



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

October 2016

Tualatin United Methodist Church

20200 SW Martinazzi Ave.
Tualatin, OR 97062-9369
503-692-1820
www.tualatinumc.org

Sunday Worship
10:00 am.

Sunday School
Sunday School
starting up Sept. 11th

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,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ultPAlkFoRw>

Okay, okay....do you see this (look up!) You need to visit this link! If you don't have access to a computer, come by the office and we will pull it up for you to look at it. It happens to be a State Farm commercial that has two people saying the same lines but in a different context. You will love it! Now I realize that the point of the commercial is that each one of them has a unique circumstance but I couldn't help but think how instructive this commercial may be. Same phrases with WAY different meaning!

For instance, if you are traveling down the freeway and the traffic slows way down, you can say:

OPTION ONE:

"Oh Great!" (meaning, "darn it, I am so mad because I'm in a hurry this morning....grrrrr")

OR YOU COULD SAY

OPTION TWO:

"Oh Great!" (meaning, "they are almost done with the construction and it will be a much better drive in just 2 weeks!.....Yay!")

I bet you get my drift right?? Perspective is important. I'd like to be able to say that I always choose OPTION TWO for my daily perspective but I can't. Of course we are human and we are going to have days when all we can manage is OPTION ONE. But the significant word here is "option" right? We can "choose" our method of approach or our perspective on what we face.

Sometimes we get stuck in the mindset the "the bad traffic ruined my whole day". And sometimes when things don't go "our way" we might think "God hates me" or "all people are out to get me"... none of which are true. When you give such power to events of daily life a sense of hopelessness increases and dreading "bad" luck emerges with you being the passive recipient.

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PRAYERS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

- Ofilia Boyd's sister, Fran, with terminal cancer diagnosis
- Travis Doughty's father-in-law, recovering from a stroke
- Ned Miller, with health complications

New Address for Mac:

Our beloved Mac Hanshew has moved to a new place and is loving it. And she is missing all of us here at church!! She would love to have you go by and visit with her, and she will take you around the new place. Cards and calls are always welcome too!

Mac Hanshew
Green Ridge Estates
4 Green Ridge Drive #127
Lake Oswego, Oregon
97035

Life does go sideways sometimes.... Because life goes in all directions, right? Try not to assume that it is YOU or YOUR FAULT or that GOD IS PUNISHING ME (God isn't). It is simply life and how we meet it every day is up to us. It is important to know who you are in the depths of your soul. We are created in the image of God. Challenges come, look deep. Frustrating or devastating things happen, take the next step ahead. God walks with you.

Do you ever hear these words: "If only I didn't have to worry about money, my life would be perfect!" "I would be able to do whatever I want if life's obstacles weren't in my way". Would it surprise you to learn that the vast majority of "super-successful" people who have been able to buy all the pleasure and ease they want discover that they are significantly less happy than they were before all of the success. You might quip, "Well I would like to try that and not just take their word for it!!"

Believe it or not, the goal of life, isn't total "happiness" for yourself, or to have all the money in the world, or to have nothing to do all day. Our goal as children of God is to find meaning and purpose... to engage a world in need, to alleviate suffering, to feed the hungry, to celebrate neighbors of all kinds and share love everywhere. It does change your perspective doesn't it?? We face real things every day. Take the challenge come what may. Love one another. Pray for your enemies. Give to the poor. Love God. Love yourself. You are made in the image of God, grow with it.

Blessings, *Rev. Amy*

Items Needed for the Pantry

During the month of October, the focus for our congregation will be Diapers and baby formulas for the Tualatin Schoolhouse Food Pantry. If you wish to bring in other items along with laundry soap and dishwashing powder, all of your donations will be greatly appreciated!

Donations are usually taken to the Food Pantry on Wednesdays.

October

Diapers and Baby formula

November

Personal Care Items (tooth paste, deodorant, feminine hygiene Products, etc)

FINANCE CAMPAIGN

It is Time for Our Finance Campaign

October 2016

Theme: Thank You..... SERIOUSLY THANK YOU!

October 2, 2016

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

"I give thanks to God always, for you... you are not lacking in any spiritual gift"

October 9, 2016

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4: 13-16a

"It is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God"

October 16, 2016

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-18

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances"

October 4, 2016: We will mail out Finance letter
and cards to you

October 16, 2016: Turn in your Pledge Cards to the
church office



POTLUCK AND AUCTION

OCTOBER POTLUCK

October 9th - after worship

BRING YOUR "FALL FAVORITES" TO SHARE...

AND LET'S CELEBRATE AUTUMN!

The Auction is Coming!!



Planning for the annual auction will be happening in October. If you have ideas for the auction, please help out by contacting Wes Tanac at marinerwes@aol.com or 503-692-3177

An organizing meeting will be held in the middle of October. Start thinking of items you may wish to donate. The board will go up the last week of November for you to list your items donated.

MUSIC MINISTRY

MUSIC MINISTRIES OF TUALATIN UMC START!

Such glorious crispness is in the bright, sunny air! It's interesting that there can be so MUCH promise in the first days of Autumn, though it is a waning season. But there you are! School starts, soccer season starts, football season starts, and the music ministries of Tualatin UMC start! Friends, I hope you'll help with our start. I don't do well at asking for help. It comes from being raised by very competent, self-sufficient parents and that was reinforced by being a Marine Corps wife. I learned to do it myself, make it last, or do without. But that particular skill set is not serving us well in regards to recruitment for our sound and visuals teams.

We need help. We need more people on those teams.

Rev. Amy and I worked out a strategy to make the visuals job less onerous. During the week, I will go through the slides for the next Sunday and get them arranged in the order we will use in worship. This way the visuals operator only needs to be here for pre-worship rehearsal on Sunday morning. Now our middle school kids can sign up to run slides too! Actually, running the sound board can be done by the middle school kids as well. The main concern is to have someone there to adjust the volume levels if needed. You can surprise me and can just sign up for a Sunday or two on the sheet taped to the sound board cabinet or the clipboard at the projector stand. Or you can talk to me and I'll show you how to do the ministry that you are interested in. You'll get to feel deeply appreciated and provide a much needed service to your church.



I'm excited to see how many will answer this call. And I'm excited to welcome new members that come and ring or sing or both! We always have room for more ringers and more singers and more musicians. And I'm excited to be with all "my" people again as we begin preparing music for our worship services. May God bless all of us as richly as these beautiful Fall days with their promise of new goodness.

Yours in Christ,
Melinda



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FELLOWSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP

MISSION INFORMATION UPDATE

Our congregation has accomplished a great deal in the last few months.

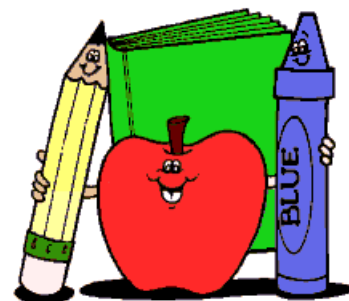
Hilltop Community Garden:



The Garden has been plentiful and we have had numerous people helping pick on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We have averaged 150-200 pounds a week of fresh produce and herbs delivered to the School House Pantry.

Community School Supply Drive:

We had a successful School Supply nights for the students who live in the area. Thank you to Emilie Kroen for leading this project. We had approximately 50 students who were able to pick out school supplies to help them get a positive start to the school year. A huge thank you to all of our congregation that came out to help on the two nights. You all helped those families that attended to feel welcomed and cared for. This is truly what TUMC is all about!!!



Backpack Buddies:

We also had a successful first month of providing 24 Breakfast and 24 lunch packs to students in need of food for weekends at Byrom Elementary. Everyone did well in donating items to fill the packs. Thanks to the middle school and high school youth who set up and filled the breakfast and lunch packs. Look for information on what will be needed for the month of October in the narthex.

Next packing of the breakfast and lunch packs will be October 16.

Community Warehouse Drive

September 19—October 3

Tualatin Untied Methodist will have three barrels to fill for the Community Warehouse. Look in your closet and kitchen shelves for those items that have not been used in the last few years that are taking up space and could be used by families getting a fresh start in an apartment or house. Small appliances, dishes, flatware, mixing bowls, dish towels, hand towels and items of this type are needed. Bring to the Church on Sunday or drop the items by during the week.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Healthful Living Program: **Balance and Brain**

Saturday, October 8th at the Tualatin Heritage Center
8700 SW Sweek Road, Tualatin OR 97062
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. with a Lite Lunch

Come join us for an informative program to help improve your balance and learn about activities that can help you improve and exercise your brain!

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: **"Let in the Light"** by Patricia Livingston

SHATTERING STIGMA WITH STORIES



REAL, Shattering Stigma with Stories....

Saturday, October 29th, 2016 ~ 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Rolling Hills Community Church
3550 SW Borland Road, Tualatin, OR
503-638-5900

Join us at Rolling Hills Community Church to experience ***Shattering Stigma with Stories***, a powerful one-day conference focusing on stories of real people, real struggles and the real hope for recovery from mental illness.

At ***Shattering Stigma with Stories: Mental Health and the Church*** you will experience open, honest presentations about faith and mental illness through personal testimonies of those living with and loving those with mental health disorders, as well as training and education to equip you with practical skills and knowledge about mental health.

Registration is \$20, and childcare is available with advance registration.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:30 am.—2:30 pm. Encore rehearsals

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:30 pm. Ministry Team mtg.—all are welcome!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:30 pm. Praise

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 am. Setup for Potluck

10:00 am.—1:00 pm. Healthful Living Program: Balance and Brain

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

11:20 am. Fall Favorites Potluck

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:30 pm. Trustees mtg.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

4:45-7:30 pm. Weight Watchers

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:30 pm. Praise

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

7:30 am.—4:00 pm. School Nursing Program (TENTATIVE USE)

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

No Activities

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16—Filling Backpack Buddies

9:30 am. SCRIP Orders

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:30 pm. Praise

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:30 am.—2:30 pm. Encore Rehearsal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

No Activities

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:00 am. Men's Fellowship

10:00 am. Women's Fellowship

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

9:00 am. Newsletter Team

5:30 pm. Handbells

6:30 pm. Chancel Choir

7:30 pm. Praise

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

7-9:00 pm. Spanish AA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

No Activities

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:00 am. Worship—Sunday School

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:00 am.—2:00 pm. Washington Co. FCE Luncheon

10:00 am. Book/Bible Discussion

Upcoming SCRIP Order Dates: Oct. 16 ~ Nov. 13 ~ Dec. 4 & 11

Be sure to use the new forms dated Sept. 1st—
Also, new merchants added:

Petsmart \$25 @ 4%
Nordstrom \$25 @ 4%
Office Depot \$25 @ 7%
Hyatt Hotels \$50 @ 7%