



TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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THE MESSENGER

November 2020



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Our Mission Statement:

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

Remarks from Pastor Allison



Fall has definitely arrived! The weather has cooled down and we have changed our clocks, getting back that hour of sleep we lost. As we move into autumn, folks have been asking about worshiping again in the sanctuary. The Worship Relaunch team met this month to be prepared for that when it is time. Here are the steps that must happen before we can gather inside:

- Tulare County must move from the Widespread (purple) tier to the Sustained (red) tier. In order for that to happen, our new COVID-19 daily cases must be at 7 or fewer per 100,000 people and our infection rate must be between 5-8%. As of October 27th, our infection rate is in that range, but the new daily case rate is 8.3. This is the lowest daily case rate in some time, so we are making progress, but we have a way still to go.
- In order to move from purple to red, the county has to stay in this range for three weeks. As soon as that happens and we are in the Sustained tier, we can begin in-person worship in the sanctuary.
- Our protocol for indoor worship was approved by the District in July, so we are ready to go as soon as the county's numbers fall and we are in the red tier.

I know that you are eager and ready to worship in the sanctuary, so I urge you to practice the three W's: Watch your distance; Wear your mask; and Wash your hands. All we can control is our behavior, and your following these practices will set an example for others.

Until that time, we are worshiping in the courtyard, and it reminds me of our Wesleyan heritage. John Wesley preached in the fields and at the entrance to tin mines at shift change, converting many of the tin miners. Initially, he called the practice "vile," but as he saw the response of the people who had not heard the word of God, he changed his mind and embraced open air worship. As Methodists spread throughout North America, one of the best loved times was the Camp Meeting. People would gather at a campsite and spend days, even weeks, in worship there. I discovered I have a relative who was converted at a Camp Meeting and received a call to ministry at the same time.

As the weather changes, we are adjusting the time of the service. **Beginning November 8th, we will worship at 11 AM instead of 9.** That will give the sun time to rise and warm us up before we come together.

Tulare UMC Preaching Plan

Dates: November 1 – November 29

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Date	Scripture(s)	Title	Notes
11/1	John 1:29-42	"Witness"	All Saints' Sunday
11/8	Matthew 25:34-40; 1 Peter 2:4-10	"Servanthood"	Veteran's Day Sunday
11/15	Matthew 6:25-35	"Please Pass the Bread"	Thanksgiving sermon
11/22	Luke 23:32-43	"A Last Look at the Cross"	Christ the King Sunday

Advent

11/29	Isaiah 9:6-7, John 12:1-3	"Presidents and Kings"	First Sunday of Advent
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Methodist Women's Fellowship

After much thought, prayer, and surveying the group, we have decided to cancel the monthly November meeting. We will let you know about the December meeting later. Thank you for all your tremendous help and support for our Harvest Dinner!

Thank you for your tremendous support for this year's Harvest Dinner! It was especially important that we continue the tradition of Harvest Dinner this year. I have been told that the dinner was started about 1950. The first cooker was Tetro Callister (Lois Kliever's mom). She went with the trustees to buy stoves in Los Angeles. And so our Harvest Dinners started. The next cook was Lois Brady (Beth Cox's mother). Then Beth did the dinner for about five years. Sally Anderson then took over. And then I took over. Tetro was president of UMW in 1952. Clita Bernardi made the dressing for Tetro and Lois. Sally learned from Clita. I learned from Sally's notes.

Thank you for selling tickets, buying tickets, helping to prep food, carving turkeys, serving the food, and especially helping us to continue the tradition of the Harvest Dinner!

Worship

How you can worship with TUMC:

Before you attend Courtyard service ask yourself the following questions.

Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

If you have any of these symptoms please attend an alternate service

Worship in the Courtyard. 11am beginning November 8th. Mask must be worn at all times, use hand sanitizer, you will be seated by the ushers. Please do not shake hands or hug.

Reservations are preferred with the Church office or call Lynnda Boswell (559) 302-8451 or Julia Summers (559) 901-5067

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 Channel: **Tulare UMC.**



Hispanic Service

with Pastor Marcelo

Sundays at 9AM beginning November 8th in the courtyard by the cross.



