The Vision of Temecula UMC Community

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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COMMITMENT SUNDAY Sunday, Nov. 24th, 10:00 a.m.

Begin the day with the culmination of Extravagant Generosity during our Commitment Sunday. As we celebrate the conclusion of our four week journey we ask that you bring your Estimate of Giving card for collection. There will be only one service at 10:00 a.m. to start our blessed day.

Continue the celebration at the ALL CHURCH Fall Gathering Sunday, Nov. 24th • 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us this year as we celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with an ALL CHURCH FALL GATHERING and Pot Luck Dinner. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and activities. We will have a special guest entertainer, make crafts with the kids, play games (yes...BINGO included) and decorate the tree in Celebration Hall with ornaments from all of the congregation.

Each family, please bring an ornament to be placed on the tree in Celebration Hall.

Fill out the form in this newsletter.

Bring a side dish to pass (split between two disposable trays, please).

Hams supplied by TUMC groups

For more info, contact the church office at 676--951-676-1800

Sunday Schedule 9:00 a.m. Worship Sunday School Classes <u>EVERY SUNDAY</u>

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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Great Day of Service 2013–WOW!

When I heard the need for 500 volunteers, who would plant 5000 plants at a cost of \$100,000, I thought, "Impossible!!!" Yet, that was the need for the 2013 Great Day of Service to re-open three city parks in Wildomar.

At final count, 420 volunteers were registered, and all 5,000 plants were planted and around \$65,000 was donated including TUMC's donation of \$1,315. The eight UMC churches sponsoring the event gave a total around \$15,000. As I heard it, the mayor of Wildomar couldn't believe it either!

The team leaders were told to stand by their group number and wait for their group to assemble. Now, I had viewed the video on how to plant a plant, I had a trusty shovel and my "breaker bar" in hand and I was ready to go. I waited, I waited, I waited and no one showed! That's right I was a team of one. When I arrived at my assigned spot I couldn't believe the assignment. I was to carry and plant 40 five gal plants and 80 one gal plants—BY MYSELF!! OH NO!!

God bless Lyn Gruber, who just happened to run into me as I was carrying plants, heard my need and volunteered to leave her group for "mine." Now we were a power of two! Soon, the leadership showed up with maps, mulch and an ATV brought the plants. Simple! Whew!

As we began to plant, the miracle "feeding of the 5000" happened again and others just showed up and joined in, including a local Boy Scout group and some city workers.

In this season of giving thanks, I am grateful to the 11 TUMC members (including youth) who helped plant and for all who donated including the UMW and Monks. God's presence could be felt and we were all tired, but it felt good.

Pastor Randy



Sunday, November 24th • 10:00 a.m.

COMMITTMENT SUNDAY

Celebration Hall One church service only at 10:00 a.m. Bring your Estimate of Giving card.

Sunday, November 24th • 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All Church Fall Gathering

FREE • Celebration Hall • Everyone Welcome Bring a dish to pass • Bring an ornament

November 15th • 7:00 p.m.

Old, New, Borrowed and Blue

Corry Bell Piano Concert \$15 Adult / \$8 Student

in Celebration Hall with guest artists Cindy Anne Broz, flute / Mark Margolies, Clarinet

Beginning November 17th Order your Christmas Poinsettias

\$10 each

ORDER FORMS AND ENVELOPES IN THE BREEZEWAY, CELEBRATION HALL OR THE CHURCH OFFICE.

November 19th • 7:00 p.m. Church Conference

Celebration Hall • Everyone Welcome

December 5th-15th A Christmas Carol: The Musical

by Temecula Valley Players

Tickets \$15-25 for TUMC members. Contact Monica McCullough at 909-261-2729

Sunday, December 22nd "The Gift Goes On"

Christmas program by the Chancel Choir 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Worship

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENT, CONTACT ROB HODO AT **RHodo70@gmail.com**

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Worship

6:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Worship

8:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Worship



Thank you to all of you that helped and supported Time for Friends. The night was a huge success with fun, dancing, wonderful food and great drinks. Sadly, this is the last time this annual event will be held at the home of Ashley Lewis, who very graciously opened her house to us since the Time for Friends inception.

