



TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE MESSENGER

November 2019



November 3rd

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



Harvest Dinner

It's that time again for our delicious Turkey Dinner so get your tickets!
Nov 3rd is the Dinner - 11am to 1pm
Dinners can be picked up in Wesley Hall.
\$15.00 adults and \$7.50 children.



The women are taking on the project of “**Giving the Basement a Facelift**”. Already the painting is done & phase 2 is redoing the flooring, so the proceeds on our dinners help pay for this special project.
Thank you for your continuing support, Methodist Women Fellowship



All Saints Sunday – November 3

During this powerful service we will be remembering the members of our TUMC family who have passed on this year: Mary Beth Starling, Beverly Montgomery, Robert Soult. We will also be blessing our historic membership record book which Connie Smith has painstakingly updated. Your Mums that you have giving in memory of your loved ones will decorate our sanctuary.



Mary's Musings

November is my favorite month of the year. There is something about the change in weather and the growing starkness of the trees that appeals to my spirituality. I love the ways that God calls us to grow, and how different seasons of our lives are set apart by the Holy Spirit for certain kinds of growth. What is your current spiritual season? Does the Lord want you to deepen your walk with Him? Then become more rooted in faithfulness by making a commitment to reading Scripture every day. Does the Lord want you to widen your love? Then stretch out your heart by praying every day – not only for your family and friends, but for your enemies as well. Does the Lord want to heal your heart? Then reach out to a Christian friend and share your story – soul conversations can lead to miraculous healing and are a blessing to both the one sharing and the one listening. Does the Lord want to use you as an instrument of peace? Then start coming or come back to our No Barriers Bible Study. God will surely use you to connect with people who are lost, lonely, and desperate for the peace that only the Lord can give. Before the demands of the holiday season ramp up, please take time for the Lord to grow you. Can't wait to see what the Holy Spirit will bring about in all of our lives. Blessings in the Spirit of our Risen Lord, Pastor Mary

November Worship Topics

What if you only had tomorrow what you gave thanks for today? During the 30 days of November you are challenged to give thanks for something new each day.

November 3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sermon Title: "Friends of God"

Scripture: James 2:14-26



November 10 VETERAN'S SUNDAY/VOTE TOP TEN

Sermon Title: "The War within Yourself"

Scripture: James 4:1-10

November 17 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT DEBRA BRADY WILL BE JOINING US FOR WORSHIP

Sermon Title: "Living the No Barriers Way"

Scripture: Excerpts from Acts 10:1 – Acts 11:18 Scripture Skit performed by members of the Youth Group

November 24 BLESSINGS FOR NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MILESTONES

TOP TEN SONGS/HYMNS 9:15am in the Sanctuary

Sermon Title: "Top Ten Most Thankful"

Scripture: Psalm 100



Charge Conference Sunday, November 17, Immediately following Worship

We are blessed that District Superintendent Debra Brady will be personally leading our Charge Conference once again. What is a Charge Conference? It is the yearly meeting in which we receive our “charge,” which is to say authority, to be a United Methodist Church in full connection with the larger world-wide denomination. The work of the Charge Conference includes approving Pastor Mary’s salary, voting for members and chairs of our various committees, and embracing a vision of our mission and ministry moving forward. All members of our Church, as well as non-members who are curious about our Church structure, are warmly invited.

Baptism and Membership

If you would like to be baptized on Christmas Eve or take membership vows and become an official member of Tulare United Methodist Church on November 24, please let Pastor Mary know. She will set up a membership class as soon as she learns who is interested.



Top Ten is Back!

On November 24 at 9:15am we will be singing our Top Ten favorite hymns and praise songs with Thanksgiving, Harvest, or Natural World themes. This will be a wonderful Spirit filled way to kick off your Thanksgiving week. Voting will take place during Worship on Nov. 10.

