



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

We stand with LGBTQ+

April 2019

FROM THE PASTOR

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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.

As you may well know, there are common themes for the teachings and life of Jesus. One of the first ways we get to know Jesus of Nazareth is that he is “lowly of Spirit.” It is an odd turn of phrase, but I read it to be “humble.” Born in a stable, rode on a donkey kind of humble. It is a kind of spirit that always puts others first.

I am struck by the gentleness of Jesus. Sometimes I feel thrown off by the word *gentleness* in our modern usage. Sometimes the connotation of gentle is something akin to quiet, mellow, delicate, spineless, and yet in my view of the life of Jesus, I see his gentleness in including everyone, in endless outreach to those in need. Tenderness and compassion were his signature.

And, at the same time, Jesus spoke his mind about issues of justice and offered new life to every person and creature. He relentlessly spoke of peace and community, and while doing so he never elevated himself above others, but came alongside others and lifted them.

Jesus shared harsh words about those who claimed to be leaders of the people. Always on the side of the downtrodden, the left out, the lost, he did not mince words when it came to leaders who put themselves first at the expense of others. He was clear about his calling and true to his mission. And as Brian McLaren reminds us in his book *We Make the Road by Walking*, God is not setting up some kind of forgiveness market where only the elite prosper, but indeed building a whole forgiveness economy that includes everyone.

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For Your Prayers

- Pray for and act to save our planet.
- Prayers for Karen Walker and her family on the death of her brother.
- Ongoing prayers for good health for Myron Carpenter
- Linda Budilowski, prayers for good health.
- Lorie Beyers as she heads off to a new job after Easter.
- Love and support for LGBTQ+.
- Hannah Gitt as she trains a new service dog.
- Prayers for Cindy Gotlib as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

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



Jesus committed his life to nonviolence. My guess is that he could clearly see the futile nature of “kill or be killed” and the lifetimes of revenge that followed. Do unto others as you would have them do to you is the key to our calling.

As we continue our journey toward Easter, don’t be fooled by “religious talk,” it can be empty and condescending and excluding. What really counts is living the example of Jesus.

MAY						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Rev. Amy Out of the Office		1	2	3	4
			Nick Overton-Harris Wedding			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Preacher: Jason Roach						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Nick Overton-Harris Graduation						
Preacher: Rachel Elliot						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Petter Overton-Harris Awards Week and Graduation						
	Memorial Day					



Holy Week

PALM PROCESSIONAL **Sunday, April 14** **10:00 a.m.**

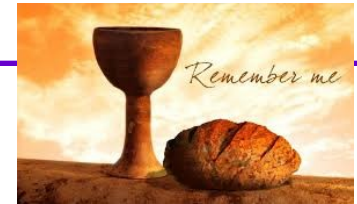
All kids (and kids at heart) are invited to join in the Palm Processional at the start of worship on April 14.



Maundy Thursday **Communion Service**

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 pm

During Holy Week we will worship and share the Lord's Supper on this Thursday before Easter Sunday. We will remember the night that Jesus shared the gifts of bread and cup with his disciples. We will hear and reflect on the new commandment (*mandatum novum* in Latin) in John 13:34: "Love one another as I have loved you."



EASTER EGG HUNT **Sunday, April 14** **following worship**

Younger children will participate in a fun Easter Egg Hunt following worship on Palm Sunday, April 14. If you would like to donate small items (small wrapped candy, stickers, toys, etc., that fit into the eggs), please bring them to church. We will fill the eggs after worship on Sunday, April 7.



Easter **Continental Breakfast**

Come and share in fellowship and simple fare in the narthex beginning at 8 a.m., Sunday, April 21.

Everything will be provided by the Witness Committee.

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 21, 10 a.m.



