



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

February 2016

Tualatin United Methodist Church

20200 SW Martinazzi Ave.
Tualatin, OR 97062-9369
503-692-1820
www.tualatinumc.org

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 just had a great conversation with a beloved friend. We talked and talked about all the “stuff” going on in the world. It was kind of like “armchair” dictating all the solutions to all of the world’s problems. It was AWESOME, INSPIRING, CATHARTIC! Anyway, then it was time for her to go home and I went back to what I was doing before she came by.

WAIT!! WHAT?? Did you catch that? I went back to what I was doing before she came by. After all the talk and wordy solutions for the problems in the world, I went back to what I was doing before. THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE! Seriously, that does not make any sense, nor does it accomplish anything at all in the world, in my neighborhood, in my family, in my life as a Christian. Guess what? I can talk- talk- talk all I want, but the real guts of living my life in the example of Jesus, is actually doing something.

Here we are in the month of love. February is here! Valentine’s Day, hearts, cards, candy gifts. Love will be talked about again and again. Sentimentality, romance, self indulgence..... that is my usual expectation for my Valentine’s Day. A lovely sentimental gift from my husband, a romantic dinner and of course CHOCOLATE! Maybe your practice is different? Maybe similar?

I have an idea! How about we DO SOMETHING to actually live Jesus’ love out loud?? Have a friend over and *after you talk about all the solutions you have to the world’s problems*, decide what one thing you are going to do in the next week to make a difference and then DO IT together.



You want Sentimentality? Take love to the next level and go to the local care center for a few hours. Check in at the front desk and tell them you are going to drop in on some folks, just to say “hello” and spend some time visiting with them. Take some flowers. It will be sentimental in a whole new way!

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Lindsay McClay
- The Robbins family
- Ofilia Boyd
- Ernie & Troy Cawvey



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And how about that “Romantic Dinner”? Find someone in your neighborhood, or group of extended friends who has young children. Offer free childcare complete with pizza and ice cream so that the parents can go out on Valentine’s Day. And Chocolate?? Ok, ok I’ll give in on the chocolate just for you (or was that for me?) Go and buy FAIR TRADE chocolate. Many stores carry it..... New Seasons is one. And when you are buying some fair-trade chocolate for you and yours, buy a few extra bars and give them to a teacher, a sales person, your mail carrier, your server.....



Jesus inspires us to DO.....It is the month “of love”, go for it.

With blessings,
Rev. Amy

HELP OUR HOMELESS POPULATION



Want to help provide support for our homeless population in Portland?

People are needed 7:00—9:00 am. and 5:00—7:00 pm.

7 days a week. \$15 per hour.

In modules under the Steel Bridge you can assist with storing possessions for homeless people.

Call our beloved church member Rachel Elliot at Portland Habilitation Center 503-445-7138.

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FINANCE UPDATE

BUDGET INFORMATION

We ended the 2015 year a bit short in our budget. Our revenues did not meet our expenses. Fortunately, we began the year with \$8,334 in reserves and we ended the year with \$6114.

We had a successful pledge campaign and the Ministry Team has approved a balanced budget for 2016. The Finance Team thanks the congregation for their financial support with their pledges and regular contributions.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS THAT THE CONGREGATION CAN HELP WITH THE CHURCH FINANCES:

1. Be consistent with your pledge or regular contribution, whether you contribute weekly, biweekly or monthly.
2. Consider becoming involved in the Scrip program. Buy scrip for the grocery stores or restaurants in the area. Anywhere from 4-12% of what you purchase comes back to the church. Orders are usually taken the first or second Sunday of the month. Look in the narthex for further details.
3. For those of you who shop at Fred Meyer there are two ways the money you spend at Fred Meyer can benefit the Church. First, you can buy Fred Meyer Scrip to use and the second way is to sign up so that when you scan your Fred Meyer card a percentage of what you spent will go to the Church. Sign up for this at Fred Meyer.com and go to the Community Rewards or check with Nolle in the office and she can guide you through the process.

