



Tanner Valley Voice



Tanner Valley United Methodist Church

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Sundays—9am

Worship
Sundays—10am

UMW
2nd Thursdays—
7 or 12 pm
Check Calendars

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There are More Important Things

Do you remember when your kids were little, and they would ask for that toy at the store? How did you say no? I have been working hard to change my old answer, “No, we can’t afford that” to something new. I have been trying to say something more honest: “There are more important things to spend money on right now.” At the end of the day, it’s not that we don’t have enough money. If so we wouldn’t be at the store in the first place. No, really it’s just that we would rather use that money in other ways than for a toy that will get played with for an hour and then discarded. We try to spend our money on the things we believe hold the most value. The most important things. I bet you do too.

One of the things that we spend money on is the church. Because it has a high value in our lives. It’s where we find meaning and belonging. It’s where we experience love in an unkind world. It is where we are challenged to become more complete as humans and to stand up against injustice. It is where we want to raise our children.

After we give in the offering plate, the whole church prays together for God to use those offerings to usher in God’s kingdom. When we turn on the lights so kids can learn about Jesus through VBS, GIC and Junior Group, we are building God’s kingdom. When we are warming the sanctuary so that God’s people can hear the good news in worship, we are building God’s kingdom. When we are supporting our pastor so she can proclaim God’s Word, we are building God’s kingdom. When we are providing a refrigerator for meals that go out to shut-ins and the YES Home, we are building God’s kingdom. Operating budgets* are boring to look at, until you start seeing the kingdom-building they represent. Each dollar is a tool our church uses to do the most valuable thing of all: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. That’s why it’s important enough to give to.

We are on the edge of the “season of giving.” Before we all go out buying, I want to encourage you to think about those important things in your life. Are you giving to them according to their value?

*If you ever do want to see the operating budget it is always available in the church office.

Rev. Crystal Jacobson

UMW Update

September 11, 2001: the day the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were targeted by terrorists. The day death and tragedy swept over our country like a dark plague. We all remember where we were that day, what we were doing, who we were with and the tragic pictures we saw on television. A time when our whole world seem to fall apart for all of us. I felt a need to contact all my family, immediate and extended, even though I knew that they were not in that area. I just needed to hear they were alright. I was fortunate in that I found them all safe and in the same state of shock that I was in. I remember the words of a song coming to my mind through all that horror.

Our God is an awesome God,
He resigns from heaven above,
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God.

And suddenly I knew, suddenly I realized: God is still in control. God doesn't want us to be afraid. And He will be near you--in ways more awesome than you can imagine!

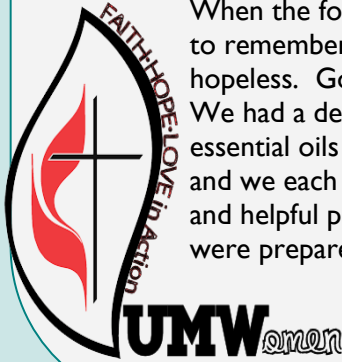
When the foundations of the earth shake, God, You are our rock and our salvation! Something I try to remember every day. Not just when the whole earth shakes but when MY world shakes and I feel hopeless. God is still in control!

We had a delightful UMW meeting this month. Kik Brooks, Pam's daughter presented a program on essential oils and there uses. She told us about how essential oils have been used since Bible times and we each were able to make our own small roller bottle of essential oils. It was a very interesting and helpful presentation. Thanks to Kik for taking her time to come and inform us. Refreshments were prepared by June, Billie and Pam - they were enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be October 11, with Emmy and Barbara Branigan in charge.

UMW is still taking orders for the RADA knives. Catalogs and order forms are on the table in the lobby. This is a good option for Christmas gifts.

Nancy



Worship Committee Highlights

Worship committee meeting was called to order after opening prayer 7 in attendance.

Upcoming church holidays discussed, including **All Saints Day** which will be celebrated on Sunday, 11/4/18 during worship service. Everyone is welcome to come forward, speak the name(s) of those who have passed on and light a candle in their honor. We will also be celebrating **Christ the King Sunday** on 11/25/18.

Advent begins 12/2/18. Hanging of the greens will take place on Saturday, 12/1/18 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come help decorate the church inside and out. An all-call will be made the day prior as a reminder.

Weekly snacks/coffee will be provided each Sunday during Advent prior to worship. This will take place in the lobby and be available for everyone. A sign-up sheet will be placed in lobby in November for anyone wishing to donate snacks for any of the Sundays.

Worship members will be asking families/groups to do readings during Advent. Crystal will provide the weekly readings. Wall banners will be placed in sanctuary each week prior to the service.

The children of the church will be invited on 12/2/18 to come forward during worship to help finish decorating the Christmas tree behind the altar while the congregation signs hymns/carols.

Christmas Eve service will take place 12/24/18 and will be moved up an hour to 9:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be placed in lobby for those needing a ride to the service, as well as those planning on attending that would be willing to pick up those needing a ride.

Poinsettias will be ordered through McCabe's. They will be \$15/each and choices will be red, pink, or white. Order forms will be provided from 11/18/18 to 12/9/18. Delivery will be scheduled for 12/22/18 at 11:00 a.m.

The Worship Committee will provide snacks/drinks for the Recovery Service taking place at TVUMC on 10/24/18.

Meeting adjourned.

Tracey

Church Council Highlights

The Church Administrative Council met on September 12, 2018 with eight of fifteen members present. There were no visitors. Pastor Crystal opened the meeting with prayer. The following are the meeting highlights.

Treasurer's Report: The August 2018 financial report was presented and reviewed. A summary follows:

For the General Account for the month, there were deposits of \$9,802.00 and withdrawals of \$9,899.67 leaving a balance of \$3,094.88. The average weekly deposit through 34 weeks is \$2,115.31 which is \$493.02 below the weekly budget need of \$2,608.33.

For the Special Account for the month, there were deposits of \$3,836.45 and withdrawals of \$157.92 leaving a balance of \$20,580.74. Fund accounts of interest are: Faith Promise - \$5,374.51 and Capital Improvement - \$7,510.64 which includes the \$2500 grant for the hearing assist system. The cost of that new system and the new microphone is \$2,944.

Trustee's Report: Bill provided the following information:

An air quality check at the parsonage is required every two years. This was done by Brock Restoration at a cost of \$200. There were no issues found. He also had to complete a handicap accessibility assessment for the upcoming charge conference. There are many areas of need to meet accessibility requirements. These could be used for grant requests in the future.

The parsonage basement has some corrective needs before the floor can be coated. Nick is working on those needs.

Christian Education and Family Ministry Committee: A nursery clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th at 10:00 AM.

Pastor Crystal reported that 14 children attended the first Junior Group meeting on Sunday, September 10th.

Missions Committee: Faith Promise Sunday will tentatively be Sunday, October 14th, with October 21st being an alternate date, depending on the speaker's availability. Also the suggestion for Faith Promise goal pledges to be \$5000 this year. More information will follow as we approach the Faith Promise Sunday date.

Pastor Crystal: She reported on her project to rebuild our church website. The site is directed at those who do not attend our church regularly with more visuals of our church in action. Nancy made a motion to purchase this new provider and change. After discussion, the motion was approved. Billie noted that we are having difficulties with the AllCall system and is considering a switch to a new supplier when the renewal is due.

Secretary: The new microphone has been received and installed and provides better pick-up than the previous model. The hearing assistance system is now scheduled to be installed on September 28th.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

October 7

Greeter

Stan & Sue Sorensen

Acolyte

Bella Huffman

Reader

Kim Schmeltaer

October 14

Greeter

Norma Skidmore

Acolyte

Lydia Jacobson

Reader

Larry Delp

Ushers

Bill & Debbie Robertson,

Paul & Nella Hoffbauer

GIC

Nancy Hesse, Billie Stockum

October 21

Greeter

Steve & Candy Feller

Acolyte

Christopher Delp

Reader

Dale Waltz

Ushers

Bryan & Amy Delp,

Larry & Peg Delp

GIC

Donna Morgan, RuthAnn Hoyt

October 28

Greeter

Mary Mitchell

Acolyte

Bella Hoffman

Reader

Tracey Meyer

Ushers

Rich Hesse, Paul Titkemeyer,

Paul Meyer, John Vandermuellen

GIC

Jean Schmeltzer, Pam VanDyke

NOTE: Assigned Worship Servants are requested to find a replacement if they will not be able to fulfill their duties on the date indicated. Trading places a week or so before avoids any confusion on the assigned date.

