



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

November 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

Dear Friends,

The last several weeks have been overwhelming in the lives of people in our nation. Natural disasters, violent protests, mass shootings, and more have been in the forefront of our lives. Our tears are renewed each time, and our hearts are broken. These are tumultuous times for a variety of reasons, and we offer our prayers for peace, for love, for respect and compassion.

We have the gifts within us to heal and to offer healing to others. Take the time to talk with friends, with neighbors, and with strangers. Stepping out of our comfort zones is risky business, but that is where the healing begins to take hold.

In the latest conversations on preventing gun violence I couldn't help but think of incidents from my youth. As a young teenager I was "required" by my mother's husband to learn how to shoot a hand gun and a rifle. Off we went into the woods for target practice and lessons. Who knew if he had any appropriate training in the use of guns, and I was not a consenting participant. A few times I asked "why" I had to learn these things and was met with the age-old "because I say you do." It was not lost on me that my mother's husband had spent a 90-day "Psych Hold" in the New York State hospital located in Binghamton, New York. Apparently, unhappy with a relative, he entered their home with a shotgun and blew apart the furniture in the house. Looking back on it now, I can't help but ask: how was he able to get guns after that and other incidents?" That is a good question, it seems to me.

In the wake of the Las Vegas shooting and too many others, I am revisiting some of The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, and I share some with you. If you have a moment, ponder these words:

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## For Your Prayers

- Cynthia & Carl Asai—for the loss of Carl's uncle
- Raul Bautista Jr. and his wife Byanka as they are stationed abroad
- Pearl Behm for the joy of spending time with her family
- Randy & Joan Beyer on their wedding anniversary celebration
- Jonathan and Elsbeth Murphy and big sister Naomi on the birth of baby sister, Trinity
- Sharona Shnyder in college at PCC and Portland State
- Penny Christianson and family as they grieve Mike's death
- Hannah Gitt and family as they train a service dog, Scout
- Emilie Kroen—recovery after foot surgery
- The Scales Family—moving into their new house

Did we miss a prayer joy or concern for you??? Let us know and we can send out an email on your behalf!



*The United Methodist Church urges “congregations to advocate at the local and national level for laws that prevent or reduce gun violence.”*

*Some of those measures include:*

*Universal background checks on all gun purchases;*

*Ratification of the Arms Trade Treaty;*

*Ensuring all guns are sold through licensed gun retailers;*

*Prohibiting all individuals under restraining order due to threat of violence from purchasing a gun;*

*Ensuring greater access to needed services for those who have mental illness;*

*Establishing a minimum age of 21 years for a gun purchase or possession;*

*Banning large capacity ammunition magazines and weapons designed to fire multiple rounds each time the trigger is pulled;*

*Promoting new technologies to aid law-enforcement agencies to trace crime guns and promote public safety. (UMC Book of Resolutions, 3428)*

*From the staff of the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church*

Bless each one of you for your love and compassion,

*Rev. Amy*

Some websites to check out:

*Federal and State (U.S.) gun laws*

The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, <http://smartgunlaws.org/>

*Background checks*

Webpage, Everytown for Gun Safety, <https://everytownresearch.org/infographic-background-checks-save-lives/>

*Mass Shootings*

Report, Everytown for Gun Safety, “Mass Shootings in the United States: 2009-2016,” <https://everytownresearch.org/reports/mass-shootings-analysis/>

**REMINDER: 2018 Pledge Cards are due!**

**AUCTION! AUCTION! AUCTION!**  
**Sunday, November 19, 4–7 pm in Koch Hall**

**To raise funds to support the 2017 TUMC budget and to have FUN!!!!**

**What can you do???**

Plan on attending the auction! Sign up to bring a salad, appetizer or dessert.

Donate items for the auction: gift cards, baskets full of goodies, sponsor a wine tour, a group dinner, handmade items such as placemats or scarves, paintings, golf experience, a weekend at the coast, an hour voice lesson, pies, fudge, specialty food items like homemade pesto — the ideas are endless!



**How do I sign up my donation?**

Fill out a donation slip and place it in the basket by the Auction Board in the narthex or write your item on the board.

**How can I help?**

Sign up to help in the kitchen by setting up salad, appetizers and desserts.

Help set up on Saturday, November 18 or Sunday, November 19 after worship.

Help clean up after the auction.

**Look for sign up sheets during the first weeks of November!**

**Most of all, come and have fun!!!!**

## ***Coat Drive for Community Transitional School***

Needed: new or gently used coats, hoodies, sweaters for all ages, preschool—adult.

Please deliver to the church by Sunday, November 19.



