



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

August 2017

Tualatin United Methodist Church

20200 SW Martinazzi Ave.
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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

MEET THE NEIGHBORS!!!

Seriously, get out and meet your neighbors. I know, I know probably many of you know a bunch of your neighbors already. Well, keep up the good work and try to be daring and go outside of your comfort zone! There are always more neighbors!

We have been meeting our “new to the neighborhood” neighbors. There are a handful that speak no or very little English. Well, you might say, they should all learn English..... My thought is, maybe we can learn some of lots of languages, you know global village, God so loved THE WORLD kind of thing.

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I have to crack up sometimes when I hear things like “English Only”. The history of North America is packed with many languages through the centuries right?? Let’s say AMEN and learn a bit more about our neighbors near and far.

I have neighbors two doors up whose origins are India and the United States. The grandmother, Asha, has come from India to live here. It is time for me to learn some Hindi. Please bear with my feeble first steps here especially if you are a fluent Hindi speaker. You will surely find many errors in my first steps. Asha and her family are vegetarian and whenever she passes by my front yard, she comments profusely on the vegetables I am growing. At least that’s what I assume all those Hindi words mean! I have shared many vegetables with her, much to our mutual delight. It is past time for me to start with some basic (really basic) Hindi: “Namaste”, hello. “Aap aisee hain”, how are you. “Vahaspati udyana”, vegetable garden. And the item that I have abundantly: “Hari pyaja”, onion. I can’t wait to see her on her next walk my way!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Sam Richardson's mom who is recovering from a car accident.
- David Aarness has a new job interview.
- Randy & Joan Beyer, the death of Joan's aunt.
- Melinda Beyers is driving back from California with 2 year old Atticus and his mama! Safe journey.
- Mac Henshaw sends her greetings to everyone.
- Keep all of our travelers in your prayers.
- Thanks to everyone who helps in the garden and takes produce to the food pantry.
- Prayers for Diane Miller as she moves back east to live with her sister.
- Malachi Seib is underway on his Naval tour of duty from Annapolis to Spain this summer.

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



Three doors down there is a new family whose roots are Russia and the Ukraine. One of them speaks some English the others speak Russian. OK! Now I really need to get practicing sounding out some basic words: "drah-stooy-tee", hello.; "mee-nya zah-vooh", my name is. That will be a baby step.

So why even engage in this kind of thing?? Well, for one, I want to make an effort to respect them and the language they speak. That is the basic of communication right? They are my neighbors, right? Love God and love your neighbor, right? Of course it is a VERY SMALL step and I imagine that they will get a kick out of pronunciations but for me it feels like an important thing to work on. Currently around 172 languages are spoken in the Beaverton School District. Indeed! God so loved the WORLD.

The Bible was written in two basic languages, neither of which was English. Hebrew in the Old Testament and Greek in the New Testament. Jesus spoke Aramaic and knew Hebrew. Aramaic was a Semitic language, a Syrian dialect that over time replaced Hebrew as the language of the Jews. Aramaic was itself supplanted by Arabic. Understanding language, meanings and connection is so important. Give these a try this summer:

"Hello" in a small sampling of languages.:

French: Bon Jour

Spanish Hola

Greek: Yassou

Italian: Ciao

Hebrew: Shalom

Arabic: As-salam alaykom

Aramaic: Shlama



Enjoy meeting some new neighbors!!!

Blessings,

Rev. Amy

SUMMER POTLUCK GET-TOGETHER!!

Monday, August 21, 6 p.m.

At the home of

Ellie & Larry McClure

17760 SW Cheyenne Way

Tualatin, OR 97062

**Potluck—please bring a main dish, salad, vegetable or dessert.
Beverage will be provided.**

***All are invited—we hope to
see you there!!***

UMW Day in Portland

Tuesday, August 22nd

**Meet at Tualatin WES
Station by 8:50 a.m.**

Return about 4:30 p.m.

**For information contact
Karen Walker**



Summer Outdoor Worship and Potluck!!!!

Come and join us in worshipping outside in the courtyard!!

Singing, Scripture, Sermon time together!!

Indoor POTLUCK after worship!!

Indoor child care will be provided for the 6 and under set!

Sunday, August 27, 2017 10 am

What to Bring

- Outdoors chairs
- Canopies for rain or shine
- A Potluck Dish to Share



Through your generosity, we were able to provide school supplies to 100+ students last year. We hope to provide even more this year!

Below is a list of items we still need! If you would like to help but would rather not shop, mark your donation "school supplies" and place it in the offering plate. Bring purchased items to the church any time between July 2nd and August 6th.

We will invite our neighbors in for "Back to School Supply Night" on August 8th and 17th, 6:30—8:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Emilie Kroen, ekroen@yahoo.com or Wes Tanac, marinerwes@aol.com.

