



TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE MESSENGER

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Our Mission Statement:

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



Remarks from Pastor Allison

I am now fully vaccinated! I received my second Pfizer dose on April 9th, and after two weeks, I am told I have reached full immunity from COVID-19. I hope that you will also avail yourself of the vaccine, if you have not done so yet. There are appointments available throughout Tulare County.

As the light at the end of the tunnel gets brighter and the future promises to be more than masking and social distancing, I am taking advantage of programs that our Conference offers to help pastors and churches navigate the future. In February, Pastor Marcelo and I began a year-long Church Planters Academy, launched by the Conference two years ago to help cultivate pastors called to start new churches and/or ministries. I have never felt called to plant a church, but I believe that God called me to Tulare to help us start new ministries. I feel especially drawn to the increasing numbers of “spiritual but not religious” and believe that our church and our Methodist theology has a lot to offer them to connect them to God and to make a disciple for Jesus Christ. It’s still early days in this learning process; we’ve only met four times via Zoom, but God is planting seeds with me and with others in the cohort.

I also began a shorter (six week) course last month offered by the Barna Group. Barna is a company that I think of as the Gallup for Christians and churches. They do stellar national survey research and publish articles and books detailing and interpreting the data. This course is to help churches navigate “hybrid” ministry – both the in-person and digital worlds. It is tempting to think that when all restrictions are lifted that we won’t need much digital presence, but most pastors realized early in the pandemic that a true paradigm shift occurred last year as we were all forced to launch digital church life. Now, we are asking what will a hybrid life look like in the church. Some of you took an assessment to help me understand where we are, and I thank you. I will be using that information in future sessions of the course, and I will bring it to our Church Council to talk about the future. If you want to be part of the conversation, let me know. I’d love to talk to you one-on-one and you are welcome at the next Church Council meeting after church on May 16th.

The Spirit is clearly at work here because already I see how the Academy and the Barna course are overlapping and informing each other; they aren’t separate but connected. I am excited to see what God is revealing through them.

There is still so much I don’t know about Tulare, either the community or the church, and you are going to be an important part of my learning. Don’t be surprised if I invite you to lunch or stop by to listen for your wisdom and insights.

Tulare UMC Preaching Plan

Dates: May 2 - May 30

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Date	Scripture(s)	Title	Liturgist
5/2	Acts 5:27-39	"The Wisdom of Gamaliel"	Claire Grant
5/9	Acts 11:19-26, 15:1-18, Luke, Colossians 3:12-17	"Confronting Conflict"	Ron Vaughan
5/16	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	"Creed"	Bob Duncan
5/23	John 15:25-27, 16:4b-15, Acts 2:14a, 22-24	"Empowered by the Spirit"	Connie Smith
5/30	TBD	TBD	Linda Galicia



zoom We are studying the book of Daniel, one of the last books of the Old Testament to be written. It tells the story of a talented young Jewish man who lives in exile in Babylon after Judah was conquered. He and a number of others are selected to be educated to serve their Babylonian conquerors. Yet, he remains faithful to God and his faith, and God blesses him despite hostility and opposition from the ruling powers. His story has relevance to us as we live in a society that is increasingly secular and even hostile to followers of Christ. Join us as we explore what Daniel can teach us about our lives now. We have two opportunities for you to join us – Monday at 11:30 or Wednesday at 6 PM. We meet via Zoom and the link is available in the weekly email or by contacting Pastor Allison. There is not Monday Bible Study on May 3rd.

BIBLE STUDY MEETING



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 while indoors on 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.



Our **May** communion offering recognizes and supports the contributions of Native Americans to the church and society. Part of the funds collected allow us to collaborate with existing native ministries, create programs and support seminary scholar ships for United Methodist Native Americans. Fifty percent of the offering remains in our annual conference to develop local ministries. The conference committee on Native American ministry (CONAM) administers these funds.

Chandelier Update

From Beth Cox

The Trustees have approved the reinstalling of our beautiful Chandelier. The good news is because of generous donation from the Methodist Women Fellowship and several anonymous donations the work is paid for. Thank you to all that helped make our wonderful Church complete again.

May 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Youth Game Day 4 – 6pm
2 Hispanic Service 9am Worship Service 10am Finance Mtg. 11:00 Fireside Room Trustees Mtg. 11:00 Courtyard bench	3 No Bible Study 11:30 am	4	5 Bible Study 6:00 pm	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day Hispanic Service 9am Worship Service 10am 2020 Man of the Year Presentation	10 Bible Study 11:30 am	11 Methodist Women 10am at the Parsonage	12 Bible Study 6:00 pm	13	14	15 Food Pantry 11:30-12:30
16 Hispanic Service 9am Worship Service 10am Church Council Mtg. 11:00 Wesley Hall	17 Bible Study 11:30 am	18	19 Bible Study 6:00 pm	20	21	22
23 Hispanic Service 9am Worship Service 10am	24 Bible Study 11:30 am	25	26	27	28	29
30 Hispanic Service 9am Worship Service 10am	31 Memorial Day Office Closed	June 1 Office Closed	June 2 Office Closed	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Pastor Allison on vacation from May 26th – June 2nd </div>		
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May Birthdays

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



Youth Gathering
Saturday, May 1st 4 - 6pm at Church
Games, Snack Supper, Devotion, Planning for the Summer.



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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.



Thank you, Lewis Marcelino for arranging to have a new rail installed on our basement stairs.



Thank you, Porterville Little Libraries for our Little Free Library in Memory of Fire Captain Raymond Clemente Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Lee Jones. They sacrificed their lives attempting to save Porterville the Porterville Library. Final Alarm: February 18, 2020

Thank you Dolores Marcelino for the artwork and Lewis Marcelino for setting the post.

Methodist Women's Fellowship

We are back! On Tuesday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m., we will be meeting "in-person"! Pastor Allison has invited us to meet in the backyard of the parsonage (458 E. Wilson). Please bring your own sandwich. We will provide fruit, dessert, and fresh lemonade and water. Also, the regular protocols will be in place...masks are required, hand sanitizer will be provided, and we will try to keep distance...



Please R.S.V.P. to Julia. We need to know how many are coming in order to provide enough chairs, tables, and food!

I look forward to seeing you!

P.S. We are not delivering lunches this month. We are meeting in-person.

We will be presenting the "Man of the Year" for 2020 on Sunday, May 9th during the Worship Service.



Thank you for your tremendous support for the Spring Dinner! We sold 225 tickets. That was up from 2019! All proceeds go to the Methodist Women's Fellowship. They give to various community charities and help the Church with some of the expenses.

UMW District Retreat Saturday, June 19th 10 AM to 12:30 PM Who Do You Say I Am? Luke 9:18-20

The New Testament calls Jesus by many names: Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah, Christ, Savior, Lamb of God, the Good Shepherd, Light of the World. Jesus calls himself our friend and Paul says he is our brother. These names reveal who Jesus is and what he came to do. Some names will resonate with us more strongly at different periods in our lives.

In this retreat we will ask ourselves who do we say Jesus is at this moment in our lives. We have lived through an unprecedented event over the last year and a half. Who has Jesus been for you during a time of pandemic? How has your understanding of who he is changed in that time? Perhaps the name by which you knew him best brought comfort, or perhaps you discovered that you were drawn to a different name. How did that name help you survive the pandemic? And, as we emerge from the worst of it, what name speaks to your soul?

We invite you to pray about the names of Jesus over the next few weeks and reflect upon the name that has been most helpful in recent days. Search for an object that reflects that relationship and bring it to the retreat with you. We will invite you to share it and how it reflects who Jesus is for you. For example, if Jesus as Savior has been the name that has spoken most deeply to you, you might share a cross with us. Surprise us with your imagination!

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00am – 1:00pm



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