



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

January 2018

## 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.

## FROM THE PASTOR

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

### Happy New Year! From Rev. Amy

I loved this poem by J. Allen Shaw. It can remind us what to be up to in the New Year!!! Bring it on 2018..... We are ready for you!!

Poet: J. Allen Shaw, ©2017

Many of us are dreamers, in 2018 become doers.  
Make your thoughts actions and become pursuers.  
Don't make resolutions without an action plan.  
The secret to success is right in your hands.

Thomas Edison discovered more than 1000 ways, to not invent a bulb of light,  
But eventually, through perspiration, he found the solution to get it just right.  
If he had stopped at nine hundred ninety-nine,  
You'd be reading in the dark, and might miss a line.

Take the first step, do something outrageous,  
The act of doing, will become quite contagious.  
Accomplishments will come closer each day,  
Don't just wish, but act and pray!

Don't let pride ever cause you to stumble,  
Baby steps are still progress and keep us humble.  
It's better to move slowly then to turn or hide,  
Keep your eyes focused, let God be your guide.

At the end of the year, you'll discover you've been moving,  
Much closer to the goals, you have always been pursuing.  
It won't all happen on January one,  
But with faith, hope, and action, you will get the job done.

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## For Your Prayers

- Patt and George Bowlsby's grandson is home safely from Iraq.
- Cory and Mackenzie Gallo on their marriage Dec 2, 2017.
- Ernie Cawvey as she recovers from a stroke.
- Dan Gassoway's 1 year old niece with neurological crisis.
- Kelly and Craig Myers for their holiday trip to Germany.
- Karen and Bob Walker on their holiday to Germany to see their son.
- Kay Gooding on her recovery from hip surgery.
- Darby Harrell for his recovery from ongoing pneumonia.
- Gary and Bonnie Inloes on their move to Woodburn.
- Tom and Emilie Kroen as they are in Hawaii on holiday.
- Jeff and Lindsay McClay and big brother Kellen as their baby is due Dec 27.
- John and Elsbeth and Naomi Murphy as they celebrate the baptism of their new daughter, Trinity.
- Mildred Wells on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday in December!!
- Barb Zurstadt on her recovery from a surgical repair for a broken arm.

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



The true sign of  
intelligence is not  
knowledge but  
imagination.

-Albert Einstein



Thank you all for  
the warm  
Christmas  
wishes and gifts,  
with love from  
your church  
staff!

**THIS IS YOUR LIFE.**  
DO WHAT YOU LOVE,  
AND DO IT OFTEN.  
IF YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING, CHANGE IT.  
IF YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR JOB, QUIT.  
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME, STOP WATCHING TV.  
IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE, STOP;  
THEY WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU  
START DOING THINGS YOU LOVE.  
STOP OVER ANALYZING, ALL EMOTIONS ARE BEAUTIFUL.  
LIFE IS SIMPLE. EVERY LAST BITE.  
OPEN YOUR MIND, ARMS, AND HEART TO NEW THINGS  
AND PEOPLE, WE ARE UNITED IN OUR DIFFERENCES.  
ASK THE NEXT PERSON YOU SEE WHAT THEIR PASSION IS,  
AND SHARE YOUR INSPIRING DREAM WITH THEM.  
TRAVEL OFTEN; GETTING LOST WILL  
SOME OPPORTUNITIES ONLY COME ONCE, SEIZE THEM.  
LIFE IS ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU MEET, AND  
THE THINGS YOU CREATE WITH THEM  
SO GO OUT AND START CREATING.  
LIVE YOUR DREAM,  
AND WEAR  
YOUR PASSION.

Rev. Amy will be out of the office  
December 26-January 7.

January's communion worship  
service will be Sunday, January 14.

# 2017

It has been quite a year in our world, country, state and here at Tualatin United Methodist. I am always impressed at how our congregation not only reaches out to those in our congregation, but also to those in need outside of our congregation.

Whether it is coats to the Transitional Community School, bringing fruit cups and soups to support our Back Pack Buddy program at Byrom Elementary, providing School Supplies to 60 students in our local area, supporting five families at Christmas time with food and gifts through our Giving Tree, or donating funds to UMCOR to help in recovery from the hurricanes in Puerto Rico, Florida and Houston our congregation has provided help to those in need.

Our continued support of the Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry is a beacon of light in our community. The canned food, diapers, laundry soap, and toilet paper we donate on a regular basis helps with the staples that people need. Our Community Garden produces fresh vegetables and herbs to the pantry throughout the spring, summer, and fall and brings people together by working in the garden.

The missions supported by our congregation are just the tip of the iceberg of what individuals do on their own to support those in need. I commend all of you for your service and giving of yourselves to show God's love by your actions and deeds.

