



TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE MESSENGER

October 2020



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Our Mission Statement:

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

Remarks from Pastor Allison



In 2019, we celebrated 100 years of women having the right to vote. My foremothers fought hard for that right, enduring ridicule, arrest, and even physical duress. I honor their sacrifices and effort every time I vote in an election. And I am a voter! I vote in presidential elections, off-year elections, local elections, school bond elections. It is both a right and a responsibility.

My faith has informed my vote since I was a teenager. I use the lens of the gospel to understand the issues and candidates' positions. I pray for wisdom as I select the candidates for whom to vote. I hope that you do the same.

This year, our electorate is more polarized than ever and there will be strong feelings on all sides. However, it isn't the first time that is true, and it won't be the last. As we prepare to exercise our vote, a right and a responsibility, I share with you this advice given by John Wesley to those who could vote in 18th century England. The words are as much for us as they were for his time!



"I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy: 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against: And, 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

— John Wesley, October 6, 1774



Tulare UMC Preaching Plan

Dates: October 4 – November 8

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A Disciple's Path

Date	Scripture(s)	Title	Notes
10/04	Luke 10:25-28	"A Disciple's Path"	World Communion Sunday
10/11	Matthew 6:5-15	"Prayer"	
10/18			Laity Sunday – Megan Beltran preaching
10/25	Exodus 35:4-5a, 20-21, 36:2-7; 2 Corinthians 8:1-4, 9:6-12, 1 Timothy 6:16-17	"Gifts"	
11/1	John 1:29-42	"Witness"	All Saints' Sunday
11/8	Matthew 25:34-40; 1 Peter 2:4-10	"Servanthood"	Veteran's Day Sunday



Dear brothers,

My wish is that you are well in this time of pandemic, our routine and the way we carry out ministry have changed, but we are learning to serve the Church and our community in these times. Hereby I want to thank the opportunity to serve in TUMC with a community of Faith in Spanish, to be able to serve and help in their spiritual journey of our community. We usually have our Sunday meeting every Sunday at 8:00 am and we are inviting our neighbors to have a place to worship there. I want to invite you to send me your prayer requests, I have the meeting on facebook live every Monday at 5:00 am we are here to serve and work as a team with Rev. Allison Byerley, Please send your reasons for prayer by text 559-544-8690 or email: escarzaga1@gmail.com In this

month of October we have the celebration of world communion which invites us to participate in this means of grace to be more willing to his Holy Spirit to grow and learn to share with those most in need. You and I can offer our talents to help others in, my prayer is to inspire others in Christ Jesus.

Peace. Rev. Marcelo Escarzaga.



****Starting Wednesday, October 7th**, look for a weekly email with news, reminders, and prayer requests.

Methodist Women's Fellowship

There will be no meeting in October. Hopefully we will be able to get back together in November. In the meantime, please buy and sell Harvest Dinner tickets. I will need to have a few people help me "chop" up ingredients the week of October 25th and a few to help serve. Please call me if you are interested.

Thank you for all you do.

Julia Summers, President (559-901-5067)

Would you like to put your cleaning skills to work?

Let me offer you a new opportunity! The "bug" guy has now sprayed the basement kitchen...so now we have to put everything back. I need people



to...wash walls...wash cupboards...put in shelf liners...and wash dishes. I need help! If you can help, please call me. Only small crews...Covid-19 protocols followed.

Thank you!!!! Julia Summers 559-901-5067



Due to COVID-19 this year's **Harvest Festival** is changing to a **Trunk or Treat** Saturday, October 31st, from 4pm to 5pm in the church parking lot. Donations of candy or small toys, hot dogs, buns, small bags of chips, juice boxes and prepackaged cookies are needed. So far we have 4 cars but would love to have 10 to 12 cars in the lot.



Worship

How you can worship with TUMC:

Before you attend Courtyard service ask yourself the following questions.

Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

If you have any of these symptoms please attend an alternate service

Worship in the Courtyard. 9am Mask must be worn at all times, use hand sanitizer, you will be seated by the ushers. Please do not shake hands or hug. Reservations are preferred with the Church office or call Lynnda Boswell (559) 302-8451 or Julia Summers (559) 901-5067

Sermon By Phone



If you don't have internet or are not comfortable coming to church, you can listen to it on Sermon By Phone simply call 559 205-0837 English.

Online Services found  on Channel: Tulare UMC.

Hispanic Service
with Pastor Marcelo

Sundays at 8AM in the courtyard by the cross.






