

Temecula UMC is a caring community dedicated to God's work. We welcome all by creating an atmosphere rooted in the fruits of the spirit. We are a positive, visible presence in our community and a place of comfort and peace. We provide spiritual fulfillment through worship, education, fellowship, missions and actions. We are people of God that live out our faith every day following Christ.

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Breakfast

All Ladies of the church are invited to be the guest of the MONKS at no cost for breakfast.

Saturday February 15th 8 a.m.

Please RSVP
by signing up
on the table in the breezeway
or
contact Barry Adams.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sunday School Classes (EVERY SUNDAY)
Toddler Room/Childcare (Ages 1–4 yrs.)
Younger Elementary Class (K-3rd)
Older Elementary Class (4th-5th)

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Childcare: Toddlers—younger elementary, Toys and books available for children.

Sunday Evening UMYF Grades 6th—12th from 5—7 p.m.

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Randy's Reflections

I like the words of an anonymous writer who sent them to a friend:

There isn't much that I can do, but I can share my bread with you, and sometimes a sorrow too—as on our way we go.

There isn't much that I can do, but I can sit an hour with you, and I can share a joke with you, and sometimes share reverses, too—as on our way we go.

There isn't much that I can do, but I can share my flowers with you, and I can share my books with you and sometimes share your burdens too—as on our way we go.

There isn't much that I can do, but I can share my songs with you, and I can share my mirth with you, and sometimes come and laugh with you—as on our way we go.

There isn't much that I can do, but I can share my hopes with you, and I can share my fears with you, and sometimes shed some tears with you—as on our way we go.

There isn't much that I can do, but I can share my friends with you, and I can share my life with you, and I can share my Lord with you and oftentimes a prayer or two—as on our way we go.

As I complete 17 years as your pastor and 38 years in full-time ministry, those words mean much to me as I announce my formal retirement effective July 1, 2014.

Thanks for allowing me to share my (and Shirley's) journey with you!

Blessings, Randy

MONKS NEWS



MONKS Monthly Planning Meeting

Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Pizza Factory, 79 South in the Stater Bros. parking lot.

MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, February 15th at 8 a.m. in Celebration Hall at church. This is the MONKS annual Valentine Breakfast for all ladies of the church.

GOOD FOOD, GOOD TIMES RAISE MONEY!

Annual spaghetti dinner helps pantry, homeless outreach.

MONKS are accepting donations to help buy supplies for the Spaghetti Dinner. The more money that is donated, the more the MONKS can earn for the church. Either cash or Smart & Final Scrip is appreciated.

Please see Barry Adams.

FAREWELL TO THE CLOUTIER FAMILY

John and Vicki Cloutier. TUMC members since 1995, are relocating to Atlanta, Georgia. John leaves February 16th. We will always treasure the memories of John's and Vicki's service and sharing. John volunteered as Head Usher, MONKS President and Chair of Worship Committee. Vicki volunteered on the Board of Trustees, Children's Ministry Director, Handbell Choir, Drama Club, UM Women Tea. Hostess, and cooked meals for those recuperating from illness. Their daughters, Renee and Heather, attended Sunday School and helped in our Children's Ministry Program and Vacation Bible School. John and Vicki celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary February 14th. We wish them God's protection in their future endeavors.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes at 9 a.m. in Room 6. All are welcome. Contact Joe Hughes.

Sunday Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in the Youth Room at 9 a.m. Contact Dan Gutierrez. Class content is posted on the TUMC website at www.temeculaumc.com—click on calendar and the day for your class.

Sunday School meets during the 9 a.m. service. At 10:30 a.m. childcare is offered for toddlers through younger elementary. Contact Diana Walker.

Youth Group

All youth in grades 6th through 12th are invited to join us on Sunday evenings from 5—7 p.m. in the Youth Room. February 2nd is Super Bowl Sunday! We will be having our annual "Commercial" party at our house starting at 2:30 p.m. (kick off is at 3:30 p.m.). Please bring something to share! Our address is 31629 Promenade Bordeaux, Temecula. Contact Mark McCullough.