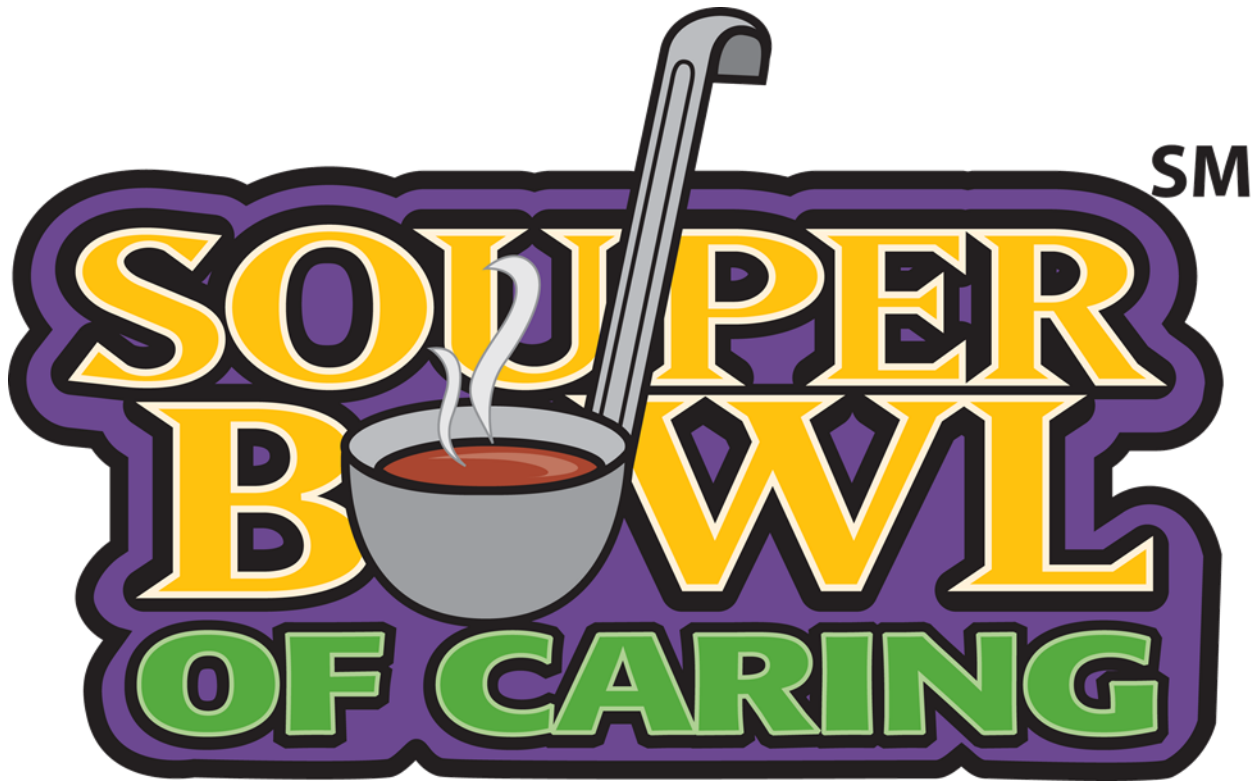
FIFTH SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

During the year there are four Fifth Sundays. We will be having a special offering on these Sundays to support our Shared Giving. Shared Giving is an amount of money that our Church is asked to give to the Conference. Each United Methodist Church has an amount they are asked to give and this is part of being a connectional church. The money goes toward seven areas: World Service (50%), Ministerial Education(17%), Black College Fund (7%), Episcopal(16%) , General Administration(6%), Africa University(1%), and Interdenominational Cooperation (1%). Further information can be found at www.umoi.org.

TUMC's portion for 2016 is \$25,993. At our auction we raised \$3725 towards this amount. The money that is contributed during the four Fifth Sundays will allow money that has been pledged to support other programs at TUMC.

Our four Fifth Sundays will be January 31, May 29, July 31 and October 30.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



On Sunday February 7, 2016 160 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

Please join people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others.

