

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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Sundays, Nov. 5th, 12th & 19th

"Sharing with Others" Thanksgiving Food Drive Each Sunday – One Person – One Canned Food Item



Sunday, Nov. 6th

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—Remembering TUMC's Saints



Sunday, Nov. 12th

PRAYERS AND SQUARES CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

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CHURCH CONFERENCE—6:30 P.M.—Everyone is invited



Sunday, Nov. 19th

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY

Church offices will be closed Nov. 23th & 24th



THANKSGIVING November 23th

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, DEC. 2nd 5—8 p.m. ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY



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

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

If you remember last month's article my Ramblings title seems familiar and you will know that I wrote about giving thanks in the midst of the tragedies as well as the celebrations of our lives. I wrote that God gives to us, provides for us, and heals us during the most difficult of circumstances we face each day of our lives.

As we come into November, a month in which we specifically think about giving thanks, I believe it is worth sharing more about giving thanks to God for the love, peace and hope we receive in many ways great and small. Let me start with a brief recap of last month's article, more specifically of one Biblical understanding of thanksgiving tied to Holy Communion.

Jesus shows us the way in the upper room where he "took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me'" (*Luke* 22:19). Was he saying he was giving thanks for the pain, suffering and death he was about to endure? No.

The Greek word for "thanks" in *Luke* 22:19 is *eucharisteo*. "The root word of *eucharisteo* is *charis*, meaning "grace." Jesus took the bread and saw it as grace and gave thanks. He took the bread and knew it to be a gift and gave thanks. *Eucharisteo*, thanksgiving, envelops the Greek word for grace, *charis*. But it also holds its derivative, the Greek word *chara*, meaning "joy." Charis. Grace. *Eucharisteo*. Thanksgiving. *Chara*. Joy.

I would like to share with you some of the ways I am thankful for what God has given me. First I say thank you to God every day for this church family that I am blessed to serve and the community which Sally and I live. From the first day I came to live and be among you all have embraced us, come along side and partnered with us as we walk the path of faith and follow the direction and vision God has called us to. I want to say thank you to all in the church family who shared uplifting and kind words and cards of appreciation during October, Pastor's Appreciation month. Your love and generosity has humbled both Sally and me.

Rick's Ramblings continued

I am thankful for my wife Sally. She is my love and my partner now for 38 years. We have been through highs and lows together, to love and to honor, in richer and poorer, in sickness and health.

I am thankful for our son Kenn. Those of us who are parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles know the joy children of all ages bring into our lives. Kenn has blessed us and surprised us over the years. He has grown into a wonderful young man and offers his love to us.

I am thankful for Howard and Dennis, two of my closest friends I have known since childhood. For their families that are a part of our family.

I am thankful to be able to be a part of the Interfaith Council of the Murrieta and Temecula Valley. It is a group that comes together to promote unity of all God's children. It speaks out for those who are excluded by the community because of their particular faith. We come together to promote peace.

I am thankful for all those in our church family who serve in our community and beyond. Our youth go to communities where people struggle in poor living conditions. They help with improvements to homes and lives as they grow in their faith in Jesus.

I am thankful for those who serve in the military who sacrifice to protect our nation at home and abroad and who are away from their families. I give thanks for the families of service members and pray for protection of all.

I give thanks for all first responders who risk their life to protect and serve. They do battle in the face of natural disasters to bring many to safety and put out fires. Others volunteer for the Red Cross, Salvation Army and the United Methodist Committee on Relief Early Response Teams who go to offer help and comfort for those affected by disasters.

Most especially, I am thankful to our God who is most generous, compassionate, and loving. God holds me strong in my times of weakness and despair. God lifts me up with joy in my times of fun and happiness. God never abandons me.

Continued next column

Rick's Ramblings continued

These are some of the many joys, gifts, and blessings I give thanks to God for every day. I believe as we take time to recount our blessings and give thanks, we know there is hope for ourselves, our families, communities, and the world. We grow in our faith in the one who offers us eternal life, Jesus the Christ.

