



**TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**THE MESSENGER**

**June 2019**



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

**Pentecost June 9<sup>th</sup>**

**You wouldn't miss Christmas or Easter!  
Don't miss Pentecost, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Christian Holiday!**

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**[Katherine Parker, Missionary to Nepal: Visiting Tulare UMC](#)**



**DON'T MISS...**

**Katherine Parker**

**June 13, 2019**

**10:00 AM**

**TULARE**

**United Methodist Church**

228 W. Kern Ave. Tulare, CA (559) 686-8523

Sponsored by Methodist Women's Fellowship

Katherine Parker, a water micro-biologist serving as a United Methodist missionary in Nepal, will be visiting churches in her home conference, California-Nevada United Methodist Church, in May and June. We are delighted to welcome Katherine to Tulare United Methodist Church on June 13, 2019 10:00 AM. *Free will offering will be taken.*

Katherine was commissioned in 2008 and served in Cambodia before being sent to Nepal, where she has now served for six years. Her home church is Mill Valley's Mt. Tamalpais UMC. Recently, Cate Monaghan, interim communications director for CNUMC, sat down with Katherine for a visit. Their conversation is available on the website – [www.cnumc.org](http://www.cnumc.org).



## Mary's Musings

When I was appointed to serve our beloved Tulare UMC two years ago, I came as a "licensed local pastor." I had been a fully ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church, but surrendered my Elder's Orders shortly after my husband died because I wanted to focus fully on raising my young children. But that was only part of the story. I have enormous respect for the United Methodist itinerant system in which Elders are guaranteed an appointment to a Church. It didn't feel fair to me to keep a slot in reserve for me while I was on family leave. I didn't want to prevent someone else from being ordained by keeping my options opened, since I wasn't sure if I would ever return to serving the local Church. What I knew with certainty was that God would make use of me as a disciple. Being baptized as a follower of Jesus Christ has been my highest calling. In the twelve years since I surrendered my ordination, I have served the homeless and incarcerated people, led retreats and workshops, written a couple of books, preached on occasion, and been a life coach. All of this was enormously satisfying and kept a roof over my family's head. It also felt like a fulfillment of the vow I took at my baptism to put my whole trust in His grace and to serve Him as my Lord. Earlier this year I was asked by District Superintendent Debra Brady if I would like to have my Elder's Orders reinstated. It was a generous offer on the part of the Conference. I have been through an interview process and was voted on by the Board of Ordained Ministry and so..... drumroll please..... my ordination will be reinstated at Annual Conference in June. How will this impact TUMC? In only one way: I will now be allowed to wear a colorful stole with my robe on Sunday mornings starting June 30<sup>th</sup>. What a blessed journey I have been on and I am delighted to spend part of it with all of you. Blessings in the Resurrection Spirit, Pastor Mary

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Congratulations Boy Scout Troop 251 in winning overall 1<sup>st</sup> place at Camporee. 8 boys from our troop attended.

Tomas Castro will be graduating from Tulare Union High School on June 5<sup>th</sup> and attending San Joaquin Vocational College in the fall to be trained as a Medical Assistant. We are proud of you Tomas!

Ava Reynolds, granddaughter of Robin and Landes Dung, daughter of Crystal and Ray Reynolds, earned herself a Platinum in her first ever competitive dance solo!

Sheila Hamilton had a successful eye surgery and can see much better now.

Bobbi Moore's testimonial at Church the Sunday after Easter was very moving – thank you for reminding us of the power of prayer.

Anaya Gray was elected as a Youth Delegate to our United Methodist Annual Conference!

Paul and Brenda Brown just returned from Montana.

## June Worship Topics

A perfect month to invite family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to worship at TUMC! Every week has the worship experience we know and love, plus a special element sure to touch the hearts of all who attend.

### **June 2 ASCENSION SUNDAY/HOLY COMMUNION/SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

Sermon Title: "Living with the Risen Lord"

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

### **June 9 PENTECOST PAGEANT/CONFIRMATION/NEW MEMBERS**

Sermon Title: Pageant performed by 16 of our children and youth, plus faith statements by our youth being confirmed

Scripture: Acts 2:1-13

### **June 16 FATHER'S DAY/JOINT SERVICE WITH HISPANIC-LATINO MINISTRIES/MAN OF THE YEAR**

Sermon Title: "Little Disciples: Family, Kindness, Friends"

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16

### **June 23 GUEST PREACHER TINO GALICIA/PRESENTATIONS BY OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES**

Sermon Title: "Birdwatching Through the Bible"

Scripture: Genesis 8:6-12

### **June 30 FAMILY WORSHIP/BLESSINGS FOR JUNE BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MILESTONES**

Sermon Title: "Ezra: Returning from Exile is Not for the Faint of Heart"

Scripture: Ezra 1:2-4

## **Pentecost – The Birthday of the Church – The Arrival of the Holy Spirit!**

*O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us; come as the wind, and cleanse us; come as the fire, and burn; come as the dew, and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate our hearts and lives to our great good and to Thy greater glory, for we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

We have a great day of celebration prepared for you:

Worship 10am includes a Pentecost Pageant presented by 16 of our children and youth; plus several of our Youth will be Confirmed as members of our Church; the sermon will be their faith statements.

