



The Wednesday Weekly

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TUMC Church Family News and Updates

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Join us: Sunday, February 8, 10:00 am

Worship, Music & Fellowship

Special Guest at Worship: GNW DS Rev Wendy Woodworth

Hold in your Prayers

Prayers for Healing, Thanks & Hope

Karen: Procedure on Monday, no cancer found; thankful for all the prayers from church family

Katelyn: It was so much fun to play a game with brother for most of day on Saturday;

Midterms for school are here and I've been stressed about it

Karen: Continued prayers for great nephew Aaron, collapsed lung;

Continued prayers for Linda K., assessment and healing of foot injury

Prayers for unrest around the world.

Barbara: Felix, housekeeper at Creekside, brother was murdered in Mexico,

prayers of wellbeing, grace and peace of heart for all the family

Prayers for Leonard and Maggie; Leonard has Stage 4 Cancer.

Hal: Kristie who fell and dislocated her shoulder;

Ray who lost his mom;

Naomi, passed out and broke a vertebrae;

Rick, job search

Bart: Kim, trouble sleeping, prayers for resolution and relief;

Nephew in Vermont, safe travels for entire soccer team to Quebec for international matches

Selinda: prayers for her daughter-in-law, Kourtney

Robin: Thanksgiving that co-worker is safely home with her family after being in Iran

Beverley: Cousin Michael, cancer; wisdom for doctors for best treatment plan

Prayers for the people being slaughtered in Iran.

Prayers for the people of Gaza.

Melissa: prayers of Celebration as she and her partner, Kamron, are getting married,

and Bishop Cedrick will be with our congregation on Pentecost Sunday (May 24)

To share prayer requests,
all joys and concerns

phone or email :

Rev. Melissa or Sara

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May the Lord give strength and love to all his people.

Psalms 29

HILLTOP CALENDAR

TUALATIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 20200 SW Martinazzi Avenue, Tualatin OR 97062
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Church Office Hours: Mon & Wed 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; Tues 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Every Sunday

10:00 am

Come as you are. Communion Celebrated, First Sunday of each Month.

SMALL GROUP STUDY, DISCUSSION & FELLOWSHIP

Ongoing, Open to All!

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| Women's Book Study | Tuesdays | 10:00 am | TUMC |
| Men's Group | Wednesdays | 9:30 am | TUMC |
| Women's Zoom | Wednesdays | 11:00 am | * Zoom |

**Zoom: Contact Sara to join tualatinumc@gmail.com*

UPCOMING DATES

(Coming week through May 2026)

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| Pastor Melissa | OUT OF OFFICE, UMC Ordination Reviews Church office open regular hours | Mon - Thurs (Feb 2—5) |
| DS Wendy Woodworth | Sunday, Feb 8 | Guest at Worship, 10:00 am |
| SPRC Meeting | Sunday, Feb 8 | 11:15 am TUMC |
| Ministry Team Meeting | Monday, Feb 9 | 6:00 pm TUMC |
| Trustees Meeting | Tuesday, Feb 10 | 5:30 pm TUMC |
| Lent & Easter Events | Feb 18—April 5 | (see details below) |
| Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth | Sunday, May 24, Pentecost | Guest Pastor |

EVENTS FOR LENT AND EASTER :

Important Dates to Remember, Season Preview

"Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in Good News"

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| Wed, Feb 18 | <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> 12:00—1:00 pm: Imposition of Ashes (Drop in) 5:30 pm Worship Service |
| Weds, Feb 25 Through Mar 25 | <u>LENT SOUP SUPPERS & STUDY</u> 5:30—7:00 pm, Koch Hall (see page 4) |
| Sun, Mar 29 | <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> 10:00 am Worship |
| Sun, Apr 5 | <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u> 10:00 am Worship |



For more information about any events, contacts, or meetings or to submit content for this newsletter:

contact church office: **Sara** (tualatinumc@gmail.com) | **Pastor Melissa** (revmelissaharkness@gmail.com) |

MISSION NEWS

Projects, Donations, Resources



You can & do make a difference!

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

THIS Sunday

Feb 8, 2026

Blessing of the Cans
For Super Bowl Sunday

**Help reach our
GOAL: 500 CANS**



**Donate your canned soups,
stews and chilis!**

We will bless the cans on Sunday,

and pass them along to families in
our community through
local food pantries.

Mass Call to Faith Communities

Register to Join the Conversation

Thursday, February 12th from 6:00 - 7:15pm on Zoom

for a multifaith statewide convening for faith communities.

