



TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THE MESSENGER
September 2019



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

ALL CHURCH MEETING

“Vision 2020: Moving Forward” September 29th



Our Church Council invites everyone in our Church to attend a lunch and conversation immediately following Worship on Sunday, September 29. There will be brief presentations by each of our Church Committees,

followed by a chance for all of you to let your leadership know what YOU WOULD LIKE THE PRIORITIES OF OUR NEW PASTOR TO BE. (Pastor Mary will be with us until June 30, 2020.) The Church Council will be setting short term and long term goals for our Church and we want your input at this meeting.

RALLY DAY!

EVERYONE!!! is invited to come to the Church at 9:00 AM and participate with our children and youth as we kick off the new Sunday School year.



- 8:30** Pancake Breakfast served in Wesley Hall
- 9:00** Everyone gathers in Sanctuary to celebrate **“RALLY DAY” WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH**
- 9:15** Children, Youth and Adults move to Sunday School; Adults are invited to Sunday School or remain in the Sanctuary with music
- 9:50** Sunday School classes conclude; meet in Charles Wesley Room
- 10:00** Children and Youth march into Worship
- 11:15** **Corn Roast Lunch** provided by Events & Hospitality.

Pre-K – 3rd Grade:

Teachers – Linda Vaughan & Robin Dung
 Large Group-Small Group

Youth:

Leaders – Cesar & Megan Beltran and Greg Smith

Christian Education Chair:

Bonnie Thiele

4th – 5th Grade:

Teacher – Patty Pamplona
 Older Elementary





Mary's Musings

When I was in sixth grade my father moved me to the elementary school where he was the principal. I think the reason was because my homesickness during the previous school year had become debilitating. At my father's school I could go to the office anytime and touch base. I remember it being a wonderful school year. I did a report on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King that I was very proud of – in fact, still had it until just this past year when the kids and I sold our family home. I also volunteered in the special education classroom where I spent time comforting two autistic children: Joey and Chris. It was a source of pride to me that sometimes when Joey or Chris would get severely out of control, a voice would come over the loud speaker asking me to report to the special education room. I learned that I have a gift of getting through to people who are lost or frightened. Sixth grade was also the year that I had my first boyfriend. Ricky had cerebral palsy and was confined to a wheel chair. I got to push him wherever he needed to go and we always took the long way, talking the whole time. I will never forget Ricky telling me what it was like to always be dependent on others to get his needs met – how he knew to be grateful for the small pleasures of life – like having a pretty girl wheel him around the school. That's when I knew I was his girlfriend. I never saw him outside of school and we never so much as held hands, but my relationship with him showed me how big the world can be, even when it seems to be limited. That's what the Holy Spirit does for me: it allows me to look past the world's limitations to the boundless possibilities for love and gratitude. Blessings, Pastor Mary

September Worship Topics

How do we become WISE? By asking the WHYS!

The first 9 chapters of Proverbs are all about WISDOM. They are a treasure trove of encouragement and insight.

September 1 HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon Title: **WHY TRY?**

Scripture: Proverbs 8:1-11

September 8 RALLY DAY KICK-OFF OF CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR

Sermon Title: **WHY LEARN?**

Scripture: Proverbs 4:1-9

September 15 RON VAUGHAN GUEST PREACHER/YOUTH AT RETREAT IN SAC

Sermon Title: **WHY PRAY?**

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

September 22 STEPHEN MINISTERS COMMISSIONED

Sermon Title: **WHY CARE?**

Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

September 29 BLESSINGS FOR SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND MILESTONES

Sermon Title: **WHY GIVE?**

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-18

Member of the Month – Bob Moore



Robert Walker Moore (Bob) was born in Charleston, West Virginia to Henry Clay Moore and Bertha May Moore. His first job was C.C. Commander and his chosen occupation was Moore Aviation. The company worked in crop dusting and fire suppression from South Carolina to Montana, Washington and Oregon.

Bob Married Bobbi Moore in 1968 in the Chapel of Tulare Methodist Church. They got married at 4:00pm so all 6 children could attend after school. They have 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Bob has been a leader in the community and served the United Methodist Church for many years. Bob was named Tulare Man of the Year in 1968. He was on the City Council and served on numerous community boards including being the Chairman of the International Farm Show in 1995.

Poetry is Bob's hobby. He said he doesn't publish his work, but he finds great enjoyment in writing poems and short stories on different topics.

