



## TULARE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# THE MESSENGER

## September 2020



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**Our Mission Statement:**

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

## Remarks from Pastor Allison



August was quite a month! In-person worship resumed outdoors, and it has been a great success! Thanks to the people who made it happen, especially Julia Summers, our Event Coordinator, and Lynnda Boswell, our worship chair.

Attendance was growing each week...until the heat wave and smoke from wildfires kept people inside. The good news is that worship is still available online. Thanks to the crew who meet each week to record – Tino Galicia, intrepid cameraman, Cassel Dung, bell ringer extraordinaire, Catalina Daggett, who sends shivers down my spine with her playing, and Landes Dung, who wears many hats and without whom worship would be so much less. And, of course, the musicians who connect us to God through music every week.

This month we remember and honor working men and women on Labor Day. While for many, this is the day that signals the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of autumn, it is a day to reflect on the importance of the work we do. In a year when the term “essential worker” has changed to include bus drivers and grocery clerks, we pause to reflect on work and give thanks for the workers.

Paul writes in Ephesians, “For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” (2:10) Work can be a blessing and something which God has prepared for us in order to bless others. Paul also tells us that the Holy Spirit has given us each gifts for the work God sets before us. Different people, different gifts. As we bring our gifts to God, we come together to produce something greater and richer than any of us can do alone. Our worship services are a testament to that!

The coming of autumn also means the preparation for the uniquely Methodist ritual of our Charge Conference. Among the tasks that must be accomplished at the conference are to set our budget for the next year and to elect the leadership of the church. The budget sets forth the work that we hear God calling us to do, allocating resources accordingly, and the leadership roster highlights the gifts God has given us to accomplish that work.

As the committees involved begin their work, I invite you to pray about two things. First, pray that our budget may truly reflect how God is calling us to serve our neighbors. And second, pray about the gifts you have received and how you are using them to bless others through the work God has prepared for you.

# Worship

## September Worship Topics

Date	Scripture(s)	Title	Notes
09/06	Philemon (entire book)	"Risky Grace"	Labor Day Last in the series on grace
09/13	Numbers 22:21-34	"Listen to Your Donkey"	
09/20	1 Samuel 25:2-35	"Abigail"	
09/27	Acts 5:1-6, Acts 9:10-19	"Two Men Called Ananias"	

## How you can worship with TUMC:

**Worship in the Courtyard. 9am** 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 8AM in the courtyard by the cross.



*Back to Worship*  
*August 2, 2020*





## COVID-19 Relief Fund

The Central Valley district has created a COVID-19 Relief Fund to assist economically vulnerable people in the fourteen counties that make up our district. There is a particular focus on the four counties, including Tulare, with

high poverty rates. These grants will go to people who may have been left out of or not qualified for other stimulus projects, including self-employed persons. I have talked with some of our self-employed members and heard how one thing or another means that they are not eligible for some of the programs set up in the CARES Act. There is a real need right here in our church!

Our District Superintendent has challenged the churches in the district to match the pledge of Dinuba Palm UMC of \$1,000. The goal is to raise \$60,000.

Our Finance Committee and Church Council accepted the challenge and we are collecting donations for the relief fund and I am sure that we will meet the goal of \$1,000. If you would like to contribute, please send your donation to the church, marking it "COVID-19 Relief Fund." You can also place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Please be sure to mark it for the relief fund.

If you know someone who might need this grant, please tell them about it. They can get an application in the office or online at this link: <https://centralvalley.cnumc.org/forms>.

We also have a letter that can be sent to community organizations, foundations, or leaders who may be interested in partnering with us in this effort. If you would like a copy of the letter, please email us and we will send it to you.

Thank you for your generosity toward others in this time of hardship.



Hurricane Laura devastated the Texas and Louisiana coasts as a dangerous Category 4 storm. Please continue to pray for those in the path of the storm. Know that UMCOR is on the ground & assisting the survivors, just as UMCOR is working with our conference around the wildfires.



We will have a communion offering on September 6th for UMCOR to help with their work in disaster areas in the US. If you would like to donate directly to them, here is the link: <https://advance.umcor.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>

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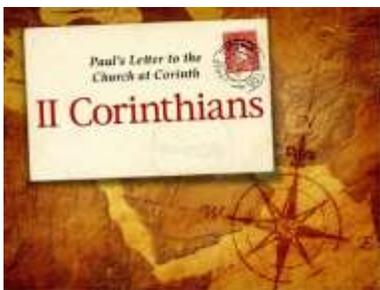
*Birthdays in Blue*

