

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

## Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

A division seems to be growing in our country in the midst of the disasters we have witnessed in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and Mexico. The divisiveness occurring in our government seems to be keeping it from caring for and helping people. We are facing our own struggles of pain. How are we able to continue to give thanks to God? In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 it says "Give thanks in all circumstances." How are we to open our hearts and express our praise and thanks to God when we are hurting, angry, frustrated, and in a funk?

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 this verse is *eucharisteo*. And the best person I know to unpack this word is Ann Voskamp:



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 *gift* and gave thanks. *Eucharisteo*, thanksgiving, envelopes the Greek word for grace, *charis*. But it also holds its derivative, the Greek word *chara*, meaning "joy." *Charis*. Grace. *Eucharisteo*. Thanksgiving. *Chara*. Joy.

**Eucharisteo Conversation** 

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# Rick's Ramblings continued

Jesus was not giving thanks for the pain he was about to suffer in the present. He was giving thanks for the joy and grace he was receiving from God and would receive in the future. We receive the grace of forgiveness, the grace that means that we are not alone and will never be alone in the midst of pain, disappointment, and the struggles of life. When we have a thankful heart we have a joyful, happy heart. We open ourselves up to hearing God's word for us, to receiving God's grace for us, and ready to obey and follow God through Jesus Christ. The writer of Psalm 28: 7 shares: "The LORD is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksqiving." And the writer of *Psalm* 69: 30, "I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving."

I believe that in our faith we are able to give God thanks in all situations and open our hearts to God's grace for us today and into the future. We receive the strength to endure and persevere in our own pain and struggles. We receive the courage to confront the hatred and suffering occurring in the world. We respond to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in faith to care for the hurting and outcast in our community and the world. We realize our "cup overflowing, and goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives" when we give thanks with a grateful heart.

To give thanks to God is to know the grace, joy, hope and peace for our lives. In knowing this how can we not give thanks with a grateful heart even with all that is happening in our lives and the world?

Peace & Grace Pastor Rick

# **Sunday School Teachers**

Diana Walker, Jeanette Frisbey and Marilyn Landry will be gone the dates of October 15th — November 6th

Extra help would also be appreciated Sundays, November 26th and December 24th.

If you can help any of these Sundays, kindly contact Diana Walker by email at dianajo@verizon.net or let Pastor Rick know if you can help one of these Sundays.

## **TUMC Beautification & Upgrade**

Recently you may have seen this committee name in the bulletin as a meeting announcement. This committee was created at the direction of the Trustees. Its purpose is to evaluate the church facility and what improvements can be made to benefit the TUMC congregation as well as our renters. The committee has come up with a list of projects that we would like to work on and we have prioritized them to present to the members of the congregation. Continued on page 6 for list of priorities.

## Saturday, Oct. 21

## 20th Annual Craft Faire—9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\*Proceeds go to the general budget.

Bake Sale by UM Women\*

\*Proceeds go to UMW mission projects.

Light Breakfast & Lunch provided by

TUMC Youth Group for a nominal price.\*

\*Proceeds go to the TUMC Youth Group for SSP.

## Sunday, October 22nd

Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday

## Wednesday, October, 25th

**DEADLINE** for Church Conference Reports to be turned into the church office.

## Sunday, October 29th

#### ONE WORSHIP SERVICE—10 A.M. ONLY

"Celebrate our Children" —Children's Music and POTLUCK—Bring your favorite childhood dish. "Trunk or Treat" in the parking lot following potluck.

# Sundays, Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

## "Sharing with Others"

Thanksgiving Food Drive Each Sunday – One Person—One Canned Food Item. Bless you.



# 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. in the Youth Room. September/October: *Moses, In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet,* Adam Hamilton. November/December: *Faithful, Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph,* Adam Hamilton.

## GriefShare Group 6:30—8:30 p.m. weekly through December 12th facilitated by Diana Camba.

Have you lost someone you love recently or sometime ago? Finding yourself still struggling with coping, finding your direction, or moving on with hope? If you said yes to any of these questions then the new GriefShare Group forming can help you fill the void you are feeling. A facilitator leads this group. But real growth for the participants comes from a video presentation, use of a workbook, and group interaction. If you lost someone in the last few months, within the last year, even if you lost someone you loved in the last 20 years this group can help in the healing and grieving process. This is for members of our Church Family, friends you feel this group will be helpful, and members of the community. For more information contact Pastor Rick.

