



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

July 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.



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PASTOR'S REFLECTION

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

Dear Friends,

On my way to work today, I happened to notice people's bumper stickers. There were some for sports teams, and an "I Love My Corgi" one that was quite cute (and no! I do not need another dog). One said, "Love a farmer, eat more Ice Cream." Hey, I could go for that!

And as you well know, many bumper stickers loudly proclaim political and social opinions from both sides. It is obvious to all of us that we are in the midst of election season. I am in support of each person having the right to cast their vote for the candidate/cause of their choice. I am, however, disturbed by the level of viciousness displayed by some, whether on a bumper sticker, a blog, or a personal conversation. And that goes for the whole spectrum from liberal to conservative, etc.

In my observation, there is a reckless brutality and abuse that I would call "Hit and Run." By that, I mean verbal attacks with things like bumper sticker proclamations, emails, forwarded emails, signs, letters to the editor, voicemail, and the like. With technology comes the ability to slap, insult, condemn one another without even the slightest bit of ownership or accountability. I believe that this kind of dumping on others is dangerous and destructive to the fabric of life. It is not OK.

"Some things never change" a friend said to me last week. And yes, I would have to agree; disagreements and vicious behavior are hardly a product of only this day and time. But my hope and prayer is that in our lives as followers of Christ, we would take to heart his words, "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12). And remember that "one another" includes all colors, religions, genders, ages, LGBTQ, national origins, income levels, social status, all abilities, etc.—and not just the people that look like us and think like us.

"Love One Another" is not a sophomoric, sentimental platitude. It is the recognition of Jesus' own witness and, even more, it is the proclamation of the Kingdom of God. "Love One Another" does not imply that we all think the same or vote the same or feel the same. It does carry with it the implicit face of Jesus as each and every individual is created in the image of God. We are called to treat everyone with respect, compassion, and grace. And believe me, I totally get the spur of the moment "drive-by gesturing" we may want to dish out. (And since we aren't perfect, the gesture may slip out from time to time.) But keep in mind, we are part of one body—the children of God.

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- Rachel Elliott, recovering health
- Dwayne Scales, heart surgery on July 6
- Jim Serrill, helping with gardens in Tanzania
- Darby and Sherris Harrell's 50th anniversary on July 10
- Noelle Voepel's dad, in hospice care
- Thank you to Netha Thacker and Sherris Harrell for working in the office
- Thank you to Emilie Kroen and Larry Robbins for presenting the Sunday message while Amy was on vacation

Finally, sisters and brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Monday evenings in August – August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29
Begins with a light supper from 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Sessions for Children and Adults/Youth from 6:30–8 p.m.
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.



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FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

Information from the Finance Team

Through the first five months of the year, the TUMC budget is on target and a little bit ahead of the game. Our pledge total is 96 percent of expectations, and our regular contributions are ahead of expectations. You can all pat yourselves on the back for an outstanding effort in your offerings.

Another thank you goes to the Trustee Team. They have worked with Crown Castle, who manages the cell tower, in continuing our lease. Our monthly income from the tower has increased \$300, and we have received a one-time bonus of \$2,500. If our budget stays on pace, the Finance team hopes to be able to transfer \$1,500 of this amount to Capital Development. To help balance our budget for 2016, the Ministry Team approved moving \$1,500 from Capital Development to the budget. Hopefully, we will be able to restore this money to the Capital Development fund.

With all of this good news and summer approaching, the Finance Team wants to remind you to keep up with your contributions during the summer. With vacations, short trips on the weekends, and picnics, attendance at times in the summer can be low. The bills still need to be paid, and even though we have a reserve, it is nice to be able to keep our budget on track.

Once again, thank you to the congregation for being so generous.

TUMC Finance Team

School Supply Drive and Pick up Party

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.



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

From Emilie Kroen



Our logo for annual conference was designed by Mark Manning of Jefferson UMC and inspired by Matthew 11:28-29: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

The Oregon Idaho Annual Conference was held June 16 – 18 in Salem, Oregon. The uplifting gathering of more than four hundred laity and clergy was wonderful. I am honored to serve as your Lay Member to Annual Conference.

