



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

August 2016

## Tualatin United Methodist Church

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**Sunday Worship**  
10:00 am.

**Sunday School**  
Sunday School will  
resume in September

**Nursery**  
available during worship  
Infants to 4 years old

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

## PASTOR'S REFLECTION

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lately I seem to have the urge to hide.....to hide from stories of injustice, racism, poverty, disasters, bombings, shootings. I want to hide from the mention of guns, politics, refugees, terrorism. The reality is that there is no place to hide. Sure, we get the desire to pull the blanket up over our heads in the morning and refrain from rising to the dawn of a new day. But rise we must. Rise we must.

For decades now if not millennium there are stories of injustice, racism, poverty, disasters, killing..... Just ask Jesus, just pick up the Bible and read for a bit. The same can be said for politics, refugees and terrorism, just read some history about the advance of the Roman Empire, the Spanish Inquisition, worldwide slave trade, the constant subjugation of women and children and find the likes of just those things in the day and time of Jesus and in this day and time today.

Yes, yes, yes. We would be insane to NOT want to hide. But we must not hide, we must step forward. Speak up and be a voice for calm and love...not in a storybook fashion of an unreal world, but in brave ways. For example, families across Germany and other places in Europe and flinging wide their doors to host millions of refugees. Risky? you might wonder.....Maybe. But the truth of the matter is that we will be lost if we dare not take some risks. We will be lost along with thousands of others, trying to hide from the difficult and tragic parts of life, while denying that they exist.



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We may say "but right now, it is madness...madness! right here in the United States.....on our very doorstep!" But consider this, maybe there has been madness all along in inner cities, in global ghettos, in the terrifying reality of double standards in our court systems, in some ways of policing, in turning our eyes away from things that make us uncomfortable. Find reputable news sources RIGHT NOW!

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## PASTOR'S REFLECTION (continued from page 1)

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

### PRAYERS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

- *Mac Hanshew recovering from shoulder surgery*
- *Gillian Pope and family upon the passing of her dad, Tom Perritt*
- *Dwayne Scales, recovering from heart valve replacement—he is doing great!*
- *Joys for Malachi Seib, who is off to the Naval Academy now*
- *Joys for Mallory Tanac & Doug Hill, as they prepare for their wedding day*
- *Joys for the Julian family with the new addition of Baby Paxton*

We all need to open our eyes and ears and most especially our hearts. I tune in regularly to Huffington Post, NPR, BBC. There are many more sources for you to explore. My son Petter just got back from 5 weeks in South America. He said “The news all over South America talks about things going on in the world, that never get reported here in mainstream news at home.” He said “That is crazy!” I, maybe like some of you, love to hear the story of ducklings being rescued from a storm drain right here in Portland Oregon. (Ducklings are my favorite! Seriously, they are) But I also need to know what is going on in my nation and our world.

We like Jesus, need to come forth from our homes, our safe places and find ways to share the love... look outside your comfort zone. Could you host a refugee family? (Noelle, in our church office, was a refugee. Her family came to this country from Vietnam after the fall of Saigon. A church in Northern CA sponsored their family of 9). Could you take your vegetable garden surplus to the food pantry and talk with some people who are taking food home? Could you take clothes to a homeless shelter and volunteer there? Could you donate your frequent flyer miles to a couple wanting to adopt a child on the other side of the country? Could you \_\_\_\_\_? You fill in the blank..... there are so many blanks to fill.

### Items for the Pantry

The first Sunday of the month we will be focusing on certain items for the Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry.

**August 7-** Toilet Paper and Tissues

**September 4** - Laundry Soap and Dishwasher Soap (Powdered if possible)

**October 2** - Diapers and Baby formula

**November 4** - Personal Care Items, tooth paste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, etc

Other items are always welcome and will be accepted on the first of the month or any other time. . We hope by focusing our attention to a few items it will help out the Tualatin Schoolhouse Pantry.

We MUST talk about guns and violence, about racial injustice, about inter-religious respect and love. Something.....many “somethings” need our attention, our action, our input, our legislation, our commitment.

