



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

April 2016

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

Julian of Norwich was a Christian Mystic in Norwich, England. She was born about 675 years ago and made her mark proclaiming God's love. Her book on Divine Love was the first book in the English language ever written by a woman. Here are some quotes from her writings.

And all shall be well. And all shall be well. And all manner of things shall be exceeding well.

Our Savior is our true Mother in whom we are endlessly born and out of whom we shall never come.

See that I am God. See that I am in everything. See that I do everything. See that I have never stopped ordering my works, nor ever shall, eternally. See that I lead everything on to the conclusion I ordained for it before time began, by the same power, wisdom and love with which I made it. How can anything be amiss?

Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

I highly recommend that you check her out. We seem to be in a place in our country where we are literally bombarded by hateful messages, violent interactions, tragic circumstances, and a strong undercurrent of panic.

Frankly, none of us are immune to any of this, but the presence of God's love will always be at the center of life. In the Lenten class on prayer, we were joking that it would be nice if we all could have an "immunity idol" that would keep us from anything and everything that threatens to "undo us." Like when something rocks your world and in that moment, you could whip out your "immunity idol" and shout "Ha Haaaa!! No! My world is not crumbling, I have the immunity idol!" As tempting as it is to believe that life offers us this choice, alas, we know that isn't true.

But do not despair. We, along with Julian of Norwich, live forever in the presence of God. Reread her quotes above. You might be tempted to say, "Her times were not as hard as ours". Ummmm, not. Google some history info on the period of her life, 1342-1416, right?

In *every* age there remain the difficulties, tragedies, etc. of life. But we can know and live in the love and presence of God for sure.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

- George & Patt Bowlsby—Happy Anniversary!
- Troy Cawvey—health and wholeness
- Bonnie Crismon—joy for recovery
- Nancy Beth Davis—struggling with illness
- Alysia Hill's grandfather—health and wholeness
- Dwayne Scales—heart valve replacement
- Malachi Seib—accepted to Naval Academy
- Mallory Tanac—Happy Engagement!
- Bob & Karen Walker—trip to Germany this month

FROM REV. AMY (CON'T.)

God loved us before he made us; and his love has never diminished and never shall.

And all shall be well. And all shall be well. And all manner of things shall be exceeding well.

Part of our Christian heritage includes things like contemplative prayer. Frankly, there are many aspects of contemplative prayer to share, but for now I would like to mention just a few small aspects to help you get started. First, keep in mind that when we are stressed and anxious, our bodies react with a “flight or fight” response, which ramps up our heart rate, respiration, blood pressure, etc. So relaxation is a first step. It is an important way to improve our health (seriously!) and it opens us up to a deeper experience of God’s presence and love. Relaxation and contemplative prayer don’t give you immunity or make everything you don’t like disappear, but they will help to center you in God, make peace with the present, and move into the future. These skills take time and practice, but do not worry, the very first time will make a connection for you. With much love and blessing to each one of you! May the joys of new life fill your soul.
Rev. Amy

April Potluck

Yummy ideas: mac & cheese, corn pudding, your favorite rice dish, deviled eggs, coleslaw, and any variety of salad. Of course, you could always bring a dessert, too.



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OVER THE TOP FOR ENDING MALARIA CELEBRATING PROGRESS, STAYING THE COURSE

Featuring:

- *Jim Serrill on the piano*
- Winemakers and second-generation owners, Karl & Tara McKnight with St Josef & Pheasant Run Wines
- Brewmaster Eric Druliner with his Silver Falls Brewery Beer
- Appetizers and ... **You!**

Wine & Craft Beer Fundraiser

- To benefit Imagine No Malaria
- Tualatin Heritage Center
8700 SW Sweek Rd., Tualatin
- April 28, 2016
- 6–8:30 p.m.

Your \$10 entry ticket includes 5 wine or beer tastings, appetizers, music, an update on the progress made to end malaria, and the stories behind these great wineries and brewery. Beer and wine by the bottle will be available to purchase. This is a 21-and-over event. Because of the generosity of donors who are making this event possible, 100 percent of your donations go directly to Imagine No Malaria programs working to end senseless deaths from malaria in sub-Saharan Africa.

Tickets are available at the Heritage Center, Tualatin United Methodist Church office, and from Wes Tanac, Emilie & Tom Kroen, Larry McClure, and Karen & Vic Miglioretto. Or call Emilie Kroen at 503-692-2799. If you can't attend, these same people are happy to accept your donation. Make checks payable to "Imagine No Malaria."



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REASONS FOR HOPE

Sitting on my couch, I can look out the window, through the boughs of the Douglas fir and Western Red Cedar trees, across the street, and see the osprey nesting platform that my neighbor in the riverside McMansion erected. There are no ospreys refurbishing the nest yet, but I have hopes they will return for another year of raising new babies.

Last spring I could not see the nest from my couch. I wanted the trees thick to provide privacy from the street. Then I received a letter from the city of Gladstone in early June directing me to trim my trees to improve driver visibility. Grudgingly I got out my tree saw, limb loppers, and hedge trimmers, and hired two

teenagers. Five days and four truck loads later, the perimeter trees and bushes of my yard were once again within bounds. And over the next four months, I will be able to watch the osprey from my living room couch. That's one hope for the future as a result of sweaty, prickly, hard work in the past. Isn't that how life usually works?

I think of our church in these terms, and I am grateful that the work we do doesn't always feel so sweaty, prickly, or terribly hard. Or is it that we share the responsibilities and the chores, and thereby, the work is lightened and even fun? I remember as a child when one of our five boy cousins from Moses Lake, Washington, spent a week with us in the summer. With our cousin there, all the gardening and yard chores we did were lots of fun.

Maybe therein is our deeper hope for the future. And our reason to have Great Hope. For, if we look through the boughs of opposition, antagonism, and aggressiveness that frame our Now, towards the empty, open Future, knowing we are going to hold together, work together, be together, regardless of what the future brings—then I have no fear, no trepidation, no hesitation.

We, this family of God right here in this community on this small dot on the globe, we will continue to bring God's good Kingdom into the here and now. It won't matter who becomes our next president. It won't matter what decisions come out of the United Methodist General Conference regarding all the issues that we argue over. Anything that could hinder us won't matter because **We Pull Together!**

God bless and keep you. And come sing, ring, click, or slide with the choir, praise team, or AV team any time!

Melinda





TUMW Annual Spring Tea Saturday, April 30, 11:00 a.m. in Koch Hall

Wear your Spring hat and come enjoy tea and conversation. Our guest speaker will be Julie Osa from the Community Transitional School (for homeless children). Our free will offering will support the school.

Invite your friends! We will have a wonderful luncheon and a great time.

We need Hostesses for the tables and food for the guests. If you can help, please let Emilie, Kay, or Karen Walker know. We will set up on Saturday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m. We appreciate your help to make this a wonderful event.

Other UMW events this month:

April 15 or 16—Columbia/Cascadia Retreat at Alton Collins Retreat Center, Eagle Creek

April 22-24—UMW Western Jurisdiction in Salt Lake City

PLANTING TIME AT HILLTOP COMMUNITY GARDEN

April 16 Work Party

A work party is scheduled at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 16, for all gardeners with private raised beds and interested volunteers who would like to work in the Fitzgerald Garden devoted to the food pantry. If you are interested in a plot of your own, please contact Jim Serrill, Vic Miglioretto, or Larry McClure. The annual rent is \$25.

April 2 Garden Fair

Winona Grange is holding a free spring Garden Fair Saturday, April 2, organized by Timber Jim and featuring various experts, including Bee Lackner, who will describe why our Hilltop hive is so important for garden success.

Spring Clean-up (Anytime)

Welcome Spring with your gardening gloves and tools to rid the flower beds and the edge of the driveway of weeds.