11:15 Youth Group Fundraiser – barbecue lunch and bake sale (free will offering)

Help us raise the money we need to send all our youth to Faith Xtreme in September!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 8 -12, 2019**

**8:30 to 12:00 noon**

Another exciting and fun time of the year!

Theme is "The Armor of God."

**• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**3 Small Group Leaders (each: 1 Adult & 1 Youth)**

**2 Craft Leaders**

**2 Breakfast & Snack preparers**

**Recreation Leaders (1 Adult & 1 Youth)**

**2 Registration persons**

**Please contact Ron & Linda Vaughan 686-3633**

### Methodist Men



**Meeting Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

Wesley Hall

To discuss the future of our men's fellowship.

**Ron Vaughan, President 686-3633**



In an attempt to reach a greater number of homeless families and those moving to more permanent housing, our Clothes Closet, effective this June will change its hours and emphasis. The hours will be Sundays 8:30 a.m. to 9:00a.m., and Mondays 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Greater attention shall be given to clothing sizes, (smaller sizes both men and women) seasonal needs, emergency needs, and needs of children. Volunteers will be recruited to periodically on Sunday following church to meet for an hour to receive, size, sort, and pass along donations to other clothing programs items that do not meet our targeted needs. We appreciate the efforts of Clothes Closet founder Eileen Haynes, carried forward by Sheila Hamilton, Ruth Burcham, Terry Brazil, Jessica Stone, and so many other volunteers and faithful donors. Please begin now to set aside smaller adult sizes & childrens winter items, as well as blankets, pots and pans, small appliances. Our homeless and families in transition will appreciate it. Should you be unsure about your donations, simply contact Jessica Stone (559) 837-2368. She will be glad to help you decide.~ Jim Maxfield, Outreach Chair

## Trustees

We are now in a season of active maintenance! Soon you will see the corner sign redone, reflecting the new life we are experiencing at TUMC. We are also working on raising the Praise Band area to one level for the safety of the musicians and singers, and to allow an easy exit through that area should we need to leave the Sanctuary in an emergency. Our chandelier is a priority, as is repairs in our organ chamber (water and bee honey damage). We have a wonderful Historic Sanctuary. She needs lots of tender loving care. Thank you for your prayers and generosity as we move forward with these projects. Pastor Mary

## *Thank you!*

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Tulare UMC,

Thank you for the radical hospitality you offered in hosting the Episcopal visit on April 24<sup>th</sup>. You knocked my socks off! I was so surprised when I arrived an hour early, that you were in place and ready to greet the Bishop and people of the Central Valley District. You parked at a distance to leave space near the church for the guests. Your greeters were at the door with warm, welcoming smiles. Your refreshments were laid out and staffed by helpful people. Your musicians lifted our spirits as they welcomed us and supported our singing. Your communion servers conveyed God's grace offered to us through this sacrament. I loved your badges easily identifying you as helpful hosts. I appreciate the way your space sparkled and the Easter worship décor conveyed the Resurrection spirit of the season. I know you invested many hours in preparation. It paid off! It was a fruitful evening in engaging in Christian conferencing with our Bishop at a critical time in our church. Thank you for showing Christ's love to the 270 people who gathered in your sanctuary. You are a blessing!

Walking with you as we follow Jesus,

Debra Brady  
Central Valley District Superintendent



Jubilee Dinner



What a wonderful night! We had perfect weather, perfect dinner, perfect items for the silent auction and perfect friends to share the night with. There are too many people to thank for all their time, talent, donations, and gifts, so we want to thank you all for your help to make this PERFECT event a success. We made \$13,135!  
Evelyn Benson & Beth Cox, Co-Chairs



## JUNE CALENDAR

**Every Sunday** (JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

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

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**Every Monday** (JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24)

**NO BARRIERS BIBLE STUDY**

- 5:00 **Fellowship & Music** –
- 5:30 **Supper** – Wesley Hall
- 6:00-7:00 **Study of Acts** with Pastor Mary

