



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

June 2016

Tualatin United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship
10:00 am.

Sunday School
Sunday School will
resume in September

Nursery
available during worship
Infants to 4 years old

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

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

There are so many issues in Palestine and Israel. I have excerpted below information for you about one of the issues that came before General Conference. The information below comes from a group called Kairos which advocates for the rights of Palestinians. Check it out on line or feel free to contact me. Please take this information to heart, prayer and action. More information is available in the narthex thanks to Emilie Kroen. ~ Rev. Amy

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016 segregated Israeli housing developments on stolen land...

The United Methodist Church opposes these.

Since 1967, Israel has moved more than 600,000 of its own citizens into segregated colonies located on Palestinian land outside Israel's internationally recognized borders. This is a violation of international law.

The Israeli colonies, or housing developments, are known as "settlements." They cover the best hilltops in Palestine, and take most of the Palestinians' water. A Jewish colonist or settler gets four times as much water as a Christian or Muslim person living in the occupied territories!

The colonies are connected by segregated roads that cut through Palestinian farmland and divide communities. Israel has also built walls around many of the Palestinian communities to separate them from the illegal settlements. Palestinians often cannot get to their farmland to tend their crops. They can't reach schools and hospitals easily, and many have died because of delays caused by the walls and military checkpoints.

Since 2004 every United Methodist General Conference has passed a resolution entitled "Opposition to Israeli Settlements on Palestinian Land." The first language opposing settlements was actually approved by General Conference in 1976, and has been affirmed repeatedly over the years.



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PASTOR'S REFLECTION *(continued from page 1)*

PRAYERS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

- Brian Harrell's brother-in-law, Michael, recovering from heart transplant
- Barbara Robb, recovering health
- Rachel Elliott, recovering health
- Dwayne Scales, heart health
- Jim Serrill, preparing for his trip to Tanzania
- Rev. Amy's mother-in-law, Nancy, upcoming move to Arkansas
- Noelle Voepel's dad, in hospice care
- Joys for Raul Bautista and family, celebrating his homecoming.



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR HIGH
SCHOOL GRADUATES

Malachi Seib
Shanyah Hill

There are many worldwide companies that locate in the Israeli settlements. These companies help the colonies grow. When Palestinians obtain jobs in settlement companies, they are not paid the same wages or given the same benefits as Jewish employees. Their hours are long and they have no protection. If they protest, they are often fired. All Palestinian labor unions have asked the world for divestment and boycott. Some examples of these companies are Hewlett Packard, Caterpillar, and Motorola Solutions. Divestment is called for.

In the Kairos Palestine Document, over 3,000 Christians in the Holy Land asked the world's churches to take principled, moral action to end Israel's destructive occupation. The occupation threatens the future of Christianity in the Holy Land. Churches have been burned and vandalized by extremist Jews from the settlements. Orchards have been destroyed and village wells have been poisoned. Priests have been spat upon, abused or killed, and Christian property has been destroyed by Israelis. These Christians are Palestinians, who are turning to the churches for help.

Palestinian Christians and our UM missionaries have asked churches to support boycott and divestment. This means that we don't buy products made in the illegal colonies, and that we don't invest in companies that support them. If we do have stock in those companies, we should sell it. This is divestment.

Many Jews around the world support this as well; in fact, 140 Israelis wrote a letter to the UMC in 2012 asking for divestment. Palestinian Christians and Palestinian civil society support divestment. Other Protestant denominations have passed resolutions calling for divestment from Israel's occupation: The Presbyterian Church USA, the United Church of Christ, and the United Church of Canada took this step in 2015. The South African Council of Churches and Bishop Desmond Tutu have called for divestment. The world is watching to see if our church will take actions that match its words.



FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

Cake Walk & Croissandwiches

POTLUCK



JUNE 12TH

**PLEASE BRING
CROISSANDWICHES OR A SALAD
FOR THE POTLUCK ...
AND A CAKE FOR THE CAKE WALK**

MUSIC MINISTRY



Dear friends,

Our Music Ministry had a good year and we look forward to topping it off with final anthems from the Chancel Choir and the Hilltop Ringers on June 12th.