Thank you for volunteering and for serving.

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Christian Education

I've been trying to write my article for the newsletter for a while now, but a couple of busy weeks (work, life, etc.) have kept me from fulfilling this goal. Last week, in particular, was difficult. I traveled for three days for work and had to deal with some unpleasant people. When I met my first appointment of the week, he was already angry and decided to express his anger by gripping my hand so hard, I thought he might actually break a bone. My second appointment for the week was dismissive and surly. There was a smattering of phone calls throughout the week that weren't the most pleasant, either. By the time I went to my final appointment on Friday, I was exhausted, mentally and physically. But you know what? The man I met on that appointment was nice. That evening I went grocery shopping and met a talkative woman in the produce section, had a friendly conversation with the clerk and bagger, and was stopped by an older gentleman on the way to my car who just wanted to say "have a nice evening." I have seen this phrase a lot lately: In a world where you can be anything, be kind. It is so true. The kindness of the people I interacted with on Friday made all the difference!

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." -Colossians 3:12



-Amy Delp

The Christian Education meeting originally scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2018, has been canceled. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, 2018, at 7 p.m.

...MAKING DISCIPLES
OF JESUS CHRIST...

October 2018



	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
		7pm Missions mtg	1:30pm Nursing Home Ministries	6:30pm Heart House 7pm Finance Mtg			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
		Happy Columbus Day 			6:30pm YES Home 7pm UMW mtg		10:00am Riverbown Quilters
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	Faith Promise Sunday 3pm Junior Group		6:30pm Feed My Sheep 7pm Riverbown Quilters		6:30pm YES Home		6pm Knife & Fork
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	Faith Promise Sunday 3pm Junior Group		4pm HighHope Café 7:30pm Recovery Prayer Service				
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
			 Happy Halloween				
	3pm Junior Group			6:30pm Heart House			

BIRTHDAYS: 1-Peggy Dawson; 4-Barbara Nead; 5-Molly Lewis; ANNIVERSARIES: 3-John & Barbara Vandermuellen; 4-Doog & Cathy Dorsel; 8-Denny Schneider; 9-Mary Mitchell; 11-Jennifer Hanneken; 7-Denny & Mary Schneider; 14-Don & Pam VanDyke; 15-Jake & Kristina Brooks; 13-Ezekiel Jacobson; 20-Colton Lewis; 23-Matthew Brackney; 23--Josh & Christy Lewis; 28-Don & Betty Ziegler
27-Bill Robertson

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November 2018



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28		29	30	31	1	2	3
3pm-Junior Group					6:30pm Heart House		
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11	Thank You	12	13	14	15	16	17
3pm-Junior Group		7pm Christian Edu. Mtg	7pm Council mtg	7pm Rivertown Quilters	7pm Newsletter Deadline	7pm Trustee	6pm Knife & Fork
18	11am-1pm OCC	19	20	21	22	23	24
3pm-Junior Group		10am-12pm OCC	6:30pm Feed My Sheep 7:30pm Recovery Prayer	7pm Council mtg	5-7:30pm OCC	7pm Trustee	10am Rivertown Quilters 10:30am A Way Forward with Bishop Trimble
25		26	27	28	29	30	



BIRTHDAYS: 3-Nancy Carpenter; 11-Henry Delp, Holly Honchell; **ANNIVERSARIES:** 3-Clyde & Peggy Dawson; 17-Steward & Bonita Cline; 12-Greg Huffman; 15-John Vandermuellen; 16-Amy Delp, Nelson Hanneken; 18-Avery Wuestefeld; 20-Kelsey Offutt; 23-Anthony Deluca; 26-Karen Huffman; 30-Marlene Schmid
27-Maria Gosmeyer; 27-Mark & Jenni Walker