



TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE MESSENGER

April 2021



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Our Mission Statement:

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

Remarks from Pastor Allison



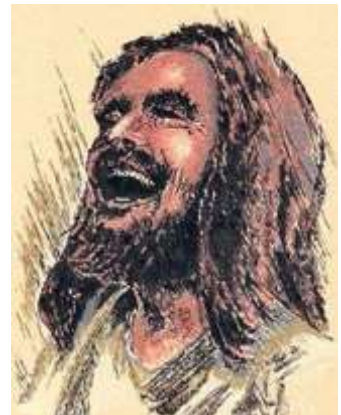
This is my favorite time of year! I love the warm days and the explosion of color from all the trees and plants in bloom. But most of all, I love the season of Easter.

The somber season of Lent gives way to the joy and light of Easter. I eagerly await the singing of the great Charles Wesley hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," which Landes and Catalina will bless us with on Easter Sunday. If Christmas is about God putting on flesh and dwelling among us, Easter is about overcoming the limitations of our flesh and our dwelling with God in God's kingdom. Jesus has fulfilled his purpose and we are reconciled to God through him.

I hope that you have made your reservation for Easter Sunday and you will be with us at either 7 AM or 10 AM for worship!

This year we are going to continue the Easter celebration on the Sunday after Easter with an old, old tradition that I discovered and recovered several years ago. It's called "Holy Humor Sunday" and can be traced back to the medieval monasteries. The monks saw Easter as God's great practical joke on Satan, who thought he had won when Jesus was sealed in the tomb. But it was God who had the last laugh when the women came to find that same tomb empty and then met the risen Christ. As the hymn "Up from the Grave He Arose" says, "He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign." All week after Easter, these monks would celebrate and party, and they would play practical jokes on one another.

We will remember the joy of Easter with Holy Humor Sunday on April 11th. I hope you'll get into the spirit of the day and find a way to express your joy. In past services, I have seen people wear silly hats or ties. We'll help you with a special sticker! We'll tell some knock-knock jokes, have the chance to laugh at some funny Christian comedians and hear a message that reminds us that we are called to be joyful.



To get you started, I've included one of my favorite drawings of someone imagining what Jesus might have looked like.

HAPPY EASTER!!

Tulare UMC Preaching Plan

Dates: April 1 – April 25

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Date			
Date	Scripture(s)	Title	Notes
4/1	Luke 22:14-20, 39-46	"Sharing Jesus' Last Meal"	Maundy Thursday
4/2	Various	Service of Nails	Good Friday
4/4	Luke 24:1-12	"A Future with Hope"	Easter; Communion
4/11	John 15:9-11, Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8-10	"The Dee-dah Day"	Holy Humor Sunday
4/18	Luke 24:13-35	"Our Companion"	
4/25	Genesis 2:4b-8, 15, 18-23	"Grounded"	Earth Day

April Bible readings

Date	Passage
April 1	Luke 22:1-27
April 2	Luke 23:32-47
April 3	Luke 23:44-56
April 4	Luke 24:1-12



No Bible Study April 5th and April 7th. We resume April 12th with a new study on Daniel - Spiritual Living in a Secular World.





The many ways to worship with TUMC:

Before you attend worship in the sanctuary service ask yourself.

How am I feeling? (If you are not feeling well or are running a fever)

If you are not feeling well or are running a fever please attend an alternate service.

Mask must be worn at all times on the church property; use hand sanitizer; you will be seated by the ushers. Please do not shake hands or hug.

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 YouTube Channel: Tulare UMC.



Hispanic Service:

with Pastor Marcelo
Sundays at 9AM in the Kay Poston Room.

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Maunder Thursday 6:30 pm in the
Sanctuary

Good Friday 6:30 pm in the
Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service 7:00 am in the Courtyard

Hispanic Service 9:00 am Kay Poston Room

Worship 10:00 am in the Sanctuary - Reservations are required.