**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. October 3rd, *The Handmaids Tale* by Margaret Atwood will be reviewed by Sue Bradshaw at her home.

#### 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. Class resumed September 27th. 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 October 5th at 12 noon at the Golden Corral, 40345 Murrieta Hot Springs Road. 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. All are welcome. Class will resume October 5th. Contact Pastor Rick.

## **Friday**

Re-Claiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World by John Shelby Spong meets the first and third Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6 starting October 6th with Rev. Marlene Oaks. 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 Friday of the month (October 13th and 27th). Email <u>marleneoaks56@gmail.com</u>.

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# CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 2

Temecula United Methodist All Church Conference will be held Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

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

As stated on page three, all reports are due by Wednesday, October 25th. Email to Mary at tumc@temeculaumc.com

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.

## **UM WOMEN**

October 12th—UMW Executive Meeting in Room 6. October 19th —UMW General Meeting/Luncheon in the Hillside Room.

#### Come and learn about New Entra Casa

New Entra Casa is a residential facility for ex-offender and offender women. They provide a place for the women to live while they learn basic life skills, problem solving skills, financial management and job searching skills to enable them to successfully re-enter society. This program was started by The Wesleyan Service Guild, some of the foremothers of UMW, 45 years ago.

## **MONKS of TUMC**

The Eleventh Annual 2017 Birdies for Bread Golf Tournament and Banquet had over 80 golfers and 125 people at the Banquet. The outcome and total of proceeds from this year's Tournament and Banquet will be the largest amount of money ever generated on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. A special presentation of the proceeds check will be made to Ms. Bonnie Wilson on Sunday, October 29, at the TUMC 10 a.m. Sunday service.

## **MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting**

Date: Saturday, October 14th 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Richie's Diner on Temecula Parkway

## **SCRIP NEWS**

It's time to re-register for Food 4 Less and Ralphs, if you haven't already done so. Remember you have to register each year to ensure TUMC continues to receive a donation each time you shop at these stores. Please visit <a href="https://www.ralphs.com">www.ralphs.com</a>,

www.food4less.com or call 800-443-4438 to update your registration. Also, remember to bookmark this link <a href="http://smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0295825">http://smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0295825</a> so all your eligible Amazon.com shopping will benefit Temecula United Methodist Church. Are you decorating for fall or working on projects around the house? We have Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, Walmart, Home Depot and Lowes and other stores! Remember to pick up a gift card for your favorite restaurant, most provide a 7-10% profit for TUMC. Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program. If you have questions about the program stop by and see us at the Scrip table between services and after second service.

On the fifth Sunday, October 29th, we will be selling Scrip before the 10 o'clock service, so come a little early to purchase your Scrip.

# YOUTH NEWS

Youth group will meet October 8th and October 15th, Study hour will still be held at 5 p.m. before youth group meetings from 6—8 p.m.

**10/15** is also third Sunday so we will need greeters and ushers as well as a liturgist for each service.

10/21 is the Craft Faire where the youth will be cooking and selling food throughout the event. A follow-up email will be sent out as we get closer with more information.

**10/22** instead of regularly scheduled youth group we will be going to the Big Horse Corn Maze. We will be meeting at church at 2 p.m. and heading over together. Price is \$9 per person.

Thank you for everyone who came to the SSP meeting the other night. Our first choice will be Smith River in Northern California for the week of 7/15 - 7/21. If that week is not available, we will be putting in for Tsaile, Arizona 7/22 - 7/28. A deposit of \$50 per participant will be due before October 8th.

Any questions or concerns please let me know! Thank you, Gian Adesso

| October 2017 |    |    |    |    |           |    |
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10/1 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 4:30 p.m. Financial Peace University 10/3 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30 p.m. GriefShare 10/4 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal 10/5 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick 10/6 10:30 a.m. *Re-Claiming the Bible* w/Rev. Oaks 9:00 a.m. Worship 10/8 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 4:30 p.m. Financial Peace University 5:00 p.m. Youth Study Group 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets 10/10 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Griefshare 6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting 10/11 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick 6:30 p.m. Trustees meet 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal 7:15 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee 10/12 10:00 a.m. UM Women Executive Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick 10/13 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares 10/14 9:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Meeting at Richie's 10/15 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 4:30 p.m. Financial Peace University 5:00 p.m. Youth Study Group

