



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

September 2019

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 5 years old

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

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FROM THE PASTOR

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

The prophet Micah has some poignant words for us right now.

Micah 6:8

God has showed you O people, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.

Simply checking a newsfeed lately can send you into a tailspin of fear and insecurity. Sometimes the need for security becomes the litmus test for a quality daily life. I tend to be a neurotic person when it comes to safety and worry. At dinner last night, my daughter cracked up when I told her that when she was a baby, I would wake up in the night and have to go in and check to see if she was breathing. And believe you me, I had a number of steps to check it all out. First, I listened..... (good, I hear breathing), then I leaned down to feel her breath on my cheek.... (good, I feel breathing), next I would get my small mirror and put it beside her nose and mouth.... (good, I see breathing). YOU GET THE PICTURE! Neurotic right??

If you have ever experienced situations where you feared for your well-being or that of others, you too may feel a need for security. Honestly, security comes in all shapes and sizes. Some things are simply commonsense practices: check the locks, make sure you have your keys, walk a well-known path with a friend. You see the idea. But don't let fear and insecurity sideline you.

At the moment, we are inundated with news reports of shootings, protests, economic recession, blatant attacks fueled by homophobia, racism, misogyny and more. We might be afraid to put ourselves out there too freely, in fact we may want to duck and cover. AND at the same time, we feel called to love our neighbor.

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For Your Prayers

- Thanks to EVERYONE who is helping with garden picking!
- As Eleanor Fitzgerald's family mourn her passing (Aug. 27) and celebrate her life, we pray for them.
- Good health for Myron Carpenter.
- Tom Wells as he is laid up with a ruptured tendon and unable to drive, but is on the mend and hopefully can drive again soon!
- Robin and Ken Curtin as they are moving to Virginia.
- Staff Parish Committee for their good work finding a new pianist.
- Special thanks to Kelly Myers and Dan Gassoway for their fabulous piano playing. And thanks to James Wescott and singers.
- Richard Brown as he recuperates from hip replacement.
- Robert Schiskey and his next steps.
- Congrats to Graehm Alberty and Drew Wise. Off to college!
- Eleanor Fitzgerald's cancer has advanced and she has moved to Hopewell House Hospice Care.
- We give thanks for Mildred Wells, who is doing great! She loves visitors.
- Special thanks to Davy Berra as our summer pianist.
- Yay! For Carter Rutherford Now in 9th grade HS marching band. And a teaching assistant for the middle school drummers.

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



I want to invite you to join me in re-claiming our identity as followers of Jesus. Be bold and purposeful. Not in utterly careless and unnecessarily dangerous ways. We aren't going for reckless. We are going for relationship. Remember who you are and be reminded of who you want to be. Don't be fooled by rhetoric that espouses racist, misogynistic, ethnocentric superiority. These are not the ways of God, these are not the actions of Jesus. I have heard some say things like "When Jesus returns, he will come with an AK-47 and start firing" THAT IS RIDICULOUS! Would this be the same Jesus who could have amassed an army of zealots to riot and attack the Roman Empire oppressors..... BUT CHOSE PEACE AND LOVE AS ACTIONS? Would this be the same Jesus who healed a man that his disciple attacked with a sword? Would this be the same Jesus who hung out with the outcast, lifted up the poor, embraced people of various religions, races, ages and station? YEP! THIS IS THE JESUS WE FOLLOW: feeding, healing, loving, including, teaching, praying, shepherding, finding, rescuing. We are called to the same. Don't let fear sideline you.

Rev. Amy

Remember your identity as a beloved child of God
and follower of Jesus

We are about living out justice: all are welcome, all are equal. Justice and peace and people should matter more than profit, superiority, violence and exclusion.

We are about loving kindness: help a stranger, let a driver merge (even if they don't 'deserve' it), care for someone who is ill, pay for someone's groceries, protect the weak, share freely.

We are about walking humbly with God every day. Humility in the face of creation and creature. We are not "in charge", we are alive in the mix of this glorious place we all call home. Let it be a home that is treasured, valued and shared with all creatures and people.

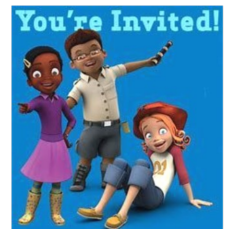


We express our THANKS to Davy Berra for his excellent and inspiring work as our pianist since July 21st. His last Sunday with us will be September 1, 2019. Davy will be heading off soon to start his Masters' Degree in Piano Performance at Western Oregon University. We wish him well and send him with our prayers and blessings.

WELCOME to our newly hired pianist Madeline Schmidt. Her first Sunday will be September 8, 2019. I know that you all will give her a warm welcome as she joins our music team. She brings with her MANY gifts of music to share.

Sunday School Starts!

September 8, 2019 will be the first day of Sunday School this fall. All of the children will be working on Pinwheels for Peace with Emilie Kroen on September 8.



