Tillamook United Methodist Church

TILLAMOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Nourishing our community with the Love of Christ

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## Hello June! Let summer begin!

## Successful Rummage Sale of 2022! By Kathy Gervasi

## Final tally: \$1,793 for Missions

(UMCOR Ukraine, Cuba Ambulance Fund, and TUMC Community Garden)

What does it take to have a successful rummage sale? First of all, a lot of "rummage" which we certainly had from generous donors. Thank you! What is one person's junk, is someone else's treasure. Then we needed volunteers to do a variety of jobs: setting up, supervising the sale, tearing down, packing up and taking the leftovers to Good Will. Many hands make the jobs easier. Thank you so much to the following volunteers:

Betty Hickey

Bill Farnum

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## **Celebration of Music**



Join us for a special musical Sunday June 5th 11:00.

Pacific Chimes and TUMC Choir Performances Hymn Sing. Followed by a Potluck Lunch.

Bring a Friend!



## Successful Rummage Sale of 2022 Cont.

Diane and Wally Nelson

June Olsen

Steven and Nancy Kershaw

**Pastor Trista** 

- **Debby Hendrickson**
- Janet Riedel
- **Brenton Jacobs**

Cathie Favret

**Carol Ewert** 

Kathy Gervasi

- Bob Teran
- Diana Brisco
- **Rosemary Zimmerman**







## 2022 Tillamook Grub Club Schedule

Free sack lunches (for youth ages 18 & under) Monday-Friday, June 13-Sept. 2



Lunches will be delivered at 11:40 am to all sites and must be eaten at the site (no lunches taken home).

Champion Apartments
Glenhaven Apartments
Trask River Apartments
Tillamook County Library
Goodspeed Park
Tillamook United Methodist Church

(East side of basketball court) (Picnic table by the office) (TBD) (Children's area) (Picnic tables) (Fellowship Hall)



Volunteers are needed to help prepare and deliver lunches Contacts: Tillamook UMC, 503-842-2224, <u>tillamookumc@gmail.com</u> Sara, 503-812-1677 (text), <u>ayerssh@yahoo.com</u> Or Scott, 503-812-9134, <u>scottkarenanna@yahoo.com</u> Sponsored by Tillamook United Methodist Church To find summer meal programs near you text "Summer Meals" to 914-342-7744 Or call 1-866-348-6479

Volunteers are needed for the **TUMC Grub Club** this summer to prepare free sack lunches for Tillamook area youth age 17 & under Monday-Friday, June 13-Sept. 2 (volunteer one time, one day/week or more)



Volunteers are needed to:

- help prepare & pack lunches, 8:30-10 am
  - make sandwiches
  - cut & package veggies & other snack items
- deliver lunches, 11:20 am-12:20 pm

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Tillamook Ecumenical Community (TEC) News

Our next worship with TEC—Sunday, July 21st. Mark your calendars!

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#### We need a new TEC Representative!

Nancy Kershaw has been the TUMC TEC representative, but with the Kershaw's travel schedule & new grandbaby, church council is looking for a replacement.

If you want more information or just curious, please reach out to Betty Hickey 321-474-1755 or call Pastor Wynne here at the church.

#### Worship & Word

Music Sunday 6/5

Psalm 150!

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"United in Christ: United in Love"

**June Sermon Series** 

"For the Common Good" - 6-12

John 16:12-15

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

"As One Body" - 6/19

\* Communion Sunday\*

Luke 8:26-39

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

"The Greater Gifts" -6/26

Matthew 15:29-39

1 Corinthians 12:27-31



## **Bible Study and Prayer**

Our in-person Bible Study and Prayer will take a summer break. Watch the August News for updates regarding ways to dive deeper with Christ in the Fall!

#### Are you interested in leading a study in person or online?

Talk to Pastor Wynne about your aspirations! We would love to offer a variety of studies in the Fall.

## **Monthly Potlucks**

Monthly potlucks have returned! Join us for fun and fellowship on a special Sunday of each month. This month: **June 5th!** Are you interested in joining the set up and cleanup crew? Call the office and let us know!

#### A Time of Remembrance

Join us in remembering Jean Bailey

Friday, July 1st @ 2 pm.

Memorial gifts can be sent to the church in her honor.





## News from the Little Pews

A word from our little office helper, Ellerie: *"Thank you for my dolly, I named it Alice."* 

Come by the office to see all of Ellerie's artwork pictured on the left.

Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." (Luke 18:16)

## **Boomer Sooner—A Quilted Autobiography**



#### Funds Raised (so far): \$4,939.50

Many thanks to Cathie Favret, who offered such a wonderful quilt show here at Tillamook UMC during the month of May! We are blessed by your incredible gifts and are grateful for your sharing with our community! Blessings to you and Bob for all of your hard work!

#### **Update our Contacts!**

We are in the process of developing a new Church Directory, and we want to include you!

Please call the church office with your updated information so that we can send out an updated directory this summer.



Send us your favorite photo to include! We can scan a copy from a physical photo, or you can email it to Isabella: <u>tillamookumc@gmail.com</u>

Churches improve inclusivity with accessibility By Kristen Caldwell

April 28, 2022





A new ramp inside of Puyallup UMC helps people who are disabled or mobility challenged access the chancel area.

On Palm Sunday, a lifelong member of Puyallup United Methodist Church in Washington was able to use the newly installed ramp to access the chancel area of the sanctuary for the first time in her life.

Last winter, a woman who had been attending the meal program in the basement of Ebbert Memorial UMC in Springfield, Oregon, was able to finally go upstairs for worship because the church had installed an elevator and she is now able to access all five different levels of the building.

These two churches are some of the latest in the Greater Northwest Area to learn that to be a fully inclusive church, you must be a fully accessible

church for individuals with disabilities or mobility challenges.

"I think it was a really great vision the congregation had," said Rev. June Fothergill at Ebbert Memorial.

The outside of Ebbert Memorial UMC in Springfield where an elevator (right corner) shaft was built and made all floors of the building accessible for anyone.

For the last few years, the church initiated a capital campaign to finance the elevator and some walkways that would allow people to access the basement, sanctuary, and the different levels of the attached education wing at Ebbert Memorial. The church raised more than \$460,000 for the project, with additional resources coming from a Springfield Kiwanis group and a \$40,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation.

Ebbert Memorial serves meals five days a week to low-income or houseless residents in the area and having an elevator allows people to access the building for multiple purposes. Additionally, Fothergill said the church is hoping to develop more opportunities to work with the Egan Warming Center to provide shelter to the houseless in the future – something that has been put on hold during the pandemic.

"It was a really good experience having the campaign and getting people involved,"

Fothergill said.

At Puyallup UMC, the conversation over installing a ramp and being an inclusive church were not separate thoughts, according to Rev. Cara Scriven.

"In 2019 our congregation began having conversations about becoming a reconciling church and welcoming all people into the full participation in the life of our church," Scriven said.

The pandemic delayed the vote, meanwhile, the church merged with Summit UMC in July 2020. Finally, by mail ballot a year ago, Scriven said 94 percent of the congregation approved a new vision to be an inclusive congregation.

While the building was still closed to in-person worship during the pandemic, Scriven said church leaders began discerning if it was the right time to remodel some of the facilities. The following letter was sent to the congregation a year ago to discern whether it was time to

expend reserve funds for the remodeled, accessible sanctuary.

"As we seek to be a more hospitable place for everyone, we also want to evaluate how our building can be more welcoming. We already have a unisex bathroom that is accessible, as well as additional accessible stalls in our gendered bathrooms. We are also blessed by past members who designed a single leveled church. This allows those with mobility challenges easier access to almost all areas of the building. However, the one significant area that is not currently accessible is the Chancel (or stage) in the sanctuary. This means that members who have



A view of the new ramp inside Puyallup UMC.

challenges navigating stairs are not able to be liturgists, band members, or participate in any activities that happen on the Chancel."

A view of the new ramp inside Puyallup UMC.

The congregation moved back into its renovated space on April 10, 2022, where Scriven saw a young woman and lifelong member who uses a wheelchair access the chancel for the first time.

"It was an amazing sight. She was so excited," said Scriven. "When our trustee chairperson and I saw this, it was very clear to us that all the work we did to make it happen was worth it."

