



TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE MESSENGER

August 2020



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Our Mission Statement:

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

Remarks from Pastor Allison



Big changes are coming! We are ready to resume in-person worship, though in a different way than when we last gathered in March. We will be worshiping outdoors in our courtyard! In talking with DS Debra Brady, she indicated that outdoor worship is preferable and that the Porterville churches were trying it in July. Julia Summers began modifications to our relaunch protocol and I visited the Porterville service on their first Sunday. The more the relaunch team talked, the more excited we became.

So, what will this look like? We will have canopies set up on the lawn for worshipers with chairs that will already have any worship materials (order of service and communion for August 2nd) in place when you arrive. You will enter by the south gate (by the office) and leave by the west gate.

Your temperature will be checked and masks are required. You will be escorted to your place by one of the ushers and we will maintain social distancing. Family groups will sit together.

Landes and part of the praise band will be on the upper level bringing us music. I'll be on the lower level using a platform for better viewing. I'll be wearing a face shield as well. I'll have a children's message for the young people in attendance, and we will have some packets for them. The service will be about 40-45 minutes.

After worship, you will be escorted to the west gate exit. I know that it will be tempting to linger and visit with folks after the service, but I ask you to continue practicing good habits, including masks and keeping six feet apart.

If you are not comfortable attending worship in person right now, don't worry! Our online worship service will continue as before. Look for the link no later than Sunday morning in your email or on Facebook.

Additionally, we will begin a Zoom Bible study this month on 2 Corinthians. In this letter Paul addresses the nature of discipleship and how a disciple responds to and transforms pain and suffering. How appropriate for our time!

Worship

Sermon Series on Grace

I promised you a sermon series on grace, and it's coming! Beginning the first Sunday in August, we begin a six week sermon series on grace.

08/02	Ephesians 2:1-10	"Saved by Grace"
08/09	Luke 19:1-10	"Jesus' Bad Manners"
08/16	2 Kings 5:1-18	"Is Grace Too Easy?"
08/23	Matthew 20:1-16	"Grace Ain't Fair"
08/30	Jonah 1:1-17, 3:1-4:11	"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
09/06	Philemon (entire book)	"Risky Grace"

Protocols for Worship:

Our protocols have been approved and we will be able to have In-person Worship Services, beginning August 2! We will be meeting together outside in the Courtyard. In order to continue having In-person Worship Services, we must all work together to follow all of the safety protocols. Remember John Wesley's Three Simple Rules: Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God. Here are the safety protocols and instructions we are to follow:

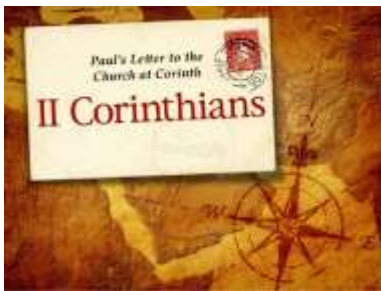
- Make reservations with the Church office. Call Lynnda Boswell (559) 302-8451 or Julia Summers (559) 901-5067. Let us know how many in your family will be seated together and what service you would prefer. 8:30 or 10:00 a.m.
- Arrive at the Church 20 to 30 minutes before the service begins in order to allow for time to enter. Use the South gate.
- Your temperature will be taken at the gate.
- Once inside the gate, use the hand sanitizer from the touchless dispenser.
- Wear a mask on the Church grounds. Masks are to be worn at all times.
- Please do not greet anyone with a hug or handshake. Waves and friendly greetings are wonderful!
- Inside the Courtyard, you will be guided to your seat by an usher.
- After the service, ushers will direct you to the west gate to exit.
- The offering plate will be at the west gate at the end of the service.
- As you exit, please use the hand sanitizer again.
- Only the bathroom off the Educational wing will be used. Lower the toilet before flushing the toilet. Be sure to wash your hands with soap and water and use the hand sanitizer again at the outer door. An usher will be at the outer door.
- If water or tissue is needed, please signal to an usher and they will bring it to you.
- You are welcome to bring an umbrella as a sun shield.

— meet the — PASTOR

Getting to know Pastor Allison and her getting to know you is tough in these times of limited gatherings and social distancing. But we have come up with a way! Beginning August 10th, we will have a series of small group opportunities for you to come and spend some time with Pastor Allison. It'll be your chance to ask her anything (and she means ANYTHING!) and find out more about her. It'll also be her time to meet you and learn more about you and our church.

The meetings will be held in the courtyard at 10 AM and limited to no more than 10 people, including Pastor Allison. We will all wear masks and chairs will be sanitized and placed six feet apart. Meetings will be Tuesday through Thursday of the weeks of August 9th, August 16th, and August 23rd. Please contact Lynnda in the office to schedule the time you want to come.

If you are not comfortable attending in person, or none of these dates work for you, we will also have Zoom meeting opportunities available, one each week. Emails with dates and times for Zoom will be sent out with the Zoom login information.



Bible study returns in August! We will begin a study of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. This letter centers on questions of discipleship, especially how to be a faithful disciple when life is hard, when there is pain and suffering. Paul knows about pain and suffering! And he knows how to transform our pain into an offering for the glory of God.

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to rage around us, and the illusion of control over our lives is stripped away, Paul's words and lessons have new relevance and importance. Join us via Zoom on Wednesdays at 6 PM as we delve into Paul's writings and apply them to our lives today.

Pastor Allison will lead the study. She will send out each week's readings and questions for reflection ahead of time. Participants are encouraged to read and reflect prior to our meeting, but if life gets crazy, don't worry. Come and you will not only be blessed but be a blessing to all of us!



