



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.

In a typical week, varieties of people and conversations come my way, especially noticeable last week while I was attending the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference. I probably should simply take one week and jot down a note or two about each encounter, conversation, each person. So many words, so much to say.

Having colleagues and friends across the country, I have heard a myriad of stories about churches, parsonages, property, etc., being destroyed or severely damaged in storms, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, fire. This is a fear-filled experience for most everyone involved. We are tied to our church buildings: where we grew up, were married, were baptized, share communion, read the scriptures that inspire us in our relationship with God. And so, when a church building/property is damaged or destroyed, WE TAKE IT VERY PERSONALLY! Where we worship is filled with sacred moments and a lifetime of stories. It is a place that we want to find solace, calling, reassurance, joyous worship and time together.

Here is the interesting part. Most every person, lay or clergy, who has experienced some sort of devastating loss of church property soon finds out that it isn't so much about 'the place': walls, gardens, classrooms, windows, organs and pianos, as it is about the people. The people still gather, they still love one another, they still learn, they still pray, they still read scripture, they still sing, they still remain a community together. No matter what. I love that.

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For Your Prayers

- Pray for the Arndt Family in their European travels!
- Thanks to EVERYONE who is helping with garden picking!
- Ongoing prayers for good health for Myron Carpenter.
- Robin and Ken Curtin as they are moving to Virginia.
- Staff Parish Committee in their work
- Special thanks to Kelly Myers and Dan Gassoway for their fabulous piano playing. And thanks to James Wescott and singers.
- Special thanks to our Sunday school teachers and assistants: Merry McAdoo, Emilie Kroen, Adi Shnayder, Sharona Shnayder, Kim Bartholomew, Melissa Brown, Lindsay McClay, Lori Thacker, Caryn Rutherford. (Did we forget anyone? Let us know!!)
- Prayers for George and Patt Bowlby's son David. He has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Prayers for Sam Richardson as he recovers from a stent placement in his heart.
- Randy and Joan Beyer on their travels.
- Congratulations to Ted Weitman for receiving special recognition at the Tualatin Food Pantry's annual volunteer night June 11. He is committed to weekly and on call food delivery as needed for those unable to shop for themselves.
- Eric Breyer on his graduation from OSU.
- Melissa Brown in her new school counselor job in Hillsboro
- Thanks to Sherris for a new banner, parament and stole!!
- Norm Parker on his trip to his family homestead in Canada.
- Kristen Poore on her new summer job.

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



It is never expected, but just imagine if something like a storm were to take our building and property from us. We might for a moment cry out "Our church is no more!" But then step by step we would realize that WE are the church. Our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. WE ARE THE CHURCH. Come what may, WE ARE THE CHURCH. We will gather, we will love one another, we will continue to learn, we will always pray, we will read scripture, we will sing, we will remain a community together. No matter what. I love that.

In the summer months, we will come and worship on the hilltop with great joy as usual. This summer I encourage you to be in community with our church family AND to meet new people, find new places, cherish time with friends and family. Gather with the people everywhere you go. Love one another, pray, sing, read scripture, live in community with everyone. No matter what. I love that.

Bless you!

Rev. Amy



Dear Friends

Our Bishop, Elaine Stanovsky, has delivered an Episcopal Address. It was published June 13, 2019. In this address she engages all of us in our reflection about the future of the United Methodist Church. In the spring of 2020, there will be another international meeting (General Conference) of the United Methodist Church.

To quote a portion from the Bishop's address:

"There doesn't appear to be a way forward that holds the present UMC together. Unless something unforeseen and very unlikely occurs at the General Conference next May, this means that every annual conference is likely to have to decide between a couple of choices. We don't know exactly what they are now. But it's likely that some of us will end up in a branch of Methodism that does not allow LGBTQ people to be married or ordained in the church, and some will end up in a branch that allows such marriages and ordinations. And that means that every local church is likely to have to decide between a couple of choices:

To go with one of the branches, knowing that some in the church may leave, or

To disaffiliate from the former UMC altogether."

We are definitely in an "in between" time. It is not a time to panic or to throw in the towel! The global UMC has struggled with these issues for decades, so in essence this struggle is vitally important but it isn't new. We will make our choice when and if the time comes and **no matter what**, we are in this together. The vast majority of the 11 states in the Western Jurisdiction of the UMC are unified in the full support and inclusion of LGBTQ people along with thousands of other UMC congregations and clergy nationwide and in the global church. We will move forward together come what may.

We can set up discussion times if you have questions or inquiries. And I am always available to you.

I encourage you to read the full Episcopal Address. There are hard copies in the entryway and we would be happy to email you a pdf. Just let us know.

Bless you one and all,

Rev. Amy



Family Promise[®] of Tualatin Valley

Our next week to be a **support church** for Family Promise will be
Sunday, July 21- Sunday, July 28.

We are in need of volunteers!

Set Up on Sunday, July 21

12 - 3 p.m.

Help set up the rooms for the families to stay. Bring in the mattresses, put mattress pads and sheets on beds. Takes about 1-2 hours, 3-4 people are needed.

Meal Preparation and Serving

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals to the families, 7-16 people. Time commitment is 5:30-7:30 p.m. but could be longer if you wish to interact with families after dinner. You will be paired with another person to help in preparation and serving.

Interacting With Families After Dinner

Play games inside or out with adults and children - board games, crafts or watching a video. Time would be 7-8:30 but may not be needed every day due to needs and commitments families may have.

One or two people, Monday-Friday if necessary. People serving dinner could be part of this.

Overnight Hosts

One overnight host is needed from TUMC. Arrive 8:30-9:00 p.m. to spend the night. You sleep, help set up a grab and go breakfast 6-6:30 a.m., depart 7:00 a.m. We have two nights covered, we need 5 more!

Breakdown

Sunday, July 28, 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to take mattresses out to a trailer and clean up rooms and put back into place for Sunday morning activities.

We need 2-3 people.

**If you would like to help in any of the above ways, contact
Wes Tanac, 503.317.5508 or MarinerWes@aol.com**

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FELLOWSHIP AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Monday Morning Women's Book Group

This group is not meeting in July or August. They will resume Monday, September 9, 10 a.m. in the church library.



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 "God's Hotel" by Victoria Sweet

United Methodist Women - UMW

Tualatin United Methodist Women believe in the purpose of United Methodist Women . We are turning a new leaf starting Saturday, September 14.

Mark your calendars to save the date and time, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We will be having a craft time - all women are invited to bring your craft and work on it. If you do not have a craft, we will be featuring a craft with someone to demonstrate it.

If you have any input in this, please bring your ideas to us.

Emilie Kroen and Karen Walker



United
Methodist
Women

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Hilltop Community Garden

Help harvest veggies from the garden! Gardeners pick Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Last year we donated over 3,000 pounds of produce to the Tualatin Food Pantry. All are welcome to come and pick!



TUMC Grounds

Summer is here and there is plenty to take care of on the TUMC property. To volunteer in the community garden, contact Vic or Karen Miglioretto or Jim Serrill. Pick a flower bed on the property -- a bed by the sign, an area by the entry way, the upper parking median, or the bed by the mailbox. There is always a need for limb cutting and weeding along the driveway. If you wish to cut lawn, that can be arranged! Contact Wes Tanac or Ted and Tami Weitman for more information.



MONDAY, July 1

10:00 a.m. School Supply Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, July 2

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, July 3

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship
 4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, July 4

Church Office is Closed

FRIDAY, July 5

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, July 6

No Activities

SUNDAY, July 7

10:00 a.m. Worship
 7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, July 8

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, July 9

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, July 10

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship
 11:15 a.m. Emmaus Reunion
 4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, July 11

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Instrumentalists
 8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, July 12

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, July 13

No Activities

SUNDAY, July 14

10:00 a.m. Worship
 7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, July 15

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, July 16

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, July 17

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship
 4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, July 18

6:00 p.m. Praise Team Instrumentalists
 8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, July 19

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, July 20

No Activities

SUNDAY, July 21

10:00 a.m. Worship
 12:00 p.m. Family Promise Set Up
 7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, July 22

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, July 23

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, July 24

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship
 11:15 a.m. Emmaus Reunion
 4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, July 25

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Team
 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Instrumentalists
 8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, July 26

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, July 27

No Activities

SUNDAY, July 28

10:00 a.m. Worship
 7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, July 29

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

TUESDAY, July 30

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, July 31

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship
 4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers