



TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THE MESSENGER

January 2019



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



White Gift Epiphany Celebration – Sunday, January 6 Worship

Join the Three Kings in honoring the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ by bringing items/money that are white or wrapped in white to support our TUMC Outreach Ministries. You will have a chance to bring your gifts forward during Worship as we sing “We Three Kings.”

Suggested gifts include: money, men’s athletic socks, women’s and men’s undergarments (all sizes), paper towels, toilet paper, clothes soap, individual soaps and shampoos, pasta and sauces, any canned ready to eat foods.



Membership Classes

Would you like to become a member of our Church family? Or are you already a member but want to learn more about what it means to be a United Methodist? If so, please come to Pastor Mary’s two part class: Tuesday, Jan.15 and Tuesday, Jan.22 from 4-6pm in Fireside Room. Class One will cover Our Mission, Our Theology, Our Scriptural Holiness, and Our Sacraments.

Class Two will cover Our Worship, Our Organization, Our Leadership, and Conflicts Ahead. Please let our Church Office know if you plan to attend. If you are unavailable during those times, but are interested in joining, please let Pastor Mary know so she can set up another class. **New members will join the Church on Sunday, February 3.**

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Pastor Ken and Nina Clark were planning on being with us for Christmas, but have delayed their Tulare visit until late January. Nina's foot is continuing to give her trouble.

We are so happy for Heione Tautuaa that her sister – who she had not seen for 32 years – was able to travel from New Zealand to be with the Tautuaas for Christmas.

How thrilled we were to have Kay and Ken High, and their daughter Rei, be with us for Worship in December.

And we were also delighted and surprised when Ann Peterson walked through the door!

Sini Tautuaa did a wonderful job with the devotions for our annual Church Conference with District Superintendent Debra Brady. If you would like to have a copy of our Annual Report, that includes our 2019 budget, list of committee appointments, membership report, and reports from Pastor Mary, please come to the Church Office.

If you traveled during the holidays and would like to share with us where you went and who you stayed with, we'd love to know.

December 4th at Walmart & 18th at Palace Depot Bell Ringing for the Benefit of the Salvation Army:

Our effort was a success when Bonnie Thiele joined the efforts to recruit volunteers. Sixteen persons volunteered for the 10:00 am thru 7:00 pm time slots.

Those who participated were: BonnieThiele, Grant Cooper, Beth Cox, Mary Maaga, Ruth Burcham, Rose Marie Boren, Lewis & Delores Marcelino, Landes Dung, Bill & Carol Hall, Shirley Philpot, Anna Gong and Ron Vaughan. Grant and Landes brought their guitars and sang carols during their times. We noted that giving increased during the singing. The encounter I cherish the most, was when a family exited Walmart, their 6 year old girl, pointed at the red kettle, and started excitedly jumping up and down, saying "Look Mommy, I want to put some money in the kettle!" What a giving spirit in one so young!

Our total collection at Walmart was \$440.27; the amount at Palace Depot is unknown.

Thank you all who participated and donated.
Ron Vaughan

**Thanks you for the prayers and cards. I love each of you so much.
God Bless you,
All My Love Pat Perry**



Mary's Musings

I've never had much success with New Year's Resolutions. The problem is that I would take a life long problem and decide that through an act of sheer will I could magically defeat it starting on January 1. In every case I wound up feeling ashamed within only a few weeks when my will had not magically emerged triumphant just because it was a new year. What is that old saying about insanity? That it's doing the same things over and over again and expecting different results? Finally I stopped being crazy and changed my approach to New Year's Resolutions. Now I spend the week between Christmas and the New Year naming the previous year as if it were a novel or movie. I take a mental

walk through the year and identify the highlights and the valleys – the things that I have learned, and the people I have grown to love, or lost – and I summarize the year with a title. Then I look forward to the year to come and name it too. While I haven't named 2018 yet, I know that the title will include the words Jesus, and love, and Tulare. How blessed I am to be your Pastor!

Blessings,

Pastor Mary

January Worship Topics

White Gift Epiphany Celebration on January 6th will complete our Advent-Christmas journey as we join the Three Kings in bringing gifts to the Baby Jesus. Following that, we will spend several weeks with Moses as he makes his way to the Burning Bush and returns to Egypt to set God's people free.

January 6 (White Gift Epiphany Celebration/Holy Communion)

Sermon Title: "Ways We Come to Christ"

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

January 13 (Blessing TUMC Committee Members)

Sermon Title: "Brave Women, A Rescue, A Murder, A Marriage: Moses Before the Burning Bush"

Scripture: Exodus 2:11-22

January 20

Sermon Title: "O My Lord, Please Send Someone Else: Moses After the Burning Bush"

Scripture: Exodus 4:10-17

January 27 (Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Milestones)

Guest Preacher: Tino Galicia

Sermon Title: "Created in God's Image"

Scripture: Gen. 1:26-27

JANUARY CALENDAR

Every Sunday (JANUARY 6, 13, 20, 27)

- 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** – Basement every week
- 5:00 **Boy Scouts-Upstairs** – Education Wing

Every Monday (JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28)