## **FOOD PANTRY DRIVE**

**November 1—30, 2017**

**LET'S FILL THE NARTHEX!!!**

**Diapers  
Toilet Paper  
Powdered Laundry Detergent**

**Donate money to help the School  
House Pantry purchase turkeys!**



## ***Soup Tasting Sale***

To provide funds for TUMC Missions

Sunday, November 5

Soup Tasting Lunch in Koch Hall after  
worship with a free will offering.

Choose the soup you like best or order  
a quart of all three! The soups will be  
delivered Saturday, Nov. 11 or available  
at church Sunday, Nov. 12.

Suggested donation: \$8/quart



Back Pack Buddy program supports families in need at  
Byrom Elementary School. Last year our congregation  
supplied breakfast packs and lunch packs for children in  
need of healthy food over the weekends and holidays.

Items that are needed:

Fruit Cups

Healthy Soups, Macaroni & Cheese, Tuna

Granola Bars, Power Bars, Trail Mix, Raisins

**Please bring your donations to the church. There is a bin in the narthex.**

**Backpack**   
**BUDDIES**

*Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.*

# Harvest Party

**Sunday October 29** during worship

TUMC Kids of all ages are invited to come dressed in costume and head downstairs for fun and games!

Parents: If you are willing to bring an activity or snack, please email Caryn Rutherford,  
monkeemom77@gmail.com

## Sunday, October 29 is the last Sunday to place your bid!

A queen-size handmade quilt will be available for purchase at TUMC during the month of October. A member of our congregation has made this quilt and is donating it to be used a fundraiser for the church budget.

The quilt is on display in the narthex. Paper slips are available for your use in submitting a silent bid. Place bids in thesealed container and the container will be opened at the end of the month to disclose the new owner of the quilt. An undisclosed minimum bid has been established.



## Mildred Wells' 100th Birthday!



**All are invited to the celebration!**

Sunday, December 3, 11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

King City Clubhouse

15245 SW 116th Ave., King City (Tigard)

RSVP: Colleen Rivers, 503.638.5329 or  
tualrivers@aol.com by November 18.

Your loving presence will be her gift.

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# UMW, BOOK AND BIBLE DISCUSSIONS

### 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:

**"Of Mess and Moxie, Wrangling Delight  
Out of This Wild and Glorious Life"**

by Jen Hatmaker



### Men's Fellowship

The Men's Group is alive and well with 12 to 15 men gathering **each Wednesday at 10 am** to share our faith, support each other and give to the community.

We invite you to join us as we begin a new book, "The Road to Character" by David Brook.



### UMW in November

#### Lydia Circle

Wednesday, November 8 11:30 am in Koch Hall. Bring your lunch, a beverage will be provided.

#### Elizabeth Circle

Monday, November 27, 7 pm in the library. Join us for a cup of tea.

**The program for both Circles is Thankfulness.**



**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

## Advent Study with Rev. Amy

I want to invite all of you to join me for an “Advent Study” of Four Christmas Season Hymns. I say “Advent” Study but the dates of this class will be starting the week before Advent begins.

8:30- 9:30 am Sunday morning Nov 26, Dec 3, Dec 10, Dec 17 in Amy’s office.  
12:30- 1:30 pm Mondays Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11, Dec 18 in the Nursery.



We will study four of the most familiar and beloved Christmas Carols of all time. We begin hearing them before Halloween and sing them through the New Year but have you ever stopped to really listen to them? Do you know the story behind their writing? Can you sense the Advent and Christmas themes running through them?

### These are the first lines of the four hymns

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.....”*

*“Silent Night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.....”*

*“O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.....”*

*“Hark! The herald angels sing, ‘Glory to the newborn King....”*

## 2017 Christmas Eve Service

**Information for YOU!**

**In case you haven’t checked it out yet,  
Christmas Eve is on a Sunday!**

**So Here Is the Worship Plan  
for December 24 This Year.**

**Sunday December 24 10:00 am worship as usual**  
**Sunday December 24 7:00 pm CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE**  
**No 11:00 pm Christmas Eve worship service this year.**

**So be sure to make a note in your calendar!**  
**It might be fun to try something a bit different this year.**  
**It will be a glorious evening together and a Merry Christmas for one and all.**

**If the 11 pm service is your favorite,  
I hope that you will bear with us this year  
and see if the 7 pm might work for you.**



## YOUR PASSION ON GOD'S MISSION.

Give through The Advance to a UMC project  
that you choose  
on UMC #GivingTuesday! Nov. 28, 2017  
[umcmmission.org/give](http://umcmmission.org/give)



#GIVING  
TUESDAY



On Tuesday; November 28, 2017, United Methodists around the globe will once again come together to support the work of Advance missionaries and projects on UMC **#GivingTuesday**.

