



TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THE MESSENGER

August 2019



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



SECOND ANNUAL YOUTH (AND FRIENDS) TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA

Aug 4th at 3pm in Sanctuary

Featuring our children and youth
with a special performance by One Nation
*Free will offering to benefit
Youth Retreats and Camping*



All Church Cleaning Day Saturday August 10th

8:00am – 12 noon

We need your help! It is time to get our Sunday School rooms
and the Hispanic Chapel (former Kay Posten Room) ready for the new school year!

Lunch provided



Mary's Musings

Jet skiing for the very first time was among the varied and rich experiences I had during my week long summer vacation. I went with my son John, 22, and daughter Zola, 20, and her best friend. Imagine my shock when after just 5 minutes of instruction we were handed the keys to these powerful fuel filled vessels and told "Have fun!" And so we did, but only after some pretty scary moments of figuring out how to use the power we had been given. At first we putted along, afraid of tipping over, not sure how to safely slow down, finding our balance – but within half an hour we were speeding around, even seeking out the wakes of boats, until we found a little cove in which to swim and play. Zola and her friend had no trouble at all getting on and off the jet ski. But my son and I were completely waterlogged before we managed to get back on – laughter and a lack of coordination are a bad

combination! Because I am teaching Acts of the Apostles for No Barriers Bible Study, and also planning to preach some on the early Church, I have been thinking lots about how thrilling and terrifying it must have been for the followers of Jesus to receive the awesome gift of the power of the Holy Spirit with barely more instructional time than I was given with the jet ski. "Preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all the nations!" Here are your keys. GO! We will continue to learn together how to use the power of God that we have been given at TUMC. Let's have fun in the joy of the Lord! Blessings, Pastor Mary

August Worship Topics

We know the big personalities of the early Church: Peter, Paul, and James. But what about the men and women who provided support and encouragement for these men to spread the Good News? During August and the first Sunday of September, we will focus on these unsung heroes of our faith.

August 4 HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon Title: "Barnabas the Encourager, Part 2: Discernment and Courage"

Scripture: Acts 9:19b-30

August 11

Sermon Title: "Barnabas the Encourager, Part 3: Set Apart for Support"

Scripture: Acts 13:1-3, 42-52

August 18 GUEST PREACHER JOSEPH SMITH (Pastor Mary will be here too!)

Sermon Title: "Taking Advantage of Grace"

Scripture: Romans 5:20-21

August 25 FAMILY WORSHIP/BLESSINGS FOR JULY BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MILESTONES

Sermon Title: "Bold Hospitality: Mary the Mother of Mark"

Scripture: Acts 12:1-17

Member of the Month – Robin Dung

Written by Landes Dung

All honor, praise and glory to the amazing God we serve! Our congregation has been blessed by so many wonderfully amazing people that make up “THE CHURCH!” So many kind, loving, caring, compassionate, helpful, considerate, gentle and diverse people I know. I overheard a new brother to our church speaking to another new comer “You have come to the right place! I have never met a warmer set of people anywhere so you are in the right place.” That statement made me praise and thank God immediately!

“Fruits of the Spirit” that is what our church shows so often. There is one person who in my opinion constantly illustrates the “Fruits of the Spirit” – (*Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*) in actions, deeds, teaching and encouraging others. I witness this daily when she works with our grandkids, kids at school and church, adults and even myself. I praise God for blessing our church and myself with this beautiful woman. My lovely wife, Robin Dung.



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH VBS 2019!

FROM RON & LINDA VAUGHAN

In the beginning of planning, it looked like we would have to do double or triple duty, but many persons stepped up to help make this year's event a success! Thank you and Kudos to all of you!

We had the “five Linda’s”: Galicia, Day, Mabry, Vaughan and Boswell (latter helped print materials); Heione & Satini Tatuua, Bonnie Thiele, Landes, Robin, & Cassel Dung, D. J. Richmond, Jun Gong, Bob Duncan, Terry Brazil, Libby Boghosian, and Shellene Dias. Several provided support: Sandra Jones bought food items. Russell and Stuart Lewis helped with transporting the Roman watch tower and chevaux de Frix. Also, we had the help of the Youth, who acted as assistants: Josiah, Anaya, Anthony, Thomas, Exavian, Destiny, Esmeralda, Nelice, Josias, and Esaiez.

Most import of all participants was Pastor Mary, who provided spiritual and enthusiastic support, as well as kicking off the beginning of each of the first three morning with more of her wonderful stories and prayers.

God loves a cheerful giver and there are no two people more enthusiastic about VBS than Ron and Linda Vaughan. Thank you for all that you do to transform our church into a Bible Wonderland every year.





*Let's Get to Know
One Another*

Family Fun Day – Sunday, August 11, 2 - 6pm at the Parsonage (458 E. Wilson):

Parents, grandparents, great grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends are all invited to bring your children and a picnic for an afternoon of fun with Pastor Mary at the TUMC Parsonage, which backs up onto Blain Park. Pastor Mary will provide beverages and popsicles. Come by at any point and join us for a fun time!

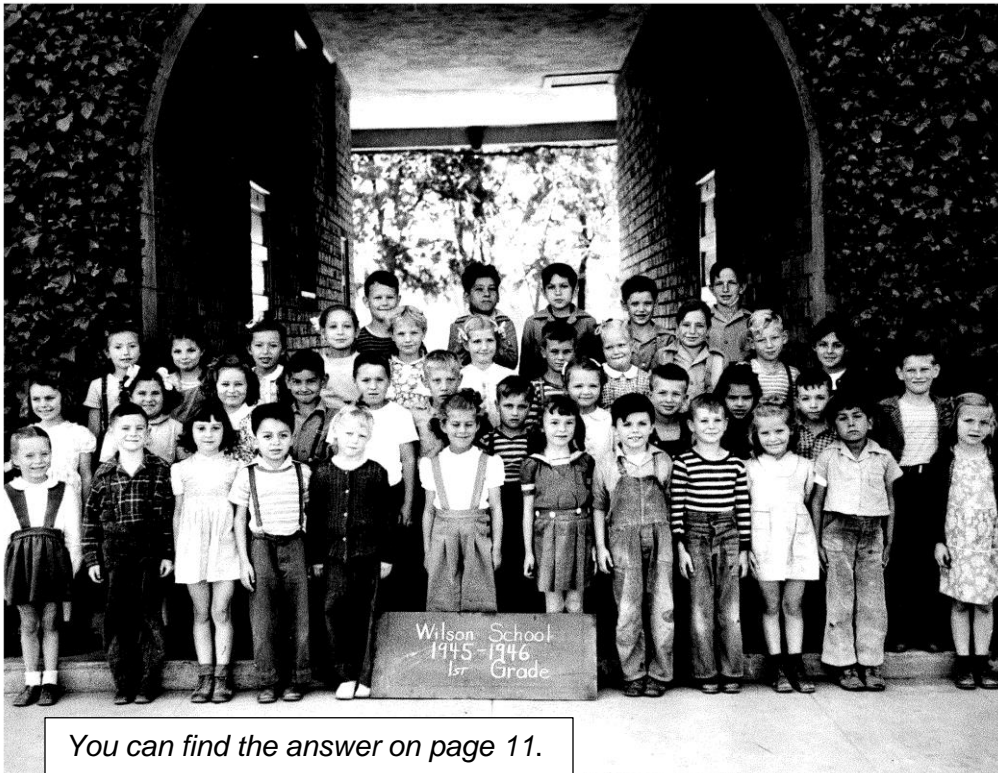
Small Groups:

Would you like to be part of a small group that would meet monthly for food and holy conversation? The question that will start the conversation will be, "How is it with your soul?" with another seasonal follow up question. If you would like to be assigned to a small group, please let the Church Office know by August 15th. Please let us also know if you would like the group you are part of to meet for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or dessert. These groups will meet monthly from September 2019 - May 2020.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Next month we would love to include news of your travels in the Messenger. So, if you've traveled somewhere this summer, we would like to know.

There are 3 members of our church in this photo can you find them?



AUGUST CALENDAR

Every Sunday (AUGUST 4, 11, 18, 25)
 8:00 **Chapel** – Hope Chapel with Holy Communion
 8:30 **Breakfast** – Wesley Hall
 9:00 **Sunday School Classes** (Adult Only until 9/8)
 10:00 **Worship Service**
 3:00 **Kids Game Day** –
 5:00 **Boy Scouts** - Upstairs – Education Wing

Every Monday (AUGUST 5, 12, 19, 26)
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 (AUGUST 6, 13, 20, 27)
 2:00 **Twin Oaks Devotional**

Sun., Aug 4 11:15 Trustees Meeting Fireside
 Mon., Aug 5 11:00 Education Meeting Fireside
 Sun., Aug 11 11:15 Church Council Fireside
 Tues., Aug 13 10:00 Hispanic-Latino Council Fireside
 Tues., Aug 13 4:00 Outreach Fireside
 Sun., Aug 18 11:15 SPRC Fireside
 Tues., Aug 20 6:00 Finance Meeting Fireside

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 26, 2019

9:30 Registration and Refreshments
 10-3 Program

“LANDSCAPES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH”

Women’s Day Retreat with Tulare UMC

Pastor Mary Maaga

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

\$20 Registration for materials & lunch (noon)

RSVP to Bonnie Thiele by October 5, 2019

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- 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**
- 18 **BOB & NEVA STEVENSON**
- 18 **PAUL & BRENDA BROWN**

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



AUGUST

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				1	2	3 Youth Swim Party at Beltrans Meeting at church 3:30
4 8:00 Hope Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Communion 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 11:15 Trustee-Fireside Rm 3:00 Talent Extravaganza 3:00 No - Kids Game Day	5 **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary	6 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional	7	8	9	10 ALL CHURCH CLEANING DAY 8AM – NOON LUNCH PROVIDED
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TUMC Hispanic-Latino Ministries News

****U.S. Citizenship Classes:** August 12th-November 18th: Pastor Escarzaga will offer session one of U.S. Citizenship classes on Mondays, 1-2 pm in the Fireside Room.

**** September 8th:** “Open House” goal of the “Vida Nueva TUMC” (“New Life TUMC”) Chapel. This August-September: paint, carpet, and furnishings will be the goal of volunteers

and donations for the refurbishing of the Kay Posten Room to become the permanent place of worship and Bible Study for our Hispanic-Latino ministry.



”Reaching Out” with “Warmth”



The Clothes Closet would like to offer **hand-made Sew Fleece Blankets** this Fall and Winter to those in need, through our Clothes Closet. **We would like to invite**

your donations of fleece fabric in paired-sets (2 pieces that look good together) : 4’x4’, ’5x6’? (or larger?), for example. **Want to make it yourself? See: “How to Tie together a Fleece Blanket/no Sew Crafts” available online on “YouTube”.** ****OR- **Want to donate the fabric for us to make it? : Please bring the “tied blankets” or the “fleece paired-sets” to the Office or to the volunteers at the Clothes Closet Sunday mornings 8:30-9:30am and during Monday night No Barriers Bible Study (Clothes Closet also open on Monday nights 5-6pm).**



Starting in September we would like to receive warm socks, hats, gloves, scarves, coats, hoodies, sweaters, rain ponchos.

Do you need transportation to medical appointments? Several of our church members use “LogistiCare”. Go to www.logisticare.com .It’s very easy and patient friendly. They transport long and short distances for no cost.

- Scroll down the website to our state of California, then call the number by your insurance carrier.
- Register for the service one month ahead, and hear how to set up your transport reservations. Usually each appointment requires a 5 days notice.





Events and Hospitality

Annual Corn Roast

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Rally Day Kick Off of the Church School Year

After Sunday Worship Service

Basement Social Hall

(No tickets needed this year. Just bring your appetites!)



STEPHEN MINISTRIES

By Claire Grant

After taking a break from our training schedule in July, our team is ready to reconvene and begin the last few sessions that will prepare us to begin our ministry. It is hard to believe that the work we began at the end of March is now nearing completion. I am sure I can speak for all of us who have been involved in this program when I say it has been a most enriching experience.

We are grateful to have been called to participate in this caring ministry.

You will be hearing more about the work we will be doing during the next few weeks. We will be making presentations to the congregation so you will have a better idea of the scope of what we are being trained to do. On Sunday, September 22 Bob, Eric, Steve, Dolores and Robin will be commissioned as trained Stephen Ministers and thereby be ready to begin this caring work.

We would invite any of you who feel they might benefit from having the support of a Stephen Minister to contact Pastor Mary.

Pray for us as we bring this training to a close. Pray that we will be empowered to bring God's love to those who are finding life's journey difficult.

Argggg, it's hot! You know what that means -- more expenses for cooling our Sanctuary, Office, and other places where we gather. Also, no one told Pastor Mary that the Church is supposed to slow down during the summer, so she is continuing to offer all the programs she usually does. We love her for it, but once again -- more expenses for cooling the place. This is just a reminder to be sure to make your pledges and offerings even if you are away on vacation. Blessings, Evelyn Benson





By: Chris Harrell Trustee Chair

What is the most important item for a Church Parsonage to have in the middle of a California summertime? An air conditioner! Thanks to Beth Cox, the Trustees Parsonage liaison, Pastor Mary can relax in comfort.

