

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 fruit 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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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)
Teens (6th—12th)

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Childcare: Toddlers—Younger Elementary Toys and books available for children.

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Rick's Ramblings

. A Concern and Two Joys



Every Sunday I invite you, the church family to come forward to light a candle if you have a joy or concern. This is to share your joy or concern that your church family might pray with you and lift it to God. Well, let my "Rick's Ramblings" be my lighting of the candles as I share with you my concern and joys.

The first concern I have has been with me for several months, if not more. It is the apparent division that has grown more prevalent in our communities and our country. It seems there is more and more choosing of sides. "My side is right!" "No my side is right!" We stop communicating and trying to find out what is best for all people because we want to be right, we want to be in control, we want to show that we are right and you are wrong!

I have sensed and observed this growing division by race, religion, political parties, lifestyle, economics and more during our election season during the past year. Those in supposed power or control do what they want for what they will gain just because they can. It is not because it's best, helpful or caring for others. One of the key foundations I share with couples I am counseling for marriage is to keep communicating. Share with each other what is going on in and with you. This means joys, hopes, needs, hurts, and concerns. And be open to listening and hearing the other, and responding with care, concern and love.

Jesus teaches in his Sermon on the Plain in the Gospel of *Luke* 6:31, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." And again Jesus teaches "love your neighbor as yourself." When we live out these two teachings, then we are thinking of and concerned about the other. And when we are concerned and love others, then we will also receive what is best for us.

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Rick's Ramblings continued

This doesn't mean we will always agree with one another. An exchange of differing ideas and open listening can bring about changes that support one another and bring growth and strength for all people. Again Jesus teaches, "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall." It's not about agreeing all the time. But it is about cooperating and seeking to do what is best for the community and the country. I call on us all to hear the teachings of Paul the Apostle in Romans 16:17, "I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned." Let us live out loving of neighbor and let us call on our government leaders at all levels to live out this teaching as they are considering the policies and laws that effect the weakest and least in our communities.

Now my two joys. First, this last weekend a number of people came together to take a new look at our Ministry/Mission, Program Vision. This is about what ministries and programs we are focusing on and want to continue to expand, plus identify some new possibilities. Below are the six good possibilities that will come to you to vote for three in an upcoming survey.

- Use a communication person or task force to coordinate church communication both internally and externally using all forms of communication available to us.
- Offer a weeknight fellowship with different breakout groups for growth, fellowship and fun.
- Incorporate a children's choir, music program, hand bells for children – adults.
- Outreach to local military families and individuals to offer welcome, support and care.
- Create a small, intimate chapel space to have regular prayer, meditation and healing

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 Create a mentoring program where adults can connect with children and youth to share spiritual gifts, special talents or knowledge they might have with children that share that same interest or want to learn more about it.

I'm excited for the passion and hope as we continue to serve God in our community and world.

The second joy I share is that in April, we shall make our last mortgage payment! Hallelujah! So many of you have been a part of this journey. We have built a building and space to be open and welcoming, a place to offer hope and healing, and a place to offer programs and ministry for help and faith. Sunday, May 21, 3:00 P.M., has been set to have the celebration of burning the mortgage. We could use your help. There are those who were a part of this journey still in the community and those now living elsewhere. If you have names and addresses of the latter, will you please get them to the church office? If you can, please help with planning, invitations, providing for the reception. The preliminary plan is to have a service with both previous pastors participating with a choir. The other United Methodist Churches in our Valley will be invited to join us as well as the community churches.

I will be putting out invitations to our District Superintendent as well. We also need pictures from over the last several years.

God had been good to our Church Family. Let us give thanks as we celebrate together.

I ask that you pray with me over my concern for our community and country and my joys with which God has blessed us. Amen. Pastor Rick

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday March 1, 6:30 PM. There will be a Service of Ashes to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is the 40 days (excluding Sundays) of preparation and spiritual devotion in anticipation of the Resurrection of Christ on Easter. The ashes are a reminder of our self-denial and repentance in moving closer to God. Let us gather for a time of devotion and worship.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes - The Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study class meets every Sunday to study a topic of current Christian interest. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Joe Hughes Sunday mornings.

Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in the Youth Room at 9 a.m. Mission: We grow in Christian faith and watch over one another in love by studying and living the words from the Bible. Contact Boni Gulla.

Sunday School meets EVERY SUNDAY at 9 a.m.

Toddler Room/Childcare (Ages 1—4 yrs.)

Older Elementary Class (4th—5th)

Younger Elementary Class (K-3rd) Teens (6th—12th)

10:30 a.m. childcare is offered for toddlers through younger elementary. Contact Diana Walker Sunday mornings.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study—Women of study and encouragement meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Creed—What Christians Believe and Why by Adam Hamilton is the topic going forward to Easter. Contact Karen Benyenuto.

Book Discussion Group - This group meets in the participants' homes at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month through June, skipping January and July. March 7th, they will meet at the home of Carlyn Buehler to discuss the book, *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern.

Men's Bible Study — The next Men's Bible Study will be in the spring quarter. Contact Dan Henley.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 10 a.m. in the Music Room. Pastor Rick reads, reviews and answers your questions regarding Sunday's lectionary. Contact Pastor Rick.

Chancel Choir—Choir meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. for rehearsals. *Where there is devotional music, God with His grace is always present.* J. S. Bach. If you would like to add to the harmony or play a musical instrument, contact Rob Hodo, Director of Music, at rhodo70@gmail.com.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 2nd, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6. Contact Sue Bradshaw.

Out to Lunch Bunch meets the first Thursday of each month at a different restaurant for fun, food and fellowship. The group will meet March 2nd at the Claim Jumper Restaurant, 29540 Rancho California Rd, Temecula, CA at 12 noon. Kindly sign up in the church breezeway or RSVP to Sally Messersmith.

Evening Bible Study with Pastor Rick in the Music Room from 6:30—7:30 p.m. - Pastor Rick is using *Creed—What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton during March.

Friday

Prayers and Squares Ministry — Prayers and Squares Ministry meets every other Friday at 10 a.m. (March 10th and 24th). You are invited to participate. There are many ways to help. See Marlene Oaks after church on Sundays, or email marleneoaks56@gmail.com. Note: The Scrip table sells Jo-Ann Fabric gift cards, if you wish to donate to this ministry. Fabric pieces are also accepted.

The Last Week by Marcus Borg and John Crossan, a Lenten Program for Friday's Book Discussion Group, meets at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6 with Rev. Marlene Oaks. This class alternates bi-monthly with Prayers & Squares. A flyer and signup sheet is in the church breezeway. Walk Lent in a new way!

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From the Breezeway with Pastor Rick

March Worship Themes and Scriptures

1st Ash Wednesday Theme: A Divide

Scripture: *Joel* 2:1-17 5th Theme: *Resistance*

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

12th Theme: Surprising Twist and Turns

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-5

19th Theme: The Power of Worship

Scripture: John 4:4-42
26th Theme: Facts and Truth
Scripture: John 9:1-41

April

2nd Theme: *The Ultimate Hope* Scripture: *John* 11:1-45



Join us Sunday, March 19th at 3 p.m. for a wonderful performance.

His Voice is an amazing Christian men's chorus founded and directed by Hawaiian musician Michael Naluai. The twenty-five plus men of His Voice come from all across the southeastern California Inland Empire. The group sings "to share His Love and follow His Voice" at churches, senior care centers, and hospitals—no matter the size, distance, or faith."

A free will offering will go to support the Music Ministry of Temecula United Methodist Church.

CDs may be purchased at the concert.





SATURDAY, MARCH 4th at 8 a.m.

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

at St. Jeanne Lestonnac School Track 32650 Avenida Lestonnac, Temecula

REGISTRATION: Forms are available from Diane Martinez. If you cannot participate in the "Walk", please pledge funds for the participation of our walkers. **Contact: Diane Martinez through the church office at 951-676-1800x3.**

Reminder: Electronic Giving

Would you like an easier option for giving to your church? Would you like to make sure your offering is covered whenever you are away? Well, you can do all this by signing up for electronic giving. You can go to our website

www.temeculaumc.com and go to the donate button and follow the prompts to fill out the form. We hope this giving option helps in your faithful stewardship to the church's ministry and missions. If you have any questions, contact Bret Argenbright.

New Member Inquiry Class

We are glad you have been worshipping with us and are interested in learning more about becoming a member of Temecula United Methodist Church. The first step is to attend our New Member Inquiry Class Sunday, March 5th, at 12 noon in Room 1. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the church breezeway. Lunch will be provided by the Welcoming and Outreach Committee.

2016 Golden Baskets and Mission Giving

Apportionments:	
Ministerial Education Fund	1,437.31
Black Colleges	573.36
Africa University	128.35
Global Missions	1,392.33
Missionaries:	
Cynthia and Gary Moon	1,842.35
Meredith Whitaker	1,451.26
Donna Pewo	261.00
Quynh-Hoa Nguyen	642.00
UMCOR	1,016.25
Imagine No Malaria	1,869.00
Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity	210.50
Rancho Damacitas	426.00
Project TOUCH	563.45
S.A.F.E.	1,721.43
Ganta UM Hospital	282.05
El Porvenir Water/Sanitation	253.00
Haitian Refugees	1,047.00
Million Kids (Human Trafficking)	376.00
Heifer International Living Gifts	605.50
Southwest Mission Texas	422.00
South District Mission Area	376.00
Special UM Sundays	758.50
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	658.00

TOTAL 18,312.64



The Language of Love Couples Retreat



Temecula UMC is offering a one day couples retreat for all couples of the church and community. It doesn't matter if you have been married for a year or less or fifty years plus. This retreat will offer time to grow closer as a couple plus build relationships with other couples who have the same goal as you, to grow stronger in their relationship.

The retreat will take place at Camp Cedar Glen, a retreat camp nestled in the mountains outside of Julian. The date will be May 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will gather at church no later than 7:30 a.m. for the drive to Julian. Upon arrival we will have a simple continental breakfast. We will be led in the morning session by Rev. Cindy Arnston, Pastor of the Community United Methodist Church in Julian. She has led other couples and relationship workshops and classes. She will be using material from *The Languages of Love*.

In the afternoon Dan Henley will share with the group "How to Share Hearts and Build a Better Bond through God's Plan for Your Marriage." We will close the day with worship and dinner.

The cost is \$60 per couple which includes three meals. There is a signup sheet in the breezeway. Contact Dan & Lorna Henley for more information.

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UM WOMEN

March 9th - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting in Room 6.

March 16th - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, UMW General Meeting and luncheon in the Hillside Room. Program is: "Called to Serve Communities around the World" - Regional Missionaries. We will observe the 150th year anniversary of United Methodist Women.

UMW Tea – Hats Off to Spring! Saturday. April 29th, 2017, 2 – 4 p.m. Elegant Desserts & Raffle

Accepting donations of gift cards (TUMC Scrip), gift certificates or money (donation box in workroom) NO IN KIND DONATIONS PLEASE.

Tickets sales soon. \$15 adults, \$8 youth under twelve

MONKS of TUMC

Men **o**f **N**urturing **K**nightly **S**pirit

TICKETS ON SALE FOR MARCH 11TH SPAGHETTI DINNER!

Tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner may be purchased from Dan Henley or any one of the MONKS between and after Sunday morning worship, in the church office or at the door.

The children will be entertained by Christian illusionist, Jerry Langford.

Donations of Smart & Final Scrip or cash are accepted to buy supplies for the MONKS Spaghetti dinner.

Ladies are asked to donate desserts.

Help is needed in the kitchen the day of the event.

Men's Faith Seminar Saturday, April 1st at TUMC 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



Please join us for an insightful presentation on faith building.

Featured Speaker: Mr. Gene Bedley, National Speaker and Founder of National Character Education speaking on: *The Biblical Emphasis on Ethics and Character Development Through Scripture.*

Pastor Rick Malec will speak on: What Does the Sermon on the Mount Tell Us About Today's World?

Morning and afternoon speaking and interaction sessions highlighted by celebration of Music Presentation.

Breakfast rolls and catered lunch included.

Seminar Cost: \$35.00— Make check payable to TUMC MONKS, Mail to TUMC, 42690 Margarita Road, Temecula 92592. Please mark "MONKS" on outside of envelope. You may also drop off at the church office.

Registration form and brochure is included in the March Messenger email as a separate attachment.

Registration deadline is Sunday, March 26th.



March 2017						
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3/1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

3/2 10:30 a.m. Welcoming and Outreach 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick

3/3 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Marlene Oaks

3/4 8:00 a.m. *Friends of the Poor* Walk

3/5 9:00 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes

9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study

10:00 a.m. PALS Book Fair—Rm. 6

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

11:30 a.m. PALS Book Fair-Rm. 6

12:00 p.m. New Member Inquiry Class—Rm. 1

2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting

3/7 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting—Rm. 6

7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group off campus

3/8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick

6:30 p.m. Trustees

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

3/9 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting 11:30 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner Prep

6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick

3/10 8:00 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner prep

10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry

3/11 5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner in Worship Center

3/12 9:00 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes

9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting

3/14 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

3/15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

3/16 10:00 a.m. UM Women Meeting/Luncheon 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick

3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day

10:30 a.m. "The Last Week" Book Discussion

w/Marlene Oaks

3/19 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes

9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting

3:00 p.m. *His Voice* Concert

3/21 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

3/22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

3/23 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick cancelled

6:30 p.m. Church Council

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 337

3/24 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry

5:00 p.m. Ingram and Ang Wedding Rehearsal

3/25 3:00 p.m. Ingram and Ang Wedding

2/26 9:00 a.m. Worship

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes

9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting

3/28 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

3/29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

3/30 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick

SHAKIN' BAKIN' DISASTER RESPONSE ACADEMY

Every two years, the six United Methodist Conferences that make up the Western Jurisdiction offers an academy to offer training for those who are interested and passionate about serving in disaster response or mission serving teams. This year the Western Jurisdiction Academy will be held in our own area in Ontario, CA, March 10 – 13, at the Ontario Airport. The cost is \$340 per person. Rooms at the Ontario Doubletree are \$139. If you need financial assistance contact Pastor Rick.

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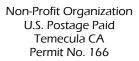
	March 5	March 12	March 17	March 26	
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman	MONKS	Youth	Sam Hill Pat Hill Mark Bowers Bert Bjorklund	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Dan Henley Larry Natwick Janet Galbraith Gerry Nicholas	MONKS	Youth	Raymond Landry Dan Henley Dick Mohammed Gilbert Oaks	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Barbara Gaborko Sue Bradshaw	MONKS	Youth	Karen Benvenuto Dorothy Smith	
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	MONKS	Youth	Heather Bjorklund Stella Mohammed	
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark Mc Cullough Raymond Landry	Mark McCullough Ken Boyle	Gian & Meghann Gian & Meghann	Jeanette Edmonds Jeanette Edmonds	
VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pauline Fields Jean Hawkins	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	Sue Bradshaw Dorothy Smith	Thelma Loud Marilyn Landry	

If you cannot serve as assigned, please call Erik Toberman for 9 a.m. and Dan Henley for 10:30 a.m. ushers and Hazel Hailstone for liturgists & greeters. Thank you.

Disaster Response Academy continued

There will be classes on becoming part of Early Response Teams after a disaster, being a part of a ministry care team, learning the difference between relief and recovery in a disaster and more. There is something for those new to disaster and mission teams and those that are veterans. For a brochure or more information contact Pastor Rick.







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