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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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Consecration Sunday 2008 Is Coming November 11, 2007

*Doris Elder, Chairperson, TUMC Church Council
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Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a Biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their income.

Temecula United Methodist Church's Finance Committee has selected, for the third year, the ***New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program*** as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the Biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of a church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. ***New Consecration Sunday*** encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an ***Estimate of Giving Card*** does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

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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 5:00-8:00 p.m.

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Keep on Creating!

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1

Have you ever noticed how faith always looks forward? Faith is a bit different from “belief” because “belief” tends to focus on taking a stand. Right now the world, including the “world” of Christianity, is besieged by loud voices claiming exclusive correct “belief.” I prefer faith’s more gentle and active focus as looking upon God’s horizon and moving towards the divine in our midst.

One way to keep faith alive is to keep creating. It’s so tempting just to rest and get comfortable, but to create—ah, that’s where we meet Christ in our here and now. To be fully alive is to let Christ’s presence stir us up and get things going. It’s always easier not to create, but there is more joy in creating than sitting, or watching.

Last week I had a nice pastoral visit with Jeanne Eberle. She is a long-term member and now has a hard time getting out since she has emphysema and is continuously on oxygen. In July 2007, she received an award for Outstanding Achievement by the National Society of Poets for the following poem. I include it to honor Jeanne and as a testament to what I am saying.

They are the Keepers

Of the photos of the mind in colors ever changing
Of the sounds of the tunes,
the melodies we are always rearranging
Of the aroma of the morning coffee
brewing in the pot,
Of the taste of ice cream piled high
with chocolate that is hot,
These are all logged in to a memory page
Our thoughts which we choose to engage
From the mind’s enormous caverns in miniature
Are centered all our acts
to be brought out in times not yet reached
As a signal for the happiness we seek
In the corners of our mind.

Thanks Jeanne! Keep on creating!
Pastor Randy

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We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Church Leadership Team members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

2007 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Bill Steele
Lay Leader and Stewardship Chairman

Temecula United Methodist Church would like to thank all of our members and friends who have supported us both spiritually and financially during the first nine months of 2007. We are blessed as a community of believers in Christ with people who continue to show their support for the church through their prayers, presence and financial support of the ministries of TUMC. Unfortunately, as is typical of many churches, TUMC experienced a reduction in giving during the summer months. Like any family, while people are away enjoying their extended families and visiting loved ones, the church not only misses spending worship and fellowship time together, we also experience a reduction in financial support.

As we enter into the final months of 2007, October, November, and December, we have already seen the giving increase as members and friends work to catch up from being away during the summer. Please give prayerful consideration to meeting your commitments to Christ and His Church during the remaining months of 2007. We appreciate your continued support for our Church through your prayers, presence, and financial support to the programs and missions of TUMC.

May God continue to richly bless each and every one of you for the gifts you give to support His Kingdom through TUMC. Amen.

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

Doris Elder, Council Chair


I find half or more of our congregation is involved with the various activities that have happened or are ongoing. Church Council supports and creates programs that we hope are meaningful and enjoyable. The Council is open to suggestions and more volunteers could be utilized in all the programs.

The Children's Ministry has created Wednesday night as "Family Night" and they need more support to help with activities. A "Family Night" is open to everyone as we are all part of God's Family.

The Ministry Faire on September 9th went off smoothly and I thank everyone who exhibited displays. This was a good way to show how Council members and their respective groups are involved. If you noticed an area you could help in, please contact a Council member, Pastor Randy, Bill Steele or me.

Our Pictorial Directory is in process and more than 200 had reserved a time for photos. If you were not available during September 25th – 29th, contact Dick Ellison for a make-up time. Memorial pages are being considered for the directory. If you have a recent photo of a loved one and would like this in the directory, we will have a sign up sheet later. All photos must be in

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Craft Faire

*SATURDAY
OCTOBER 13, 2007
8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.*

It's time for our 10th annual Craft Faire! Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 13, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There are 65 vendors offering high quality hand crafted items such as woodcrafts, jewelry, ceramics, sewing crafts, candles, art work, novelty items, floral, holiday crafts and more. Now is the time to begin shopping for the holidays or for that special something for you.

A Continental Breakfast and a lunch will be available with proceeds benefiting our Children's Ministry program. The UM Women will host a Bake Sale and a Used Book Sale. Besides books, the book table will include videos, music CDs and tapes. Items for the book table are still being accepted. Bring them to the Leathers' Learning Center breezeway. Baked goods should be brought to the church kitchen on Friday afternoon. We can use lots of baked goods as they sell out quickly.

