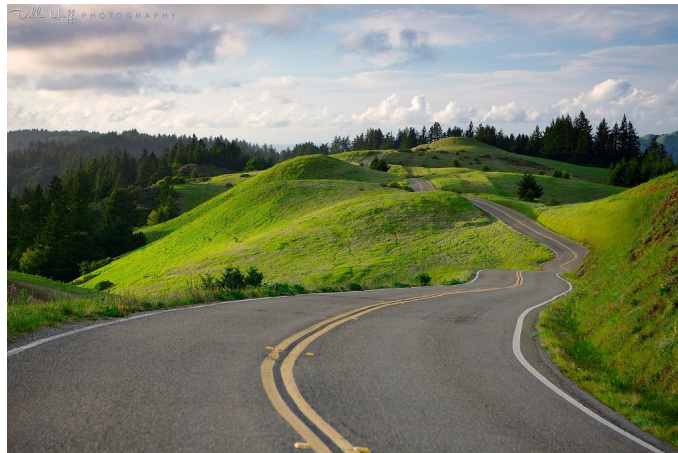
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## Before It's Too Late

by UMC Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, Baltimore-Washington Conference

I do not know exactly what lies ahead;  
how far we will have to travel on the road of  
unrest.  
I cannot foretell the number of bombs that will  
have to explode  
or the lives that will have to be lost before...  
Before we understand that we cannot kill each  
other into the future we think we have imagined.  
You cannot hate enough to make yourself happy.  
You cannot destroy enough to make yourself feel  
secure.  
You cannot oppress enough to make yourself feel  
superior.  
You cannot commit enough evil to make yourself  
feel holy.  
I do not know exactly what lies ahead;  
how far we will have to travel on the road of  
unrest.  
I cannot foretell how many rights will have to be  
taken away,  
or how much progress will have to be reversed  
before...  
Before we understand that we cannot  
persecute each other into the future we think we  
have imagined.  
We cannot neglect each other enough to feel  
worthy.  
We cannot starve each other enough to feel full.  
We cannot silence one another enough to feel  
heard.  
We cannot fragment each other enough to feel  
whole.  
I do not know exactly what lies ahead;  
how far we will to travel on the road of unrest.  
I cannot foretell how many baby's bodies will have  
to float on the sea of greed and vainglory before...

Before we understand that we cannot  
bully our way into the future we think we have  
imagined.  
We cannot bury each other deep enough to feel  
alive.  
We cannot rape each other enough to feel loved.  
We cannot infect each other enough to feel well.  
We cannot enslave one another enough to feel  
free.  
Before it is too late may we understand that the  
call is coming from inside the house.  
Before it is too late may we comprehend that the  
Stench  
Rot  
Brokenness  
Emptiness  
Insecurity  
Woundedness  
Disease  
is from within and not without.  
Erasing you will not heal me.  
May we understand before it is too late.  
God, help us to understand before it is too late.  
Amen.





# Scrip Ordering

**April 9** **May 7**

**Each vendor donates money to TUMC  
when the Scrip gift cards are purchased  
through our church.**

## **A few examples:**

Fred Meyer, New Seasons	\$50 card = <b>\$2.00</b>
Starbucks Coffee	\$25 card = <b>\$1.50</b>
See's Candy (1 pound)	\$18 card = <b>\$1.62</b>
McMenamins	\$25 card = <b>\$3.00</b>
Kaady Car Wash	\$ 6 card = <b>\$1.56</b>

Check and cash orders may be turned in during office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.) and Sunday mornings before worship. Credit card orders will be on the Sunday morning of the order date.

*Get a See's Candy card to  
buy your Easter candy!*

# Outreach and Mission

*We've highlighted some of the organizations we support at Tualatin UMC including a bit of background information on each of them.*

## Community Warehouse

Community Warehouse is a local furniture bank. With support from local individuals and businesses, simple goods turn into a fresh start for families every day.

Donated items may be dropped off at 8380 SW Nyberg St. in Tualatin. If you have large items, visit [communitywarehouse.org](http://communitywarehouse.org) to request a pickup.

Current needed items are mattresses, blankets, dressers and toasters.



## Tualatin School House Pantry

The Tualatin School House Pantry is a community organized food bank that includes local churches, businesses, social and civic organizations, individuals and the City of Tualatin.

The mission of Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry is to provide emergency food to qualified households in a welcoming environment. As a part of the Oregon Food Bank we also share in their mission to eliminate hunger and its root causes because we believe that no one should go hungry. We operate with a volunteer staff that is dedicated to serving others.

Tualatin School House Pantry is located on the lower level of Rolling Hills Community Church. You will find us at 3550 SW Borland Road, Tualatin. Our phone number is 503-783-0721. Food donations can be brought to our pantry during normal business hours.



Announced in May of 2016 at the quadrennial UMC meeting in Portland: Our promise to children will be The United Methodist Church's primary global health initiative for the next four years. It will focus on four core areas impacting the health of children throughout the world. The initiative aims to:

- ensure safe births
- address nutritional challenges and promote breastfeeding
- advance prevention and treatment of childhood diseases
- promote children's health and wholeness.

The Abundant Health program seeks to engage at least 10,000 churches in the United States to develop support systems for treatment, education, and prevention in their surrounding communities. Global Ministries will encourage churches to engage their neighboring communities by promoting physical activities, encouraging healthy diet and nutrition, providing education for tobacco- and drug-free living, and promoting mental health education.

There is vital information on their web page on how we as a church or you as an individual can be part of this initiative: [www.umcabundanthealth.org](http://www.umcabundanthealth.org).



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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**Lydia Circle Meeting:** Wednesday, April 12, 11:30 a.m. Bring your lunch—beverages will be provided.

**Elizabeth Circle Meeting:** Monday, April 24th, 7 p.m. Come, have a cup of tea.

The program for both circle meetings is  
**Climate—Green Unit**

### Annual Spring Tea Saturday, May 6



Speakers are Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena, Global Ministries Missionaries. They are Mission Advocates for the Western Jurisdiction and we look forward to an interesting program! If you can be a table hostess or can provide food, please contact Karen Walker.

### A Visit to the Community Transitional School Monday April 17, 9:30 a.m.

All are invited to join us on a visit to the school. We will depart the church at 9:30 a.m. We will also be delivering cereal. **A bin has been placed in the narthex to collect cereal.**

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### *We welcome others to join this great group!*

The Men's Group is alive and well with 12 to 15 men gathering each Wednesday at 10am to share our faith, support each other and give to the community. In 2016 we donated a total of \$929.10 to five different causes. We helped sponsor Jim's African mission, purchased and assembled over 50 food packages for our congregation to give to street people, a gift of a table and chair to the nursery, a donation for school supplies and coffee for the church. So far in 2017 we have given to Meals on Wheels and the Community Transitional School.



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Come join us mid-week for a time of recharging and regrouping.**

*We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10 am. in the church library.*

Our current book study: **"Kitchen Table Wisdom"** by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD