



**TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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# **THE MESSENGER**

## **May 2019**



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



**Join the TUMC Journey  
and invite a friend**



**\*Youth Group \*Boy Scouts \*Breakfast Before Church**  
**\*support of Lighthouse Ministries \*Vacation Bible School \*Clothes Closet \*Kids Game Day**  
**\*support of Tulare Emergency Aid \*No Barriers Bible Study and Supper \*Field Trips for Children and Youth**  
**\*Drama Program for Children and Youth \*Little Disciples Summer Program for Kindergarten Readiness**  
**\*Hispanic-Latino Church Start \*Holiday Meals**  
**\*Salvation Army Bell Ringers \*Support of Families toward Financial Independence \*Twin Oaks Devotions with Blessing of Prayer Shawls and Blankets**  
**\*Sunday School for All Ages**  
**\*Worship with Historic Organ and Praise Band \*Stephen Ministry \*Top Ten Sing-alongs**  
**\*Children's Church \*Methodist Women Fellowship**  
**\*WORSHIP**

**It's JUBILEE TIME!**

Tickets still available from Beth Cox (553-2969) \$50 per person

May 4<sup>th</sup>

Chinese Cultural Center

5:45 doors open, 6:00 silent auction

7:00 Prime Rib Dinner, Entertainment by One Nation





# Mary's Musings

Christ's saving work is ongoing in the lives of Christian believers. I have long known that in my mind, but had a heart jolting experience of it during Holy Week. Lynnda and I were walking along the path from the Church office to the Sanctuary on Maundy Thursday, when I saw a tiny turtle on the sidewalk at my feet! Meet Churtle the Church Turtle! Lynnda noticed that he had tiny wounds on his undershell, suggesting that he had been picked up by a bird, then dropped when he squirmed to get away. If we had gone earlier to the Sanctuary we would have missed him; if we had gone later he likely would have crawled into the



grass and we wouldn't have seen him; oh my goodness, if I hadn't been looking down I might have stepped on him! That is powerful enough – a message about God's perfect timing – but there is even more to the story. We all carry around unhealed shame that God wants to redeem for us. My unhealed shame from when I was in my early 20s and first out on my own involves.....wait for it..... yes, a turtle! I neglected Woodrow the Turtle, and he died. I literally had not thought about Woodrow in 30 years. It feels like God literally dropped this little turtle out of the sky so that I could be reminded that ALL my sins are forgiven, even the ones that I have forgotten about. How blessed we all are to love and serve such an awesome God! In the Spirit of the Resurrection, Pastor Mary

## May Worship Topics

We continue to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

### May 5 HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon Title: "Their Eyes Were Opened"

Scripture: Luke 24:28-35

### May 12 MOTHER'S DAY

Sermon Title: "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

Scripture: John 11, excerpts

### May 19

Sermon Title: "Big Kahuna Scripture Challenge"

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17

### May 26 FAMILY WORSHIP/MEMORIAL DAY/5<sup>th</sup> GRADE BIBLES PRESENTED/SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS CELEBRATED!

Sermon Title: "Passing IT On!"

Scripture: Acts 2:29-42

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

TUMC members have been traveling! Claire Grant to New York City; Cheryl Santos to Hawaii; Dave and Julia Summers to Arizona (twice!); Gramma DJ to Arkansas; Carol Jackson to Oregon; Mike Huddleston to Tulare (great to see you!); Bill and Carol Hall back and forth to their second home in Oregon.

Marian VanderWall's beloved daughter Jan Gregrow has returned to Ohio to be with her children and grandchildren for several months. We will miss you, Jan!

Libby Boghosian has a great grandchild: Jamison Alexander Jones!

If you have traveled somewhere interesting or had a birth or wedding in the family, please let us know so we can include it next month.

## **Website:**

Please check us out at [tulareumc.com](http://tulareumc.com) and share it with a friend. Let us know how you like it!

## **Baptisms on Easter**

Gabriel Cesar Beltran,  
Mathew James Beltran  
Marinda Autumn Elizabeth Boswell  
Kellan Michael Boswell  
Josten Bay Smith  
Kaylen Cadence Smith  
Corey Dewayne Haynes, II

## ***Welcome to the Family of Jesus***



## **Membership**

Would you like to join Tulare UMC and become an official member of our Church family? If so, please join us for two membership classes with Pastor Mary: Tuesday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 28, each class from 4-6pm in the Fireside Room. We will be receiving new members on Pentecost, June 9<sup>th</sup> during Worship. Anyone in our Church is welcome to attend, even if you have been a member for a long time. The previous classes have been a rich time of learning, sharing, and fellowship. Let us know in the Church Office if you plan to attend.

## **Phantom of the Opera Comes to TUMC**

Not really, but it felt like it did for the 15 people who were in the Sanctuary for Church clean up day when our chandelier fell to the ground, smashing a pew on the north side. Thank God, no one was injured. While attempting to lower it for cleaning and bulb replacement, part of the mechanism bracket which helps lower it broke. It turns out to have been a blessing in disguise though, when upon closer inspection, Dave Summers noticed that portions of the "attachment" were wearing away, thereby not creating a complete seal to hold the chandelier in place.

## Thank you!



Isaiah Gonzalez – aka Ben Franklin

Knock, knock. Pastor Mary opens the Church Office door. Isaiah, “Can you help me look like Benjamin Franklin?” Pastor Mary, “I have a Declaration of Independence, but for a costume you need to call Ron Vaughan.” Within an hour Isaiah Gonzalez was transformed for his fifth grade presentation!

Thank you, Ron Vaughan and Pastor Mary Maaga

### Methodist Women

The Methodist Women Fellowship have two fund raisers a year and with this money we always support Lighthouse, Emergency Aid, Salvation Army, and Red Bird Mission. Over the past years we have bought sound systems, copiers, stoves, and helped the trustees with some of their project. This year because of your continuing support we have decided to take on two major projects. For the first project we will join with the Methodist Men to buy all the paper products for the whole Church.

**The second project we are really excited about as we will be giving our Basement Social Hall Facelift.** We have talked to our painters and contractors and we will be doing this project in stages. Stage one is tearing off the old wall paper (some of us put it up 20/30 years ago) repairing walls as needed and then painting. We have a committee of talented women and the complete support of the Methodist Women, so look for a more beautiful and brighter basement this May.

Mark your calendars: Missionary Katherine Parker is coming to TUMC on June 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00am.

### Outreach

The Outreach ministry of our church continues to reach out to those in need throughout Tulare. Most recently we provided information used by the local Homeless task force as part of the City of Tulare meeting on Homeless. We provided funds for a mother of three for 4 nights of housing, while she waited for more permanent housing. Socks for the homeless, personal necessities, and food items for those waiting for larger needs provided for by local food pantry's. Finally, this month will conclude with a meeting with the caring volunteers of our Clothes Closet, to evaluate how to best serve the needs of the homeless. We are so appreciative of the many caring efforts of our congregation, and many more quiet efforts of support that remain unnoticed but so greatly appreciated.

Jim Maxfield, Outreach Chair



## Methodist Men



**Meeting May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 pm**

Wesley Hall

Last year we voted 7 to 1 to suspend meetings until May 1st. The officers have continued to discuss spending of our treasury funds for various needs to the church and congregation. At this meeting we are to decide whether to disband or resume meetings.

To save time, I suggest you VOTE WITH YOUR FEET. If you are in favor of disbanding, do not come. IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE AND VOLUNTEER FOR AN OFFICE, call me that you are coming so food can be arranged.

**Ron Vaughan, President 686-3633**

## Big Kahuna Scripture Challenge

Colossians 3:12-17 are among Paul's most beautiful, inspired, and captivating Scriptures. They are six verses to guide your life by. Pastor Mary is issuing a challenge to Church members to memorize these verses.

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

**<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

If you can recite these verses from memory to Pastor Mary immediately after Worship on May 19 then she will immediately treat you to a small yogurt with three toppings at Big Kahuna! Several kids are already working on it. Wonder if children and youth or adults will have the greatest number of people who memorize it? Also, if an adult can memorize for children too young to learn it completely, that would be awesome.

**Found:** Please call or come by the church office to claim them.



## MAY CALENDAR

**Every Sunday** (MAY 5, 12, 19, 26)

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** – No Game Day May 26  
 5:00 **Boy Scouts-Upstairs** – Education Wing

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**Every Monday** (MAY 6, 13, 20, 27)

**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** (MAY 7, 14, 21, 28)

10:00 - 12:00 **Clothes Closet** (Closed May 7, 14, & 21)  
 2:00 **Twin Oaks Devotional**

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 Sat., May 4 **JUBILEE!**

Sun., May 5 11:15 **Trustees Meeting** Fireside  
 Mon., May 6 11:00 **Education Meeting** Fireside  
 Tues., May 7 10:00 **Hispanic-Latino Council** Fireside  
 Tues., May 14 4:00 **Outreach** Fireside  
 Sun., May 19 11:15 **Church Council** Fireside  
 Tues., May 21 6:00 **Finance Meeting** Fireside



