



Tahlequah
Testament

The newsletter for
Tahlequah United
Methodist Church

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YOUTH FLORAL FUNDRAISER

Contact Abigail (youth@tahlequahumc.org)
or fill out order form in office
Orders due by 4/8; pick-up @
church within two weeks

TUMC FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM

GET EGGED!

Contact Abigail (youth@tahlequahumc.org) if you'd
like us to hide eggs in your yard for Easter morning
or if you'd like to donate eggs/candy!

Walk A Mile

The 11th Annual Help in
Crisis "Walk a Mile in Her
Shoes" is Saturday, April
17.

Participants may walk in
person at Noris Park
starting promptly at 11 or
they may walk virtually.

We have 12 church team
members already
committed. Thanks
to: Keith Barrick, Nick
Shaw-Bolen, James Bond,
Robert Daniel, Matt
Franks, Robert Johnson,
Adam Kaney, Brian Kaney,
Max McCullough, Bryan
Rigsby, Tom Schneider &
Robert Young.

To join the team call
Janet Stucky at 918-
931-2245

Phase two: Will be Starting March 21st

Worship Service will be held online with the outdoor viewing option after March 21st.

Small-Group Ministries, youth ministry and Sunday School Groups (groups under 25) can meet inside the building following the protocols listed below.

Not all groups can and will meet at the same time we will need to stagger groups to keep chances low.

Outside Groups and other ministries under 25 people present can also meet inside the building

The Office will be open.

Groups using the building will need to sign a covenant agreeing with the protocols.

Group Meeting Protocols

1. Groups must be on the Church Calendar. (This can happen through the office manager)
2. Group size no larger than 25
3. Mask required to be worn at all times.
4. Social Distance at 6 feet circumference must be kept.
5. No longer than two-hour meeting time
6. Groups will submit a roster of who was in the meeting Name and Phone Number will need to be collected for tracing purposes.
7. No shared/passed items (e.g. food, pens, books etc.)
8. Please clean up and wipe down after the group is done. (to help us keep the cost down we ask that you bring your own cleaning supplies)

Easter Sunday Info

Sunday, April 4th

8:30–9:30 a.m.

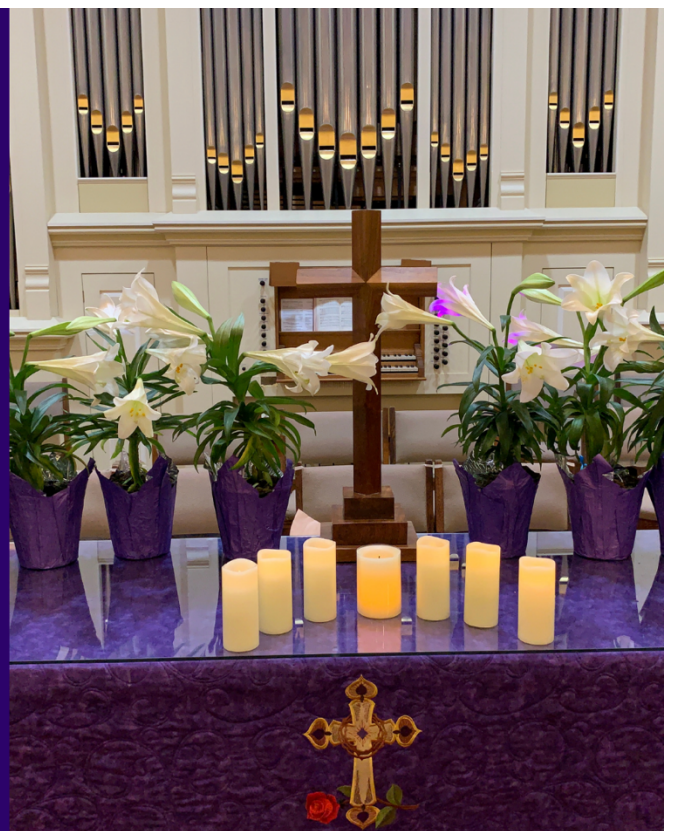
**Come and Recieve Communion
Under the East Portico**

9:30 a.m.

**Full Service with Special Music and Bell
Choir will air on Facebook and Youtube**

11:00 a.m.

**In-person at Camp Egan Tabernacle a
Simple Easter Service with distance and
CDC guidelines being practiced.
Camp Egan is located at 26633 US-62,
Tahlequah, OK 74464**



Holy Week 2021

**Sunday, March 28th
Online Palm Sunday**

**Wednesday 31st
Prayer Walk**

6:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.

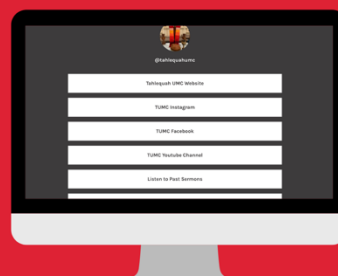
**Starting at the Peace Polls in front of
the Church.**

**If it is raining we will not gather.
Distancing and Mask Required**

**Friday, April 2nd Good
Friday online at 6:00 p.m.**

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Wisdom from Rev. Shana Dry

Our Theme: My Hope Is Built....

