



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

January 2017—Happy New Year!

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,

In this New Year, Hope is our job..... let's bring it! I am not talking about "optimism" assuming things will get better soon. I am talking about radical, audacious, shout-out-loud HOPE.

The last few years, we have witnessed and lived through truly horrible events. It seems to have cast an understandable haze of dismay and despair on our nation and our world. But think about this.... Jesus of Nazareth was born into an era of Roman terror and occupation, a place where war, torture, hunger, disease were every day occurrences. Jesus didn't choose to be optimistic alone, or lose hope. He knew that the kingdom of God comes to earth with peace, joy, love, patience and compassion. He traveled the countryside to bring the message of God with acts of love and peace, with acts of healing, with baskets of food.

We have ENDLESS opportunities in front of us this year. Words that come out of our mouths, actions that we bring, work that we lead EVERY DAY to bring hope to a world crying out for signs of life.

For hope to be something that we can sink our teeth into, it has to be rooted in something real at the core of our lives. What have you seen, witnessed, experienced, lived that made hope come alive in you?

We have all seen dramatic things, like pulling someone out of harm's way in a flood, or running into a burning building to bring your neighbor out. And indeed we may find ourselves in this kind of event. Our instinct is to run and help especially in times of crisis. DO IT! But don't forget that there are endless everyday opportunities to bring hope and the kingdom of God to life. This year would be a great time for new things:

- volunteer at the food pantry
- gather blankets for a shelter
- read to children in your local elementary school
- learn about world religions and support them in your neighborhood
- speak up about God's love for everyone....don't keep silent

I could make a list several pages long, but reach out and do what your heart is calling you to do....So many opportunities and ways to embrace God's creation. Go for it! Be brave, daring and bold.

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†JOYS AND CONCERNS

- † *Ofilia Boyd, recovering from pneumonia*
- † *Bonnie Crisman, recovering from illness*
- † *Thanks to Rachel Elliot for writing a beautiful Christmas program*
- † *Cindy Gotlib and family on the death of her husband Ken.*
- † *Chellie Martinazzi and family—rest after Christmas tree farm season!*
- † *Dana Paulino—her mother’s recent illness and diagnosis*
- † *Netha Thacker—recovering from physical setback, waiting for a diagnosis.*

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Some of you have mentioned being overwhelmed by negative or vicious posts on the internet. You can speak up with a word of love and non-violence.

I would be happy to offer some suggestions to you if you wish. Believe me, every word, every action, great or small, can change the world. We follow in Jesus’ footsteps... the “prints” of peace.

“Whoever is joined to all of life has hope” (Ecc 9:4)

“There is hope for a tree. If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its shoots will not fade away.” (Job 14:7..... Ironic, yes)

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)

Let us be a blessing to others all year!

Rev. Amy



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24

7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship

December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff Christmas Cards

Don’t forget to bring Christmas cards for our staff: Debbie, Admin; Melinda, Music; Lorie, Music; Corinna, Childcare; Travis, Custodian.

MISSION UPDATE

OUR CONGREGATION HAS AGAIN STEPPED UP TO PROVIDE FOR OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

In 2016 we provided almost 432 lunch and breakfast packets for the children at Byrom Elementary. These **432 packets provided 864 meals for the kids in need.** Thank you for your donates of food and time.



The Christmas Tree overflowed with food and gifts for the families we sponsored over the Christmas Season. Thank you to all who contributed!

Many thanks to all the adults and youth who volunteered at the food bank on Dec. 3. It was a fantastic event for our youth!

Thank you one and all for your generosity in giving food and funds toward feeding hungry people in our community. What heartfelt giving we all participated in together. Overall you donated over **878 pounds** of food to the food pantry. Special thanks to Ted Weitman who tallied and transported the food on our behalf. This year in our friendly competition the Ducks pulled ahead of the Beavers, but of course we know that the real goal is getting food to those who need it most. **THANK YOU EVERYONE!!**

Our congregation continues to reach out to help others. As we do so, be sure to take time to take care of yourselves and your family. Take a moment to enjoy the season, come to worship on a Sunday, read a book, or just sit and have a cup of coffee, then **take a deep breath, pray for peace in our world and relax and enjoy the Christmas season and welcome in a new year.**

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MUSIC MINISTRY

WHAT A PRIVILEGE AND PLEASURE!

Helping to produce this year's children's Christmas program was such a privilege and pleasure! I love it when all the elements just come together so nicely in a program! Rachel Elliot has such a gift of music and a heart for children and put together a wonderful program. Rachel is an awesome Bible scholar who can find the essence of the scripture and share it simply and clearly. She does the same with the melodies she writes; they are simple and fun to sing. And it is important to her to convey the deepest, simplest truth of God to our kids. How awesome is that!? So, she is one God gifted woman for sure!

The other gifted person has been here at Tualatin UMC longer than I have. Merry McAdoo constantly looks for the best ways to help the kids learn, to help them be a true part of the church and to encourage every one of them. Merry makes sure every child is involved in the program in a way that is satisfying to the child, not stressful or boring. She looks for ways to make their involvement fun, but with an eye towards helping them learn how to be involved at the next level, whether that's narrating in the Christmas program or participating in worship from the pews after the program. And Merry does this year around as a member of the Sunday School teaching team and this year, she is helping to lead the youth too. Both of these women are brilliant in their areas of ministry. Rachel coached and encouraged the young guitarists and ukulele players so they were able to play during the program with confidence. Merry planned carefully for each narrator and knew ahead of time how to include any children who showed up the morning of the program without previous rehearsal. Every child was perfect! And beautiful! And precious! Reminding us once again of the miracle of birth and life and love that comes to every family through our children. Special thanks to Caryn Rutherford who helped us pull everything together with AV stuff and program prep and to Lori Thacker for our slides!

In our hearts may we all kneel at the manger and celebrate the love in our lives!

Blessings,

Melinda and Amy and our whole music and education group!!

THANK YOU Melinda Beyers, Lorie Beyers, Rachel Elliot, Merry McAdoo, James Wescott, all the kids that participated, all the helpers that worked on costumes and stage decorations... what a wonderful gift of Christmas to share with your TUMC family!!

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Soup Lunch, Cookies by the Dozen and Alternative Gift Giving. Everything you did is greatly appreciated!

TUMW Winter Get Together

Tami Weitman will be our hostess on Monday, January 16th, 6:00 p.m., 10666 SW Bannoch St., Tualatin, 503.612.0002. Please bring a main dish, vegetable, salad or dessert to share, beverages will be provided. We will have our gift exchange and, for those who participated, we will disclose our Secret Pal and draw a new one for 2017.

There will be no Lydia or Elizabeth Circle meetings in January.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Current Book Study: *Jesus Interrupted*



The TUMC Men's Group meets each Wednesday at 10 am. to learn and support each other and contribute to worthy causes. The group also puts together food packages to support 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.

We will continue to discuss the book, "My Grandfather's Blessings".

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1—HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

10:00 am. Worship—Guest Preacher: Emilie Kroen
No Sunday School

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

The church office is closed.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:

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

8:00-9:00 pm. Tualatin NA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

No Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 am. Worship—Guest Preacher: Jason Roach
Sunday School

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 a.m. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:

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

8:00-9:00 pm. Tualatin NA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

No Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

10:00 am. Worship, Sunday School

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:

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

8:00-9:00 pm. Tualatin NA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

No Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

10:00 am. Worship, Sunday School

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

10:00 a.m. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship:

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

8:00-9:00 pm. Tualatin NA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:45 pm. Praise

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

No Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

10:00 am. Worship, Sunday School

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

10:00 a.m. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY JANUARY 31

No Activities

***Communion in January will be Sunday,
January 15th. All are invited to the table.***





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In addition, you can buy Fred Meyer gift cards through our SCRIP program, earning TUMC 4% of your Fred Meyer gift card total.

SCRIP

Thank you to all who purchased SCRIP in 2016. Your purchases brought in \$2,000 for TUMC.

The first dates to purchase SCRIP in 2017 are: January 8, February 12 and March 12.

Consider using SCRIP for your weekly purchases at Fred Meyer, Safeway or New Seasons. Dining out? Gift cards are available for over 50 restaurants including Shari's, McMenamins, Elmer's, Chipotle and Subway. A large variety of retail merchant cards are available as well.

Tualatin UMC Facebook!

That's right—TUMC now has a Facebook page. If you are a Facebook user, simply search for Tualatin United Methodist and you will find our page. We will continue to grow this page, adding events and photos. No photo of a child will be used without written permission by a parent or guardian. If you would like to have an event created for the page, contact Debbie in the church office.



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