The columnist Leonard Pitts Jr. makes this observation and comment... “On the night Martin Luther King Jr. died, two months almost to the day before he would be shot down in a hotel kitchen, Bobby Kennedy faced a grief-stricken, largely African American crowd in Indianapolis and with extemporaneous eloquence, prescribed a cure for the sickness he saw..... What we need in the United States is not division. What we need in the United States is not hatred. What we need in the United States is not violence and lawlessness but love and wisdom and compassion toward one another and a feeling of justice toward those who still suffer in our country, whether they be white or whether they be black.” Or whether they be blue my friends.

We may want to hide, but many who have gone before us have faced similar things. The “blanket over our head” may be tempting, but we need to rise from sleep and face the day together. RIGHT NOW.

*Blessings,  
Rev. Amy*



### BISHOP ELAINE STANOVSKY

#### Bishop Elaine Stanovsky Assigned to Greater Northwest Area

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Episcopacy, the Western Jurisdiction has assigned Bishop Elaine Stanovsky to Greater Northwest area for the 2016-2020 quadrennium.

Elected in the episcopacy in 2008 by the Western Jurisdiction, she has served for eight years in the Mountain Sky Area of The United Methodist Church. While leading the church there she has made significant connections with the Native American community of the area and been a champion inside and outside the church for reconciliation with Native People and providing an honest telling of the history of the atrocities done in the name of the church.

A full biography is available on the umc.org website:  
<http://www.umc.org/bishops/elaine-j-w-stanovsky>

Bishop Grant Hagiya has been assigned to the California-Pacific Annual Conference and will begin his term there September 1.



(<http://www.umi.org/newsdetail/stanovsky-assigned-to-greater-northwest-area-5388400>)

## GREAT HYMNS OF THE FAITH

**Site:** Alton L. Collins Retreat Center

**Dates:** 8/18/2016 - 8/18/2016

**Age Level:** Adult

**Cost:** Full Rate: \$18.50 | \$45 Season (all 3)

Register on-line at <https://umi-reg.brtapp.com/GreatHymnsOfTheFaith2016>

New programs--same great series! Each session is unique, and features an opportunity to sing classic hymns of the Christian faith, both old and new, as well as hear stories and gain insights as you peek "behind the scenes" at these classic hymns--all in the beautiful Collins Chapel setting. The programs are led by the Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett, the Worship & Music Director for the 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, a global gathering for the entire denomination. The musical morning is followed by a delicious meal prepared from scratch, using local seasonal produce. After lunch, you're welcome to spend as long as you like exploring the grounds and facilities, shopping the Ten Thousand Villages display or relaxing in the Center's comfortable library. Tour guides are available for the buildings and trails.

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## ABUNDANT HEALTH INITIATIVE

### Abundant Health for Children

With the success of the Imagine No Malaria campaign, UMC Global ministries is initiating a new challenge to United Methodists. The goal is to reach 1 million children with Lifesaving Interventions by 2020 and to have 10,000 UMC churches in the United States work on bring Abundant Health to their local communities.

This initiative is both global and local. In meeting the Challenge the Global Missions is inviting churches to participate in the work of preventable deaths of children in every place through, Physical Activity, Healthy diet and nutrition, tobacco and drug free living, and mental health education and promotion. The emphasis will be on children but maintaining a healthy lifestyle for adults is also a part of this initiative.

**Here are a few of the suggested ideas that a Church can become involved in to be a part of the 10,000 Church Challenge:**

#### Healthy Eating

Host a community garden, share health messages/tips in bulletins, host a summer food program for kids, be sure we get the healthiest food for the Back Pack buddy program.

#### Active Living

Hold a healthy living week with exercise competitions,

#### Mental Health

Make home visits to new parents, older adults and others who may be disconnected from the community, involve program member in providing meals or respite care to those with chronic illnesses, expand access to mental health services and enhance linkages between mental health, substance-abuse disability and other social services.

