The Vision of Temecula UMC **Community**

Temecula UMC is a caring community dedicated to God's work. We welcome all by creating an atmosphere rooted in the fruits 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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HANGING OF THE GREENS

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE BREEZEWAY.

Saturday, November 29th - 5 P.M. An Enchanted Evening with Hanging of the Greens, Potluck Soup Supper & Holiday Shopping.

FAITH GIVING SUNDAY

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY

Sunday, December 7th - 10 A.M. Followed by catered luncheon (Free-will offering)

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE BREEZEWAY.

Wednesday, December 10th - 5-7 P.M.

HAM & DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED. Please bring: A-H Side Dish *I–P Desserts* O-Z Salad

Please bring your dish in two disposable containers and join us for the Best Church Potluck, Games for all ages, Singing Christmas Favorites, Children's Arts & Crafts PLUS a visit from Santa Claus!

SPECIAL MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Sunday, December 21st - BOTH SERVICES The Choir will present **Touched by a Child**, **Touched by a King**

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, December 24th

- 6 P.M. Family Candlelight Worship
- 8 P.M. Candlelight Communion Worship w/Chancel Choir

11 P.M. Candlelight Communion w/Special Music by Vinya & Boni Gulla

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)

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Childcare: Toddlers—Younger Elementary Toys and books available for children.

Sunday Evening UMYF

Please contact Pastor Rick for information on UMYF

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Really Hectic

The opening line of the Christmas Carol, <u>O Little</u> <u>Town of Bethlehem</u>" reads in part "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie..." In reality when Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem at the time of the census in which they were ordered to take part in by the Roman government, this "little" town was jam pack, hectic and crazy. In all this craziness there probably wasn't any room to get around the town and, as we read in the *Gospel of Luke*, there wasn't any place to lay your head. Any private home or any public establishment for that matter that could provide lodging was crammed full.

We know from the story that Mary and Joseph were late and couldn't find a place to prepare as Mary was due any time with their first child. And, reading between the lines, we sense they were led to the barn (in reality more like a cave) by a compassionate innkeeper. Making do with their accommodations, the young couple got ready for the birth of God's Son.

In the midst of hectic life God broke into the world with the birth of his son, the child of peace and hope, the child of love and grace. Jesus was not



born in a palace amidst hoopla and circumstance. Jesus wasn't born among the rich and powerful, a child of privilege. Jesus didn't make the headlines or leading story (yet). Jesus was born in the midst of the census, an occupying government, and a desperate people. Only lowly Shepherds outside of town, with the invitation of Angels, took any notice of this tiny baby.

Over two thousand years from the birth which was hardly noticed, we continue to celebrate the

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Birth of God's son in the midst of struggles and desperation. With at least 20% of yearly sales on the line, retail stores begin their Christmas push almost before Halloween has finished that night. We hear the news of ISIS the terrorist group growing in strength and violence in the Middle East, news of the violence in the homes of our communities, the fear of dealing with a life threatening disease and getting older, tuition growing higher and more. All this is tugging for our attention.

Now as we get closer to Christmas, we want to "get into the spirit." So we break out the Christmas decorations, bake the cookies, go shopping (at the malls or on line) on "Black Friday", go to parties and Christmas gatherings. We create our own hectic life.

So where do we find Jesus in all of this? Do you just stop doing, tell everyone you are scaling back on shopping, not going to parties, and give up on family and church traditions? Actually friends,



I'm not advocating a checking out of celebrating Christmas (though I do get frustrated with rushing to Christmas). What I am inviting us to do is take time to prepare for Christ. Advent is the season that leads up to Christmas. It is the Latin word for prepare. Christ didn't just drop into humanity's lap. God did prepare His children for the Messiah. Advent is a time to use for devotion and reading the

Scriptures about the coming Messiah (Savior), to participate in those activities and services that offer joy, care, and love. If baking cookies brings joy to others, then do it and maybe add by taking a few dozen to a senior home or shelter. If putting up decorations brings a smile to you, do it and then maybe help others who can't decorate for themselves and bring a smile to their lives. If you enjoy buying gifts for family and friends, then do it and buy an extra gift for children who wouldn't know the joy of receiving a gift if not for your care. Friends, the hectic life continues, but I am inviting you to make room for Jesus. I know you will find more joy for your life, more hope for yourself and the world, more peace in you and our communities as we come to the manger and bow before God's son, our Savior.