I am deeply grateful to Loyce, Cindy, Kelly, George, Tim, Robin, and Lila for the hours of counting they devote to ring the handbells with precision and musicality. And then Loyce, Tim, Lila and Kelly do double duty and stay for choir with Larry, Dan, Sam, James, Selinda, Patt, Ellie, Karen, Rachel, Linda and Robin, where we make strange burbling noises with our lips to strengthen our breath support and make funny shapes with our mouths to create more resonance, in addition to learning rhythms and notes and lyrics. Every week these people join me in my sand box, as it were, and we have so much together! Then those who enjoy singing with the microphone join Lorie and I and we move into praise team practice. The harmonies I get to create while leading worship with Lorie, Selinda, Karen, Robin, Gillian and James are such a blessing on so many levels. So, to all of my Beloved Musicians, I say a heartfelt "Thank you!" for sharing your talents with me and giving so deeply to your ministry, your people and your God.

THE SUMMER PRAISE SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 16:

Worship Music Rehearsal

Thursday evenings—7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Music Warm-up

Sunday mornings—8:45 a.m.

Anyone who wishes to help lead worship is most welcome to join us at rehearsal. Summer is always a great time to volunteer to play a piano piece, or a ukulele song, or sing a solo or duet. Lorie and I will help you with accompaniments or whatever you need.

The full Music Ministries schedule will resume with rehearsals on Sept. 8th. I hope more of you will join this wonderful family of music makers and worship leaders. Short term or long term commitments are fine. We will welcome you with open arms!

~ Blessings, Melinda

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

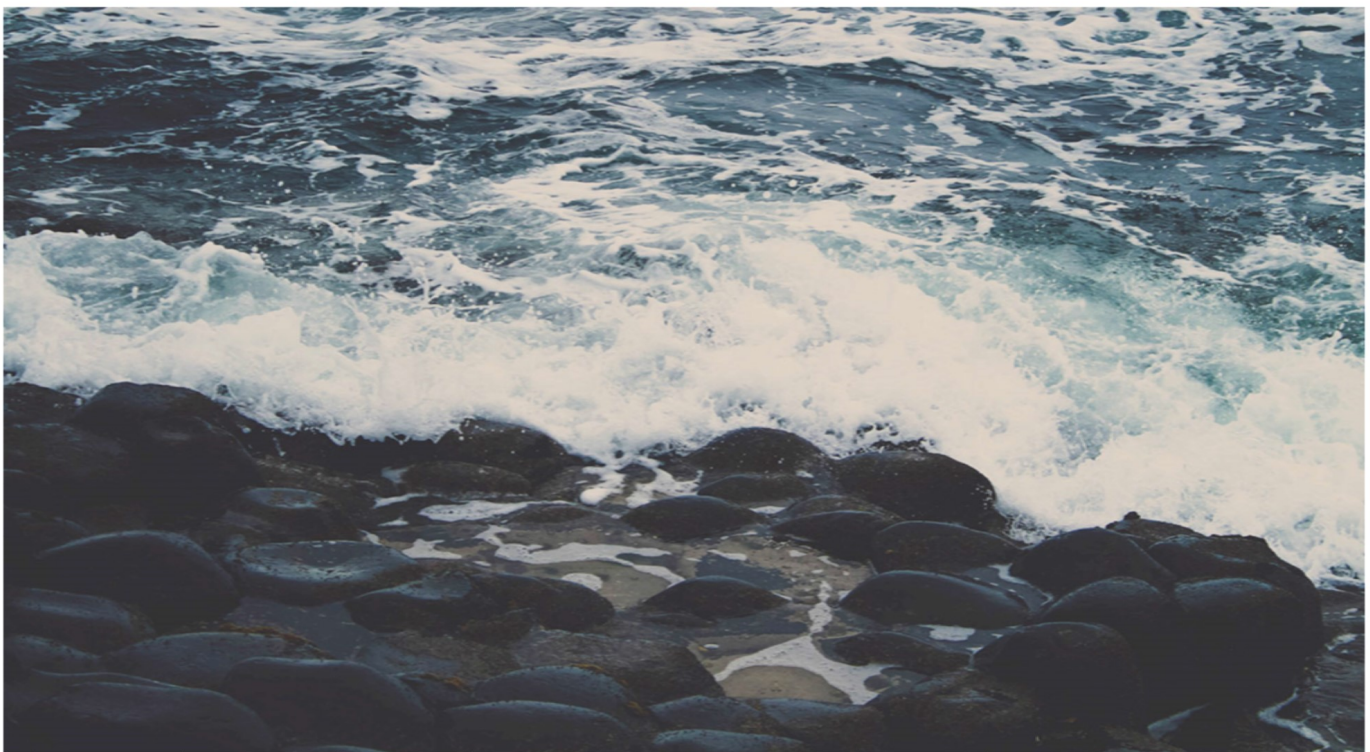
OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL TO CORINTH AND EPHEBUS - OCTOBER 2017