**Every Tuesday** (JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25)

- 2:00 **Twin Oaks Devotional**

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- Sun., Jun 2 11:15 **Trustees Meeting** Fireside
- Mon., Jun 3 11:00 **Education Meeting** Fireside
- Tues., Jun 10 10:00 **Hispanic-Latino Council** Fireside
- Tues., Jun 11 4:00 **Outreach** Fireside
- Sun., Jun 9 11:15 **Church Council** Fireside
- Tues., Jun 18 6:00 **Finance Meeting** Fireside

June 19 – 22 **Annual Conference** – Modesto, CA



### Ushers Meeting

**All current and (wanna be) ushers  
are asked to attend a one time training**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 in the sanctuary.**

**Men and Women are welcome.**

*This is a great way to serve the Lord*



- 1 MEGAN BANKSTON**
- 1 HEIONE TAUTUAA**
- 3 LEWIS MARCELINO**
- 5 STUART HITCHCOCK**
- 8 PATTY COLSON**
- 11 PAUL BROWN**
- 14 PAT PERRY**
- 16 JEFFREY CHAVEZ**
- 19 DOLORES MARCELINO**
- 19 MEGAN BELTRAN**
- 21 SUNDAY POSTON**
- 21 EXAVIAN CASTRO**
- 22 BRENDA BROWN**
- 25 TROY GARRETT**
- 26 SIERRA AMADOR**
- 26 BETH COX**
- 27 LANDES DUNG**
- 28 JULIA SUMMERS**
- 30 DAVID SUMMERS**

## *June Anniversaries*

- 9 RICHARD & BEVERLY  
MONTGOMERY**
- 30 RON & LINDA  
VAUGHAN**

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





# 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	"NBBS" in Basement					<b>1</b> Pre-Conference Celebration
<b>2</b> 8:00 Hope Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Communion 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 11:15 Trustee-Fireside Rm 3:00 Kids Game Day	<b>3</b> 10:00am Education Mtg. **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary	<b>4</b> 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional	<b>5</b> Methodist Men 6:30 Wesley Hall	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9 Pentecost</b> 8:00 Hope Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 11:15 Youth BBQ Fundraiser 11:45 Church Council-Fireside Rm 3:00 Kids Game Day	<b>10</b> Noon Hispanic Latino Mtg.  **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary	<b>11</b> 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional  Outreach 4pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Flag Day	<b>15</b>
		Escuelita Para Discípulos Pequeños Bible School for Little Disciples 8 - 11				
<b>16 Father's Day</b> 8:00 *Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 3:00 Kids Game Day	<b>17</b> **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor	<b>18</b> 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional  6pm Finance mtg.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Summer	<b>22</b>
		United Methodist Annual Conference Session 2019 Double Tree Convention Center. Modesto. CA				
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<b>23</b> 8:00 *Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 3:00 Kids Game Day	<b>24</b> **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor	<b>25</b> Travel Lunch Bunch at noon 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> John Wesley's Birthday	<b>29</b>
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## Member of the Month: Dorothy June Richmond

Has been “Gran’ma D.J.” to us for years! She grew up on a ranch west of Tulare. Her four siblings were all adults by the time she was in school, so she grew up as an only child. D.J. is a natural teacher...early family pictures show her leading family youngsters in all kinds of projects.

Her first job was in Corcoran – then as a fourth grade teacher in Woodville. Her marriage to a Marine meant moving to new Duty Stations often, and her California credential didn’t apply. When Bill was overseas, the two children and D.J. often lived in California, and she could substitute a bit.

Being a military wife meant that she learned about people from all over the world. Some of their life stories have been chronicled in the short stories she loves to write. They all start with a true incident, but D.J. adds a little excitement or mystery. Anyone who shows an interest in her stories will see her eyes light up. Dorothy June is 86 now, and she staggers when she walks, but she’s still very interested in people and curious about how things work. Yup – Life is an adventure for Gran’ma D.J. We love having her in our church.



## STEPHEN MINISTRIES

By: [Connie Smith](#)

Our training to become Stephen Ministers is continuing and we continue to grow and learn. Did you know that the word crisis in Chinese is made up of the words danger and opportunity? In our training, we were reminded of the story of the people who build their homes on the rock and on the sand. Crisis can be like a storm, buffering against our lives and beliefs. As Stephen Ministers

we will try to help people by walking alongside them and helping them, so that when they begin to rebuild their lives it can be on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ, who is our rock.

Stephen Leaders: Claire Grant and Connie Smith

Stephen Ministers in Training: Bob Duncan, Robin Dung, Eric Gong, Steve Gong, Dolores Marcelino

## Our Church Transforming the World

### Twin Oaks Devotions

We meet every Tuesday at 2pm in the “Spa Room” at Twin Oaks. Please come join us for a time of Scripture, prayer, conversation, and the blessing of prayer shawls and blankets. It is a blessing to see Marian Vander Wall, Don Boswell, and Richard Montgomery. We love you.