June 1<sup>st</sup> **Central Valley District Conference** –  
 hosted by Tulare UMC – 8:30 – 3:30

**Pre-Annual Conference Orientation**

At the District Conference, we will enjoy a time of worship, celebrate our Tithes and Extra Mile Giving, review our mission strategy, elect District Officers and committee members, celebrate our candidates for pastoral ministry and vote on legislation to establish a District Union



**1 CASSEL DUNG**  
**1 RUBEN HERNANDEZ**  
**1 ADRIAN DUNCAN**  
**3 MAX MUHLENBROCK**  
**10 GREG SMITH**  
**10 JIM MILLER**  
**15 ANDREW SUMMERS**  
**18 LINDA VAUGHAN**  
**20 JACKLYNN HICKMAN**  
**25 MARTHA LINDER**  
**27 RYLAND CROOK**  
**31 TOMAS CASTRO**

## May Anniversaries

**14 HARRY & PAT PERRY**  
**27 KEN & KAY HIGH**  
**29 LANDES & ROBIN DUNG**

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



**Catch on fire and people will come for miles  
 to see you burn.**

**~John Wesley Methodist Founder**

**The Best thing of all is God is with us.  
 ~ John Wesley Methodist Founder**



2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	“NBBS” in Wesley Hall for the Month of May		<b>1</b> Methodist Men 6:30 Wesley Hall	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Jubilee</b>
<b>5</b> 8:00 Hope Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Communion 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 11:15 Trustee-Fireside Rm 3:00 Kids Game Day	<b>6</b> **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary	<b>7</b> 10-12 Clothes Closet CLOSED 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:00 Hope Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 3:00 Kids Game Day	<b>13</b> **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary	<b>14</b> 10-12 Clothes Closet CLOSED Methodist Women 10am 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional Outreach 4pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:00 *Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 11:15 Church Council-Fireside Rm 3:00 Kids Game Day	<b>20</b> **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor	<b>21</b> 10-12 Clothes Closet CLOSED 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional Membership Class 4-6 6pm Finance mtg.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:00 Hope Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 10:00 Hispanic/Latino  <b>Memorial Day Sunday</b>	<b>27</b> **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Memorial Day Observed Church Office Open	<b>28</b> 10-12 Clothes Closet Open Travel Lunch Bunch at noon 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional Membership Class 4-6	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>	

## Member of the Month: Julia and David Summers



were born June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> in different years around the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. They both spent their teenage years growing up in the Fresno/Clovis area. Julia graduated from Clovis High and David graduated from Roosevelt High. The couples met while working at Camp Nelson, and were later married July 22, 1972.

They both obtained teaching degrees from Fresno State and pursued careers as educators. David and Julia moved to Tulare in 1975 when David got his first teaching job at Tulare Western High School instructing Industrial arts. As a young family with three girls, several summer vacations were spent in Northern Colorado, while David completed his Masters' degree. Over his career at Tulare Western he taught metal shop, auto shop, welding, drafting, wood shop, work experience, and freshman studies. He retired from Western in 2013, but continues to periodically teach a machinist class at COS and his son-in-laws on how to fix things around their house.

Julia taught elementary education for just as many years. She mostly taught kindergarten, but had a few years of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade too. Julia taught a few years in Raisin City, Earlimart, and Maple school, but the majority of her career was spent at Cypress Elementary. Julia retired from the classroom in 2006, but continued with Tulare City School District for several more years coordinating the pre-school program.

David and Julia started attending the Tulare United Methodist Church shortly after arriving in Tulare, where they were promptly adopted into the TUMC family by Gene Brown and Mirabelle Ostlie. They have 3 daughters: Amy (Goncalves), Jennifer (Crook), and Sarah (Kelly). They are also the proud Grandparents to 8 grandchildren (Andrew, Emily, Joey, Ryland, Lily, Ben, Macey, and Ella).

The Summers clan are among one of the many multi-generational member families of the church. On occasion, you can catch a glimpse of 4 generations in the Summers pew, as Julia is a care-giver to her 95-year-old father. David and Julia enjoy traveling together in their travel-trailer. In her spare time, Julia enjoys quilting/sewing, cooking, reading, and is an active member of PEO. David spends his spare time woodworking, listening to his audio books, and getting roped into various home-improvement projects by the ladies in his life (his wife and daughters).



It is a joy to be part of this congregation!!! I gave a call for help, and you came! You have done extensive cleaning, provided cookies, gone to an extra meeting, volunteered to usher, helped with parking, been part of Communion teams, served refreshments, been greeters, and donated water, money, and so much time! At least 60 people were part of the team to welcome the Bishop and guests from around the valley! Thank you so much!! I am proud to be part of such a loving and giving team!

