

Temecula UMC is a Reconciling 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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Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

March 2022



Rick's Ramblings

This is Tiffanie and for this month I am taking over Rick's Ramblings. I have been with you all for two months now and feel like we are moving forward. We have an area set up in the sanctuary for our little ones who will be in the service with us. Jesus said let the children come to me and do not hinder them for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. So I made it possible for our little ones to join in on the fun right alongside us. Thank you so much to those of you who have donated the shoeboxes for the children who will be sitting in the sanctuary with us until we get Sunday school up and running. Speaking of Sunday School Pastor Rick, Gian, and I had a meeting, and we will be bringing this back slowly, through the season of Lent. We will be starting with our youth. They will meet on March 6th, then two weeks later on March 20th will be elementary, and then on April 3rd, we will reopen the nursery for our babies through age 5. We are still in need of volunteers for elementary, nursery, and possibly youth. We are about to start the season of Lent, which are the 6 weeks leading up to Easter. Often we think of something to give up remembering the time that Jesus went into the desert and fasted for 40 days and 40 nights, as well as being tempted by Satan. I encourage you instead to add something to your routine. For example, a group of my friends and I from seminary are adding regular exercise, and eating right to our routines. We formed a group of 15 called Working Out for Jesus. We will meet regularly on messenger and

Rick's Ramblings continued

through other various apps to keep each other accountable. I am doing both adding, and letting something go, for me that is fast food. I am always on the go and it is so much easier for me to grab a burger that has more calories than I should eat in a day than it is to prepare the week before. So that is the plan for me. What do you plan to do? Finally, we are talking about doing an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday after the service. I will once again be asking for donations of plastic eggs and candy. It has been a pleasure so far being back in this church. Thank you all for your warm welcomes and the opportunity to help our family ministries grow.

-Family Ministry Coordinator Tiffanie Roman

From The Breezeway

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent in the Church Season. A time of repentance, forgiveness, preparation, spiritual renewal, and the journey to Easter.



Ash Wednesday reminds us of how we are forgiven by God through the resurrected Christ.

On Ash Wednesday March 2nd, you will have two opportunities to begin this season.

We are hosting the Grace Mission area for a mid-afternoon service, 12:00 PM-12:30 PM in the Worship Center you can receive ashes with a blessing.

The second opportunity will be a meditative simple service at 7:00PM – 7:30 PM.

All Church (Light) Work Day

The Trustees are inviting the TUMC Family of all ages to come out and help with cleaning and sprucing up our Church Home for the Spring. There are many light bulbs to be changed along with some cleaning up. Join us on Saturday March 19th beginning at 9:00 AM. We plan to be done by 12 noon.



Worship Scriptures and Themes

March:

6: Scripture: Luke 4:1-12

Theme: Our Time In the Wilderness

13: Scripture: Genesis 15:1-18 Theme: Take a Look Around **20: Scripture:** Luke 13:1-9

Theme: What Have We Learned?

27: Scripture: Joshua 5:9-12 Theme: The Baggage We Carry

April:

3: Scripture: Psalm 126:1-6

Theme: Joy

TUMC MONKS

MONKS Breakfast is returning in March!



Breakfast will be at TUMC every second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Women



March 10, 2022 - 10:30A.M. UMW Board meeting in Room 6

March 17, 2022 – 10:30A.M

UMW General meeting in Room 1.

Our gathering for this meeting is a representative from Rancho Damacitas, who will speak about their services. All women of the church are welcome, Come and join us!



Golden Baskets for This Month

March

- Our Missionary, Rev. Andrew Soon Lee
- 13 Food Pantry
- 20 Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity
- 27 **UMCOR Sunday**

Our Missionary—Rev. Andrew Soon Lee

Rev. Lee is serving as the Country Director for the Cambodia Mission Initiative. For more information about what Rev. Lee is doing go to https://www.facebook.com/DreamCambodia or https://umccambodia.org/



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul **Temecula** is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers from St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church and the local community. They provide free food supplies to families and individuals **Food Pantry** suffering from food insecurity.

> https://www.foodbanks.net/ organization/1865/st-vincent-de-paul-foodpantry-temecula/



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/

Guatemala Student Scholarship Update

Through your generous giving we were able to sponsor six students for this school year.

Devora Iriel Ventura Set 17 years old 11th grade Nelson Emanuel Chumil Riquiac 14 years old 9th grade Micaela Regina Sofia Tebelan Chinol 13 years old 7th grade Alfredo Alexander Jeronimo Ticum 13 years old 5th grade Tomas Javier Tevelan Chinol 13 years old 4th grade Ruby Mishelle Ventura Set 12 years old 3rd grade



On UMCOR Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief, an organization that acts on our behalf when there is a crisis. When we give to specific Advance projects, 100% of our gifts are directed to the designated response. UMCOR can do this because the funds they receive from you and millions of other United Methodists to help cover the costs of doing business. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly when disaster strikes.



Drive-Thru Dinner

Over the last year we had many successful Drive Thru BBO Dinner Fundraisers. Thanks to your participation we have raised some funds to support our Church Budget to help with our many ministries and our missions of the Church. Our next dinner will be on

March 27th. The time for pick up will be 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM. The Dinner and pick up are done in a safe manner. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to take advantage of this great meal. Let us start off the season of lent by supporting the furtherance of our mission and ministry to offer help and hope to our Church Family and the community around us. Watch for

the link and/or flyer to get information and your order form. The menu for this month: Choice of one of two meats with choice of two sides and a delicious dessert. There is a vegan gluten free offering as well. If you have any questions you can contact

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3/4 Joe Hughes

3/7 Mary Campbell Robert Sayne Gail Skennion

3/9 Addison Riche

3/10 Stella Mohammed

3/12 John Potts

3/13 Lolo Mana'ia Mafua Aumoecualogo Johanna De Koekkoek

3/14 Ernie Lloyd Kevin Nelson Tammy Waddleton

3/16 Maureen McKown Ashley Skennion 3/18 Nenita Garcia

3/19 Diane Martinez

3/20 Mafua Aumoecualogo

3/21 Erin Galbraith

3/22 Lana Salyer

3/24 Dean George

3/25 Gian Adesso

3/26 John Paul Edwards

3/29 Josefino Gulla

3/30 Neil Gutierrez Marlene Oaks





3/1 John & Genevieve Clark

3/5 Oscar & Thelma Loud

3/17 Erik & Vanessa Saeger



Servant Volunteer for March 2022 Jeanette Frisbey

Jeanette tells her story in her own words in an email from Maryland.

I was born Jeanette Michele Shepard on February 17, 1967, in Charleston, South Carolina. I was mainly raised in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, with my mom, Patricia Greaves, my dad, Robert Shepard Jr., and my brother, Robert Shepard III. After high school, I attended the University of Florida before joining the Navy in January of 1991. I was in the Navy until October 2008. I have two biological daughters, Sama and Constance, and two non-biological daughters, Maddy and Morgan. I am currently not married. I live in Southern Maryland and work for BAE Systems as an Engineering Technician V.

While living in Virginia Beach, Virginia, I attended Salem UMC from 1998 to 2010. I served in many of the same ways as I did at TUMC. I served as Children's Ministry Chairperson, Sunday School Superintendent, VBS Director, Newsletter Editor, UMW Vice President and then became UMW President.

Then we moved to California and I became involved with the Temecula United Methodist Church. I sang in the choir, headed the children's Sunday School and VBS. I was active in United Methodist Women, serving as President for over a year. In November 2019, I resigned from all activities due to an upcoming family move. When COVID-19 hit, I agreed to send Sunday School material to families of the Church.

I am currently working on my personal and spiritual growth and healing. Sama is a Senior at The Citadel and graduates in May. Constance is a sophomore at Norwich University. Morgan is a junior at Simpson College in Iowa. Maddy lives at home with me and works at Lowes. I want to thank everyone at Temecula UMC for all the love and support during our time in California.