#### Tobacco and Drug Free Living

Educate youth and adults about risks of drug abuse, offer support group or invite outside groups to use your facilities

As you can see TUMC is already involved in some of these activities. During the next few months we will be finding out more on how to become one of the 10,000 churches. If you are interested in more information go to <http://www.umcmmission.org/Abundant-Health>.

NOW, JUST IMAGINE

**Abundant**  
**Health**

FOR CHILDREN



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## FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

### Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts For Everyone

#### Dates:

- Aug. 1 Scriptural Basis & Spiritual Gifts Assessment
- Aug. 8 Spiritual Gifts definition & discussion & Talents
- Aug. 15 Resources & Individuality
- Aug. 22 Dreams & Experiences
- Aug. 29 Putting it all together & celebration

#### Schedule:

- 5:30 - 6:15 Dinner
- 6:15 - 6:30 Gathering time, a prayer, announcements, a couple of songs.
- 6:30 - 7:20 Program (adult for age 12 and over, children ages 4 - 11)\*\*\*Child care for babies and toddler\*\*
- 7:20 - 7:30 Closing prayer and song and any needed announcements.

For the Adult/Youth sessions, the books ***Each One a Minister*** and ***Spirit Gifts: One Spirit, Many Gifts*** will provide the framework for discussion and assessment, although they are not required to successfully participate in the course. As we better understand our spiritual gifts, we are better equipped to discern our ministry and the mission and ministry of our congregation together. This program will be led by Emilie Kroen, Larry McClure, and Pastor Amy. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to help with the light suppers, please call Emilie at 503-692-2799 or email her at [ekroen@yahoo.com](mailto:ekroen@yahoo.com).



### Garden Help Needed

The Garden will begin producing greater and greater amounts in the upcoming months. If you are interested in helping to pick the produce contact

Karen ([Karen.miglioretto@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.miglioretto@gmail.com))

or Vic ([vsmiglioretto@gmail.com](mailto:vsmiglioretto@gmail.com))

to let them know of your interest. Picking usually occurs on

**Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings 9 am.**

If that does not work with your schedule, please check with Karen or Vic to see if other arrangements could be made.

The produce goes to the Tualatin Food Pantry.

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO VIC AND KAREN  
FOR TAKING GREAT CARE OF  
THE WATERING NEEDS IN THE GARDEN!**

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### FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

#### School Supply Drive and Pick up Party

**Tuesday, August 16th—6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Over the next seven weeks we will be collecting school supplies for the 100 primary (Byrom) and middle school (Hazelbrook) children who live in the apartments that surround our church building. When the school supply lists are issued, we will immediately make them available. In the meantime, if you see a sale and want to take advantage of it, purchase Crayola crayons and colored pencils, Fiskar scissors, wide-ruled lined paper, Dixon Ticonderoga #2 pencils, blue and black ink pens, glue sticks, colorful folders, and backpacks. A place will be set aside in the narthex for the donated supplies.



On Tuesday evening, August 16, from 6:30 – 8 p.m., we will have the supplies organized and available for the children to select their own supplies in Koch Hall. If you would like to help in preparing for or hosting that evening, please let either Wes or Emilie know.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

#### Summer Celebration Potluck Party Friday, August 12th,

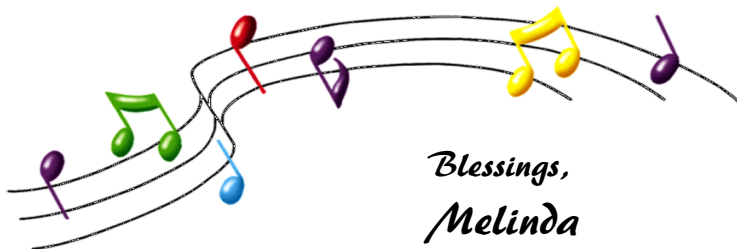


Please save the date to come to our Summer Celebration Potluck Party on Friday, August 12th, at my house, 390 W. Clackamas Blvd. Gladstone, OR. Arrive using “Melinda” time, anywhere from 6:30 to 7:00 or later and depart when you are ready to go home.