Peace & Grace Pastor Rick

PS: I invite you to come to the place of fellowship, community, worship and family that is part of TUMC traditions and celebrations. Read further in the Messenger for more details.



WINE/APPETIZER/DESSERT FUNDRAISER

TIME FOR FRIENDS IS BACK! LOCATION YET TBD 6:00P - 8:00P (OR TILL WE GET TIRED OF DANCING)

PLEASE PUT US ON YOUR CALENDAR AND START THINKING ABOUT WHAT SERVICE OR TALENT YOU CAN DONATE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS THAT MAY NEED OUR HELP

DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN MARK THOSE CALENDARS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

<u>Sunday</u>

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes at 9 a.m. in Room 6. For December, the Sunday morning Adult Bible Study class will be continuing to study *In His Steps* by Rev. Adam Hamilton. In this study Rev. Hamilton travels to several locations in the Holy Land to help to put Jesus' teachings in perspective. The class will meet on the first three Sundays in December, but will not meet on Sunday December 28th.

Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in the Youth Room at 9 a.m. Mission: Grow in Christian faith and watch over one another in love by studying and living the words from the Bible. Contact Dan Gutierrez.

Sunday School meets during the 9 a.m. service. At 10:30 a.m. childcare is offered for toddlers through younger elementary. Contact Diana Walker or Aimee Jones Sunday mornings.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1— December 2nd - "Simply Wait" - Advent Study Weeks 1 and 2. December 9th—"Simply Wait" - Advent Study Weeks 3 and 4. December 16th at 10:30 a.m.—Christmas Potluck at the home of Ethel Takeguchi. January 6th—Third "God in America" movie. Contact Karen Benvenuto.

Book Discussion Group meets December 9th at 7 p.m. at the home of Carlyn Buehler to discuss *The Giver* by Lois Lowry.

Wednesday

Bible Study with Pastor Rick — Join Pastor Rick for Advent Study. Please see page 6. Persons who want to be a part of this study have two options of time.

- 10 a.m. in the Music Room or
- 6:15 p.m. in Room 1

The evening class ends before time for choir rehearsal. Pastor Rick will also listen to what participants want for future studies. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rick.

Chancel Choir rehearses weekly at 7:15 p.m. in the Worship Center. Contact Rob Hodo, Director of Music Sunday mornings.

Thursday

Out to Lunch Bunch meets at 12 noon Thursday, December 4th at Asian Buffett in Murrieta. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Newl Thursday Night Mens Bible Study starts December 4th at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room. A video on *The Power of Forgiveness* will be shown and discussed. This film offers a broad view of forgiveness from religious, spiritual and scientific points of view. From Northern Ireland to Ground Zero to the Amish countryside, featuring Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, Buddhist master Thich Nhat Hanh, best selling authors Thomas Moore and Marianne Williamson, the Rev. James Forbes and others, *The Power of Forgiveness* explores this important work, and reveals how forgiveness can transform lives.

RISTMAS

Don't forget our food pantry. When you grocery shop, leave one canned food item in the car to bring to church on Sunday. Help us remember those who are struggling to feed their families during this Christmas Season.

New Member Profiles

Kevin and Nancy Milner. Kevin and Nancy are busy and enjoying raising their adopted granddaughter, Jessica. They came to Temecula in June when Kevin took a job in San Diego. They transferred from Simi Valley United Methodist Church. When he had more time, he enjoyed fishing and "pirating." Nancy started going to church when she realized it was best for Jessica. She also enjoys gaming, movies and dinner, and she volunteers at Jessica's school.

Karen Budds. Karen has lived in Temecula 14 years. Born in Michigan, she finished high school in Alhambra. She has four children. When her second husband died she came back to Murrieta and currently lives in Temeku Hills. She formerly attended Grace Presbyterian.

Bryan Jones. Bryan is a native of Olton, Texas. He said he found the Lord in a half dugout church. After high school he came to California to work in the defense plants and then joined the Coast Guard where he served for 17 years. He served in the South Pacific during WWII and was called back for the Korean War. He earned his BA and Master's degree and worked as an elementary school principal at three different schools in Brownfield, Texas. He moved his family to Fullerton and taught there until retirement. He joined an evangelical church in Fullerton and a Presbyterian church in La Habra. He came to Temecula to be near his son, Randolph. Bryan used to fish with his boys and read.