Please bring canned soup to Tualatin United Methodist Church on or before February 7th. Food can be dropped off Monday through Thursday between 9 AM and 3 PM and on **Sunday, February 7th between 9 and 11:30 AM**. Cash donations are also accepted. Our goal is to **bury the altar in cans of soup. 100% of all donations will go directly to Tualatin School-house (Food) Pantry.**

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK

FEBRUARY 14th 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 our Imagine No Malaria campaign, in an effort to reach our church's goal of \$14,000. We are already very close with over \$12,000 donated, but need to reach our goal by April of this year!

BRING YOUR APPETITES!

MUSIC MINISTRY



HELP ENHANCE OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

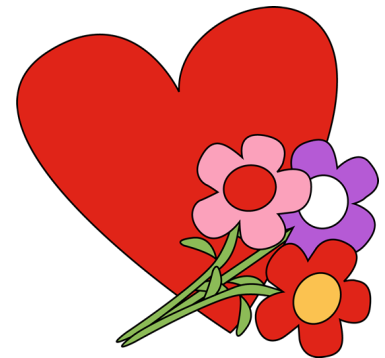
CATHY ROBART HAS OFFERED TO SIGN ANTHEMS AS THE CHOIR SINGS THEM!

If you've ever seen someone signing to music, you know how lyrical and expressive it can be. Cathy loves signing, but loves signing with others even more. If you are at all interested, please talk to Cathy, or Melinda, or send the church office an email so she can contact you: admin@tualatinumc.org

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.



Some of these gift cards will be available for sale on Sunday, Feb. 7th before church.



**Future
Scrip Order dates:**

February 7
March 13
April 10

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UPCOMING CIRCLE MEETINGS

Lydia Circle

Wed., Feb. 10th at 11:30 am. in Koch Hall. Bring your lunch—beverage provided.

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, Feb. 22nd at 7:00 pm. in Nursery. Bring your cup and enjoy a cup of tea.

Our program for both circles will be Call to Prayer & Self Denial and World Thank Offering.

A BIG THANK YOU to Gloria Kreher for hosting our Winter-Get-Together. We all had such a great time!!

SOUP SUPPER UPDATE: We are sending \$350 to the Tualatin School House Food Pantry! Thank you all for coming out to help raise funds for this important program in our community.

UPCOMING: UMW District Mtg. is at Stayton UMC on Saturday, February 20th. Please let Karen Walker or Kay Gooding know if you are interested in attending.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Current Book Study: "Healing the Heart of Democracy"

The TUMC Men's Fellowship continues meeting each Wednesday at 10 am. 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 am. in the church library.

Our current book study: **"The Gifts of Imperfection"** by Brené Brown



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

FACILITATED BY A HOSPICE WORKER,
THE GROUP REFLECTS AN INVITATION
TO DISCOVER HEALING AND HOPE IN
THE FACE OF LOSS AS PARTICIPANTS
EXPRESS AND CLARIFY THEIR
FEELINGS IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF
MUTUAL SUPPORT.

4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
6.30 - 7.30 PM

JUANITA POHL CENTER
8513 SW TUALATIN ROAD TUALATIN OR

\$3 suggested donation to cover light
refreshments

Please speak with facilitator Laurabeth
Ragozzino before initially joining the
group by calling 503.290.6108



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship: "Healing the Heart of Democracy"

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:
"The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brené Brown

4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30 am. - 5:30 pm. Encore Sectional Rehearsals

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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 8

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 pm. Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship: "Healing the Heart of Democracy"

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:
"The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brené Brown

11:30 am. Lydia Circle

6:00 pm. Ash Wednesday Service

4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Set-up for potluck

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

11:20 am. Chocolate & Chili Cook-off

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship: "Healing the Heart of Democracy"

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:
"The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brené Brown

4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:00 am. - 4:00 pm. Boy Scouts Training

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

7:00 pm. Elizabeth Circle

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship: "Healing the Heart of Democracy"

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:
"The Gifts of Imperfection" by Brené Brown

4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am. Newsletter Team

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

No Activities

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion