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Temecula UMC
Community

*We seek to shepherd all
To worship God
To follow Jesus Christ
And grow in faith
Through the Holy Spirit*

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Easter Worship

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Good Friday - April 6th

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Led by Mark McCullough in Room 1

Easter Sunday - April 8th

7:30 a.m. INFORMAL SERVICE
Easter Message - "He Lives"

(PALS playground area except in case of rain)

*Pastor Randy Johnson preaching
Pianist - Dr. Corry Bell
No childcare provided*

9:00 a.m. Easter Message - "He Lives"

*Pastor Randy Johnson preaching
Chancel Choir singing
Pianist - Dr. Corry Bell
Traditional Sunday School (ages 3-11)
Nursery care for infants & toddlers*

10:30 a.m. Easter Message - "He Lives"

*Pastor Randy preaching
Chancel Choir singing
Pianist - Dr. Corry Bell
Enrichment Church (ages 6-11)
Nursery care for infants & toddlers*



**Sunday Schedule
Worship 9:00 a.m.**

Nursery Care
Traditional Sunday School
Ages 3–11.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Nursery Care & modified pre-school
ages 0-5
Enrichment Church—Ages 6-11
Combined Jr. & Sr. UMYF 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Consumers or Creators?

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, whoemptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Philippians 2:5, 7-8

Paul's matchless description of Jesus is in sharp contrast to much of our consumer oriented world. We are best described by Evelyn Underhill as those who spend their lives conjugating the verbs, "to spend, to have, and to do" and forget that all of this depends on living the verb, "to be." Today, we are so comfortable with satisfying our own wants and preferences that all other priorities take a back seat. So complete is our satisfaction with being satisfied that we can scarcely get beyond ourselves. Yet, Jesus teaches us that we simply can't afford to value personal satisfaction at all costs and yet be spiritually bankrupt.

Christ's life, passion and resurrection can transform us if we let it. At Easter, we are reminded that God creates, Jesus re-creates, and with resurrection faith we are made into co-creators with Christ. Paul says Jesus "emptied" himself. That is, Jesus put God first and his own personal priorities second. So complete was this obedience that Paul likened it to Jesus being a humble "slave" to God. This extreme trust in God is the model for Christians.

Jesus shows us that when we are "obedient" or trust God, all of the rest is taken care of. I can't explain how it happens. I just know it happens. At Easter, we can be freed from our consumer oriented living and once more become creators with Him and for Him. Priorities are put back in proper perspective and the reward is a life worth living. At Easter we are offered a life freed from of sin, guilt, fear and death (the cross) and freed for living now and always (resurrection). Oh yes, and I have found "creators" are happier than "consumers."

Pastor Randy

Confirmation is Starting!

**First Meeting----
Sunday April 15th**

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Confirmation training is open to anyone who will be age 12 or above in the summer. Pastor Randy will be offering the classes. A wide variety of topics will be discussed about the church and what it means to be a Christian.

A parent-provided meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. so that you can eat and then go on to UMYF.

For more information contact Randy at 676-1800 or by email randy@temeculaumc.com

Church Council News

Submitted by Doris Elder,
Church Council Chairperson

The work areas of the church who represent the Church Council met recently to discuss goals for this year and long term. It was our purpose to have guidelines to encourage spirit development in the congregation.

We worked in small groups and came up with many preliminary goals. At the next Council meeting which is Tuesday, April 24, we'll summarize the goals for this year and others for 2-3 years. Input from anyone in the congregation is encouraged and welcome.

Similar goals surfaced within each group:

1. Congregation Growth
2. Expand Children's Ministry
3. Choir growth and diversity of music
4. Pictorial Directory
5. Study and social groups formed

CAL-PAC CONFERENCE KATRINA REBUILD PROJECT

The date is approaching when two volunteers from our church, Cliff Elder and Dan Little, will be going to Waveland, Mississippi to help restore structures that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina (Aug. 29, 2005). They will be working with 25 team members from Riverside District and 25 from Pasadena District. Their week will be April 27-to May 6.

