



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

February 2017

## Tualatin United Methodist Church

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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 am probably not the only one who is wondering where the month of January 2017 went!! Given our geography and weather, January brought with it: storms, snow, ice, cancellations and lots of time at home (or maybe even hours of being stuck in your car) as an unwelcomed change of pace for many to say the least. For me, being an extravert (shocking to you I know!!) spending tons of time at home made me a bit insane. Yes, yes, I can hear you now chuckling to yourself, wondering why it took me so long to figure out my mental status. And yes, my husband Tim lives at home with me of course and so we had one another, but still after many days, we wondered if there was life outside these walls. As usual, exaggeration rises aloft in my ponderings, but my guess is many people were ready for life to be back to usual. And dare I say, we likely were looking forward to talking to, spending time with other people "out there" in the larger world.

I guess maybe I take "community" for granted sometimes. But it surely comes to mind after many days stranded by ice. When we gather together with friends, with family, with new folks, we see a bigger world, we glimpse new possibilities that maybe wouldn't occur to us on our own. It isn't just an element of "chatting" that draws us together, but indeed it is a genuine sense of community and ministry where we want to know more about one another. It is not a mere curiosity but I believe a genuine care and compassion. If there is someone in need, we want to help. If there is someone who is hungry, we want to feed. If there is someone grieving, we want to comfort. If there is someone alone, we want to be present. If there is a joyous occasion, we want to laugh and celebrate alongside. I think these are some of the things that make us human, the way God created us to be. I believe God's intention is for the Creation to be "community" together with each element of life, interconnected for the common good. That is the center of community right? Jesus mentioned something foundational to our spiritual life together. "Where two or three are gathered..... there I am in their midst" Matthew 18:20. I bet my husband Tim is really praying for a third person right about now. I think I heard him saying something about the number of snow days and "Amy, you are driving me crazy". Could have been my imagination I suppose, right??

I am looking forward to our many times of being together in this new year.

TOGETHER, may we gather new insights,

see new dreams,

find new companions

and above all else... love one another as God loves us.

In Christ,  
*Rev. Amy*

For where  
*two or three*  
are gathered in  
*my name,*  
there am I  
*among them.*  
Matthew 18:20

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

- \* Kay Gooding, recovering from foot surgery
- \* Ongoing prayers for the Gotlib family



## Back Pack Buddies

The Back Pack Buddy program is a wonderful mission of TUMC. Each month our congregation has provided 24 breakfast and 24 lunch packs for children of need at Byrom Elementary. Each breakfast pack consists of two oatmeal packets, two fruit cups, and two granola bar type snacks. The lunch pack consists of two fruit cups, two soup/mac & cheese, two granola type snacks. The packs are delivered to Byrom Elementary on the third Wednesday of the month and have been packed by the Sunday School classes on the previous Sunday.

The Mission team would like to thank the congregation for their continued support of this program. For the month of February we are in need of fruit cups (high priority) and soups/mac & cheese. If you wish to donate money to this cause it will be accepted. Be sure to mark your donation as Back Pack Buddy. If you wish to help pack or deliver the packs to Byrom contact Wes Tanac or Emilie Kroen.



## Grief Recovery Weekend

Are you, or someone you love, grieving the end of a marriage from a death, divorce or permanent separation? A *Beginning Experience Weekend* can help with the healing from such a loss. The next opportunity to attend one will be the weekend of March 10-12, 2017 in Milwaukie, near Clackamas Town Center.

The retreat consists of presentations by *Beginning Experience* team members, periods for private personal reflection and sharing in small groups. The weekend begins on Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. The cost of \$195 includes lodging for 2 nights in a double room, meals and resource materials. Special arrangements may be made for payment, and partial scholarships are available. Single rooms may be reserved for an additional \$20.

For more information, call Judith by phone: 503.949.4592, email [judholtz@gmail.com](mailto:judholtz@gmail.com), or visit [www.beginningexperienceoforegon.org](http://www.beginningexperienceoforegon.org).



*Beginning Experience*, a peer ministry, was created with the help of the founders of *Marriage Encounter* in the 1970's. The Oregon team, active since 1978, provides 3 healing Weekends each year. It is a peer ministry of people who benefitted from this program and have received training to offer the opportunity to others.

