



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

We stand with LGBTQ+

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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.

Dear Friends,

I just came inside from weeding a patch of yard. I always feel like I have accomplished something monumental and yet at the same time, there are many more patches waiting for tending in the future! So it is a task that we engage in on a regular basis, at least that is true for me. This is the time of year when the tubers are pondering their arrival, when the tulips and daffodils are soaking up all of the sunlight possible before cashing it in until next spring. And the next round of buds are popping open, baby animals are born, and we glory in the creation around us.

There is something about digging in the dirt, the soil of life that brings a sense of humility upon us. When I was 12 years old I moved on to West Jr. High School in Binghamton, New York. I thankfully left behind my elementary school days, as my mother was a 3rd grade teacher at my school and always knew when I was in trouble before I did!!! I would love to announce that my entry to junior high was happily memorable; however, I was a sassy, non-compliant, rebellious 12 year old and it didn't take long for my teachers to see some examples of just that.

One day, I was sitting in my French class taught by Miss Pettrick. I loved languages and learning new ones, but I did NOT love her. And I imagine the feeling was mutual. On this particular day, she had some choice things to say about me and my bratty behavior to the class and I promptly stood up, grabbed my French text book and threw it at her head. This escapade earned me a trip to the vice-principal's office. Things were seeming copacetic until Mr. French (ironic, I know) asked me if I had any regrets about the incident in Miss Pettrick's classroom and I smartly answered "Yes..... I regret that she ducked!" Oooooops! That was a week long suspension and yes, my mother found out right away.

A few months later we had an assembly to announce, among other things, that there would soon be a new team-teaching program. This program would select 50 kids at

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For Your Prayers

- Pray for and act to save our planet.
- Overton-Harris family in May: Petter graduating from med school, Nick (and Anna) getting married, Nick graduating from law school.
- Thanks to EVERYONE who is helping with spring gardening!
- Ongoing prayers for good health for Myron Carpenter.
- Robin and Ken Curtin as they prepare to move to Virginia.
- Linda Budilowski, prayers for good health.
- Lorie Beyers as she begins a new job.
- Hannah Gitt as she trains a new service dog.
- We pray with Sri Lanka and the world in mourning.
- Thank you one and all for a JOYOUS EASTER DAY!! Bless YOU!

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



random (not by merit) to be in this program for the remainder of junior high (7th, 8th, 9th) grades. Frankly, I don't remember even paying attention to the assembly at all but I do remember when my name was selected to be part of this group of 50. I wasn't hugely impressed, but let me tell you, it radically changed my life. There were trips to incredible museums in NYC and DC, special music events: opera, symphony and so much more.

In the spring our group of 50 started a community garden in a plot beside the school. We dug and weeded and weeded and weeded. Every night I would walk back up the hill to the school and weed some more. The land was transformed and so was I. The time came to plant and plant we did; row after row, varieties of vegetables and a side garden of flowers. I would go and check the garden every day after school to see if the seeds had sprouted. It felt miraculous to me. Suddenly I felt like I was helping to birth new life, grow food to share and be part of a community.

Hard to imagine but when I first went to junior high, I was failing most every class and getting detention on a regular basis. Who could have imagined that I would later graduate 6th in my high school class. My course in life was on a downhill slide and then simply by random choosing I was given a whole new perspective on life and have been pulling weeds and planting ever since. It was the Kingdom of God born in me. Thanks be to God.

Mark 4:26

"And Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if a person should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, one knows not how. The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain. When the grain is ripe, the harvest has come.'"

And so dear friends, every word you share with a loved one or a stranger can mean a world of difference. Every act of generosity can lift a person's perspective on life. Every kindness can turn to hope. Follow the example of Jesus everyday and embrace new life.

Rev. Amy



Many thanks to all who contributed to making our Holy Week so wonderful: UMW tea, decorating the sanctuary, the music, the yard and flowers, a tasty brunch, our beautiful community garden!

For all who participated in gathering 40 things to donate to others - THANK YOU! There were hundreds of donations.

Rev. Amy's May Calendar—Blessings Abound!						
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					

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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.

Family Promise Update

The week of Sunday, April 7- Sunday, April 14 TUMC was the support church to Living Savior Lutheran Church for Family Promise. Our responsibilities as a support church were to provide dinner, serve dinner, interact with the guests during and after dinner, clean up and help provide items for a grab and go breakfast. As a support church we also helped in providing overnight hosts.

