



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

December 2016

Tualatin United Methodist Church

20200 SW Martinazzi Ave.
Tualatin, OR 97062-9369
503-692-1820
www.tualatinumc.org

Sunday Worship
10:00 am.

Sunday School
Kids ages 5 yrs. — 12th grade
during worship

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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Jesus took a deep breath ... when he chose Simon the Zealot as a disciple
... and **political** barriers were blown away.

Jesus took a deep breath ... when he dined with Zaccheaus the despised publican,
tax collector ...

... and **class** barriers were blown away.

Jesus too a deep breath when he conversed with a woman of Samaria
... and **sexual** barriers were blown away

Jesus took a deep breath when he celebrated a roman Centurion's faith
... and **racial** barriers were blown away.

Jesus took a deep breath when he allowed a woman who was a sinner to touch him
... and **ideological** barriers were blown away.

Jesus took a deep breath when he praised a poor widow who offered her mite ...
... and **economic** barriers were blown away.

Jesus took a deep breath when he heeded the appeal of a Syrophenician woman ...
... and **national** barriers were blown away.

Jesus took a deep breath when he rebuked the disciples for criticizing a follower who
was an outsider to the group ...

... and **denominational** barriers were blown away.

Jesus took a deep breath when he chastised the adults for not suffering the children to
come to him ...

... and **ageist** barriers were blown away.

Jesus took a deep breath when he told Lazarus to come forth
... and **physical** barriers were blown away.

Jesus, God's breath made flesh, good deep breaths ...
Will we?

Will we be God's breath made flesh?

Quantum Spirituality

Leonard Sweet

I commend Leonard Sweet's words to you. He is an incredible leader in the United Methodist Church and I give thanks for him and his reminder to us.

Rev. Amy

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PRAYERS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

- The Miller family as they celebrate the life of Ned at a Memorial Service Saturday, Nov. 19th, 2pm at the Tigard UMC.
- Noelle Voepel and the Forest Grove UMC, as she begins work there Nov 21, 2016
- Ernie & Troy Cawvey as they move to a new home.
- Sherris Harrell's Family member Michael for his upcoming kidney transplant.
- Julian Family Joy for baby Paxton's baptism Nov 27!

Children's Christmas Program!!!

During Worship Dec 11, 2016

Angels All Around

Author and Composer Rachel Elliot (yes, our very own Rachel)

The children and youth will be sharing the joys of Christmas with us in song, in word, with instruments and angelic gifts!!

Don't miss it!

Contact Merry McAdoo merrygmc@gmail.com
Or Melinda Beyers melindabeyers@comcast.net

If you want to participate, help or whatever!!!

Award Winning Oregon Pianist in Concert

JOHN NILSEN

TUALATIN UMC

20200 SW MARTINAZZI AVE.

Sun., Dec. 18, 3:00 pm

"The musicianship is flawless."

Keyboard Magazine

"This show is highly recommended."

Willamette Week



STEWARDSHIP

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY **PLEASE** TURN IN YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2017

(Pledge cards are on the table by the Sanctuary doors)

Thank You!!!

The Finance Team would like to thank all of you who have turned in a pledge for next year. There is still time for you to turn in a pledge if you have not done so. Fill out a pledge card, turn it in during the offering on a Sunday, or drop it by the church office. With your pledges it helps the Finance Team set the budget for the 2017 year.



BACK PACK BUDDIES

December 11 will be packing day for Back Pack Buddies. You have four Sundays to bring in items.

Items in need for December are:

- *Mac and Cheese
- *Oatmeal
- *Granola Bars
- *Fruit Cups (applesauce, peaches, pears)
- *Soups



ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY

For the month of December, the focus will be:

Personal Care Items (toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products)

(THESE ITEMS CANNOT BE PURCHASED WITH FOOD STAMPS)

Any other donations you wish to contribute will be greatly appreciated!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

COME TO REV. AMY'S 4 WEEK ADVENT BOOK STUDY!!!