#2 Pencils	1,750
Pink Pearl Erasers	175
Crayola Crayons, 16-24 ct	26
Colored Pencils, 12 ct	56
Classic Markers, Thick, 8-10 ct	82
EXPO low odor dry erase markers, 4 pk	43
EXPO low odor dry erase markers, black	104
Water Colors, 8 ct	50
Glue Sticks, small	622
5" Scissors	41
Wide-rule Spiral Notebooks, 70 ct	102
Ream of Copy Paper	14
Sturdy Pocket Folders	37
Small Pencil Pouch, Zippered	44
Scientific Calculator	1
Facial Tissue, 120-160 ct	198
Hand Sanitizer, 8-12 oz	70
Box of Sandwich bags (quart, gallon, sandwich)	42

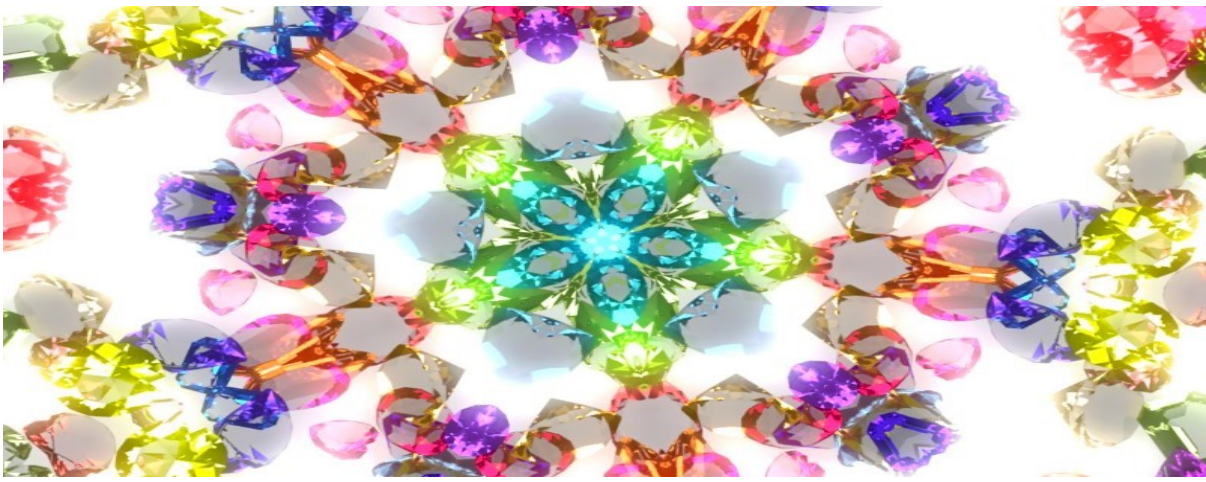


Each year on September 21st we celebrate
International Day of Peace by planting pinwheels
and
praying for Whirled Peace!

Children of all ages are invited to make pinwheels!

Join us **August 22nd, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** We will meet at the church in the large classroom downstairs. Refreshments will be provided. Questions? Ask Emilie, 503.692.2799, ekroen@yahoo.com.





Summer Kaleidoscope Storytelling

To live out our United Methodist motto of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors, come join us this summer for an informal evening of sharing stories with each other and with folks we invite from the community. Like a kaleidoscope, the topics will change each week and evolve from your own experiences of travels, pains, challenges, community concerns, family issues, etc. Emilie Kroen and Larry McClure will ask for volunteers. All who come will help with set up and clean up. We hope to use our community garden as an inspiration for healthy dishes brought to share each week. Inviting newcomers who might find these to be a good fellowship and learning opportunity would be good. Childcare will be available if needed.

Thursday, August 3, 6:00 p.m.

Homelessness

Thursday, August 10, 6:00 p.m.

Iceland by Emilie & Tom Kroen

Helping Our Neighbors

We occasionally have visitors at the church looking for comfort in a variety of ways. From homeless folks we have heard several times that they need personal care items. In response we would like to put together quart-size bags containing things like razors, shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. We would also like to have on hand travel size laundry soap or the pod packs which we will repackage into snack-size plastic bags. Please see the list below. Donations may be left in the church office. Thank you!

Please provide the following items in travel size or small containers:

- Razors, shaving cream or gel
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Laundry soap (pods)
- Deodorant



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



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.

To all who helped make our 50th anniversary celebration unforgettable, we thank you. For those who attended the party on Saturday the 15th, and for all the cards we received, we thank you. To you Amy, for your wonderful words blessing our years together, we thank you. To our wonderful musicians who provided outstanding and very special music the next day, we thank you. Fifty years ago dancing was often discouraged by churches. Now we can dance in the aisles!

We could not have scripted a better weekend celebration!

God bless you all, *Ted and Tamí*

Harvest for the Food Pantry is happening at the Hilltop Community Garden! Our harvest needs to be responsive to the Food Pantry Hours. They are open for customers from 3– 8pm on Monday, and from 10am—3pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. We can deliver donations to the pantry beginning at 9am on all 3 days. It is important for us to harvest early enough to have produce on the shelves by the time they open. In general, we will begin picking at 9am on Mondays, and at 8:30am on Wednesdays and Fridays.



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