Consider supporting a project in an area you care about, such as food and agriculture, church development, disaster response and relief, education, health, economic empowerment, social justice, WASH/Water and Sanitation, women and children, and mission personnel. Here are just a few options that our congregation has supported in recent years:

Imagine No Malaria – Advance #3021190  
Global Health Project – Advance #3021770  
International Disaster Response – Advance #982450  
United States Disaster Response – 901670  
Material Resources Disaster Relief – Advance #901440  
Refugee Response – Advance #982540  
Undesignated UMCOR Projects – Advance #999895

For a complete list of projects, visit The Advance at <https://www.umcmmission.org/Give-to-Mission/About-the-Advance/About-The-Advance> .

We would love to hear about creative ways in which you are raising awareness and funds for mission—especially what you are planning for UMC #GivingTuesday. Thank you for your passion as we live out God's mission together.



# Scrip Ordering

**November 12**   **December 3**  
**December 10**

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

**A few examples:**

		<b>Vendor Donation to our church:</b>
Old Navy/Gap	\$25 card =	<b>\$3.00</b>
Sears/Lands End	\$50 card =	<b>\$2.50</b>
Columbia	\$50 card =	<b>\$6.00</b>
Macy's	\$25 card =	<b>\$2.50</b>
Fred Meyer, New Seasons	\$50 card =	<b>\$2.00</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.

For every \$50 Columbia Sportswear Scrip card purchased, you will receive one Columbia Employee Store pass. This pass is good for you and 4 guests into the Employee Store. They also contain a one time use code to shop online at the Employee prices. These passes will be good through the middle of January. What a great way to do some Christmas shopping or spruce up your winter wardrobe!!

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

## **WEDNESDAY, November 1**

10:00 am Men's Fellowship  
10:00 am Women's Fellowship  
4:45-7:30 pm Weight Watchers in Koch Hall  
8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## **THURSDAY, November 2**

5:30 pm Handbells  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir  
7:45 pm Praise  
8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## **FRIDAY, November 3**

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

## **SATURDAY, November 4**

10:00 am Soup Lunch Set Up

## **SUNDAY, November 5**

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School  
11:30 am Soup Tasting Lunch  
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

## **MONDAY, November 6**

10:00 am Book Group

## **TUESDAY, November 7**

No Activities

## **WEDNESDAY, November 8**

10:00 am Men's Fellowship  
10:00 am Women's Fellowship  
11:30 a.m Lydia Circle  
4:45-7:30 pm Weight Watchers in Koch Hall  
8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## **THURSDAY, November 9**

5:30 pm Handbells  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir  
7:45 pm Praise  
8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## **FRIDAY, November 10**

9:00 am Soup Prep  
11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

## **SATURDAY, November 11**

No Activities

## **SUNDAY, November 12**

9:00 am SCRIP Sales  
10:00 am Worship & Sunday School  
1:30 pm Children's Christmas Program  
Rehearsal  
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

## **MONDAY, November 13**

10:00 am Book Group

## **TUESDAY, November 14**

No Activities

## **WEDNESDAY, November 15**

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

## **THURSDAY, November 16**

5:30 pm Handbells  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir  
7:45 pm Praise  
8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## **FRIDAY, November 17**

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

## **SATURDAY, November 18**

10:00 am Nancy Brown Performance Class  
10:00 am Auction Set Up

## **SUNDAY, November 19**

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School  
4:00 pm Auction  
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

## **MONDAY, November 20**

10:00 am Book Group

## **TUESDAY, November 21**

No Activities

## **WEDNESDAY, November 22**

### **Church Office Closed**

4:45-7:30 pm Weight Watchers in Koch Hall  
8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## **THURSDAY, November 23**

### **Happy Thanksgiving!!**

## **FRIDAY, November 24**

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

## **SATURDAY, November 25**

No Activities

## **SUNDAY, November 26**

8:30 am Advent Study  
10:00 am Worship & Sunday School  
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

## **MONDAY, November 27**

10:00 am Book Group  
12:30 pm Advent Study  
7:00 pm Elizabeth Circle

## **TUESDAY, November 28**

No Activities

## **WEDNESDAY, November 29**

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

## **THURSDAY, November 30**

9:00 am Newsletter Team  
5:30 pm Handbells  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir  
7:45 pm Praise  
8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## **FRIDAY, December 1**

9:00 am Hanging of the Greens  
11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers