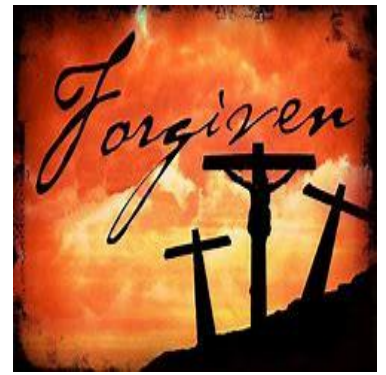




TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THE MESSENGER

April 2019



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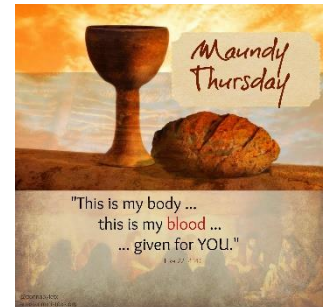
Our Mission Statement: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World



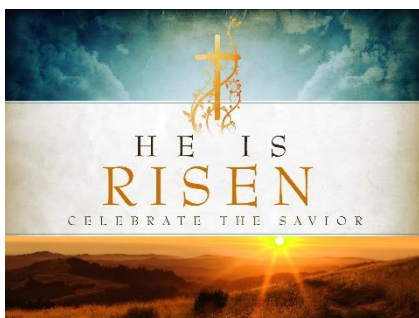
Palm Sunday -- April 14
9:15 Top Ten Holy Week Hymns!

10am Worship with Palms
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Maundy Thursday -- April 18 -- 6pm
Holy Communion in the style of the Last Supper in the Upper Room (Archives Room transformed). Service ends with silent "stripping" of the Sanctuary in preparation for Good Friday. You are invited to fast from this point until after the Good Friday service.



Good Friday -- April 19 -- noon
Remembering the gift of salvation bought by Christ's suffering. Brief reflections on the Seven Words the Lord spoke from the Cross, plus music that will open up your heart to the love of God.



Easter Sunday – April 21 -- He is RISEN!
Sunrise Service at Parsonage 458 E. Wilson, Tulare – arrive 6am sunrise 6:15 and dress warmly. Continental breakfast to follow provided by Methodist Women's Fellowship
10am Sanctuary – Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! He is Risen, Indeed!

Your HOLY WEEK Schedule

Palm Sunday – April 14

9:15 Top Ten Holy Week Hymns! 10am Worship with Palms

Catch-up Monday – April 15 – Downstairs Social Hall

5:30PM Potluck 6pm-7pm Program with Pastor Mary: Learn what Jesus and the Disciples did and said on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday – April 18 -- 6pm – Sanctuary

Holy Communion in the style of the Last Supper in the Upper Room (Archives Room transformed). Service ends with silent “stripping” of the Sanctuary in preparation for Good Friday. You are invited to fast from this point until after the Good Friday service.

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Remembering the gift of salvation bought by Christ’s suffering. Brief reflections on the Seven Words the Lord spoke from the Cross.

Holy Saturday – April 20 -- 9-noon – Archives Room in Sanctuary Building

Stop by at any point and light a candle in memory of a loved one.

Easter Sunday – April 21 -- He is RISEN!

Sunrise Service at Parsonage 458 E. Wilson, Tulare – arrive 6am before Sunrise and dress warmly. Continental breakfast to follow provided by Methodist Women’s Fellowship

10am Sanctuary – Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!



Sunday April 7th

Our Boy Scouts will be putting on
their annual drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner
11am to 2pm

\$8.00 for the meal

or

\$6.00 for a quart of sauce

Please support our Scouts in fulfilling their pledge to serve
God and Country.



Mary's Musings

When my children were little they wanted a dog. But since my husband Boikanyo was frightened of dogs. He grew up in apartheid South Africa where dogs were trained to be aggressive toward black people. There was no way we could give John and Zola a dog. So we got them hermit crabs! Not exactly the same as having a puppy, but it was something. John named his Bob, after Bob the Builder. And Zola named hers Dora, after Dora the Explorer. From time to time the kids would take Bob and Dora out of their tank and let them "race" across our living room floor. One early spring, after a race, Bob went missing. John's grief was not what I would describe as profound, but we did wonder what had happened to Bob. We looked high and low but he was nowhere to be found. Easter came and while the kids were looking around for the eggs I had hidden – lo and behold! - there was Bob behind the piano!! Alive and well even! Thereafter Bob became known as Resurrection Bob. We told the people at the pet store what had happened and they said that hermit crabs will travel great distances in the wild in order to find a new larger shell. We guessed that was what Bob was seeking. He had outgrown his shell. I believe this is what is happening to our beloved Tulare United Methodist Church. We are growing into a fuller, larger, energetic, victorious Church and guess what? Our United Methodist Conference sees it too, which is why the Bishop is having one of her events here, and why we have been asked to host a pre-conference event in June as well. I am proud of who you are and the role I have been able to play in your growth.

In the Name of the Resurrected Christ, Pastor Mary



Holy Week Top Ten

Mark your calendars for 9:15 on Palm Sunday April 14th to sing and learn about TUMC's favorite Hymns about Jesus's death and resurrection.

April Worship Topics

Repentant, humble, hungry and thirsty for righteousness, we arrive at the Cross of Christ's atonement where the chains of sin are broken for each one of us and for all of humanity.

We meet Jesus our Savior at the foot of the Cross. Then, in a burst of holy triumph that changed the world forever, Jesus Christ our Savior rises from the dead, bursting the grip of death and guaranteeing all those who believe, life everlasting. Jesus our Lord is Risen!
Risen indeed!

April 7 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT/HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon Title: "You Turn to Receive His Life"

Scripture: John 1:19-29



April 14 PALM SUNDAY

9:15 TOP TEN – come sing along to TUMC's Top Ten favorite Holy Week Hymns, with stories about each one presented by Pastor Mary

10am Service

Sermon Title: "Hosanna! O Save!"

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-17

April 21 EASTER

Sunrise Service at the Parsonage, 458 E. Wilson, Tulare – arrive at 6am dressed warmly – sunrise is at 6:15; breakfast to follow provided by Methodist Women's Fellowship

10am Service

Sermon Title: "Wishful Thinking vs. Miraculous Truth"

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

April 28 FAMILY WORSHIP/BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, MILESTONES

Sermon Title: "Prayer: Does It Work?" Guest Preacher Jessica Stone, one of our newly certified TUMC Lay Speakers (Pastor Mary will be here to lead the other elements of Worship)

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8



Bishop's Event Wednesday, April 24 6pm – 9pm

Usually the week after Easter is when Churches take a break following the intensity of Holy Week. Not this year! The Wednesday after Easter we will be blessed by the presence of Bishop Minerva Carcano who will be leading worship in our Historic Sanctuary and making a presentation on the results of the General Conference that just took place. This is an all hands on deck event! Julia Summers is coordinating the event. (Thank you Julia!!)



Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

In 2004, Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño became the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the episcopacy of The United Methodist Church, the second-largest Protestant denomination in the U.S. Today, she is one of 69 active bishops leading more than twelve million members of her denomination worldwide. She currently serves as Bishop of the California-Nevada Conference of The United Methodist Church, and is an official spokesperson for the United Methodist Council of Bishops on the issue of immigration. Bishop Carcaño is a graduate of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University.

In her ministry she has pastored churches in Lubbock, Crystal City, Carrizo Springs, Hebbronville and McAllen, all in the state of Texas. She pastored a church in San Jose, California, and served as the organizing pastor of the ecumenical South Albuquerque Cooperative Ministry in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She also served as the chaplain of the former Holding Institute, a United Methodist secondary school in Laredo, Texas. In 1986 she became the first Hispanic woman to be appointed a United Methodist district superintendent, serving in that capacity in West Texas and New Mexico until 1992. After superintendency, she served as the Director of the Mexican American Program at Perkins School of Theology. In 2001 she was invited to serve as the Superintendent of the Metropolitan District of the Oregon-Idaho Conference, in Portland, Oregon. She was serving in this latter appointment when she was elected to the episcopacy.

A native of Edinburg, Texas, Bishop Carcaño spent her early years aspiring to make a difference in the lives of persons who faced poverty and discrimination. Not forgetting her roots and early hopes, her ministry has always involved work with the poor, farm workers, immigrants, refugees, and those advocating for the full rights of the LGBTQ community. Deeply committed to ecumenism, the strengthening of interfaith relationships, and contextual ministry, she encourages congregations to work ecumenically and in partnership with communities of other living faiths and to be active in community organizing. She serves on the boards of the Industrial Areas Foundation Southwestern region and The California Endowment. She is also an Auburn Fellow.

Bishop Carcaño is married to Mr. Thomas L. Spaniolo, a lawyer who practices immigration and criminal law. They have a daughter, Sofia Teresa Spaniolo-Carcaño, who lives in Chicago and works in the fashion industry.



Jubilee

May 4th

Chinese Cultural Center

5:45 doors open

6:00 silent auction

7:00 dinner (Prime Rib)

8:00 entertainment (One Nation)

Here is why we are having a Jubilee and why we need your help:

1. Pastor Mary Maaga has revitalized our Church! We have nearly a full sanctuary on Sunday mornings; children and youth programs are thriving and growing; outreach ministry to disadvantaged people is resulting in saved souls and improved lives; our fragile and elderly people are cared for; committees are up and running; volunteerism is at an all-time high.
2. She is working fulltime but only taking a $\frac{3}{4}$ time salary.
3. When she is reappointed in July 2020 a fulltime pastor will be needed to keep our momentum going.
4. We want to be able to raise enough money at the Jubilee to bridge the gap between Pastor Mary's salary and a full-time salary for the first year of a new appointment (July 2020 – June 2021). We estimate this amount to be \$20,000.

What do we need from you?

*Prayers for our continuing mission and ministry at TUMC.

*Sell tickets. Cost is \$50 per person. Tickets available April 7th and 14th outside the church or you can purchase them the in Church office.

*Provide auction items – a themed basket, a quilt, just about anything

So let's all work together to make this the best Jubilee ever!

Yours in Christ,

Evelyn Benson and Beth Cox, Jubilee Co-Chairs



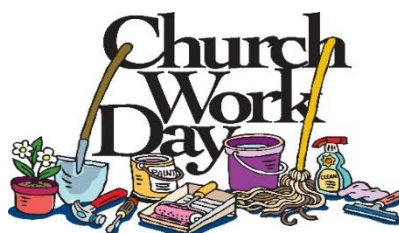
The Jubilee
May 4th, doors open 5:45
Chinese Cultural Center (Visalia)
Auction Items Still Needed

Time to have fun, eat great food, bid on wonderful auction items, and raise money for our beloved Church. To be successful we need your talent and time to be turned into auction items! Do you knit, crochet, quilt, or do any kind of wood, iron, or welding work? Are you a painter, poet, or candlestick maker? Do you teach dance, know how to force others to do a killer workout, or do magic tricks? Are you gifted at creating a themed basket that can't be resisted (patriotic, beach, movie night, dog, cat, etc.) Or do you have some snazzy thing lying around that we can turn into an auction item?

If you said **YES** to any of these questions, please contact either of our Jubilee Co-Chairs, Evelyn Benson (686-1390) or Beth Cox (553-2969), or phone the Church Office (686-8523)

Even if you said **no**, you can give us cash and we'll throw something together.

It's Spring! It's almost Easter! The Bishop is coming!
 It's time to clean "house"!!!



Please come to help clean the Sanctuary Building
Saturday, April 13th, 8 a.m. - noon
There is a job for everyone!!
(Bring wood cleaner, furniture wax, and rags if you can)
Lunch provided

APRIL CALENDAR

Every Sunday (APRIL 7, 14, 21, 28)

- 8:00 **Chapel** – Hope Chapel with Holy Communion
- 8:30 **Breakfast** – Wesley Hall
- 9:00 **Sunday School Classes**
- 10:00 **Worship Service**
- 3:00 **Kids Game Day** – Basement every week
- 5:00 **Boy Scouts**-Upstairs – Education Wing

Every Monday (APRIL 2, 8, 15, 29)

NO BARRIERS BIBLE STUDY

- 5:00 **Fellowship & Music** –
- 5:30 **Supper** – in the Basement Social Hall
- 6:00-7:00 **Study of Luke with Pastor Mary**

Every Tuesday (APRIL 2, 9, 30)

- 10:00 - 12:00 **Clothes Closet Open**
- 2:00 **Twin Oaks Devotional**

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- Mon., April 1 11:00 **Education Meeting** Fireside
 - Sun., April 7 11:15 **Trustees Meeting** Archive
 - Tues., April 9 4:00 **Outreach** Fireside
 - Sun., April 14 11:15 **Church Council** Fireside
 - Tues., April 16 6:00 **Finance Meeting** Fireside

- *No “No Barriers Bible Study” on April 22
- * No Twin Oaks Devotions April 16 & April 23
- * No Adult Sunday School April 14 Palm Sunday
- * No Sunday School for Adults or Children on Easter



- 1 SHIRLEY BAXLEY**
- 6 HARRY PERRY**
- 6 MARY GONG**
- 7 WAYNE BIXLER**
- 7 STEVE HARRELL**
- 9 WILLIAM TAUTUÁ**
- 14 LYNDA BOSWELL**
- 15 RON VAUGHAN**
- 18 BRYSON WILLIAMS**
- 20 JEANETTE MITCHELL**
- 21 GABRIEL BELTRAN**
- 23 CLAIRE SUTHERLAND**
- 30 FRANCINE VAN HOUTEN**

April Anniversaries

- 7 STEVE & JUN GONG**

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed please contact the church office.

Jesus’s resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project, not to snatch people away from earth to heaven, but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord’s Prayer is about.
 ~N.T. Wright

We should be rigorous in judging ourselves and gracious in judging others. ~ John Wesley



2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 11am Education Mtg **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary	2 10-12 Clothes Closet OPEN 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional	3	4	5	6 Prayer Circle Parsonage 4-5:30
7 8:00 *Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Communion 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 11:15 Trustee-Fireside Rm 11:30 Spaghetti Dinner Sponsored by Boy Scouts 2pm Kids Talk Time 3:00 Kids Game Day	8 **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary	9 10-12 Clothes Closet OPEN 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional Methodist Women 10am Outreach 4pm	10	11	12	13 Church Cleanup Day Prayer Circle Parsonage 4-5:30
14 Palm Sunday 8:00 *Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Holy Week Top Ten 10:00 Worship and Pageant 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 11 Margaret Allen's B-Day 11:15 Church Council 3:00 Kids Game Day 5:00 Boy Scout Meeting	15 Catch-up Monday **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary	16 10-12 Clothes Closet OPEN 6pm Finance mtg.	17	18 Maundy Thursday 6:00pm	19 Good Friday Service 12 noon	20 Holy Saturday Worship 9am to noon *come light a candle for a loved one who has passed away
21 EASTER Sunrise Service 6am Parsonage 8:00 *Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Hispanic/Latino	22 No "NBBS"	23 10-12 Clothes Closet OPEN	24 Bishop's Event 6:00pm to 9:00pm	25	26	27
28 8:00 *Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 10:00 Worship 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 3:00 Kids Game Day 5:00 Boy Scout Meeting	29 **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor	30 Travel Lunch Bunch at noon				

Member of the Month: Steve Gong



has attended and been an active member of the Tulare United Methodist church his whole life. As a child, he and his siblings would get dropped off and picked up by their neighbor for Sunday School. Steve Gong was born November 20th, 1948 to Jerry and Mary Gong. A lifelong citizen of Tulare, Steve went on to graduate Tulare Western in 1966 where he was a member of the Cross Country team. After high school Steve went on to College of Sequoias. After two years, he transferred and in 1971 graduated from University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Go Bears!

Steve has owned alongside with his brothers, Palace Food Depot for a majority of his life. After college he was shown the ropes by his father and ever since has run the show. In 1972 he met Jun Gong at a company party and in 1974 married her in our beloved church. Steve has two children. His son Eric (35) has been attending church regularly again and is an active member of this church. His daughter Sara (31) lives in Brooklyn, New York and works for Publicis Sapient as a Senior Visual Designer. Steve's prayer was always to have his entire family attend church every Sunday with him. Fast forward to June 2018, his prayers were answered. Not only is his mother Mary, wife Jun and son Eric attending, but also his sister-in-laws Anna and Joyce.

Even though Steve has a very busy schedule he serves on many committees in our church and community. From 2000-2009 he served as Staff Parish Chair to Rev Latu Tangulu. Currently he serves on the Finance Committee and is being trained as a Stephen Minister. Outside of church Steve serves on the Chinese Culture Center Board of Directors. Steve's father Jerry help build and finance the Visalia Chinese Culture Center along with his friends in 1990. Steve is also on the Board of Association of second generation Chinese grocers in Tulare County. In 2013 he was awarded Man of The Year from the Methodist Women. His hard work does not go unnoticed in our church and community. In 2015 Barton and Gwen Smith along with Gerry Soultz nominated Steve and his business for Large Business of the Year. Credit to all his hard work, Palace Food Depot was awarded Large Business of the Year by the Tulare Chamber of Commerce.

In his spare time Steve stays fit by riding the bike and exercising. Steve has a relatively small appetite but can never turn down a good bowl of Spicy Ramen. He enjoys going to Morro Bay and Monterey with his wife Jun and visiting his daughter Sara in New York. Steve also enjoys watching Antique Road Show and National Geographic Animal Planet. One of my favorite Steve quotes is "be a blessing to those around you." Steve, you have certainly been a blessing to us all!



