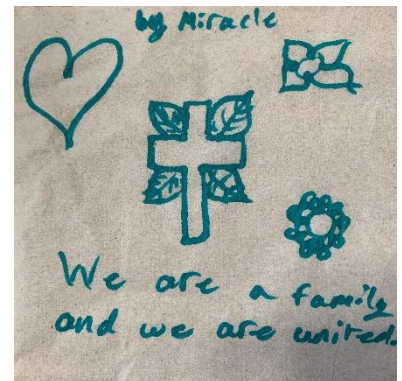




TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THE MESSENGER

October 2019



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



Saturday, October 26, 2019

9:30 Registration and Refreshments - 10-3 Program

“LANDSCAPES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH”

Women's Day Retreat with Tulare Methodist Women Fellowship

Pastor Mary Maaga

Tulare UMC – 228 W. Kern Ave. Tulare, CA

\$20 Donation for materials & lunch (noon)





RSVP to Bonnie Thiele by October 16, 2019(559) 688-8755



**PLEASE HELP OUR CHURCH FALL CARNIVAL
OCTOBER 31ST 5:30 TO 7:30**

This has been a great community out-reach over the years. Some of our most active children and youth had their first encounter with our church at one of our carnivals.

IF YOU WISH TO HELP MAKE IT A CONTINUED SUCCESS THIS YEAR, WE NEED:

-  Donations of candy for the game prizes.
(Leave at office)
-  Cupcakes for the “cake walk”.
-  Help decorating Tuesday morning October 29th .
-  We always need Volunteers to run games.

Contact Ron or Linda Vaughan 686-3633





Mary's Musings

As I write this I have just returned from Faith Service Xtreme, where 15 of our youth and 4 adults joined other youth and adults from the California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Guess what? Our Youth Group ROCKS! They are an enthusiastic, accepting, faithful, and respectful youth group – they inspire the adults who interact with them, and they make friends with other youth. I could not be prouder. Our focus in October at TUMC is on the harvest that the Lord has planted and cultivated in our lives. His harvest is ripening in powerful ways in the lives of our children and youth at TUMC. Wasn't Rally Day wonderful? 30 children and youth were at Sunday School for our kick-off. And it's not just in the lives of the children that we are seeing spiritual crops maturing – look at participation in Small Groups! 38 people are having soul conversations and fellowship in 5 separate groups. And our Twin Oaks Devotions has an average of 12 people every Tuesday at 2, plus No Barriers Bible Study has upwards of 50 people staying after dinner to study Scripture together on Monday nights. This is besides all the acts of caring and love that you all show each other continuously. As the days get shorter, I anticipate that His Light will grow brighter in each one of you! Blessings in the Spirit of our Risen Lord, Pastor Mary

October Worship Topics

As the leaves begin to change, and the weather cools, we are reminded that this is the season of harvest. In October we will remember that our lives are God's harvest.

October 6 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sermon Title: "Called to Greater Works"

Scripture: John 14:8-14



October 13

Sermon Title: "The Advocate Within"

Scripture: John 14:15-24

October 20

Sermon Title: "Rise, Let Us Be On Our Way"

Scripture: John 14:25-31

October 27 BLESSINGS FOR OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MILESTONES

Sermon Title: "Our Souls Restored"

Scripture: 23rd Psalm



Methodist Women's Fellowship

October Meeting

October 8, 2019 10am Fireside Room

Coffee and snacks ready by 9:45 AM and Devotions/Meeting at 10:00 AM.

Neva is hostess; Pastor Mary leads devotions; Linda Vaughan informs us about Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Program: getting ready for Harvest Dinner (11-3-19) with Julia; Beth will have tickets. It's time to start contacting family and friends! Our goal is 350 dinners!

“LANDSCAPES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH” Thank you to all of the women who have registered and who are helping with all the preparations for Saturday, October 26. This is a wonderful opportunity to participate and share this extraordinary event with women in Tulare and the surrounding communities. Our goal is to serve 100 women as we share Pastor Mary's talents and witness for the Lord. Linda Galicia could use more help with a gift for each participant, and there are opportunities to help prepare lunches, set up registration, and hostess on Saturday.

