



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

May 2017

## 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 4 years old

**Church Office Hours**  
Monday to Thursday  
9:00 am. - 3:00 pm.

## FROM THE PASTOR

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

I heard someone say this a few weeks back: "Take the risk and trust one another." A group of about 6 or 8 people were just conversing about things going on in life. And as you can imagine, the conversation covered basketball playoffs, mothers-in-law, the cost of a new roof, race relations, politics, what the kids are up to, the latest sale at Macy's and on and on. As I listened to the conversation and added my 2 cents here and there, I wondered if many of us have come to a place where trust is a challenging thing to offer. Surely we trust our best friend, right? What else and whom else do we trust? I plodded along the next day with a series of errands: Do I trust the gas station attendant? The grocery checker? The driver in the next lane? Hmmmmmm. Maybe this is more difficult than I thought.

Ok, here is the deal for me. I am willing to take the risk. Wait!! Did I just say that I am willing to take the risk? Yup, yup I did. In general, I am not a risk-taking person. Sky Dive you say? NOPE! Get in the car and just drive and stop wherever for the night? NOPE! Take 30 pre-schoolers to the Bonneville Dam to feed the sturgeon? NOPE! But when it comes to people, I am willing to take the risk and trust.

There are reasonable considerations for safety of course, but can we take a bold step and trust one another? Be a trustworthy person for someone else? Take the risk that getting to know someone new can enrich your life. It certainly feels safer to stay 'with our own kind' or with the people, places and things we already know, but what will we gain if we can trust even more? Maybe less conflict, more peace. Maybe more understanding, less judgement. Maybe less hate, more love. Maybe less fear, more hope.

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Our young adults in the military: Raul Bautista, Jr., and Malachi Seib*

*Engagement of Emily Myers and Ivan Kallevig*

*Joan Beyer—continuing recovery*

*Patt Bowsby—hoping to feel better soon*

*Melissa Brown to start Masters' Degree at Oregon State*

*Alysia Hill—RN rotation in neurosurgery*

*Tom & Emilie Kroen—Welcome Home!*

*Barbara Robb—moving to Turner, OR. Best wishes!*

*Congratulations to Noah Wise on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.*

We follow Jesus, the ultimate risk taker. He traveled far and wide, even to the places of known 'enemies'. He spoke up for women, outcasts, and the poor knowing it was far from popular and even downright dangerous. He challenged families to covenant together in love, not domination. He stood up to an entire empire and said quite clearly, you have no power over me. I trust Jesus' example. I trust the way of peace, understanding, love and hope. I refuse to define my life and my relationships by living in fear, by trusting only a very few, by vilifying entire groups of people based on religion, race or anything else.

Take the risk, and trust one another. Take it, take it, take it, it is worth it.

Psalm 25:1 "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust."

*Rev. Amy*



## Hilltop Community Finance Update

*The Finance Team would like to thank our congregation for their contributions to Tualatin United Methodist Church. Your special and regular offerings to our church budget and our mission causes are appreciated.*

With one Sunday to go, we will be one third of the way through the year. At this time we have had to use some of our reserves to meet our budgetary responsibilities. We started with a reserve of \$7,000 and through April it looks like we will have between \$5,500 and \$6,000 in reserve. We are doing fine but the Finance Team would rather not have to use our reserve account.

How can you help maintain our budget?

1. For those who pledge or are regular contributors to the church, maintaining your weekly or monthly offerings are helpful in meeting our budget. Life gets hectic and sometimes a weekly or monthly offering can be missed but our bills keep coming on a regular basis.
2. Be a participant in the Scrip program. We have 10-12 regular participants in the Scrip Program and their participation brings in \$120-\$200 a month to the budget. Scrip is sold once a month and a percentage of the amount you buy comes back to our church. If we could double the participants in the Scrip Program, we could raise an additional \$500 for our budget. This would be money that comes from outside of our congregation and you are spending money that you would normally be spending at the grocery store or other businesses.
3. Fifth Sundays or extra giving  
Think about giving beyond your pledge with a special gift to the church budget. Fifth Sundays can be used for such an occasion. Give an extra \$10 or more on a Fifth Sunday. If 20 families offered an extra \$10, that would be \$200 special offering to help operate the Church. There are four more Fifth Sundays this year: **April 30**, July 30, October 29 and December 31. A possibility of raising \$800 for TUMC!

The Finance Team again would like to thank everyone for supporting TUMC. We are in this ministry together and we want you to be aware of where we are financially. Thank you for your support

*The Finance Team*

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## Summer Camp

You may have seen all the posters hanging in our church narthex, or you may have had some amazing camp experiences yourself. Now is the time to sign up—children, youth and adults! Below is a link to camps in our conference. We encourage you to explore and perhaps sign up for a camp. Early bird registration is May 5th. Scholarships are available.

<http://www.gocamping.org/>

Camp and Retreat Ministries is a partnership between the United Methodist Church of Oregon and Idaho and the Oregon Diocese of the Episcopal Church. Let us know how we can serve you!

We are people dedicated to creating quality environments of Christian hospitality and learning. We nurture persons so they may ...

- Grow in wisdom and in healthy self-esteem.
- Develop lifestyles of loving interdependence with each other and all of creation.
- Affirm and expand their faith in God and their service as Christian disciples within God's world.