This year, the folks at TUMC, through generous donations and purchases, managed to raise over \$2000. We do not have an exact amount as some folks are still making deals for services and donating to the cause. All the money from Time for Friends stays right here at TUMC and helps members and families at TUMC who find themselves in financial need. A group of individuals led by Joyce Little are responsible for quietly getting the money into the hands of those who need it. Thank you so much! You truly cannot know how much your caring and support of Time for Friends has meant to many individuals here at home.

Thanks again, Deb Severns and Carlyn Buehler

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes at 9 a.m. in Room 6. During November 2013, the Sunday morning adult study group will be studying "Final Woirds from theCross" with Rev. Adam Hamilton. All are welcome.

Sunday Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in the Youth Room at 9 a.m. Contact Dan Gutierrez.

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. n the Youth Room. We are set to have Youth Group on Sunday, November 3rd and November 17th. We will not have Youth group on November 10th because of Veteran's Day and we are participating in the Commitment Sunday Fall Gathering Party on November 24th. Contact Mark McCullough.

Monday Centering Prayer meets quarterly. The next Centering Prayer will be Monday, November 25th from 6:00—6:45 p.m. in Celebration Hall. TUMC is fortunate to have a trained Centering Prayer leader, Deb Potts, who helps us receive the gift of contemplative prayer.

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1. Presently, our study is "The Gospel In Disney" by Rev. Adam Hamilton which takes a somewhat lighter look at gospel teachings. Whether you are 4 or 94 joins us for a look at the Gospel message in a brand new way. All ladies are welcome to join us. Contact Karen Benvenuto.

Tuesday Book Discussion Group at 7 p.m. November 5th "The Testament of Mary" by Colm Toibin will be discussed at the home of Carlyn Buehler.

Wednesday Out to Lunch Bunch meets at noon the first Wednesday of each month at a different restaurant.

Wednesday Welcoming and Outreach Committee meets Wednesday, November 20th in Room 6 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday Yoga with Deb Potts meets in Celebration Hall the first, second and fourth Thursday of each month. Deb's underlying theme for practice is "honor your body and do not take it anywhere it does not want to go, until it is ready." Class themes generally change each week so that students are continually exploring different aspects of Yoga to broaden their knowledge and skill level. Contact Deb at yogaforlife06@verizon.net.

Thursday Mens Bible Study meets from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. During November, the Thursday evening Mens Bible Study group will be studying the book "Proof of Heaven" by Eben Alexander. All are welcome..



The scrip fund has given \$2,000 to the General Fund so far this year. Let's keep up our scrip sales so we can raise even more funds by the end of the year.

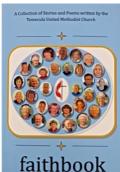
Our YTD profit is about \$3,600, but we still have a long way to go to raise the Finance Committee's goal of \$5,000 from Scrip sales this year. We invite you to participate if you haven't yet used scrip this year. It's easy! Just exchange your check or cash for our gift cards and pay for your purchases with those rather than with cash, debit or credit card. You can also charge your purchase if you wish.

The last months of the year are usually the busiest time at the scrip table. It's a great time to purchase gift cards to give to family and friends during the holidays. You can also use our grocery scrip for all your food purchases and gas cards to fill your gas tank. We have a large variety of scrip to choose from and you can even special order gift cards that we don't usually carry. Fill out a prepaid scrip order form (included in this newsletter) to order your holiday scrip to ensure you get what you need. To view the complete scrip list please go to shopwithscrip.com. Thank you to everyone who have supported this fundraiser during the year. The funds we raise go directly to our general fund supporting all facets of our ministry here at TUMC.

Shop Early for Christmas

Submitted by Sue Bradshaw

Copies of *faithbook*, stories and poems of faith experiences written by TUMC members and friends, are available for sale at the Visitor's Table for \$10.00 per copy. The book will make a great Christmas present for your friends and family and yourself, too. We are proud of this first successful venture into publishing, and we have received very positive comments from those of you who already have read *faithbook*.