While reaching out to others, it is important to nourish our souls. We do this by being in worship, singing songs of praise, voicing and listening to our joys and concerns, giving offerings to support the business of church, and listening to the sermons of Pastor Amy. The many discussion groups, and classes serve as opportunities to enhance our understanding on how God is present in our lives.

Take time to listen to the word of God and reflect upon what those words mean to us as individuals as we navigate our way through life. I hope you were able to take time to thank God during the Christmas season for what He has brought into your life. Take time this New Year to reach out and listen to God. Accept His direction as He guides you to bring joy and comfort to yourself and others in your life.

Praise God and Happy New Year

*Wes Tanac*  
Lay Leader



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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 10 am in the church library.*

Our current book study:

**"A Bigger Table, (Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community)"** by John Pavlovitz.



#### Men's Fellowship

The Men's Group is alive and well with 12 to 15 men gathering **each Wednesday at 10 am** to share our faith, support each other and give to the community. We invite all men to join us!

### TUMW Winter Get Together

If you would like to host our annual January gathering, please let Emilie Kroen or Karen Walker know.

There will be no TUMW meeting in January.

Back Pack Buddy program supports families in need at Byrom Elementary School. Our congregation continues to supply breakfast packs and lunch packs for children in need of healthy food over the weekends and holidays.

Items that are needed:

Fruit Cups

Healthy Soups, Macaroni & Cheese, Tuna

Granola Bars, Power Bars, Trail Mix, Raisins

**Please bring your donations to the church. There is a bin in the narthex.**







There is a great way you can donate to Tualatin UMC whenever you shop at Amazon.com. Have you heard of Amazon Smile? When you are planning to make a purchase through Amazon go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>. On your initial visit you can identify a charitable organization, including Tualatin UMC. You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are all the same. Tualatin UMC will receive 0.5% of every dollar you spend through the AmazonSmile Foundation.

## SCRIP

Thank you to all who purchased SCRIP in 2017. Your purchases brought in **\$1,814.60** for TUMC!

The first dates to purchase SCRIP in 2018 are: January **14** and February **11**.

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.



### ***Link your Rewards Card with Tualatin United Methodist Church!***

To link your card, follow these steps:

- † Sign up for or login to the Community Rewards program by linking your card to TUALATIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (#91135) at [www.fredmeyer.com/community-rewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/community-rewards).
- † Every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping our church earn a donation.
- † You will still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates just as you do now.

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

### **Tualatin UMC Facebook!**

That's right—TUMC 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.



# Scrip Ordering

**January 14      February 11**

**Each vendor donates money to TUMC when the Scrip gift cards are purchased through our church.**

## A few examples:

## Vendor Donation to our church:

Fred Meyer, Safeway	\$50 card =	<b>\$2.00</b>
Starbucks Coffee	\$25 card =	<b>\$1.50</b>
Regal Cinemas	\$15 card =	<b>\$1.05</b>
Kaady Car Wash	\$7 card =	<b>\$1.54</b>
Powell's Books	\$10 card =	<b>\$0.80</b>

Check and cash orders may be turned in during office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.) and Sunday mornings before worship. Credit card orders will be on the Sunday morning of the order date.

**Taking your sweetie out on Valentine's Day? January 14th is the time to purchase restaurant Scrip/gift cards**

# JANUARY CALENDAR

## MONDAY, January 1

Church Office is Closed

## TUESDAY, January 2

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, January 3

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

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

## THURSDAY, January 4

5:30 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

7:45 pm Praise

8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## FRIDAY, January 5

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

## SATURDAY, January 6

No Activities

## SUNDAY, January 7

9:00 am **SCRIP Sales**

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

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

## MONDAY, January 8

10:00 am Book Group

## TUESDAY, January 9

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, January 10

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

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

## THURSDAY, January 11

8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## FRIDAY, January 12

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

## SATURDAY, January 13

No Activities

## SUNDAY, January 14

SCRIP Sales

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

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

## MONDAY, January 15

Church Office is Closed

## TUESDAY, January 16

6:30 pm Ministry & Mission Team with presentation by Family Promise

## WEDNESDAY, January 17

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

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

6:30 pm Ministry Team

## THURSDAY, January 18

5:30 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

7:45 pm Praise

8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## FRIDAY, January 19

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

## SATURDAY, January 20

No Activities

## SUNDAY, January 21

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

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

## MONDAY, January 22

10:00 am Book Group

## TUESDAY, January 23

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, January 24

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

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

## THURSDAY, January 25

9:00 am Newsletter Team

5:30 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

7:45 pm Praise

8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## FRIDAY, January 26

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

## SATURDAY, January 27

No Activities

## SUNDAY, January 28

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

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

## MONDAY, January 29

10:00 am Book Group

## TUESDAY, January 30

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, January 31

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

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