



Tualatin United Methodist Church

# Hilltop Highlights

February 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

Brian McLaren's book "We Make the Road by Walking" has been and will continue to be an inspiration for us. I am awestruck by Brian McLaren's ability to not just talk about what needs to happen in our world, but to actually live it every day. You know how that saying goes, right? Walk the talk. So incredible. Brian makes special note of Jesus' return to Nazareth in Chapter 20. You can read about Jesus going to his home town in Luke 4:1-30.

When you are an adult and you take a trip back to your home town, you may find people see you as you were growing up and not as the adult you have become. I ran into a friend last week, Vicki Tomlinson. I haven't seen her in quite some time. Our children went to middle school and high school together and now our children are adults, of course. A man walked up and stood beside her, and she said, "Oh, and of course, you remember Brett." BRETT? Brett who? Brett Tomlinson isn't standing in front of me right now! This is a very tall bearded man!! Where is Brett? Ha! You get the idea, right? I remember Brett as a precocious middle schooler who liked nothing better than embarrassing his sister at every turn.

Jesus arrives in his home town and he has some things to say. This isn't the boy that they knew. He is a man with a clear calling. He takes the scroll and comes to the passage that says "The Spirit has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives. Healing to the blind and freedom to the oppressed." "Awwwww," the folks may be thinking, "look at Mary's nice boy! He has come home for a visit and is quoting the Hebrew Scriptures."

BUT THEN.... He says, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Yikes! The people in the temple don't take it well. He boldly lays out that things must change, not just in theory but in practice and action every day. Brian McLaren writes a paraphrase for us...

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## For Your Prayers

- Prayers for immigrants in our country.
- Prayers for Alysia Hill's grandfather as he struggles with illness.
- Prayers for Randy and Joan Beyer after their car accident.
- Ongoing prayers for good health for Myron Carpenter.
- Linda Budlowski, prayers for good health.
- Welcome to our new Lay Leader, Rachel Elliot.
- Welcome to our new Ministry Team Chair, Melissa Brown.
- Dan Gassoway on the death of his brother.
- Jim Serrill's brother George as he recovers from a stroke.
- Cindy Gotlib as she mourns the death of her sister.
- Jerry Thacker as he recovers from his knee surgery.
- Prayers for Ofilia Boyd's daughter as she recovers from a stroke.

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



*"Now is the time to dismantle the military-industrial complex and reconcile with enemies! It is time for CEO's to slash their mammoth salaries and give generous raises to all their lowest-paid employees! It is time for weapons and ammunitions to be recast as trumpets, swing sets, and garden tools. It is time to stop plundering the Earth for quick corporate profit and start actively healing the planet... The time is today"*

Yeow! the temperature in that room is rising. As followers of the way of Christ, we need to commit to be loud talkers, action takers, and compassion givers in the name of Christ.

Did you know the word "Christian" only occurs THREE times in the New Testament? THREE!!! Hard to imagine I know! The word "Disciple" occurs over 250 times in the New Testament. I think the whole plan is not to put a label on what we call ourselves, but to **live the example of Jesus every day**, every word, every act, every way. Jesus invites us to follow..... let's go! The time is now.

Rev. Amy

## Special General Conference February 2019

Beginning February 23, 2019, United Methodists will gather in St. Louis, Missouri for a Special Called Session of General Conference. Our global delegates will vote on a plan for the church to move forward on matters surrounding *human sexuality*.

There is a great introduction to how this has come about here:

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/whats-a-general-conference-special-session-why-now>

For a good overview of what the delegates will be voting on, visit [www.onechurchplan.org](http://www.onechurchplan.org).

Our bishop, Elaine Stanovsky, has a podcast about the general conference which you can listen to here: <http://onechurchplan.libsyn.com/episode-14-bishop-elaine-stanovsky>

A pastor from the North Texas United Methodist Conference, Rev. Kellie Sanford, offers this prayer:  
*Dear Friends, United Methodists clergy, and laity, will you accept my invitation to be in prayer for our beloved global church over the coming days? I simply ask you to put aside what you wish, and pray for God's desire for the church.*





There is always something refreshing about the start of the New Year! A new year brings new insights, new hope and new opportunities. Many people take time to reflect on all that has (or hasn't) been accomplished during the previous year. The New Year serves as a time to set new goals, take on new challenges and make resolutions.

Resolutions range from saving up for a dream car to embarking on new adventures. Of course, there's always the ever famous resolution to lose pounds. **Souper Bowl of Caring** encourages you to keep up with your resolutions, and challenges you to add one more: We invite you to also **raise** pounds! Last year Tualatin UMC donated 188 cans of soup to the Tualatin School-house Food Pantry. This year we will put the soup in our Backpack Buddies program. Let's see if we can top 200 cans this year!

Backpack Buddies is a program that supplies food-insecure children with meals for the weekends during the school year (September through June). One week each month we supply the weekend food for 27 children at Byrom Elementary. We've been doing this for nearly 5 years. The cost of food for one child for the weekend is approximately \$5. The backpacks are filled with enough food for 2 days of breakfasts and lunches - instant oatmeal, granola bars, fruit cups, soup, chili, macaroni and cheese, and similar non-perishables.

Bring canned soup, stews, and chili to Tualatin United Methodist Church on or before February 3. Food can be dropped off Monday through Thursday between 9 AM and 3 PM and on **Sunday, February 3 between 9 and 11:30 AM**. Cash donations are also accepted. Let's tackle hunger with every can we stack in the narthex!



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### FELLOWSHIP, UMW AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS

#### Monday Morning Women's Book Group

Join us Monday mornings, 10am 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, 10am 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 10am in the church library.  
We are reading *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old*, by Parker Palmer.



Our very own **Mary Chikati** is hoping to be part of an educational tour of England, France and Amsterdam in June of 2020. Her participation is through the Tualatin-Tigard School District. Mary is in need of financial assistance. If you can help, please go to the following website to make a donation (copy the link below and paste into your browser):

[http://personal.eftours.com/secure/make-donation.aspx?poid=DDBBAE7D&UTM\\_medium=web&utm\\_source=paxsecure&utm\\_campaign=fundraising](http://personal.eftours.com/secure/make-donation.aspx?poid=DDBBAE7D&UTM_medium=web&utm_source=paxsecure&utm_campaign=fundraising)

#### Used Clothing Donations Needed

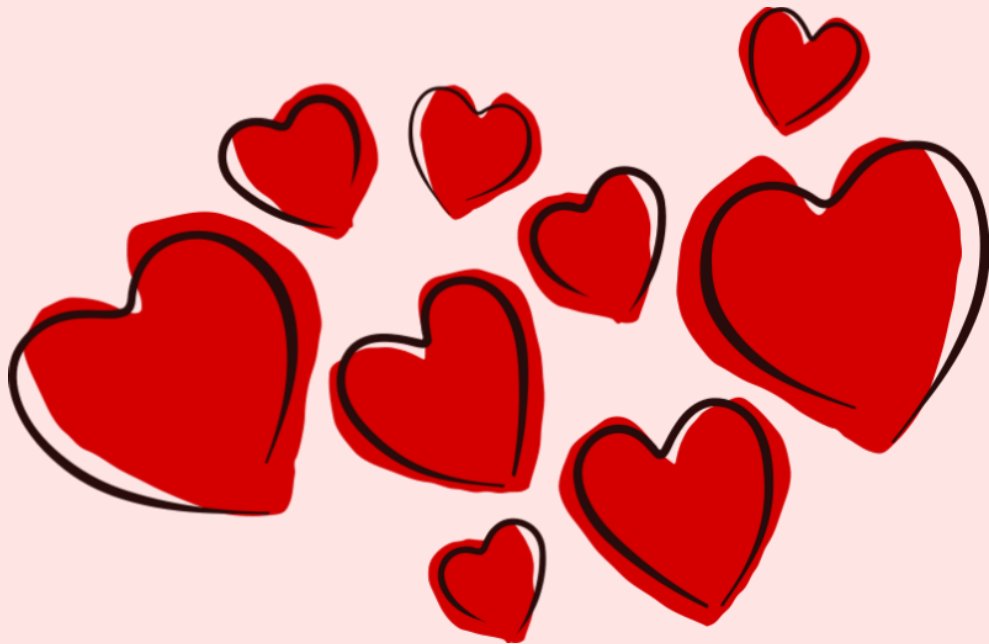
The Tigard-Tualatin Caring Closet needs clothing that is clean and in good condition. Please bring your donations to the church office and they will be delivered.



# **Annual **Chili** & **Chocolate** Potluck!**

## **Sunday, February 10**

Bring your world famous chili or that oh so hard to resist chocolate sweet to share immediately after worship. We will gather downstairs in Koch Hall.



# Scrip Ordering

**February 10   March 10  
April 14**

**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 =	<b>\$2.00</b>
Starbucks Coffee	\$25 card =	<b>\$1.50</b>
Regal Cinemas	\$15 card =	<b>\$1.05</b>
Kaady Car Wash	\$7 card =	<b>\$1.54</b>
Powell's Books	\$10 card =	<b>\$0.80</b>

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 can be placed on the Sunday morning of the order date.

**Valentines Day is right around the corner! Consider purchasing a SCRIP gift card to treat that special someone to dinner or to a Powell's Bookstore excursion.**





# FEBRUARY

## **FRIDAY, February 1**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

## **SATURDAY, February 2**

No Activities

## **SUNDAY, February 3**

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

1:00 pm Encore Rehearsal

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

## **MONDAY, February 4**

10:00 am Book Group

1:00 pm Crossover Study

## **TUESDAY, February 5**

No Activities

## **WEDNESDAY, February 6**

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

4:20 pm Weight Watchers

## **THURSDAY, February 7**

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

9:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## **FRIDAY, February 8**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

## **SATURDAY, February 9**

No Activities

## **SUNDAY, February 10**

9:00 am SCRIP Sales

10:00 am Worship & Sunday School

11:30 am Potluck

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

## **MONDAY, February 11**

10:00 am Book Group

1:00 pm Crossover Study

## **TUESDAY, February 12**

No Activities

## **WEDNESDAY, February 13**

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

4:20 pm Weight Watchers

## **THURSDAY, February 14**

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

9:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## **FRIDAY, February 15**

10 am—Noon Oregon Federation of Music Clubs

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

## **SATURDAY, February 16**

7:30 am—6 pm—All Anon Conference

## **SUNDAY, February 17**

10:00 am Worship

11:30 am Ministry Team Meeting

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

## **MONDAY, February 18**

10:00 am Book Group

1:00 pm Crossover Study

## **TUESDAY, February 19**

No Activities

## **WEDNESDAY, February 20**

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

4:20 pm Weight Watchers

## **THURSDAY, February 21**

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

9:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting

## **FRIDAY, February 22**

11:30 am–1:30 pm AA Steppers

## **SATURDAY, February 23**

No Activities

## **SUNDAY, February 24**

10:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Nancy Brown Piano Studio

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

## **MONDAY, February 25**

10:00 am Book Group

1:00 pm Crossover Study

## **TUESDAY, February 26**

No Activities

## **WEDNESDAY, February 27**

10:00 am Men's Fellowship

10:00 am Women's Fellowship

4:20 pm Weight Watchers

## **THURSDAY, February 28**

9:00 am Newsletter Team

5:00 pm Music Rehearsals

9:00 pm Tualatin NA Meeting