



Monthly Newsletter

Tigard Church

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WEEKLY UPDATES
SENT VIA E-MAIL



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

October Worship



Sunday, October 2 (17th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion)

Worship Series: "Reunited, and It Feels So Good!"

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 11-14

Sermon Title: "A Future with Hope"

Sunday, October 9 (18th Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Sermon Title: "Annoying Persistence"

Sunday, October 16 (19th Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon Title: "Our True Selves"



Sunday, October 23 (20th Sunday after Pentecost)

Worship Series: "Simply Stewardship"

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 8:11-18 and Luke 17:11-19

Sermon Title: "Simply Grateful"

Sunday, October 30 (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

Worship Series: "Simply Stewardship"

Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35, 1 Timothy 6:17-19, Luke 12:32-34

Sermon Title: "Simply Generous"

Dear Church Friends,

Is Christianity in the United States fading away? I came across a recent NPR article reporting that, according to the Pew Research Center, Christians will represent less than 50% of the U.S. population by the year 2070. Inevitably this will cause handwringing in many circles, especially among those who erroneously believe that the U.S. was founded as an explicitly Christian nation. I can also imagine many church leaders, already struggling to navigate pandemic related societal shifts, feeling even more pressure to be effective in their discipleship efforts.

While this projected change in the numbers of Christians in our country sounds like bad news, is it really?

This change will indeed be unfortunate if the kind of Christianity that remains is a conventional, bland kind of Christianity that doesn't ask much of people beyond going to church every now and then and saying that they believe in Jesus. It would be even more unfortunate if what remains is the kind of Christianity that would wave a flag with Jesus' name on it while storming the U.S. Capitol.

But what if...

what if what fades away throughout this century is the kind of Christianity that many have been turning away from for decades, so that what remains is the richness and depth of a robust Christian faith that serves others and genuinely practices the ethic of love?

What if what fades away is the Christianity that has allied itself with right wing politics, and instead is the kind of Christianity that holds the powerful accountable for doing right by "the least of these" among us? What if what fades away is a narrow Christianity that excludes people, and instead is an expansive Christianity that

draws a circle wide enough to embrace all kinds of people?

What if what fades away is the kind of Christianity that condemns other religious traditions, and instead is the kind of Christianity that honors what is sacred and holy in those of other faiths (or no faith)?

What if...?

We all know that change is inevitable, and the pandemic has accelerated many of the changes we are experiencing right now. Here's a thought that should both excite us and give us pause: Our church can be a part of shaping the future of Christianity. Through our ministry, we can promote a Christianity that is life affirming and justice promoting, a Christianity that lovingly serves people and offers grace upon grace. We can't, by ourselves, alter the trends that are happening in our country. But we can stay faithful to God's call in our small corner of the world and, by the grace of God, we will still be here in 2070 loving and serving in the name of Jesus Christ.

But if we aren't here in 2070, I hope and pray that between now and then we will let it all hang out, that we won't hold back, that we'll give of ourselves, and keep on giving until all that is left are the waves of God's love and grace that we have sent as a blessing to all the world.

On the journey with you,
Pastor Jeremy





Have You Ever Heard the Saying “It takes a Whole Village...”

Now that things are a little more “normal”, are you interested in spending a little time volunteering? How about joining the whole village of volunteers that make BHOB happen? Below are some projects and/or opportunities you might want to consider helping with.

One-time projects for October/November (flexible dates/times):

- ♦ Painting hallway (walls and doors)
- ♦ Painting the newly remodeled garden shed **
- ♦ Exterior door painting
- ♦ Carpet cleaning
- ♦ Window washing

One-time or ongoing opportunities:

- ♦ Restocking shelves and repackaging items ([Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings](#))
- ♦ Packing food boxes for Grab and Go Room (Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings)
- ♦ Unloading the Oregon Food Bank delivery truck (Thursdays 10:30 – 11:30 am)
- ♦ Assisting shoppers in the pantry (We especially need help on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 6 pm but we also have some openings on Sundays and Thursdays from 12:30 – 3 pm)
- ♦ Sorting and folding clothing (Sunday afternoons)

If any of these sound like something you'd like to try - please let us know so we can put you on the schedule bethlehemhouseofbread@gmail.com

Many Thanks!

Our families have an ongoing need for various hygiene items so we are grateful to those who answered the call for those items in September – especially Melissa, Lynn, Marie, and Peg.

Thanks Also to...

BHOB friends and neighbors who planted, harvested and delivered HUNDREDS of pounds of garden produce for our shoppers. Special thanks go to Wendy and Ron Burchfield, OFB Learning Garden, and Supa Fresh Youth.

October Pantry Focus

Our pantry focus for October is baby products – baby food (fruits, veggies, and cereals), formula, diapers size 3, 4, 5, 6 and Pullups (all sizes). Note: we repackage all diapers so if you or a friend know a little one who has outgrown a particular size, please send their leftovers to us and we'll make sure they get repacked and distributed to someone who needs them. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Harvest Blessings, Linda and the BHOB Leadership Team

**A very special thank you to Ethen Good and friends who re-sided and re-roofed (including solar panels and gutters!) the garden shed. We appreciate you Ethan!!

Bethlehem House of Bread



This Month, We're Collecting



Formula



Diapers
(sizes 3, 4, 5, 6)



Baby Food

Drop off anytime by leaving on the bench
outside the food pantry

(or sending directly via Amazon or similar service)

9055 SW Locust St., Tigard, OR 97223



The month of October brings plenty of ways for our TUMC youth group to gather, serve and have fun together.

We'll have an opportunity to serve at Nightstrike on **Thursday Oct 6.**

Sunday Oct 9th sees the return on Live Action Clue. This will be the first regional youth event since 2019. We'll join other youth groups at Salmon Creek United Methodist Church in Vancouver for a live version of the classic board game.



Later in the month, we will revive one of the favorite TUMC youth group traditions, Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat.

We'll drop off donation bags in neighborhoods on **Sunday Oct 23rd** and pick them up on the 30th.

All food donations will go to support Bethlehem House of Bread. It feels good to revive some of our youth group traditions this fall.

YOUTH CALENDAR:

- ♦ Oct 2 Youth Group 1-2:30
- ♦ Oct 6 Nightstrike 7-9:30 P.M.
- ♦ Oct 9 Live Action Clue-Meet at TUMC at 1, return by 6
- ♦ Oct 16 Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat-Preparation 1-2:30
- ♦ Oct 23 Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat-Set out donation bags
- ♦ Oct 30 Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat-Pick up donations



United
Women
in Faith

Our Purpose

United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

*Fall is here and we are once again gathering as a community of sisters in **faith**!*

First, we wish to thank ALL who made our Rummage Sale a success! The countless hours of behind-the-scenes work given by Judy Caufield and Penny Hodge, and a supportive sale committee, set us up to succeed! Thanks to those who donated and those who shopped!

Upcoming Gatherings:

Tuesday, October 11th @ 10:30 AM – Unit Meeting : TUMC Social Rooms ALL women invited!

We will also seek to connect digitally with women who must remain at home. Please contact our co-president, Wanda Snyder wandatigard@yahoo.com if that describes you. Guest speaker iDebbie Haustedt will share highlights from our recent National Event – Assembly 2022.

Hope Circle – 3rd Tuesday, October 18th October will include support of Jubilate as a part of our gathering, so the time may need to be flexed a bit as we work toward the best hybrid option of joining both in person and digitally.

Pull Up a Chair Informal Chat – Wednesdays at 10:00 AM Still meeting virtually for an informal gathering. Zoom link is sent periodically to the membership and more often to past participants. Just let Debbie know if you'd like to be added to receive that prompt dshaustedt@gmail.com.

Susannah Readers – 4th Thursday – 1:00 PM The group selects a desired book and shares informal discussion the following month. Watch for a flyer or communication naming the book of choice for October! Margo Kennedy at margomjk@gmail.com is the person to contact if you'd like to receive details of gatherings.

Walking Group – Every Thursday Text or call Jane Storey for location/time at (503) 724-5467. Most recently the rule of thumb has been 9:00 indoor mall if rain, 9:30 outdoor if sun.

OR-ID Conference Annual Meeting – Friday, October 21 & Saturday, October 22

The event takes place in Boise, ID and is open to all women. This year we also have the opportunity to join in virtually from Oregon! The theme on Friday is – Draw the Circle Wide and focuses on leadership. The theme on Saturday is BE JOYFUL and the keynote speaker is our National United Women in Faith President 'Ainise 'Isama'u. She will share her journey as a member and the joy and challenges of putting faith into action as well as the many new opportunities for involvement that our national organization is offering. Virtual - Friday, 12:30-2:30 MDT, Saturday, 9:30-12:00 MDT, and 1:30-3:30 MDT – registration link pending.

In closing, we celebrate that Penny Hodge and Marilyn Edmunds have completed their duties as elected members of Cascadia District. Carolyn Forbes and Jane Storey are continuing to share their skills with the district team. Penny Hodge is to be elected to the OR-ID Conference Leadership Team on October 22!

Jubilatte has reopened!

