



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

June 2017

Tualatin United Methodist Church

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

I just got home after dropping off a gift at the Muslim Educational Trust in Tigard (it is located on Scholls Ferry Road and Conestoga). Our Sunday School children along with Kim Bartholomew made a variety of book marks to share with the children's Sunday School at the Muslim Educational Trust. What a lovely gift of love and friendship. Our children made beautiful and colorful book marks with hearts and animals and stars and..... The words that they put on their artwork included "We Love You" "Friends Care" "You are special" "We all love God". It is an incredible thing that we do each week with our children in Sunday School. Thank you Kim Bartholomew for your leadership in God's love that Sunday and thank you to each and every child who made and sent the book marks to the Sunday School children at the Muslim Educational Trust.

When I arrived at the MET today, I met a wonderful young man who greeted and welcomed me. He was thrilled with the gift and is looking forward to giving it to the Sunday School teachers on Sunday. It seems like a meager gift in the overall landscape of daily life, but each and every day we are tasked with loving our neighbor. Every neighbor. Every child. Every global village.

As some of you know, one of the leaders from MET has come to talk with our men's group. Wajdi Said is an amazing man and a gifted leader and teacher. There are many activities and learning opportunities and festivals to which MET invites ALL comers. If you want more information about how to get connected there, let me know. **Please note the Portland International Muslim Cultural Festival Flyer in this newsletter.** What a wonderful event to participate in this summer!! Mark your calendars.

We have the privilege of sharing with our children the gifts that God has placed in our hearts. I can say with relative certainty that 50 years ago Sunday School teachers Mr. and Mrs. Curtsman from the Englewood UMC in Engelwood, New Jersey had no idea that what they said, how they welcomed me and taught me changed my life. I went to visit my grandparents in New Jersey for a week and we attended their church that Sunday. My 5 year old self, surly as I was, was enthralled with the morning I spent at that church. There was a huge welcome, love shared openly, warmth, oh yeah..... and cookies. In Sunday School Mrs. Curtsman read a story about the love of Jesus and I got to sit on her lap.... I even remember the pictures. We made little wooden crosses in Sunday School and I have it on my office desk to this day.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Yay! Sherris and Darby sold their house! Who Hoo!
- Yay! Sherris and Darby bought a new house! Who Hoo!
- Yikes! Sherris and Darby have to pack and move.
- Yay! Tim Wescott has a new job!
- Yay! Sharona Shnayder is graduating from HIGH SCHOOL! Great job Sharona!
- Prayers for safe travels for Bob & Karen Walker over the next month.
- Prayers for Alysia Hill, taking finals, graduating and working her rotations and having surgery soon.
- Prayers for George Bowlsby for being in rhythm again (heart wise)!
- Prayers for Patt Bowlby to feel better soon.
- Prayers for all those attending Annual Conference in June: Emilie Kroen, Larry McClure, Rev. Amy.
- And prayers for Rev. Tim Overton-Harris as he starts his new job as DS!
- Prayers for all the garden managers and workers! The season is upon us. Thanks Jim Serrill, Vic & Karen Miglioretto, just to name a few.
- Prayers for Barbara Robb as she settles into her new home in Turner, OR (near children). Her phone # is 503.743.1210. Her address is 5325 Boise St. E., Turner, 97392.
- Safe travels and opening of the lake cabin for Ted & Tami Weitman.
- Prayers for Joan Beyer's Aunt Mabel who is hospitalized.
- Raul Bautista Jr. is now in Okinawa. He married Byanka last October and they are adjusting to life in a new place. Raul's address:
Cpl Bautista Raul M
PSC 559 Box 6045
FPO, AP 96377-6045

That is something to think about huh? We could have a child here for one day out of a lifetime and share with them the gift of God's love, a welcome like no other, and it could change their life and be remembered and deeply treasured even 50 years later.

I want to give a heartfelt thank you:

- to all of you who welcome children here, who teach them love, who guide them to love others no matter what.....
- to those who bring snacks for them to feast on after church
- to those who color, who sing, who hold them when crying
- to those who love to have them sing loudly, and giggle during prayer time
- to those who accept and treasure children of every kind imaginable.....

Indeed this is the kingdom of God. THANK YOU ALL.....
And thank you Englewood UMC and Mr. and Mrs. Curtsman for changing my life forever...

Rev. Amy



Graduation Celebration For Sharona Shnayder!

Sunday, June 11, 5 p.m.

Tom & Emilie Kroen

8366 SW Dakota Dr., Tualatin



Outreach and Mission

Seeking Health Kit Materials for Annual Conference

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. We do not need to assemble the kits so feel free to donate multiples of a single item if you choose.

- **1 hand towel** (15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches; kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable)
 - **1 washcloth**
 - **1 comb** (Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long; no pocket combs or picks please, rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth)
 - **1 metal nail file or nail clippers** (No emery boards, please)
 - **1 bath-size soap** (3 oz. and larger sizes only; no Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content; do not remove from original packaging)
 - **1 toothbrush** (Adult size only; do not remove from original packaging)
 - **6 adhesive bandages** ($\frac{3}{4}$ inch to 1 inch-size; common household Band-Aids)
 - **1 plastic bag** (One-gallon size sealable bag only)
 - **\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste**
1. On Wednesday, June 14 there will be a donation station in front of the Red Lion on the River to receive UMCOR health kits and items that go into the kits. Steve Matthews, volunteer driver, will be there with a pickup truck and will deliver the kits and items to the West Depot in Salt Lake City. Please do not bring cash to the donation station.
 2. Everyone is welcomed to participate in the kit-building workshop on Saturday morning, June 17, as part of the *Ministry Alive!* workshops during Annual Conference at the Red Lion on the River. Participants will assemble kits and load them into a truck to send to the UMCOR depot. On this day, checks will be gratefully accepted to off-set the cost of the kit supplies. Consider "sponsoring" health kits at approximately \$13 each. Checks should be made payable to *Conference Treasurer* with *UMCOR kits* on the memo line.
 3. All donations must be at the church by noon on Wednesday, June 14th.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