I invite you to take time to give God thanks for your blessings, joys, and gifts in your time of prayer.

Peace & Grace Pastor Rick

Prayers and Squares Christmas Boutique, Sunday, Nov. 12th

We will have a wide array of items made by our Prayers and Squares team from quilts to towels to table runners and more for sale.

The proceeds will go to our Prayers and Squares funds to purchase supplies and equipment.

Scrip News

It's time to think about pre-ordering your Scrip for Christmas shopping and presents! Scrip is the perfect gift for stocking stuffers, teacher gifts, and those that are hard to shop for. Keep some on hand for last minute gifts as well. Starbucks, Regal movie passes, Bath and Body Works to name just a few. We have \$10 cards for Amazon, Applebee's, Home Depot, Ihop, Regal Theatres, Target and Walmart. We also have \$5 cards for Panera and Starbucks. For those of you who shop online we can order Amazon, LL Bean, Zappos, and don't forget Shutterfly to use for your Christmas Cards or printing photos. If you use http://smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0295825, Amazon donates another 0.5% to the church!

Besides what is kept in stock, there are many more items that can be preordered. Check out our list at the table or you can see the full list of scrip at https://www.shopwithscrip.com. If you would like to preorder these are the following dates; Preorder November 19th available to pick up on the 26th. Preorder December 10th available to pick up on the 17th.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes - The 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study class meets in Room 6 and is currently studying: "The Bible, An Epic Miniseries". This series was produced in 2013, and reviewers like it for its excellent acting, and good special effects.

Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in Room 8 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 is 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. at the home of Karen Benvenuto. Karen will be hosting all meetings in the future. All women of the church are invited. The book being used for November/December is *Faithful, Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph by* Adam Hamilton.

GriefShare Group 6:30—8:30 p.m. In Room 6 weekly through December 12th facilitated by Diana Camba. Class will meet Saturday, November 4th at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6 in lieu of Halloween Night. November 7th, meet in the Youth Room.

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. November 7th, *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck will be reviewed by Carlyn Buehler at her home.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 10 a.m. in the Music Room. Class will not meet November 29th. Pastor Rick reads, reviews and answers your questions regarding Sunday's lectionary. Contact Pastor Rick.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 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 November 2nd at 12 noon at RJ's Sizzlin Steer Restaurant, 41401 Kalmia, Murrieta. 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 the book *Living in Hope* by Kennon L. Callahan. **Class will only meet November 2nd during the month of November.**

Friday

Re-Claiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World by John Shelby Spong meets the first and third Friday of the month (November 3rd and 17th) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6. Bishop Spong explores what the history of the Bible can teach us about reading its stories today and living our lives for tomorrow.

Prayers and Squares Ministry — Prayers and Squares Ministry meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth



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ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

Temecula United Methodist All Church Conference will be held **Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Worship Center.

The 2018 Conference Forms are available online at calpacumc.org/chargeconference

This is an annual meeting to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of TUMC, receive reports, and to adopt objectives and goals recommended by the Church Council that are in keeping with the objective of the UM Church.. All members are encouraged to attend.

<u>DEADLINE FOR ALL REPORTS IS WEDNESDAY,</u> <u>NOV. 8th.</u> Email completed reports to Mary at tumc@temeculaumc.com

The following reports are still required.

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UM Women Stephen Ministers
Stewardship Committee

Prayers and Squares

Children's Ministry Scrip Fund Treasurer



UM WOMEN

November 9th— Thursday, 10 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting in Room 6.