Their tasks may be roofing, plumbing, operating heavy equipment, painting and transportation drivers. The Host Site Coordinator says "Your mission is about relationships, people and sharing Christ's love. Rebuilding Hearts and Homes."

The group will fly to New Orleans then be driven by vans to Camp Gulfside where they will be assigned jobs compatible with their skills. Camp Gulfside has a rich history as the only camp along the Mississippi Gulf Coast where African-Americans could come to worship during the Segregation period. It was a place of multi-culture conference and retreat center for all people until it was destroyed by Katrina. The Camp reopened in June 2006 to accommodate 55 volunteers for rebuilding. Approximately 70% of the homes in Waveland were destroyed. Easter Sunday the Golden Basket at two services will be to help support Cliff and Dan with their expenses. They are responsible for their own expenses including air fare and lodging. Your gifts will be greatly appreciated.



MORE ABOUT STEPHEN MINISTERS

Submitted by Rev. David French

On Sunday, April 29, Pastor Randy will commission 8 new women Stephen Ministers at the 10:30 a.m. worship service (please remember there is only one worship service this day followed by an all church potluck).

The eight women are:

Marilyn Barger
Joan Biddle
Connie French
Judy Hernandez
Joyce Little
Thelma Loud
Joy Oh
Hallie Sebanc

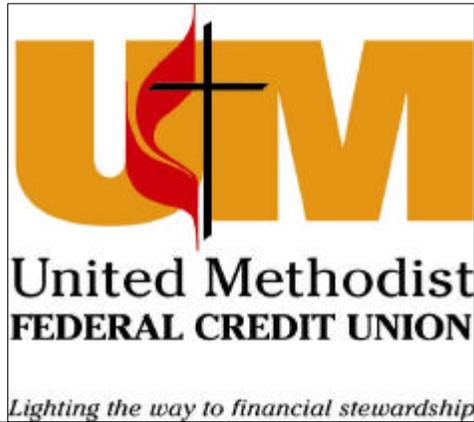
These women will minister to women only.

In the fall, we will begin a men's training for Stephen Ministers and are looking for men to join this ministry.

Stephen Leaders recruit and select lay people from the congregation to serve as Stephen Ministers, and provide them with 50 hours of training in Christian care giving. Some of the training topics include listening, feelings, assertiveness, confidentiality, and ministering to people in specific situations such as divorce, terminal illness, grief, and childbirth. Stephen Ministers also are trained to recognize when a care receiver's needs go beyond the care that a Stephen Minister can provide and where and how to refer the care receiver for additional care.

Important to Note

Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are trained Christian caregivers. Their role is to listen and to care – not to counsel or advise. Please do not refer to Stephen Ministers as counselors. Stephen Ministry is a supervised ministry. Stephen Ministers receive twice-monthly supervision to ensure that they are providing the best quality care for their care receivers. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. What a care receiver tells a Stephen Minister remains confidential. Even in supervision, the names of care receivers and specific details are never discussed. Stephen Ministers do not make cold calls. They are only assigned to care receivers who agree to receive the care of a Stephen Minister.



The Finance Committee approved another membership drive for TUMC.

An Important Announcement
To the church congregation and affiliated organizations
(Pre-schools, men's, women's, youth groups, etc)
in the vicinity of Temecula U.M.C.

Membership Drive
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We look forward to seeing you there!

"NEW" SINGLES GROUP

My name is Donna Dewey and I am starting a new single's group within the Murrieta United Methodist Church. I thought there might be some interest with the Temecula United Methodist Church as well. Most of the people within the group seem to be between the ages of 45 to 65, although it has been opened up to all adults.

Our Mission Statement

"Create a support environment within the UMC where single persons can experience Christ's unconditional love, receive care according to their unique needs, and nurture one another in Christian discipleship thru fellowship and socialization."

Upcoming events include going hiking and the movies in the near future. You can call Donna Dewey at the Murrieta United Methodist Church.

Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Class "Understanding Our Bible"

The 9:00 Adult Sunday School class is continuing its study called "Understanding Our Bible". The class is reading the book "Don't Know Much about the Bible" by Kenneth Davis, and using it as a guide while they work their way through the Bible. This class meets Sundays at 9:00 in Room 6. "Don't Know Much About the Bible" is organized in a question and answer format, and is written in an easy to understand style.

Please feel free to join the "Understanding Our Bible" discussion whenever you can. For additional information, contact Joe Hughes.

MONKS APRIL MEETING

Anne Unmacht from Project TOUCH (Together Our Unity Conquers Homelessness) will be the speaker at the next MONKS breakfast on April 14. Their mission is to provide basic needs, love and spiritual support, mental health and medical needs, drug and alcohol rehab programs, job training and placement, transitional and affordable housing and connecting people with Public Benefits.



UM WOMEN NEWS



April Piggy Bank – 10 cents for each pet you own.

April 22 – UMW Bake Sale (baked goods can be brought to the church Hillside Room April 21 after 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed for receiving and pricing on Saturday and selling on Sunday).

April 25 – UMW Executive Board Meeting

Annual Spring Tea & Fashion Show with Silent Auction May 12 at noon

Remember the fun at last year's tea? If you did not attend last year's event, you will want to save the date on your calendar for this year. Volunteer models are being recruited. All types of models are needed: Moms, daughters, sisters, grandmothers or friends. Most needed: big smiles, big heart and a little time to bargain shop at St. Martha's Second Hand Treasures for your clothes. Call Judy Hernandez at 695-1607.

S.M.U.R.F. Dinner – The first dinner of 2007 is April 22. If you can help cook and/or serve, please sign up in the breezeway. Questions? Please contact Jan Kerr.

YOUTH NEWS

Submitted by Mark McCullough

Wow, it's spring in Temecula. Flowers are blooming, the grass is greening up and our teenagers are getting behind the wheel of mom's and dad's car. In our Youth Group it all goes in cycles; we see new young youth enter the youth group as others are graduating and moving on and wonder what they will be like in the years to come. The next thing you know they are turning 16 and getting their driver's licenses. That is the hot topic this spring as we have a group of youth that have been with us since before Junior High and they are now about to take that first real step to being an adult. We strive to instill in our youth at MYF what it takes to be a Christian in today's world with all that they face. I believe our youth are some of the best examples of what tomorrow's church leaders are, and I am very proud of each one them.

This spring we will continue on with our Sunday evening program starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Christine Dodson Youth Lounge. We meet and enjoy each other's company and learn more about our faith so we are better prepared for what the world throws at us. Sunday nights are for all youth that are currently in junior and senior high school. This is an opportunity for your youth to spend time with other youth in a Christian environment.

I encourage all youth to come on Sunday night and give it a try as we plan the rest of spring and look forward to the Sunday Night Programs we do each summer.

Yours in Christ, Mark

"PAPER CLIPS": A presentation by Shoshana Hadasah

"Paper Clips" is an inspiring and heartfelt story about diversity and understanding. It is a powerful film with appearances by Tom Bosley and Tom Brokaw. It will be presented Saturday, May 5, 2007, at Temecula United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information call 676-1800. There will be a guest speaker and gourmet desserts. All this is for a donation of \$10.00. "It began as a lesson about tolerance. What happened next was a miracle."

Trustees' Corner

The weather is getting nicer as our thoughts turn toward the outdoors. As you may have noticed, TUMC has endured a short, bitter cold spell that left some of our shrubbery a little dingy looking. Members of the Trustees have been working with Mr. B., our gardener, and we are letting the bushes come back naturally rather than stripping away all the brown plants and replanting. Besides being incredibly expensive, replanting would take away all the established growth that is still alive in those plants. We ask that you be patient with the look of these plants and take time to notice the new growth that is already springing forth from them.