STEPHEN MINISTRIES

By: Claire Grant

The Stephen Ministries program is under way! Steve Gong, Robin Dung, Delores Marcelino, Eric Gong, Bob Duncan and Neva Stevenson have accepted the challenge to begin training which will start on Sunday, March 31st. They have committed to fifty hours of training and have received all the materials that will be used.

This team will meet throughout the summer and in the early fall, when the course is complete, will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers during a special worship service. Soon after that, our ministers will be paired with a care receiver and will begin an ongoing, caring relationship with that individual always keeping in mind that we are the caregivers and that only God is the cure giver.

We are so pleased with our team and are confident that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we enable ourselves to walk with those who are hurting. Please hold us close in your hearts and prayers. Pray for Steve and Eric and Bob. Pray for Delores and Neva and Robin. Pray for Connie and me as we begin this exciting new journey.



Travel Lunch Bunch

- **Tuesday April 30th - noon in the Fireside Room.**
- **Our topic is travel in Israel. Bring your lunch and enjoy learning from Eric Gong and Pastor Mary.**

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The Spring Dinner is over for another year. We served 194 dinners (and had some leftovers for the Bible Study meal the next day) and made nearly \$3000. THANK YOU to all those that helped print and sell tickets, made signs, prepped food, served food, and bought tickets.

Margaret Allen's 103rd birthday party at TUMC was a wonderful experience for her and for all of us who were fortunate enough to be here for worship when she attended. How amazing to be "remembering our baptism" and have in our midst a person who was baptized 93 years ago! Many thanks to Gramma DJ Richmond and Steve and Eric Gong for providing transportation and to Lynnda Boswell and Kathy Stacy for the decorations and cake.

A grandson has been born to Tino and Linda Galicia. Their granddaughter is no a big sister. Congratulations!

Stuart Hitchcock, keyboardist extraordinaire, was recognized by the Tulare Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding work keeping Tulare clean.

Our Church Transforming the World



Kids Game Day

On Sunday, March 17, was a wonderful trip to Encore Theater to see *Twinderella* and *If the Shoe Fits*. Our own Anaya Gray was part of the cast, and our children and youth were delighted to see her picture among the cast photos in the lobby and then on stage! Thanks to your generous contributions to our programs for children and youth, we were able to take 26 kids and 6 adults, which included two moms from the Lighthouse with their children. Transportation was organized with Linda Vaughan, Robin Dung, Anna Rodriguez, and Bonnie Thiele, and Pastor Mary sent an envelope of \$\$ to purchase a cookie and water at intermission for each child. What a fabulous, God-inspired day!!

Children's Church

Not sure if you've noticed, but when the children are dismissed after Children's Message, it's nearly always some combination of Linda Vaughan, Robin Dung, Bonnie Thiele, and/or Gramma DJ who goes out with them. We need more people to help so that they don't miss the prayers and message (and singing!) every single week. Linda Day, who has helped on occasion, wants everyone to know, "You don't have to have any knowledge or ability. You will be told what to do. It's FUN!" If you are willing to sign up just 4 times a year, that would be an amazing blessing. Please contact Bonnie Thiele and let her know or leave a message for her in the Church Office.

Youth Group

Greg Smith, one of our Confirmation leaders wants all of us to know that the Youth Group is "a unique and wonderful group of people to work with and be with. It is my pleasure to get the chance to know them." Look forward to more chances to see our Youth Group shine!

Methodist Women Fellowship

On March 12, Methodist Women appreciated a wonderful program presented by our Tulare UMC Stephen leaders: Claire Grant and Connie Smith. MWF want to thank our Church Council for enrolling Tulare UMC to participate in Stephen Ministry; also, thanks to Claire and Connie for the week-long leadership training and commitment to train more Stephen Ministers. MWF is able to continue serving the community with \$250 donations to Lighthouse, Salvation Army, Emergency Aid, and Redbird Mission. We also committed \$3000 for painting, flooring, and refurbishing the basement-social hall. These expenditures are made possible, in part, by your generous support of the Spring Dinner, which netted our treasury \$2,804. MWF 2019 Yearbooks are available; call Bonnie Thiele or the Church Office. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 9, at 10 AM in the Fireside Room. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be ready at 9:45 AM. Devotions and meeting will follow with the program presented by members who attended the United Methodist Women's Spiritual Retreat. Our theme is *Living IN Christ: Experiencing Joy on the Journey*. We sincerely hope you can join us on Tuesday, April 9.

