



Stories of Faith & Love

Tigard United Methodist Church

What does TUMC mean to you? What do you love about TUMC?



Jenn with Odyssey and Trekker

When I came to the Playpark, I was so impressed with the posters I saw in the halls—the welcoming statement, a recycling themed VBS—that I knew I wanted to check TUMC out... I was completely drawn in by the music and interactive experience at Water's Edge worship. I couldn't wait to get Odyssey baptized and to join the church as a member! I'm grateful the boys and I have found an amazing church home.

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TUMC has been our church home for 33 years. TUMC is a place of love, energy, support, and opportunity, all of which have kept us coming back. Serving on committees, participating in social activities, and volunteering beyond the walls of the church have given us opportunities for personal growth and for developing closer relationships with our fellow parishioners.



Tim and Betsey



Nick and Elise, with Sawyer and Oliver

We had not been to church in many years. We started to feel the absence of a community and began searching for something, although we didn't know what. We loved the TUMC welcoming statement and felt like it might be a place where we would fit in. TUMC has become a place to share our joys and troubles. It's a place where we feel like we belong and where our gifts can make a difference. We can come as we are and be who we are and know that we are always welcome.

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After moving to Tigard, we visited TUMC and were impressed by the outstretched arms of welcome. The welcome felt sincere and genuine. We visited a few more times and we stayed. We stayed because we love the caring attitude of the congregation, and the fact that the church ventures outside the four walls and touches the community with human kindness. TUMC continues to look



Ray and Lorna

for ways to make the community in which we serve a better place and to really show God's love.





Another Amazing Chapter—Highlights of the Last Year



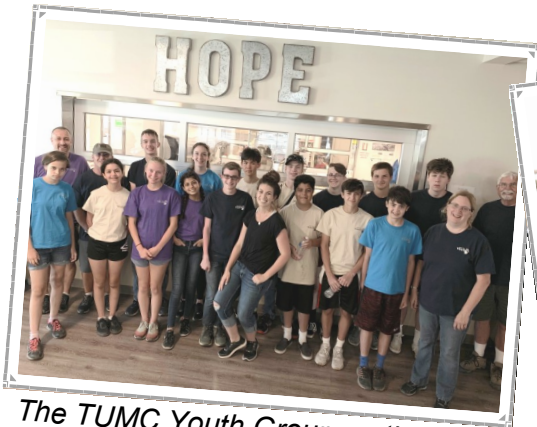
Messy Church in October focused on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. These kids are in the pig pen!



United Methodist Women celebrate 150 years of making the world better for women, children, and youth.



Our church provided housing to families experiencing homelessness for four weeks in 2019, serving at least 8 families (the December 2019 week is coming soon).



The TUMC Youth Group on their August 2019 mission trip to Bend.



Students from at least 11 countries attend our church's English classes.



The Tuesday morning men's coffee group in August.



A graduate of the "Cooking Matters" class at BHOB.



"Good Neighbor Awards" given at our 2019 Vacation Bible School.



Choir Christmas Cantata 2018



Tyler, Karen, Peter, Ryan

We started attending TUMC because we wanted a spiritual grounding for our boys. We kept attending because the amazing community of good people doing good works feels like family. Ryan enjoys the sermons, while Tyler is a big fan of the Youth Group. Being surrounded by the talented people of TUMC feels like home while we are getting closer to God.

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A Peek at the Next Chapter

The Tigard UMC Church Council has been in conversation about how the Holy Spirit is leading our congregation into the future. At its annual day retreat on October 5, 2019 the Church Council affirmed that TUMC is called to adapt how it is in ministry with the changing community around the main campus and Bethlehem House of Bread. They noted that the core values most frequently ranked #1 are **inclusivity** and **outreach** (with **community** a very close third). The Council discussed long term objectives for TUMC, including taking intentional steps to engage with a wider demographic in our local area (particularly focused on ethnicity and age) and to amplify our desire to be a community of faith that is fully inclusive of our LGBTQA+ neighbors and friends. How TUMC will meet these objectives is an ongoing conversation with our church leaders.