We will be reading and discussing:

“Names for the Messiah” by Walter Brueggemann.

Dr. Brueggemann is a world renown Old Testament Scholar and teaches at Columbia Theological Seminary. We will be talking about Isaiah 9:6 from the Old Testament which gives us the four royal titles for the Messiah:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

You will likely find these titles familiar from our Advent/Christmas seasons. You may also recall these titles from Handel's musical passion in "The Messiah". There will be a Sunday Class and a Monday Class.

Dates and Times:

8:30 a.m. Sunday [Nov 27](#), [Dec 4](#), [Dec 11](#), [Dec 18](#)
OR

12:00 noon Monday [Nov 28](#), [Dec 5](#), [Dec 12](#), [Dec 19](#)

I have 9 copies of the book. Cost: \$9.50 (*payable to church office*)
Please call to reserve one or purchase your own as you wish.



**HANGING
OF THE GREENS**

Saturday, November 26th at 9:30 am.

Come help us decorate for the Advent Season. Donuts will be provided.

Special thank you to Rochelle Martinazzi for providing us
with a Christmas Tree from the Century Farm.

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ANNUAL AUCTION

GET READY FOR THE AUCTION! *YOU STILL HAVE A FEW DAYS!*

Tualatin United Methodist will be having its annual auction to support the 2017 budget on Sunday, **November 20th**. The auction will be held in Koch Hall from **4:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Plan on attending this event which specializes in “Having Fun Raising Funds” for the church.

It takes a village to make the auction a success. Get your last minute donations in! The ideas are limitless. In past years, people have donated **flower arrangements, handmade scarves, placemats, vacation homes, group dinners, winery visits, canned pickles and beans, or gift cards**. The options are endless. Be Creative..... you still have 3 days!

What can you do to help?

1. Think of items or experiences that you can donate. **Fill out a donation form and place it in the basket or write your donation on the donation board. The Board is up!!**
2. Sign up to attend the auction and if you are able, bring a salad or a light appetizer. **Sign-up sheets will be out!!**
3. Invite a friend. **Sunday, November 20 from 4-7 PM**
4. Volunteer to help set up for the auction, clean up afterwards, or work in the kitchen.
5. Bid on the items at the auction and **have fun!!!!!!**

There will be **Silent Auctions, Set Price Items, Oral Auctions plus the Dessert Dash** and who knows what new things will be happening. Look for information in the narthex about the auction.

The sign-up for donations **is on!!**

Questions contact Wes Tanac. marinerwes@aol.com. Here is a Donation Form to get you started

Auction Donation Form

Donor _____ Approximate Value _____

Item Description _____

ORDERING SCRIP

Scrip Ordering For Dec 4 & 11

Each vendor donates money to TUMC when the scrip gift cards are purchased through our church. Year-to-date donations have totaled

\$1596.63!!

SO ORDER SCRIP FOR GIFTS TODAY!!

A few examples:

Fred Meyer, Safeway \$50 card = **\$2.00 donation**

Starbucks coffee \$25 card = **\$1.50 donation**

McMenamins \$25 card = **\$3.00 donation**

Check and cash orders may be turned in during office hours (Monday—Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) & before Worship Sunday mornings.

Credit card orders will be taken on any Sunday morning.



Use Scrip For All Your Holiday Shopping and Giving!

Remember you can also buy scrip gift cards to use for:

Groceries for Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners

Food for the Pantry

Food for the Byrom Elementary children backpacks

Gifts & food for the Giving Tree families sponsored by TUMC

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Celebrate the Christmas Season with us December 11th following Worship with UMW's Soup Supper, Cookies by the Dozen, and Alternate Gifts Pop Up.

Following our Children's Christmas program held during worship on December 11th, head downstairs to Koch Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship.

- Enjoy a **yummy bowl of soup** and a piece of pie! 100% of your free will donation goes to Tualatin Schoolhouse Food Pantry.
- Pick up **cookies by the dozen** to serve at all your Christmas gatherings. Cookies also make great hostess gifts! 100% of cookie proceeds go to UMW supported charities.