Twin Oaks Devotions – 2pm most Tuesdays – new location SPA ROOM

We continue to have a wonderful time praying, sharing, and hearing a word of hope from Scripture. We also bless prayer shawls and blankets for people in our Church and among our friends and family who are struggling and need a tangible reminder that they are precious to God. Several people who have received our blankets report amazing experiences of the presence of God for healing and peace. Two months ago we donated 12 blessed lap blankets to the Hospice ministry at Adventist Health. We have now blessed and given away over 100 shawls and blankets! Many thanks to the people who make Twin Oaks Devotions so special, including Heione Tautuaa, Mary Gong, Linda Day, Sheila Hamilton, Audre Smith, Sharon Smith, Marian Vander Wall, Jan Gregrow, Shirley Freitas, Shirley Philpot, and sometimes (when we're very blessed) Jun Gong, Anna Gong, and Joyce Gong – please come and join us. You will feel happy that you did.

In April we WILL be meeting on April 2, 9, and 30. We will be taking a break Holy Week and the week after (no meeting April 16 & 23)

Lay Preachers

How blessed we are to have 5 certified United Methodist Lay Speakers at Tulare UMC! Each of these five studied a book on preaching, attended a workshop with Pastor Mary, then traveled together to Livingston for the day to study preaching with Pastor Richard Stinson. Over the next several months our congregation will have an opportunity to hear each of them preach with Pastor Mary here leading the rest of worship. First up is Jessica Stone who will preach on the parable of the Unjust Judge the Sunday after Easter. Look forward in the months to come to hear from Megan Beltran, Joseph Smith, and our former favorites Ron Vaughan and Tino Galicia, both of whom also got trained and certified. Thank you Methodist Women's Fellowship for sponsoring their training.

Baptisms on Easter, April 21

Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Easter?? Already Pastor Mary has heard from two children and one youth who will be baptized on Easter. Would you like to join them in dedicating your life to Jesus Christ and claiming Him as your Lord and Savior? Please contact Pastor Mary and let her know if you are ready for this amazing step in your journey with the Lord.

Membership on Pentecost, June 9

We will be receiving our next class of new members on Pentecost, June 9th. If you would like to become a member you will need to take two Membership Classes with Pastor Mary on Tuesday May 21 and Tuesday May 28, 4-6pm. You will learn about what it means to be a United Methodist. Anyone in our Church is welcome to attend, even if you have been a member for a long time. The previous classes have been a wonderful time of learning, sharing, and fellowship. Let us know in the Church Office if you are planning to attend.





Finance Corner

Did you know that you can make your beloved Tulare UMC the beneficiary of all or a portion of a life insurance policy? What comfort to know that your money can keep supporting the mission and ministry of our Church after you're gone.

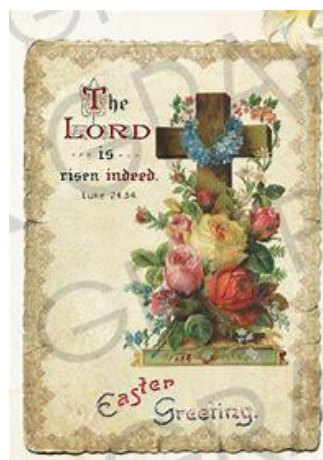
Yours in Christ, Evelyn Benson, Chair of Finance and Stewardship Committee



On the first Sunday of the month during Holy Communion we will have a free will offering basket for UMCOR



As United Methodist Church members we have vowed to support Tulare UMC with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.



*Celebrating Christ's Resurrection with
Children's Easter Egg Hunt.*

*Please donate
plastic eggs with candy or small prizes
by April 14th.*

*Thank you, for helping to make this a
successful event.*

*Children will hunt eggs during Children's
Church on Easter Sunday*



**Please take a look at our new website and share with friends:
tulareumc.com**



Monthly Messenger: Deadline to submit information for the May Messenger is Monday April 22nd by noon.

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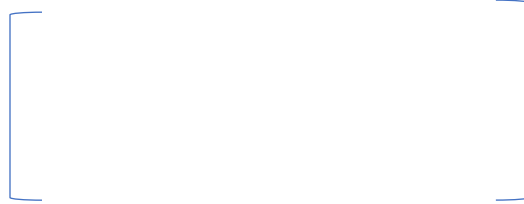
OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00am – 1:00pm



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Bishop Minerva Carcaño

Debra Brady, District Superintendent



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