



Blessings for the New Year!

We are so grateful for your gifts and time and talents and financial offerings! You are truly generous in your hearts. Thank you so much!

Our news this month is more brief, as we are in a time of transition. Our pastor will be taking some time off for medical needs, and our office manager has moved to other work.

Pastoral care will be offered by the ministers in our Tillamook County Cooperative Ministries, (the Coasties). Please call on them for support as you would Pastor Alegra.

- * Pastor Dave Hurd (Bay City UMC) 503-801-1507
- * Pastor Celeste Deveney (Nehalem Bay) 425-780-1660
- * Pastor Ali Lufkin, (St Alban’s Episcopal) 719-486-4731

Rosemary Zimmerman will continue to be available for prayer chain needs, and will provide in-person office support on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am to Noon.

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Lots of Photos and gratitude are included in this edition of our newsletter. We give thanks for you!

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Let your light shine before all people!

Gratitude in the Year of 2022



'TIS THE SEASON for giving
and receiving gifts
with gratitude and love in our hearts!

As we look back on the past year, we give thanks for the many blessings that our TUMC family and Community Partners have shared to create a sacred and beautiful space that we can share together!

We are grateful for each of the people who have shared their time, talents, gifts and financial offerings to support the ministries, to care for the grounds, and to offer hope and healing to our neighbors and friends here in the Tillamook community.

We are grateful for the Sharing of our Space!

Our west wing continues to be a place that offers support for our lower income neighbors and community folk. The Tillamook Food Pantry utilizes a good portion of what was previously educational space. This year they installed a walk-in refrigerator unit outside and by the end of 2022, one of our old classrooms will be transformed into a walk-in freezer, increasing the capacity of food storage and decreasing the amount of electricity used for this much-needed partner ministry serving many of our neighbors.

Head Start and Community Action Team offers early learning opportunities for folk on the margins. Teacher Cheryl and Diana provide age-appropriate development opportunities for children ages

three to five years old in rooms that once served our church as the nursery. Social skills, emotional development and cooperation are learned simultaneously with the alphabet, proper handling of crafting tools, early literacy and proper hygiene habits. We provide safe places for the children to interact and play, both inside the fellowship hall and in the play garden that can be seen through the doors and windows of our Wesley Room library.



The Wesley Room is used by the Jammin' for Jesus crew early in the week, and is a comfortable place to sit and have contemplative prayer, Bible Study or smaller times of worship. We offered all of these opportunities for opening our heart and deepening our spiritual development as adults.

Our children's library and sanctuary play spaces have both been updated throughout the year of 2022. We have new books with wonderful ways

to learn about various cultures, religious perspectives and a healthy understanding of race, culture, emotions, as well as age-appropriate ways to worship, pray and seek the Wisdom of God. Our community has been generous with sharing new and old books that assist with this growth and development. And many of you have shared soft toys, donated financial gifts to cover the expenses of children's crafts, bulletins and worship materials. We have also received a beautiful gift of several bins of puppets for future in-person and online ministry for young folk.

The musical wing has become active once more as the TUMC choir and Pacific Chimes have gathered to share their time and talents and gifts with us again. Every Wednesday evening and most Sunday mornings, these rooms are active and filled with a joyful noise for the glory of the Lord. We are grateful for the talented musical leadership of Diane Nelson, Deb Hendrickson and Kathy Gervasi for their gifted leadership of these groups. We also host the Tillamook Marimba group in our musical wing, and are delighted to provide space for their instruments and music. We look forward to hearing more from our marimbas in the upcoming year.



Our Faith Quilters have also been tremendously busy this year! We are grateful to Cathie Favret, Carolyn Ewert and Doreen Fletch as well as many who join in throughout the year including Betty Hickey and Gen Gates, in their creative gifts that support our sanctuary, have raised money for new lights, donated benches for the beautification of the grounds, raised money towards the roof fund, and have contributed to many maintenance and upgrade projects for TUMC over the many years of active involvement. These gifted folk work diligently and joyfully each week and rarely ask for recognition.

We are grateful for the gentle leadership of our quiet ministry leaders!



Bill Farnum cares so wonderfully for our building and maintains a space of hospitality and welcome each Sunday morning, arriving early to open the doors, turn on the lights and put the kettle and coffee on before nearly anyone else enters the building on Sunday mornings.