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## FINANCE UPDATE

### *Finance Information 2016 and 2017*

The Finance Committee would like to thank the congregation for their generous offerings during 2016. We were able to keep within our budget for 2016 and we did not have to use any of our reserve funds. Thank you to everyone for helping make this possible.

The 2017 budget has been set and has been approved by the Finance Team and will be brought up for approval to the Ministry Team. We look for our total revenue to be \$183,000. Our pledges and regular contributors make up approximately \$130,000, our auction/shared giving brings in \$12,900 and the cell tower rental brings in \$19,000. Again, thank you to our whole congregation for your efforts in helping to keep our church running well financially.

The generous gifts that are presented each week, month, or yearly help the church run efficiently. On the expenditure side of the budget 70% (\$130,000) goes to salary and benefits, \$26,480 goes to shared giving/apportionments, and \$24,000 goes to the running and maintenance of the office and building.

In addition to your pledges and regular contributions, there are other ways that you can help the church. When you are the last person out of the building be sure the lights are off and the heat or a/c is set to the appropriate temperature. Check with the office to see if any paper, stamps or materials are needed and donate them to the office. If you see water running, turn it off. If you see something that needs fixing check with the Trustees and then offer to help fix whatever is needed. Every person who attends Tualatin United Methodist helps to make it run efficiently and on budget. Thank you for your efforts.

#### ***The Finance Team***



### ***Fifth Sunday Giving***

There are five **Fifth Sundays** throughout 2017: January 29, April 30, July 30, October 29, and December 31. The Fifth Sunday is an opportunity for you to make a special offering to the operating budget, a program of the church (music, education worship, the garden, back pack buddies, Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry, etc.), or a program of UMCOR. Take time to ponder if you can help out with these programs on the Fifth Sundays. If you choose to participate in the Fifth Sunday Giving, place your donation in the Fifth Sunday envelope and be sure to mark it for the program you wish the donation to go towards. Our first Fifth Sunday will be Sunday, January 29.

Thank you for your continued support of your local Fred Meyer store. Your supporters (5 households) who shopped at **Fred Meyer** between **10-1-2016** and **12-31-2016** have contributed to your **\$43.30** total donation.



### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



Transitioning into 2017, there is always something refreshing about the start of the New Year! A new year brings new insights, new hope and new opportunities. Many people take time to reflect on all that has (or hasn't) been accomplished during the previous year. The new year serves as a time to set new goals, take on new challenges and make resolutions.

Resolutions range from saving up for a dream car to embarking on new adventures. Of course, there's always the ever famous resolution to lose pounds. Souper Bowl of Caring encourages you to keep up with your resolutions, and challenges you to add one more: We invite you to also **raise** pounds! Last year we donated 183 pounds of canned soup to the Tualatin Schoolhouse Food Pantry. Together let's beat that total!



Bring canned soup to Tualatin United Methodist Church on or before February 5<sup>th</sup>. Food can be dropped off Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and on **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> between 9 and 11:30 a.m.** Cash donations are also accepted. Our goal is to beat last year's total of 183 lbs and **bury the altar in cans of soup!**

**100% of all donations will go directly to Tualatin Schoolhouse (Food) Pantry.**

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK

# FEBRUARY 12th POTLUCK



A RETURN OF THE EVER-POPULAR CHILI COOK-OFF.  
BRING **CHILI** OR **CHOCOLATE** TO SHARE.

Once again we will vote with our \$\$\$\$\$ to determine a champion chili maker!  
This year donations will be directed to the Tualatin Community Warehouse.

**BRING YOUR APPETITES!**



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### SHOPPING AT SMILE.AMAZON.COM

You can donate to Tualatin UMC whenever you shop at Amazon.com including finding your sweetie something for Valentine's Day! Have you heard of Amazon Smile? When you are planning to make a purchase through Amazon go to <https://smile.amazon.com>. On your initial visit you can identify a charitable organization, including Tualatin UMC. You use your same Amazon.com account at smile.amazon.com. Your shopping cart, wish list, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are all the same. Tualatin UMC will receive 0.5% of every dollar you spend through the AmazonSmile Foundation.