You are all invited to many events at Annual Conference! June 14-17, Red Lion Jantzen Beach

1. Turn in UMCOR Kits until 7 p.m., June 14 on the front porch
2. June 14, 6 p.m. in Multnomah Room—Social Justice Patio Event
3. June 14, 7 p.m. in Grand Ballroom—Installation service for Bishop Elaine JW Stanovsky will mark the beginning of the conference session. It will be followed by an opening shared plenary and then a reception for the Bishop at 9 p.m.
4. June 15, 2-4:30 p.m. in Grand Ballroom—Shared Laity session
5. June 15, 7:30 p.m. in Grand Ballroom—Memorial Service
6. June 16, 7 p.m. in Grand Ballroom—Celebration of Abundance Banquet
7. June 17, 9 a.m. in various locations—Ministry Alive Offerings
 - * Stories to Call Us to Christian Action/Immigration 101: What You Need to Know
 - * Building and Leveraging Coalitions to Support Immigrant Communities: Sanctuary 101
 - * Finding a Way Forward: Conversation from the Commission
 - * Being the Body of Christ in the Midst of Conflict
 - * Getting Your Voice Heard: Writing Letters to Your Representatives to Make a Difference in the World
 - * Bible Land Realities and our Christian Response — No Way to Treat a Child
 - * Serving the Global Community: Connecting Neighbors and UMVIM
 - * Disaster Preparedness: Are You Ready?
 - * Three Spiritual Practices that Transform Ourselves and the World
 - * Wespath and Innovation in Investment
 - * Showing Respect: Protocols for Attending Powwows and Building Relationships With Native Peoples
 - * Standing With: Critical Issues in Indian Country Today
 - * Nuts and Bolts: Standing in Witness, Speaking Truth in Power
9. June 17, 2 p.m.—Ordination and Commissioning Worship Service
10. June 17, 4 p.m.—Adjournment

In addition, the Ministry Marketplace and Cokesbury Bookstore are both open most of the time Thursday-Saturday during the day.

Emilie Kroen
Lay Member to Annual Conference
Co-Conference 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 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.

United Methodist Women News

A big thank you to all the hostesses, food providers and attendees at our Spring Tea. A good time was had by all! Our speakers, Nan and Miguel, were very good. We took in \$400 that has been sent to UMCOR to go to the Women & Community Association in San Francisco Libre and San Juan de Limay. This is where Nan and Miguel worked in Nicaragua.

Lydia and Elizabeth Circles will meet together on **June 14th** at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your lunch and beverage. Our program will be Learning Community and UMW Reading Program.

We are looking for a host for our Summer get together in July or August. If you would like to do this, please contact Emilie K. or Karen W.



UMW 2017 Women of the Year!

**Congratulations to Kelly Myers
and Caryn Rutherford!**

Scrip Ordering

June 4 July 9

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, New Seasons	\$50 card =	\$2.00
Starbucks Coffee	\$25 card =	\$1.50
Panera	\$10 card =	\$0.80
McMenamins	\$25 card =	\$3.00
Kaady Car Wash	\$ 6 card =	\$1.56

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.

Consider purchasing a card or two to treat a dad on Father's Day!

As we head into the summer keep us in mind for an extra donation—it helps tremendously!

Thank you so much

for your ongoing pledges and support.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, June 1

5:30 pm. Handbells
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir
7:45 pm. Praise

FRIDAY, June 2

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

SATURDAY, June 3

No Activities

SUNDAY, June 4

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders
10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, June 5

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, June 6

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, June 7

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, June 8

5:30 pm. Handbells
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir
7:45 pm. Praise

FRIDAY, June 9

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

SATURDAY, June 10

No Activities

SUNDAY, June 11

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School
5:00 p.m. Graduation Celebration
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, June 12

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, June 13

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, June 14—Annual Conference

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship
10:00 am. Women's Fellowship
11:30 a.m. Lydia and Elizabeth Circles
4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers in Koch Hall
8:00 pm. Tualatin NA Meeting

THURSDAY, June 15—Annual Conference

5:30 pm. Handbells
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir
7:45 pm. Praise

FRIDAY, June 16—Annual Conference

11:30 am. - 1:30 pm. AA Steppers
7:00 p.m. Encore Rehearsal

SATURDAY, June 17—Annual Conference

No Activities

SUNDAY, June 18

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, June 19—Rev. Amy on Vacation

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, June 20—Rev. Amy on Vacation

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, June 21—Rev. Amy on Vacation

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, June 22—Rev. Amy on Vacation

9:00 am. Newsletter Team
7:00 pm. Praise

FRIDAY, June 23—Rev. Amy on Vacation

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

SATURDAY, June 24—Rev. Amy on Vacation

No Activities

SUNDAY, June 25—Rev. Amy on Vacation

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School
2:00 p.m. Bell Choir Concert
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, June 26—Rev. Amy on Vacation

10:00 a.m. Book Discussion

TUESDAY, June 27

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, June 28

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, June 29

7:00 pm. Praise

FRIDAY, June 30

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