



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

May 2016

## Tualatin United Methodist Church

20200 SW Martinazzi Ave.  
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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.



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## FROM THE PASTOR

**Passed on to you by Rev. Amy.....**

***Friends..... LET'S ALL DO AT LEAST THESE 10 THINGS NOW!***

### **10 SIMPLE Things You Can Do For Earth Day (AND EVERY DAY!!)**

**By Addie Gross**

Earth is the "third rock" from the sun and the only planet in the solar system known to harbor life. Our planet's rapid spin and molten nickel-iron core give rise to an extensive magnetic field, which, along with the atmosphere, dose us the favor of shielding us from nearly all of the harmful radiation coming from the sun and other stars.

We can all return the favor as we celebrate Earth Day and renew our individual efforts to help protect our Earth! With so many theories and choices, it may seem overwhelming at times. But if each of us does just a little bit, together we can help make a difference. Here are some easy ideas to get you going this Earth Day. Who knows- you may just feel so good about these that you'll be able to make every day Earth Day!

**Swap out your light bulbs.** Why? Compact florescent light bulbs use less energy than regular old light bulbs to provide the same amount of light, and last up to ten times longer. They also save money in energy costs - more than \$30 in the lifetime of one bulb. Another reason these bulbs are super cool is that they generate less heat than other bulbs; making home cooling costs significantly less in the summer. How? It's easy! Most stores are carrying them now, right next to the old kind of light bulbs. Don't wait for the next time you need light bulbs to make the switch - do it on Earth Day instead!

**Plant a tree or three.** With Arbor Day just around the corner from Earth Day, this is your chance to practice planting a fruit tree or any other kind of tree! Why? Trees remove CO2 from the air and help fight global warming. They produce oxygen, give us shade in the summer, and provide a home for your neighborhood birds. Need another reason? Plant a fruit-bearing tree and you'll have a yummy reward for doing so! How? Check out your local nursery. They will be able to help you pick one out and give you planting advice. Make it an annual family event and within a few years you may have enough shade to drastically reduce your home cooling costs and some tasty fruit to boot!

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**Curb your junk mail.** This not only saves tons of paper, but you'll save time by not having to fish through a sea of junk mail to find your personal mail and birthday cards! How? Pull out the pre-paid stamped envelope in your junk mail, write "please remove" on the envelope and send it back to them - on their dime. In the long run it helps everyone -- they don't have to pay for future mailings and you are no longer buried in piles of junk mail.

**Have a picnic!** Planning one has never been easier since everything comes in one simple kit. Well, everything but the food and family fun. So while you're shopping make sure you stop by your local farmer's market for some locally grown & organic produce.

**Turn off lights and unplug cell phone chargers.** This one couldn't be simpler. Walk around your house, notice any unnecessary lights that are on and turn them off. Don't forget to unplug cell phone chargers, mp3 player chargers, etc. Your chargers are using electricity even though your electronic devices are not connected to them.

**Try doing "conscious" laundry.** Instead of saving those piles of laundry for your Saturday or Sunday afternoon, do it at night when energy costs are lower. If you have to do laundry during the day try hanging your clothes outside in nature's dryer. Also try some eco-friendly laundry products, like [All-Natural Laundry Soda Bundle](#) or [Oasis Soap](#).

**Drive the speed limit.** This one may be the hardest one. Driving the speed limit increases your miles per gallon, in turn saving you dollars at the pump. You can also minimize unnecessary miles by stacking errands in one trip. This just takes a little bit of planning, but with rising gas prices your wallet will thank you!

**Carry your own water bottle.** Reduce the amount of plastic water bottle waste in the world by carrying your own. Stainless steel and polycarbonate drinking bottles are both non-toxic and super-durable. We recommend [New Wave Enviro's water bottles](#).

**Recycle at work.** Most people do it at home, but there are a shocking number of offices and workplaces that don't recycle. Just think about the amount of wasted paper that could be recycled but instead is being thrown away with the trash! Earth Day is the time to stop thinking about it and start doing something about it. It's easy! Don't be embarrassed or afraid. Just find a few co-workers to help you and back you up on this mission. The paper shredder is a good place to start. You can also request colored waste bins marked "RECYCLE" to place next to the other trashcans. Put a list of all acceptable items on the front so others know what can be recycled and what still needs to be thrown away. Oh, and if you don't already do this at home, [start there](#).

**Buy Mom a green gift for Mother's Day.** For the mom who loves to garden, check out our [Gardener's Remedy Kit](#). Or just completely spoil her with our [warm & spicy eco-body set](#).

*"The Earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too. Because God is the one who established it on the seas; God sit it firmly on the waters." Psalm 24:1-2*

### FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

#### JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Family of Nancy Beth Davis, upon her passing on April 10th
- Melinda Beyers and family, upon the passing of Aunt Zada
- Jan Davidson's son, Steve, with health issues
- Jim Serrill's daughter, Callie, for continued recovery
- Troy Cawvey, with health issues
- Bonnie Crismon and Mac Hanshew for their great recovery
- Dan Gassoway's friend, Susan
- Alysia Hill's grandfather, health
- Bob & Karen Walker, for safe travels
- Netha Thacker's mom and sister: joyful that her mom is adjusting well, but concerned for her sister's continued challenges



#### FABRIC FABRIC EVERYWHERE

I want to thank all my friends that gave me their left over fabric. I've cut up over 4,000 4x4 squares. My sister, Bonita, was thrilled to hear about the squares she will be receiving. With her stroke, this is the one activity that has given her life sparkle. Spending over 40 years in the Salvation Army has made her life one of service – thank you for helping her to continue to do that. As you do it to her, you do it to me, and you do it to God.

