



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

October 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 remember the days when my kids would come home from school and I would inevitably say “What did you do in school today?” And the answer they gave was “nothing”. Or I would say, “What do you want for dinner” And the answer would come back at times “I don’t care”. I am sure we all have our renditions of similar events right??

Sometimes the way we ask questions is the key to get away from the cliché responses or the one-word answers.

How about these two questions trying to get at the same ideas:

Are victims in our community getting the services they need?

(This kind of begs for a yes or no answer right?) This question may not get us much helpful information.

Consider this question: “What is it about our community that supports healthy relationships for all of its citizens?” It moves beyond YES and NO.

You can see what I am getting at right?? It is important to nurture conversations that can go deeper than “yes” or “no”. The YES and NO sides create distance, self-satisfaction, and at times intense conflict. And when the YES and NO are yelled at the opposing side..... we all lose.

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For Your Prayers

- Penny Christanson and family as they celebrate Mike's life
- Donna James' son Tim on the death of his wife
- Hap & Barbara Arnold off on vacation
- Pearl Behm's son and family recovering after hurricane in Florida
- Don McVay—thanks for a fabulous dinner to help our church budget
- Jonathon & Elsbeth Murphy expecting new baby. Big sister Naomi is excited.
- Brian Harrell—GREAT NEW JOB!
- Gardener Pete Fowler's friends and family mourning his death.
- Gary & Bonnie Inloes—heading to China
- Jim Serrill's family
- Sharona Shnyder has moved into the dorm at PSU and she has started classes.

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



Jesus was a master at asking provocative questions that got to the heart of matters. I love the story of the Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37. The whole story follows a lawyer's simple question to Jesus. "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Easy enough! Give him a list of everything to do. Jesus does not do that however. He asks the man "What is written in the law and how do you interpret it?" The lawyer answers "Love God, love your neighbor" Jesus says "Good! Do this and you will live", to which the man replies "But who is my neighbor?" Then comes the story of the Good Samaritan. Jesus asks the lawyer a question after the story. "Which of these three do you think proved to be neighbor to the beaten man?" The lawyer then answers his own question. He says "The one who showed mercy on him." Jesus says "Go and do likewise"

So, we seem to be having a lot of "YES" "NO" in our nation right now and it pushes us apart more every day.

Try some new frames for questions and conversations. The stories told and the connections formed can give us all mercy and love of neighbor. Try a few new ways to talk with others:

Tell me about.....

What do you think would happen if.....

How can we.....

Here we are Now where can we go

What are all the possible ways we could work together.....

Just something to ponder...

Love God, love your neighbor..... let's do it together.

Rev. Amy

Finance Update

Time to start thinking about the Auction!!!!!!!

The Annual Church Auction will be **Sunday, November 19**. The Auction helps provide funds for our 2018 general budget. It is never too early to start thinking about what you can donate to the auction. Start making those craft items, knit up a storm, maybe you have a fantastic idea for a theme basket. Have you had a fun adventure that maybe others would like to enjoy? In past auctions, vacation houses have been items of great interest, trips to wineries, or a visit to a hospital to see behind the scenes. Food always perks the interest of our auction attendees.

It takes many people to put the auction together. If you would like to help out in any of the following areas: cashiering, set up, take down, kitchen or food; or have ideas for an auction event, please give Wes Tanac or the church office a call.



Fifth Sunday Offering

October is a month of Five Sundays. On October 29 we will have a Fifth Sunday Special Offering. Offerings designated as Fifth Sunday Offerings will be split between our general church budget and UMCOR Relief due to the recent hurricanes. If able, please prayerfully consider a Fifth Sunday Offering this October.

Treat Yourself! Winter Is Coming! Keep Warm!

A queen-size handmade quilt will be available for purchase at TUMC during the month of October. A member of our congregation has made this quilt and is donating it to be used a fundraiser for the church budget.

The quilt will be on display in the narthex. Paper slips will be available for your use in submitting a silent bid. Bids will be placed in a sealed container and the container will be opened at the end of the month to disclose the new owner of the quilt. An undisclosed minimum bid has been established.



Back Pack Buddy program supports families in need at Byrom Elementary School. Last year our congregation supplied breakfast packs and lunch packs for children in need of healthy food over the weekends and holidays.