Julia Summers, Events and Hospitality Chair





# STEPHEN MINISTRIES

By: Connie Smith

Each of us has received spiritual gifts that vary with each individual and that we are encouraged to use to build up others. There are 7 of us who are going through the Stephen Ministry training. As we train to become equipped to provide care to people who are hurting we are focused on characteristics such as compassion, trustworthiness, and growing our faith. We are reading, meeting together and praying for each other. As Bob Duncan says, "Only 45 hours left to go." Although training requires a commitment of time, it is time well-spent as we become more skilled in the work of caring for others.



## MAY 2ND IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER!

*3 ways you can to participate:*

**\*Tulare Prayer Breakfast**

Tulare Ag Center, \$20

Doors open 6:30 am, Program begins 7:00 am.

Keynote speaker: Milt Stone

**\*Pray for our Community at Zumwalt Park**

6:30 pm (*Bring your own folding chair*)

**\*Join a prayer group in front of one of our schools, 7:30 am.**



**Bishop's Event Report:** Our sanctuary was filled to capacity and songs of praise rattled the rafters as United Methodists from Bakersfield to Fresno and all points in between joined our congregation for Bishop Carcano's event. During her talk she affirmed her Spiritual conviction of the Lord Jesus Christ's openness to all people and declared that the "time for resistance has come and that we United Methodist must be obedient to love above all."

After the event Bishop Carcano thanked Pastor Mary for TUMC's extraordinary hospitality.



# Our Church Transforming the World

## Twin Oaks Devotions

We will meet every Tuesday during May at 2pm in the "Spa Room" at Twin Oaks. Please come join us for a time of Scripture, prayer, conversation, and the blessing of prayer shawls and blankets. We always love newcomers.

## Adult Sunday School

Our class meets at 9am in the classroom behind the library. We are examining Jesus Christ's Sermon on the Mount during the month of May. Newcomers are always welcome. Grab a coffee at Breakfast Before Church and come join us!

## No Barriers Bible Study – every Monday; 5 doors open, 5:30 potluck supper, 6-7 Pastor Mary teaches

We just started Acts of the Apostles, so this is a great time to start attending. During the month of May we will be meeting in Wesley Hall.



## Pentecost Pageant

More than a dozen children and youth have signed up to perform in a pageant written by Pastor Mary especially for them. And for us! The pageant will be performed during Worship on Sunday, June 9.

## Youth Group

15 youth group members joined 6 Beltrans for a wonderful pizza dinner and a movie at Megan and Cesars this past month. During the summer we will have several swim parties and work parties to fix up our Youth Center (the rooms above the Church Office). We have also decided that we will be attending Faith Xtreme again this September, which is a three day, two night United Methodist Conference Youth Retreat at Mt. Herman in the Santa Cruz mountains. 11 of our youth went last year and had a blast.

## Support Retreat Scholarships for our Youth Group

June 9, immediately after Worship, please join us for a Pentecost Barbecue and Bake Sale.

August 4, 3pm, Youth (and Friends) Talent Show

Any money donated to these two events will go toward fully funding our youth group and chaperones attending Faith Xtreme in September!

## Kids Game Day – 3-4:30pm most Sundays

We will meet for fun, food, and prayer on May 5, 12, and 19 in Wesley Hall. All children and their parents are always welcome. You can even drop your kids off if they are old enough to not need one on one supervision. No Kids Game Day on Memorial Sunday, May 26.



## Finance Corner

We give thanks from the bottom of our heart to Linda Day who has been serving as Treasurer for the past fifteen months, giving hours of her time every week as we have been working toward transparent practices and procedures in our TUMC financial life. Health concerns made it necessary for her to resign her position this past month, though she remains a valuable consultant as we move forward. How blessed we are that Jun Gong has said yes to serving as Treasurer! We welcome her to the team!

Yours in Christ, Evelyn Benson, Chair of Finance and Stewardship Committee



On the first Sunday of the month during Holy Communion we will have a free will offering basket for UMCOR



*As United Methodist Church members we have vowed to support Tulare UMC with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.*



## **Travel Lunch Bunch**

- Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> - noon in the Fireside Room.
- Our topic is travel in Israel. Bring your lunch and enjoy learning from Eric Gong and Pastor Mary.

**Monthly Messenger:** Deadline to submit information for the May Messenger is Monday May 20th 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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Music Coordinator/Director  
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Andrew Summers,  
Technical Services Director  
Max Muhlenbrock, Custodian  
Julia Summers,  
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