Sara Ayers faithfully attends worship, sitting in the children's area, providing safe and welcoming space for our children and young at heart folk to be present in the times of gathering and worship. Whether or not we have young people, she is here each week, ready to welcome them with a craft, children's bulletin and toys and games so that they and their parents can feel comfortable in joining us all in worship.

Gratitude abounds for Rosemary Zimmerman, and earlier this year, for Nancy Kershaw, providing office support when we have been in search of an administrative assistant. Isabella Armenta has provided wonderful support for us, serving as our Office Manager from March until December of this year. She has provided us with wonderful communications, kept up the website and social media posts and provided assistance for Pastor Alegra to keep in contact with our homebound through weekly devotionals and kept our calendar, both online and in the office, up to date. We will be searching for a new Administrative Assistant in the new year.

Online support and technical leadership in keeping our Facebook family and extended worshipping community active through our online platforms has been provided by Betty Hickey. Upgrades to the computer, installation of our new camera and updating of our sound system was facilitated by Betty and by Steven Kershaw. Scott Casey offered his time to make these systems work well! We received a special gift from Cascadia District of the UMC with funds that were also used to support technology upgrades.

We have a new large screen television in the sanctuary that is now connected to our computers and iPad thanks to a donation of an apple tv device from Pastor Steven Wolff. We look forward to sharing videos and special offerings through our technology in the new year!

We are grateful for our community partners and generous donors!

During this year, we received a generous donation from one of our community members who saw our call for help with our roof. The repairs that we worked on last summer to attempt to patch the roof were not fully successful, but at least we were not left with a debt and the continued leaks! Our donor provided a good portion of what we needed to cover the cost of the initial repairs, and we also received a very low-interest loan from the Cascadia District Church Extension Society towards the bill as well. We have noticed now that the stormy season has come that we will indeed have to completely resurface the roof over the sanctuary and fellowship hall, but we did try our best to simply repair and to patch the known faulty areas for the lower cost. We are grateful to all who are currently prayerfully contemplating donating to the fund for a new roof, and to Bob Teran, who is researching our options for building repair and maintenance.

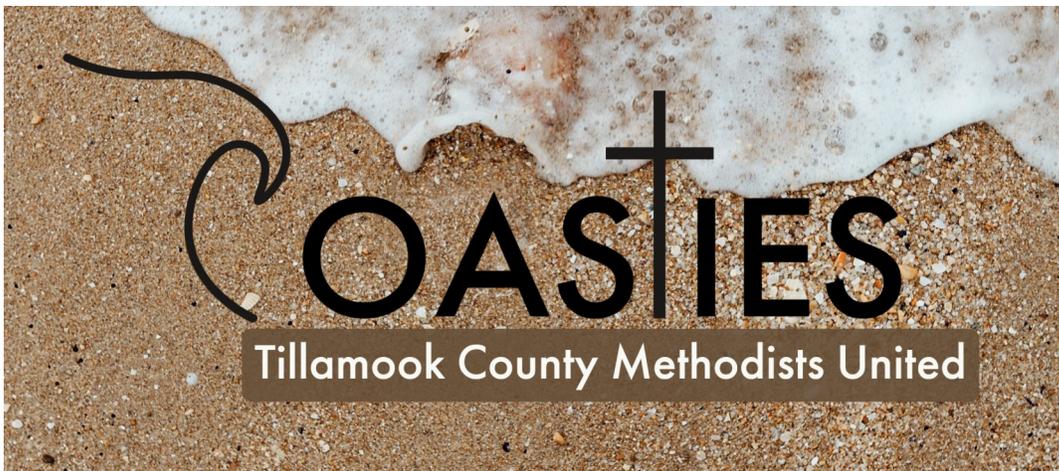
This year, we also received a grant from Tillamook High School which provided us seed money for a fence that will be installed in the time of preparation for next year's garden. And we received a healthy donation of compost from Avril's Landscaping for the garden area. Our Christmas tree was donated by Rosenberg's building supply. We are grateful for our community partners, and look forward to deepening our relationship with the community in the future!

Thank you to all who have provided time, talents, gifts of service, gifts of prayer, e-cards for birthdays and special days, and have done visitation or offered tech support for worship. Thank you to our community partners and to our supporters who provide financial contributions from near and far. You are all gifted in ministry! We value your offerings to our community!