November 16th —Thursday, 10 a.m. UMW General Meeting/Luncheon in the Hillside Room. We will celebrate our "World Thank Offering". If you have the WTO box for the offering, please bring them to the meeting. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

MONKS of TUMC

MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting

Date: Saturday, November 11th 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: Richie's Diner on Temecula Parkway

From the Breezeway

November Worship Themes and Scriptures

5th Theme: Saints Around Us Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3 12th Theme: Hope For Us

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34

19th Theme: Survivor

Scripture: *Matthew* 25:14-30
26th Theme: *Gratitude and Peace*Scripture: *Philippians* 4:6-20

Night of Thanksgiving

The Murrieta and Temecula Valley Interfaith Council invites all to a Night of Thanksgiving Sunday November 19, 6:30 p.m. at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 32374 Pauba Rd., Temecula. Many faiths will come together to give thanks for our unity and living together in peace. Pastor Rick will be one of the speakers sharing a word of thanks.

Trip of a Lifetime



Have you wanted to experience a little bit of what it was like to live at the time of Jesus? Possibly walk in the footsteps of Jesus? See the Bible come to life? You and your friends have an opportunity to join Pastor Rick on a journey that will increase your understanding of the Bible, your spirituality and closeness to God. The trip is November 5-14, 2018, with a possible six day

extension to Egypt for those who want to experience Mt. Sinai, see the Pyramids and Sphinx. Whether you are intrigued about the trip, mildly interested, or ready to sign up, please join Pastor Rick for an introductory gathering on Sunday November 19th, 2:00 p.m. in Room 6. If you have questions prior to meeting, contact Pastor Rick.

Where will you find Good Food, Friends, Games, Prizes and a SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GUEST?



TUMC All Church

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 2nd, 5 – 8 P.M.

Please bring a dish to share using the list below. As in previous years, please bring your food equally divided in two disposable containers (for two serving lines), with serving utensils.



Last Name Dish

A - J Side Dishes

K - Z Salads,

HAM, ROLLS & DESSERT

WILL BE PROVIDED

Please fill out and return a signup card found in the breezeway or in your Sunday bulletin

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New Member Profiles

Katie and Anthony Ramos grew up in Temecula but attended school in Utah. After college she returned to our city to teach younger elementary students in Anza. She enjoys Pilates. Anthony is a substitute teacher in Perris. Anthony and Katie were recently married by Pastor Rick in our church on July 29.

John Clark grew up in South Dakota, the son of a United Methodist pastor. His wife, **Genevieve Clark**, is a United Methodist Elder, who serves in extension ministry as a U.S. Navy Chaplain. Gen is assigned to Naval Medical Center San Diego, Pastoral Care services. The Clarks currently live in Wildomar and have attended TUMC since the fall of 2016. John is the Chief Operating Officer for a private trust and is a freelance professional voice-over actor. John's hobbies include woodworking – he has built a Murphy bed – and he was the broadcasting voice at TUMC's Fourth of July Celebration this summer. Their family includes Frank (the dog), a black-lab/Great Dane rescue, and extended family in California, Oregon and South Dakota.

Robert and Jennifer Sayne are transfers to our church from Texas where they lived until four years ago. They have been married 22 years. Jennifer is a scientist at a San Diego biotech company. She has been a Girl Scout leader to a troop of middle high girls. Robert grew up in the Houston area and joined the military after high school. He is teaching an elementary classroom of emotionally disturbed kids. He enjoys working around the house, making and fixing things. They have a daughter Evelyn, in the 8th grade at Vail Ranch School and son Jacob, a student at Great Oaks High School.

Matt and Lynn Ferguson have been married for 21 years. Matt has been involved in scouting. He works for military construction based in Fallbrook. Matt enjoys hiking, back packing and home brewing. Lynn's hobbies include gardening and camping.

Catherine Buckingham has four grown children and two grandsons ages 15 and 8. She has two dogs, a Puggle and a Shepherd mix, and one cat. As an Enrolled Agent, the highest credential the IRS awards, she represents taxpayers before the IRS. She likes to piece quilts, gardens and enjoys crafting. Catherine participates in our Prayers and Squares quilting ministry.

Kathy Kasitz transferred from First United Methodist Church Escondido. She attends the Tuesday Ladies Bible study and participates in Prayers and Squares. Kathy has donated quilts for Prayers and Squares that she made at home. She and her husband also participated in the Out to Lunch Bunch until his health problems intervened. They have two grown children and two grandsons.



From UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

During their Oct. 12-14 meeting, directors of the denomination's Board of Global Ministries and UMCOR approved more than \$7 million in grants for hurricane and other disaster-relief work and \$1.86 million for global health projects.

UMCOR already had received some \$15 million from donors in recent months to respond to U.S. disasters. Full-page ads in the Wall Street Journal and New York Times have highlighted the denomination's commitment to disaster relief and the fact that 100 percent of all donations go directly to relief efforts.

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11/1	10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
' ' ' '	7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
11/2	10:30 a.m. Welcoming & Outreach Committee
,	12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
	6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
11/3	10:30 a.m. <i>Re-Claiming the Bible</i> w/Rev. Oaks
11/4	10:00 a.m. GriefShare Group
11/5	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. Fellowship Time
	10:30 a.m. Worship
	11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
	4:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
11/7	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. GriefShare—meet in Youth Room
11/0	6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning—meet in Rm. 6
11/8	10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
	11:00 a.m. Craft Faire Meeting—Hillside Rm. 6:30 p.m. Trustees
	7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
11/9	10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting
	Church Offices Closed in Observance of
,	Veterans Day
	10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
11/11	Veterans Day
,	9:30 a.m. MONKS Monthly Breakfast at Richie
11/12	Prayers and Squares Christmas Boutique
	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
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11/16	10:00 a.m. UM Women Meeting/Luncheon
,	6:30 p.m. All Church Conference

11/17 10:30 a.m. Re-Claiming the Bible w/Rev. Oaks

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11/19 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
11/21 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
       6:30 p.m. Grief Share
11/22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
       6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
       7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
11/23 Thanksgiving Day—Church Offices Closed
11/24 Church Offices Closed
       10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
11/26 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
11/28 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
       6:30 p.m. GriefShare
11/29 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
11/30 6:30 p.m. Church Council
        7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 337
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BIRDIES FOR BREAD PROCEEDS

The Eleventh Annual 2017 Birdies for Bread Golf Tournament and Banquet was even a greater success than last year. The total came to \$14,556.00. A grand total of \$83,129.14 has been given to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Catherine's since 2007. Ron Moreland writes:

This year there were over 80 golfers and 125 people at the Banquet. The Opportunity Ticket Drawings and Live Auction produced more money than ever before. Mark McCullough was our auctioneer extraordinaire. His wife, Monica and daughter, Meghann, along with Carolyn Buehler, did a fantastic job in arranging and displaying the items for auction and opportunity selection. Scott Parker, MONKS' treasurer, my wife, Jenny, along with a stellar team of other MONKS, helped make this event possible. Larry Murphy, my partner in presenting this event for the past two years, was the key factor in the success that has been realized by the Tournament and Banquet for the past eleven years. The weather was great and the participants of this year's event gave it a thumbs up across the board. A special presentation of the proceeds check was

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	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 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 Gerry Nicholas Janet Galbraith Gilbert Oaks	MONKS	Youth	Dan Henley Larry Natwick Tri Tricoche Raymond Landry	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Jenny Moreland Gerry Nicholas	MONKS	Youth	Jan Clark-George Hazel Hailstone	
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Anita Accordino Hazel Hailstone	MONKS	Youth	Karen Benvenuto Stella Mohammed	
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Raymond Landry	Mark McCullough Ken Boyle	Gian & Meghann Gian & Meghann	Jeanette Edmonds Jeanette Edmonds	
VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sue Bradshaw Dorothy Smith	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	tba Marilyn Landry	Sue Bradshaw Sue Bradshaw	

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.

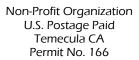


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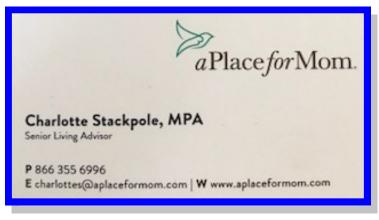
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Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. —
Hebrews 13:2