



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

July 2017

## 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 4 years old

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

## FROM THE PASTOR

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

Dear Friends,

**My mind is reeling as I begin to write this to you on June 5, 2017. A mere 10 days ago, riders on the MAX were traveling along to a myriad of places. Maybe it was work, school, shopping, visiting friends or family, meeting someone at the airport, off to the Zoo for a fun time??? Who knows for sure. But what we do know for sure is that a tragedy erupted. Lives lost, injuries, both physical and mental that will last a life time. Many of you have already read much about the racist taunts and slurs aimed at two girls, ages 16 and 17, that led to Jeremy Christian stabbing two men to death and gravely wounding another as the three men tried to intervene.**

**How can anyone make sense of this kind of event? Frankly, we can't. Both of the targeted teenage girls attend David Douglas High School. I am very impressed with the David Douglas Superintendent Ken Richardson and the David Douglas High School Principal, John Bier. As leaders who teach others by example, their actions stand out to me as exemplary. I am often touched by the ways in which teachers, aides, principals, and administrators in our local schools have such a lasting and often lifelong impact on our children. I am just guessing here, but I will bet that the event on the MAX train AND what has happened since will not only be remembered by the general public, but will be a pivotal event for many students.**

**The East Portland high school is one of the poorest and most diverse in Oregon. There are roughly 3,000 students at David Douglas High School and over 50 different languages spoken in their homes. After just celebrating Pentecost yesterday in worship, I can't help but think about the scripture from the Book of Acts, Chapter 2: 5-6... "People from every nation under heaven were dwelling in Jerusalem. At the loud sound, all the people came together, and they were bewildered because each one could hear what was being said in their own language." It is indeed an amazing thing, to hear what is being said even when the language you speak is not the same. I wish and hope and pray for all of us to have that kind of hearing. The kind of hearing, that we can know the human experience of every one of our brothers and sisters, and always treat them with love and compassion.**

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Prayers for all of our School Teachers and Kids . . . It is SUMMER!!
- Prayers for Melissa Brown as she goes to the Univ. of Oregon for her Master's Degree.
- For our young adults in the military: Raul Batista, Jr., and Malachi Seib
- Graduates: Sharona Shnayder, John Wescott, Alysia Hill
- Eagle Scout Noah Wise
- Anniversary celebrants: Dan Gassoway & Sam Richardson, Ted & Tami Weitman
- For Sherris & Darby Harrell on moving into their new house!! 15530 SW Oaktree Ln, Tigard, OR 97224; 503.624.1552. YAAAY!
- Keep Barbara Robb in your thoughts and prayers. She is loving her new place and continues to settle in: 5325 SE Boise St., Turner, OR 97392. She'd love to hear from you.
- Yay! Timber Jim!!! Watch for his new Timber Jim IPA. All of the proceeds go to benefit Meals on Wheels. Ask him about it when you see him.
- Prayers of joy for everyone who has been helping in the garden. BIG SHOUT OUTS to Vic & Karen Miglioretto and Jim Serrill. Be on the lookout for when you can come and help pick and deliver to the Food Pantry.

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



### From the Oregonian June 5, 2017 page A10 (excerpts)

*"The 16- and 17- year old girls need time and community support to heal", Ken Richardson (DD School Superintendent) said in a letter to the school community. But the trauma, is not theirs alone. "This incident, as well as a rising tide of divisive rhetoric about immigration, race and religion, has sent ripples of fear and anxiety through our community," Richardson wrote in the letter sent to parents in English, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Vietnamese and Somali.*

*John Bier, DD High School Principal, sent an email to the school's 170 teachers explaining what happened to the two students. He told teachers to look for signs of other students who many experience anxiety or trauma in the days to come. He said "I told the teachers, 'keep doing the work that you're doing, care about kids. Don't be afraid to talk to them about their emotions and what they're feeling.' He urged families to pull together in the coming days, and said "Our students and staff value and celebrate our diversity and are a true bright spot in our community."*