October



Birthdays - **Orange**

Anniversaries - **Brown**

Meetings - **Dark Red**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dorothy Richmond Sarah Duran Chris Harrell	2	3
4 Hispanic Worship 8am Courtyard Worship 9am Courtyard	5 Clarice Hefflefinger	6 Finance Meeting 6:00 Fireside Room	7 A Disciples Path Bible Study 6pm Facebook Room	8 Nakayla Suraez	9	10
11 Hispanic Worship 8am Courtyard Worship 9am Courtyard Church Council following worship Bill Hall Terry Bessinger Nan Maxfield	12	13	14 A Disciples Path Bible Study 6pm Facebook Room Miracle Gonzalez	15	16 Evelyn Benson Grant Cooper Ann Peterson	17
18 Hispanic Worship 8am Courtyard Worship 9am Courtyard	19	20	21 A Disciples Path Bible Study 6pm Facebook Room	22 Pauliann Gonzales	23	24 Committee 2021 Budget Request Due today Mary Ann Szakala
25 Hispanic Worship 8am Courtyard Worship 9am Courtyard Esaiez Amador	26	27 Barbara Harrell	28 A Disciples Path Bible Study 6pm Facebook Room Cesar Beltran Donovon Hernandez Simon Pamplona	29 Ed & Rosemarie Boren	30 Angelica Garcia	31 Happy Halloween  Trunk or Treat 4pm to 5pm

Your Birthday or Anniversary is not on this calendar please let me know. Thanks, Lynnda

172ND SESSION OF THE
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2020



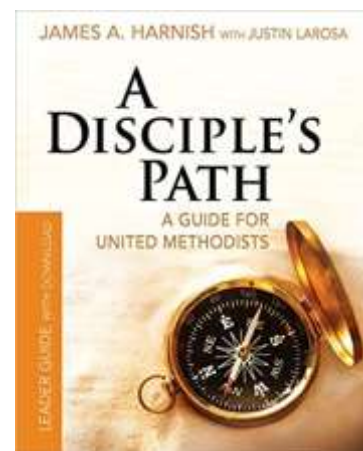
BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. Psalm 46:10a - California-Nevada Annual Conference

As Lay Member for Tulare UMC to the 172nd CNAC, I was a virtual participant in the work of the Church. Laity and Clergy took responsibility for learning and sharing in ways that we can be the disciples that Jesus calls us to be. In the opening session, we were reminded that, of all the changes we've been required to make in 2020, one thing remains the same: God in our lives! Remember to 'be still and know that I am God' and reverently honor His power and majesty! Whether it is coronavirus, understanding racism, fires, hurricanes, or usual challenges that demand serious changes in our ways of thinking and doing things, we have our community of believers with God at the center! I have been reading, studying, and praying on the issue of racism and oppression in our country, so I was particularly blessed when Bishop Carcaño, the Cabinet, and Clergy joined with Laity's panel discussion on the topic. My personal experiences are unique beginning in South Dakota with oppression of the indigenous population, teaching in Oxnard and Fresno before coming to Tulare, and teaching with Migrant Education families in Tulare County. I welcome a call or email from anyone who would like to continue this conversation or share resources. Again, we are asked to be courageous Christians, standing up for what is right, and to be disciples as Jesus taught! One idea, which we all share, is stated by the psalmist: Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. Psalm 46:10. Blessings, Bonnie Thiele

Small Group study begins
Wednesday October 7, 2020
Order your study guide from the office.
The price of the workbook is \$11.00

We will be using Facebook's Rooms and a link will be emailed on Wednesday mornings.

If you know you will be participating, email Pastor Allison and she will also text the link to you as a reminder.



World Communion Sunday – Raising up new leaders to transform the world

Nelson Mandela said, “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”

On World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6, we will receive a special offering to support scholars in their education. Because of our giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands. On the first Sunday in October, our designated gifts benefit students around the world by providing scholarships, mentoring and training.

For example, the scholarship helped Annie Solis Escalante, who is from Peru, complete a master’s degree in social management. After graduation, she put her education to use by developing projects with the Health and Healing Program of the World Council of Churches in Geneva.

As we come together to receive Holy Communion along with Christians around the world, we recognize our unity and shared commitment to building God’s kingdom on earth. Together, we help raise up new leaders around the world, equipping them to be agents of change. Please give generously on Oct. 4th.



We will remember those of our church family who have passed from our midst and entered into the fullness of the kingdom of God. Help us remember them by sharing a memory of someone and/or a picture.

The names and dates of passing we have in the office at this time are:

Bob Moore 12/18/19
Tesimoni Felemi 1/6/20
Patrick Jones 2/19/20

Jo Sullivan 6/17/20
Jack Ribeiro 7/6/20
Satini Tautuaa
8/18/20

Bob Mulder 9/11/20
Mary Gong 9/16/20
Sandra Gist-Langiano
9/20/20



Methodist Women's Fellowship



**Sunday, November 1, 2020
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Take out only – enter alley off of Kern St.

Menu – turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, broccoli salad, cranberry sauce, roll, and pumpkin or apple slap pie

Adult \$15.00 Child \$7.50

Get tickets from Beth Cox or the Church Office 686-8523

Monday – Wednesday 9:00-1:00 p.m.

Tickets must be reserved by October 22

The Methodist Women's Fellowship needs your help! The proceeds from this dinner help to pay for all the paper products used at the church for all of our events and ministries. It also helps to pay for other projects needing financial backing and several community charities. PLEASE, buy dinner tickets, but also try to sell dinner tickets to your friends. The entire meal will be cooked at the church by a small crew. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed. PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS FROM BETH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



Free Event!



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 31, 2020 4:00 to 5:00 pm.

Parking lot: Tulare United Methodist Church
228 W. Kern Street



Hot Dogs/Candy/Prizes



Mask Required

Mask will be provided if you do not have one.

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Return Service Requested

PHONE

(559) 686-8523

OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00am – 1:00pm



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