For those seeking gift ideas more fitting of the Christmas spirit, **alternate giving** opportunities will also be available. Contributions to Imagine No Malaria, Community Transitions School, Heifer Project, and Washington County Domestic Violence Resource Center can be made to honor of your friends and family members. Information and giving cards are provided in return.

Join us for this celebration of Love and Hope Sunday, December 11th from 11 am to 1 pm at Tualatin United Methodist "Hilltop" Church, 20200 SW Martinazzi Avenue, Tualatin. - Sponsored by United Methodist Women.

Staff Gifts of Appreciation

Watch for the "**Christmas Card Boxes**" for each of our staff members. Pretty soon they will be on a table in the narthex.

Grab a Christmas card from home, or a piece of notepaper or whatever and share your well wishes with our staff. Maybe share something you appreciate about the ministry they lead? Or maybe a word of thanks? Whatever you are inspired to say, they would love to hear it. Just drop cards etc in the appropriate boxes.

If you would like to include a token of your appreciation, please feel free to do so.



CHRISTMAS GREAT HYMNS OF THE FAITH

THE ALTON L. COLLINS RETREAT CENTER
ANNOUNCES A “BONUS EDITION” OF
GREAT HYMNS OF THE FAITH
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016

10:30 am: A Celebration of Carols & Stories—Grace Collins Goudy Chapel

12:00 pm: Gourmet Holiday Lunch—Alton L. Collins Dining Room

1:00 pm: Guided Tours, Stroll the Grounds, Shop for Christmas Gifts—Retreat Center

This special edition of Great Hymns of the Faith includes traditional Christmas carols as well as some Advent hymns and perhaps even a new carol or two! Learn a bit of history about some familiar Christmas songs, and enjoy singing with an enthusiastic group of carollers in the beautiful Collins Chapel setting. The program will be led by the Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett, a minister of music with a passion for helping people sing their faith. As usual, the musical morning will be followed by a delicious holiday meal designed and prepared by the Retreat Center’s Executive Chef, David Bell. After lunch, you’re welcome to stay as long as you like, enjoying the sights of the season and browsing our gift shop. We’ll have our Ten Thousand Villages Christmas display available with nativities from around the world, along with Collins’ own honey and preserves, plus our unique beeswax luminaries. Treat yourself and a friend or two with a musical Christmas gift!

MENU

CHEF DAVID WILL PUT TOGETHER A VARIETY OF HOLIDAY TASTES AND TREATS TO CREATE AN AMAZING LUNCH YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS!

REGISTRATION

The cost is \$18.50 for the day, including lunch.

Seating is limited so register early for this popular program!

To register go directly to the online registration form at
<https://umoi-reg.brtaapp.com/ChristmasGreatHymnsOfTheFaith>



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Soup Lunch / Cookies-by-Dozen / Alternative Gift Giving
Sunday, December 11th after worship

TUMW Winter-Get-Together in January

Our Winter-Get-Together will take place in January. If you would like to be the host, please let Karen Walker know
Phone: 503-639-7339 or email: karenrw@comcast.net.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Current Book Study: "Jesus, Interrupted"

by Bart Ehrman

The TUMC Men's Fellowship continues meeting each Wednesday at 10 a.m. to learn and support each other and contribute to worthy causes.

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: **"My Grandfather's Blessings"** by Rachel Remen

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UMC #GIVINGTUESDAY



 **GLOBAL MINISTRIES**
The United Methodist Church

umcmis-sion.org/give

Give light • Give love • Give life

Give to any of the more than
800 Advance projects and more than
300 missionaries around the world on
UMC #GivingTuesday, Nov. 29, 2016.
Thank you.

READY OR NOT, THE HOLIDAYS ARE NEARLY UPON US.

To help keep the emphasis on giving instead of getting this time of year, mark your calendar for [UMC #GivingTuesday](https://www.givingtuesday.org) Nov. 29.