## SO WHAT CAN WE DO???

### Oregonian Writer Aimee Green: Countering hate.

#### Oregonian 6/ 5/17 (excerpts and paraphrase)

*She begins with "police advise members of the public who encounter aggressive or abusive people making hateful comments to immediately leave the area and call 911. But if they can't escape or decide to help the targets, there are techniques to de-escalate a situation, such as giving the aggressor space or trying the change the subject as a distraction."*

### Speaking Up

*Bystanders must decide for themselves if and when to intervene. If it is a verbal attack on someone, you could stand next to the person being attacked. If enough people are available, surround the victim. If possible, help the person leave the area. Strike up a conversation with the target about most anything, the weather, a movie, while you ignore the abuser. While these are good strategies, try to keep safety the priority. There are dangerous and unstable people so focus on safety for yourself and others.*

*But if you encounter racist comments, jokes, inappropriate treatment of others in the workplace, among friends, in a gathering of people where you feel safe. It is everyone's duty to speak up.*

(a few examples of “speaking up” from Rev. Amy) “Treating everyone with respect is a value of our country”, “I don’t have the same opinion, I think kindness is what’s important” “loving all people is my priority” .....

## **Showing Support**

*Rather than keeping to yourself in groups or avoiding eye contact, offer a smile, or a simple greeting like “good morning”, “hi”, “have a good day”. It is a small but important way to build community. The people who will keep us safe are the people surrounding us.*

*Advocacy is an important option. Work for equality of all people. Send the mayor, or other representatives a letter expressing your support for ALL people in our community. Offer to host a neighborhood dessert at your home or on your street. Get to know your neighbors. For us all to have more safety, we must provide community for everyone.*

## **Chalk- Written Messages**

*Many people have been heartened by the outpouring of community support for the three men who intervened and for the two targeted girls. It is important, anti-hate groups say, to make sure that people with bigoted views know that the community is not on their side. That point gets across on Facebook, GoFundMe accounts, rallies, public memorials and chalk-written messages, like those scrawled across the Hollywood Transit Center in Northeast Portland, where the stabbings occurred on the train.*

**The goal of course isn’t to be violent or aggressive toward them, but to simply stand together and hold up values of kindness, respect and community. And of course, ALL people matter, but now is a time to stand up for people being targeted by hate on a daily basis. And of course, throughout the Gospels, Jesus stood on the side of the outsiders, be it religion, race, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, physical disease, limitation or other.**

**Scriptures to read and ponder: Matthew 5:9; 5:38-42, Mark 12:29-31, Luke 4:16-19; 10:29-37, John 13: 34-35**

**My Door is Always Open-----**

**Blessings,  
Rev. Amy**

## Sunday School Teachers!!!! YOU ARE AWESOME!!!!

Thank you so much all of you teachers! Our Sunday School kids and youth are so lucky to have you. Sometimes it is hard to imagine that you have an impact with such a simple and occasional ministry. But let me tell you, it can make ALL the difference in the world!

My childhood was dramatically changed by one summer visit to Sunday School at my grandparent's church. Thank you God, for the Englewood United Methodist Church in Englewood, New Jersey and special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Curtsman who were the teachers that day in my 5<sup>th</sup> year of life. I made a little wooden cross that Sunday morning and it sits on my desk here 50 years later.

So THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!

Wes Tanac	Merry McAdoo
Kim Bartholomew	Emilie Kroen
Melissa Brown	Melissa Gitt
Sean Gitt	Lindsay McClay
Sharona Shnyder	Beth Roach
Jason Roach	John Bartholomew
Caryn Rutherford	Sherris Harrell
Lorie Thacker	

Bless you and the children we so lovingly teach!

Rev. Amy



## *Portland International Muslim Cultural Festival*

**Saturday, July 8, 2017, 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**  
**Director Park: 877 SW Taylor St., Portland 97205**

We are pleased to announce that the preparations for the first annual Portland International Cultural Festival, "Silk Road Echoes," are well under way. This festival, the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest, aims to highlight modern artistic expressions and present the best of Muslim Cultural tradition while promoting awareness of Muslim cultures among American Muslims and the broader American audience.

