



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

We stand with LGBTQ+

August 2019

## FROM THE PASTOR

by Rev. Amy Overton-Harris

### 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.

Several folks in our congregation have read or are reading Brian McLaren’s book titled “We Make the Road by Walking” as we make our way through 2019.

Our congregation here at TUMC and our sibling churches in the Western Jurisdiction (11 states) are open and affirming. It is simply part of who we are as children of God as we say “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. We welcome all races, all religions, all countries of origin, all sexual orientations, all genders, all abilities and all ages.

We find ourselves nationally and globally in fractious times. Tensions are high, tolerance seems perilously low. Brian McLaren talks about having a “Spirit of Unity and Diversity.” In Chapter 45 of his book he lifts up affirmations for us as followers of the way of Jesus. He frames it in this way: “Like a parent, God was the source of all creation, the giver of all life and existence. God’s parental love held all creation in a family relationship.” The Trinity of God in our midst: the parent, the child, and the Holy Spirit.

For me, God that transforms us is inclusive, life-giving, compassionate and generous. What speaks to your heart and soul? I invite you to spend some time this summer thinking on this. What speaks to your heart and soul? What gives you hope? What brings new life?

Here are some thoughts from Brian McLaren:

- Imagine the change when our vision of God shifts from a violent dictator to a kind and caring parent who loves all and wants the best for all, and the image of a violent commander sending us to wage war is eclipsed by the image of a gentle, healing, reconciling, empowering Spirit who descends upon us like a dove. (pg 228)

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## For Your Prayers

- Thanks to EVERYONE who is helping with garden picking!
- Good health for Myron Carpenter.
- Tom Wells as he is laid up with a ruptured tendon and unable to drive.
- Robin and Ken Curtin as they are moving to Virginia.
- Staff Parish Committee in their work finding a new pianist
- Special thanks to Kelly Myers and Dan Gassoway for their fabulous piano playing. And thanks to James Wescott and singers.
- George and Patt Bowlby's son David. He has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Ofilia Boyd as she pieces things back together after a break-in.
- Richard Brown as he recuperates from hip replacement.
- Robert Schiskey and his next steps.
- Adi and Shani Shnayder as they go to Ghana for college.
- Welcome to Wes and Dianne Tanac's new grandbaby: Isla Patricia.
- Netha Thacker and her recovery from a shoulder replacement.

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



- Through God, we transcend 'us-them', 'in-out' thinking. No more mine and yours, one and other, same and different, better and worse. We move beyond that to 'ours' and one and other becomes one another. (pg 228)
- God is characterized by equality, empathy, and generosity rather than subordination, patriarchy, and hierarchy. (pg 229)
- More than ever before in our history, we need a new kind of personal and social fuel. Not fear, but love. Not prejudice, but openness; not supremacy, but service. Not inferiority, but equality. Not resentment, but reconciliation. Not isolation, but connection. Not the spirit of hostility, but the Holy Spirit of hospitality. So the "most excellent way", Paul said, is the way of love. (pg 217)

Let us continue in the way of love.....

*Rev. Amy*



## Assisted Listening System

We are in the process of purchasing an assisted listening system. We have been in touch with a handful of companies and Spectrum Systems Design is the one we have chosen. Spectrum's president, Lindsey McGill, is a member at First United Methodist Church in the Goose Hollow neighborhood of Portland. He came highly recommended for his work at First UMC and has been generous with his time, advice and immediate response to our needs and requests.

This system will offer a variety of assistance to any and all who need it. It is a wireless system, and there is a portable transmitter that can be used anywhere in the building. This system is simple to use. You can pick up a wireless receiver when you come to church. You control the volume with an arrow up or down. And then choose a delivery device like: head phones, an ear speaker or connect to your own hearing aid t-switch. You can also bring your own earbuds to connect to the system.

The transmitter can be used in meetings, classrooms and the like. You will still receive the sound even if you go outside....

This will not only be invaluable in our church setting for our regular attenders, but it will bring us into compliance with ADA regulations for any and all who attend our church.

This system, installation and training will cost \$3,635. We welcome any and all donations put forth for this listening system. Simply mark your donation "Assisted Listening" and we will happily receive it. After we have raised this amount, we can order and install the system.

Bless you,

*Amy* (the totally not savvy sound system person)

Questions? We can ask the expert!!



School Supply Distribution events are scheduled for August 22, 23, and 24 at TUMC downstairs in Koch Hall. This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> year hosting this ministry. In 2018 we served 145 kids. **This year we are gearing up to serve 200!** Four events are scheduled to provide more time flexibility for our participants: many are parents working multiple jobs to make ends meet. We need volunteers to help set up, and/or to provide hospitality and assistance during the events as students and their parents select their school supplies. We would also like to provide healthy snacks for participants.