Please Join Us
Tualatin United Methodist Women

Spring Tea

Saturday, April 20, 2019

10 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Koch Fellowship Hall

"Creation Care from a Native American Perspective"

With

Eva Johnson, a Klamath/Modoc native and AC
Conf. Council on Native American Ministries
(CONAM) Coordinator

"I grew up on the former Klamath Reservation with my Mom and Granny. The stories I share come from those formative years of walking beside my Granny, watching my Mother work and learning reverence for the land. My greatest joy today is spending time with my grandson."

Free will offering accepted to benefit Red Lodge
Transition Services

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FELLOWSHIP AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Monday Morning Women's Book Group

Join us Monday mornings, 10 a.m. in
the church library.

We are currently reading
We Make the Road by Walking by Brian D.
McLaren.



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 *On the Brink of Every-
thing: Grace, Gravity, and Getting
Old*, by Parker Palmer.

Mental Health Forum, "Find Hope" Saturday, May 4, 1—4 p.m. Winona Grange, 8340 SW Seneca St

Tualatin UMW, Winona Grange and the Tualatin Community Police Foundation are jointly sponsoring a community discussion of depression, suicide prevention, and mental health at the historic Winona Grange. An engaging story of one person's struggle with depression and social media will open the forum, followed by a panel of experts on where to find hope. Experts will include Washington County Department of Health and Community Services staff, sheriff's office, and Women's Health Care Associates. A suicide prevention specialist from the Veterans Administration will also participate. The event is free. Resource materials will be made available during a reception following the program. Help spread the word about this timely chance to learn about a growing problem today.

Note: The Grange is not ADA accessible.

Scrip Ordering

April 14 May 12 June 9

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

A few examples:

McMenamins	\$25 card = \$3.00 donation
Fred Meyer, Safeway	\$50 card = \$2.00 donation
See's Candy	\$19 card = \$1.90 donation
Starbucks coffee	\$25 card = \$1.50 donation
Panera Bread & Cafe	\$10 card = \$0.80 donation

Check and cash orders may be turned in during office hours
(Mon thru Thurs from 9a to 3p) & before Worship on Sunday mornings.
Credit card orders will be taken on any Sunday morning.

Use Scrip for All Shopping and Giving!

Remember you can also buy Scrip gift cards for:

Easter

Mother's Day

Family Promise

Food for the Byrom Elementary children backpacks

Find out what's happening in ...

April

MONDAY, April 1

10:00 am Book Group
1:00 pm Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, April 2

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, April 3

10:00 am Men's Fellowship
10:00 am Women's Fellowship
4:20 pm Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, April 4

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

FRIDAY, April 5

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, April 6

No Activities

SUNDAY, April 7

9:00 am SCRIP Sales
10:00 am Worship & Sunday School
11:30 am Easter egg filling
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, April 8

10:00 am Book Group
1:00 pm Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, April 9

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, April 10

10:00 am Men's Fellowship
10:00 am Women's Fellowship
4:20 pm Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, April 11

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

FRIDAY, April 12

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, April 13

No Activities

SUNDAY, April 14—Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. SCRIP Sales
10:00 am Worship & Sunday School
11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
1:00 p.m. Nancy Brown Piano Recital
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, April 15

10:00 am Book Group
1:00 pm Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, April 16

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, April 17

10:00 am Men's Fellowship
10:00 am Women's Fellowship
4:20 pm Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, April 18

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
7:45 pm Praise
9:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, April 19

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers
1:00 pm Easter Brunch Set Up

SATURDAY, April 20

10:00 am UMW Spring Tea

SUNDAY, April 21—Easter

8:00 am Brunch
10:00 am Worship
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, April 22

10:00 am Book Group
12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline
1:00 pm Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, April 23

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, April 24

10:00 am Men's Fellowship
10:00 am Women's Fellowship
4:20 pm Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, April 25

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

FRIDAY, April 26

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, April 27

10:00 am Elaine Myers Memorial Service

SUNDAY, April 28

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School
11:30 am Ministry Team Meeting
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, April 29

10:00 am Book Group
1:00 pm Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, April 30

No Activities