Volunteers are needed to help clear the sanctuary on Friday afternoon, October 12 and to help with food, bake and books booths, vendor check-in, parking, and sanctuary reset on Saturday, the 13th. A sign-up sheet is in the breezeway.

Proceeds from vendor space rentals are used for ministry and outreach programs in our church and local community.

Don't miss the fun and excitement!
Join us at the Craft Faire Saturday, October 13th.

TUMC MONKS

There will be no regular October breakfast meeting. However there will be a planning dinner at Ritchies Diner (79 South-Temecula Pwy) at 6:30 p.m. October 9th.

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to Life Touch by October 19th – so the deadline for Memorial pictures will be earlier than this date. If you have any photos of activities involving the church, please submit them to Dick Ellison or the church office.

Other recent successful activities were the UM Women Retreat at Vina de Lestonnac and “Birdies for Bread” Golf Tournament.



Pop's Concert—September 15, 2007

How blessed we were for the beautiful program presented by the Pop's Concert under the direction of Earl Fields. Perhaps we can hear more from the talented pianist.

As we look forward to fall programs, our church will be hosting the 10th Annual Craft Faire on Saturday, October 13th with 65 vendors participating. This will be an excellent time for early holiday shopping for unique gifts.

Many were at one or more of these activities and for all of you who make programs happen, thank you. For anyone else, please be involved, you'll feel better. God bless.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS UNROLLED

A bus trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls in San Diego November 10th, is being sponsored by the Monks of TUMC.

Rudy Martinez tells us the cost for the round trip bus trip, tickets to the Museum and the Monks Breakfast (Monks have their breakfast meeting at 8 a.m.) will cost about \$56 per person. Check with Rudy if you do not plan to attend the Monks Breakfast. The cost does not include lunch which is being planned at Seaport Village after the museum viewing of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Please sign up in the breezeway so we have an idea how many will participate.

TRUSTEE WORK DAY

For those of you who choose to not participate in the Dead Sea Scrolls trip, why not volunteer a few hours in the morning at church for the Trustee Work Day. Bring your mops, dust pans, brooms, rags and window cleaner between 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sign up in the breezeway to volunteer or leave a message at the church office 676-1800x10.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

How are those shoeboxes coming? Are you and your family having fun filling them with all sorts of goodies for the children? We are so much more blessed when we give, than even the children are, who receive the gifts. Truly the joy at Christmas-time is in the giving, just as God gave us a priceless gift, His Son.

Please remember, the shoeboxes need to be back at the church by November 4th.

God's blessing to you and your family this Christmas.

UM WOMEN

Submitted by Hallie Sebanc

General Meeting and Luncheon: Thursday, October 18th
10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Speaker: Cliff Nunn, Director of TFS Rancho Damacitas





CHOIR FESTIVAL



OCTOBER 28
4 P.M.

Featuring
Holman UMC Choir
Rolling Hills UMC
Murrieta UMC
Temecula UMC

Combined choirs will perform for the first time in Temecula Valley
at Temecula United Methodist Church
In Celebration Hall
The "Gospel Mass" by Robert Ray.

Free will offering will be taken with the proceeds going to TUMC's Music Program.

Many churches observe Sunday October 14th as Pastor Appreciation Day. Given the reluctance of many pastors to call attention to themselves, it's not likely that they will mention anything about being appreciated.

Were someone to ask a pastor, however, what might be done to show appreciation to him or her, the answer would likely be, "pray for me."

St. Paul never asked for anything for himself except that others pray for him. To the church at Rome, he wrote, "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

Encourage Pastor Randy by assuring him of your prayers and love.



The Gala Event Committee is in need of a volunteer to serve as secretary. The person should have access to a computer and attend committee meetings which are held every two weeks. "Salary will be 1500 blessings per month." Please call Mary Kottman at 676-1800x10 or Rudy Martinez.

VOLUNTEER
Secretary

Wednesday Family Nights are a HIT!

Everyone is welcome and a part of the church family.

All you need to participate is the desire to join in fellowship with other Christians in a safe and fun environment.

If you have other suggestions for activities or have any questions regarding Wednesday Night activities, please call one of the Children's Ministries Co-Directors or place your suggestion in the basket next to the vending machine.

Cris Argenbright
Deb Severns

Tammy Waddleton

Children's Ministries gives an extra special thank you to **Sandra Hansen.**

Sandra has been helping get the nursery/toddler rooms into shape.