Leadership Development

15 of us joined our Lay Leader Tino Galicia for a workshop on Spiritual Gifts. If you are interested in going to a District training, please let Tino know and he will guide you about how to get registered through the United Methodist Conference website. The next District training is on the topic of “Transforming Conflict and Leading Change” and will take place on Monday, November 18 from 9-5 at Wesley UMC in Fresno. Cost is \$50.



All-Church Cleaning Day
Saturday, November 9, 8 a.m. - noon
Lunch provided
(We need “lots” of help!)

It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas



November 30 (Saturday) – Sanctuary decorating 9am. **Strong people needed for moving trees into place!**

December 1 (Sunday) – Church Family Hanging of the Greens Immediately following worship

December 14 (Saturday), 2-4pm – Church Family Open House at the Parsonage (458 E. Wilson) Bring a favorite holiday finger food to share.

December 21 (Saturday), 4-7 – Youth Group Christmas Party and Supper at the Parsonage

December 22 (Sunday) – Musical Christmas Pageant during Worship

December 23 (Monday) – Christmas Party at No Barriers Bible Study *After supper we will be having a gift exchange for all who gather

December 24 (Tuesday), 6:30pm – Christmas Eve Service with Carols and Candlelight

December 25 (Wednesday) 12-3 – Christmas Day Party and Feast



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

The Shoe Boxes are Due November 10th at church or at the off that week.

**Questions? Call Linda Vaughan
686-3633**



Thank you again, and may God bless you.

No Barriers Bible Study (doors open 5, supper 5:30, Bible Study 6-7)

Every Monday faith, hope, and love are victorious in the basement of Tulare UMC. We always need donations of food, since we share a meal with anywhere between 60 – 100 people. Anything you bring is a help. Bible Study is always inspiring, and there is much laughter and warmth as we grow to love one another as Christ has loved us.

On **December 23** we will be having a **Christmas gift exchange** for our homeless and poor who join us for supper. Please purchase and wrap a gift in the \$10 range and have it to the *Church Office by December 15.*

Suggestions include:

Pack of Socks Glove/Scarf Set Flashlight & Batteries A box of Christmas Candy
\$10 gift card to McDonalds, Subway or other fast-food Restaurants in the Westside area

Please include a Christmas Card and/or encouraging note in your gift package.

2020 VISION POLLING RESULTS

By Bob Duncan, Staff Parish Relations Chair



First, let me say I'm a big fan of synergy. Simply stated, synergy means two (or more) heads are better than one. That was evident at our 2020 Vision meeting on September 29 and from the cards that were submitted listing your top priorities for a new pastor. Everyone's votes were counted, but these were at the top of the list.

Overwhelmingly, the top priority was for the new pastor to continue the programs Pastor Mary has started including, but not limited to, No Barriers Bible Study, Stephen Ministries, and expanded educational offerings for children, youth and adults.

Next, we want our new pastor to be a powerful speaker and teacher. He or she must also be able to interact effectively with people who attend our different types of services and programs. We also wanted him or her to be skilled at conflict resolution.

Next, he or she must be dedicated to our youth and their programs; dedicated to pastoral care for the sick and elderly; and, join one or more community groups, including groups that address the homeless population in our community.

Rounding out your list of top priorities, our new pastor must have good administrative and leadership development skills.

As chairperson of the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee, I'd like to thank everyone for your input regarding the future of our church.



Events and Hospitality

Looking for ways to help the Church? One day...every "once and awhile"... then perhaps you would like to: help clean...help serve food at an event...serve as an usher at a funeral...

If interested, please call or email Julia Summers (559-901-5067 or sewcreate@aol.com)

Don't Miss the Hanging of the Greens

Please join us for the **Second Annual Hanging of the Greens**: lunch, the "reveal" of this year's theme, making tree ornaments, and having fun together with our Church Family. All ages are welcome.