Please join us for this celebration of the diverse cultures and traditions of Muslims, representing over 42 ethnic groups in Portland, to bridge greater understanding and dialog. The festival will feature:

- Cultural performances and music
- Food from around the world
- International market experience
- Arts, crafts, henna and Islamic calligraphy
- Resources and learning opportunities

For more information please visit our website: [www.pdxmuslims.org](http://www.pdxmuslims.org).



# FINANCE UPDATE

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Through the first five months of the year TUMC is a bit behind in our budgetary obligations. Our expenses have exceeded our revenues by \$1900. We have started the year with \$7000 in reserves and now have \$5100. We are not in a dire need but we want the congregation to be aware of where we stand financially.

Here are a few ways you can help be sure TUMC stays ahead of the game financially:

- During the summer keep up on your regular offerings. If you know you are going to be out of town on a regular giving Sunday, plan ahead and give that offering a week early.
- Buy Scrip, sign up for Amazon Smile, or Fred Meyer. All of these programs donate money to the church when you use their services.
- Hold a garage sale with friends and donate the proceeds to the church budget
- Do you have some extra cash on hand and not sure what to do with it? The church budget can always use a few extra dollars

The finance team is always looking at ways to cut down on our costs. Thanks to efforts of Gary Inloes we have a new internet connection through Frontier which by bundling our phone and internet may save us up to \$90 a month.

Have a great summer and see you on Sunday.

The Finance Team

**The church office will  
be closed Tuesday,  
July 4th in honor of  
Independence Day!**





Through your generosity, we were able to provide school supplies to 100+ students last year. We hope to provide even more this year!

Below is a list of the most needed items. If you would like to help but would rather not shop, mark your donation "school supplies" and place it in the offering plate. Bring purchased items to the church any time between July 2nd and August 6th.

We will invite our neighbors in for "Back to School Supply Night" on August 8th and 17th. Watch for more information! Questions? Contact Emilie Kroen, [ekroen@yahoo.com](mailto:ekroen@yahoo.com) or Wes Tanac, [marinerwes@aol.com](mailto:marinerwes@aol.com).

#2 Pencils	2,185
Crayola Crayons, 16-25 ct	105
Crayola Twistable Crayons, 10 ct	75
Colored Pencils, 12 ct	100
Classic Markers, Thick, 8-10 ct	75
Highlighter—Yellow	60
EXPO low odor dry erase markers, 4 pk	60
EXPO low odor dry erase markers, black	60
Water Colors, 8 ct	105
Hand Held Pencil Sharpener	45
Pink Eraser	180
Ball Point Pens, Blue or Black	300
Glue Sticks, small	475
Glue Sticks, large	150
5" Scissors	75
Wide-rule Spiral Notebooks, 70 ct	60
Sturdy Pocket Folders	150
Plastic School Box	60
Small Pencil Pouch, Zippered	40
12" Ruler with Standard and Metric	60
Solar Calculator (not scientific)	30
Scientific Calculator	25
Facial Tissue, 120-160 ct	205
Baby Wipes, 70-100 ct	165
Hand Sanitizer, 8-12 oz	45



## Summer Kaleidoscope Storytelling

To live out our United Methodist motto of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors, come join us this summer for an informal evening of sharing stories with each other and with folks we invite from the community. Like a kaleidoscope, the topics will change each week and evolve from your own experiences of travels, pains, challenges, community concerns, family issues, etc. Emilie Kroen and Larry McClure will ask for volunteers. All who come will help with set up and clean up. We hope to use our community garden as an inspiration for healthy dishes brought to share each week. Inviting newcomers who might find these to be a good fellowship and learning opportunity would be good. Childcare will be available if needed.

We will launch this series on Thursday, July 6th, 6:00 p.m. with Rev. Amy talking about what it's like having two pastors and three PKs (preacher's kids) in one house all these years. There will also be a short overview of what Annual Conference is all about with appointments, etc.

Our second evening will be Thursday, July 13th, 6:00 p.m. with Debbie (our office administrator) & Chuck Raby. They spent 15 months living aboard their sailboat (May 2013—July 2014), exploring the Intracoastal Waterway from Galveston, TX to the Chesapeake as well as the Eastern Caribbean and Bahamas.



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## UMW, BOOK AND BIBLE DISCUSSIONS

### Women's Fellowship

Come join us mid-week for a time of recharging and regrouping.

*We meet on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the church library.*

Our current book study: "**Hallelujah Anyway** by Anne Lamott



### Men's Fellowship

The Men's Group is alive and well with 12 to 15 men gathering each Wednesday at 10am to share our faith, support each other and give to the community. In 2016 we donated a total of \$929.10 to five different causes. We helped sponsor Jim's African mission, purchased and assembled over 50 food packages for our congregation to give to street people, a gift of a table and chair to the nursery, a donation for school supplies and coffee for the church. So far in 2017 we have given to Meals on Wheels and the Community Transitional School.

### IT IS TIME TO PLAN OUR SUMMER GET-TOGETHER!!

We do this in July or August....  
the host picks the date.

If you would like to host this year, please let Emilie Kroen or Karen Walker know.

## Hilltop Community Garden

Harvest for the Food Pantry is beginning at the Hilltop Community Garden! Crops are coming on slowly—we expect peas to be ready in the next few weeks. Then will come green beans and cucumbers. As we move into August and September we will have squash, tomatoes, then peppers and tomatilloes. We also clip a small amount of various herbs.

Our harvest needs to be responsive to the Food Pantry Hours. They are open for customers from 3– 8pm on Monday, and from 10am—3pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. We can deliver donations to the pantry beginning at 9am on all 3 days. It is important for us to harvest early enough to have produce on the shelves by the time they open. In general, we will begin picking at 9am on Mondays, and at 8:30am on Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you are interested in helping and want to be informed of any changes in the picking schedule, contact Vic or Karen Miglioretto directly or by email, [migletvk@gmail.com](mailto:migletvk@gmail.com)







## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**SATURDAY, July 1**

No Activities

**SUNDAY, July 2**

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders

10:00 am. Worship

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

**MONDAY, July 3**

No Activities

**TUESDAY, July 4**

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY

**WEDNESDAY, July 5**

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

8:00 pm. Tualatin NA Meeting

**THURSDAY, July 6**

6:00 p.m. Summer Kaleidoscope Storytelling

7:00 pm. Praise

**FRIDAY, July 7**

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

**SATURDAY, July 8**

No Activities

**SUNDAY, July 9**

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders

10:00 am. Worship

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

**MONDAY, July 10**

No Activities

**TUESDAY, July 11**

6:45 pm. Encore Auditions

**WEDNESDAY, July 12**

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

8:00 pm. Tualatin NA Meeting

**THURSDAY, July 13**

6:00 p.m. Summer Kaleidoscope Storytelling

7:00 pm. Praise

**FRIDAY, July 14**

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

**SATURDAY, July 15**

No Activities

**SUNDAY, July 16**

10:00 am. Worship

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

**MONDAY, July 17**

No Activities

**TUESDAY, July 18**

No Activities

**WEDNESDAY, July 19**

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

8:00 pm. Tualatin NA Meeting

**THURSDAY, July 20**

6:00 pm. Summer Kaleidoscope Storytelling

7:00 pm. Praise

**FRIDAY, July 21**

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

**SATURDAY, July 22**

No Activities

**SUNDAY, July 23**

10:00 am. Worship

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

**MONDAY, July 24**

No Activities

**TUESDAY, July 25**

No Activities

**WEDNESDAY, July 26**

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

8:00 pm. Tualatin NA Meeting

**THURSDAY, July 27**

9:00 am. Newsletter Team

6:00 pm. Summer Kaleidoscope Storytelling

7:00 pm. Praise

**FRIDAY, July 28**

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

**SATURDAY, July 29**

No Activities

**SUNDAY, July 30**

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders

10:00 am. Worship

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

**MONDAY, July 31**

No Activities