Living Savior was an excellent host church as they took care of the building needs, providing overnight hosts, and being present in helping with dinner, clean up, preparing breakfast and general knowledge of where things are in the building.

During this week of Family Promise, Living Savior hosted two families: A family of five - mom, dad and three little boys between 2-4; the other family was a family of three - mom, dad and a two-year old girl. Both of these families have found housing and are now living on their own. It is nice to see that the program is working to secure housing for these families.

Eighteen TUMC volunteers provided 109 on-site hours at Living Savior. I would like to thank the following people for their efforts: Ellie and Larry McClure, Jon, Kim and Alex Bartholomew, Ted and Tami Weitman, Loyce Martinazzi and Norm Parker, Kelly Myers, Jen, Megan and Audrey Arndt, Sherris Harrell, Renee Dubarko, Leona Ulberg, Dianne and Wes Tanac. Many others have donated money that helped provide breakfast and lunch items which the families used during their week.

We will find out during the first or second week of May when our next week to be a support church. For those who were unable to volunteer this time, there will be another opportunity in the coming months. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Wes Tanac.

SAVE THE DATE
TO PUT THE BRAKES ON HOMELESSNESS!



Family Promise[®]
of Tualatin Valley

A Fundraiser for the Whole Family
Benefiting Family Promise of Tualatin Valley

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

 **Family Promise**
of Tualatin Valley
www.familypromiseoftv.org

Registration
Opens May 1;
More Info to Follow

Finance Update

The financial picture at TUMC is a positive one for the first three months of the year. We have had revenue of \$45,098 and expenditures of \$44,764. We are ahead of our budget by \$334 !!! April revenues have been keeping up with expenditures so the financial picture is bright. Thank you to our congregation for your generous giving, not only to our budgetary needs but your giving to the many mission projects that TUMC is a part of. From Back Pack Buddies to UMCOR our congregation is there , willing to help others.

Two Giving Opportunities

Capital Development and Maintenance

With the recent work on the building to keep the birds from coming inside, our funds in the Capital Development and Maintenance fund have dropped. If you would like to donate, money to this designated fund would be appreciated.

Yard and Grounds Maintenance

A designated fund for yard maintenance has been set up to hire people to complete work around the church property. Presently volunteers do their best to keep up with the mowing, tree trimming, weed cutting, flower planting, weeding, hedge trimming, ivy control and whatever else needs to be done on the property. Hopefully this fund can help by outside help in performing some of the tasks that are needed to keep our property in good shape. If you wish to donate to this fund, place your donation in the offering and designate "Yard Maintenance."



Scrip Ordering

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:

Mother's Day

Family Promise

Graduation Gifts

Food for the Byrom Elementary children backpacks

MAY

WEDNESDAY, May 1

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

THURSDAY, May 2

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

FRIDAY, May 3

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, May 4

No Activities

SUNDAY, May 5 - Jason Roach Preaching

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, May 6

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

TUESDAY, May 7

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, May 8

10:00 am Men's Fellowship
10:00 am Women's Fellowship
11:15 am Women's Emmaus Reunion
4:20 pm Weight Watchers
6:30 pm SPRC Meeting

THURSDAY, May 9

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

FRIDAY, May 10

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, May 11

No Activities

SUNDAY, May 12

9:00 a.m. SCRIP Sales
10:00 am Worship & Sunday School
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, May 13

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

TUESDAY, May 14

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, May 15

10:00 am Men's Fellowship
10:00 am Women's Fellowship

THURSDAY, May 16

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

FRIDAY, May 17

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, May 18

No Activities

SUNDAY, May 19 - Rachel Elliot Preaching

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

MONDAY, May 20

10:00 am Book Group

TUESDAY, May 21

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 22

10:00 am Men's Fellowship
10:00 am Women's Fellowship
11:15 am Women's Emmaus Reunion
4:20 pm Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, May 23

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

FRIDAY, May 24

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, May 25

No Activities

SUNDAY, May 26

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, May 27

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, May 28

Newsletter deadline

7:00 pm Encore Dress Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, May 29

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

THURSDAY, May 30

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, May 31

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers