

journeying in Faith growing in Spirit

TOLT UCC

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

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Hello Friends,

I have to remind myself all the time that

I am God's servant.

God upholds me.

I am God's chosen.

God delights in me.

I am God's beloved.

God breathes the enlivening Spirit into me.

I am God's hands and heart in this world.

God calls me to do the work of justice.

Powerful words, powerful message, powerful responsibility. It is easier of course to change it to

We are God's servant.

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This of course takes a whole lot of pressure off of me, knowing that we are all in this together. Doing the work of justice is something we work at and strive for together here at Tolt.

We are in the middle of winter and experiencing the silence of the sun with invisible warmth. Working and being together as community dissipates frosty fears, dispels any gloom and warms frostbitten spirits. In community we can grieve together, endure together, ask questions together, and motivate one another, together.

January is my birth month and I have had this Joyce Rupp poem at hand. I read it often during the year, especially during heavy or difficult times. May we all read this, Happy Birthday everyone.

Birthday Blessing by Joyce Rupp

May you sip contentedly from the fragrant vine of your life.

May you stretch eagerly into the opening light of each new day.

May you discover kernels of wisdom hidden in unwanted experiences.

May you find comfort and consolation when you are hurting.

May you know the protection and guidance of your angels.

May you hear the tender voice of the Beloved calling to you in the deepest part of your being.

May you have a soul friend whose unconditional love gives you courage to keep growing.

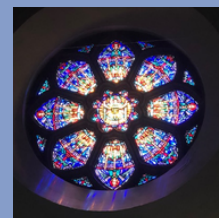
May you be a bearer of kindness when you meet those who suffer.

May you gather your daily blessings to your heart and relish their presence.

May you never give up seeking greater peace for yourself and for your world.

May you go to sleep each evening aware of being held in the embrace of a merciful and welcoming God.

May you hear the marvelous music singing in your soul every moment, lauding the exquisite gift of being alive.



BUDGET & FINANCE

Every January we convene our annual Congregational Meeting to pass a budget. While a budget can seem like a boring topic, remember that Tolt UCC’s budget is a reflection of our priorities and values. For 2026, please plan to stay after the 10:00am worship service on Sunday, January 25th for this important meeting. Our constitution requires a quorum of 30 members, so your presence is critical! Your Church Council began the budgeting process with a discussion at the December council meeting. The Budget and Finance Committee has developed a budget which will be further reviewed at the January Council meeting. The final budget will be presented to you at the January 25th meeting.

As we do every year, the Financial Secretary will be distributing 2025 year-end giving statements to everyone that donated to Tolt UCC in 2025 to assist with your tax filings. If you would still like to donate to the Church and have it count towards your 2025 Pledge or other causes, we ask that you do so by Sunday, January 18th. After that time B&F will be finalizing our books for 2025. If you have a question about your 2025 pledge, please send it to stewardship@toltucc.org.

CHURCH FINANCES - November 2025				
How are we doing?			November	YTD
Pledged Income			13,115.00	144,265.00
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Over (Short)			(2,272.00)	(1,827.48)
Total Income			17,578.67	227,992.12
Budgeted			21,716.08	238,876.88
Over (Short)			(4,137.41)	(10,884.76)
Monthly Expenses			22,454.92	247,004.12
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Underspent (Overspent)			1,446.02	19,838.11

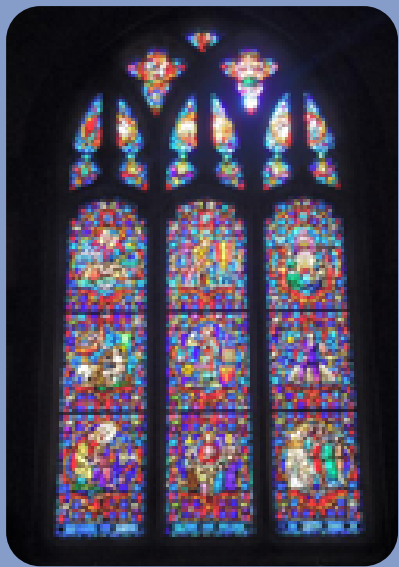


FREE MEAL SCHEDULE
JAN 7 DAVID IVERSON
JAN 14 BCCC
JAN 21 DAVID HAAKENSEN
JAN 28 PASTA PALOOZA
FEB 4 PASTA PALOOZA
FEB 11 **NEED MEAL**
FEB 18 BCCC
FEB 25 WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