Gian Adesso. Gian has lived in Temecula for 18 years. He was born in New York and raised a Catholic. He attended St. Martha's in Murrieta until his parents' divorce. Gian graduated from Cal Baptist University with a degree in Kinesiology and works as a wrestling coach at Chaparral High School. He and Meghann McCullough are engaged to be married next June.

Raymond and Marilyn Landry. Raymond and Marilyn came to Temecula when Raymondwas hired as Pechanga's food and beverage buyer. Born in Nashville and raised in Van Nuys, Raymond has been a Methodist all his life. Marilyn was raised in Tampa. They both lived in Nashville for 30 years and met at the Opryland Hotel 24 years ago. He enjoyed building an amazing Halloween display until flooding destroyed much of the wooden items. Marilyn worked at the Opryland Hotel and as a church secretary. She volunteers in the church office and also loves reading and crafts.

MONKS <u>Men of</u> <u>N</u>urturing <u>K</u>nightly <u>S</u>pirit

MONKS Monthly Planning—Tuesday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Hillside Room

MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting—Saturday, December 13th at 8 a.m. in the Hillside Room. MONKS' testimonies and brief biographies with the topic "Unwrapping of Spiritual Gifts," It's a "getting to know you" meeting. The first five MONKS who will give testimonies are the 2015 Officers and Volunteers. Please join us!



Pastor Rick will be cooking breakfast!

December Worship Themes and Scriptures

- 7th Theme: Joyful Giving Part II Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:10-14, 2 Corinthian 9:12-15,
- 14^{th} Theme: Not As It Seems Scripture: John 1:6-8, 19-28
- 21st Theme: Special Choir Christmas Presentation Music and words based on Birth of Christ
- 24th 6 P.M.: Theme: Best Christmas Pageant Ever Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 8 & 11 P.M.: Theme: Where to Find Peace On Earth
 - Scripture: Luke 2:1-20
- $\mathbf{28}^{\text{th}}$ Theme: Jesus Changes Lives Scripture: Luke 2:22-40

What a Time to Invite a Friend

During the Advent and Christmas Season there are wonderful joyful worship services planned to lift spirits and prepare all for the celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child.

On Sunday December 21, The Choir will present Touched by a Child, Touched by a King, music and words based on the birth of Jesus.

This year Temecula United Methodist Church will be having three Christmas Eve Services all surely to be a Stephen Ministers are the "After People." They are time of Hope, Peace and Joy with special music at each service. These worship services are great opportunities to invite friends, family and neighbors. Let us comfort and support for as long after as needed. invite all to a time to hear how God's love came to us at Christmas in the child of Jesus.

Advent Study

Pastor Rick will be leading a time of study of the readings of Christmas. These will be the Scriptures read during the Advent and Christmas Season.

December 3rd readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8 -13; 2 Peter 3:8-15; Mark 1:1-8

December 10th readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1Thessilonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 17th readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-28

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People. Stephen Ministers are there:

...after the phone call you hoped you'd never get. ...after the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.

...after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on vou.

.....after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

...after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home."

...after the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty. ...after the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

...after the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.

...after you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

ready to come alongside you-or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives-and provide

Stephen Ministry Training begins Friday, January 9th from noon to 3 p.m. Please sign up in the breezeway or call Joyce Little.

UM WOMEN CORNER

Dec. 11th–UMW Executive Board Meeting at 1 p.m. in Room 6.

Dec, 18th–UMW General Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Hillside Room. New officers will be installed by Pastor Rick. We will also have our Christmas potluck, carol singing, fun games and fellowship. All women of the church are encouraged to attend. Come and join us!

