



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

November 2019

## 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.

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I was driving home on I-5 last week and ahead of me I noticed two black pick-up trucks side by side. Of course, it looked like any old commuter array of vehicles until the #1 truck in the left lane suddenly lurched forward and diagonally shot into the right lane directly in front of the #2 truck. Three cars had to slam on their brakes to avoid collision. And then #1 truck slowed dramatically and blocked the path of #2 truck. Uh-Oh..... This caught the attention of many of the surrounding drivers, including me. Almost on cue, the surrounding drivers slowed to put distance between them and the two trucks.

Then there was all out mayhem! The trucks chased, pivoted, turned, braked back and forth in an effort to trap and intimidate the other driver and vehicle. Then the hand gestures and language flew wildly and the rest of us wisely chose to fall behind even more. Some of us exchanged wide-eyed looks, some were recording the whole thing on their phones. At the next exit, #1 truck started up the ramp and #2 truck braked and drove across three lanes to screech after #1 truck. They stopped in the middle of the exit ramp, got out and went at each other.

That is a lot of anger. I know nothing more about the individuals or how it ended, but the level of anger and willingness to put so many people at risk for out of control emotion was frightening.

I thought about that on the rest of my commute. So much anger. And anger about what? Honestly, I don't know about the drivers of the two trucks, or how the situation came to an end. I have thought about them dozens of time and I pray and hope the best for them.

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## For Your Prayers

- Robin and Ken Curtin as they settle in their new home in Virginia.
- Richard Brown as he continues to recuperate from his second hip replacement.
- Special thanks for all of our Sunday School Teacher volunteers!
- Prayers for Myron Carpenter and good health.
- Thanks to all of our volunteers for our Soup Sampling Potluck!

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



Are these in-your-face levels of anger, hostility, and intolerance more common of late?? We are in a hard place with so many stressors. In some ways, I feel I am in a storm of politics, global crisis, fear, intolerance and injustice. Jesus and his disciples likely felt similarly and then some. I can't help but observe that in the midst of their grueling daily life, Jesus and his disciples took time apart. Time for prayer, rest, and rejuvenation. We are called to the same. Take a deep breath, and live your life with love and compassion. I am hoping and praying that compassion, respect, and acceptance can regain some ground in our daily life. And I believe that it starts with us.... our thoughts, our words, our actions, our habits and our character. Together... one day at a time.

I came across this poster and I have the words in front of me every day:

*Pay attention to your thoughts, because they become your words.*

*Pay attention to your words, because they become your actions.*

*Pay attention to your actions, because they become your habits.*

*Pay attention to your habits, because they become your character.*

May your thoughts, words, actions, habits and character be filled with the love and new life of God.

*Rev. Amy*



## 2020 Charge Conference

Our District office has requested that each church hold its annual "Charge Conference" at its regularly scheduled Ministry Team (Church Council, Ad Board...) meeting this fall. This meeting will be convened by an assigned presiding elder. Thank you to Chair Melissa Brown for putting this meeting together for us!

**Rev. Dylan Hyun will preside at our meeting on  
December 4, 7:00 pm.**

## News From Our Music Department

We are looking for a new pianist. If you have any ideas or suggestions, let us know. Let your friends know!

Madeline Schmidt will not be returning as she has new work obligations in Portland.

Davy Berra will not be returning as he has returned to school full time.

Keep them both in your prayers. We wish them well.

## Pledge Information

We have received 26 pledge donations for 2020. There is still time to turn in your pledge! Pledge cards can be found in the pews or the church office. Pledge cards may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or turned in to the church office.

Thank you to those who have made a pledge for 2020.

## *Sponsoring Families at Christmas*

TUMC will be sponsoring five families this Christmas. As in the past we will provide food and gifts for these families. When the tree goes up in the narthex on December 2, you may pick a couple of tags for food and gift items (\$25 or less per gift) for the families. Bring the items back to the church, gift items wrapped with the person's name on the gift and the family number.

If you can help with the organizing of the gifts and food, and with the delivery, contact Wes Tanac.

We are in need of someone who can help facilitate this activity.