# Scrip Ordering

**May 7 June 4 July 9**

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

## **A few examples:**

Fred Meyer, New Seasons	\$50 card = <b>\$2.00</b>
Starbucks Coffee	\$25 card = <b>\$1.50</b>
Panera	\$10 card = <b>\$0.80</b>
McMenamins	\$25 card = <b>\$3.00</b>
Kaady Car Wash	\$ 6 card = <b>\$1.56</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.

**Consider purchasing a card or two to treat your mom on Mother's Day!**

# Outreach and Mission

*We've highlighted some of the organizations we support at Tualatin UMC .*

## **Back Pack Buddies**

We have two more opportunities to provide breakfast and lunch packs for children in need at Byrom Elementary. Our congregation has done a fantastic job of bringing in the needed items so far this year. We have the months of May and June to complete the school year.

Items needed:

- ◆ 100 instant oatmeal packs
- ◆ 200 granola or nutritious bars
- ◆ 100 single serving soups or mac & cheese
- ◆ 200 fruit cups
- ◆ 100 one gallon Ziploc bags.

Items may be placed in the bin in the narthex. Financial donations are also accepted; be sure to mark your donation to Back Pack Buddies.

## **Easter Donations**

Thank you for all of the Easter donations that came in for the Tualatin School House Pantry, Caring Closet, and the Community Transitional School. Items included in the over 275 pounds donated were laundry soap, toilet paper, cake mixes and other items for a birthday cake, bandages, toothpaste, and ointments.

Thank you to those who donated to the 40 days \$40 for Lent. We raised \$592 which will be split between the Tualatin School house Pantry and the Community Transitional School.



Announced in May of 2016 at the quadrennial UMC meeting in Portland: Our promise to children will be The United Methodist Church's primary global health initiative for the next four years. It will focus on four core areas impacting the health of children throughout the world. The initiative aims to:

- ensure safe births
- address nutritional challenges and promote breastfeeding
- advance prevention and treatment of childhood diseases
- promote children's health and wholeness.



The Abundant Health program seeks to engage at least 10,000 churches in the United States to develop support systems for treatment, education, and prevention in their surrounding communities. Global Ministries will encourage churches to engage their neighboring communities by promoting physical activities, encouraging healthy diet and nutrition, providing education for tobacco- and drug-free living, and promoting mental health education.

There is vital information on their web page on how we as a church or you as an individual can be part of this initiative: [www.umcabundanthealth.org](http://www.umcabundanthealth.org).

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# UMW, BOOK AND BIBLE DISCUSSIONS

### Annual Spring Tea

**Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m.—2 p.m.**



Everyone is welcome to this church-wide event, sponsored by Tualatin United Methodist Women. Speakers are Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena, Global Ministries Missionaries. They are Mission Advocates for the Western Jurisdiction and we look forward to an interesting program! If you can be a table hostess or can provide food, please contact Karen Walker.

### 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: **"Kitchen Table Wisdom"** by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD



### 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.

### ***In Good Faith: Exploring Religious Differences in Oregon***

**Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m.  
Tualatin Library Community Room**

Religion is a topic traditionally not discussed in mixed company. But what do we lose when we avoid exploring our religious differences? Oregon is among the states in the U.S. where people are most likely to identify as religiously unaffiliated. Many Oregonians have spiritual practices that both align with and transcend institutional definitions. Others filter strongly held values through religious traditions and frameworks. Writer and former chaplain Elizabeth Harlan-Ferlo will lead participants in examining the tools we use to talk about religion without dismissing others' beliefs or flattening the beautiful and sometimes harrowing complexities of our experiences. Free.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### **MONDAY, May 1**

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion  
12:30 pm. Lenten Study w/Rev. Amy

### **TUESDAY, May 2**

No Activities

### **WEDNESDAY, May 3**

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, May 4**

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

### **FRIDAY, May 5**

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

### **SATURDAY, May 6**

11:00 a.m. UMW Spring Tea

### **SUNDAY, May 7**

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders  
10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School  
1:00 p.m. Nancy Brown Recital  
7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

### **MONDAY, May 8**

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### **TUESDAY, May 9**

No Activities

### **WEDNESDAY, May 10**

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, May 11**

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

### **FRIDAY, May 12**

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

### **SATURDAY, May 13**

No Activities

### **SUNDAY, May 14**

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

### **MONDAY, May 15**

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### **TUESDAY, May 16**

No Activities

### **WEDNESDAY, May 17**

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, May 18**

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

### **FRIDAY, May 19**

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

### **SATURDAY, May 20**

No Activities

### **SUNDAY, May 21**

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

### **MONDAY, May 22**

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### **TUESDAY, May 23**

No Activities

### **WEDNESDAY, May 24**

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, May 25**

9:00 am. Newsletter Team  
5:30 pm. Handbells  
6:30 pm. Chancel Choir  
7:45 pm. Praise

### **FRIDAY, May 26**

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

### **SATURDAY, May 27**

No Activities

### **SUNDAY, May 28**

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

### **MONDAY, May 29**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### **TUESDAY, May 30**

No Activities

### **WEDNESDAY, May 31**

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