



Tanner Valley Voice



Tanner Valley United Methodist Church

Date

What's our rizz?

Proverbs 22:1: "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold."

Ever wonder what your "rizz" is? Or what people think of our church? The rizz – a word that I admit I'm way too old to use on a regular basis – is a modern term referring to a person's reputation. It covers someone's style, charm, and appeal, so it includes not only what people think but also what they feel about a person or group.

I was curious, so I googled Tanner Valley UMC's rizz and found that we are perceived as "small-church, big-heart": friendly, community-rooted, kid-loving, and outward-focused, with a clear sense of purpose and welcome. Based on our mission and outreach, we're considered a church that is active and missional, not just Sunday-only.

Our clean mission and visible ministries, focus on youth and serving the community, all reflect on us as a warm, friendly and open church whose energy says, "We actually know your kids' names, and we'll show up when it matters."

As Proverbs 22 reminds us, the importance of having a good reputation and solid character is extremely valuable—more than all our earthly treasures combined. In the United Methodist tradition, we understand that our witness in the world—our words, our service, our love—reflects the grace of Jesus Christ within us. Our "good name" as a church doesn't exist for our glory or comfort, but for God's glory and the building of His kingdom. Reputation and action go hand in hand; one cannot be good without the other.

In other places, Scripture echoes this wisdom about a good name and the witness of our lives. James reminds believers that "faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead," pointing out that what we do confirms what we say we believe (James 2:17). Peter urges the early church to "conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that...they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God" (1 Peter 2:12). Paul tells the Colossians, "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17).

All of these passages underline the same truth as Proverbs 22: our reputation is not about looking impressive, but about letting God's grace shape our character, our relationships, and our public life so that others see Christ in us.

So, as we move forward in faith, let's be mindful that both our name and our deeds speak volumes about who we serve. How would you describe Tanner Valley UMC to a friend or neighbor?

And more importantly, do we live up to that description—does our "rizz" reflect not just who we are, but whose we are?

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Worship
Sundays—10am

United Women in Faith
2nd Thursdays—
1 pm (check calendar)

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"Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land." Song of Solomon 2:12

I looked up symbols of the month of March and found that the daffodil is the official flower of March. Daffodils with their trumpet-shaped blooms are described as flowers of hope and optimism. In a Gratitude Blooming podcast it mentions daffodils as fluttering and dancing in the breeze. According to Floraly.com, daffodils symbolize rebirth and new beginnings. It is one of the first flowers to bloom at the end of winter, announcing the beginning of spring and signifying the end of the cold, dark days. Daffodils bloom near the time of the Spring Equinox.

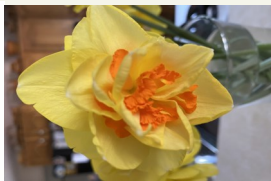
In the article [Fascinating Bible Facts](#) by Ethan DeMaegel, it states that in the Christian culture daffodils are a symbol of eternal life. The appearance of daffodils after the cold winter months symbolizes renewal and spiritual cleansing reminding believers of the promise of new life through faith. Daffodils represent resurrection, hope, and new life, often referred to as "Lenten Lilies" because they also bloom early in the spring often during the forty days of Lent.

The AI definition mentions a strong connection between daffodils and grief as these flowers are often chosen to honor the memory of a loved one. Because they bloom in early spring they represent the return of warmth and life after the "winter" of grief. They are seen as a sign to look for light after the darkness of loss. I found this information to be comforting to me since the loss of my dear mother in December. I want to believe that somehow God is guiding me to find hope and joy after my sadness. The AI article also mentions finding joy by planting one daffodil bulb for every year your loved one lived. In my case, that would be 95 beautiful bulbs to honor my mother. I'd better get busy planting!

"And then my heart with pleasure fills, and dances with the daffodils." William Wordsworth



United
Women
in Faith



Our next meeting is on March 12th at 1:00 P.M.

Holly and Pam



January 2026 Financial Summary

Donna presented the Treasurer's report for January 2026. There were no issues noted. The report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

General Account: The general account began the month of January 2026 with a balance of \$96,701.15 (including the \$47,371.74 CD). There were credits of \$6281.79 and debits of \$11732.02. The January 2026 end balance was \$91,250.52 (including the \$47,371.74 CD). The January apportionments were \$858.00 and \$85.80 for the conference and district respectively.

Special Account: The special account began the month of January 2026 with a balance of \$29,870.16. There were credits of \$1,631.87 and no debits leaving the January 2026 balance of \$30,802.03. The month end balances in the Faith Promise and Capital Improvement funds were \$4,854.21 and \$9,787.94 respectively. There was a month end balance of \$2,256.28 in the Benevolence (Loose Change) fund.

The CD matured on February 10, 2026 with an amount of \$48,503.94. The new CD has a 3.75% for eight months. The council voted to roll over to the new rate.

Attendance for the month of January ranged from 31 to 44 with an average of 37. There was no church service on January 28th due to weather.