6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets

| 10/17 | 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study                |
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|       | 6:30 p.m. GriefShare                                |
| 10/18 | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick                |
|       | 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal                           |
| 10/19 | 10:00 a.m. UM Women Meeting/Luncheon                |
|       | 3:00 p.m. Craft Faire setup                         |
|       | 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick                 |
| 10/20 | 9:00 a.m. Craft Faire setup                         |
|       | 10:30 a.m. <i>Re-Claiming the Bible</i> w/Rev. Oaks |
| 10/21 | 9:00 a.m. Craft Faire 9 a.m.—2 p.m.                 |
| 10/22 | 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                                  |
|       | 4:30 p.m. Financial Peace University                |
|       | 5:00 p.m. Youth Study Group                         |
|       | 6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets                         |
| 10/24 | 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study                |
|       | 6:30 p.m. Grief Share                               |
| 10/25 | 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick                |
|       | 6:30 p.m. Committee                                 |
|       | 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal                           |
| 10/26 | 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick                 |
|       | 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 337                        |
|       | 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares                      |
| 10/29 | 10:00 a.m. ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY                 |
|       | 4:30 p.m. Financial Peace University                |
| 10/31 | 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study                |
|       | 6:30 p.m. Grief Share                               |
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#### TUMC Beautification and Upgrade continued

- 1) Kitchen remodel: To gut the current kitchen and put in all new cupboards, appliances, and upgrade the electrical.
- **2)** Celebration Hall: To look at upgrading Celebration Hall, we know we would like to evaluate the windows behind pulpit (convert them to stain glass or some other covering); re-aim the current lighting for the pulpit area to better light it and add lighting over the choir..
- **3) Celebration Courtyard:** To cover the Celebration Courtyard with an awning and possibly fans and lighting to make the courtyard more usable during the summer.
- **4) Hillside Room:** To add blinds to the Hillside Room to make this room more useable during the early morning hours and during the summer.
- **5) Prayer & Meditation Garden:** To look at the possibilities of adding a gazebo to the current or extended Prayer and Meditation Garden.
- **6) Flooring:** To continue the current hallway flooring throughout the rest of the hallways in the education wing. Feel free to contact Mark McCullough or Pastor Rick.

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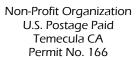
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|   | October 1   | October 8                        | October 15                       | October 22  | October 29   |
|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| USHERS<br>9:00 a.m.                         | Bert Bjorklund<br>Larry Messersmith<br>George Wuertz<br>Erik Toberman | MONKS                            | Youth                            | Sam Hill<br>Pat Hill<br>Oscar Loud<br>Thelma Loud             | 10 am only<br>Bert Bjorklund<br>George Wuertz<br>Mark Bowers<br>Dan Henley |
| USHERS<br>10:30 a.m.                        | Dan Henley<br>Dan Little<br>Gilbert Oaks<br>Gerry Nicholas            | MONKS                            | Youth                            | Dan Henley<br>Larry Natwick<br>Tri Tricoche<br>Raymond Landry |  |
| LITURGISTS<br>9:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.       | Maureen McKown<br>Peggy Cowherd                                       | MONKS                            | Youth                            | Barbara Gaborko<br>Hazel Hailstone                            | 10 a.m. only<br>Dorothy Smith  |
| GREETERS<br>9:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.         | Anita Accordino<br>Thelma Loud  | MONKS                            | Youth                            | Sally Messersmith<br>Jean Williams                            | 10 a.m. only<br>Hazel Hailstone  |
| SOUND<br>TECH<br>9:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m.    | Mark McCullough<br>Raymond Landry                                     | Mark McCullough<br>Ken Boyle     | Gian & Meghann<br>Gian & Meghann | Jeanette Holt<br>Jeanette Holt                                | 10 a.m. only<br>tba  |
| VISITOR<br>TABLE<br>9:00 a.m.<br>10:30 a.m. | Pauline Fields<br>Marilyn Landry                                      | Anita Accordino<br>Jean Williams | Sue Bradshaw<br>Gloria Galvez    | Jean Hawkins<br>Dorothy Smith                                 | 10 a.m. only<br>Maureen<br>McKown  |

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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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











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