Monday Science and Religion DVD Study with Pastor Randy meets from 6:30—7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Class material is available on the TUMC website. Go to www.temeculaumc.com—click on calendar and the day for your next class. Click on download to print your own copy of class material.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1. All ladies are welcome to join us. Contact Karen Benvenuto.

Tuesday Science and Religion DVD Study with Pastor Randy meets in Room 1 from 4—5:00 p.m. A seven week course. Class material is available on the TUMC website. Go to www.temeculaumc.com—click on calendar and the day for your next class, Click on download to print your own copy of class material.

Tuesday Book Discussion Group at 7 p.m. February 4th we will meet at the home of Ethel Takeguchi to discuss "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin.

Wednesday Out to Lunch Bunch meets at noon the first Wednesday of each month at a different restaurant for friendship and sharing. Wednesday, February 5th, we will meet at Mimi's Restaurant on Winchester. Contact Marilyn Barger.

Wednesday Science and Religion DVD Study with Pastor Randy meets from 6:30—7:30 p.m. in Room 1. Class material is available on the TUMC website. Go to www.temeculaumc.com—click on calendar and the day for your next class. Click on download to print your own copy of class material.

Wednesday Welcoming and Outreach Committee meets next on Monday, March 17th at 10 a.m. in Room 6. Contact Sue Bradshaw.

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal at 7:15 p.m. in Celebration Hall. New voices are always welcome. Please contact Rob Hodo Sunday mornings or email rhodo70@gmail.com

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How Pastors are Appointed in the United Methodist Church

Since this congregation has only known two pastors in 27 years, some of you are asking, "How are pastors appointed in the United Methodist Church?" The short answer is that the bishop finally decides which pastor will be appointed. Yet, that decision is part of a wider discernment process that involves the district superintendents, the local church Staff Parish Relations Committee, the current pastor and the prospective pastor(s).

There are two basic systems in place throughout the Christian church, a "Call" system and an "Appointment" system. In a "Call" system each local church establishes a search committee and interviews with various pastors and finally "hires" the church's pastor. In the "Appointment" system there is a consultation that takes place <u>each year</u> between the denomination's leadership and the local church. In the "Appointment" system, the final decision rests with the bishop and not the church (and not even with the pastor involved!). What is clear is that there is no "perfect" system and both have advantages and disadvantages that are too numerous to be discussed here.

Beginning in January, the bishop and district superintendents will be reviewing all 390 churches in our Annual Conference and prayerfully discuss, discern, and decide what is the optimal match between the local church's needs with the "gifts and graces" of the available clergy within the conference.

Please be in prayer for those making leadership decisions, the pastors involved, and the congregation as TUMC receives a new pastor starting July 1, 2014.

Pastor Randy Johnson, for the Church Council

Note of Thanks from Temecula/Murrieta Community Pantry

Thank you Temecula United Methodist Church for your donation to the pantry in the amount of \$589.00. In addition to low-income families we serve the homeless. An average of 15 homeless come to the pantry each day for breakfast, showers and use of our laundry facilities. We also offer them clothing, sleeping bags, tarps, tents and backpacks. Most of the homeless are passing through our area and only stay an average of two weeks.

We distribute food boxes to local families referred by the Dept. of Social Services, churches, and other sources. There are families in need of emergency assistance. The food boxes contain 24 complete meals, enough food for three meals a day for eight days. Over 450 families received these boxes last year. At Thanksgiving 250 families received these boxes and at Christmas 280 children received toys. The teenagers received \$20 gift certificates. We also distributed Easter boxes and baskets.

Randy Taylor, President

Editor's Note:

Temecula United Methodist Church also partners with St. Catherine's Catholic Church St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and Project Touch to serve the needy and homeless in the Temecula Valley.

UM WOMEN CORNER

February 13th - Executive Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Room 6. February 20th - UMW General Meeting - at 10:00 a.m. in the Hillside Room, Guest speaker is Milton Takeguchi. All women of the church are invited; come and join us!

Triple TTTs

Submitted by Bill Steele

We are still looking at the following dates for camping activities. Check your calendars and when we send the dates out let us know if you'd like to go.

Also please let us know if you would like to be part of the Triple TTTs. Email your interest in part of the camping group to: wjsteele@verizon.net

We are planning to have two church-wide campouts between now and the first of October 2014. We will also be using the website to identify other times when TTT members are camping and where. Those members can make their own arrangements and camp out together.

March - April 2014 timeframe

A church-wide campout with the youth at Aqua Caliente County Park near the mud caves and they also have hot spring-fed swimming pools. The last weekend of March is the weekend being considered because of spring break.

June - July, 2014

Summer campout along the ocean or in the mountains of San Diego County, or elsewhere. One idea we have talked about is a trip to Big Bear for a weekend campout this summer. We need to do a lot of planning to make that happen!

We will be populating the new church website with information about the group, pictures of past campouts, and also inviting new people to the church etc. to come join us.

Introducing Companion Magazine

"The Companion" (www.calpacumc.org/companion) is the official online magazine of the California-Pacific Annual Conference with the latest stories, reflections, and announcements for the faithful life in Jesus Christ. "The Companion Weekly" replaces the "Cal-Pac Update" as the weekly conference-wide bulletin with selections from The Companion.

To send story ideas or announcements for The Companion, contact the Cal-Pac Office of Communications (cpco@calpacumc.org)

Notes of Appreciation

To My Wonderful TUMC Family,

During our time of sorrow we learn how much our family and friends really mean to us. Thank you so much for your prayers, kindness, support, and sympathy at a time when it was deeply needed and appreciated.

There are few adequate words to convey how blessed and supported we feel by the church body during our time of great need over the past couple years. We're so lucky to be a part of this church.

God bless you all,

Gail Skennion & Daughters

Dear Church Family

Thank you. Two small words. To try to say what is in our hearts. But add love, compassion, and gratefulness and it gets a little closer. Our daughter, Jennie, lost her battle to cancer on December 16, 2014. And we joined that band of parents that had to bury their children! Oh! This is a kind of grief that sails us through unchartered waters. We are reminded that the Father lends us our children for awhile and hopes we write the correct message for them that will take them through a full, happy life. As many of you know, Jennie was very ill these last few months. Her cancer was aggressive and found at an incurable stage. She rededicated herself to God and was confident in her journey home. And true to her nature in her last days was worried for her son, Josh, and her mother. Sitting with her one day, she looked at me and said, "Mom, I am so sorry, I can't imagine what you are going through." Now a beloved child has gone home to her true father.

God is so good. And with His help and the love and support of all of you, this journey will get easier. We have received so many cards, letters and calls that they would span the width of the sanctuary. If we have missed responding to anyone, please forgive us.

Yours in Christ,

Joyce and Dan Little

Martinez Family Move to Missouri

Sadly, Jan and Jesse Martinez have moved to Missouri. TUMC members since 1995, Jan volunteered as a choir member, our Financial Secretary, Money Counter, Altar Flower Coordinator, Attendance Secretary, Funeral/Hospitality Committee and Messenger folder.

Jesse served on the Staff Parish Relations and Trustee Committees and volunteered as a Sunday Usher.

We have safely arrived in Missouri and are staying with family and friends while we search for a new home. When I look back over the 18 years we spent there, I realize how God blessed both of us so richly when he led us to the TUMC family. Many of you know how bittersweet the decision was to move away. As God teaches, to everything there is a season and I know we need to be here near family for the next season in our lives. I will pray for every one of you and ask God to bless each of you with whatever you need.

