



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

October 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

I commend these two pieces to you:

An article from the Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church

An article on “Rules for Children in Worship”

The first article from the Western Jurisdiction talks about our commitment to full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the church now and as we move forward. There are areas of our country and internationally that see things differently. You will see that our jurisdiction is recommending the “One Church Plan.” If you want more information about that, I am happy to chat with you.

The second article was forwarded to me by a friend, and it is something to look at seriously and with a bit of humor! I give thanks that this congregation is SO hospitable and welcoming to everyone and especially children!! We are so blessed. Rev. Amy

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September 10, 2018

Grace and peace in the name of Christ to the people called United Methodist of the Western Jurisdiction.

We are the Mission Cabinet of the Western Jurisdiction, composed of your bishops, Directors of Connectional Ministries, and Leadership Team Chair. We speak to you out of a deep love for Christ and Christ's Church, believing that the church should be “a home for all God's people, gathered around a table of reconciliation and transformation.”

 **Western Jurisdiction**
of The United Methodist Church

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For Your Prayers

Katelyn Poore starts at PCC on Sept 24!

Prayers for immigrants in our country.

Prayers for the Goldsmith-Alberty family and the Wise Family as they visit colleges this fall. Graehm Alberty and Drew Wise are HS Seniors this fall!

Megan Harrell's PET scan ALL CLEAR!!!

Samantha and Jay Julian are moving back to Utah.

Chellie Martinazzi recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Ellie McClure recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Leona Ulberg will be going to Seattle to celebrate her great-grand daughter's 1st Birthday!

Selinda Smith is getting a new puppy! Linda Budlowski, prayers for good health.

Bob Walker is getting better, thanks for your prayers!

Carol Castle is job hunting.

Randy and Joan Beyer are traveling in Sweden!

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 after much prayer, study, and discernment that we share with you that we believe that the One Church Plan is the best way forward for the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church. We stand with the Council of Bishops in their affirmation of this plan. We believe that this plan has the best potential to maximize the presence of UM witness, allow for contextual differentiation, and balance an approach to different theological understandings of human sexuality with as much unity as possible.

We are informed by our theological task which reminds us that such work is critical and constructive, individual and communal, contextual and incarnational, and is essentially practical.

We claim this uniquely United Methodist process which requires us to stay in relationship and dialogue with God and one another every day as a sign of our faithfulness. As children of God, we have traveled together with Jesus Christ, by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to a place of full inclusion of all persons in the fellowship and ministry of the Church. We are committed to the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the church now and as we move forward.

At the same time, we recognize that the Annual Conference, clergy, churches, and other ministry settings we serve are not all of one mind about these matters. We affirm our unity in Christ and commit ourselves to living together as one body, though we do not all understand God's will for the human family in the same way.

We believe that this plan provides a vision big enough to hold the diversity that grows out of our theological task, creating generous space for us to live faithfully our conscience as we follow Jesus, holding to a covenant of mission that binds us together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Bishop Grant J. Hagiya
Bishop Elaine J. W. Stanovsky
Bishop Karen P. Oliveto
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Rev. David Valera
Rev. Lowell Greathouse
Rev. Carlo Rapanut
Rev. Youngsook Kang*

Rules for Children in the Worship Service

One. If you find that you're sitting in front of a child and they can't see, lean to the side.

Two. If the children seated behind you are rustling papers, hand them a crayon.

Three. If there is a baby that is crying, offer to take the baby from their parent and walk to the back of the church and rock the child for a while. The parent really needs a break.

Four. If the teenagers are whispering, give them some Smarties. The rustling and crinkling will replace their whispering.

Five. If an adult complains to an usher about the noisy children near them, offer to trade seats with that adult and then apologize to the parents of the children.

Six. When a child is running around giving everyone high-fives during the time of passing the peace/greeting your neighbor, make sure to give them an extra fun high-five, and then high-five the next five adults that you see.

Seven. If a child has worn tap shoes to church and is dancing on the wood portion of the floor, slip the sheet music for "The Entertainer" to the pianist and roll with it.

Eight. When the children can't hear because an adult around them won't take off their puffy jacket and it keeps squeaking and distracting the children, offer to help them off with their jacket and go hang it up for them where it goes.

Nine. When the three-year-old insists on standing on the front pew turned backwards looking at the rest of the people, give the child a pair of very dark glasses. That will prevent the child from catching any adult's eye, which would lead to distracting them. This will protect the adults who as we know have very short attention spans and are easily distracted.

Ten. When a child in front of you is very squirmy, and then they finally turn around and you realize suddenly, "Oh, it's Jesus!" take it in stride and play Got Your Nose till he turns around to the front again.