Bob started attending Tulare United Methodist church in 1952. He has been President of the Men's Club, served as Lay Leader, worked with the building committee in recent years. Bob has fond memories of singing in the choir. His favorite hymn is "When the Saints Go Marching In".

WELCOME BACK to MWF Meeting and Lunch

2nd Tuesday of Each Month... September – May

METHODIST WOMEN FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

10:00 AM – Fireside Room



Devotional with Linda Vaughan and our September Meeting. **Program:** United Methodist Women Speakers from local churches and the Central California Conference will let us know what's happening up and down the Valley this fall as Methodist Women celebrate our 150th birthday. **Lunch** at Apple Annie's.

Tulare Methodist Women Fellowship is sponsoring "LANDSCAPES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH" **Women's Day Retreat – Sat., Oct. 26th**. Registration is at 9:30 AM, Program 10:00-3:00, Noon Lunch. The flyer with registration is on page 4. Please share with the women in your life. You can turn your registration in at the September MWF meeting, call Bonnie Thiele at 260-4111, or leave it at the Church Office.

Most importantly, "Landscapes of Christian Faith" is a wonderful opportunity for all women in the surrounding communities to participate in this extraordinary retreat with Pastor Mary. Let's all be **witnesses** and share Tulare United Methodist Church and "LANDSCAPES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH."

LANDSCAPES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH - Rev. Dr. Mary Maaga, PhD.



Join us for a Women’s Day Retreat: “*Landscapes of Christian Faith*” is a Women’s Day Retreat that will explore the watery places of grief, the wilderness places of struggle, the mountain tops of extraordinary connections with God, as well as the valleys of transformation with entertaining stories from Scripture and the anthropology travels of Rev. Dr. Mary Maaga, PhD.

Our day will include presentations by our speaker, as well as time for table conversation, a creative art project for all levels of artistry, and lunch. All levels of Christian faith, including none at all, will gain something from this extraordinary retreat.

Saturday, October 26, 2019

9:30 Registration and Refreshments

10-3 Program

“LANDSCAPES OF CHRISTIAN FAITH”

Women’s Day Retreat with Tulare Methodist Women Fellowship

Pastor Mary Maaga

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

\$20 Donation for materials & lunch (noon)

RSVP to Bonnie Thiele by October 16, 2019

(559) 688-8755

bonnie.thiele6287@gmail.com

Accessibility is limited

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (Landline): _____ (Cell): _____

Email: _____ Registration will be confirmed via Email.

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Send checks to: Methodist Women Fellowship
228 W. Kern Avenue
Tulare, CA 93274

*Let's Get to Know
One Another*

Small Groups:

As of this newsletter we have 6 groups that will start meeting this month for prayer, holy conversation, food and fellowship. Let us pray that the Christian love that blossoms in these groups will further the Kingdom of God at our Church.

Youth Group

The youth will be attending Youth Service Xtreme in Sacramento Sept 13 – 15. It will be a weekend of worship, games, inspiring speakers, and a work service experience at Wesley UMC where young people from throughout the United Methodist Conference will be repairing and improving the Church property for expanded mission and ministry. What a blessing to have such an enthusiastic group of young people at TUMC.

No Barriers Bible Study

5 doors open, 5:30 supper, 6-7 Bible Study

Every week we host between 65-100 people for a family style meal in our downstairs social hall. The people who come include families with children from our neighborhood, youth group members, members of our Church, homeless folks, people living in their cars, and members of area Churches. It is a powerful snapshot of the Kingdom of God. Everyone receives a warm welcome and there is conversation and laughter at this once a week Jesus Family Reunion! After our meal we enjoy an hour of Bible Study with Pastor Mary. Yes she talks! (Have you met her?!) But others talk as well and there is always much to be learned about the early Church as we study Acts of the Apostles.

How can you help this powerful outreach ministry? Please donate food items or cash to underwrite our weekly meal. And come be with us! Newcomers are always welcome.

Adult Sunday School – meets in the room behind the Library every Sunday 9am – 9:45am

We have been learning about early Church heresies (more fun than it sounds!) and are about to shift to studying a letter of Paul, still deciding which one.... please come be a part of us.

Twin Oaks Devotions – every Tuesday 2pm – various locations, please ask the front desk where we are meeting when you arrive

We gather for Scripture, prayer, conversation, and the blessing of prayer blankets and shawls. Please come join us any Tuesday. Also, if you crochet and would like to donate an item for us to use in our ministry, we welcome your donation.