Church Council February Meeting Highlights

The meeting was held on February 11th with eight members present.

Pastor Ginny opened the meeting with prayer for God's guidance for the work that the council does.

Treasurer's Report: Donna presented the financials for January. There were no issues noted and it was accepted as presented. A summary of the report is on page 2.

Trustee Committee: The new toilets with taller seats (ADA compliant) was completed.

Worship Committee: Tracy provided the schedule for Lent activities.

- The theme for Lent this year – Miracles of Christ
- Ash Wednesday is on 2/18/2026 with a service to be held at the church at 6:00 p.m.
- Palm Sunday is on 3/29/2026 with palm fronds.
- Maundy-Thursday is 4/2/2026 with service at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday is on 4/3/2026 with service at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter is 4/5/2026 at 10:00 a.m. There will be coffee and pastries in the Upper Room at 9:15 a.m.

Sign up sheets will be available for weekly Lenten Readings.

Easter flower orders will be available beginning on 2/15/2026. Orders must be in by 3/15/2026.

Missions: Faith Promise Sunday is now scheduled for April 26th.

Pastor Ginny: AED training is being rescheduled.

The Course of Study for the Spring term are on April 17th & 18th and May 8th & 9th.

TBD—An April Sunday for vacation.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

March 1

Acolyte
Volunteers
GIC
Communion No GIC

March 8

Acolyte
Volunteers
Ushers
Volunteers
GIC
Jeanmaire Schmeltzer & Donna Morgan

March 15

Acolyte
Volunteers
Ushers
Volunteers
GIC
Pam VanDyke & Nancy Hesse

Month 22

Acolyte
Volunteers
Ushers
Volunteers
GIC
Candy Feller & Karen Huffman

Month 229

Acolyte
Volunteers
Ushers
Volunteers
GIC
Movie

All positions are TBD or to be filled by volunteers until the list is reestablished.

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.

In Memory of Naomi Hostetter:

Naomi Hostetter (nee Mason) passed away on the morning of December 21, 2025 at the age of 95. Naomi was born on May 22, 1930 in Guilford, Indiana, to Joseph and Ruth (Emerson) Mason. After the death of her father, she was raised by her mother and stepfather, Elwood Mason.

She was united in marriage to George J. Hostetter on May 2, 1954 and they were married for 48 years before his passing in 2002.

Naomi is lovingly remembered by her daughters Bonita Ruth (Steward Cline) and Christine Holly (Gary Honchell). Her legacy continues through her grandchildren Brianne Honchell, Daniel Honchell, Lauren (Jarret Silagyi), and Michaela Cline. She also held a special place in her heart for her great grandchildren Colson, Cade, and Collins Silagyi.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, her sister Holly (Wally Boyles), and her brothers Ralph (Margaret), Roy (Alice), Robert (Eljean), and Eugene (Helen). Naomi was a life-long member of Guilford and Tanner Valley United Methodist churches.

Naomi lived a fulfilling life as a loving wife and mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was a caring sister to her five siblings, and a friend to many. But more than anything, she loved her family. Her commitment to her children was unparalleled, the love for her grandchildren and great grandchildren absolute and unconditional.

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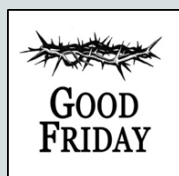


Our Theme for Lent—The Miracles of Christ

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March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 St David's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29  Palm Sunday	30	31				

5p Adult Bible Study

10a Rivertown Quilters

8a to 3p Emmaus Training

5p Adult Bible Study

6p Church Council

1p United Women in Faith

5p Adult Bible Study

7p Rivertown Quilters

8a to 3p Emmaus Training

5p Adult Bible Study

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(Snow Day)




5p Adult Bible Study

BIRTHDAYS: 8-Bonita Cline; 10-Paul Meyer; 16-Christopher Delp; 18 ANNIVERSARIES: 5-Donna & Rodney Morgan; 14-Veronica & Thomas Loring;
-Connie Fox; 21-Lois Blodgett; 25-Emerly Althoff; 26-Kristina Brooks; 18-Holly & Gary Honchell; 31-Tom & Judy Landrum
29-Krew Batchelor; 20-Sue Goble

...MAKING DISCIPLES OF
JESUS CHRIST...

April 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	
				 Maundy Thursday	 GOOD FRIDAY	 Holy Saturday
5	6 Easter Monday	7	8	9	10	11
				10a Rivertown Quilters		
12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18
		5p Adult Bible Study	6p Church Council	1p United Women in Faith		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		5p Adult Bible Study	7p Rivertown Quilters			
26	27	28	28	30		
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BIRTHDAYS: 1-Wyatt Maxfield; 7-Britany Hooten; 8-Joshua Hooten;
16-Lori Blanco; 17-Evan Althoff; 18-Sarah Goble; 21-Crystal Jacobson;
23-Norma Skidmore; 30-Alesia LaBazzo

ANNIVERSARIES: : 2-Rich & Nancy Hesse