### SCRIP ORDERS



#### *SCRIP FOR YOUR VALENTINE*

Remember Valentines day with a purchase of a movie gift card, Starbucks gift card or even a See's Candy gift card through the Scrip program. Take your Valentine's date out to a restaurant using a SCRIP restaurant card to pay for the meal.

#### **Future Scrip Order dates:**

February 12  
March 19



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### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

#### UPCOMING CIRCLE MEETINGS

We will not have **Lydia** or **Elizabeth Circle** meetings in February.

TUMW is doing the Sunday, February 26th worship service. Volunteers are need! Please contact Emilie Kroen (503.312.4138) or Karen Walker (503.964.4923).



**A BIG THANK YOU** to Tami Weitman for hosting our Winter Get-Together. We enjoyed a wonderful evening with our amazing sisters, good food, good laughs, good times!

**Monday Morning Book Discussion:** *Sally Ride, America's First Woman In Space*

#### Upcoming UMW Events:

- \* Tuesday, February 7 is our legislative event in Salem.
- \* Saturday, February 11 is our **Every Member Enrichment Event = EMEE**, at Keizer Clear Lake UMC. Our program will be "Glowing Green". If you are interested in attending, contact Karen Walker.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



#### Current Book Study: "Jesus Interrupted"

The TUMC Men's Fellowship meets each Wednesday at 10 a.m. to learn, laugh and support each other, and contribute to worthy causes. We put together food packages that are available to give to the needy in our area.

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

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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

*We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10 am.*

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

## COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

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With this winter weather upon us it is difficult to think about our garden, but spring is just around the corner! We hope.

Returning gardeners need to make their renewal commitment (verbal, e-mail, or written) by February 15. All gardeners need to fill out the renewal/application form and pay by March 1. Contact Debbie in the church office for a form.

The Hilltop Community Garden steering committee met in early January to begin preparations for another successful garden year. We have plans for soil amendments, building more trellises, compost bins, taking care of varmints, and sharing successes with plant varieties.

All church members, friends and family are invited to participate in the garden whether as gardeners (we do expect to have some family plots available this spring), harvesters (we pick Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings during the harvest season) or workers.

To inspire more of a sense of community as we maintain a successful garden, we're asking each of our gardeners to share in the work by participating in two work parties during the season. It will be a great opportunity to work side by side, get to know one another, and share garden stories. Church members are also welcome to pitch in to help during our work parties. These will begin in March with renewing all beds with fresh gardening soil, date to be announced.

In order to keep up with our water bill and general garden maintenance, fees will increase this year to \$30. Returning gardeners who cleaned out their bed in the fall or maintained a winter crop receive a discount to \$20. Payment along with the renewal/application form, should be sent to the church office.

If you have any questions about the garden, contact Larry McClure (503.476.4882), Jim Serrill (503.539.4768) or Vic or Karen Miglioretto (503.692.3298).





## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship: "Jesus Interrupted"  
10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:  
"Kitchen Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD  
4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall  
9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

5:30 pm. Handbells  
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir  
7:45 pm. Praise

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

11:30 am. - 1:30 pm. AA Steppers

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

No Activities

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders  
10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School  
Souper Bowl of Caring—Bring in canned goods for  
food pantry  
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

No Activities

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship: "Jesus Interrupted"  
10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:  
"Kitchen Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD  
4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall  
9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:30 pm. Handbells  
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir  
7:45 pm. Praise

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

11:30 am. - 1:30 pm. AA Steppers

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00 a.m. Potluck Set Up

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School  
11:20 am. Chocolate & Chili Cook-off  
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

No Activities



### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship: "Jesus Interrupted"  
10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:  
"Kitchen Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD  
4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall  
9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:30 pm. Handbells  
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir  
7:45 pm. Praise

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

11:30 am. - 1:30 pm. AA Steppers

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:30 am—6:00 pm All-Anon Conference

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School  
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

No Activities

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship: "Jesus Interrupted"  
10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:  
"Kitchen Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD  
4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall  
9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

9:00 am. Newsletter Team  
5:30 pm. Handbells  
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir  
7:45 pm. Praise

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

11:30 am. - 1:30 pm. AA Steppers

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

No Activities

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School  
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

No Activities