



Tualatin United Methodist Church

Hilltop Highlights

January 2012

Tualatin United Methodist Church

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Tualatin, OR 97062-9369
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Sunday Worship:
10:00 am.

Sunday School during worship:
Kindergarten to 12th grade

Nursery available during worship:
Infants to 4 years old

Church Office Hours:
Monday to Thursday
9:00 am. - 3:00 pm.

PASTOR'S MEDITATION

by Reverend Amy Overton-Harris

Yikes!! Are you prepared for the New Year?? Quick! Run to the store and grab a few cases of "Slim Fast" and beat the rush on January 2nd. Seriously, I am braced for the endless ads on TV, Twitter and Face Book enticing us to buy this product or that to shed some pounds or bulk up our abs into a serious 6 pack. New Year's resolutions run the gambit from: "I am going to be nice to my sister" to "I am going to move to Jamaica". Don't let me stand in your way if you strive to be nice to your sister, in fact, I am all for it. And I will be the first to wish you "Bon Voyage" if you do decide to set sail for Jamaica, but I have another suggestion, just in case the aforementioned resolutions don't float your boat.

How about something simple that will take less than 10 seconds a day to read and ponder. . .

"The highest purpose of Christianity - which is primarily a way of life, not a system of belief- is to love one another."

. . . .and a lifetime to live.

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Happy New Year! May you find bold new ways to love one another in: every language of life; every continent on earth; every human event. God bless you in the New Year.

Rev. Amy



PRAYERS & CONCERNS



OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Emilie Kroen and family upon the passing of her brother-in-law, David Campbell
- Melinda Beyers cousin, Phil
- James & Ofila Boyd
- Melissa Brown on her mission trip to Bolivia

OUR FRIENDS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

- Family of Rev. Wayne Hill, upon his death on Dec. 11th
- Sam, Tyler and Jim Welty, Morningside UMC
- Bob & Peg Peters, S. District

FINANCE NOTES AND UPDATES

AUCTION WAS A SUCCESS!

We had great fun at our annual auction fundraiser last month and thank all of you who donated items and/or participated in the bidding. Monies raised at this event each year are applied to the following year's budget.

That means we raised \$6,100.94 for our 2012 budget!



SCRIP SALES ALSO SUPPORT BUDGET



Many of you support our church by purchasing scrip. This program costs you no more than if you were to buy direct from the specific store. Yet, the church gets a kick back on each card that you purchase. Through November of this year, the scrip program has netted \$1,691.60 in revenue for our church. If you are not currently participating in this program, we urge you to try it.

NEXT SCRIP ORDER DATE: JANUARY 15, 2012

CREDIT CARD USAGE

Several years ago we implemented the acceptance of credit card payments for scrip purchases and payment of pledges or other donations. Several people have inquired as to the cost to TUMC when credit cards are used. This year, through the end of November, TUMC receipts has been reduced by \$706.79 in credit card fees. \$306.01 was charged to the scrip program, \$262.55 to pledges, and the remainder to various other donations. The typical charge is 20 cents per transaction plus 2.2% of the amount. Depending on the specific credit card, transaction cost might be as high as 35 cents with additional fee of 3.91% of the amount.

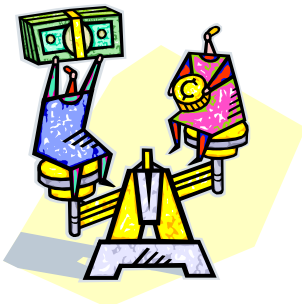


FINANCE NOTES AND UPDATE

2011 BUDGET STATUS

At the end of November, our year-to-date revenue was \$157,592 compared to a budget amount of \$164,212. Expenses for the same period were \$161,278 compared to a budget amount of \$166,990. This calculates to a deficit of \$3,686; \$1,444 is a property tax payment that should be reimbursed by year end per our cell tower lease.

Keep in mind that Church Council did approve a deficit budget for 2011 based on our reserves from prior years. That means our bottom line on the 2011 budget is pretty much on target. In early December, we made the final payment on our Shared Giving (apportionments) for the Oregon-Idaho Conference.



2012 BUDGET PROCESS

The finance committee is faced with a real challenge as we attempt to formulate a budget for the coming year. We recognize that most of you face that same challenge in your own budgets in these tough economic times. We ask that you keep the finance committee and church council members in your prayers as we struggle with a proposed deficit of \$7,500.

SAFeway ESCRIP PROGRAM

In 2005, TUMC enrolled in an escrip program with Safeway. This is a program where our church can earn money from purchases our families are already making at a local Safeway.

Here's how it works: If you have a Safeway Club card that is registered on our escrip account, every time you shop a percentage of what you spend will be coming back to TUMC. If you have a Safeway card, but is not yet registered on the escrip account, please contact Sherris Harrell or the church office to be added.



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FELLOWSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

Happy Healthy New Year



Sunday, January 8th

immediately following the service

Bring a "HEALTHY" dish & the recipe to share

YOUTH AND EDUCATION

YOUTH GROUP WINTER RETREAT AT SUTTLE LAKE

Dates: January 14 - January 16, 2012
Location: Suttle Lake Camp
Ages: Grades 6 - 12
Fee: \$80 per youth, \$55 per adult

Questions? Contact Emilie Kroen [503-692-2799](tel:503-692-2799)
or email ekroen@yahoo.com



TRUSTEES

2011 IN REVIEW

As 2011 comes to an end, the Trustee Committee would like to thank Karen Walker and Lloyd Gooding for their support and time commitment during their terms as members of the Trustee team. In January 2012 the committee will be welcoming new members Hap Arnold and Gary Inloes to serve 3-year terms.