HOW NOT TO WEAR A MASK





DON'T wear the mask below our nose



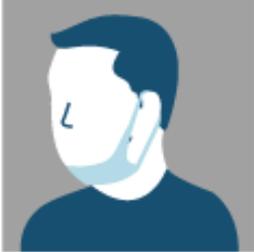
DON'T leave your chin exposed



DON'T wear your mask loosely with gaps on the sides



DON'T wear your mask so it covers just the tip of your nose



DON'T push your mask under your chin to rest on your neck



DO wear your mask so it comes all the way up, close to the bridge of your nose, and all the way down under your chin. Tighten the loops or ties to make it snug around your face, without gaps.

Commitment Sunday - November 8th

You will receive your giving guide and commitment card in the mail before Sunday, November 8th. Please prayerfully consider your support of our ministries in 2021 and return your commitment card by November 15th.

November 2020

Anniversaries - Red

Bible Study - Pink

Birthdays – Rust

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Hispanic Worship 8am</i> Courtyard <i>Worship 9am</i> Courtyard	2 <i>Education Meeting 10am Zoom</i> <i>Finance Meeting 6pm Zoom</i>	3	4 <i>Outreach Meeting 12 noon - Zoom</i> <i>Bible Study 6pm Zoom</i>	5	6	7 <i>Allison Byerley</i> <i>Robert Rodriguez Jr.</i>
8 <i>Hispanic Worship 9am</i> Courtyard <i>Worship 11am</i> Courtyard <i>Church Council following worship</i>	9	10	11 <i>Delbert Canby</i>  Church Office Closed <i>Bible Study 6pm Zoom</i>	12	13	14 <i>Sini Tautuaa</i>
15 <i>Hispanic Worship 9am</i> Courtyard <i>Worship 9am</i> Courtyard <i>Crystal Reynolds</i>	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Steve Gong</i>	21 <i>David Bixler</i>
22 <i>Hispanic Worship 9am</i> Courtyard <i>Worship 11am</i> Courtyard	23	24 <i>Stacy Perry</i>	25 <i>Mason Bessinger</i> <i>Ed Boren</i> <i>Troy Garrett & Tammy Thompsen</i>	26 	27 <i>Carol Hall</i>	28 <i>Cesar Beltran</i>
29 <i>Hispanic Worship 9am</i> Courtyard <i>Worship 11am</i> Courtyard	30					

Your Birthday or Anniversary is not on this calendar please let me know. Thanks, Lynnda



Meeting Wednesday November 4, 2020 12noon. We will meet in the Courtyard (Mask must be worn) if you would prefer you can join us on Zoom.



We will be discussing the future of our Sunday morning breakfast, Monday night dinners, the Clothes Closet, the Little Free Library and the possibility of a Food Pantry once a month beginning January.



Our Advent worship series and companion small group study this year will be “Incarnation,” based on Rev. Adam Hamilton’s latest book. “Incarnation” examines what it means when we proclaim that Christ our Savior is born, rediscovering the meaning of Emmanuel, God-With-Us. We begin the worship series on November 29th, and our first small group study will be on December 2nd. As of now, we will meet via Zoom on Wednesdays. However, if Tulare County’s

status changes and we are in the red tier, we will explore an in-person option.

Here are the topics for the series and study:

- Week 1 – Presidents and Kings
- Week 2 – The Savior and Our Need for Saving
- Week 3 – Emmanuel in the Midst of a Pandemic
- Week 4 – The Light of the World

We have ordered several copies of the book and they will be available in the office for \$13 each. You may also download the ebook from Cokesbury or Amazon.

Annual Charge Conference Saturday, December 12th 9am via Zoom

Reverse Advent Calendar

Each day add an item to a box.
On Christmas Eve Donate the contents to the Church for their
Food Pantry

- December 1 – box of cereal
- December 2 – peanut butter
- December 3 – bag of rice
- December 4 – boxed potatoes
- December 5 – macaroni and cheese
- December 6 – canned fruit
- December 7 – canned tomatoes
- December 8 – canned tuna
- December 9 – dessert mix
- December 10 – jar of applesauce
- December 11 – bag of pinto beans
- December 12 – canned pasta sauce
- December 13 – canned beans
- December 14 – canned corn
- December 15 – bagged pasta
- December 16 – package of oatmeal
- December 17 – canned soup
- December 18 – canned chili beans
- December 19 – hamburger helper
- December 20 – canned chicken noodle soup
- December 21 – canned mixed vegetables
- December 22 – canned carrots
- December 23 – canned green beans
- December 24 – canned tomato soup



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00am – 1:00pm



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