

Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

May 2024

TUMC is an Inclusive, Reconciling and Affirming Congregation. All who seek God are welcome. Join our TUMC family to participate in worship, education, fellowship, ministry and mission, regardless of race, color or ethnicity, age, marital status, gender, sexual identity, expression, physical or mental ability...*anyone who comes to me, I will never drive away.* John 6:37

This is a place where you will find welcome, support, comfort, and strength for your life.

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Until We Meet Again

There is an old hymn in our United Methodist Hymnal #672, God Be with You Till We Meet Again. The first verse of this hymn is: “God be with you till we meet again; by God’s counsels guide, uphold you, with God’s sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we mee, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.” At the San Luis Rey Valley United Methodist Church where I served, it was our closing benediction song. We would circle around the room and then sing together. They had banners made with these words and hung them up high so that no matter where you were in the room, you could see the words.

There are three more verses to the hymn. All of them express words of comfort, protection, hope, and love that God will provide to each person and family in the Church community until they gather again. This is not a song of ending but one of anticipation and hope of seeing one another again, whether in a day, week, month, or longer. We are still family, and we carry with us the memories, love, and strength of one another in our journey of life and faith.

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This will be the last Rick's Ramblings I share with you. Next month, in June, Pastor Drew will be the guest of Rick's Ramblings columnist. In the last 33+ years of ministry serving seven churches, I have taken the connection and spirit of hundreds of church family members with me. Always parting with the words, "God Be with You Until We Meet Again." We are all connected to God and one another by God's loving spirit. Then there is joy each time we reunite. We celebrate our love for each other and for God, no matter how long it has been since our last meeting—a day, a week, a month, or more.

In the last ten years Sally and I have been living among you, we have laughed with you, cried with you, and even had our frustrations with each other. We have struggled, but we have had successes in ministry and mission. We have eaten together, gone on mission trips and retreated together. We have enjoyed many 4th of Julys, UMW/UWF Teas, MONKS Valentine Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinners, and numerous potlucks. We have worshiped together and visioned together how to live out God's plan for us and how to become a Welcoming/Reconciling Congregation for all of God's People. I have officiated the marriages of many, celebrated baptisms of all ages, and celebrated the lives of many faithful members of our Church family who have entered the Church Triumphant. Each of these connections, experiences, and serving opportunities we have done in the Love of God to bring Welcome, Hope, Reconciliation, Inclusiveness, Forgiveness, Peace, and Grace to all in our Church family and community.

There is so much that can be said and so many remembrances to be shared, and we still have time to be able to do this over the next two months. I share this final thought that many of you have come to know about me (no, it's not about Pink Flamingos or the San Diego Padres). It's a phrase that has been a mantra in prayer and faith guidance: ***"Let your Faith be Bigger than Your Fear!"***



God Be with You Till We Meet Again!!!!

Peace and Love,

Pastor Rick

**4 KIDS
MINISTRY**

Our Sunday School is growing! We need more teachers and assistants.



Do you care for children? Would you want to share your faith? Come join the team of Sunday School Teachers who share their faith and offer lessons for our children. Lessons are provided and you would teach once a month or less. Contact Pastor Rick if you would like to assist on Sundays or in any other way to help support our Children's Sunday School, or if you have questions.

**Sunday Morning
Counting Help**

The Finance Team is looking for volunteers to help count the Sunday Morning offering. This is done primarily after Church on Sundays. Kathy Kasitz heads up the counters and can help with training. It is good to grow our team of counters. Contact Pastor Rick or Kathy if you are willing to volunteer or have more questions.



Cedar Glen Summer Camp

The California Pacific Conference Camping Ministry wants to invite Children and Youth to summer camp at Camp Cedar Glen in the Julian area. This is a place to meet friends, have a new experience of being in God's creation, and learn more about God and your faith. Pastor Rick shares, "Camp had a major impact in my life both as a youth and as an adult camp counselor and Camp Dean. I have made lifelong friends and experienced the wonder of God's creation at Camp Cedar Glen."

There will be scholarships that will be made available to get you to camp, either through our Church or the Conference. The Director of Calpac Conference Camps



states, "We don't want the cost of camp to be a roadblock to a child or youth going to camp." Talk to Pastor Rick if you are interested in having your child or youth go to camp.



- 5 **Scripture:** John 15:9-17
Theme: *Moving Forward*
- 12 **Scripture:** Acts 1:15-26
Theme: *Let the Spirit Lead*
- 19 **Scripture:** Acts 2:1-21
Theme: *So Set Sail!*
- 26 **Scripture:** Romans 8:12-17
Theme: *What's Your Story?*



PRAYERS AND SQUARES

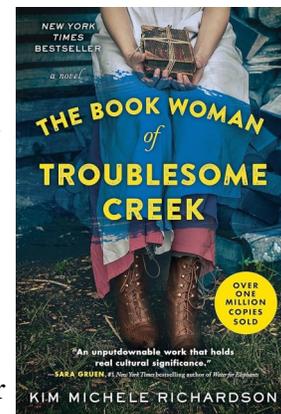


*Prayers and Squares Needs Help
So Many Prayer Quilts So few
hands to make them
Feeding spiritual hunger,
one quilt at a time*

If you sew or want to learn, please come the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings from 9:30-noon. You can be part of making a loving difference in many lives. Contact Dr. Marlene Oaks at marleneoaks56@gmail.com.

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek

The Book Buddies book group will meet at the home of Sherry Campbell at **6:00 pm** on **Tuesday, May 7** to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. This New York Times bestseller is a tribute to the first mobile library in Kentucky and the brave Pack Horse librarians who made their way shack to shack dispensing literacy, hope, and a compassionate human connection.



On **June 4**, Darcy Thielemann will lead a review of *The Creature from Jekyll Island*, by G. Edward Griffin, at our annual potluck held at the home of Diane Martinez. We will announce our selection of books for the coming season and the full schedule and list of books will then be available in the church breezeway.

See Ethel Takeguchi or Sue Bradshaw for more information about our book group. We greatly enjoy reading, discussing and socializing with others who share our interest and love of books. Zoom access is available. Come join us.

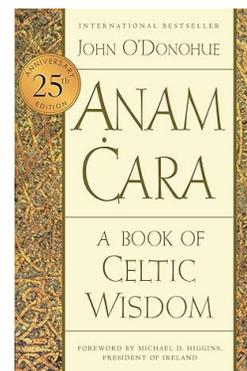
MARLENE'S DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussion Group News

This month we will continue to take a further look into Celtic Christianity by examining a book by John O'Donohue called "Anam Cara". We meet the **first and third Friday** mornings from **10:30AM-12PM**.

The Celts are said to have kept Christianity alive after Rome was sacked. They thought there were two scriptures: nature and the written word. Many leaders were women. It is a fascinating study.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Marlene Oaks at marleneoaks56@gmail.com, and for more information, please check the breezeway.



GRADUATION



CELEBRATIONS

Graduate Promotion Sunday

On **Sunday June 9th**, we will recognize and celebrate our young people who are promoting from 5th grade to middle school, 8th grade to high school, seniors in high school and those who receive a college degree at any level. We

will list the names in the June 9th bulletin and in July's Messenger Newsletter.

If you have a child, grandchild or great-grandchild please notify the Church Office and share the name, relationship, grade promoting or graduating from and if appropriate, name of the college or university they will be attending or graduating from with a degree.

This is an exciting milestone for our young people and we want to recognize them on this journey of life and celebrate God's presence in their lives.



Anniversaries

- Jim and Diane Greer05/13
- Steve and Linda Jones05/29



Birthdays

- Jessie Boyle05/08
- Alan Sheaffer05/09
- Lauren Hathorn05/10
- Jan Tramontano05/14
- Jim Greer05/15
- Kyle Longley05/17
- Callie Rae Dubots05/18
- Constance Beltramo05/20
- Dan Easley05/22
- Barbara Lamb05/22
- Cookie Gender05/23
- Drew Ramos05/24
- Penny Wagner05/24
- Catherine Buckingham05/26
- Nancy Hammett05/26
- Larry Messersmith05/26
- Jackie Redfern Tomaszewski05/28
- Molly Edwards05/29
- April Tayrien05/31



Hello All,

My name is Art Salyer and I am the LGBTQIA+ Ministry Coordinator for the Temecula United Methodist Church. This is a recently created position in our church to better support our mission to support, engage, invite, pray for, and love this community.



LGBTQIA+ is a term that can be confusing especially to many of us. It has changed and expanded over the years to better represent this very diverse community. It generally stands for: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual. The additional “+” stands for all of the other identities not encompassed in the short acronym. This umbrella term is often used to refer to the community as a whole. Our church uses LGBTQIA to intentionally include and raise awareness of Queer, Intersex and Asexual communities as well as the myriad of other communities under that umbrella.

Our church established ourselves several years ago as an open, inclusive, affirming, and reconciling

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congregation. We decided this via an intensive study and prayer process culminating in a vote by the entire congregation.

What this means is that all who seek to participate in worship, education, fellowship, ministry and mission, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, age, marital status, gender, sexual identity/expression, physical or mental ability are joyfully welcome.

As part of this ministry I am charged with going out into the LGBTQIA+ community to tell them how much we love them and want them in our church. I meet with folks almost every week in groups and individually.

Today we have a small but growing group, AMPLIFY, that meets every Thursday night at 6:30 PM at the church. This group supports the LGBTQIA+ community with support and wonderful Christian education. All are welcome to come when ever you can. It is a great way to meet members of the LGBTQIA+ community and their supporters.