Gratitude for a Faithful Year together!



In the Coming Year:



Join us for a soulful journey!

We cultivate compassion here

At Tillamook UMC,
there is a place
for you!

All ages, stages,
abilities,
ethnicities,
gender identities
and sexualities
are welcome.

January Worship Series

1st - Shared Worship with St Peters Lutheran
in Tillamook

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8th - Epiphany - Hymn Sing!

Isaiah 60:1-6| Ephesians 3:1-12| Matthew 2:1-12

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15th - "Beholding the Light" - Communion

- Wendy Woodworth, Cascadia District

Superintendent, speaking,

Isaiah 40:1-6 | 1 Cor 1:1-9 | John 1:29-42

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22nd - "The Healing Light" - Danielle Hurd,

Bay City UMC, speaking

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 | Matthew 4:12-23

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29th - Worship with our Ecumenical
Community @ St Alban's Episcopal



**Light Emerges
from the Darkness**



News for the New Year!

Join us for Worship at
St Peter's Lutheran
Church on January 1st
@ 10:00 am!

Pastor Alegra Lynne

Beloved ones in Christ,

I want to thank you for a year of abundance and the sharing of many gifts and talents together. As I wrote about what we have done together in this past year, I found myself smiling in body and spirit.



In the time of the Holiday Bazaar and in the Rummage sale, many of you offered your time generously to help our ministries to get back to functionality, which is a big feat considering the challenges we have been through in the world during the Pandemic. You have given your all in our times of worship, and have shared from the heart in our Bible Studies, times of Contemplative Prayer and during my home visitations with you.

Your gifts of time and talent and service as well as your financial offerings have helped this congregation as well as supported our community connections. We have a good foundation upon which to build.

In this season of long nights (though now, past solstice, lengthening days) I have found myself in need of some rest, and my doctor has recommended that I take several weeks off as we quest to understand some unanswered questions regarding my health. And so, I entrust you into the hands of my pastoral colleagues and your council leadership. On the front page you have the cell numbers of our nearby pastors with whom I have developed relationship and trust. And on the previous page, you will see the plan for worship in January. You will be in good hands!

All in all, we truly have had a full and bountiful year together in 2022! I look forward to connecting with you again after my medical leave is complete. Thank you for holding me in your prayers for support and healing.

Blessings to you, dear ones!

Love in Christ,

Pastor Alegra J Lynne

Farewell, Isabella

Our church has been blessed by having Isabella Armenta and her daughter, Ellerie, in the office since March. Isabella provided much needed support to our minister, Alegra Lynne, so that communications were well-crafted and beautiful, our bulletins were printed and outlined for worship, and our online platforms and social media were kept up to date as our pastor and church council have hoped for.

We are sad to see Isabella depart, however, we understand that she feels called to provide home schooling and care for her child and has felt a calling to further her development and leadership at our nearby martial arts studio. Blessings to you, Isabella! We have been very grateful for your gifts and time with us!



January Birthdays at TUMC:

Mark Gervasi 1/03

Sue Meyer 1/20

Greg Meyer 1/20

Trent Meyer 1/22

Nourishing our Community
with the Love of Christ

You can view our Christmas Eve
service online by visiting our website:
www.tillamookumc.org/worship

Join with us on Epiphany Sunday,
January 8th, for a special Hymn Sing
led by our accompanist, Kathy Gervasi.

Come on the 15th to hear our District
Superintendent, Wendy Woodworth
bring a joyful gift and lead us in the
celebration of Holy Communion.

Worship on the 22nd of January will
be led by Danielle Hurd from Bay City
United Methodist.

Connect with our Ecumenical Community!

We will gather with our Ecumenical partners twice this month! Join us on New Year's Day at St Peter's Lutheran Church at 10 am. Worship with us at TUMC on January 8th, 15th and 22nd. And then we will again be with our ecumenical partners at St Alban's Episcopal on Sunday, January 29th for our 5th Sunday worship.

In this issue of TUMC news, we review the year of 2022 and give thanks for the many ways that the Spirit of God has been active in our midst. We are filled with the light of Christmastide and soon will enter the season of Epiphany as we honor the gift of Light Emerging in the Darkness. Open this newsletter to learn more!

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