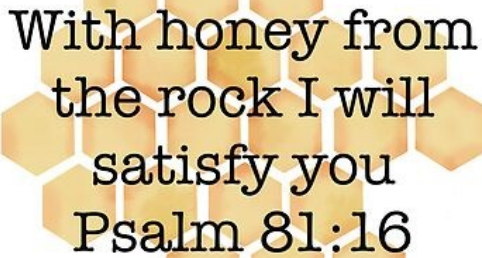


The Wednesday Weekly

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TUMC Church Family News and Updates

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With honey from
the rock I will
satisfy you
Psalm 81:16

Join us: Sunday, August 31, 10:00 am
Worship Service & Fellowship

Hold in your Prayers

Prayers for Healing, Thanks & Hope

John : his mother Trudy, went to hospital with high blood pressure;
prayers also for those offering medical guidance

Pam : so thankful that she got to help her dad Wally celebrate his 95th birthday

Rachel: friend Debra having a serious spinal surgery this week

Hal: Paul and his upcoming hernia surgery;
co-worker Scottie who is in the hospital and not doing well;
Linda who is scheduled for cardiac surgery

Prayers for teachers, families and students preparing for new school year

Prayers for the victims, participants, and perpetrators of war

To share prayer requests,
all joys and concerns

phone or email :
Rev. Melissa or Sara
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Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

CELEBRATION OF LIFE, Ernie Cawvey

We received news that Ernie Cawvey passed away several weeks ago in Portland. Ernie has not be able to attend church in person for many years, but some of you will remember her. She was delighted to receive Sunday bulletins each week by mail and was always interested to hear all the church news.

Celebration of Life, Sunday, Sept 7, Summerplace Clubhouse, Portland

Cards may be sent to 1723 NE 148th Place, Portland OR 97230



BRIDGE TO HOME, Family Promise of Tualatin Valley

<https://www.familypromiseoftv.org/>

Volunteer Opportunities

Tuesdays, Sept 2, Sept 30, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 30

Purchase food, deliver to pantry;

Work in food preparation, serving and clean up in kitchen

Contact Wes Tanac for more information or to sign up!

Email: marinerwes@aol.com



**COMMUNITY
TRANSITIONAL
SCHOOL**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CTS

WE'RE COLLECTING!

These items are especially needed:
(for consistency, please provide brands specified)

- * Crayola crayons, Box of 24
- * Pencil pouch for 3-ring binder
- * Ticonderoga lead pencils
- * Sharpie pens (extra fine, black and colors)
- * Notebook paper, loose leaf, WIDE ruled
- * Pencil supply boxes, Sterilite
- * White Board markers, Expo, all colors

Drop off on Sundays, or during office hours. Bins available in Narthex. Thank you!

MISSION NEWS

Projects, Donations, Volunteer Opportunities



You can & do make a difference!

Note from Rev. Melissa

Beloveds,

There are a lot of needs within and without our church community. Luckily, we serve a God of abundance! Amen! Over the next few months, you will receive several appeals for service needs, monetary needs, and material needs. Please don't feel overwhelmed by these appeals. These are simply ways that we can make an impact. You do not have to contribute to everything. If something tugs at your heart-strings and you are able to give of time, prayer, or gifts, I encourage you to do so.

Beginning Sept. 7th, we will have an offering plate up front near our communion table. This will be for a special monthly offering (to be designated ahead of time). September's offering will be for the Community Transitional School in North Portland. We've had a long time connection with them, and work to help their students have what they need. If you want to know what is going on or need a reminder, please check out their website at [Community Transitional School Portland, OR](https://www.communitytransitionalschool.org) or www.transitionalschool.org.

We will be collecting school supplies as well as monetary donations for CTS over the next couple of weeks.