## Backpack BUDDIES

*Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.*

Our congregation has been fantastic in supporting the Back Pack program for Byrom Elementary. Items in need for the future are:

Cans of soup, chilis and stews, or mac 'n cheese. We are also in need of fruit cups. We are in great shape at this time with granola bars and oatmeal breakfast packs.

## FELLOWSHIP AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS



### 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

Our next Craft Bee is Saturday November 9 in Koch Hall, 3 - 6 pm. Bring your craft or come and learn a new one! We hope to see you there.

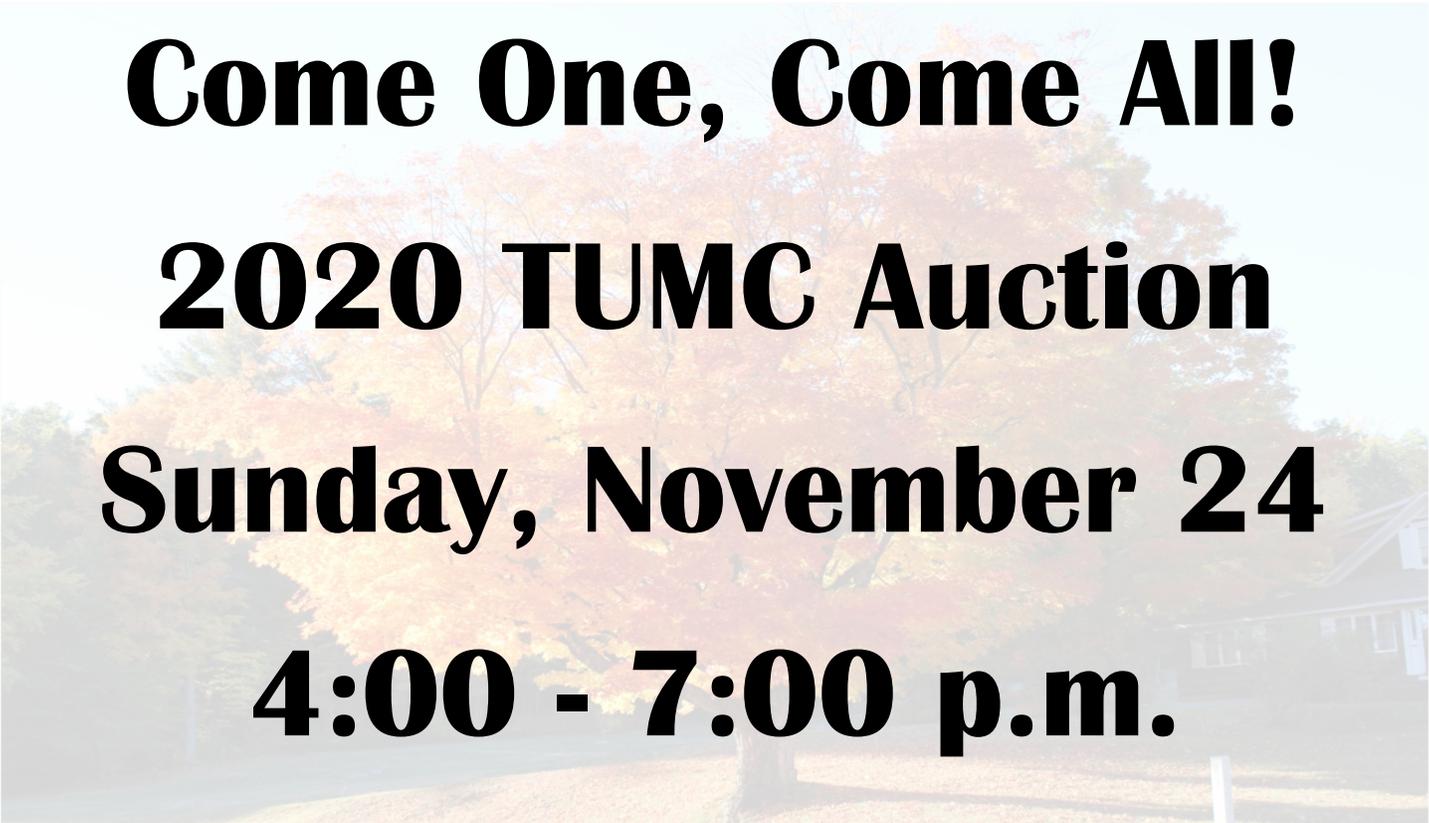
Coffee and light snacks provided.

