



Monthly Newsletter

Tigard Church

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**WEEKLY UPDATES
SENT VIA E-MAIL**



November Worship



Sunday, November 6 (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)

Worship Series: "Simply Stewardship"

Scriptures: James 1:22-25 and Luke 9:10-17

Sermon Title: "Simply Serving"

Sunday, November 13 (23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

Rev. Jeff Lowery, Preacher

Scripture: Isaiah 65: 17-25

Sermon Title: "That Was the Year"

Sunday, November 20 (Reign of Christ)

Scriptures: Colossians 1:11-14 and Luke 23:33-43

Sermon Title: "The Ending Before the Beginning"



Sunday, November 27 (1st Sunday of Advent)

"Sacred" Advent worship series begins

Scriptures: Romans 13:11-14 and Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon Title: "Holy Time"

John Nilsen, Special Musical Guest

Dear Church Friends,

Last month, the Church Council traveled to the Collins Retreat Center near Estacada for the better part of a day. It was our first in-person Church Council gathering in well over a year. Rather than meet at the church, we went away to have “space” to dream about and discuss the future of our church. We were also working together to formulate 2023 goals for TUMC. It was a fantastic day, from great conversations to the excellent lunch we were blessed to share.

We started our day with a very basic, simple question. Why?

Before we talked about the church, we reflected on this question personally. What is our personal “why”? What’s our purpose? What do we value most deeply? What shapes our choices and direction in life? People shared about serving others, about the importance of community and belonging, and about following Jesus.

What about you? What is your “why”?

That was just the intro! We then talked about our church. **What is TUMC’s “why”?** **Why does our church exist?** What is its purpose? What difference does it make? It might seem like the answers to those questions are obvious, but not always. And as we emerge from the pandemic, which has impacted almost every aspect of people’s lives, it’s important to be clear about our purpose as a church. It may have changed!

Simon Sinek, in a well-known TED talk from about 15 years ago, makes the point that “people don’t buy what you do, but why you do it.” That’s language from the business world, but in this case, it resonates with the church, too. What’s most compelling to people is the “why” underneath the “what.”

Imagine someone saying to you, “Tell me about your church.” What would you say? You could respond by saying, “Well, we worship on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and we have a choir. The men’s group gets together on Tuesday mornings to drink coffee and a women’s group gathers on Wednesday morning. We have a youth group that meets on Sunday afternoons.” Responses like that say what we do and, honestly, are a little boring. Even if you say, “We have a great food pantry that shares food with hundreds of families of every month,” it might be more interesting. But still, it is what we do.

Now imagine someone says, “Tell me about your church.” And instead of giving the person a list of what we do, you instead say, “My church is amazing. We really believe that every person is a beloved child of God. And we want everyone that connects with our church to experience that blessing and belovedness. It’s why we share food with people. It’s why we gather together in groups to support and encourage one another. It’s why we worship together. And it’s why we try to be an inclusive congregation that welcomes everyone – because we want every person who interacts with our church to know that they are a beloved child of God.” I’m willing to bet that the person who asked the question will be intrigued and will want to find out more about TUMC!

So, before drafting goals for 2023, our Church Council reconnected with our church’s “why,” so that what we do is deeply rooted in our understanding of God’s purpose for us, God’s unique call to our congregation.

You can read more about some of the goals the Church Council drafted in the stewardship letter sent out the week of October 24. And more information will come as we enter 2023.

**On the journey with you,
Pastor Jeremy**



Giving Thanks

In this month of Thanksgiving, we are especially thankful to all those who have helped the BHOB family grow over the past 9 years and who continue to support us through their prayers, their cash, and their food and clothing donations.

We are also most grateful to our amazing team of volunteers who support us with the precious gift of their time and talents! I don't have the exact figures in front of me, but our volunteer pool is roughly 20 percent TUMC folks and 80 percent folks from the wider community. Our volunteers are age 2 to 90 and come from a wide variety of backgrounds.

All of this generosity and energy is what makes BHOB's mission - *to feed those who are hungry in body and spirit at a table where all are welcome* – a reality. Whatever role you play in the BHOB family – Thank You!

This Month's Special Thanks Go To:

- ◆ Pam and Matt Dragon who asked friends and family to donate much needed hygiene items to BHOB in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary
- ◆ Marie Lansdowne and her husband who faithfully donate diapers, feminine hygiene and food items to BHOB each month
- ◆ Wendy and Ron Burchfield who planted, grew, harvested and delivered over a thousand pounds of tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, and peppers from their farm this year for our BHOB shoppers. They even spread the word to friends and neighbors who brought us their extra tomatoes, cukes, apples and pears. Talk about sharing the bounty!

Coming Soon

Watch for announcements in the coming weeks about one of BHOB's major fundraisers - Giving Tuesday. Your generosity in the past has provided much needed income for the pantry. We already have a matching challenge donation for \$5,000! This year's event will take place on **Tuesday, November 29th**.

November Pantry Challenge

Many thanks to those of you who continue to respond to our monthly pantry challenges! Our November pantry challenge is baking items – especially needed are flour (including alternative flours like almond and coconut flour), sugar (white and brown), salt, baking soda, baking mixes, yeast and spices. Thank you in advance – our pantry families appreciate your generosity!

Happy Thanksgiving and Blessings from Linda and the BHOB Leadership Team

BETHLEHEM HOUSE OF BREAD **NOVEMBER CHALLENGE**





October was a fun month for our TUMC youth. Perhaps the best part of the month was our participation in **Live Action Clue**, a live version of the popular board game.

Clue was the first in-person regional youth event in over 2 ½ years. The event was held at Salmon Creek United Methodist Church and over 60 youth from 10 different churches attended. One of the values of this kind of event is that youth can see that there are lots of people their age that are connected to a

local church. This event was also a great opportunity for youth to bring their friends. We had 14 youth from TUMC attend. We look forward to next year and potentially hosting the event in Tigard.

We closed out the month with the youth group sponsored food drive, "**Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat.**" Youth put out more than 300 empty shopping bags on the doorsteps of our Tigard neighbors and picked them up on Sunday October 30th with all collected canned goods going to support the ministry at Bethlehem House of Bread.

When I gathered the TUMC youth for the first time in February, I asked them what some of the youth group traditions were. Most of the youth lifted up the food drive as their favorite event of the year. I have learned that one of the values of Tigard UMC is living out of our faith through service. I am glad that lesson has been instilled in our youth and that we can further it with projects like the fall food drive.

In November youth group will meet on Nov 6, 13, and 27th. No Youth group on Nov 20th. We are also scheduled to volunteer at Nightstrike on Tuesday Nov 10th.





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.



Upcoming Gatherings:

Tuesday, November 8th – 10:30 AM – Zoom Unit Meeting – All women invited!

Fresh on the heels of our Rummage Sale, our treasurer, Judy Caufield, will share examples of how our dollars make a difference and lead us in our World Thank Offering and annual pledge making tradition. Supporting the TUMC Youth is one of the ways we support mission locally. Rev. Jeff Lowry will be present to share stories of the TUMC youth mission outreach work this past summer.

Hope Circle – 3rd Tuesday, November 15th – 1:00 PM TUMC Small Dining Room (Conference Room) which will allow connection to those, near and far, who need to connect virtually.

Pull Up a Chair Informal Chat – Wednesdays at 9:30 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, November 22nd – 1:00 PM – The group selects the desired book and shares informal discussion the following month. Watch for a flyer or communication naming the book of choice for November! Margo Kennedy is the person to contact if you'd like to receive details of gatherings. margomjk@gmail.com

Walking Group: Every Friday @ 9:00 AM –This small group welcomes additional walkers. Email Jane Storey, jlstoreu477@gmail.com for location.

All Women are Invited to Participate!!!

**Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour
on Saturday night, November 5!**

Tigard Indoor Play Park

A Pathways Ministry of Tigard United Methodist Church

Play Park is hiring!

We want to open Play Park more days of the week. To do that, we need help!

We are currently hiring Play Park Assistants. The position is approximately 12 hours per week.

If you have questions, please reach out to us at PlayPark@TigardUMC.org or call 503-639-3181 ext. 3.



Helping Our Neighbors Fund

The Helping Our Neighbors Fund was created as a way for our congregation to reach out and assist neighbors struggling to pay their rent or utilities in these challenging pandemic years. TUMC gave more than \$50,000 of help during 2020/21, all from congregational donations. Some may be surprised to know that the fund continues to help those in need, on a smaller scale. In the past few months we have helped folks get their power turned back on and assisted multiple households with rent (from \$500 to as little as \$28).

Most referrals come from the Family Partnership Advocates at our local schools. Through this relationship, we hear the stories of the families we help. More than once we have helped a family with parents sick with COVID where their job did not provide sick leave. Our contribution helped them stay current with rent. Another family had a parent fleeing a domestic violence situation and our help, combined with other community partners, helped them into a safer living situation.

If you would like to be a part of this important work and make a tangible difference in the lives of people in our community, donations to the Helping Our Neighbors Fund are always welcome.

There is still time to be part of our Christmas cantata!

Most rehearsals are Wednesday nights, 7 to 8 pm. There are a handful of rehearsals being offered on select Thursdays from 1 to 2 pm. We'll sing the cantata (accompanied by the Tualatin Valley Community Band) in worship on December 11 at 11 am. Contact Caley Barstow (caleyb@hotmail.com) for more info!



Announcements and Opportunities



Seeking Childcare Staff for ELL Classes

In-person English language classes are back at TUMC! Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. We would like to make classes accessible for parents with small children.

If you know someone who would like to work 4-6 hours per week to earn a little extra income, and they are suitable for a childcare position, please have them contact us in the church office.

All Church (Charge) Conference

**Tuesday, November 8 at 7 p.m.
In-person and on Zoom (hybrid)**

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Wendy Woodworth, will join us to chair this annual gathering of our church leadership.

All are welcome to attend, though only TUMC members can vote. Questions? Contact Pastor Jeremy.

Advent and Christmas Decorating

Monday, November 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come help prepare the church building for the season of Advent and Christmas! We will decorate the sanctuary and common spaces while festive music plays.

Light refreshments will be served.

THE TREKKERS ARE BACK!

Saturday, December 17th, Broadway Rose Theatre

Join the Trekkers for our first outing since 2019. Let's support our local theatre while being entertained by what Broadway Rose Theatre describes as a play "combining classic carols, holiday pop songs, and original off beat material created especially for Broadway Rose audiences, this holiday revue reminds us of everything that we love about our "ever green" city.

It's "a charming package of all the funky and endearing points of culture that makes our city. A Very Merry PDX-mas is a charming exploration of seasonal traditions, and how the holidays continue to enchant us, inspire us, and drive us to the brink of insanity. For two hours you'll get lost and be reminded that there's no place like home for the holidays."

After the play, we will get together and socialize with pie and decaf coffee at the church in Jubilatte. What could be a better end to an enjoyable afternoon than eating pie and catching up with friends?

Cost: \$48.00 per person. **Time:** 2:00 pm. Transportation is on your own. Carpools can be arranged. **Reservations due no later than November 22nd**. All tickets must be released back to Broadway Rose on November 23rd. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the church lobby and/or for more information call Jolin Gard at (503)329-5707.



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.



Instant
Church Directory™

Remember to Update Your Church Directory Information

Last year, we launched an online TUMC Church Directory using Instant Church Directory. Printed copies of the Church Directory are available in the TUMC church office for those who prefer a hard copy (this is like the church directories TUMC used to do through Life Touch in the "old days").

If you haven't done so, please visit Instant Church Directory, upload a photo, and verify your contact information. You can contact the church office at admin@tigardumc.org or 503-639-3181 with any questions or if you need help.

Happy Birthday



Priya Strom	11/2
Staci Lieuallen	11/3
Finley Tjossem	11/3
Estrella Arellano	11/5
Darlene Clarridge	11/6
Miriam Hajdu-Paulen	11/6
Daniel Hutton	11/6
Donn Rutschke	11/7
Carolyn Schweitz	11/7
Carol Judd	11/9
Lia Tafea	11/9

Patricia Brisbois	11/10
Jeanie Snyder Langley	11/11
Colleen Hess	11/13
Laurie Allison	11/16
Odyssey Townsley	11/17
Tim Ullom	11/20
Bethany Bowers	11/23
David Lutz	11/23
Melissa Wilson	11/23
Aurora Cordell	11/26
Bill Gerkin	11/27
Sandra Hardin	11/28
Joanne Taylor	11/28



Let us Pray



- For Bonnie Parr Philipson and all of the family and friends of Jim Parr Philipson who died on Sunday, October 16. Jim was the pastor of Tigard UMC from 2001-2007;
- For Thomas Coulter suffering another bout of vertigo;
- For Kristin Preston's brother, Matthew (health concern);
- For all the people piecing their lives back together after the recent hurricanes;
- For Judy Caufield's son, Jay, on the kidney transplant list and experiencing other health issues;
- For those receiving treatment for cancer, including Myrna Peterson, Colleen Hess and Ina May Nilsen's sister-in-law, Jill;
- 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.



Worship Schedule

We are currently worshipping online and in-person Sunday mornings at 9:30am

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

Masks are encouraged 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.