



Community * Connection * Collaboration

“God at Work”

The Ministry of Tigard United Methodist Church

2024 Stewardship Campaign

Tigard United Methodist Church is a thriving church with an active ministry. When we invite people to support the church through their generous giving, most people don't want to see a budget spreadsheet with lots of numbers on it. We all know that financial resources are an essential element to putting our ministry plans into action. **But what most of us really want to know is what difference our giving makes.** What excites us are the various ways that our financial stewardship translates into doing good in the world and revealing God's love to people.

Instead of sending out a 2024 budget with dollar amounts, **we are sharing this document outlining the amazing breadth of ways that Tigard UMC is in ministry.** As you look through these pages, may you feel grateful, inspired, and enthusiastic about the wondrous way that the Holy Spirit is moving through our church!

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Outreach and Community Ministry

Tigard UMC's primary way of serving the community is through the food pantry and free store at **Bethlehem House of Bread**. We are currently sharing food with over 800 families per month. We also collaborate with other organizations to do good in our community, like **Family Promise of Tualatin Valley** which provides services to houseless families, and **Just Compassion** which also serves people experiencing homelessness. Other ways we are reaching out to and connecting with our community include:

- A new **After School Club** for kids who live in the apartments around the church.
- **English Language Learner (ELL)** classes with students representing over a dozen different countries.



Joyce, Margo, and Carolyn with a very long receipt for the school supplies they purchased to share with neighborhood kids.

- An **annual school supplies drive and distribution** along with a picnic with our neighbors in the adjacent apartment complex.
- Red Cross blood drives.
- An **Indoor Playpark** providing a safe inside space for small children to play.
- The “Helping our Neighbors Fund” which provides **rent and utility assistance**.
- Providing space for community organizations at low or no cost.



Rev. Jeff playing with kids at the picnic with our neighbors from Walnut Place Apartments in August.

Worship and Spiritual Growth

The anchor for all of TUMC’s ministries is the weekly **Sunday morning worship service**. It is when the community gathers to sing and pray, spend time with scripture, and celebrate the abundance and goodness of God’s grace. Our music program includes the **Sanctuary choir, the Wesley Ringers bell choir, the Holy Cymbals Band, and the Tamba marimba ensemble**. We also offer **livestream worship** which allows people to participate wherever they are and at a time that fits their schedule.

We connect through our worship service with as many people online as we do in-person!

Other opportunities for learning and spiritual growth include:

- Weekly Bible study and book groups.
- The “Heart Men” small group.
- An active unit of United Women in Faith and a United Methodist Men’s group.



A screenshot of Tigard UMC's YouTube Channel.

Youth Ministry

We are blessed to have a small but mighty and active youth group. Under the leadership of our Deacon, the Rev. Jeff Lowery, the youth participate in the ministry of the church in a variety of ways, from leading worship on **Youth Sunday** to coordinating a **neighborhood food drive** for the food pantry at Bethlehem House of Bread.

Last February, the youth participated in the Winter Retreat at Suttle Lake Camp. A recent highlight was the **Youth Mission Trip** to work alongside the Yakama people on the Yakama reservation while learning about Native American history and culture. We are delighted that a **confirmation class** will be starting in November 2023 which will culminate in a special celebration of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday in May.



The TUMC Youth Group hard at work during the summer 2023 mission trip.

Equipping the Church

Equipping the church for ministry is not glamorous, but it is absolutely essential. Our TUMC staff work with the lay people of the church to put our ministry into action. We are blessed to have **Senior Pastor Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen** providing leadership to the overall ministry of our church. We are also blessed

to have the **Rev. Jeff Lowery** on staff as the Director of Youth, Service, and Outreach Ministries. Jeff also participates in worship by sharing his musical gifts.

Linda Dove and **Erin Fitzgerald** coordinate and direct all of our activities at Bethlehem House of Bread. We have a fabulous accompanist in **Sandy Ralston** and a wonderful choir director in **Caley Barstow**. We also have part-time childcare staff to care for children during the worship service, ELL classes, and at other times.

Kyenne Williams handles all of the office administration duties.

Other items that equip the church for ministry include:

- Utilities, insurance, and building maintenance.
- Office supplies and equipment.
- Janitorial services and facility security.
- Employer taxes and expenses.
- Landscaping maintenance.

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Maria, apartment manager, and Pastor Jeremy at the picnic with our neighbors from Walnut Place Apartments in August.

Connections Beyond Tigard UMC

Tigard United Methodist Church's ministry extends beyond our local community. Through our United Methodist connectional system, we also support ministries at the district, annual conference, regional, and global levels. These include:

- The work of our Bishops and denominational leaders.
- Collaboration with ecumenical organizations as we bear witness to our common Christian faith.
- Ministry and mission projects around the world, including the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).
- Support for scholarships for clergy and pastors.
- Financial support for historically black colleges and universities.
- Ministries and programs around the Western Jurisdiction that address the specific needs of our region.



Tyler serves Evelyn communion on the Sunday that the Youth Mission Team shared their experiences during worship.

Funding the Scope of Tigard UMC's Ministry

The Tigard UMC (General) Fund

The money that flows into **this fund supports the overall ministry of the church**. This fund supports all the worship services we offer every year, the Youth Group, our music program, our English Language Learner classes, small groups, and the ministry of the pastor. It also funds TUMC's participation in the connectional United Methodist system. **Generous giving to this fund allows us to "be" the church and "do" the work of the church in our community, day in and day out.**

The Bethlehem House of Bread (BHOB) Fund

This fund supports our church's outreach ministry through BHOB, including the food pantry, the free store, and the community garden. **Thousands of people are impacted by our ministry at BHOB every year.**



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