



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

September 2016

## Tualatin United Methodist Church

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

**Sunday Worship**  
10:00 am.

**Sunday School**  
Sunday School  
starting up Sept. 11th

**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

### *A note from Amy....*

*Friends, please read The Rev. Dr. David Lose's article below. What a word of inspiration for us as our lives get back into "full swing" in September. David Lose has a wonderful blog called "In The Meantime". I highly recommend checking it out..... it is a habit for my spiritual life and ministry.*

### **Pursuing a Faith That Matters**

Posted by David Lose on Aug 9, 2016 (adapted by Rev. Amy)

Dear Partner,

What does it cost us to go to Church? I've been wondering of late what people would say if we asked them that. A free Sunday morning? A chance to sleep in? The ten or twenty bucks put in the offering plate? Odds are, if we stop to think of it, it costs us very little to be a Christian today, as even in an increasingly "post-Christian" culture, going to church, if no longer quite the norm, at least occasions little comment.

Not so, of course, in Jesus' day. To follow Jesus, you see, was to question the religious and economic and even political status quo. If you were Jewish, it meant accepting as the Messiah this itinerant rabbi who hung out with the disreputable, accepted sinners, and preached a message of love and forgiveness. It meant, that is, accepting as Messiah one who looked almost nothing like the warrior king David they had expected. If you were Gentile, it meant accepting as the Messiah this itinerant rabbi who hung out with the disreputable, accepted sinners, and preached a message of love and forgiveness. It meant, that is, accepting as Messiah one who looked almost nothing like what the culture held out as powerful or important.

Moreover, following Jesus meant not merely adopting new beliefs, but a new way of living. To be a follower of the one who accepted and even honored the disreputable meant that you needed to do the same, rejecting the easy temptation of judging others and instead inviting them into our lives. To be a follower of the one who preached love and forgiveness was to practice the same, particularly when it comes to those who differ from you even, and maybe especially, in terms of what they believe.

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

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

### PRAYERS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

- Cheryl Brown and family with the passing of her mom, Lillian Brink  
\*\*\*Thank you to all who helped out with Lillian's service and the luncheon for family and friends afterwards.\*\*\*
- Ernie & Troy Cawvey for health and wellbeing
- Congratulations to Mallo-ry (Tanac) and Douglas Hill on their recent wedding.
- Travel mercies for Joel and Alysia Hill as they travel to Italy & Canada
- Kim Talbot and Heidi Moon, as they wait for their house to be repaired so they can move back in.

I began this reflection noting a major difference between Jesus' day and our own, as naming yourself as a Christian had a much greater societal cost and even personal risk associated with it then it does now. But I wonder.... I wonder if we might also find ourselves thrust into conflict and division with those we care about if we welcomed into our homes and congregations and social circles those whom society shuns. What would be the reaction of our family and friends and co-workers if we really acted like Jesus did?

Right religious practice and beliefs, too many have thought over the centuries, should exempt you from the suffering or disaster or poverty or even death all around you. In this regard, I believe little has changed. Think, for instance, of the popular Christian obsession with "accepting Jesus into your heart" as the means by which to escape "eternal punishment" and secure an eternal reward. But what if faith wasn't about guaranteeing future bliss but rather was an invitation to live differently *now*, to see those around us neither as souls to be saved or threats to be deterred, but rather to see them – everyone! – God's children to be loved, honored, and cared for? I am absolutely convinced that people desperately want their faith to matter, to be useful to them, to shape the way they think about their work, their families, their money, and more.

This is a life that takes courage, and you, aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, will help create that courage. Thank you, Dear Friends, for your faithfulness and your witness to Christ. Blessings on your life and ministry.

Yours in Christ, *David*



**Congratulations to Malachi Seib upon his completion of basic training at the naval academy!!**

## Items Needed for the Pantry

During the month of September, the focus for our congregation will be laundry soap and dishwasher powder for the Tualatin Schoolhouse Food Pantry. If you wish to bring in other items along with laundry soap and dishwashing powder, all of your donations will be greatly appreciated!! Donations are usually taken to the Food Pantry on Wednesdays.

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| <b>September 4</b> | Laundry Soap and Dishwasher Soap (powdered if possible)                      |
| <b>October 2</b>   | Diapers and Baby formula   |
| <b>November 4</b>  | Personal Care Items (tooth paste, deodorant, feminine hygiene Products, etc) |

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## MUSIC MINISTRY



### THURSDAY EVENING REHEARSAL:

5:30 p.m. Handbells  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
7:30 p.m. Praise Team

### MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

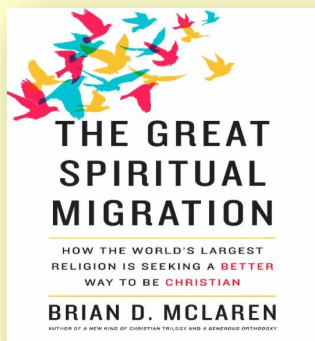
Despite the weather still feeling like summer, the full music ministries schedule is **resuming on Thursday, September 8th**. I hope any of our church family who have thought they would like to sing or ring or sign or run slides or sound with us some day will take the step this year and join our joyful noise!