~ Rachel Elliot

#### PRAYER LABYRINTHS DELIVERED!

Thanks to everyone who made scarves & hats and the prayer labyrinths,.....they have been delivered and we appreciate all your work!

~ Tualatin United Methodist Women



## HILLTOP GARDEN



*"Steamshovel Serrill" is another nickname for Timber Jim as he digs a drain pipe ditch where Silvey Hall once stood.*

*The Silvey family was very active at Tualatin Methodist Church and were prime movers in constructing the Sunday School building in the 1950s.*



### MORE SPACE FOR FOOD PANTRY GARDEN!

With the removal of Silvey Hall this winter, Church Trustees decided that an interim measure would be transforming the space into something productive.

Hilltop Community Garden Committee took up the challenge led by Timber Jim Serrill who also serves as garden manager. Thanks to networking with Tualatin oldtimers, Brian Clopton Excavation donated several truck loads of fill dirt and gravel as well as big machinery and a volunteer operator. Compost from Grimms Fuel will be tilled in to improve the soil before vegetables and flowers can be planted.

Since this new area was not budgeted by the Garden Committee, donations are welcomed for the project. Mark your gift "Silvey Garden". We anticipate a need for \$900 to prepare the area. Jim predicts more than 7,000 pounds of produce for the Pantry this season from our church "farm."

*~ Larry McClure for Hilltop Community Garden*

### OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OUR NEIGHBORS

The Men's Fellowship Group that meets on Wednesdays had an opportunity to meet with Wajdi Said, President of the Muslim Education Trust, this month. Mr. Said has invited anyone to come for lunch and a tour of the school and cultural center in Tigard.

If you are interested, please let Larry Robbins or Larry McClure know if you'd like to come along and learn how our Muslim neighbors are practicing their faith and meeting community needs. We will be sharing some of our plants for their new community garden.

# WELCOMING SPRING AT TUMC

### SPRING CLEAN-UP /YARD DEBRIS HAULED AWAY MAY 21

Join us in “Welcoming Spring” with your gardening gloves and tools to rid the flowerbeds and the edge of the church driveway of weeds. If so inspired, you might trim the hedges or sweep the parking lots. Weeds, tree twigs, and other yard debris can be piled in the tree area on the east side of either parking lot.

Then, be sure to come out on Saturday, May 21st from 9 am. to 1 pm. to load up the debris at church & unload at Grimm’s. *(see flyer below)* The City of Tualatin & Grimm’s Fuel are sponsoring a yard debris drop off day in exchange for donations of food for the Tualatin Food Pantry. **Trucks, trailers and helpers will be needed.**



## FREE YARD DEBRIS DROP OFF EVENT

Tualatin Residents only!

Ready to start your spring yard clean-up? Grimm’s Fuel will once again be sponsoring a yard debris drop off day on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please be sure to only bring what would fall under the following description of yard debris:



*Yard debris consists of leaves, weeds, grass clippings, branches and prunings no larger than 4 inches in diameter or 8 feet in length.*

There will be no charge for this event, although...

*Don’t forget...We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items for the Tualatin Schoolhouse Food Bank for local families in need. Be prepared to show proof of Tualatin residency.*



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### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**TUMW Annual Spring Tea**  
**Saturday, April 30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**in Koch Hall**

Wear your Spring hat and come enjoy tea and conversation. Our guest speaker will be Julie Osa from the Community Transitional School (for homeless children). Our free will offering will support the school.

*Invite your friends! A wonderful luncheon and a great time is planned for all!*

### UPCOMING MEETING

#### LYDIA CIRCLE

Wednesday, May 11th at 11:30 am. in Koch Hall. Bring your lunch—beverage provided.

Program: "The Face of Peace"  
Guest Speakers: Patsy Nestor and our own Lorie Beyers (both are military veterans)  
Come join us! This should be an interesting program.

**NO ELIZABETH CIRCLE IN MAY**

**IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT OUR SUMMER GET-TOGETHER IN JULY OR AUGUST. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOSTING PLEASE LET EMILIE K., KAY G., OR KAREN W. 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

### SUNDAY, MAY 1

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders

10:00 am. Worship—Dr. Rev. Penny Christianson preaching—  
Sunday School

1:00-4:00 pm. Brown/Mendes Recital

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

### MONDAY, MAY 2

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

6:30-8:30 pm. Jensen Recital

### TUESDAY, MAY 3

No Activities

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 5

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 6

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

No Activities

### SUNDAY, MAY 8

10:00 am. Worship—Women of the Year Recognition—Sunday School

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

### MONDAY, MAY 9

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### TUESDAY, MAY 10

6:30 pm. Garden Committee

7:00 pm. Trustees

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

11:30 am. Lydia Circle

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 12

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 13

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

7:00 am.—2:00 pm. Boy Scouts Training

### SUNDAY, MAY 15

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

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

### MONDAY, MAY 16

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### TUESDAY, MAY 17

No Activities

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 19

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 20

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

9:00 am.—1:00 pm. Yard Debris / Spring Clean-up Day

10:00 am. - Miles Recital

### SUNDAY, MAY 22

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

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

### MONDAY, MAY 23

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

NO Elizabeth Circle

### TUESDAY, MAY 24

No Activities

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 26

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 27

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

### SATURDAY, MAY 28

No Activities

### SUNDAY, MAY 29

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

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

### MONDAY, MAY 30—Church Office Closed—Memorial Day

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### TUESDAY, MAY 31

No Activities