OUR CURRENT WEDNESDAY NIGHT LINE-UP INCLUDES:

6:00-8:45pm

Childcare Available

6:00-6:45pm

Kids Christmas Play

6:00-7:00pm

Adult Sunday School

7:00-8:00pm

Kids Craft Hour

7:00-8:30pm

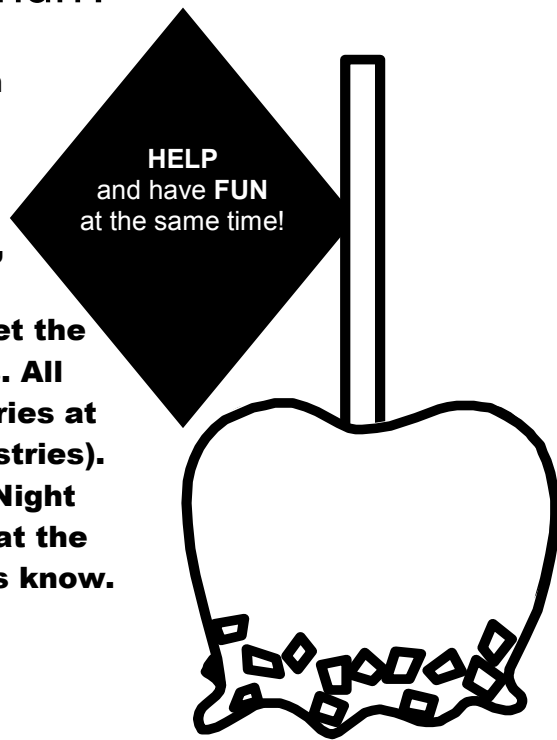
Paper Craft by Chris-

7:15-8:45pm

Adult Choir Practice

Ever had a CAMEL APPLE?
Yummy, huh?

We thought it might be fun to make a whole bunch of Caramel Apples on October 10th at Wednesday Family Nights. The fun will begin at 7pm in the church kitchen. What will we do with a bunch of yummy apples? Sell them at the TUMC Craft Faire, of course. It will be a great way to have fun, make money for more Wednesday Night activities, and let the public know about our Wednesday Night programs. All proceeds from the sales will benefit Family Ministries at TUMC (Youth, Children and Wednesday Night Ministries). If you would like to participate in the Wednesday Night Caramel Apple making, or would like to sell them at the Craft Faire on Saturday, October 13th, please let us know. Cris or Deb 676-1800, ext.14.



BREAD FROM HEAVEN FOOD PANTRY

Submitted by Janice Fallman

Due to increased demand, the food pantry has recently changed its distribution procedures to assure that local residents' needs are met. Each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, local residents provide proof of residency in the community and are allowed to receive one bag of pre-packed goods and one bag of personal selections. In prior months residents from as far away as Hemet and Lake Elsinore had been receiving food at the pantry, but budgetary constraints have mandated changes in operating procedures.

The food pantry pre-packed bags include three basic dinner meals for a family of four, e. g., macaroni & cheese and tuna, spaghetti sauce and pasta, as well as two cans of vegetables, two cans of soup, rice, dried beans, a bottle of juice and canned fruit. Recipients are then provided a separate sack to fill from donated items, bulk purchases, and special purchases by pantry volunteers using local store coupons. Henry's and WinCo have graciously donated day-old breads and bakery items, and church members have added variety items that are part of the individual selection items available to pantry recipients.

The food pantry is always in need of donations, whether the items be purchased by you and left in the collection boxes around the church, or whether cash or scrip contributions are given for use by pantry members at local stores. Remember, if you buy the scrip you donate from the church, it is win-win for everyone. There is also a need for help on Mondays during the distribution period and Thursdays for pre-packing grocery bags and restocking shelves. Anyone interested in donating time, funding or goods should contact Diane Martinez.

STEPHEN MINISTRY IS YOUR MINISTRY

You play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Here's what you can do.

PRAY FOR God to bring hope and healing to hurting people through our Stephen Ministry.

ACCEPT CARE from a Stephen Minister during your time of need. God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone.

TELL A FRIEND, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is hurting about our Stephen Ministry.



If you are a good listener and a compassionate person, prayerfully **CONSIDER BECOMING** a Stephen Minister.

STEPHEN LEADERS ARE...

Trained leaders in our congregation who oversee and direct our Stephen Ministry.

If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister...

If you are interested in possibly becoming a Stephen Minister...