Central Valley District Celebration

United Methodist Women celebrate their 150th Anniversary this year – 1869-2019! Our Central Valley District Celebration is Saturday, October 5th, at First UMC, Reedley – 1461 11th Street. Pastor Mary will present the program: “Social Justice for the Homeless and Marginally Poor.” Registration and coffee at 9:00, program at 9:45, and lunch at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$12.00. Contact Bonnie at 260-4111 (ASAP) if you would like to register and travel to Reedley together. EVERYONE is invited to attend MWF and/or help with projects:

- ✚ Crochet or knit washcloths or donate other items as suggested in the article for the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse – occinfo@samaritan.org).
- ✚ Bake apple or pumpkin pies or donate cash for purchasing pies for the Harvest Dinner. Checks or cash can be marked for 'pies' and placed in the offering plate on Sunday, left with Lynnda in the Church office, or contact MWF treasurer, Beth.



Bonnie Thiele has accepted a leadership role as Social Action Resource Officer for 2020-2021 for the Central Valley District of United Methodist Women. She will join a team of women who are seeking ways to help meet the needs of women, children, youth, and struggling families in the Central Valley who need our support and encouragement for a better life.

Spiritual Gifts: A Workshop with Lay Leader Tino Galicia

Saturday, October 12, 5-8pm at the Parsonage

Would you like to learn more about your spiritual gifts and come to know the spiritual gifts of others in our congregation? Tino Galicia recently attended a workshop on Spiritual Gifts with our United Methodist Conference and is returning with a fascinating class that will fuel your spirituality and Christian service. Pastor Mary will be feeding us dinner before the class begins. Please rsvp to the Church Office by Monday, October 7, and let us know if you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions.



Adult Sunday School 9am every Sunday in the room behind the Library

Come join Pastor Mary as we study Paul's first letter: Thessalonians. It was written in the early 50s and is a fascinating window into the concerns of the earliest Christians.

Member of the Month – Sandy Jones



Sandra (Poston) Jones was raised in the Methodist Church by her parents Pat and Kay Poston. Kay was a treasured Christian Educator who impacted the faith of many children. Her grandparents, Orman and Opal Poston, also were faithful members of TUMC. Sandy was married to Johnny Jones in our historic sanctuary in October of 1983. They have 3 grown children: Katie, Gregory & Patrick. Sandy's mother was a very powerful influence throughout her life. Like her mother, Sandy is a powerful and trustworthy disciple for any Methodist causes. She finds serving others very rewarding. She really enjoys the No Barriers Bible Study and likes that the food looks like a dinner you would serve your family at home. Sandy

Jones creates family and community where ever she is with her warm Christian hospitality.



And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:40

No Barriers Bible Study every Monday 5:30 supper, 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary Fellowship comes from the Greek word "koinonia" which means "to share in common." How wonderful it is to see how many of our people from TUMC share the abundance of their personal harvest with our neighbors for supper one night every week. You have been providing for this meal for over two years. EVERY WEEK FOR OVER TWO YEARS. When I tell my fellow pastors about this, they are astounded! I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. As you read your name here, know that I am blessed to know you and that your generosity is a blessing to all who come on Monday nights. You aren't just sharing food – you are sharing HOPE.

Sandra and John Jones, Paul and Brenda Brown, Lynnda Boswell, Heione Tautuaa, Linda Day and her nephew Adrian, the Gong Family, Bob Duncan, Pat and Ken Jennings, Shirley Philpot, Sheila Hamilton, Ron and Linda Vaughan, Bonnie Thiele, Julia Summers, Bob and Neva Stevenson, Troy Garrett and Tammy Thompson, Jesse Ramirez, Rose Boren, Connie Smith, Barbara Harrell, Dolores Marcelino, Nan and Jim Maxfield, Jessica Stone, Landes, Robin, and Cassel Dung, Mark Figueroa, Greg Smith – those (including some of these) who give cash to cover some main courses – Methodist Women's Fellowship with paper goods – our friend Linda from the Congregational Church – food items and cash that show up anonymously May all of you be blessed with abundance that you might continue to be a blessing to those who have less. Love you, Pastor Mary





TUMC LIBRARY NEWS UPDATE!

From Linda Galicia, incoming Church School Superintendent

Yes, TUMC friends, our new and improved quaint library will be opened for business on Sunday October 6. We will be opened before Sunday school at 8:30, after the Sunday service, and before Kids Game Day at 2:30.

We have lots of children’s fictional books, some non-fiction books based on nature, space, etc..., and some novels for upper grade students, young adult literature from some Reader’s Digest series with several types of literary stories within each book, and interesting non-fiction pieces. There are some Bible story books, holiday theme literature pieces, biographies on Martin Luther King, and Barrack Obama, poetry, and How to Make Things.

