



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

January 2019

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

A Prayer for the New Year

from Howard Thurman ...

Grant that I may pass through
the coming year with a faithful heart.
There will be much to test me and
make weak my strength before the year ends.
In my confusion I shall often say the word that is not true and do the thing of
which I am ashamed.
There will be errors in the mind
and great inaccuracies of judgment...
In seeking the light,
I shall again and again find myself
walking in the darkness.
I shall mistake my light for Your light
and I shall drink from the responsibility of the choice I make.
Nevertheless, grant that I may pass through the coming year with a faithful heart.
May I never give the approval of my heart to error, to falseness, to vanity, to sin.
Though my days be marked
with failures, stumblings, and fallings,
let my spirit be free
so that You may take it
and redeem my moments
in all the ways my needs reveal.
Give me the quiet assurance
of Your Love and Presence.
Grant that I may pass through
the coming year with a faithful heart.

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For Your Prayers

- Prayers for immigrants in our country.
- Keep the Caravan refugees in your prayer.
- Ongoing prayers for good health for Myron Carpenter
- Linda Budlowski, prayers for good health.
- **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Christmas Giving Tree. Your generosity of money, gifts and time gives a joyous Christmas for others.
- May you find times of joy in the celebration of the New Year.
- Many thanks to our staff for a wonderful 2018! Debbie Raby, Melinda Beyers, Lorie Beyers, Renee Dubarko, Travis Doughty.
- God bless all of our children and adults who gave us the gift of the Christmas program this year!
- Jim Serrill's brother George is recovering from a stroke.
- Dianne Tanac's mom as she is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Prayers for Wes Tanac and his family as they mourn the loss of his mother Pat in early December.
- Prayers of joy for the McClay family as baby Kolleen turns !!
- Prayers for Ofilia Boyd's daughter as she has suffered a stroke.
- Congratulations to Brian Harrell on his new job!

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



Howard Thurman (born Nov. 18, 1899, Daytona Beach, Fla.,—died April 10, 1981, San Francisco, Calif.) was an American Baptist preacher and theologian, the first African American dean of chapel at a traditionally white American university, and a founder of the first interracial interfaith congregation in the United States.

Thurman was the grandson of former slaves who stressed education as a means of overcoming racial discrimination. He graduated as valedictorian from Morehouse College, a predominantly black school, with a BA in economics in 1923, and from Rochester Theological Seminary with a Bachelor of Divinity in 1926. He subsequently served as pastor of a Baptist church in Oberlin, Ohio, and pursued graduate course work in theology at Oberlin College.

In January 1929 Thurman resigned his pastorate in order to pursue a semester of directed graduate study at Haverford College. Thurman absorbed a deep sense of the need to cultivate one's interior life. That fall Thurman returned to Morehouse as a professor. In 1932 he became dean of Rankin Chapel at the prestigious and primarily black Howard University. A meeting in 1934 with Mohandas K. Gandhi instilled within Thurman an appreciation for the value of nonviolent resistance in combating racial inequality. He subsequently wed nonviolence and the appreciation he had gained from previous teachers for the inward personal relationship with God with a deeply religious sense of protest against institutionalized race-based segregation.

In 1953, he assumed the deanship of Boston University's Marsh Chapel. In his sermons and in his classes, he inspired Martin Luther King, Jr., and other students committed to social justice who would participate in the civil rights movement.

From Rev. Amy:

I was reminded by a Seminary friend to look again at the New Year prayer (above) written by the Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman. As you will note in the information about Dr. Thurman, he was dean at Marsh Chapel at Boston University and taught at the BU School of Theology. Although my graduating class was years later, we all knew well the works and writing of Dr. Thurman. His death came just before I started Seminary in January 1982. An incredible man of immeasurable spirit, compassion, integrity and conviction, he spoke with a deeply resonate voice that could move a mountain. As I write this, I can clearly hear the recording of him reading Psalm 139.

Powerful doesn't cover it.

As I look back at his impact, I can't help but believe that these words, witness and prayers are powerful and necessary impetus for today. My heart is crushed at the level of brokenness in our country and world. The intense viciousness and callous disregard for others are so antithetical to the ways of Jesus. We can and must step forward and lead others by our example. In all we do and say we must exemplify the way of Jesus: non-violence, radical hospitality, love of neighbor and enemy alike. We can and will continue to feed, house, heal, love those with whom we come into contact.

Matthew 25: For I was hungry, and **you** fed **me**. I was thirsty, and **you** gave **me** a drink.

I was a **stranger**, and **you** invited **me** into your home.

Rev. Amy...

"Grant that I may pass through the coming year with a faithful heart."

Thank you all for
the wonderful
Christmas
wishes and gifts,
with love from
your church
staff!

Rev. Amy will be out of the office
December 26-January 7.
January's communion worship
service will be Sunday, January 13.

Helping hands organizing the
Giving Tree gifts!



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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 *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian D. McLaren.

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 *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 am in the church library. In the new year we will be reading *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old*, by Parker Palmer.



2018 Finance Update

The TUMC Finance Team would like to thank the congregation for supporting the 2018 budget. We will end the year meeting our budgetary goals. We will have paid 100 percent of our Apportionment/Shared Giving amount to the conference and will not have used any of our reserve funds to do so. Our congregation has gone above and beyond in supporting UMCOR, Family Promise, the Schoolhouse Pantry, and other mission projects. Thank you to everyone for supporting Tualatin United Methodist Church.

The Finance Team

Scrip Ordering

January 13

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, Safeway	\$50 card =	\$2.00
Starbucks Coffee	\$25 card =	\$1.50
Regal Cinemas	\$15 card =	\$1.05
Kaady Car Wash	\$7 card =	\$1.54
Powell's Books	\$10 card =	\$0.80

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.



Because a trip to the grocery store is not always planned, consider having a grocery store gift card in your wallet. They really come in handy!

JANUARY

TUESDAY, January 1

Church Office is Closed

WEDNESDAY, January 2

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

4:20 pm Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, January 3

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

9:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, January 4

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, January 5

No Activities

SUNDAY, January 6

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

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

MONDAY, January 7

10:00 am Book Group

TUESDAY, January 8

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, January 9

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

4:20 pm Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, January 10

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

9:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, January 11

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, January 12

No Activities

SUNDAY, January 13

9:00 am SCRIP Sales

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

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

MONDAY, January 14

10:00 am Book Group

1:00 pm Crossover

TUESDAY, January 15

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, January 16

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

4:20 pm Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, January 17

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

9:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, January 18

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, January 19

No Activities

SUNDAY, January 20

8:30 am Crossover

10:00 am Worship

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

MONDAY, January 21

10:00 am Book Group

TUESDAY, January 22

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, January 23

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

4:20 pm Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, January 24

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

9:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

FRIDAY, January 25

11:30 am-1:30 pm AA Steppers

SATURDAY, January 26

No Activities

SUNDAY, January 27

10:00 am Worship

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

MONDAY, January 28

10:00 am Book Group

1:00 pm Crossover

TUESDAY, January 29

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, January 30

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

4:20 pm Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, January 31

9:00 am Newsletter Team

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

9:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

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