NO BARRIERS BIBLE STUDY

- 5:00 **Fellowship & Music** –
- 5:30 **Supper** – in the Basement Social Hall
- 6:00-7:00 **Study of Luke with Pastor Mary**

Every Tuesday (JANUARY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

- 10:00 - 12:00 **Clothes Closet Open** (Closed 1/1/19)
- 2:00 **Twin Oaks Devotional** (no devotional 1/1/19)

Church Office is closed
Tuesday, Jan. 1st



- 2 TINO GALI CIA**
- 2 NEVA STEVENSON**
- 3 NINA CLARK**
- 8 REED VAN HOUTEN**
- 12 YVONNICIA GONZALEZ**
- 18 LAVON BROGAN**
- 18 JO SULLIVAN**
- 20 AUDRE SMITH**
- 21 JUSTIN HUNZIGER**
- 21 GAVIN DIAS**
- 23 DELORES SERNA**
- 24 ANTHONY GONZALEZ**
- 24 JULIE WALKER**
- 26 ISAIAH GRAY**
- 28 ROSEMARIE BOREN**

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

Save the Date



**Sweetheart
Dinner
February 5th
6pm**

JANUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
*Chapel Healing, Prayer, and Communion in HOPE Chapel	**NBBS No Barriers Bible Study	1	2	3	4	5
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Featured Member for January: Anaya Gray



Ms. Anaya Gray was born February 17, 2004 in San Luis Obispo, California. Anaya is the 3rd of 5 kids and her parents are Cassandra & John. Anaya has 2 older sisters, and 2 younger brothers, she is truly a middle child.

Anaya has played the flute, played the viola, and been in choir at school. She has also performed with the Encore Theatre on a few occasions. She has been playing basketball for about 3 years and is part of Tulare Union's Freshman team. Anaya has also tried softball, winning a Championship her first year! In her spare time Anaya babysits to make a few dollars.

Couple of fun facts about Anaya; she was born in an ambulance! Also, Anaya has never missed a day of school! That is amazing!

Anaya is a truly warm and unique soul; she loves the Lord and is a light to all. She can be found on the court, the stage, or at the church! Rarely, at home!

Christmas Joy

UMYF

Eleven youth, along with Pastor Mary, Greg Smith and Megan Beltran, celebrated a great year of UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) with a Christmas Party at the Parsonage. On Friday December 21st 6 – 12 graders, played Bible Trivia, Flashlight tag at Blain Park behind the parsonage (and had so much fun they played a second game before the evening was over), decorated Christmas cookies, and went Christmas caroling at the homes of Tulare Methodists who live close by.

Kids Game Day

Twenty-four kids and eight adults celebrated the last Game Day of the year 2018 with games, presents, music and food. Next Game Day January 6, 2019 3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Eve Service

Soup Supper followed by a beautiful Candle Light service lead by Pastor Mary with 151 in attendance.

Christmas Dinner

Donations from Jack's Git-N-Go and Steve Gong (Palace Food Depot), Donations from the Outreach committee & members of the Church. We had 17 Volunteers, Served 78 meals, 11 going to the Shelter and 7 going to the community. Grant Cooper played his guitar, sang solos and lead Christmas Songs, people danced, sang and had a great time. Thank you to all who volunteered and organized to make our community's Christmas special.

Our Church Transforming the World

Adult Sunday School – 9am every Sunday, Fireside Room

For the past 40 years the United Methodist Church has struggled with the question of the role of homosexuals in the life of our Church. A General Conference of our denomination is being held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri to decide once and for all the way forward for the United Methodist Church on this issue. We do not know how whatever decision is made at the General Conference will impact us at Tulare UMC. To prepare us for what lies ahead, I have decided to teach our Adult Sunday School class on the history of this issue in the United Methodist Church. It will be a wide ranging Scriptural, historical, and theological conversation with lots of room for questions and discussion. The twenty or so people who normally attend this class are very open to others joining us. I will start with this topic on January 6th.

Hispanic-Latino Ministry

Pastor Marcelo, our Associate Pastor for Hispanic-Latino Ministries, is proud to announce that starting January 13 we will be having a Spanish/Bi-Lingual Service in Wesley Hall at 10am every Sunday. Pastor Marcelo's No Barriers Bible Study on Monday nights has been growing and it's time for this next step. Another piece of good news is that TUMC has received a grant to support advertising this ministry. Congratulations!

Resolve to Have a Closer Walk with the Lord

TUMC has many opportunities for deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sunday morning Chapel – Holy Communion and Prayer Service every Sunday morning from 8-8:30am

Sunday School – K-3, 4-5, Youth 6-12, and Adult – all meet at 9am every Sunday

Monday No Barriers Bible Study – We are nearly through with Luke's Gospel and about to start on Acts of the Apostles; come join us for potluck at 5:30 and Scripture study with Pastor Mary 6-7pm

Tuesday Devotions at Twin Oaks – a time of Scripture, conversation, and prayer; we also bless prayer shawls and blankets for those in need of comfort

Methodist Women's Fellowship – Second Tuesday of every month at 10am in the Fireside Room

Monthly Messenger: Deadline to submit information for the January is Friday December 11th a little early due to Lynnda on vacation.

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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00am – 1:00pm



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