



The Wednesday Weekly

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Join us: Sunday Aug 9, 10:00 am

Worship, Music & Fellowship

Hold in your Prayers

Prayers for Healing, Thanks & Hope

Prayers for Tami and family – Ted passed away on Thursday

Prayers of comfort for Dianne and Wes in caretaking

Melinda: Joy in a successful trip, saw wonderful things!

son Ben is fighting fires, prayers for safety

Norm continues to improve!

Up and about and working hard to gain strength

Linda: grateful as fire abates in Sisters and her family is safe

John: joy & concern as Alec passes driver's test

Daena: very glad to be back!

Cid: continued prayers for Dan, doing better with treatments

Barbara: friend is home from ICU;

Prayers for help this week as she packs up house in Texas -
need calm, peace, trust and willingness

Hal: prayers for friend Rick to secure a job

Katelyn: school in a month, feeling uncertain about things right now

Michael: Carson successful in new job

Doug doing well

Friend Steve, prayers for full recover from surgery

Father, health concerns

Karen: Carol's surgery sent sell, she is feeling good

Pam: friend Sherry: opting out of chemo,

prayers for comfort and joyful future

Suni: Congratulations on my daughter Angela's baptism

Be with all experiencing evacuations due to fires

Safety and strength for fire fighters and first responders

Wisdom in our words and guidance for our hands in helping others

*To share prayer requests,
all joys and concerns*

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Give us the blessing
of Your grace and the
gift of your Light.

TUMC HILLTOP CALENDAR

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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!

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 JULY/AUG DATES

Church office remains open regular Mon-Wed hours

Pastor Carly begins at TUMC Wed July 1 (see Pastor's office hours below)

**** New Bible Study begins Tonight! Join us!! ****

Bible Study: "Clobber Passages" Weds **AUG 5 - 26 +** **6:30 pm, TUMC (Nursery)** *see page 5*
Ministry Team Mon Aug 10 6:00 pm, TUMC

Call for Sunday Liturgists

We are looking for people interested in serving as Liturgist for First & Fourth Sundays.
If you agree to one of these spots, you will rotate on a regular basis with our other liturgists. If you cannot attend service on your regular time, simply contact Sara and I will find a replacement.

Second Sunday: Larry Robbins

Third Sunday: Melinda Beyers

Contact Sara in church office for more info or to sign up! *Thank you.*

Beginning July 1, 2026:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Regular Office Hours *(remain the same)*

Mon & Wed: 9am—3pm, Tues: 10am—2pm

Pastor Melissa

TUMC Office:

Mon & Wed, 9am—3pm

Superintendency:

Tues & Thurs (in the field)

Pastor Carly

TUMC Office:

Tues & Thurs, 4:30—7:30pm

Contact Carly via church office, or Email : umcpastorcarly@gmail.com; Tel : 503.308.3864

For more information about any events OR to submit content for this newsletter:

contact church office: **Sara** (tualatinumc@gmail.com) or

Pastor Melissa (revmelissaharkness@gmail.com)

TUMC Church Family News

News about Ted Weitman

From Tami

Ted suffered a short fall at home on July 5, and after a week at OHSU was transferred to Marquis Care Tualatin. He was under care of hospice when he died peacefully Thursday evening, July 30.

On **September 12**, friends will gather for the Portland Parkinson's Walk- **Sole Support**. The **PD Exercise Team** will be walking in Ted's honor, celebrating his strength, friendship, and the community he was part of.

In lieu of flowers, our family kindly requests
memorial donations be made to:
PARKINSON'S RESOURCES OF OREGON (PRO)

888o SW Nimbus Avenue, Suite B
Beaverton OR 97008)

*PRO supports those living with Parkinson's disease
and their loved ones*



Messages of condolence and love:

Tami Weitman & Family
10666 SW Bannoch Street
Tualatin OR 97062

Letter to Tualatin UMC Family

What a joy these first few weeks have been! It has been a true gift to begin getting to know you through worship, office hours, visitations, phone calls, and even those unexpected encounters around town. Thank you to everyone who has extended such a warm welcome. Your kindness, generosity, and hospitality have been a tremendous blessing.

I am grateful to serve alongside Pastor Melissa and the wonderful TUMC ministry team, and I look forward with great anticipation to all that God has in store for us as we grow, serve, and care for one another in the year ahead.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly. It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your Pastor of Care and Connection!

In Gratitude,
Pastor Carly

Community News

“Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.”

- Ryunosuke Satoro

PNW Fires & Helping our Neighbors in Spokane

The Pacific Northwest (PNW) area is enduring its most destructive wildfire season in over 30 years. Our prayers are with those fighting the fires, and those whose communities, homes and lives are in the erratic paths. As of today, August 5, 2026, the Spokane Complex Fire have displaced over 65,000 people, affecting over 700 structures and 10,500 acres, with 13%/5% containment.