During our December meeting the committee looked back at 2011 and all that took place:

- Completion of new laminate countertop installation
- Bathroom light & fan timers, nightlights installed
- New energy efficient flushing fixtures installed in toilets
- Sloan valve rebuilt on the upstairs men's urinal.
- Water volume adjusted on downstairs drinking fountain
- New hand sprayer installed in kitchen double sink
- New faucet installed in narthex sink
- Folding door in narthex repaired
- Hanging announcement Panels installed in narthex
- Pews rearranged so the "cross" etchings consistently face the middle isle
- Purchase of an External Hard Drive for memory back up for the Office computer
- New keyboard pull out drawer installed in desk of Admin Office
- Shelf in narthex closet installed
- Electrical work completed prior to Air Condition units installment
- Three A/C units installed for upstairs level of the church
- Three new Furnaces & programmable thermostats installed (replaced three of the six furnaces installed in 1983)
- Box A/C's removed from offices ~ insulation, drywall and painting for exposed walls was completed.
- Liability Insurance obtained from non-church building use groups as required by our PACT Church Insurance.
- Annual renewal of contracts mailed & filed
- Issues with building use groups addressed, resolved
- Cell Tower property taxes paid & reimbursed by lessee (T-Mobile)
- Mail box ~ removed tree & installed pavers
- Window professionally cleaned
- Carpets professionally cleaned
- Floors cleaned, waxed & buffed
- Microwaves & new wood facing for the kitchen microwave all donated
- Required inspections were completed
- Light pole bulbs replaced in lower parking lot & along the driveway
- Yard work donated: flowers planted & watered, weed pulling, sweeping parking lots, raking leaves, lawn & field mowing, hauling away debris
- Tree trimming, hedge trimming, old bushes removed on north side of building
- New Roof above the Narthex, Offices & Nursery as well as new backing & shingles on the south gable above the roof installed to prevent water leakage.
- Piano dolly installed for ease of moving the Grand Piano
- Carbon Monoxide Alarms installed in both furnace rooms
- New 6-foot fiberglass ladder purchased ~ replacing a rickety wooden ladder
- New door bell & intercom purchased to replace the non-functioning existing one
- A thousand other small things around the church were repaired, cleaned, replaced, donated and installed by the hands of many.



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED OUT
WITH THESE MANY PROJECTS IN 2011!**

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

FESTIVAL OF ST. NICHOLAS BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way during the Festival of St. Nicholas Bazaar and Cafe. We took in \$3,370.64, after ads, expenditures, paying our vendors and our Alternative Gift Giving, we have \$1,157.62. We will decide on our mission giving at our Winter Get-Together.

If you brought red table cloths for us to use at the Bazaar please pick them up in the church office. Please make sure you have your own table cloths, some look a like, but several of our ladies have marked theirs, double check what you have.

WINTER GET-TOGETHER, MONDAY, JANUARY 23RD, 6 PM.

Our Winter Get-Together is set for Monday, January 23rd, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Loyce Martinazzi, 4891 Centerwood St., Lake Oswego. Remember to bring a White Elephant gift for our exchange. Also we will reveal the identity of our Secret Santa and pick new ones for 2012. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert dish to share.

2012 OFFICERS

We want to thank our 2012 officer's for stepping up and we want to welcome them:

- President - Karen Walker
 - Vice-President - Lisa Poore
 - Secretary - Kay Gooding
 - Treasurer - Emilie Kroen
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UNITED METHODIST MEN



MEN'S COFFEE HOUR

The men's group continue to meet every Wednesdays, 10:00 am. at the church. Come join us!

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR

- 01/01 Worship 10a
- 01/02 Church Office Closed
- 01/04 Men's Coffee 10a
Handbells 6-7:15p
- 01/05 Praise Team 6-7:15p
Chancel Choir 7:15-8:30p
- 01/07 District Leadership Training @ Forest Grove UMC
- 01/08 Worship 10a
Happy! Healthy! New Year Potluck 11:20 a
- 01/09 Bible Discussion 10a
Finance 5p
NO Church Council
- 01/11 Men's Coffee 10a
Handbells 6-7:15p
Save Our Savings 7p
- 01/12 Praise Team 6-7:15p
Chancel Choir 7:15-8:30p
- 01/14-16 Youth at Winter Retreat Jan. 14-16
- 01/15 Worship 10a - SCRIP ORDERS
- 01/16 Church office closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 01/18 Men's Coffee 10a
Handbells 6-7:15p
- 01/19 Praise Team 6-7:15p
Chancel Choir 7:15-8:30p
- 01/22 Worship 10a
- 01/23 Bible Discussion 10a
TUMW Winter Get-Together at Loyce Martinazzi 6p
- 01/25 Men's Coffee 10a
Handbells 6-7:15p
- 01/26 Praise Team 6-7:15p
Chancel Choir 7:15-8:30p
- 01/29 Worship 10a
- 01/30 Bible Discussion 10a