Church security is always a topic that is brought up and discussed at the Trustees meeting. Recently, during one of these discussions, it was discovered that we have quite a few outstanding keys to our facility that have not been returned. The Trustees have started the process to re-key the entire facility with the plan of making it more secure as well as member and renter friendly. If you currently have a key to any part of the facility, you will be asked to turn your key into the office. There will be new keys that will be assigned by the Trustees to those who are in need of them. With the cost of this project and the upkeep of our lost or destroyed keys, a key deposit will be required for all keys issued and the amount to be determined. Along with the new keys, we have also decided to place an alarm system in Celebration Hall that will monitor the equipment we have and maintain security around the clock. For those members that sign out a key, access information will also be provided so the alarm will not be triggered upon entry. This will all be done during April, with all parts being completed by the end of the month. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark McCullough at 676-1800x17.

Christian Foster Families Needed

Training and financial support provided. Rancho Jireh Foster homes will host a free local information meeting Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30pm.

Congratulations TUMC!

TUMC has received an invitation to a luncheon honoring our church for paying 100 percent of our apportionments for 2006! We are also being recognized as one of the most outstanding missionary support churches in the conference. This is a very significant tribute to TUMC.

TUMC'S SCRIP FUNDRAISER – AN OVERVIEW

Submitted by Shirley Johnson

TUMC's scrip fundraiser makes it very easy to raise funds for our church and it costs you nothing to participate. Recently more and more people are getting into the scrip habit and I thank everyone who has made the effort to use scrip. So far, about 50 families have bought scrip this year. If you haven't made the commitment to use scrip yet, please know that all you do is exchange your check or cash for the same amount of scrip. Our scrip is sold as gift cards (plastic) and gift certificates (paper) depending on the store. Our church earns a profit since the merchants sell us the scrip at a discount. When you "purchase" gift cards from the scrip fund at face value, that's when TUMC earns a profit. These gift cards are like debit cards that are loaded with exactly the amount you purchased from the scrip fund and you can use the balance all at once or for several small purchases until the balance is used up. Most companies give you an 800 number to call and check your balance if you forget how much is left on your card.

Since it is now spring we have a large inventory of Lowe's and Home Depot available for your gardening and home improvement needs. We also have been able to purchase Ralphs/Food 4 Less scrip and they are available in \$25 cards. Other new scrip we now carry is CVS Pharmacy, Rite Aid Pharmacy, Walgreens, OfficeMax, Office Depot and Arco gas cards. Arco and Shell gas cards are very convenient to use at the gas pump. Other gas cards are available by pre-order.

At the end of March our profit is about \$1,877 so we have made great strides towards the Finance Committee's goal of raising \$10,000 this year. This goal is achievable if we all come together and fully support this all-church fundraiser. It's up to each of us to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity that the merchants offer. There is no limit to how much we can earn through this program. Please join me and use scrip for your grocery, restaurant, specialty store, gasoline and pharmacy purchases. Another way to help raise funds automatically is to link your grocery club cards to TUMC so that your purchases generate a rebate for our church. More information about how to do this is available at the scrip table. Thank you for the support you give all year to this fundraising endeavor!

FRANCES MAYSON SAYS HELLO

Hi All,

Many many thanks for the beautiful birthday card you sent me. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. I am in a Bible Study class that I attend every Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. I will send you information on how we conduct ours here. I also attend prayer service on Wednesdays at noon. I have a friend that came from the United States so we go for lunch or visit other friends at least once a week. I am trying to keep busy working for the Lord.

Best regards to all and God Bless. Give Pastor Randy and all of the members of the church my blessings in which Emily joins. I think of you and the wonderful fellowship in the church all the time.