Items that are needed:

Fruit Cups

Healthy Soups, Macaroni & Cheese, Tuna

Granola Bars, Power Bars, Trail Mix, Raisins

Please bring your donations to the church. There is a bin in the narthex.

Backpack BUDDIES

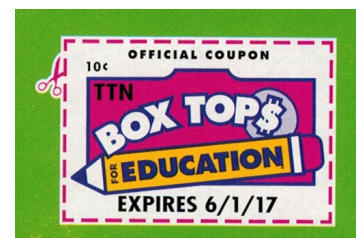
Because hunger doesn't end on Friday.



Box Tops for Education

In California in 1996 General Mills wanted to create a program to help support education and benefit America's schools. As part of the initial test program, Box Tops were only available on select Big G cereals such as Cheerios, Total and Lucky Charms.

The program was such a huge success that it soon launched on other General Mills products and expanded across the nation. By 1998 more than 30,000 schools were clipping Box Tops and earning cash to buy the things they needed: books, computers, playground equipment and more. Since then other brands have joined the Box Top including Pillsbury, Green Giant, Ziploc, Kleenex and more. Schools have earned over \$719 million.



Bring your Box Tops to the church office and our UMW group will distribute them. Each Box Top earns a school ten cents!

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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:

"Of Mess and Moxie, Wrangling Delight Out of This Wild and Glorious Life"

by Jen Hatmaker



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.

We invite you to join us as we begin a new book, "The Road to Character" by David Brook.

UMW in September

Lydia Circle

Wednesday, October 11th, 11:30 a.m. in Koch Hall.
Bring your lunch, a beverage will be provided.

Elizabeth Circle

Monday, October 23rd, 7 p.m. in the library.
Join us for a cup of tea.

The program for both Circles is Abundant Health



Short Term Adult Study

A study based on "The Great Spiritual Migration". Brian McLaren, a leading voice in contemporary religion, argues that— notwithstanding the dire headlines about the demise of faith and drop in church attendance—Christian faith is not dying. Rather, it is embarking on a once-in-an-era spiritual shift. For millions, the journey has already begun.

October 8, 15, 22 & 29, 8:45 a.m.

Led by Emilie Kroen

Books are \$15

Scrip Ordering

October 15

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

A few examples:

		Vendor Donation to our church:
Old Navy/Gap	\$25 card =	\$3.00
Sears/Lands End	\$50 card =	\$2.50
Columbia	\$50 card =	\$6.00
Macy's	\$25 card =	\$2.50
Fred Meyer, New Seasons	\$50 card =	\$2.00

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.

It's not too soon to think about holiday shopping! Will you order a turkey from New Seasons? Purchase a gift card to pay for that turkey!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, October 1

10:00 am. Worship & Sunday School
 12:00 pm Mike Meriwether Memorial
 1:00 pm Potluck
 7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, October 2

10:00 am Book Group
 6:30 pm Mission Meeting

TUESDAY, October 3

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, October 4

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, October 5

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

FRIDAY, October 6

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

SATURDAY, October 7

No Activities

SUNDAY, October 8

10:00 am. Worship & Sunday School
 12:00 pm Pete Fowler Memorial Service
 1:00 pm Potluck
 7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, October 9

10:00 am Book Group

TUESDAY, October 10

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, October 11

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, October 12

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

FRIDAY, October 13

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

SATURDAY, October 14

9:00 am AIAnon Conference

SUNDAY, October 15

9:00 am SCRIP Sales
 10:00 am. Worship & Sunday School
 1:30 pm Encore Rehearsal
 7:00-9:00 pm. New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

MONDAY, October 16

10:00 am Book Group
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Arts & Altar Mtg.

TUESDAY, October 17

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, October 18

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, October 19

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

FRIDAY, October 20

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

SATURDAY, October 21

No Activities

SUNDAY, October 22

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

MONDAY, October 23

10:00 am Book Group

TUESDAY, October 24

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, October 25

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, October 26

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

FRIDAY, October 27

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

SATURDAY, October 28

No Activities

SUNDAY, October 29

Fifth Sunday Special Offering

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

MONDAY, October 30

10:00 am Book Group
7:00 pm Charge Conference

TUESDAY, October 31

9:00 am FCE Program & Lunch