Rev. Catherine Davis of Newberg United Methodist Church is organizing an exciting program that traces the journey of St. Paul to Ephesus and Corinth. Rev. Davis has traveled to Greece before while doing graduate work and is eager to share with you perspectives and insights on St. Paul and the first generation of Christians.

This is an exciting program that includes visits to some of the most important archaeological sites of the world – including the great Acropolis of Athens, the ancient city of Corinth, and the spectacular archaeological part of Ephesus. The program includes a cruise along the Aegean Sea with stops in Ephesus, Patmos, and Crete.

In addition to historical visits – there will be opportunities to enjoy and explore contemporary Greek culture, cuisine and art. Don't miss this opportunity to join a great pastoral leader on a journey of a life time. For more program details and registration materials visit:

www.travelillum.com/trc/eha or call Illume at: 800-368-6757 ex 128.



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Lydia Circle:

Wed. June 8th at 11:30 am. in Koch Hall
Bring your sack lunch, beverage provided.

Elizabeth Circle:

Mon. June 27th at 7:00 pm in Nursery
Come and enjoy a cup of tea.

Our program will be "Cultivating Contentment"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

UMRC BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION!

Wed. June 1st we will be going to the UM Retirement Center in Salem to provide the monthly birthday party for the residents.

We provide the birthday cake and cards, but the most important thing we give is our time with them. If you are available to go please let Karen Walker know 503-639-7339.

IT IS TIME TO PLAN FOR OUR SUMMER GET-TOGETHER!!

We do this in July or August...the host picks the date.
If you would like to host this year, please let Emilie Kroen, Kay Gooding or Karen Walker know.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Current Book Study:

"We Make the Road By Walking"

by Brian D. McLaren

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: **"I Thought It Was Just Me"** by Brené Brown

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

UMRC Birthday Celebration
10:00 am. Men's Fellowship
10:00 am. Women's Fellowship
4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

5:30 pm. Handbells
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir
7:45 pm. Praise
9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 3—Carpets to be cleaned

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

No Activities

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

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

MONDAY, JUNE 6

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion
1:30-4:30 pm. "Stand Together" Garden Work Party

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

9:30 am. Piano Tuning
10:00 am. Men's Fellowship
10:00 am. Women's Fellowship
4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

5:30 pm. Handbells
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir
7:45 pm. Praise
9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

No Activities

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders
10:00 am. Worship
11:20 am. Cakewalk & Croissandwiches Potluck
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, JUNE 13

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship
10:00 am. Women's Fellowship
4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

**OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 16TH—18TH
@ Salem Convention Center**

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

7:00—8:00 pm. Music Rehearsals
9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

No Activities

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:45 am. Music warmup
10:00 am. Worship
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon
and Who Me AA

MONDAY, JUNE 20

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship
10:00 am. Women's Fellowship
4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

7:00—8:00 pm. Music Rehearsals
9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

No Activities

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:45 am. Music warmup
10:00 am. Worship
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, JUNE 27

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

8:30 am.—6:00 pm. Lifeline Screening

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship
10:00 am. Women's Fellowship
4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

7:00—8:00 pm. Music Rehearsals
9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

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June 19—July 2.**

**Please contact
the church office
if you have any
pastoral needs.**