I will barbecue chicken and bratwurst – so there’s a little variety of meats. And I’ll provide S’mores makings for dessert, and the firepit for roasting the marshmallows.

Please bring a potluck dish to share, and beverages of your choice. Also, bring camp or lawn chairs, to ensure ample seating. Does anyone have a lawn dart game? And bring other outdoor games, your guitars, banjos, ukeleles, spoons, harmonicas, etc. We can sing the songs everybody knows starting with “Row, Row, Row Your Boat.”

But mostly, this is a time to enjoy each other, to get to know someone a little better, and to re-connect after most of the summer has passed - much too fast! I hope all of you can make it with your sweeties or best buddies or new friends!



*Blessings,  
Melinda*

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### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*There will be no circle meetings in August. Lydia Circle & Elizabeth Circle will meet in September.*

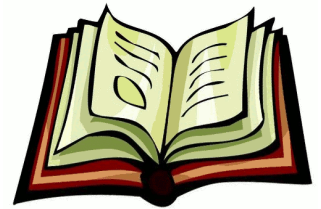
***Thank you to Ted and Tami Weitman***  
*for hosting our Summer Get-Together on July 25th....a great time was had by all!!*

### BOOK/BIBLE STUDY

#### **Current Book Study: "Really Bad Girls of the Bible"**

by Liz Curtis Higgs

Join us every Monday morning at  
10:00 a.m. in the church library.



### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



#### **Current Book Study: "We Make the Road By Walking"**

by Brian D. McLaren

The TUMC Men's Fellowship continues meeting each Wednesday at 10 a.m. to learn and support each other and contribute to worthy causes. Recently we have started a program to supply food packages to the needy in our area.

***We welcome others to join this great group!***

### 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.*

Our current book study: **"I Thought It Was Just Me"** by Brené Brown

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

## MONDAY, AUGUST 1

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

12:30 pm. Book Study w/Rev. Amy: Small Things with Great Love

### **Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts:**

5:30-6:15 pm. Dinner 6:15-7:30 pm. Program

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

10:00 am. Book Study w/Rev. Amy: Permission Granted

7:00—8:00 pm. Summer Praise

9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

No Activities

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:45 am. Music warmup

10:00 am. Worship

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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 8

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

12:30 pm. Book Study w/Rev. Amy: Small Things with Great Love

### **Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts:**

5:30-6:15 pm. Dinner 6:15-7:30 pm. Program

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00 am. Book Study w/Rev. Amy: Permission Granted

7:00—8:00 pm. Summer Praise

9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

No Activities

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:45 am. Music warmup

10:00 am. Worship

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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 15

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

12:30 pm. Book Study w/Rev. Amy: Small Things with Great Love

### **Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts:**

5:30-6:15 pm. Dinner 6:15-7:30 pm. Program

**Rev. Amy will be on  
vacation Aug. 4—8th.**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY will  
take place on Aug. 14th  
instead of Aug. 7th.**

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

6:30 pm. School Supplies Pick-up Party in Koch Hall

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

10:00 am. Book Study w/Rev. Amy: Permission Granted

7:00—8:00 pm. Summer Praise

9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

No Activities

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:45 am. Music warmup

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders

10:00 am. Worship

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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 22

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

12:30 pm. Book Study w/Rev. Amy: Small Things with Great Love

### **Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts:**

5:30-6:15 pm. Dinner 6:15-7:30 pm. Program

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

2:00-4:00 pm. Encore Auditions (community group)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

6:30-9:00 pm. Encore Auditions (community group)

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 am. Newsletter Team

7:00—8:00 pm. Summer Praise

9:00-10:00 pm. Tualatin NA meeting

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

No Activities

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:45 am. Music warmup

10:00 am. Worship

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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 29

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

### **Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts:**

5:30-6:15 pm. Dinner 6:15-7:30 pm. Program

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

No Activities

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

### UPCOMING SCRIP ORDER DATES

July 31  
August 21  
September 18