Book donations are always welcomed. You may give the donated books to Lynnda Boswell, Pastor Mary or Linda Galicia. Please take a computer label and write the name of the person who donated the book. The office staff will make sure I get the books to place on a special bookcase honoring those who have donated for a terrific cause known as literacy. We are also in need of culturally diverse literature, and autobiographical children and young-youth fiction. Thank-you in advance for any book donations!

We are so excited for our children to read and plant a garden of books. Jesus Loves You so read a book! Read! Enjoy! Make Discoveries by reading books! Free book marks will be given to each student who checks out a book.

Come to our open house on October 6, 2019!

If you have any questions feel free to call the church office or Linda Galicia at 690-6302.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

"We greatly appreciate your support as we work worldwide to provide physical and spiritual aid to suffering people in the Name of Jesus Christ. Your generosity will enable us to continue sharing the love of Christ and the hope of the Gospel." (Samaritan's Purse)

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- * Put together a gift shoe box. (Due Nov 10 at church, or at the office that week.)
- * Or make a money donation.
- * Boxes available in the church office.

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

Thank you again, and may God bless you.



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Every Sunday (OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, 27)

- 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 (OCTOBER 7, 14, 21, 28)

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 (OCTOBER 1, 8, 14, 22, 29)

2:00 **Twin Oaks Devotional**

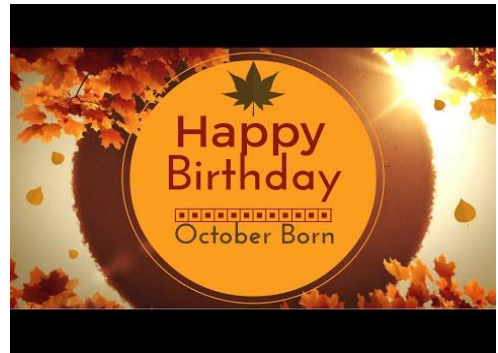
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| Tues., Oct. 1 | 10:00 | <u>Hispanic/Latino</u> | Pastor's Office |
| Tues., Oct. 1 | 6:00 | <u>Finance Meeting</u> | Fireside |
| Sun., Oct. 6 | 11:15 | <u>Trustees Meeting</u> | Fireside |
| Mon., Oct 7 | 11:00 | <u>Education Meeting</u> | Fireside |
| Tues., Oct 8 | 4:00 | <u>Outreach</u> | Fireside |
| Sun., Oct 13 | 11:15 | <u>Church Council</u> | Fireside |



Mark your calendars

**Charge Conference with District
Superintendent Debra Brady**

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



- 1 DOROTHY RICHMOND**
- 1 CHRIS HARRELL**
- 2 CAITLYN BELTRAN**
- 5 CLARICE HEFFLEFINGER**
- 8 NAKAYLA SUAREZ**
- 11 BILL HALL**
- 11 TERRY BESSINGER**
- 11 NAN MAXFIELD**
- 14 MIRACLE GONZALEZ**
- 16 ANN PETERSEN**
- 16 GRANT COOPER**
- 16 EVELYN BENSON**
- 22 PAULIANN GONZALES**
- 24 MARY ANN SZAKALA**
- 25 ESAIEZ AMADOR**
- 27 BARBARA HARRELL**
- 28 CESAR BELTRAN**
- 28 SIMON PAMPLONA**
- 30 ANGELICA GARCIA**



29 ED & ROSEMARIE BOREN

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



OCTOBER

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 10am HLM Mtg 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional 6pm Finance Mtg	2	3	4	5
6 8:00 Hope Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 11:15 Trustees Mtg 3:00 - Kids Game Day	7 11am Education Mtg **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary	8 MWF 10am Fireside Rm 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional 4pm Outreach	9	10	11	12 Spiritual Gifts Wrkshp 5 – 8 Parsonage
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Children and Youth



9:00 – 9:50 AM Every Sunday –
North Wing of the Education
Building

Pre-K-3rd Grade: Linda Vaughan &
Robin Dung - Large Group-Small
Group Curriculum

Fourth-Fifth Grade: Patty
Pamplona - Older Elementary

Youth: Megan & Cesar Beltran and
Greg Smith



Worship – Children’s Church – 10:00-11:00 AM: We have a new plan for ALL children to stay in the Sanctuary during the Worship Hour. After the Children’s Message, Pre-Kdg – 5th Grade kids may take a packet with coloring and activity sheets to support their learning. Sixth Grade Youth, and older, are expected to participate fully in Worship.