Sunday, December 1st
Basement Social Hall
Immediately following Worship Service



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Every Sunday (NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24)

- 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** –
- 5:00 **Boy Scouts** - Upstairs – Education Wing

Every Monday (NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25)

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 (NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26)

2:00 **Twin Oaks Devotional**

To be announced Trustees Meeting Fireside
 Tues., Nov. 5 6:00 Finance Meeting Fireside
 Sun., Nov.10 11:15 Church Council Fireside



Mark your calendars

**Charge Conference with District
 Superintendent Debra Brady**

**Sunday November 17th Immediately following
 Worship.**



- 1 CHRISTOPHER HERNANDEZ**
- 4 DESIRAY GONZALEZ**
- 4 JAYDEN GONZALEZ**
- 6 NELCE GONZALEZ**
- 7 ROBERT RODRIGUEZ, JR.**
- 11 DELBERT CANBY**
- 14 PHYLLIS ELIAS**
- 14 SINI TAUTUAA**
- 15 CRYSTAL REYNOLDS**
- 20 STEVE GONG**
- 21 DAVID BIXLER**
- 21 GIULIANA MARTINEZ**
- 24 STACY PERRY**
- 25 MASON BESSINGER**
- 25 ED BOREN**
- 26 ELLA CROOK**
- 27 CAROL HALL**
- 28 CESAR BELTRAN**



- 25 TROY GARRETT & TAMMY THOMPSEN**

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



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From Nan Maxfield, Outreach Chair

In August, the hospitality "**Breakfast Before Church**" in August averaged 55 guest breakfasts. The largest Sunday was 64 guests. In September the average attendance was 65, and the largest Sunday was 79.

The Clothing Closet is becoming a well-known friendly place where our homeless Community feel welcome to get the things they need, and its growing every week. Just within last month we have helped 164 people with not only clothing, but hygiene products and blankets. I personally want to thank everyone for all the donations and the generosity of our church members, without you we wouldn't have a clothing closet. No matter how small a donation you give, it matters to someone who we help. So please continue to keep giving and donating our homeless community

Items we always need are: Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Toilet paper, Deodorants, Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, Socks, Gloves, Beanies

We still need blankets or flannel to make blankets. I am also looking for volunteers to help make blankets and help go through boxes and reorganize the boxes. If you would like to help with sorting or making blankets please contact me Jessica Stone at (559) 754-8550. I Thank you and invite everyone to stop on by and see what warm, inviting, spiritual place that the Clothing Closet has become. Experience the awesomeness yourself.

Thank you,
Jessica Stone



Winter Clothing and Blanket Drive

Loving those who have little with the warmth of Christ's Love

Cold Weather Collections are beginning now for the cold weather. Please bring in blankets, rain gear, warm clothing, and clothing, socks, shoes to our collection boxes.

Thank you, Rosemarie Boren for organizing Tulare County Sherriff's department helping us with our Winter Warmth Clothing Drive for the homeless and those in need, from October 21st – October 28th by placing our donation boxes at their facilities. We greatly appreciate their help.

Many thanks to all of you who have already turned in your 2020 pledge cards. If you haven't done so yet, please be sure we have your pledge by November 3rd. We need to make a decision about whether we can fund our budget at our Church Council meeting on the 10th. Blessings, Evelyn Benson



Hispanic-Latino Ministry

If you haven't had a chance to stop by the newly renovated Chapel in the former Kay Posten Room, please do! Pastor Marcelo, Connie Smith (Chair of Hispanic-Latino Ministries Council), and Pastor Mary will be attending a "Bootcamp" for building up Spanish language ministries at the United Methodist Conference Office in West Sac from November 18 – 20.



I just want to extend my deepest gratitude and blessings to my church family for all your love, your support and prayers for making it possible for me to visit Matthew and family in Tennessee. Money is always an issue. Couldn't have done without all of you. I had a wonderful time and we had great dinners with the boys and our daughter-in-law- Darlene. Most of my visit consisted me going to the VA with Matthew at least twice a week. But it gave me a chance to see what he goes through. He has a lot of healing to do but most will be for the rest of his life. He was very excited to see me when he picked me up. We had a wonderful dinner before going to his home. The boys were at a dance. He knows what a wonderful church family we have and that we continue to pray for healing. Again my deepest appreciation to all from my heart. Blessing, Dolores Marcelino

Thank you Francine Van Houton and her friend Martha for the wonderful fall decorations!