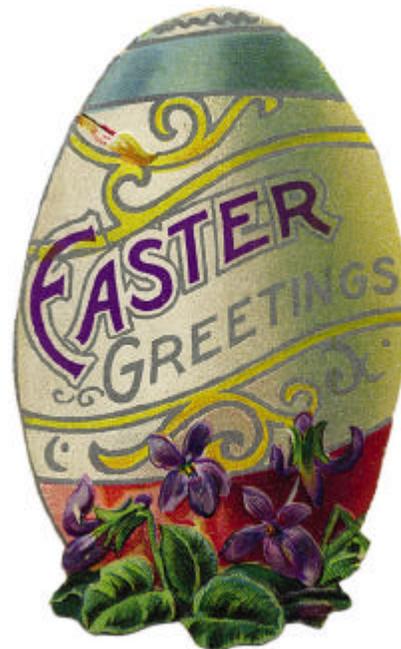
Sincerely
Frances Mayson

Dates to Remember

- 4/1 Palm Sunday – Easter egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast
9 a.m. Adult class w/Joe Hughes
- 4/2 9:30 a.m. *Bread from Heaven* Food Pantry
- 4/3 9:00 a.m. Tues. Ladies' Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
- 4/4 9:00 a.m. UMW Prayer & Self Denial
9:30 a.m. Tole Painting w/Jessie Boyle
10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Class
6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Trustees
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 4/5 12:00 p.m. *Shalon, Salaam, Peace* UMW Study
6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan Men's Class
- 4/8 Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Adult class w/Joe Hughes
6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 4/9 9:30 a.m. *Bread from Heaven* Food Pantry
- 4/10 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
- 4/11 9:30 a.m. Tole Painting w/Jessie Boyle
10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Class
6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 4/12 12:00 p.m. *Shalon, Salaam, Peace* UMW Study
6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's Class
- 4/14 8:00 a.m. Monks Breakfast Meeting
- 4/15 9:00 a.m. Adult Class w/Joe Hughes
4:30 p.m. Confirmation class w/Pastor Randy
6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 4/16 9:30 a.m. *Bread from Heaven* Food Pantry
- 4/17 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 4/18 9:30 a.m. Tole Painting w/Jessie Boyle
10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Class
6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 4/19 10:00 a.m. UMW General Meeting
6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan Men's Class
- 4/22 UMW Bake Sale
9:00 a.m. Adult Class w/Joe Hughes
6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 4/23 9:30 a.m. *Bread from Heaven* Food Pantry
10:30 a.m. Membership & Evangelism Committee
- 4/24 9:00 a.m. Tues. Ladies' Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
7:00 p.m. Church Council
- 4/25 9:30 a.m. Tole Painting w/Jessie Boyle
10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Class
1:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board
6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers

- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 4/26 6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan Men's Class
7:00 p.m. Prevention Plus Health Lecture – Dr. Sears
- 4/27 5:00 p.m. Monks Retreat at Camp Cedar Glen
- 4/28 8:00 a.m. Monks Retreat at Camp Cedar Glen
- 4/29 10:30 a.m. One Worship ONLY
Stephen Ministry Commissioning
All Church Potluck
UMFCU Membership Drive
12:00 p.m. Monks Retreat ends
- 4/30 9:30 a.m. *Bread from Heaven* Food Pantry
6:00 p.m. Church Council Workshop

April 2007						
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29	30					



	<u>Apr 1</u>	<u>Apr 8</u>	<u>Apr 15</u>	<u>Apr 22</u>	<u>Apr 29</u>
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Jesse Martinez John Weaver Sam Hill Pat Hill	Jesse Martinez John Weaver John Cloutier Steve Minder	Youth	Oscar Loud Thelma Loud Ethel Takeguchi Milton Takeguchi	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Shirley Johnson Richard Sharpe Dan Gutierrez Janet Galbraith	John Cloutier Richard Sharpe Joyce Little Dan Little	Youth	Steve Minder Dan Gutierrez Dan Little Joyce Little	Janet Galbraith Ashley Lewis Richard Sharpe John Cloutier
LITUR- GISTS 9:00 a.m.	Doris Elder	Monks	Youth	Claire Chapman- Wright	
10:30 a.m.	Cynthia Brewer	Monks	Youth	Hazel Hailstone	Sue Bradshaw
GREETERS 9:30 a.m.	Lloyd & Sue Bradshaw	Monks	Monks	Rea Douglas	
10:30 a.m.	Pat & Ray Steed	Monks	Monks	Jean Williams	

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