*Anniversaries in Orange*

*Meetings in Green*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Sheila Hamilton</i> <i>Kaylen Smith</i>	2 <b>Bible Study</b> 6pm Zoom	3	4	5
6 <b>Hispanic Worship 8am</b> Courtyard <b>Worship 9am</b> Courtyard <b>Bible Study</b> 4pm Zoom	7  Office Closed	8 <i>Finance Mtg.</i> 6pm Zoom	9 <b>Bible Study</b> 6pm Zoom	10 <i>Bob Stevenson</i>	11 <i>Lewis &amp; Dolores Marcelino</i>	12
13 <b>Hispanic Worship 8am</b> Courtyard <b>Worship 9am</b> Courtyard <i>Church Council following worship</i> <b>Bible Study</b> 4pm Zoom	14	15	16 <b>Bible Study</b> 6pm Zoom	17	18 <i>Kellan Boswell</i>	19 <b>Annual Conference Online</b>
20 <b>Annual Conference Online</b> <b>Hispanic Worship 8am</b> Courtyard <b>Worship 9am</b>	21 <i>Tony Szakala</i>	22 <i>Virginia Beecher</i> <i>Ben Crook</i>	23 <b>Bible Study</b> 6pm Zoom	24	25	26 <i>Marjorie Risi</i>
27 <b>Hispanic Worship 8am</b> Courtyard <b>Worship 9am</b> Courtyard <b>Bible Study</b> 4pm Zoom	28	29 <i>Bonnie Thiele</i>	30 <b>Bible Study</b> 6pm Zoom			

**Deadline for articles for the October Messenger is Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> 12 noon.**



We continue our study of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. This letter centers on questions of discipleship, especially how to be a faithful disciple when life is hard, when there is pain and suffering. Paul knows about pain and suffering! And he knows how to transform our pain into an offering for the glory of God.

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to rage around us, and the illusion of control over our lives is stripped away, Paul's words and lessons have new relevance and importance. Join us via Zoom

on Sunday at 4 PM or Wednesdays at 6 PM as we delve into Paul's writings and apply them to our lives today.

Pastor Allison will lead the study. She will send out each week's readings and questions for reflection ahead of time. Participants are encouraged to read and reflect prior to our meeting, but if life gets crazy, don't worry. Come and you will not only be blessed but be a blessing to all of us!



Are you hungry to study the Bible in-depth? Are you ready to go deep and have an honest conversation with God and others about faith? Then Covenant is for you! Pastor Allison is exploring the interest in a Covenant Bible Study, beginning in September. Groups will include 10-12 people and we will meet for 24 weeks, exploring three 8-week subjects – Creating, Living, and Trusting the covenant God makes with us. Contact Pastor Allison if you are interested.



*Prayers of Comfort and Peace* for the Tautuaa Family at the passing of Satini on August 18, 2020.

## California-Nevada Annual Conference Session 2020



If you would like to view sessions, the link is <https://www.cnumc.org>

## **Methodist Women's Fellowship**

Methodist Women's Fellowship meeting for September is cancelled due to Covid-19. The October meeting is pending. (We will assess the situation closer to the time.) The Women's Retreat scheduled for the end of September is also cancelled for now. We hope to reschedule it for next spring.

But...the **Harvest Dinner is still on!** Please put November 1 on your calendars. Remember that this is a "take-out" event. The money raised from this event pays for all paper products used at the Church, and other Community charities. So please, spread the word, and be ready to help us sell tickets starting in October!

### **Basement Kitchen**

*The basement kitchen will be sprayed for bugs in early September. Everything has been taken out of the cupboards. After it has been treated, we need help to wash walls, cupboards, and dishes. If you are interested in helping with this, please let me know. I will organize work parties that will adhere to COVID-19 protocols.*

*If you would like to help, call or email Julia Summers (559-901-5067 or [sewcreate@aol.com](mailto:sewcreate@aol.com))*



All meetings and events must be scheduled with Julia Summers or Lynnda Boswell. It would be helpful to know Zoom meetings, also. (Even those meetings have had a conflict)

Contact Lynnda Boswell at the Church Office – Mon.-Wed. 9:00-1:00 or Julia Summers anytime. (559-901-5067 or [sewcreate@aol.com](mailto:sewcreate@aol.com))  
Thank you for your cooperation.



We are back to our Pancake Breakfast. Serving breakfast out the alley door of Wesley Hall and have changed the time we serve to 8:15 – 8:45 in order for our volunteers to attend church. (We can still use some volunteers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.)

Monday evening we are serving 50 to 60 meals. A special thanks to Shirley Philpot, Ken Jennings, Steve Gong, Greg Smith, Jim and Nan Maxfield, Claire Grant, Maria Estela Ortega, Juan Torres, Max Muhlenbrock, Pastor Allison, Pastor Marcelo & Rose Marie Boren for providing food and helping serve each week. Words cannot express how much you are appreciated. (If I have forgetting anyone please forgive me.)



**We continue to need bottled water to hand out.**

**The Welcome Wear** is temporarily closed, if you have donations to drop off or if someone is in need of clothes, please contact Lynnda Boswell at the office.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

9:00am – 1:00pm



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