Thank Yous

The month of Thanksgiving is a perfect month to write thank you notes to people whose work for the Lord you appreciate. Spend some time looking around the sanctuary on Sunday morning, or take a look through the Church directory, and select 2 or 3 people and say thank you!



Adult Sunday School every Sunday 9am

Please join us starting November 3rd as we take a journey with Jesus through the eyes of Mark. It is the Gospel of **SUDDENLY!**



September and October have been very busy months for our growing and thriving youth group! Not only did we go on the Faith Xtreme Retreat, we also spent a day putting new flooring in and decorating our Youth Center, which is located in the rooms above the Church Office. It's not quite done yet, but soon as it is we will have an open house and blessing for our space. Our group also assisted Pastor Mary in leading World Communion Sunday by providing speakers, singers, and Holy Communion servers. Who can forget Isaiah

Gonzalez holding up the world as Danella Hill spoke the words representing the brokenness that our youth want God and God's people to heal? Violence, hatred, judgment, gun violence, racism, criticism, drugs, depression, illness, lack of forgiveness, the power of money, and pollution. These are the issues our youth are most concerned about. Also, in October our group joined the youth groups from Merced UMC and United Japanese Community Church in Clovis for a program called "The Search" where we explored the barriers and bridges to finding God, our own true selves, and Godly friends. We also had a Halloween Party and Hayride at Megan and Cesar Beltrans. In November we will be having "Friendsgiving" on Saturday, November 23rd. Thank you for all your support as we grow in faithfulness and in size.



STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Connie Smith, Stephen Leader

Stephen Ministry is about following the Lord's direction by walking alongside those who need someone to help them bear their burden by caring and listening without judgement. All five ministers have been blessed with a care receiver and are following through on the commitment to meet once a week. Although Stephen Ministry asks for one hour-a-week visits, Ministers and Leaders spend much time in prayer for the well-being of those with whom

we work. Stephen Ministers will continue to meet as a group to learning and support each other as we do this important work of lay care.

Plans are being made to begin a new training in early 2020. Begin to seek God's leading if you feel that this Ministry might be your spiritual gift.





Member of the Month – Linda Galicia

Linda was born and raised in San Pedro, CA; into an Italian family. She earned her BA and teaching credentials from Long Beach State University. She received her MA at Fresno Pacific University. She was a teacher in Lindsey, CA and Tulare City Schools. She was instructor at Fresno Pacific University and Reedley Community College.

She is happily married to Tino Galicia. They raised two sons and one daughter. They are the proud grandparents to one girl and a boy. Linda's hobbies include quilting, cooking, baking cookies, leisure reading, visiting with friends and traveling.

She is active in the church. She is our new head of the education committee and serves in the hospitality committee.

She started and maintains our church Children's Library. She teaches in the Vacation Bible School, and recently chaired a team of women who put together the Women's Day Retreat.



Your Church Trustees remain busy as good stewards to our historic Church grounds. Recently, carpet has been installed in the new Hispanic/Latino Chapel. Signage for the various education wings will be in place hopefully before the end of the year. After working with the City of Tulare, they have helped reimburse the Church for a portion of the new parking lot drive approaches and sidewalk, which has just recently been installed. A family in our congregation was generous enough to pay the balance of the work that needed to be done. And if that wasn't blessing enough, the crew at JNS Inc. who did the work, also donated a portion of their labor. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen! Stay tuned for a new Church parking lot sign in the near future, to help spruce up the parking lot as well!

Chris Harrell, Chair



Flower Boxes

Some of you noticed we are planting succulents in our flower boxes. This is just a start and if you have any at home to share please bring to the office or call Beth Cox 553-2960. With succulents the more you have the better, so let's make this a beautiful entry way to our church.

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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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Catalina Daggett, Organist

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Events Coordinator

**December Messenger articles are due by Monday Dec. 11th due to
Pastor Mary going to a professional training the following week**