Pastor Geoff writes to us from Audubon Park United Methodist in Spokane:

Note: He and many of his congregation are in the evacuation zone, and they were not able to worship together this past Sunday.

We've heard from many people asking how they can help right now.

Please hold off on sending any physical help like clothes, food, even water. Evacuation centers and relief organizations are being inundated with supplies, much of which is not needed right now.

The best thing to do right now is to give financially. There are three United Methodist Funds that will go to support our relief efforts:

UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief <https://gbhem-umc.my.site.com/hemgm/s/donate-to-campaign?id=a3fPo000000D49rIAC>

This is a US disaster relief fund and we've already received word that we're getting a grant from this fund for Spokane Disaster Relief.

The Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church
(<https://secure.givelively.org/.../pacific-northwest...>)

This fund is more regional and is also contributing supplies and equipment to relief efforts.

Our Church has also set up a fund to help families from our church as well as others in our community impacted by the wildfires. You can give to the Audubon Park Church fund here:

<https://subsplash.com/u/audubonparkunitedmethodi/give>

(please select the "Spokane Wildfire Relief 2026" fund).

Thank you to everyone who is reaching out to help out and support those who've been evacuated and who have lost their homes. We'll share more ways to help in the coming days and weeks.

FROM PASTOR MELISSA'S DESK

Announcing: AUGUST BIBLE STUDY **BEGINS TONIGHT!**

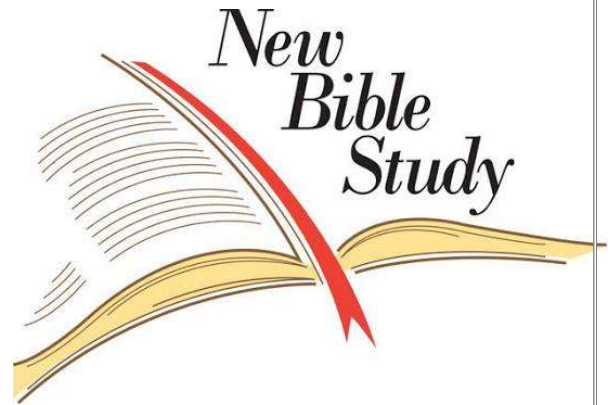
Revisiting the “Clobber Passages”

Study begins: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Nursery

Tualatin United Methodist Church, 20200 SW Martinazzi Ave



Beginning on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, we will gather in the nursery for a Bible study focused on the passages sometimes called the “clobber passages”—scriptures that have often been used to exclude, condemn, or wound women, immigrants, LGBTQ+ people, poor people and their families.

All are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

This study will create space for honest questions, careful reading, and faithful conversation. Together, we will look at these texts in their historical and cultural context, consider how translation and interpretation shape our understanding, and listen for the larger biblical witness of God’s love, justice, mercy, and welcome.

Our goal is not to argue or “win” a debate, but to learn together with humility and compassion. Whether you have studied these passages before, have been harmed by how they have been used, are trying to understand a certain Christian perspective, or simply want to grow in your faith, **you are welcome.**

Topics will include:

- August 5 — Feminism and Women
- August 12 — LGBTQ+
- August 19 — Immigrants
- August 26 — Economic Disparity (Prosperity Gospel)

FROM PASTOR CARLY'S DESK

Pastor of Care & Connection

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

One of the greatest gifts we can offer one another is the ministry of presence. Whether someone is grieving, facing illness, or walking through a difficult season, a caring companion can be a powerful reminder of God's love.

This fall, Tualatin United Methodist Church will begin forming a **Congregational Care Team** based on Karen Lampe and Melissa Gepford's *The Caring Congregation Ministry*. This model equips trained laypeople to offer compassionate, Christ-centered care to those experiencing some of life's most challenging moments. Because this ministry is so important, we are taking an intentional approach to recruiting, training, and supporting those who feel called to serve.

We are seeking **three lay volunteers** to join this new ministry team, with a time commitment of approximately **1–2 hours per week**. Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth has encouraged every United Methodist congregation in the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area to follow the M.I.L.E. which includes equipping laity for ministry. The formation of this Care Team is one way Tualatin UMC is answering that call while also embracing Bishop Bridgeforth's invitation to **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously**.

As you prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to share Christ's love, we invite you to reflect on whether this ministry of care might be part of your journey. If you feel drawn to this opportunity, please reach out to Pastor Carly to learn more and be included in the application process.

What a joy it is to serve with you!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Carly M. Hodge

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