FREE MEAL TO-GO:
A least 2 Wednesdays a month 4-5:30pm
Contact: Barb Lewis

FOOD BANK:
Fresh food rescued from local providers,
Wednesdays 4-5:30pm
Contact: Dominique Lemaitre

FOOD PANTRY:
Out front for any time access
Contact: Kaila Russell



The Altar Guild is grateful to the individuals who contributed to the Altar Campaign this year providing Poinsettias & altar decor:

Pam Bowling In memory of George Andrew "Johnny" Smith
 Michelle Burnham In memory of Irene "Mimi" Burnham, David L. Brown
 Arlys Clark Peace & happiness this holiday season
 Bob Gardner In honor of Pastor Stephen
 David & Kristin Haakenson In memory of Paula Haakenson
 Sandie & Bob Hazelbrook In memory of Bob & Irene Hazelbrook, Art & Doreen Hademan
 Terry Jongejan In memory of Brian Lind
 Barb & Glen Lewis In memory of Randy & Annette Mattausch, Jarrod Lallier,
 John & LaVonne Sullivan, Richard & Anna Lewis
 Jeanie Magdlin In memory of Fritz Magdlin, Oliver & Mabel Mackey
 Sonia Masuga In memory of David J. Stratton
 In honor of Jennie Stratton
 Mary Lou McMeins In memory of James McMeins
 Chris & Carolyn Otto In memory of Judy Otto, Tom Mott
 In honor of our parents!
 Richard Weber In memory of my mother, Dolores
 In honor of my father, Allen Weber
 Julie Wenzel In memory of Paula Haakenson



Tolt UCC sends out a huge THANK YOU to Treasures in Heaven shop in North Bend! They have been donating generously to Good Neighbor Fund for years and we are very appreciative! Below is there staff at the holidays.



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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONTINUES YEARS LONG TRADITION

Tolt women gather the 3rd Saturday of each month for a time of fellowship and lovely food. From time to time we take on special projects for ourselves or the church. There have been holiday gatherings, paint parties, secret pal exchanges, guest speakers, garden party fundraisers. Mostly, we share a devotion and prayer, stay in touch with far away friends, and connect, connect, connect. All women of the church are invited!

UPCOMING LENTEN WORSHIP SEASON

February 15 Shrove Sunday/ Mardi Gras

February 18 Ash Wednesday Soup + Meditation/Ashes Ritual

Lent "Meandering through the Mire + Muck

Lent I Feb 22 Meandering through Grief + Loss

Lent II Mar 1 Meandering through Loneliness + Feeling Small

Lent III Mar 8 Meandering through Fear + Vulnerability

Lent IV Mar 15 Meandering through Hate + Anger

Lent V Mar 22 Meandering through Judgment + Forgiveness

Lent VI Mar 29 Palm Sunday

Apr 1 Maundy Thursday Soup + Meditation/ Lord's Table

Apr 5 Easter Sunrise Service Tolt MacDonald Park

8:00 AM Easter Service

9:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn

10:00 AM Easter Service

CALENDAR & WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JAN/FEB 2026

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JAN		(See Worship Schedule Above)		¹ New Year's Day	²	³
4 10:00a Worship	5 OFC 9:30-2:30	6 OFC 9:30-2:30 6:30p Women's Spirituality Group	7 Free Meal & Food Bank 4-5:30pm	8 OFC 9:30-2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	9	10 8:30a Men's Fellowship Café Breakfast
11 10:00a Worship with Faith Formation	12 OFC 9:30-2:30	13 OFC 9:30-2:30 9a Cong Care Mtg TBC 5:30pm Council Mtg	14 Food Bank & Free Meal 4-5:30pm	15 OFC 9:30-2:30 7p Al Anon 7:30p AA	16	17 9a Women's Fellowship Potluck TBC
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