Please feel free to reach out to me any time at 818.371.1009 or lgbtqministry.tumc@gmail.com, and artsalyer@gmail.com

....anyone who comes to me, I will never drive away. John 6:37.



A fully affirming and inclusive fellowship gathering

“Mama Bears”

Thursday, May 16th

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6:00 for fellowship
and refreshments

At Temecula United Methodist Church
42690 Margarita Road, Temecula

SCRIP



WHAT IS SCRIP? Purchasing Scrip cards is a simple way of raising money for the church budget. Simply purchase gift cards at face value and the church receives a percentage of the sales. The Scrip box has a variety of cards including gas, stores and restaurants. You may also go to RaiseRight.com to see a full list of vendors. Cards may be preordered when orders are placed. Since the beginning of January, Scrip sales has raised \$520 for the church.

Cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings after service using cash, check or a credit card. Credit cards will have 4% service fee. Scrip cards are also available to purchase throughout the week during church office hours.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order contact Janet Galbraith. 951-764-3938 and jngalbraih5@yahoo.com.

Ralphs/Food4Less: If you shop at Ralphs or Food4Less, be sure to register your rewards cards to earn rebates.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP

STEPHEN MINISTERS



TUMC's Stephen Ministers are volunteers trained to walk beside people experiencing difficult times. It's confidential and free, and available to anyone regardless of their affiliation with TUMC.

If you'd like to know more, please contact Pastor Rick Malec at (951) 676-1800 or our Stephen Leader, Anne DiPardo at (319) 331-1515.

MYOSKELETAL MESSAGES



Hello my name is Lesley Gregory and I've had a massage license since 1988 and have been a member of TUMC since 1993.

As part of *Feeding Physical and Spiritual Hunger*, members are invited to receive myoskeletal massages at our church. This type of massage involves lots of stretching and will increase range of motion to help manage chronic pain areas. Please wear shorts and a tank top during the session.

There will be no fee for this service and members are encouraged to make donations to the church for this service. Weekly appointments will take place on Mondays. To schedule a session call 951-694-6100.

Thanks,
Lesley Gregory

ALTAR FLOWERS



SIGN UP to bring Altar Flowers in honor, celebration, or memory of a special date for you. Flowers may be brought to the church on the Sunday you signed up for by 9:00 AM and can be placed on the altar.

You can pick up your flowers after the worship service. Contact Anita Accordino at 714-655-0330

Thank
you,
moms

GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

May

- 05 Neighborhood House, Calexico
- 12 Million Kids
- 19 Habitat for Humanity
- 26 Conference Camp Scholarships



Neighborhood House of Calexico, Inc. serves the Imperial Valley region, with a specific focus on the needs of low-income women and children.

Thanks to the generous support of the community, Calexico Neighborhood House is able to provide direct services to much of the community. We offer specific thanks to individuals, organizations, and collaborative partners who continue to help make our services available to the community through participatory or monetary support.



Their mission is to PREVENT child exploitation by empowering every kid, and those who interact with kids, through education on predators and to INTERVENE by providing support services to those families and children in crisis. Learn more about Million Kids by going to their website

<https://millionkids.org/>



The mission of Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley, in partnership with God, is to facilitate the dream of homeownership, as well as improve living conditions for those in the community.

Learn more - <http://www.habitativ.org/>

Conference Camp Scholarships

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Food Pantry Needs

This month please bring Mac n Cheese and Tuna

A retirement party poster for Pastor Rick Malec. The background is dark with gold confetti and balloons. At the top, the word "Retirement" is written in a large, yellow, cursive font, with "PARTY" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. In the center is a Polaroid-style photo of Pastor Rick Malec, a man with a white beard and glasses, wearing a blue shirt and a baseball cap. Below the photo, his name "PASTOR RICK MALEC" is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text reads: "Please join us to celebrate Pastor Rick Malec's 33 years of service to the United Methodist Church." Below this, the date and time are listed: "29 Saturday June 2024 at 4 PM". At the very bottom, it says "RSVP by June 14th" and "Tickets are \$20".

Scholarships
Available!
Ask Pastor Rick

Cal-Pac Camps

Imagine This

2024 Summer Dates

Cedar Glen

Grades 6th-Grad: June 23-29, 2024

Grades 1st-3rd: July 7-10, 2024

Grades 3rd-6th: July 7-12, 2024

www.campcedarglen.org

Lazy W

Grades 1st-3rd: July 14-17, 2024

Grades 3rd-6th: July 14-19, 2024

Grades 6th-Grad: July 21-27, 2024

Young Adult Camp: August 2-4, 2024

www.lazywrench.org

Wrightwood

Grades 2nd-6th: June 30-July 4, 2024

Grades 6th-Grad: July 7-13, 2024

Camp Shine (Autism Spectrum Youth Camp): July 28-31, 2024

www.campwrightwood.org