Please register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/BxsqeHLBSKu5kxxjEpSBFw>

Together, we will:

- *Understand the increased ICE activity in Oregon, including where and how they're operating*
- *Know where to plug into faithful organizing strategies across the state, including neighborhood-based, legislative, and upcoming mass mobilizations*
- *Take meaningful action while on the call to flex our collective muscles.*

The call is being supported by Together Lab, PIRC (who run the statewide hotline you call when you suspect or see ICE), and statewide coalitions Oregon for All and Protect Oregon.

In the meantime, please keep in your prayers and hearts our friends in Minnesota and all of our neighbors living in fear.

NEEDED & ENCOURAGED:

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

If you'd like to help, choose a Sunday to serve as a Greeter, or bring Flowers for the Sanctuary or Treats for Fellowship after church. Clipboards are available in the Narthex.

Thank you!





**Ministry that Matters • Itineration & Location
Lay Ministry Enhancement • Eliminating Racism**

The M.I.L.E. provides a vision and framework to be focused, intentional, and compassionate in our work as a church. For more information, video and podcasts: [More about M.I.L.E.](#)

Click on the [link](#) or go to www.greaternw.org/mile

During this year, we will revisit M.I.L.E. and during Lent, Pastor Melissa will offer a series of studies each Wednesday, focusing on the “E”, Eliminated Racism, or how we can become a more intercultural church.

LENT SOUP SUPPERS & STUDY

Wednesdays, Feb 25 - March 25

5:30—7:00 pm
Koch Hall



Fellowship, Soup Supper and bible based study, exploring the E in Bishop Cedrick's M.I.L.E. We will have a sign-up sheet if you would like to help in bringing soup or bread, for simple shared supper. More information will be available here and in the Narthex in February.



When you see fear, accompany it. When you see division, refuse it. Because the Gospel is not about preservation. It is all about, and has always been about liberation.

- Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth, GNW UMC

OUT & ABOUT

**Final-
Weekend!**

Grab your Tickets!

Activities in the Community

Mask & Mirror Community Theater presents

“ALMOST, MAINE” a live theater production

TUMC, Koch Hall

Jan 16 - Feb 7, 2026

Fridays 7:30 pm, Saturday 2:00 pm

Mask & Mirror presents their next production on their stage

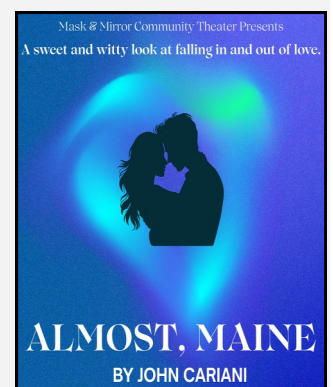
Right HERE at TUMC Koch Hall, running four weekends!

Welcome to Almost, Maine, a town that's so far north that it's almost in Canada.

Under the shimmering Northern Lights, the quirky residents of this small town blend humor, heartbreak, and magic to explore the joys and perils of romance.

**** Plus, our own TUMC family of Bartholomews (John, Kim & Alec) are directly involved in
Production, Set Design, Construction and on STAGE! ****

More Info & Tickets: <https://www.maskandmirror.com>



For Alex Jeffrey Pretti

Murdered by I.C.E. January 24, 2026

By Amanda Gorman

We wake with
no words, just woe
& wound. Our own country shoot
ing us in the back is not just brutal
ity; it's jarring betrayal; not enforcement,
but execution. A message: *Love your people & you
will die*. Yet our greatest threat isn't the outsiders
among us, but those among us who never look
within. Fear not those without papers, but those
without conscience. Know that to care intensively,
united, is to carry both pain-dark horror for today
& a profound, daring hope for tomorrow. We can feel
we have nothing to give, & still belove this world wait
ing, trembling to change. If we cannot find words, may
we find the will; if we ever lose hope, may we never lose our
humanity. The only undying thing is mercy, the courage to open
ourselves like doors, hug our neighbor,
& save one more bright, impossible life.

From a prayer offered by Rev Magrey DeVega

O God, our Help and our Hope,
It is into this mess of humanity that you have always sought us, first through the prophets, then
through your very presence in Jesus, and now through the witness and work of your church.
Strengthen us to stand in solidarity with the grieving and the oppressed, the alien and stranger,
the peacemaking and those seeking justice, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Unmask the powers of this world, and reveal to us with clarity the forces of evil, injustice, and
oppression that our baptismal vows charge us to resist. And in these moments of darkness and
despair, may the psalmist name on our behalf a hope that we struggle to claim: "I believe that I
shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let
your heart take courage; wait for the Lord." Amen.