September 15, 2019 we will display the pinwheels outside as we continue our prayers for peace in the world.

We still need helpers to put the pinwheels in the ground. Let the office know if you can help - tualatinumca@gmail.com.

Our Curriculum for this year is
"LOVING GOD, LOVING NEIGHBOR"

Special thanks to all of our teachers and assistants: Emilie Kroen, Sharona Shnayder, Lori Thacker, Katie Sinclair, Lindsay McClay, Merry McAdoo, Caryn Rutherford, Melinda Beyers, Rachel Elliot.

FELLOWSHIP AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Monday Morning Women's Book Group

This group will resume Monday,
September 9, 10 a.m. in the church
library.



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Group meets each Wednesday,
10 a.m. in the nursery. Come for study,
prayer, fellowship and service. Help us
pack food bags for those in need.

We are currently reading *The Righteous
Mind* by Jonathon Haidt.

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.
We are reading "God's Hotel"
by Victoria Sweet

United Methodist Women - UMW

The Tualatin United Methodist Women are
hosting a community Craft Bee on Saturday,
September 14th from 3 – 6pm. Bring your craft
and a friend and join us for an afternoon of
creativity and fellowship. Don't have a craft?
Come see what others are working on and learn
how to make hand-stitched note cards with
Caryn Rutherford!

Coffee and light snacks provided.

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August 2019 School Supply Distribution Events - a huge success!



Last week we held four school supply distribution events. All went very well. Your generosity of money, time, and prayers resulted in wonderful events. We were able to provide more school supplies to more students than ever before. Thank you!

This year, our 4th, we served 188 children from kindergarten through high school. That's 30% more than we served in 2018. We promote our events at nearby apartment complexes where many of the tenants struggle to make ends meet. For many of these families, this is the only way they can provide school supplies for their children. Your care and generosity makes a difference in the lives of these families. One of the moms wrote "Thank you, I don't know how my daughter would have been able to start school with supplies if not for your wonderful program." It is empowering for the students to start school with their own school supplies and helps it build self esteem.

As our program continues to grow, we trust you will continue to support this important ministry.

Peace and Grace!

Emilie Kroen, School Supply Program Leader

School House Pantry Donation Needs

Every year we seek to give items to the food pantry that cannot be purchased with food stamps (SNAP benefits). Below is what we are asking for weekly in September. There are tubs in the church narthex ready to receive your generous donations. Thank you!

September 8th: Diapers, all sizes

September 15th: Toilet Paper

September 22nd: Powder Laundry Soap

September 29th: Bar Soap/ Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes



Dirt Camp Thank You's

Merry McAdoo and Jim Serrill, we THANK you so much for the awesome summer DIRT CAMP with our kids. For all the seedlings, plants, gifts and hearts you inspired, we are so grateful for your ministry.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Thanks to this hardworking committee! They have been caring, mentoring and supporting our music staff and volunteers over these last four months of transition.

Thank you to the SPRC for the dozens of hours they volunteered to do an employment search, interviews, auditions and hires.

In July 2019, we hired guitarist/vocalist Hal Filiar-Aguilera and pianist Davy Berra. We have enjoyed Davy Berra as our temporary staff pianist and now we will welcome our new pianist, Madeline Schmidt, on Sunday September 8, 2019.

Special thanks goes to Kelly Myers and Dan Gassoway as they generously and graciously volunteered their wonderful piano gifts and leadership for a number of weeks. And now of course, we look forward to their ongoing ministry with our church Music Team.

Yard/Grounds Keepers!

To all of you who volunteer, to mow, weed, plant, water, trim, edge prune.....

THANK YOU SO MUCH! Our church grounds are beautiful!!!

Thanks to all who have contributed funds to the Yard Maintenance finance account. We are in conversation with a well recommended yard maintenance crew who will help with the "big jobs" of church grounds clean up, ongoing, as our funds allow. - Your Trustees and Finance Committees

Hilltop Community Garden

Many thanks to all who spread bunny manure, planted, watered, picked, delivered and shared. Our garden has produced wonderful produce which has been given to the Tualatin Food Pantry. What a gift of love!



Red Sweater Project Meet & Greet at Tualatin UMC!

Join us to meet RSP's Ashley Holmer, Shaban "Sheb" Abdul, and Timber Jim Serrill to learn more about how sustainable farming is helping improve education in rural East Africa. In 2015 Timber Jim joined the RSP team in Tanzania to develop and improve the farm at the Mungere School. The project provides affordable, accessible and innovative educational opportunities for children past the 6th grade.

Come learn how we're making a difference and how you can become involved!

Sunday, September 29, 2019, 3-5 p.m.

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Backpack BUDDIES

Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.

School is in session! It is time for us to ramp up our Backpack Buddies ministry. Throughout the school year (September -May) we seek donations of single serving oatmeal, fruit cups, soup, granola bars, mac n cheese, and tuna. We have tubs in the narthex where you may place your donations. Thank you!

