

HE *is before*
ALL THINGS,
and in HIM
all things hold together.

Colossians 1:17



The Wednesday Weekly

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TUMC Church Family News and Updates

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Join us: Sunday, July 13, 10:00 am

Worship Service & Fellowship

Welcome our new Pastor, Rev. Melissa Harkness

Hold in your Prayers

Prayers for Healing, Thanks & Hope

Larry & Pam: new grandchild on the way -

Update! Born during worship on Sunday!

Prayers for Ofilia, upcoming tests this week

Connie: relief from severe back pain

Hal: Don's test results;
friends Scotty & Patty

Katelyn: headaches are better; Carson & Kristen birthday soon
missing Pastor Amy; nervous for new school year and how to prepare

Selinda: prayers for Mom

Colleen: friend Janet and her daughter, healing and helping

Prayers for Mask & Mirror: performances beginning this weekend, TUMC Koch Hall Theater

Prayers and comfort to communities faced with loss and rebuilding from floods in Texas, other areas

Prayers for Rev. Melissa, starting her TUMC ministry

To share prayer requests,
all joys and concerns

phone or email :

Rev. Melissa or Sara

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We Welcome Rev. Melissa!

Our new TUMC pastor, Melissa Harkness,
began her first days in the church office this week!

Rev. Melissa will lead us in Worship this Sunday, July 13!

*Join us after service in the Narthex for a special fellowship time
to meet and welcome her.*

2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT From Larry McClure

Larry McClure was our TUMC Lay Representative at the Annual Conference of laypersons and clergy held this year in Salem. Larry has offered to make several reports in this newsletter about key decisions made and his experience at Annual Conference.

The 2025 Conference voted in favor of the following legislative resolutions regarding social and political issues:

1. Standing Against Dehumanization

We call upon all United Methodists to act (both online and in person) as agents of peace, open-mindedness, and mutual respect. We urge compassionate solidarity with persons and communities targeted by hate, fear, and misinformation. Every United Methodist is called upon to stand up against those persons and media that promote hate, fear, or misinformation.

2. Aligning Investments with Values Regarding Palestine and Israel

Churches should prayerfully consider avoiding companies involved in Israel's occupation of Palestine when making investment decisions; and/or utilizing their purchasing power that benefit and show support for the Palestinian people; and encourage all United Methodists to partner with Jews, Christians, Muslims and other people of conscience working for corporate accountability, human rights, true peace, and security for all people in Israel and Palestine, and an end to the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine.

- Larry McClure

OUT & ABOUT

Mask & Mirror Community Theater presents

"FOR BETTER" a live theater production

TUMC, Koch Hall (enter at lower door)

Click here for [Info & Tickets](#)
(\$15.00 each)

July 11 & 12 - Friday 7:30 pm, Saturday 7:30 pm

July 18 & 19- Friday 7:30 pm, Saturday 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

July 25 & 26 - Friday 7:30 pm, Saturday 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm

Mask & Mirror presents their next production on their new stage at

TUMC Koch Hall, running three weekends. In this plugged-in world of email, text-messaging and camera phones, do a bride and groom really need to be in the same country to go on a honeymoon? Karen and Max are getting married. At least, if their jobs will ever let them be in the same city at the same time. A romantic comedy for the digital age, *For Better* is a hilarious new farce that pokes fun at our overdependence on the gadgets in our lives.

More info: <https://www.maskandmirror.com/for-better.html>

Activities in the Community



FROM PASTOR MELISSA

INTRODUCING: COMMUNION COMPANION TEAM

Serving our Home & Hospital Bound Friends & Community

Let's connect. The root word of communion "communio" means sharing and fellowship. The root word of companion "panis" or bread means to break bread together. To share communion is to be a companion in Christ, to break bread together in remembrance of our teacher, healer, and redeemer.

I think it is vital that we break bread together. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, encouraged the act of communion often. I want to ensure that those who are unable to come to church, remain connected in the meaningful practice of communion. I am inviting you to consider serving on a traveling Communion Companion team. I envision that we will go out in groups of 2 or 3 (once a month after Sunday service), to serve communion to folks at home or in the hospital.

I would consecrate elements during worship, we would have them in kits, with addresses, liturgies, and instructions, and we would share some time with our beloved community members.

I need two things from you. First, let me know the names of folks in our community that would welcome communion brought to their home or hospital. Please phone or email me or the church office, with those names. Secondly, if you would like to be a Communion Companion, please sign up on the new clipboard in the Narthex. You can also contact Pastor Melissa directly, or email your interest to the church office.

Thank you for your consideration, courage, and compassion.

In Gratitude,
Pastor Melissa
tualatinumc@gmail.com
revmelissaharkness@gmail.com

How Can I Help?

- Identify community members in need (those that welcome visits and communion)
Provide names and contact info to Pastor Melissa or church office
- Volunteer to join a "Communion Companion Team" (to visit and provide communion)
Sign up on clipboard in Narthex, or email Pastor Melissa or church office

HILLTOP CALENDAR

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Calendar of Church EVENTS

2025

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!

Women's Book Study	Tuesdays	10:00 am	TUMC
Men's Group	Wednesdays	9:30 am	TUMC
Women's Fellowship Group	Wednesdays	1:00 pm	* Zoom

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

◆ **Dates to Note: Current & Coming Soon** ◆

WORSHIP PASTOR AND OFFICE HOURS FOR SUNDAY JULY 13 - JULY 20, 2025

Rev. Melissa Harkness	Sunday July 13	10:00 am
Rev. Melissa Harkness	Sunday July 20	10:00 am

Rev. Melissa Out of Office Week of July 14
(Church office OPEN : Mon & Wed, 9am - 3pm; Tues, 10am - 2pm)

Giving Opportunities

To give directly and securely to TUMC projects including general offering:

Follow this link

[TUMC Giving](#)

or scan this QR code



TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF: If you would like to give a special offering,
Please designate your contribution **"Guadalupe River Flood"** and place in TUMC offering plate,
or drop off at church during office hours.

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

contact **Rev. Amy** (amytumc@gmail.com), or **Sara** (tualatinumc@gmail.com)