Fothergill said she learned a lot through the process of raising funds to make their 105-yearold building an accessible one. She was often surprised by the generosity of her congregation, who supported the concept of making their church inclusive for people of all abilities and she hopes other churches consider capital projects like this as well.

"That's one thing I've learned," she said. "People just need to be asked."

#### **Council Meeting Minutes 5/19/22**

Attendance: Pastor Trista, Betty Hickey, Debby Hendrickson, Steven Kershaw, Wally and Diane Nelson

#### **Finance Report**

Net Income: \$894.67

Rummage Sale Income: \$1,793

Check from the Charity Drive is \$750.00

We are deciding tonight how to divide up the proceeds from the rummage sale to UMCOR-

Ukraine, Cuba, and Community Garden.

#### Worship

5th Sunday at St. Alban's at 10am, Pastor Trista will livestream the service off her device via Facebook live.

#### Missions

Grub Club in search of volunteers

Pastor Mario in Cuba looking for help raising money to provide an ambulance to the area and ongoing need for food donations. Coastie's is also raising money. \$18,000 is being asked to purchase the ambulance.

Grant was awarded (Charity Drive) for \$750 to put a fence in and discussing first steps to get the grounds ready. We need to get the sod up first and prepare the beds. Fencing will follow.

Brotherhood Mutual Foundation Grant Program was submitted on time and recipients will be notified by July 31st. Submitted for almost \$40,000 considering the high prices for building materials and accessible garden beds.

Boomer Sooner Quilt Show and Sale proceeds will all to "Raise the Roof" fund.

Garage/Plant Sale proceeds were discussed. There was some concern and confusion over the intended allocation. We will be more deliberate in communicating our goals/direction in the future. Motion made to split Rummage Sale proceeds 50/50 to UMCOR Ukraine Relief and Cuba with Love fund. All voted to move forward with this decision.

#### Miscellaneous

Next Council Meeting is June 16th at 5pm via Zoom

Assist people who need a ride to church on Sunday Mornings, advertise in the paper "Call if in need of transportation".

Summer Activities and Bible Study to invite our neighbors. Picnic? Lunch Bunch? Breezy Bible Study?

Boomer Sooner Quilt Show and Sale was very busy on their first day.

Church iPad is having issues but it is an older model. It is linked to an unknown iPhone. We are going to recycle it. We have a new iPad that we know all the passcodes to.

#### **Grub** Club

Government is requiring a UEI (Unique Employee Identifier) Number but application keeps getting rejected. Possibly because our founding date is older than their system can accept. This year has changed from grab and go to a monitored lunch. For the monitor sites someone needs to sit with the youth for 20 minutes to ensure their perishable food is consumed and not brought home with them. Non-perishable items are fine to bring home. US Foods cannot deliver to church because we do not meet the minimum unit needs. The Schooner restaurant and Camp Magruder were approached to partner as a delivery drop. They have declined. Steven K. will meet with Sara and Scott to discuss driving to Portland to pick up meat and fresh food. The budget will be adjusted for mileage reimbursement.

Lunch served at the church may be different from the lunches served at the other sites. Salads are a possibility due to donations of excess produce from the Farmer's Market. Salads will be served with a disposable bowl, dressing options, and fork. That will accompany their main meal.

Next Council Meeting will be Thursday, June 16, via ZOOM at 5pm

#### Volunteer Opportunity!

Our community Food Bank is currently open on Monday afternoons, 2-6 pm, and we are seeing an increase in need. They would like to be open on Friday afternoons as well, but are in need of volunteers.

If you are available one or two weeks per month, please call our office to let us know. You may also call the pantry directly and leave a message for Taiwa Ulrich: 503-815-3880



### A Blessing for Earth in Pain

*From Seven Songs of Creation: Liturgies for Celebrating and Healing Earth* by Norman C. Habel

Beloved Earth,

May the God who grieves and grieves Over the injustice which crushes the weak, may the God who struggled with Job And felt the barbs of his anguish, May the God who heard a son cry from the cross And felt his feeling of forsaken presence — Yes, May the God who experience Golgotha And Auschwitz and Indigenous massacres, And children torn from their cultures, Share your pain, Share your loss, Share your struggle, Share the memory of loving trust betrayed by Humans, Share your cross, And share the hope that you will be loved again By the human custodians Entrusted with your care.