Faith Service Xtreme – September 13 – 15

Thank you for supporting our Youth Group in attending this wonderful United Methodist Service Retreat.

15 youth attended and some helped lead Worship at Point Pleasant UMC





From Nan Maxfield, Outreach Chair

“Breakfast Before Church” in Wesley Hall

Someone might meet Jesus for the first time in your smile and in your welcoming voice. You might be just the encouragement for the soul that your guests need that Sunday morning.

Starting this Month, Brothers & Sisters, you're invited and welcome to join the “SUNDAY PANCAKE THROW-DOWN” TEAMS !!!

How about mixing up some pancake batter from a box? Too messy? Then.....you can “flip” those pancakes, serve the plates, wash the tables, and greet the guests.

You will be a part of our Sunday morning “WELCOMING TEAM FOR JESUS!” -- The first Sunday of every month we need: 1 or 2 more “VOLUNTEER PANCAKE WRESTLERS”

The third Sunday of every month we need “2 or 3 MORE PANCAKE WRESTLERS”

You are also Welcome to join any of OUR FIVE SUNDAY TEAMS! Previous experience is not necessary for new volunteers. It's a team effort. People with experience will be there to guide the process. THIS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY JOB OF BLESSING !

The fifth Sundays are hosted by our Vida Nueva TUMC Church.

TIME OF KITCHEN CREW: 7:30am for pre-cooking, serving 8:30 - 9:30, then wiping down tables, putting away supplies, and washing up the coffee pot & utensils. Just in time to get over to Church at 10am. The teams develop their own routines and food menus. Mostly we serve pancakes, but some teams decide to bring in supplemental foods or specialty foods.

TO VOLUNTEER OR TO ASK QUESTIONS,
Please call the office 686-8523 or Nan Maxfield at 686-5051

“Christ told us to fish for people – sometimes we use pancakes for bait!”

~ Pastor Mary



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.

Collection Box locations:

The Clothes Closet by Wesley Hall: Sundays-8:30-9:30 & Mondays-5-6 pm

The Sanctuary: *Sunday mornings* inside the “G” Street West Entrance door.

The Office: *Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays:* 9am- 1pm



STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Claire Grant, Stephen Leader

Our Stephen Ministers have completed the required 50 hours of training, have been commissioned and are now ready to begin the ministry they have been called to do.

They are a wonderful group of dedicated people and are anxious to serve.

We invite anyone who would like to avail themselves of this caring ministry to contact Pastor Mary. Another period of training will begin sometime in the new year. We would welcome anyone who feels a call to participate to contact Pastor Mary or Connie Smith or me.

Congratulations on your Commissioning: Bob Duncan, Robin Dung, Eric Gong, Steve Gong and Dolores Marcelino. We are blessed by your Christian Caring!

When we take vows to become a member of Tulare United Methodist Church, we pledge to support our Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. In order to make the leap to having a fulltime pastor in July 2020, we are asking that you increase your giving by 15%. If you are on a fixed income, then can you give more of your time? If you are limited in your physical abilities, can you pray more for our Church and tell others about the difference that being part of TUMC has made for you? It's clear that everyone is already increasing their presence – participation in worship, Bible Study, Sunday School, youth group, devotions, small groups, events and hospitality, committees, etc are all steadily increasing! Be on the lookout toward the middle of this month for your 2020 pledge card. We look forward to celebrating your increased giving. Yours in Christ, Evelyn Benson



All Saints Day Memorial Mums

On November 3rd we will be remembering our beloved dead. If you would like to purchase a mum in memory of the life of someone you love please pick up a form in the church office. The cost is \$15.00 their names will be listed in the bulletin on November 3rd.



Thank you for your chair donations for the Hispanic-Latino Ministries Chapel.



Harvest Dinner

It's that time again for our delicious,
Turkey Dinner so get your tickets early!

Nov 3rd is the Dinner

11am to 1pm

Dinners can be picked up in Wesley Hall.

\$15.00 adults and \$7.50 for Children

Tickets go on sale October 6th this year. 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

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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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Landes Dung,

Music Coordinator/Director

Catalina Daggett, Organist

Andrew Summers,

Technical Services Director

Max Muhlenbrock, Custodian

Julia Summers,

Events Coordinator

Monthly Messenger: Deadline to submit information for the November Messenger is Monday October 21st by noon.