If so inspired, you might trim the hedges or sweep the parking lots.

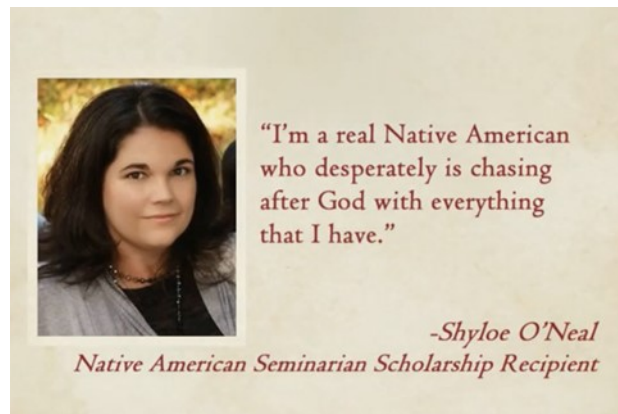
Weeds, tree twigs, and other yard debris can be piled in the tree area on the east side of either parking lot. These piles will be hauled to Grimm's at a later date.

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Native American Ministries Sunday

April 10, 2016

Every year United Methodist congregations across the country hold a special collection for Native American ministries. These gifts support ministry and outreach to Native American populations within Annual Conferences and provide scholarships for those called to ministry or service. As The United Methodist Church continues making disciples of all peoples, it seeks to honor the heritage and unique voices of all its members.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Current Book Study: "Healing the Heart of Democracy"



The TUMC Men's Fellowship continues meeting each Wednesday at 10 a.m. to learn and support each other and contribute to worthy causes. Recently we have started a program to supply food packages 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 a.m. in the church library.

Our current book study: **"I Thought It Was Just Me"** by Brené Brown

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. AA Steppers

7-9:00 p.m. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

No Activities

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 a.m. Worship—Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class

2–5 p.m. Call to Love Workshop (Koch Hall & Sanctuary)

7:00–9:00 p.m. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, APRIL 4

10:00 a.m. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship

4:45–7:30 p.m. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

5:30 p.m. Handbells

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:45 p.m. Praise

9:00–10:00 p.m. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

11:30 a.m.–1:30 pm. AA Steppers

7–9:00 p.m. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

No Activities

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

9:30 a.m. SCRIP Orders

10:00 a.m. Worship—Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class

11:20 a.m. Sides & Salads Potluck

7:00–9:00 p.m. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 a.m. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 p.m. Trustees

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship

4:45–7:30 p.m. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

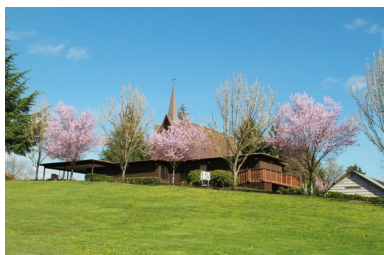
THURSDAY, APRIL 14

5:30 p.m. Handbells

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:45 p.m. Praise

9:00–10:00 p.m. Tualatin NA meeting



FRIDAY, APRIL 15

11:30 a.m.–1:30 pm. AA Steppers

7-9:00 p.m. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Training

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

10:00 a.m. Worship—Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class

7:00–9:00 p.m. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, APRIL 18

No Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship

4:45–7:30 p.m. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

5:30 p.m. Handbells

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:45 p.m. Praise

9:00–10:00 p.m. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

11:30 a.m.–1:30 pm. AA Steppers

7–9:00 p.m. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

No Activities

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

10:00 a.m. Worship—Sunday School

7:00–9:00 p.m. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, APRIL 25

10:00 a.m. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship

4:45–7:30 p.m. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Team

5:30 p.m. Handbells

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:45 p.m. Praise

6:00–8:30 p.m. Imagine No Malaria Event @ Heritage Center

9:00–10:00 p.m. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

11:30 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. AA Steppers

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

11:00 a.m. TUMW Annual Spring Tea in Koch Hall