Also for a modest price we have commemorative Christmas ornaments for your tree and vinyl clings promoting TUMC to place on your home and auto. Stop by the Visitor's Table any Sunday morning on your way into Celebration Hall.



A Special Invitation!

Rob Hodo, our Choir Director, has a special Christmas Program planned called "The Gift Goes On." Singing together creates a sense of oneness and unity among us. Imagine church without music. Please consider joining the choir and being a part of our Christmas Program. Email Rob at rhodo70@gmail.com or see him on Sunday mornings.

UM WOMEN CORNER

<u>Nov 10, 2013</u> - SMURF Dinner, please contact Sally Messersmith if you would like to volunteer to serve at the SMURF Dinner.

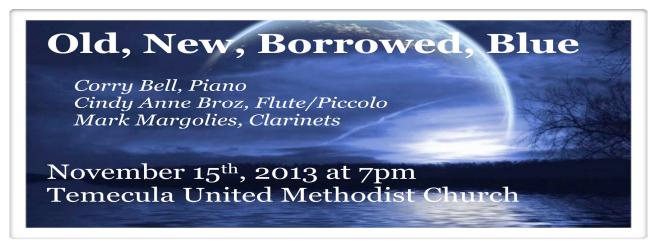
Nov 14, 2013 - UMW Executive Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Room 6

<u>Nov 21, 2013</u> - UMW General Meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Hillside Room, Diane Martinez will present a book review and we are celebrating the "World Thank Offering".

All women of the church are invited; come and join us!

MONKS NEWS

MONKS Monthly Planning Meeting, Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Hillside Room at church. MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting, Saturday, November 9th at 8 a.m. in Room 1 at church.



Corry Bell, Cindy Anne Broz, and Mark Margolies of "The WindSong Consort" will present an evening of music by composers: Saint-Saëns, Ken Benshoof, Daniel Dorff, Alberto Ginastera, Astor Piazzolla, and Donald Draganski.

In addition to the concert, there will be a special art showing by regional fine artists: Alexsandra Babic, Serena Potter, and Ann Schmalstieg

Tickets: \$15-Adult/\$8-Student

Tickets are available at the door or may be purchased in advance by contacting: Cindy Anne Broz: pipercindy@gmail.com /951.240.0448 Corry Bell: docpno@aol.com /951.805.2198 Mark Margolies:markmargolies@hotmail.com /617.595.6087

For further information and program details, call Cindy Anne Broz at 951.240.0448 or visit: www.thewindsongconsort.com

Triple TTTs

Submitted by Bill Steele

A number of our members are considering going to Lake Skinner for November 8th – 11th or any combination. We are looking at Section B first. **Please email us all back by this Thursday at noon and let's see if there is a lot of interest.** Right now the initial 3 participants are the Steele's, Deb and Ken Johnson, Cliff and Doris Elder, potentially Pete Benway, and others if you are interested. We thought we would start close to Temecula because some of the members wanted to check out their rigs.

OTHER FUTURE POTENTIAL DATES

November 27 – 30, 2013

Deb and Ken Johnson are looking to campout over Thanksgiving at STAGECOACH CAMP GROUND and others are considering these dates also because they like to campout over Thanksgiving and enjoy the outdoors.

January, 2014 – Martin Luther King Weekend

Church wide campout at Stagecoach Camp Ground. They have added several new amenities to the campground. This is a three day weekend for some. The campground is located on S2 towards I-8 just below the road from the Salton Sea to Julian. This would be a great time to visit the shops in Julian, visit sites on the desert and have breakfast in Julian on Saturday.

March – April, 2014 timeframe for:

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.

June – July, 2014

Summer campout along the ocean or in the mountains of San Diego County, or elsewhere.

One place 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.