A happy parent at the TUMC school supply distribution event in August

During 2020, **some of the goals** that will guide the work of our Church Council and the ministry of our congregation as a whole are:

Core Value: Inclusivity

- By March 2020, consult with the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference LGBTQA+ Advocacy Coordinator to assess next steps in moving towards greater LGBTQA+ inclusivity.
Future goals for 2020 will flow from this assessment.

Core Values: Outreach (and Inclusivity):

- By March 2020, consult with Annual Conference and Great Northwest Area resources to begin planning a process for intercultural competency work within the TUMC congregation.
- By March 2020, identify intergenerational mission trip possibilities, including a service-learning experience on the southern U.S. border.

Core Value: Outreach

- By the end of 2020, raise the profile of TUMC's Bethlehem House of Bread within the TUMC congregation by telling stories, encouraging hands on engagement, and rekindling enthusiasm for the way God is at work through that ministry.

Core Value: Community

- By March 2020, re-establish Wiggler Worship for children ages 6-10 during Vintage and Water's Edge worship.
- In 2020, carry out quarterly worship collaboration meetings with Vintage worship and Water's Edge worship planners to bring creativity and energy into each worship experience.
- By June 2020, re-establish the Congregational Care team and create a clearer process for meeting the pastoral care needs of the TUMC community.

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I came to TUMC because I wanted my kids to learn something about the religion I grew up in. I stayed because I found a welcoming community that shares my core values about being truly inclusive of others. Then I found moms I could talk to about being a parent, and after that I found ways to practice my faith by being of service in our church community and beyond. I even learned how to be a barista by volunteering at Jubilate! I love how this and other service opportunities helps me get to know other church members better and helps me feel like I am part of what makes TUMC so special.



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Behind the Stories—Generous Giving

The Tigard UMC (General) Fund

The money that flows into **this fund supports the overall ministry of the church.** This fund supports the 85+ worship services held in our sanctuary every year, the Youth Group, the choir director and accompanists, our Messy Church program, the English as a Second Language program, small groups, Growing In Faith Together (GIFT), and the ministry of the pastor. Generous giving to this fund allows us to “be” the church and “do” the work of the church in our community, day in and day out.



The Facilities Improvement & Loan Repayment Fund

This fund covers the church’s \$2,600 per month cost of facilities improvement. The TUMC facility is a community hub, used by a variety of groups throughout the week in addition to church activities. **Hundreds of people cross our doorstep every week!** The loan this fund repays has allowed us to keep our facilities in good condition for ministry now and in the future.



The Bethlehem House of Bread (BHOB) Fund

This fund supports our church’s outreach ministry through BHOB, including the food pantry, the free store, the community garden, and cooking and nutrition classes. **Thousands of people are impacted by our ministry at BHOB every year.**



What about Jubilate and the Indoor Play Park?

Jubilate and the Indoor Play Park have their own revenue streams that, along with other donations, allow us to continue to bless people through these ministries.



Find out how your 2020 giving can be multiplied through our Matching and Challenge program. New and increased giving will be matched and new recurring electronic giving will release additional challenge funds!

Why Giving?

Giving is a spiritual practice. Jesus taught that giving generously, even sacrificially, was an important part of following him. Jesus frequently challenged his followers to examine their relationship with their possessions so that they would be free to respond to the needs of others. Giving through the church is a way that we, as the Body of Christ, seek to be in

ministry together as we live out God’s call for us to serve as God’s loving people.



How to Give

- Visit the church website at www.TigardUMC.com to make a one-time donation or to set up a recurring donation using a credit or debit card or by authorizing a donation directly from your bank account through Pushpay, our online giving service.
- Text “TUMC” (without the quotes) to 77977 and follow the instructions in the reply.
- Open the Tigard UMC smart phone app and tap “give.”
- Write a check or put cash in an envelope with your name on it and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning during worship or send it to the church office.