# We have Covid Tests available for free!

Come and pick up a few for yourself and for your neighbors. Take care of our community and those whom you love by having these on hand anytime you have a question about your health.





Nancy and Steven Kershaw joyfully announce the arrival of grandson, Henry Russel Kuster on May 29th, 2022



## June Birthdays at TUMC:

Martha Beckum 6/06 Samantha Klumph 6/14 John Tuthill 6/17 Bethel Phillips 6/19 Gordon McCraw 6/22 Ellerie Rutledge 6/23 Pastor Trista 6/30

Join us for Annual Conference! Be a Voice for TUMC! Tillamook UMC is in need of a Lay Leader to be a voice for our local community within the Oregon-Idaho conference, and to care for our community here alongside of Pastor Wynne. If you are interested, please contact the church office at your earliest convenience!

#### **Garden Parties**

We are excited for the renewal and regeneration of our church garden during this growing season! Are you available for a few hours in the afternoon during the week, or on Saturday morning? Let Betty Hickey or Pastor Wynne know, and we will delightedly welcome you to work with us in the garden or around the church grounds!





We were delighted to host Monday Musical's Scholarship Contest on May 22nd! Congratulations to (pictured here) Rachel Lee (Neah-Kah-Nie HS, Junior) and Rose Franke (Homeschool, Senior) and (participating virtually) Tessa Thompson (Nestucca HS, Senior)

Well done! It was a pleasure to host you!



## A Note from Pastor Wynne

Beloved ones in Christ, We are finishing our first year together in ministry and are well on our way to deepening our work together in the love of Christ.

What an incredible year it has been! We have welcomed new families with young children and cared for our aging. Our gardening ministry has not only been awakened from its years of laying fallow, but it has begun to expand and bear fruit in welcoming our neighbors next door and nearby.

This Spring, we have received a grant from Tillamook High School of \$750 for new fencing, and our neighbors are lending a hand in preparing the soil for new growth. We are reaching out to additional funding and working partners to continue this beautiful ministry that enables us to engage our community in deep relationship and allows us to be good stewards of one of our most valuable gifts from Creator — the land we dwell on. Truly, we are blessed as a community and we are able to be a blessing for others as well.

As the flowers around us blossom, (and we have more bulbs awaiting planting parties this month!) we joyfully embrace our calling to care for creation, to love our Earthen Mother, to honor our interrelated lives by caring for our fellow human dirt creatures, and we look for additional ways in which to cultivate compassion in our everyday lives.

Take some time every day this month to get out into the dirt. Give thanks for the birdsong. Give thanks for the winds and the willow. Give thanks for the creeping insects and the vitality of this lush and glorious land in which we have the tremendous opportunity to live. Visit the seashore as often as you can. Ocean energy is a glorious one: revitalizing, cleansing, healing, renewing, and offering birth to all kinds of weather. Truly we are blessed to dwell nearby, and so we often use the Great Thanksgiving by the Sea in our celebration of communion. Blessings to you all in this month of vitality and growth!

#### Nourishing our Community with the Love of Christ

We journey together in the Christian tradition where everyone is welcome! TUMC is a safe place to explore your faith. We want you to ask questions, to bring your wonder, to bring your inspiration, to bring your creativity, to become curious about your existence, and to join with fellow seekers as we work together to bring healing, comfort, wisdom and hope to a hurting world. We pledge in our baptismal vows to resist evil, oppression and injustice in whatever forms they may be found, and we invite you to join us.

#### Jump into June! Read more Inside!

We are delighted to begin our summer activities! On June 5th, you can enjoy the Spirit of Music, as we enter the season of Pentecost with beautiful offerings by our choir and chimes. Join us afterwards for a potluck with your favorite summer dish.

We care for the young folx in our community by once again preparing sack lunches and delivering them to children and youth via Grub Club.

And we are preparing our Garden of Eatin' with an expansion, with fencing, and with seeds that will nourish our community with the love of Christ in tangible ways!



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