### No Barriers Bible Study – every Monday; 5 doors open, 5:30 potluck supper, 6-7 Pastor Mary teaches

If you haven’t experienced this bible study, now is the time. We are back in our new and improved downstairs social hall. Acts of the Apostles is full of inspiration and surprises.





## Fun ahead!

### Youth Group News (for all Youth 6-12 grade and your friends)

June 9: Pentecost Barbecue and Bake Sale fundraiser to raise money for Faith Xtreme

June 15: Swim Party at Greg Smith's 3:30 meet at Church, 7:30 return

July 13: Swim Party at Lynnda Boswell's 3:30 meet at Church, 7:30 return

August 3: Swim Party at Megan and Cesar Beltran's 3:30 meet at Church, 7:30 return

August 24: Swim Party at Megan and Cesar Beltran's 3:30 meet at Church, 7:30 return

September 13-15: Faith Xtreme at Mt. Herman Retreat Center in Santa Cruz

### Children and Youth

Mark your calendars now for Family Fun Day at the Parsonage on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Bring your parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters; pack a picnic. Pastor Mary will provide drinks and ice cream bars. We can play in Blain Park.

**Kids Game Day** will continue through the summer every Sunday 3 – 4:30. Games – Food – Prayer



### U.S. Citizenship Classes

#### **Sign-up Now!**

Pastor Marcelo Escarzaga, Circuit Missionary for Hispanic-Latino Ministries, will be offering "Citizenship Classes" to those interested in applying for U.S. Citizenship. Pastor Marcelo has been accredited to teach citizenship classes.

Classes begin August 12, 2019 through November 18, 2019

Classes are on Mondays, 1:00 – 2:00pm in the Fireside Room.

**Help needed:** Pastor Marcelo is requesting a volunteer from our congregation to assist him with students who need to speak English aloud. Contact Pastor Marcelo at (559) 544-8690 or email mescarzaga1@icloud.



## Escuelita Para Discípulos Pequeños Bible School for Little Disciples

The Tulare United Methodist Church will be offering a three-week early learning program for children who are four and are ready to enter Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten. During this three-week program children will explore early literacy and math skills while discovering Christian principles such as Being a Friend, Showing Kindness, and Loving your Family.

When: June 10, 2019 through June 28, 2019

Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am

Where: Tulare United Methodist Church  
228 West Kern Avenue, Tulare, CA

Breakfast will be provided.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Marcelo Escarzaga at (559) 544-8690 or Connie Smith at (559) 688-1652

La Iglesia Tulare United Methodist ofrecerá un programa de aprendizaje temprano de tres semanas para niños(as) que tienen cuatro años y están listos para comenzar al Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten. Durante este programa de tres semanas, los niños(as) explorarán las habilidades de alfabetización y matemáticas tempranas, mientras descubren los principios cristianos tales como: ser un amigo, mostrar amabilidad, y amar a su familia.

Cuando?: 10 de junio, 2019 hasta 28 de junio, 2019

Las horas: 8:00 am-11:00 am

Dónde?: Tulare United Methodist Church  
228 West Kern Avenue, Tulare, CA

Desayuno gratis será proporcionado.

Si tiene preguntas, por favor de llamarle a Pastor Marcelo Escarzaga (559) 544-8690 o Connie Smith (559) 688-1652



## Finance Corner

We are delighted to report that the Jubilee made us \$13,135.00 toward the monies we will need to transition from a ¾ time pastor to fulltime starting July 2020.

Please remember that even when you are on summer vacation our Church still has bills to pay – you can always mail us your check or give more when you are here. Also, the pledges that you have made are a floor, not a ceiling – we are always grateful to receive more so that we can keep providing the ministries that you count on. Everyone in leadership at TUMC is thankful for all that you do to support our beloved Church with your gifts. TUMC is a Church worth investing in!

Evelyn Benson



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.*



## **Travel Lunch Bunch**

- **Tuesday June 25 - noon in the Fireside Room subject South America.**  
**Bring your lunch**

**Monthly Messenger:** Deadline to submit information for the July Messenger is Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> by noon.

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Return Service Requested

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00am – 1:00pm



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**The people of The United Methodist Church®**

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop Minerva Carcaño

Debra Brady, District Superintendent



**TULARE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**Pastor Mary Maaga**

Lynnda Boswell,

Administrative Assistant

Landes Dung,

Music Coordinator/Director

Catalina Daggett, Organist

Andrew Summers,

Technical Services Director

Max Muhlenbrock,

Custodian

Julia Summers,

Events Coordinator