Cindy Beal

Justice and Peace Consulting

Adult Study

Loving God and our neighbors as ourselves on The Way Forward.....

CrossOver to Life!

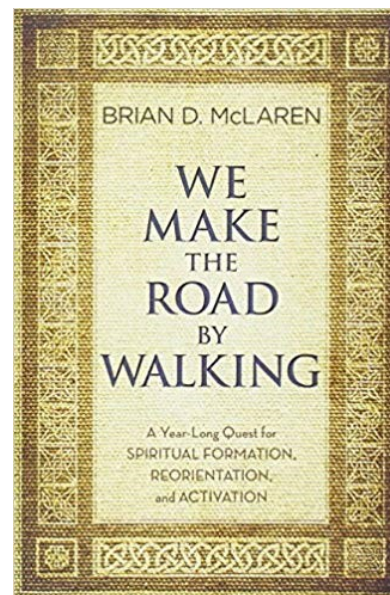
From our Bishop Elaine Stanovsky:

The journey begins as Brian McLaren leads us on a year-long exploration on the bible and faith in his book, ***We Make the Road by Walking***. I hope that across the Greater Northwest many of you will gather in small groups for this study, but you can do it as an individual if a group isn't possible for you. I hope you will invite people from across generations and cultures, and from outside as well as inside the church — maybe family members or friends who are curious-but-not-committed to Christian faith. I hope that together we can explore and discover new ways to respond to the challenges we face in our lives, in the Church, the nation and the world.. Each week, in 3-4 pages, McLaren invites us to revisit biblical principles for living. You'll receive blog posts to expand your study, with reflections and prayers and a place for comments and conversation. As we journey together, we'll add opportunities for conversation, further study, and action.

You will hear more about this next month! In any event, Brian McLaren's book is well worth reading, I invite you to do that. We will set up some small groups as people are interested. Let Rev. Amy know if you would like to be in a group and when you can meet. The book is available at Amazon in paperback for \$13.36 or \$12.99 for the Kindle version.

Looking forward to this study with all of you!

Rev. Amy



Pledge Campaign from the Finance Team

October 14th and 21st you will have an opportunity to pledge your financial commitment to TUMC for 2019. In the upcoming week watch for a letter and please give it your thoughtful consideration. Pledging is important not only as a commitment to the Church and its mission but in more practical terms it helps the Finance Team to set its budget for the upcoming year.

TUMC has similar obligations as any household. Gas, water/sewer, electric, phone/internet, insurance, salaries, and our Shared Giving are monthly obligations. Our monthly obligations are around \$15,000 a month. With your generous giving through pledging, regular contributors, our cell tower rental, and our annual church auction we are able to meet these obligations. At the close of September we will be right on schedule for having a balanced budget.

The Church budget is contingent upon the generosity of our congregation. As you ponder your giving for 2019, we would like you to consider how has God supported you in your life. Think of the comfort, solace, and gifts that God has bestowed upon you. There are many ways to thank God for what he has done for us, volunteer at the Food Pantry, work in the Community Garden, teach Sunday School, help out with Family Promise, be involved in reading groups, converse with those in need, and make a financial commitment to the Church.

I end with this quote from John Wesley ,

**“Not, how much of my money will I give to God, but,
how much of God’s money will I keep for myself?”**

Wes Tanac & Finance Committee

Pray, Serve, Pledge.....for 2019

Because we believe that we can make a difference with God's love, I/we want to make a financial pledge to the ministry of the Tualatin United Methodist Church.

(please return this card to the church at your earliest convenience)

I/We want to pledge \$_____ every month

I/We want to pledge \$_____ every week

Your Name _____

Date _____ **THANK YOU!**



Please return pledge by October 22.

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FELLOWSHIP, UMW AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Monday Morning Women's Book Group

Join us Monday mornings, 10 a.m., in the church library.

We are currently reading
Christianity Family Tree
by Adam Hamilton.

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Group meets each Wednesday, 10 a.m. in the nursery. We support each other, pray for each other, have a few service projects including creating and donating food packages for the congregation to deliver to needy folks.

We are currently reading and studying weekly lectionary scriptures

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:
Grateful by Diana Butler Bass.

Wednesday, October 24, all are invited to hear from Pat Mohny (former TUMC administrative assistant) as she shares about her mission work with Agape Unlimited in Moscow. She is teaching women and children how to make Esther bracelets from glass beads. All proceeds from the sale of these bracelets go toward their widow and orphan program. The Book of Esther relates how Esther prepared for a year for her appearance before the king and was adorned with beautiful jewelry. In a similar way we are called to prepare ourselves spiritually to appear before the King of Kings.