Happy Trails! Bill and Cherri Steele Trailmaster

University of Redlands 66th Annual Feast of Lights

The **66th Annual Feast of Lights** at the University of Redlands will be held on December 6th - 9th, 2013. Tickets will be made available to the public. This year, tickets can be purchased at the Campus Events Office in Hunsaker Hall or through the Feast of Lights website

http://redlandsapps.redlands.edu/feastoflights/Home.html



- 11/2 9:00 a.m. Lay Servant Ministry Classes 9:00 a.m. PALS Preschool Cleaning Day
- 11/3 Daylight Saving Time Ends Donut Fundraiser
 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Joe Hughes
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group—Grades 6th—12th
 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee
- 11/4 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
- 11/5 9:30 a.m. Tues. Ladies Bible Study 6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
- 11/6 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
 6:30 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion w/Pastor
 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/7 10:00 a.m. Yoga w/Deb Potts 7:00 p.m. Mens Bible Study
- 11/9 8:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Meeting
- 11/10 UM Women Sees Candy Fundraiser
 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
 11:45 a.m. Stephen Ministers meet
- 11/11 Veterans Day—Church offices closed 6:30 p.m. Veterans Day
- 11/12 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 11/13 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor 6:30 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion w/Pastor 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/14 10:00 a.m. Yoga Class w/Deb Potts 1:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board 7:00 p.m. Mens Bible Study
- 11/15 7:00 p.m. Corry Bell & Friends Concert
- 11/16 9:00 a.m. Lay Servant Ministry Classes
- 11/17 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Youth Group—Grades 6th—12th

- 11/18 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 11/19 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Church Conference
- 11/20 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor1:30 p.m. Welcoming & Outreach Committee6:30 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion w/Pastor7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
 - 7:15 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 11/21 10:00 a.m. UM Women Meeting/Luncheon 7:00 p.m. Mens Bible Study
- 11/24 COMMITMENT SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. One Worship Service 5:00 p.m. All Church Fall Gathering Party
- 11/25 6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Church Council
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- 11/26 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 11/27 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
 - 6:30 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion w/Pastor 7:15 p.m. Chancel rehearsal
- 11/28 Thanksgiving—Church Offices Closed
- 11/29 Church Offices Closed

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES CLASSES COMING TO TUMC November 16th 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Registration will begin at 8:30 am. In the Hillside Room. See Bill Steele, Registrar.

The Basic Course is required for the Local Church Lay Servant Certificate. It is the first course one takes to become a Local Church Lay Servant and to prepare for the servant activities in the local church. Brochures are available from Bill Steele and in the church breezeway. For Lay Speaking certification the basic course must be taken before the preaching course. There will also be one Advanced Level Course taught for re-certification of Advanced Lay Speaking credentials on Living Our United Methodist Beliefs. Lunch will be provided on both days.

Attention Employers. If you need entry level employees, either full time or part time, please call PROJECT TOUCH at 951-676-9661. They may have just the person you need.

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| | November 3 | November 10 | November 17 | November 24 | |
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| USHERS 9:00 a.m. | Erik Toberman Larry Messersmith Bert Bjorkland Earl Fields | MONKS | Youth | Oscar Loud Thelma Loud Sam Hill Pat Hill | |
| USHERS 10:30 a.m. | Janet Galbraith Dick Mohammed Dan Gutierrez Marilyn Barger | MONKS | Youth | Dan Little Cliff Elder Raul Denisac Gloria Galvez | |
| LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Deb Potts Doris Elder | MONKS | Youth | Sue Bradshaw Diane Martinez | |
| GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Barbara Gaborko Pat O'Brien | MONKS | Youth | Pat & Sam Hill Jean Williams | |
| SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | McCullough Family Lloyd Family | Severns Family Boyle Family | Youth Youth | Edmonds Family Cloutier Family | |
| VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Sue Bradshaw Jean Williams | Anita Accordino Gloria Galvez | Sue Bradshaw Hazel Hailstone | Anita Accordino Dorothy Smith | |

If you cannot serve as assigned, please call John Cloutier for ushers and Bea Waite for liturgists & greeters.



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