In God's love,

Jan & Jesse Martinez

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| 2/2 | 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes 9 a.m. Sunday School |
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| | 9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study |
| | 11:45 a.m. Missions Committee |
| | 11:45 a.m. Stephen Ministers |
| | 2:30 p.m. Super Bowl Youth Party at the |
| 2/2 | McCullough's home |
| 2/3 | 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Science and Religion |
| | 7 p.m. Trustees meet |
| 2/4 | 9:30 a.m. Tues. Ladies Bible Study |
| _, . | 4 p.m. Science and Religion |
| 2/5 | 10 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy |
| , | 12 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch |
| | 6:30 p.m. Science and Religion |
| | 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal |
| 2/9 | 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study |
| | 9 a.m. Sunday School |
| | 9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study |
| 2/10 | 5 p.m. Youth Group |
| 2/10 | 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Science and Religion |
| 2/11 | 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study |
| 2/ 1 1 | 4 p.m. Science and Religion |
| | 6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting |
| 2/12 | 10 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy |
| , | 6:30 p.m. Science and Religion |
| | 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal |
| 2/14 | 9 a.m. MONKS Valentine setup |
| | 2 p.m. Wedding in Prayer & Meditation |
| | Garden |
| 2/15 | 8 a.m. MONKS Valentine Breakfast |
| 2/16 | 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study |
| | 9 a.m. Sunday School |
| 2/17 | 9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study |
| 2/17 | 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Science and Religion |
| 2/18 | 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study |
| _, .0 | 4 p.m. Science and Religion |
| | 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee |
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| 2/19 | 10 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor |
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| | 6:30 p.m. Science and Religion |
| | 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal |
| | 7:15 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee |
| 2/20 | 10 a.m. UM Women Meeting/Luncheon |
| 2/23 | 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes |
| | 9 a.m. Sunday School |
| | 9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study |
| | 5 p.m. Youth Group |
| 2/24 | 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts |
| | 6:30 p.m. Church Council |
| | 6:30 p.m. Science and Religion |
| 2/25 | 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study |
| | 4:00 p.m. Science and Religion |
| 2/26 | 10 a.m. Scripture Study w/ Pastor Randy |
| | 6:30 p.m. Science and Religion |
| | 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal |
| 2/27 | 9 a.m. MONKS Spaghetti cooking |
| 2/28 | 9 a.m. MONKS Spaghetti cooking |
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CHURCH-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Be sure to begin saving clean items for the church—wide garage sale to be held on June 14, 2014! We will be accepting furniture, knick/knacks, old TVs, electronics, and other household items including, lamps, china, etc.

As in past years, we will not be accepting clothes.

The sale is being co-chaired by Bill Steele and Toby Hammett!



| | February 2 | February 9 | February 16 | February 23 | |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | 9:00 a.m. | 6:30 p.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. |
| USHERS | Erik Toberman | MONKS | Youth | Oscar Loud | |
| | Larry Messersmith | | | Thelma Loud | |
| | Bert Bjorkland | | | Sam Hill | |
| | Earl Fields | | | Pat Hill | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | 8:00 p.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Janet Galbraith | MONKS | Youth | Dan Little | |
| | Dick Mohammed | | | Cliff Elder | |
| | Dan Gutierrez | | | Raul Denisac | |
| | Marilyn Barger | | | Gloria Galvez | |
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| LITURGISTS | Ethel Takeguchi | MONKS | Youth | Karen Benvenuto | |
| STSIE | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 .M. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Sue Bradshaw | MONKS | Youth | Joan Jessup | |
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| ÆΕΤ | Hazel Hailstone | merme | Youth | J. Clark-George | |
| GREETERS | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Jean Williams | MONKS | Youth | L. Villanueva | |
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| NO | McCullough Family | Severns Family | Youth | Edmonds Family | |
| SOUND TECH | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| Ĭ | Lloyd Family | Boyle Family | Youth | Cloutier Family | |
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| ≤ | 9:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. |
| VISITOR TABLE | Sue Bradshaw | Anita Accordino | Sue Bradshaw | Anita Accordino | |
| ₹ TAB | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
| Æ | Thelma Loud | Hazel Hailstone | Gloria Galvez | Jean Williams | |



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