Hope Chapel Holy Communion – every Sunday morning 8am – 8:30am

Are you feeling the need for Holy Communion? Please come join us any Sunday morning for a quiet time of Scripture, prayer, and the Lord's Supper.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Every Sunday (SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)
 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** –
 5:00 **Boy Scouts** - Upstairs – Education Wing

Every Monday (SEPTEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
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 (SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24)
 2:00 **Twin Oaks Devotional**

Sun., Sep 1 11:15 **Trustees Meeting** Fireside
 Tues., Sep 3 11:00 **Education Meeting** Fireside
 Tues., Sep 3 6:00 **Finance Meeting** Fireside
 Sun., Sep 8 11:15 **Church Council** Fireside
 Tues., Sep 10 4:00 **Outreach** Fireside
 Sun., Sep 22 11:15 **SPRC** Fireside

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*Lunch and conversation immediately following
 Worship*

Downstairs Social Hall

*Come with your answer to the question,
 “What should the priorities of our new Pastor be?”*



- 1 SHEILA HAMILTON**
- 3 COLIN SUTHERLAND**
- 10 BOB STEVENSON**
- 18 KELLAN BOSWELL**
- 20 JESSICA DURAN**
- 21 ELIZABETH PETERSON**
- 21 TONY SZAKALA**
- 22 VIRGINIA BEECHER**
- 22 BEN CROOK**
- 26 MARJORIE RISI**
- 27 BOB MOORE**
- 29 BONNIE THIELE**

September Anniversaries

- 11 LEWIS & DOLORES MARCELINO**

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

September

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 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 - Kids Game Day	2 **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary Labor Day	3 11am Education Mtg. 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional 6pm Finance Mtg	4	5	6	7
8 8:00 Hope Chapel 8:30 Breakfast 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship – Rally Day 10:00 Hispanic/Latino 11:15 Church Council Mtg 3:00 - Kids Game Day	9 **5:00 NBBS 5:30 Supper 6-7 Bible Study with Pastor Mary	10 2pm Twin Oaks Devotional 4pm Outreach	11	12	13	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> Youth Service Extreme 9/13 – 9/15 </div>
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TUMC Hispanic-Latino Ministries News



“Vida Nueva” TUMC (New Life TUMC)

Good news! The “New Life” TUMC Chapel will soon be open for worship! We’re making good progress towards opening day! It will open on our all-church Rally Day, Sunday, September 8th. Worship will begin at 9:50am-11 am in the newly refurbished Kay Posten Room. We thank all those who helped with cleaning and Pastor Marcello’s professional volunteer painters. Soon carpeting will be installed by the Trustees. We are still in the process of purchasing folding padded chairs for \$20 each. Thank you to all of you who have shown hospitality to our new “hispanic-latino” brothers and sisters. We have money to purchase twenty chairs. You can still purchase a chair for the chapel for \$20 through our office, or by designating an offering envelope in the plate, to “HLM Chairs” this month. Any surplus money will be added to into the Hispanic Latino Ministry fund.

OUTREACH STORY



In spite of significant health challenges, our Jessica Stone continues to reshape the effort to provide clothing to the homeless of our community. Her emphasis includes making the display of clothes and the room itself, a place that says “Welcome” to



anyone coming through the door. She keeps an eye open to seasonal needs, while displaying clothing items that are both functional, and especially useful to those who regularly visit our church. Want to know how Jessica anticipates needs, and shares the love of Jesus Christ? We invite you to walk with her for a moment. Let her thinking inform you about how you can continue to assist in the special outreach ministry of our church.

Ongoing Needs: Socks, shoes (no heels), preferred clothing sizes. (Sm. Med, Lg.) Traveling this summer? How about tooth paste, deodorant, soap? Even Toilet paper, hand sanitizer.

Seasonal Needs: Jessica sets aside, Sweaters, jackets, sweat pants, gloves, caps, ponchos, blankets, flashlights.

Transitional items: (For those moving from homeless to shelter). Need to do some downsizing? The thought of a yard sale tires you out? Need to upgrade a coffee pot, microwave, pots and pans? Have an extra blanket, pillows, or simply not sure if something you have is needed by those who are homeless or in transition? Ask Jessica, or call the Church Office 686-8523 and ask Lynnda, or Jim or Nan Maxfield 358-5705. They can help you decide, and will pick the items up at your home!