Set Up: Thursday, August 22 from Noon to 3 PM

Event 1: Thursday 22, 4 – 7 PM

Event 2: Friday, August 23, 2 – 5 PM

Event 3: Friday, August 23, 6 – 8 PM

Event 4: Saturday, August 24 from 8 – 11 AM

Take Down: August 24, from 11 AM to 1 PM

If you would like to help with set up, snacks, or hospitality during the events, sign up on the clipboard at church or talk with Emilie Kroen ([ekroen@yahoo.com](mailto:ekroen@yahoo.com), 503-312-4138). Ideally we would like to have 6 to 8 people at each event and 4 to 6 people for set up and take down.

**To effectively serve our children well, your donations of money is greatly needed.** This year the total cost to provide school supplies to 200 children is estimated to exceed \$3,000.

**Why money instead of bringing supplies?** Fred Meyer's store manager has agreed to give us the lowest price of the season plus an additional 10% off and a \$50 gift card if we give him a list of our needs, which Emilie has done. This saves everyone money and time shopping ads, and allows us to provide more school supplies to the kids. Fred Meyer will also provide 200 paper grocery bags to hold the supplies the kids pick out.

In addition to our congregation's contributions of school supplies and money, our United Methodist Women has donated \$400, our church foundation has committed \$750, and we have also received \$50 gift cards from Staples and Target, and a \$500 grant from OnPoint Credit Union for this important work.

Monetary donations should be placed in the offering plate marked "for School Supplies" by August 18th.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SPIRIT!**



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Tualatin United Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).**

We invite you to spread the word to neighbors and friends!

## FELLOWSHIP AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS

### Monday Morning Women's Book Group

This group is not meeting in August. They will resume Monday, September 9, 10 a.m. in the church library.



### Men's Fellowship

The Men's Group meets each Wednesday, 10 a.m. in the nursery. Come for study, prayer, fellowship and service. Help us pack food bags for those in need.

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 a.m. in the church library. We are reading "God's Hotel" by Victoria Sweet

### United Methodist Women - UMW

Tualatin United Methodist Women believe in the purpose of United Methodist Women . We are turning a new leaf starting Saturday, September 14.

Mark your calendars to save the date and time, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. We will be having a craft time - all women are invited to bring your craft and work on it. If you do not have a craft, we will be featuring a craft with someone to demonstrate it.

If you have any input in this, please bring your ideas to us.

*Emilie Kroen and Karen Walker*



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## Hilltop Community Garden

Help harvest veggies from the garden! Gardeners pick Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Last year we donated over 3,000 pounds of produce to the Tualatin Food Pantry. In late July picking totals were approaching 100 pounds in a morning! All are welcome to come and pick!



## Dirt Camp

This summer during the Sunday school hour our children are attending Dirt Camp! Guided by Jim Serrill and Merry McAdoo the children are learning about preparing the soil, sprouting seeds and how to water. What fun! The children harvested and took home lettuces, marigolds, lemon balm, swiss chard and oregano. Back in the classroom the children have planted fava beans and radishes to be harvested as micro greens.







**THURSDAY, August 1**

6:15 p.m. Music Rehearsals  
8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

**FRIDAY, August 2**

10:30 a.m. Cantabile Voice Lesson  
11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

**SATURDAY, August 3**

10:00 a.m. Oregon Emmaus Training

**SUNDAY, August 4**

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

**MONDAY, August 5**

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

**TUESDAY, August 6**

No Activities

**WEDNESDAY, August 7**

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship  
4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

**THURSDAY, August 8**

6:15 p.m. Music Rehearsals  
8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

**FRIDAY, August 9**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

**SATURDAY, August 10**

No Activities

**SUNDAY, August 11**

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

**MONDAY, August 12**

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

**TUESDAY, August 13**

No Activities

**WEDNESDAY, August 14**

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship  
11:15 a.m. Emmaus Reunion  
4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

**THURSDAY, August 15**

6:15 p.m. Music Rehearsals  
8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

**FRIDAY, August 16**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

**SATURDAY, August 17**

No Activities

**SUNDAY, August 18**

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

**MONDAY, August 19**

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

**TUESDAY, August 20**

No Activities

**WEDNESDAY, August 21**

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship  
4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

**THURSDAY, August 22**

4:00-7:00 p.m. School Supplies Distribution  
6:15 p.m. Music Rehearsals  
8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

**FRIDAY, August 23**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers  
2:00-5:00 p.m. School Supplies Distribution  
6:00-8:00 p.m. School Supplies Distribution

**SATURDAY, August 24**

8:00-11:00 a.m. School Supplies Distribution

**SUNDAY, August 25**

8:30 a.m. Music Rehearsals  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
7:00-9:00 pm New Me Al-Anon and Who Me AA

**MONDAY, August 26**

1:00 p.m. Crossover Book Study

**TUESDAY, August 27**

No Activities

**WEDNESDAY, August 28**

10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship  
10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship  
11:15 a.m. Emmaus Reunion  
4:20 p.m. Weight Watchers

**THURSDAY, August 29**

9:00 a.m. Newsletter Team  
6:15 p.m. Music Rehearsals  
8:15 p.m. Tualatin NA Meeting

**FRIDAY, August 30**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

**SATURDAY, August 31**

No Activities