We will fill the September backpacks on the 22nd to be delivered to Byrom Elementary. Children in the program take the backpacks home on Friday.

Our very own Sharona Shnyder had the idea to create this **Preserve T-shirt**, sold through www.portlandgear.com. Here is a quote from their website about the shirt: "We are currently facing the beginnings of an ecological crisis. No longer can we hope to save the world by waiting for change. Join us by purchasing this T-shirt, made of 6 recycled water bottles, which 100% of the proceeds will be donated to relief efforts for the crisis in the Amazon Rainforest. Together we can advocate and insist on change not only globally but on a local level within our beloved city."



CROSSING BOUNDARIES – PARTNERSHIPS IN MISSION

Two hundred years ago John Stewart, an African American farmer in Ohio, began a ministry to the Wyandot tribe of Native Americans. This humble beginning even then reflected the “from everywhere to everywhere” understanding of global missions that is leading us into the 21st century.

We in Oregon and Idaho are the direct descendants of that mission movement. As we mark the 200th anniversary of Methodist global ministry the Oregon-Idaho Global Ministry Team is bringing a Bicentennial celebration to three locations- Roseburg (10/5), Tigard (10/12), and Boise (10/26) this Fall. It will be a celebration of our history, but also a chance for individuals and churches to equip themselves with resources and information on current mission opportunities both locally and globally.

These events are for everyone with a heart for mission, and especially for those seeking new ways to engage locally and globally.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Hartley, Professor of Christian Mission at George Fox University and a clergy member of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. In his work as an ordained deacon Ben is appointed to both George Fox University and Mountain Home United Methodist Church on Chehalem Mountain, a few miles north of Newberg.

Workshop offerings will include these areas:

- **Disaster Preparedness/Connecting Neighbors** - Are you ready to take care of yourself and help your church and neighbors when disaster strikes? Come learn a few simple tasks that will make you more resilient after a disaster. Information about UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Connecting Neighbors curriculum will be shared. Your church can prepare to be ready to respond to the needs of your community after a disaster
- **Disaster Response** - Interested in responding to disasters through Oregon-Idaho UMCOR teams? Come learn about Early Response Teams and Volunteer in Mission (VIM) teams. These teams provide a caring Christian presence and a message of love and hope to the survivors of disaster as they move through the relief and rebuild phases of recovery.
- **United Methodist Volunteers in Mission** - why UMVIM? Are you interested in stepping outside your church doors and being in mission? Find out about opportunities through VIM and how you can work beside and empower people who have been impacted by poverty and major disasters. You can begin the journey today!
- **Current Missionary Service** - Have you been wondering how to locate one of our 300+ missionaries? How do you start a connectional relationship? Come and see how easy it is with the available General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) resources. You'll learn how to impact our global missions work through various ways to show support. When was the last time one of our missionaries visited your church? Learn how easy it is to "host a visit"! (This is something even small congregations can do these days. Find out HOW.)
- **Abundant Health for All** - Making the Connections Between Healthy Bodies, Minds, Hearts, and Spirits in our Lives, our 'Families', our Congregations, our Communities, our Denomi-Nation, and our World.
- **The Advance/UMCOR** - The Advance for Christ and the Church is a uniquely United Methodist program that enables churches, groups and individuals to support and remain in contact with carefully vetted Mission programs around the world. UMCOR is the agency of the United Methodist Church that has been responding to crisis situations and human need for over 75 years-- “the first in and the last out” wherever and whenever bad things happen.

Cost: \$20.00 Includes lunch and all program materials, which will be reimbursed to any TUMC member who registers and attends!





Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Tualatin United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.**

We invite you to spread the word to neighbors and friends!




September

SUNDAY, September 1

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, September 2

Church Office Closed - Labor Day

TUESDAY, September 3

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, September 4

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship
 4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, September 5

5:00 p.m. Music Rehearsals
 8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, September 6

9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts
 11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, September 7

9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts

SUNDAY, September 8

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, September 9

9:00 a.m. Book Group
 1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, September 10

11:00 a.m. Missions Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 11

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship
 11:15 a.m. Emmaus Reunion
 4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, September 12

5:00 p.m. Music Rehearsals
 8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, September 13

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, September 14

3:00 p.m. UMW

SUNDAY, September 15

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 11:30 a.m. Ministry Team Meeting
 7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, September 16

9:00 a.m. Book Group
 1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, September 17

6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, September 18

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship
 4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, September 19

5:00 p.m. Music Rehearsals
 8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, September 20

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, September 21

SUNDAY, September 22

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, September 23

9:00 a.m. Book Group
 1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, September 24

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, September 25

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship
 11:15 a.m. Emmaus Reunion
 4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, September 26

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Team
 5:00 p.m. Music Rehearsals
 8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, September 27

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, September 28

No Activities

SUNDAY, September 29

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, September 30

9:00 a.m. Book Group
 1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study