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TUALATIN FOOD PANTRY

www.tualatinfoodpantry.org

Food on the table for our community friends



TUMC CANNED FOOD DRIVE:

SEPTEMBER SHARING

Share canned goods! For example canned tuna, canned fruit, canned pasta (like SpaghettiOs), hearty soups. Drop off on Sunday morning or during office hours. Bins and more info available in the Narthex.

ONLINE GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

To give directly and securely to any TUMC project including general offering:

Follow this link:

[TUMC Giving](#)

or scan this QR code >>



HILLTOP CALENDAR

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Church Office Hours: Mon & Wed 9am-3pm; Tues 10am-2pm

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 Fellowship Group | Wednesdays | 11:00 am | * Zoom |

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

EVENTS COMING SOON or Happening Now!

Church Office CLOSED

Monday, Sept 1

Labor Day Holiday

BRIDGE TO HOME, Family Promise

Food & Kitchen Help

Tuesdays Sept 2, Sept 30 +

(see page 2 for details)

SEND OFF for Devin Tran, our Pianist

Sunday, Sept 14

After worship service

Devin is heading off to a new adventure and will soon be attending Oregon State University. Join us to celebrate the music he has shared and to wish him well. Meet in the Narthex after service.

ADVENT ART PROJECT

Share Art!

Today through November 1

Everyone is invited to explore and share their experience of God through ART! Contributions will be used for a special TUMC Advent 2025 devotional featuring your creative works or works that inspire you. Ideas and samples on display in Narthex. (see page 5 for more details)

HELP WANTED AND ENCOURAGED

COMMUNION COMPANION TEAM

Ongoing Traveling Ministry

Pastor Melissa invites team members to provide fellowship and communion to those friends that are home or hospital bound. Contact church office if you are interested in serving on a team. *Please also share with Pastor Melissa or church office the names of those you know in the community that would welcome visits from our traveling team.*

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Ongoing

Traditionally, churches have designated people to supply the communion elements for Communion Sunday each month. These Stewards fill a different role than those that assist with the serving of communion in worship. Stewards provide a small roll to break and gluten free bread cut into small pieces, as well as monitor the supply of grape juice. Contact Pastor Melissa or Sara in church office to find out more about this role. Training is provided.

If you can provide bread for Communion on September 7, please contact Sara!

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) |



CALLING ALL EXPLORERS, YOUNG AND OLDER! TUMC Advent Art Project

Where do you see God in the world?

Grab a camera, a pencil, a pen, a crayon, or a paintbrush.

You are invited to explore the question,

“How do I experience (Hope, Joy, Love, Peace) in the world?” through art.

Do you experience God’s influence in nature, in a good friendship, or a favorite song? Take a picture, create a piece of art, compose a song, or write a poem, I would like to know how you experience these things. **I will be collecting art until November 1, 2025.** These pieces of art will be compiled into an Advent devotional to be shared with all at Tualatin UMC and in our community. So, stay tuned, keep your hearts, minds, ears, and eyes open, and let’s explore God together. -Rev. Melissa Harkness

Please explore and submit : Today through November 1, 2025:

A piece of art (picture, song lyrics, painting, etc...)

Name and age of artist

Any description you want to include with your art

- Please ask permission from and give credit to any other artist/author in your submission
- All artwork can be turned into the church office or emailed to tualatinumc@gmail.com
- Questions? Please contact Rev. Melissa Harkness or church office, (503) 692-1820

PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Episcopal Address from Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth 2025 Annual Conference, Greater Northwest Area UMC

Editor's Note: We will be sharing a section or two each week in this newsletter from Bishop Bridgeforth's address to the 2025 Annual Conference. This week we share section 3 of 10.

3. The Power of Teams: Rethinking itineration, location and superintendency

To fully live out these ministry priorities, we must also rethink how we deploy leadership through itineration and superintendency—key tools for supporting ministries that matter.

As we look at itineration and location more closely, we also encounter the matter of superintendency. I have spent a great amount of time over the past few months examining how we do superintendency and how we might deploy superintendents differently so that we can live into our ministry priorities and respond to what we learned as we identified those priorities.