Please call early - Julia 901-5067 or Lynnda 302-8451.
We may need to add an additional service.



Methodist Women's Fellowship

The Methodist Women's Fellowship will meet on Zoom for our monthly meeting, Tuesday, April 13th, at 10:00 a.m. Carol Hall will be the host. Last month we had 13 of us! Don't forget that lunch will be delivered to all the members on Monday, April 12th, starting at about 10:00. We look forward to seeing you at our Zoom meeting!



Methodist Women's Fellowship Annual Spring Dinner

Sunday, April 25
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
\$15 adults, \$7.50 children



Tickets are on Sale Now

Take out only

Tri-tip, Potato Casserole, Buttered Carrots, Asparagus with Italian Dressing,
Roll, Peach Apricot Cobbler

Spring is the time for our church to have a facelift. Our balcony needs to be sanded and painted, and The Methodist Men will head this project, but we need your help. We would like to do this after Easter, so if you are able to help, please let the Church Office know. Thank you,

Beth Cox, Trustees Chair



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We are now setup for **online giving**. Go to our website and click on the Give button at the top of our home page. It is an easy way to stay up-to-date on your pledge! You can may a one-time gift or set it up for recurring gifts.



April 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30	2 Good Friday Service 6:30	3
4 EASTER Sunrise Service Courtyard 7am Hispanic Service 9am Easter Worship 10am	5 NO Bible Study	6	7 No Bible Study 6:00 pm	8	9	10
11 Hispanic Service 9am Worship Service 10am Church Council 11am	12 Bible Study 11:30 am	13	14 Bible Study 6:00 pm	15	16	17 Food Pantry 11:30 – 12:30
18 Hispanic Service 9am Worship Service 10am	19 Bible Study 11:30 am	20	21 Bible Study 6:00 pm	22	23	24
25 Hispanic Service 9am Worship Service 10am	26 No Bible Study	27	28 Bible Study 6:00 pm	29	30	

April Birthdays

6 HARRY PERRY
7 WAYNE BIXLER
9 WILLIAM TAUTUAA
14 LYNNDA BOSWELL

15 RON VAUGHAN
20 JEANETTE MITCHELL
21 GABRIEL BELTRAN
30 FRANCINE VAN HOUTEN

April Anniversaries

4 JEFFREY CHAVEZ & LYNNDA BOSWELL

7 STEVE & JUN GONG

Educational Committee News

By Linda Galicia Educational co-coordinator

Our first Zoom Sunday Funday on March 21, 2021 was a huge hit. With the efforts of Linda Vaugh, Robin Dung, Bonnie Thiele, Pastor Allison, and Linda Galicia we had 10 families attend the event via Zoom. Postcards were mailed to each child, texts and RSVP phone calls were tallied, reminder phone calls were made, games were created and organized, the agenda was created, packets were assembled, and pizzas were purchased and delivered to families.

The next upcoming event will be on Easter Sunday after our service at 11:00. We will have a Fun event immediately after service. There will be a children's video, Easter packets, and an Easter Egg Hunt. Hope to see everyone on this day. We will have the Hunt according to different age categories. The youngest children will go first, the older primary, and then youth. Hope to see you on this blessed day.

Sincerely,
Linda Galicia



March 20th Food Pantry Soft Opening – Served 18 individuals provided food for 80 without advertising. Thank you all for your donations. A special thank you to all that helped Saturday March 12th.

We are moving forward with our Food Pantry. There are still items we will need to have for our official opening on Saturday, April 17th 11:30 – 12:30.

We need the following: flour, sugar, cereal, dried beans, rice, tomato sauce, canned vegetables, peanut butter and jelly. The week of April 11th we can use corn & flour tortillas, potatoes & eggs.

We are partnering with the Central California Foodbank to be sure we have enough food to give those needing food to get them through the end of the month.



Thank you all for your help with our soft opening. Pastor Allison, we could not have done this without your help and encouragement.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00am – 1:00pm



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