If you have any other questions about Stephen Ministry or wish a Stephen Minister for your own personal needs, please email Rev. French.

Dates to Remember

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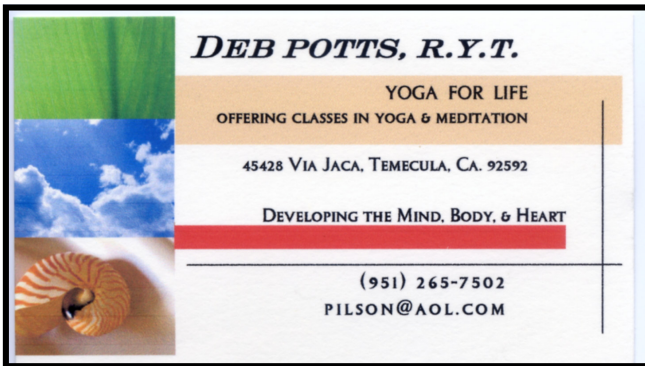
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- 10/1 9:30 a.m. Bread from Heaven Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. Membership & Evangelism
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 10/2 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
7:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 10/3 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
12:00 noon Out to Lunch Bunch
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
6:00 p.m. Adult Sunday School w/Pastor
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. Trustees' meeting
7:00 p.m. Paper Crafts by Christina
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 10/4 10:00 a.m. Yoga with Deb Potts
6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class
- 10/5 5:00 p.m. All Church Family Campout
- 10/6 9:00 a.m. All Church Family Campout
- 10/7 8:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training
9:00 a.m. Adult class w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Alan Shaeffer directs Chancel Choir
9:00 a.m. All Church Family Campout
11:45 a.m. New Member Class II
5:00 p.m. Junior UMYF
6:00 p.m. Senior UMYF
- 10/8 9:30 a.m. Bread from Heaven Food Pantry
- 10/9 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Monks Planning at Richies Diner
(HWY 79S)
- 10/10 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
6:00 p.m. Adult Sunday School w/Pastor
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Paper Craft by Christina
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 10/11 10:00 a.m. Yoga with Deb Potts
6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class
- 10/12 3:00 p.m. Craft Faire Set Up
- 10/13 8:30 a.m. All Church Craft Faire

- 10/14 New Members received both services
9:00 a.m. Adult class w/Joe Hughes
11:45 a.m. New Member Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Junior UMYF
6:00 p.m. Senior UMYF
- 10/15 9:30 a.m. Bread from Heaven Food Pantry
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 10/16 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee
7:00 p.m. Gala Committee
- 10/17 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
6:00 p.m. Adult Sunday School w/Pastor
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations
7:00 p.m. Paper Craft by Christina
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 10/18 10:00 a.m. UM Women General
Meeting & Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class
- 10/21 9:00 a.m. Adult class w/Joe Hughes
5:00 p.m. Junior UMYF
6:00 p.m. Senior UMYF
- 10/22 9:30 a.m. Bread from Heaven Food Pantry
- 10/23 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Church Council
- 10/24 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
6:00 p.m. Adult Sunday School w/Pastor
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Paper Craft by Christina
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 10/25 10:00 a.m. Yoga with Deb Potts
6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class
- 10/27 9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 10/28 9:00 a.m. Adult class w/Joe Hughes
4:00 p.m. Combined Choir Festival
5:00 p.m. Junior UMYF
6:00 p.m. Senior UMYF
- 10/29 9:30 a.m. Bread from Heaven Food Pantry
7:00 p.m. Gala Committee
- 10/30 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
- 10/31 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
1:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
6:00 p.m. Adult Sunday School w/Pastor
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
7:00 p.m. Paper Craft by Christina
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

	<u>October 7</u>	<u>October 14</u>	<u>October 21</u>	<u>October 28</u>		
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	John Weaver Bret Argenbright Milton Takeguchi Ethel Takeguchi	Monks	Youth	Oscar Loud Thelma Loud Sam Hill Pat Hill		
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Cliff Elder Richard Sharpe Dan Gutierrez Ashley Lewis	Monks	Youth	Pat O'Brien Bea Waite Dan Little Joyce Little		
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m.	Milton Takeguchi	Monks	Youth	Jan Kerr		
10:30 a.m.	Diane Martinez	Monks	Youth	Claire Chapman-Wright		
GREETERS 9:00 a.m.	Gary & Jan Kerr	Monks	Youth	Stella Mohammed		
10:30 a.m.	John & Deb Potts	Monks	Youth	Stella Mohammed		

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