October TUMW Meeting

Monday, October 22, 7 p.m.

Rev. Amy will be sharing with us about Family Promise.

Soup for Missions

The Tualatin United Methodist Women are once again selling soup! 100% of the \$8 per quart donation goes to mission. Order forms will be available at church beginning October 7, and you can order through October 28. Soups will be available for pick up or delivery November 10 and 11. Your choices this year are:

Chicken & Rice

Navy Bean & Ham

Taco Soup

Vegetarian Vegetable





Family Promise Update

Family Promise of Tualatin Valley is getting closer to opening its doors to homeless families with school-aged children. They have 12 host churches and need just one more to fulfill the number of churches needed to house families throughout the year. Their target date to open is Sunday, January 20, 2019.

Tualatin United Methodist will be a support church. This entails bringing meals for one week every quarter, helping kids with homework, engaging the adults in conversation, spending the night if you wish, and providing financial support to Family Promise. Our congregation has donated \$1,342 to Family Promise this year. We have had many individuals and families volunteer to help and there is plenty of room and time to add your name to the list of volunteers. Contact Wes Tanac or Renee Dubarko to volunteer.

Family Promise is having a work party October 5-7 to improve the Day Center. Catalyst Partnerships Northwest is organizing this event. They need help building, painting, landscaping, and much more. If you wish to volunteer on any of those days, visit www.Familypromiseoftv.org and follow the link to volunteer or contact Wes Tanac (MarinerWes@aol.com) or Renee Dubarko (RDD6563@msn.com).



Back Pack Buddies

We have filled 50 packs for children of need at Byrom Elementary for the month of September. We need to fill our back pack closet to be ready for October and November. Each month we need to have 200 granola type bars, 200 fruit cups, 50 cans of soup or macaroni and cheese, and 50 oatmeal packets. If you wish to donate bring your items to the narthex and place in the back pack buddy container. If you wish to donate money so items of need can be purchased, place your donation in the offering plate and designate Back Pack Buddies.



TUMC Annual Auction

The annual TUMC church auction will be on Sunday, November 18. It is time to start thinking about what you can donate to the auction and saving those pennies so you can purchase the item of your dreams at the auction. You have one month until the signup board is placed in the narthex, so start thinking of what you would like to donate!

Mark Sunday, November 18, on your calendar and plan on attending the auction!

United Methodist Women Living Wage for All Campaign

United Methodist Women are joining with the *National Farm Worker Ministry* and women leaders of the *Coalition of Immokalee Workers* to call on Wendy's, the last of the five major fast food companies, to sign the Fair Food Agreement.

Fair Food Agreements improve wages and working conditions of farm workers and guarantee the right of independent monitoring of compliance with these agreements.

We invite you to sign postcards which petition Wendy's to sign the Fair Food Agreement and proclaim, "Time's Up" on low wages, poor working conditions, and sexual violence!

UMW's goal is to obtain 10,000 signatures by the end of 2018. The United Methodist Women National Office will ask for a meeting with Wendy's management to personally deliver the cards and raise our concerns with them.

Postcards are available in the church narthex for you to sign. Emilie Kroen will collect the postcards and bring them to a collection point. For more information, go to <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/farm-worker-action>.



Church Auction

Sunday, November 18th

**Donate Scrip Cards
for the Silent Auction!**

Purchase Dates:

Sunday, Oct 14

Sunday, Nov 11



MONDAY, October 1

10:00 a.m. Book Group

TUESDAY, October 2

6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 3

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

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

THURSDAY, October 4

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, October 5

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, October 6

No Activities

SUNDAY, October 7

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

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

MONDAY, October 8

10:00 am Book Group

TUESDAY, October 9

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, October 10

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

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

THURSDAY, October 11

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, October 12

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, October 13

No Activities

SUNDAY, October 14

9:00 am SCRIP Sales

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

1:30 p.m. Encore Rehearsal

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

MONDAY, October 15

10:00 am Book Group

TUESDAY, October 16

6:30 p.m. Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY, October 17

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

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

THURSDAY, October 18

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, October 19

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, October 20

No Activities

SUNDAY, October 21

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

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

MONDAY, October 22

7:00 pm United Methodist Women

TUESDAY, October 23

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, October 24

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship & Book Group

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

THURSDAY, October 25

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Team

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

8:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, October 26

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, October 27

No Activities

SUNDAY, October 28

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

2:00 p.m. Charge Conference

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

MONDAY, October 29

10:00 am Book Group

TUESDAY, October 30

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, October 31

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

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