Last year, you were one of nearly 6,000 donors from 27 countries who donated \$2.8 million through The Advance to support mission and ministries around the world. Thank you for your faithful giving!

In an effort to change even more lives this year, we've created a host of [UMC #GivingTuesday resources](#) to help you get involved and spread the message of generosity. You will find the answers to frequently asked questions, tips for using social media, and creative ways to foster the giving spirit.

What missionary or project will you support this year? Through The Advance, you can choose from more than 300 United Methodist missionaries and more than 800 United Methodist-related projects worldwide. From feeding the hungry to improving the quality of life of women and children around the world, you are sure to find a project that feeds your passion.

As always, 100 percent of your gift to The Advance goes directly to the project of your choice.

Our [UMC #GivingTuesday toolkit](#) offers ways to get friends and family involved, including asking them to make an early Christmas gift in your honor to your favorite Advance missionary or project Nov. 29. You can also make a gift in honor of those on your Christmas list. If you still want to give a wrapped gift, accompany the notification with a token representation of the designated ministry (a framed map of the region, a water bottle for a water project, a hammer for a construction project, etc.), or design or purchase a card that reflects the theme of the ministry.

This Advent, continue to "Give Light, Give Love, and Give Life" through The Advance at umcmis-sion.org/give.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday December 1

5:30 pm. Handbells
 6:30 pm. Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm. Praise
 9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

Friday December 2

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

Saturday December 3 No Activities

Sunday December 4

8:30am Advent Study— Rev. Amy's office
 10am Worship and Sunday School
 7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon / Who Me AA

Monday December 5

10:00 Book Discussion, Library
 12noon Advent Study—Nursery

Tuesday December 6

9:30am Sanctuary Piano Tuning
 5:30 Piano use in Sanctuary

Wednesday December 7

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 am. Women's Fellowship
 3:00-4:30 Piano use in Sanctuary
 4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers

Thursday December 8

5:30 pm. Handbells
 6:30 pm. Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm. Praise
 9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

Friday December 9

11:30 am. - 1:30 pm. AA Steppers
 6:30-9:00pm Encore Rehearsal

Saturday December 10 No Activities

Sunday December 11

8:30am Advent Study— Rev. Amy's office
 9:30 am. SCRIP Orders
 10:00 am. Worship—Children's Christmas Program
 11:20 UMW Soup lunch, Cookies by the dozen, Alternative Giving
 1:30-4:30 Encore Concert in Sanctuary (concert time: 3pm)
 7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon / Who Me AA

Monday December 12

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion
 12noon Advent Study—Nursery

Tuesday December 13

5:30 Piano use in Sanctuary

Wednesday December 14

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 am. Women's Fellowship
 3:00-4:30 Piano use in Sanctuary
 4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall

5:30 pm. Handbells <<
 6:30 pm. Chancel Choir << **NOTE CHANGES HERE**
 7:30 pm. Praise<<

Thursday December 15

9:00 am. Newsletter Team
 9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

Friday December 16

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

Saturday December 17

No Activities

Sunday December 18

8:30am Advent Study— Rev. Amy's office
 10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

Monday December 19

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion
 12noon Advent Study—Nursery

Tuesday December 20

5:30 Piano use in Sanctuary

Wednesday December 21

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 am. Women's Fellowship
 3:00-4:30 Piano use in Sanctuary
 4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers

Thursday December 22

5:30 pm. Handbells
 6:30 pm. Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm. Praise
 9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

Friday December 23

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

Saturday December 24

7:00pm Candle Light Worship
11:00pm Candle Light Worship

Sunday December 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Worship!!. (no Sunday School)
 7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon / Who Me AA

Monday December 26

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

Tuesday December 27

No Activities

Wednesday December 28

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 am. Women's Fellowship
 3:00-4:30 Piano use in Sanctuary
 4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers

Thursday December 29

5:30 pm. Handbells
 6:30 pm. Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm. Praise
 9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

Friday December 30

No Activities

Saturday December 31

No Activities