Are you hungry to study the Bible in-depth? Are you ready to go deep and have an honest conversation with God and others about faith? Then Covenant is for you! Pastor Allison is exploring the interest in a Covenant Bible Study, beginning in September. Groups will include 10-12 people and we will meet for 24 weeks, exploring three 8-week subjects – Creating, Living, and Trusting the covenant God makes with us. Contact Pastor Allison if you are interested.



August Birthdays

- 1 VEISINIA TAUTUAA
- 1 ADRIAN DUNCAN
- 1 JOSTEN SMITH
- 2 BOB DUNCAN
- 3 NATHAN HICKMAN
- 4 TERRY BRAZIL
- 4 PATTY PAMPLONA
- 5 JOSIAH GRAY
- 6 CONNIE DLUGONSKI
- 8 MIKE HUDDLESTON
- 8 CONNIE SMITH (GREG)
- 9 FELICITY SHELLEY
- 9 CONNIE SMITH
- 12 CLAIRE GRANT
- 14 JOHNNY STARLING
- 15 LARRY DLUGONSKI
- 19 JAYDEN WILLIAMS
- 19 DANNY BESSINGER
- 23 TIFFANIE SHAW
- 25 ANGEL REZENDIZ
- 25 SHYANE BANKSTON
- 26 DAWSYN DIAS

August Anniversaries

- 1 TINO & LINDA GALICIA
- 3 GARYALYNN & WILLIE WILHELM
- 11 BOB & NEVA STEVENSON



Satini Tautuaa and his family, also Julia Summers' father William Nicholls and their family.



– Submitted by Linda Galicia, Education Chair
TUMC Education Meeting Via Zoom, July 10, 2020

The CA-NV Conference, Central Valley District gave a mandate stating there will be no in-person meetings with children even when protocols are in place and Sunday worship opens. The TUMC Education team has to organize Sunday School for Children in a different, creative way than before COVID-19. We will be offering online Sunday School beginning August 9th. Each child will be given a tote bag with supplies. The team also wants to have a Church Buddy assigned to every child. The adult would check in with the child encourage him or her, and share a short prayer. If you are interested in being a buddy, contact Linda Galicia. Shellene Dias will create birthday cards and send them to all the children throughout the year. Robin will be creating a video montage of our children. She has contacted parents by text and is asking them to create a short one minute video of something their child enjoys doing. We will also need to update our parent permission forms for online children photography and video taping. Our next Zoom Education Meeting will be Monday, August 31, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. If you have any questions feel free to call Linda Galicia.



Beginning Sunday August 2, 2020 we will serve breakfast out the alley door of Wesley Hall. TUMC is continuing to serve our neighbors and our homeless community on Sunday providing Burritos, Danish, Coffee and water. Monday evening we are serving about 60 meals. We would not be able to serve our community without the help of all of you. Words cannot express how much this means to our neighbors and homeless community. We would like to thank everyone for their help on Sunday morning and Monday night.

We continue to need bottled water to hand out.





Summer Card Shower

Some of our beloved members will not be able to attend worship.
Would you please put a card in the mail to one or more of the following people?

Lavon Brogan 547 E. Walnut Ave. Rm 17, Visalia CA 93277

Margaret Allen Twin Oaks, 897 N. M Street, #312A Tulare CA 93274

Bobbi Moore 1087 N. Manor Drive, Tulare CA 93274

Don Boswell Twin Oaks 999 N. M Street # 109, Tulare CA 93274

Clarice Hefflefinger Twin Oaks 999 N. M Street # 107, Tulare CA 93274

Richard Montgomery Twin Oaks 999 N. M Street # 216, Tulare CA 93274

Marian Vander Wall 2450 Almaden, Tulare CA 93274

Tony and MaryAnn Szakala 2375 E. Sunset, Tulare CA 93274

Terry and Sandra Langiano 3216 W. Coppola Ave., Tulare CA 93274

Linda Day PO Box 603, Tulare, CA 93274

Gerry Soultis 34 Molenstraat St., Visalia, CA 93274

If I have missed anyone please let me know so I can include them in the future.



Annual Conference Session 2020

We had planned to meet in-person, but the surge of COVID-19 prohibits us from doing so. But, meet we will! We will meet virtually. - Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño



This is also a good way of teaching your children or grandchildren the Lord's Prayer!



Thank you Julia Summers and Neva Stevenson for the mask that you have made for so many people in our congregation and community. You are truly a blessing.

Many thanks to all who bring food and water for Monday night.

Thank you to the Gong Family for all you do to support our Outreach.

Blessing
of the
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Blessing of the Backpacks

It's Back to School time again! As our children and youth prepare to return to school (virtually), we are going to have a special blessing of students' backpacks on Sunday, August 9th. Children who attend worship in person will receive a blessing live and take home a tag for their backpacks. Children who are not able to attend in person will be able to access a video blessing online and their tag will be sent to their home by the Christian Ed committee.

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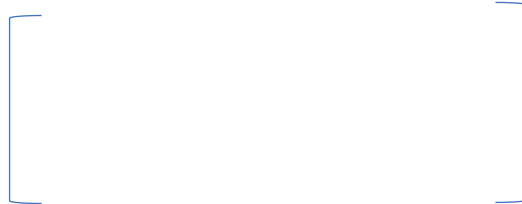
OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00am – 1:00pm



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Music Coordinator/Director

Catalina Daggett, Organist

Andrew Summers,

Technical Services Director

Max Muhlenbrock, Custodian

Julia Summers,

Events Coordinator