Just a few things that occurred:

- Joyful worship every day
- Celebration of the success of Imagine No Malaria
- Vigil and walk to honor the people killed in the Orlando nightclub massacre, which more than 200 people joined
- Recognition for our congregation for paying 100 percent of our apportionments in 2015
- Nomination of the Rev. Donna Pritchard for Bishop
- Support for the Bishops' initiative to address sexuality issues through a special process
- Joined the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights
- Resolution seeking peace and justice in the Holy Land
- Supported comprehensive immigration reform
- Divested funds from companies that profit from the human rights violations in Palestine: Motorola Solutions, Caterpillar, and Hewlett-Packard
- Larry McClure continues as Conference Chair of Trustees
- Emilie Kroen named Conference Associate Lay Leader
- Pam Robbins named Cascadia District Lay Servant

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FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL TO CORINTH AND EPHEBUS - OCTOBER 2017

Rev. Catherine Davis of Newberg United Methodist Church is organizing an exciting program that traces the journey of St. Paul to Ephesus and Corinth. This is an exciting program that includes visits to some of the most important archaeological sites of the world—including the great Acropolis of Athens, the ancient city of Corinth, and the spectacular archaeological part of Ephesus. The program includes a cruise along the Aegean Sea with stops in Ephesus, Patmos, and Crete.

In addition to historical visits, there will be opportunities to enjoy and explore contemporary Greek culture, cuisine, and art. Don't miss this opportunity to join a great pastoral leader on a journey of a lifetime. For more program details and registration materials, visit: www.travelillumine.com/trc/eha or call Illume at: 800-368-6757, ext. 128.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Summer Schedule Continues

Worship Music Rehearsal

Thursday evenings—7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Music Warm-up

Sunday mornings—8:45 a.m.

Anyone who wishes to help lead worship is most welcome to join us at rehearsal. Summer is always a great time to volunteer to play a piano piece or a ukulele song or sing a solo or duet. Lorie and I will help you with accompaniments or whatever you need.

The full Music Ministries schedule will resume with rehearsals on Sept. 8. I hope more of you will join this wonderful family of music makers and worship leaders. Short-term or long-term commitments are fine. We will welcome you with open arms!

~ **Blessings, Melinda**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Summer Get-Together

The UMW Annual Summer Get-Together will be held at Ted and Tami Weitman's on Monday, July 25, at 6:00 p.m. BBQ hamburgers, brats, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share—and perhaps a lawn chair! All adults are welcome!



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thank you, Kay Gooding, Sherris Harrell, Karen Walker and Diane and Wes Tanac for helping with the June Birthday Party at the United Methodist Retirement Center in Salem last month.

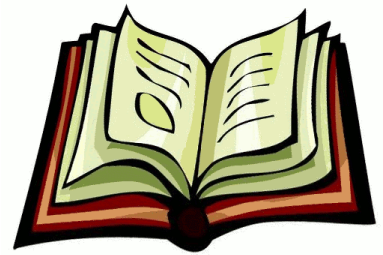
There are no circle meetings in July and August.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 1

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, JULY 2

No Activities

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8:45 am. Music warmup

10:00 am. Worship

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

MONDAY, JULY 4

No Book/Bible Discussion

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JULY 5

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

THURSDAY, JULY 7

7:00—8:00 pm. Music Rehearsals

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

FRIDAY, JULY 8

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, JULY 9

No Activities

SUNDAY, JULY 10

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, JULY 11

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, JULY 12

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

THURSDAY, JULY 14

7:00—8:00 pm. Music Rehearsals

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

FRIDAY, JULY 15

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, JULY 16

No Activities

SUNDAY, JULY 17

8:45 am. Music warmup

10:00 am. Worship

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

MONDAY, JULY 18

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, JULY 19

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, JULY 21

7:00—8:00 pm. Music Rehearsals

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

FRIDAY, JULY 22

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, JULY 23

No Activities

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8:45 am. Music warmup

10:00 am. Worship

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

MONDAY, JULY 25

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

6:00 pm. Summer Get-Together at Weitman's

TUESDAY, JULY 26

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

THURSDAY, JULY 28

9:00 am. Newsletter Team

7:00—8:00 pm. Music Rehearsals

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

FRIDAY, JULY 29

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, JULY 30

No Activities

SUNDAY, JULY 31

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

SUMMER PRAISE SCHEDULE :

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