One of the things we heard repeatedly was that leadership and resources must be as local as possible, contextual, and show up in ways that let lay and clergy know that who they are and what they are doing matters. Our practices should communicate that they are not merely cogs in machinery, keeping the conference or denomination running. The ministries they are doing, the relationships they're developing, and their impact in their areas really matter.

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So, we are embarking on a new venture. Instead of having one district superintendent, we'll have teams of pastoral leaders serving part-time as a superintendent team of two or three. Then, those teams will work together to fulfill all the needs we place upon our current district superintendents. This coming year, we will live into this model and this new reality with our first team appointed to the SeaTac District. I'll share more about this change later in this address.

We are at a time when we have more and more pastoral leaders with "limited itinerancy." This means they can't just go everywhere for a variety of reasons. We must acknowledge that there are real downsides to this current reality. When pastoral leaders are not as mobile, we won't always have a pastoral leader to send to every place, even when those places are full-time, have a parsonage, and may be a wonderful, thriving church community.

Because of this, the Cabinet needs to get creative in providing pastoral leadership and finding and appointing people willing to serve from other denominations, parts of the country, and even other parts of the world.

This creative process by the Cabinet risks the emergence of subconferences that are not well connected with the rest of the annual conference and are sometimes prone to wandering away from who we are. We shouldn't be surprised

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when they wonder why it even matters that they are part of the conference, or even a part of the denomination.

I want to name the impact of "limited itineration" here because it is a reality. When our pastoral leaders are unwilling or unable to go and serve in large parts of our annual conference, this can create and exacerbate feelings of disconnection while undermining a sense of shared purpose and identity.

We also can no longer expect that every pastoral leader will serve only one pastoral charge.

One congregation, one pastor, is a model of ministry that is quickly dissipating.

We are working feverishly to prepare pastoral leaders and congregations to live into the reality that a pastoral leader may need to serve multiple faith communities simultaneously to cobble together a full-time appointment. If the value is a full-time appointment, we can get to that. However, that will mean fewer appointments for people we are not obligated to appoint, and those with guaranteed appointments may have to serve more than one congregation at a time.

The erosion of the one congregational, one pastor model also means that some who have been accustomed to a full-time appointment may elect to serve in a part-time capacity because of their limited itineracy. Again, limited itineracy is determined by the pastoral leader, not by the Cabinet. Though we are obligated to appoint some categories of pastoral leaders, we are not obligated to bend to every whim and every need of every pastoral leader.

The Cabinet has and will continue to do our absolute best to keep people in their homes, keep children from having to move and disrupt their educational journey, and to avoid disrupting family systems that require multi-generational living situations. However, we cannot forget our responsibility to the needs of our local ministry settings, which we are here to serve. We will do our best to keep those things in alignment. However, there will come a point where that part of the system will no longer function, and many who have been accustomed to full-time appointments will not have access to them in the area where they need to reside, and decisions will need to be made.

The changing needs and capacities of our churches drive us toward more shared ministry, clusters, and co-ops to develop within our episcopal area. This is not a deficit. This is really an opportunity to lean into our connectional strengths. Each of our places of ministry has strengths, and we'll call them serious realities.

***No congregation can do everything well, but a few congregations working together can cover
a wide array of needs and gifts and really flourish in a particular region.***

This new reality also requires a shift in thinking and openness to change within our congregations. We must take

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advantage of our connectional nature, particularly with shared ministry opportunities, to collaborate and let go of some things that may be in the way.

We are moving to team-based ministry at the conference level with our superintendents. We are doing it within our staffing across our area and in each conference. So, doing it at the local ministry level is just a natural progression, and we believe it is the best way forward for our collective future.

This foundational work in leadership structure directly shapes how we equip and empower the laity, which is the next essential piece.



To read along at your own pace, please visit:
[Putting the Pieces Together GNW UMC](#)
Audio is also available on the website for each section.