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# **Come One, Come All!**

## **2020 TUMC Auction**

### **Sunday, November 24**

#### **4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**The purpose of our auction is to raise funds for our 2020 budget and TO HAVE FUN!**

You can:

- Sign up to attend
- Donate auction items
- Bring a salad, appetizer or dessert to share
- Bid on auction items

Sign up boards are in the church narthex.

#### **Donation Ideas**

Vacation Homes

Group Dinners

Craft Items

Notecards

Gift Certificates

Wine Tours

Pies

Candy

Decorative Items

Fly Fishing Lessons

Wine or Beer Tasting

Dinners for Two at Your Home

## Did You Know About The Tualatin United Methodist Church Foundation?

Tualatin United Methodist Church has a foundation that you may want to support. The foundation was organized and currently operates as a public charity 501(c)3 organization. The primary purpose is to receive and hold gifts, bequests and other funds. The TUMC Foundation invests monies receives and disburses the income earned so that the principal of the fund is retained.

The Foundation receives monies in several ways:

- Cash or cash equivalents such as Treasury bills or certificates of deposit.
- Securities such as stocks, bond or mutual fund shares.
- Life insurance policies
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Wills

Additional information may be found in brochures at the church, or by contacting one of the Foundation board members: Wes Tanac, Cindy Gotlib, Larry McClure or Cynthia Asai.

## UMW Hooded Sweatshirt Drive For Community Transitional School

United Methodist Women are collecting new hooded sweatshirts for sizes children - adults.

Please have all sweatshirts to the church by Sunday, November 17.





# Christmas Eve Worship

It is hard to imagine that November is upon us and that means Christmas is right around the corner!! Christmas Eve Worship is always a blessing and at the heart of the Christmas celebration. **We will have ONE SERVICE this year at 7pm.** It will be a **candlelight service** filled with Christmas carols and a celebration of the birth of Jesus.

For the Christmas Eve 7pm service, Loren Masanque will be our pianist/accompanist. We are looking forward to sharing this time with him. He works with Melinda Beyers at St. Francis Catholic Church/School and very graciously accepted our invitation.

Last year at 7pm, we had over 100 people to celebrate Christmas Eve. It will be glorious and filled with blessings. We look forward to sharing this worship time with you, your family and friends.

Bless you,

*Rev. Amy*



**FRIDAY, November 1**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

**SATURDAY, November 2**

Soup Deliveries

**SUNDAY, November 3**

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals

10:00 a.m. Worship

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

**MONDAY, November 4**

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

**TUESDAY, November 5**

No Activities

**WEDNESDAY, November 6**

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship

4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

**THURSDAY, November 7**

5:00 p.m. Music Rehearsals

8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

**FRIDAY, November 8**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

**SATURDAY, November 9**

3:00 p.m. UMW Craft Bee

**SUNDAY, November 10**

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals

10:00 a.m. Worship

1:15 p.m. Melinda Voice Lessons

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

**MONDAY, November 11**

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

**TUESDAY, November 12**

6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, November 13**

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, November 14**

5:00 p.m. Music Rehearsals

8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

**FRIDAY, November 15**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

**SATURDAY, November 16**

No Activities

**SUNDAY, November 17 - UMW Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals

10:00 a.m. Worship

1:15 p.m. Melinda Voice Lessons

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

**MONDAY, November 18**

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

**TUESDAY, November 19**

No Activities

**WEDNESDAY, November 20**

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship

4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

**THURSDAY, November 21**

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Team

5:00 p.m. Music Rehearsals

8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

**FRIDAY, November 22**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

**SATURDAY, November 23**

9:00 a.m. Auction Set Up

**SUNDAY, November 24**

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals

10:00 a.m. Worship

1:30 p.m. Melinda Voice Lesson

4-6 p.m. Auction

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

**MONDAY, November 25**

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

**TUESDAY, November 26**

No Activities

**WEDNESDAY, November 27**

**Church Office Closed**

4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

**THURSDAY, November 28**

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

**FRIDAY, November 29**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

**SATURDAY, November 30**

9:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

**Family Promise Week ~ November 10 - 17**