You can't find a more welcoming group of people than those in the Hilltop music ministry. The desire to be a part of making worship meaningful and feeding each others' spirits is the essential requirement, everything else can be learned.

I'm looking forward to this year of music ministry together!

Blessings,

*Melinda*



**“The Great Spiritual Migration”**  
**Wednesday, September 21st @ 7:30 pm.**  
**Trinity Episcopal Church—Kempton Hall**  
**147 NW 19th Avenue, Portland, OR 97209**  
**Free Admission**

**Come hear Brian D. McLaren share from his new book, "The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian."**

In his new book, Brian invites you to seize the moment and set out on the most significant spiritual pilgrimage of our time: to help Christianity become more Christian.

Brian D. McLaren is an author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is an ecumenical global networker among innovative Christian leaders. Brian will be available to sign copies of his book, which can be purchased at the event in the Trinity Bookstore.

**For more information please contact Pam Knepper, [pam@trinity-episcopal.org](mailto:pam@trinity-episcopal.org)**

## FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

### BACK PACK BUDDIES

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:

- Oatmeal packets
- Fruit Cups
- Healthy Soups, Macaroni and Cheese, Tuna,
- Granola Bars, Power Bars, Trail Mix, Raisins



**We will be collecting items the first three Sundays in September and filling the packets on Sunday, September 18th.**

## Christmas Family Project



**A wonderful opportunity is opening up for people in our congregation!!**

We are looking for 2-3 people who are willing to lead TUMC Christmas Family Project!

If you are interested in helping in this project, contact the church office:

admin@tulatinumc.org 503-692-1820

### Responsibilities would include:

- deciding how many families the Church would like to sponsor
- creating an item list of food and presents for the families
- organizing the items into family groups for delivery
- finding drivers to delivery the presents and food to the families

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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### CIRCLE MEETINGS START UP AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

#### Lydia Circle:

Wednesday September 14th at 11:30 a.m.  
Bring a sack lunch, Beverage provided.

#### Elizabeth Circle:

Monday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m.  
Come have a cup of tea.

Program at both circle meetings will be UMC  
Global Mission Focus for 2017-2020  
and TUMW Pledge Program 2016/2017.

SAVE THE DATE

COMING  
UP

### UMW Cascadia District Annual Meeting Saturday, September 24th at Newberg FUMC

**SPECIAL PROJECT:** Newberg Chehalem Youth and Family Services serving families in need, youth (16-24) working on GED, etc.

**Needed:** twin bedding, towel/washcloth sets, hygiene items (soap, deodorant, etc.), kitchen items (pots/pans,...), gift cards from Fred Meyer, Walmart, Walgreens to buy needed supplies, Prescriptions, etc.

If you are interested in going please let Karen Walker know. 503-639-7339

## 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 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: **"Let in the Light"** by Patricia Livingston

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### **HOORAY!!! TIME FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL START-UP!!!**

What a joy it is to have all of our children with us.....Kids and youth in worship and learning together about God's Kingdom in our midst. We have a bunch of kids from birth through High School, and I know you would like to be a part of their lives and spiritual growth.

### **On Sundays starting September 11, 2016....WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Volunteer to help with a Sunday!!  
We can't do it without YOU!!!

Kids and Youth are invited to go downstairs for class during the worship hour.  
Class time is approximately 40 minutes long, and  
Rev. Amy is happy to prep everything you need to have a great class with the kids.

**We have fabulous curriculum for the classroom  
and it is very "user friendly" for our volunteers.**

If you have a special project or activity in mind for the Sunday School Time, you are welcome to volunteer and use your own ideas for the Sunday School Lesson too!!

**Usually we need between 2-3 volunteers each week.**

You can sign up for one or two Sundays a month or a Sunday here and there as your schedule allows.  
Sign up with a friend, bring a neighbor to help you, grab your sister!!!!

### **There will be**

- *Bible verses to read and share*
  - *games*
  - *crafts*
- *lots of other activities!*

Who wants to miss that??  
We have incredible children and youth who would love to get to know you and share some time with you on Sunday morning.

Call the church office (503-692-1820)  
if you want to volunteer....  
for one Sunday or for many.

You will be blessed by this ministry without a doubt!!!

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

No Activities

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:45 am. Music warmup

10:00 am. Worship—Outdoor Service

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

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5—Labor Day

Church Office Closed

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:30 pm. Praise

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

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 am.—12:30 pm. Emmaus in Koch Hall (community group)

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School starts up

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

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

11:30 am. Lydia Circle

4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:30 pm. Praise

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

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

No Activities

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School—Pinwheels for Peace

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

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—Peace Day

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 am. Newsletter Team

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:30 pm. Praise

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

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

UMW Cascadia District Annual Meeting @ Newberg FUMC

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

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

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

7:00 pm. Elizabeth Circle

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:30 pm. Praise

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

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

### NEXT SCRIP ORDER DATE:

## September 18th

Support TUMC!  
Purchase scrip  
for all your  
shopping and  
gift giving needs!