It's open on Sunday following worship from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and Monday through Thursday from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

The Indoor Playpark will reopen on Tuesday, October 4. During the month of October, the Playpark will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
(The plan is to expand hours after October, so stay tuned!)

In-Person English Language Learner (ELL) Classes Resuming

In-person English language classes will be starting soon at TUMC. When the pandemic hit, ELL (formerly ESL) classes moved online to Zoom. While the online classes will continue, plans are being made to restart in-person classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Would you be interested in helping someone improve their English language skills? Tutors are being recruited now! The only qualifications include being friendly and speaking English. That's it! Tutoring is a very rewarding experience. The students are extremely grateful for the help. It's also an opportunity to meet people from different parts of the world, including Mexico, Korea, China, Afghanistan, and Ukraine (to name just a few).

To find out more or to sign-up to volunteer, contact Rosemary Carlsen at rosemary.carlsen@gmail.com or 503-804-0916.

YOU are invited to sing in the Christmas Cantata

On December 11, the choir will present a new Christmas cantata, "A Promise Kept," by Marty Parks.

Singers of ALL abilities are welcome to sing!

Practices will be held on Wednesday nights, and there will also be four Thursday early afternoon practices for people who want a little extra practice or who prefer a daytime practice. This year, singers can also request a CD with a recording of their voice part to take home to practice.



To find out more, contact Caley Barstow, choir director, at caleyb@hotmail.com or call the church office (503-639-3181).

Did you know that the Tigard UMC Endowment Fund is the biggest annual donor to our church?



Extend your stewardship beyond your lifetime by remembering the church in your will.

To discuss bequests, qualified distributions from an IRA, or other planned giving options, contact our Church Treasurer, Rick Beadnell by calling the church office at 503-639-3181 or emailing admin@TigardUMC.org

THANK YOU for Supporting the Work of Tigard UMC

Here's how you can give:

- Visit the church web site and click on the "give" link OR
- Text "TUMC" (without the quote marks) to the number 833-459-8142 for a link to our church's giving page.
- Make a one-time donation to the fund of your choice, or set up a recurring donation.



Questions? Contact the Church Treasurer Rick Beadnell.



Last Chance to Update Church Directory Information

Last year, we launched an online TUMC Church Directory using Instant Church Directory. In October, we will be running a print edition of the TUMC church directory, including photos, for those who prefer a hard copy. (This will be like the church directories that we used to do through Life Touch in the "old days.")

Please visit Instant Church Directory by October 7 to upload a photo and verify your contact information. Please contact us in the church office at admin@tigardumc.org or 503-639-3181 with any questions or if you need help logging in to Instant Church Directory.



10/02 Erik Strong
10/02 Peter Emerson
10/02 Peter Finch
10/02 Amy Krebs
10/05 Sione Halafuka
10/05 Glenn Samford
10/06 Mia Sharp
10/07 Alexandra Wilson
10/08 Nancy Espie
10/09 Madeline Bowers

10/10 Peg Espie
10/10 Savannah Biswanath
10/11 Carolyn Griffith
10/14 Judy Emerson
10/14 Meredith Sauer
10/15 Karen Griffith
10/16 Jane Massett
10/17 Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen
10/17 Darla Bowman
10/17 Tyler Emerson
10/18 James Titterington
10/25 Linda Crandall
10/27 Sharon Rollins
10/30 Betsey Ullom



Let us Pray

- For Ray Gill, hospitalized with a heart condition;
- For Terry Biswanath, for peace;
- For Judy Caufield's son, Jay, on the kidney transplant list and experiencing other health issues;
- For those receiving treatment for cancer, including Colleen Hess and Ina May Nilsen's sister-in-law, Jill;
- For the people of Alaska following the powerful storm last week, and for the people of Puerto Rico following Hurricane Fiona; and
- For the people of Ukraine, and all those who live in conflict zones around the world.

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Sunday Worship at Tigard United Methodist Church

Mission Statement

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Our Staff:

Rev. Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen, Pastor
Rev. Jeff Lowery, Deacon
Director of Service, Outreach, and Youth Ministries
Kyenne Williams, Administrative Assistant
Linda Dove,
Pastoral Director at Bethlehem House of Bread
Sandy Ralston, Accompanist
Caley Barstow, Choir Director

Worship Schedule

We are currently worshipping online and in-person Sunday mornings at 10 am
(9:30 AM starting September 11th).

Masks are still required for in-person worship.



...We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We welcome people of all races and ethnicities. We welcome people regardless of age, class, economic status, health, ability, or any other identifying label. Through God's inclusive love we are bound together.