Recently the a/c completely gave out, and thanks to the home warranty, the Parsonage now has a brand new unit, and Just In Time!

After many years of enjoyment, the Church's playground structure will soon be removed due to safety/insurance issues. We thank our local Boy Scout Troop, who had the structure constructed as part of an Eagle Scout project. It has been greatly used and appreciated by many over the years! A plan is currently being formulated for the next best use of the area. A hopscotch and four-square area for the young and young at heart is a request from many of our youths. If you have any thoughts as to the future of the area, please feel free to contact myself or any of the other Trustees (Troy Garrett, Lewis Marcelino, David Summers, Janelle Coulter, Eric Gong, Sandra Jones, and Beth Cox).

As you have already seen, the Praise Band area has been remodeled for safety concerns, as well as to better suit a band, opposed to a choir which was its original intended purpose. Thanks goes to Gary Crase and his crew for the construction. New carpet will soon cover the area as well. We've been fortunate enough to have found the exact carpeting as the existing altar carpeting. As an added bonus to the remodeled area, is the removal of the organist's privacy wall. Rather than having the feeling of being "tucked away" (thank goodness none of our Organists were ever claustrophobic!), Catalina now has more room to breathe and to work her magic. And now that we are able to fully see for the first time exactly what it takes to play such an instrument, fancy footwork and all, we can greater appreciate having our historic organ, and such a talented Organist to go along with it!

At the time of this writing, the chandelier sits in a restoration shop in Fresno, where it is carefully and dutifully being preserved. From the restoration itself to the eventual re-hanging, this is definitely not a short process, and it will continue to take some time. But once the process is complete, it will be better than it was when it was first installed!

Given the age of our historic Sanctuary and our Church grounds, it is important to keep in mind that Trustees look at repairing with an eye toward restoration first and foremost. That is what sets us apart from many other Churches, no matter how beautiful they all are. A perfect balance can and will be struck for an historic Church like ours to retain its history and still have modern, up to date features. It may take a little more time, a little more patience, and a little more love, but in the end it is well worth it, because our historic Sanctuary and grounds were built to last and stand the test of time, and that they have! There is plenty of new, modern day Churches out there for people to worship in, but unfortunately there are not as many historic Churches. Restoration and preservation starts with being good stewards of the past, while living in modern times. Just think, in the past if people had not stepped up to restore and preserve, we would not have Washington D.C. as we know it today. Nor Boston. Nor Philadelphia or Charleston. Nor Concord, Lexington, or Gettysburg. Restoring and preserving matters. Without it, we lose not only something tangible, such as a building, we lose the ability to connect to our past. As we continue to move forward, help our Church grounds stay connected to its past, all 136 years of it!



From Jessica Stone:

June has been a very exciting, eventful yet a scary month for me. I enjoy volunteering at TUMC every chance I get and helping out with the Clothes Closet has been my pleasure. Not only do I get to share my love of Jesus and clothes I also get to reach out to our homeless community that I myself once was a part of, it gives me an

opportunity to give back to those who reach out to me and the ones that need to know what God can do for them. It also humbles me and helps my faith and love for Jesus grow so much more. Plus I get to make some new amazing friends. I love to share my testimony with others but June has also been one of the scariest months of my life, but has brought me closer to all my family here at TUMC. I suffer from epilepsy and while I was having one of my seizures one night I fell and hit my head on the concrete which caused my brain to swell and next thing I know I was being taken to San Jose and fighting for my life I was alone and scared and the only thing that got me through it was the prayers and love of TUMC. I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for your prayers. If it wasn't for Pastor Mary, Donna Barrier, Nan Maxfield and all of the prayers I don't think I would have made it back home. Never in my life have I been shown so much love from a church before this truly is my home and everyone here is my family. I do ask for your continued prayers for my health is still in jeopardy and still life threatening my left and right frontal lobes are still swollen and can cause other serious health problems. I know many thoughts that they would lose me but God has a different plan for me. He wants me to share my testimony with those who feel lost alone and scared and don't know Jesus Christ as their Savior. I am a will and living disciple of Jesus Christ and am here to be the strength for those who need to hear what Christ can do for them.

Again, I thank you for your love support and continued prayers. I love you all and now know what it's like to be a family.

Thank you.

Answer to question on page 5: Shirley Philpot 6th from the right 1st row, Libby Boghosian from the left 3rd row back 1st person and next to her is Claire Grant.



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Monthly Messenger: Deadline to submit information for the September Messenger is Monday August 19th by noon.

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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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