"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit [which] was given to us." Romans 5:5

Pastor Matt told me a couple of weeks ago to write my article on My Hope is built.... I immediately thought well My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I have had that song stuck in my head for two weeks! What does that mean to me? I do believe I have a lot of hope that I lean on and lean into in times of despair, agony, stress, physical and emotional pain. Then I thought there have been some saints that have gone before me that have laid a path to show me what hope is truly all about.

I have been writing my paper for my ordination interviews and I have thought about this "Hope" journey I am on. From the beginning of my career when the kind saint Don Coffman hired me as a part-time youth director many years ago he said, "Remember, family comes first. God will guide you in all you do just always put family first. The amazing compassionate saints of Ruth Pruitt and Bettye Burchette sitting by my bedside when my newborn son was whisked away to Tulsa with major health problems sitting with me and praying me through the night until I could go and be with him the next day. The gracious and beautiful saint Louene Scarsdale was always ready and waiting on communion every month. As I would offer her the body and blood of Christ she would say, "Now, I'm good to go whatever may happen" This showed me she believed in the hope of Jesus Christ' unconditional grace offered to her during her pain and suffering. And most recently the joyful saint Barbie Barnard who always would come into my office squeeze my shoulders and say, "God has the plan Shana and you know it! Just hold on to that hope and faith I know you have." The last time that Bettye was in my office she looked at me smiled and said, "I'm ready when Jesus is ready for me." Her hope was built on Jesus' blood and righteousness. She hoped for it and she claimed it.

I guess this is to say My Hope is Built on Love. So much love has been poured out to our church and all of its ministries. A beautiful way to see the world is to see it through hope's eyes. I know I have left off many who have gone on to glory who have paved my hope and love-filled life because of their beautiful souls. So I'll write it one more time. My Hope is built on LOVE.

What is your Hope Built on?

God Loves You and So do I!

Peace & Love Always,

Pastor Shana

Wisdom from Rev. Matt Franks

Our Theme My Hope Is Built....

"Hope is the deep religious conviction that God has not quit."
(Walter Brueggemann, A Gospel of Hope, pg. 105)

In my early 20's I was attending a church and singing in their choir. One Sunday we were singing Hymn Number 368 My Hope is Built on nothing less. I was still new to the faith and not as familiar with the hymn. As we were singing the first line and not really paying attention to the words instead of saying Jesus' blood and righteousness, I sang love and righteousness, and for me it stuck.

If anything, this past year has taught me is that Jesus love and righteousness have carried me through this chapter of my life. The hope that Brueggemann spoke of is also something to lean into that God has not quit. We are going to make it through this chapter. I feel as though it is ending soon and a new one will begin to be written.

In this new chapter how will we show Jesus' love and righteousness to the world? We lean into hope and take a step toward the God who never gave up on us. May the God of hope, joy, love and peace be with you in every step and breath you take.

Here are some updated financial info for the Church below.

Apportionment Balance as of 3.10.21

District Apportionments \$3,686/\$3,686

Conference Apportionments 0/\$31,685

Mission and Ministries 0/\$7,239

Building Debt as of 3.1.2021 \$253,065.16

In memory of Barbie Barnard

Brad and Sue Agnew

Jerry and Joyce Fields

Larry and Melinda Hogan

Kenneth and June Parker

Steve and Jordan Worth

Gerald and Lela Stowers

Duffy and Shana Dry

Tim and Carla Livesay

Bob and Kathy Daniel

Shirley Girdner

Jo Ellen Rogers

JJ and WD Kimball

In memory of Louene Scarsdale

Jerry and Carol Choate

Mark and Gale Gish

In memory of Don Stucky

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To Connect online.. For those with Facebook accounts: Some of you are having difficulties in finding our videos of worship on Sunday mornings on Facebook. Here are a couple of tips. When you see a “get reminder” button on the video announcement. Click on that. Then whenever we go live, the reminder will pop up in your notifications and you can simply click on the notification to go straight to the video. OR....

Use this

link: https://www.facebook.com/TahlequahUMC/live_videos/

The live video will be at the top.

REMEMBER: Our worship is also live on **YouTube** at the time and can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmYNURhSgdwwZgpfzTWVJew>


How To Call Into Zoom with just your Telephone

1) On Your Phone Dial: +1 346 248 7799 US

2) You will be prompted to enter the meeting ID - the nine (9), ten (10), or eleven (11) digit ID provided to you by the leader, followed by (#) button. a) If you want a meeting id call the church office and we can provide you the meeting id and Passcode number. We do not post these to limit the chances of the meeting being hacked.

3) You will then be asked to put in your participant id. Use your Phone Number then hit (#) button.

4) Last, you will put in the Passcode Number provided by the leader. Then hit (#) button. In the meeting If you are asked to mute or unmute just hit (*) (6) on your phone - Toggle mute/unmute. To end the call just hang up.

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