Events and Hospitality



Annual Corn Roast

Sunday, September 8, 2019

After Sunday Worship Service

Basement Social Hall

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



STEPHEN MINISTRIES

By Claire Grant

The training for our first group of Stephen Ministers is drawing to a close. We will have completed the required 50 hours of instruction on September 1st. Eric, Bob, Steve, Dolores and Robin will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers during the worship hour on September 22nd. They will then be ready to begin the caring ministry they have been called to do. They have

become skilled in areas of dealing with feelings, attentive listening, setting and maintaining boundaries and respecting confidentiality.

The motto of the Stephen Series is "Christ caring for people through people". That is a perfect description of what our ministry is about and these five are ready to assume that role. We would invite any of our members experiencing any need for a Stephen Minister to contact Pastor Mary and every effort will be made to pair you with one of our ministers.

Speaking for Connie and myself it has been a real joy to have worked with these dedicated people. All of them possess special skills that will bring the love of Christ to those finding life's journey difficult. We ask for your prayers as this ministry begins.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7



This is the time of year when your Finance and Stewardship Committee will be asking for your financial pledge for the coming year. 2020 is a big year for Tulare UMC. Our hope and prayer is that we will be able to afford a full time Pastor starting July 1st. Pastor Mary has spoiled us by giving us full time effort for a 3/4 time salary. As you look at your personal finances this month ask whether it is possible to give more to our beloved Church this coming year. In October we will be asking for pledges, so we can evaluate whether we are in a financial position to request the Bishop to appoint us a full time Pastor. Evelyn Benson, Finance and Stewardship Chair



By: Chris Harrell Trustee Chair

Your Trustees continue to work on multiple projects at the same time, for the betterment of our historic Sanctuary and Church grounds. The chandelier continues to be carefully restored, and we are working with an electrical firm

out of Fresno for the second phase of the project, which will be the installation. Thanks goes to Paul Brown for installing some needed lighting to illuminate the Sanctuary's main entrance on Kern. Stay tuned in the very near future for an update to the Church's playground area.



Thank you TUMC for our new and improved praise music corner! Starting in September our beloved and talented Nan Maxfield will be the Hymn Leader, so we can “sing lustily and with good courage” as John Wesley instructed us. This month we will also be welcoming our Youth Praise Singers who will begin by singing with our praise band once a month, but hopefully more often as they gain confidence. We are grateful for Landes Dung and Catalina Daggett for all the faithfulness and talent they bring to our Worship of God.



Leadership Development

Would you like to strengthen your discipleship? The Central Valley District of the United Methodist Church is offering Basic Lay Servant training on October 12 at Hanford UMC. The class is from 9am – 4pm and admission is \$25 per person. You will also need to purchase a book “Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant’s Book” (\$11) If you are interested in attending, please contact Lay Leader Tino Galicia at 734-8712 or tinogalicia@hotmail.com

In Our Neighborhood

We thank God that our brothers and sisters in Christ at First Congregational Church/United Church of Christ have installed a new pastor after several years of searching. We welcome the Rev. Janice E. Hill to the neighborhood.



Gwen's Grins: Gwen Smith, one of our beloved matriarchs who passed away nearly 2 years ago, loved witty and clever sayings. Recently Pastor Mary found a list of them folded inside a Smith Family Bible at the parsonage. Here are several.

Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming...Wow! What a ride!

Don't let your worries get the best of you, remember, Moses started out as a basket case

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited – until you try to sit in their pews.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

And one last one for this month.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them. He'll clean them.



Ephesians 4 Good News Translation (GNT)

The Unity of the Body according to St. Paul

4 I urge you, then—I who am a prisoner because I serve the Lord: live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you. ² Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. ³ Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together.

“All for one and one for all, united we stand divided we fall.” — Alexandre Dumas

“You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read.” —John MacArthur

“Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to us—a crucified God—must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world.” —John Piper

“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us”- Augustine

“God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile” – Max Lucado

“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supplies.” –Hudson Taylor

“God will meet you where you are in order to take you where He wants you to go.” –Tony Evans

“Christ literally walked in our shoes.” –Tim Keller

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.” –Jim Elliot

“Remember who you are. Don’t compromise for anyone, for any reason. You are a child of the Almighty God. Live that truth.” –Lysa Terkeurst

“If you can’t fly, then run, If you can’t run, then walk, If you can’t walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.” –Martin Luther King Jr.

“Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God” ~John Wesley

Monthly Messenger: Deadline to submit information for the September Messenger is Monday September 23rd by noon.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00am – 1:00pm



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