Temecula UMC 2015 OFFICERS

Years Served

Lay Leader: Lay Leader: Lay Members of Annual Conference

Alternates: Church Historian and Archives Certified Lay Speakers Deb Potts(6)Bill Steele(10)Bill Steele (2013-2016)(3)Sharon McCarthy (2013-2016)(3)Joyce Little(3)Hallie Sebanc(3)Bill SteeleDeb Potts

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

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	Sharon McCarthy	(3)
The Monks Men's Group President or Rep.	Dwight Weaver	(1)
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United Methodist Youth Representative		
Council Secretary Worship Committee Chair or Rep.		
Welcoming & Outreach Chair or Rep. Mission Chair	Sue Bradshaw Diane Martinez	(3) (1)
Christian Education Chair or Rep.	Aimee Jones	(2)

CRAFT FAIRE REPORT— We want to acknowledge and thank the many people who

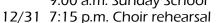
contributed to the success of our Annual Craft Faire: 1) The Planning Committee for coordinating and organizing the event. 2) The Tuesday Ladies Bible Study for preparing and serving food throughout the day. 3) The UMW for conducting the Book and Baked Goods Sales and Dorothe Hansen and Pauline Fields for collecting and organizing the books, 4) The Trustee and Finance Committees for allowing us the opportunity to hold the Faire this year, 5) The Church Office for answering phone calls and fielding questions from applicants, 6) The Student Volunteers for assisting our vendors, and 7) To all the volunteers for giving their time and energy. THANK YOU! ALL OF YOU AND YOUR HARD WORK MADE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS! A report summarizing details of our event will be made available for the January Messenger issue.

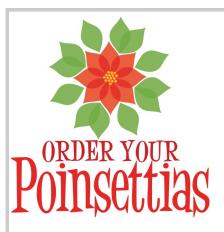
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- 12/2 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Book Group
- 12/3 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/4 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 12/6 10 a.m. Tem. Valley Music Teachers Piano **Recital at TUMC**
- 12/7 10:00 a.m. One Worship only for Faith Giving Sunday followed by catered luncheon
- 12/9 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study 6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
- 12/10 5:00–7:00 p.m. All Church Christmas Party 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/11 1:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board
- 12/13 8:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Meeting
- 12/14 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study 11:45 a.m. Stephen Ministers meet 3:00 p.m. Gary Gorman Memorial Service followed by a reception
- 12/16 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Christmas Potluck at Takeguchi's 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/18 10:00 a.m. UM Women Meeting/Luncheon 6:30 p.m. Church Council (if needed)
- 12/21 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
- 12/24 Church Offices Close at noon 6:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Worship 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship

12/25 Christmas Day–Church Offices closed through January 2, 2015. Offices will open Monday, January 5, 2015.

12/28 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School





Order forms are included in the Sunday bulletin or in the breezeway and back of church. Deadline to order is Sunday, December 14th. \$10 each.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR TUMC FRIENDS

Sending cards to celebrate the joy and meaning of Christmas is an important tradition. For TUMC this is an opportunity to send greetings to our homebound members (addresses posted on the breezeway bulletin board) and TUMC friends.

But there is no need to spend money on stamps. Just write one Christmas card to your TUMC friends and post on the bulletin board provided in the hallway (across from the Children's Ministry Office) and save stamps. This was very successful last year. You can even make your own do-it-yourself card that will be unique

67th Annual Festival of Lights at University of Redlands Dec. 5-Dec. 8th

Call the ticket office at 909-748-8116 or for more information, visit:

www.redlands.edu/FeastofLights

Seniors \$15—Students \$10 and **General Public \$25**

TEMECULA VALLEY MASTER CHORALE

"The Very Best Time of the Year" Concert Sunday, December 13th at 2:30 p.m. Murrieta Valley High School 42200 Nighthawk Way, Murrieta

Tickets available from TVMC or from **TUMC** Chorale Members Earl Fields or Penny Wagner

	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21	Dec. 24	Dec. 28
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	Ken Johnson	MONKS	Youth		Sam Hill
	Bert Bjorklund			N/A	Pat Hill
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USHERS	Erik Toberman				Thelma Loud
S		10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8:00 & 11 P.M.	10:30 a.m.
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				N/A	Dan Guttierrez
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LITU	Barbara Gaborko	MONKS	Youth	Adam Hathorn	Sue Bradshaw
LITURGISTS		10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8:00 & 11 p.m.	10:30 a.m.
TS		MONKS	Youth	Deb Potts	Joan Jessup
				Dan Henley	

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GREETERS	Sam & Pat Hill	MONKS	Youth	Chris Riche	Lois Gruber
ERS		10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8:00 & 11 p.m.	10:30 a.m.
		MONKS	Youth	Lovely Villanueva	Hazel Hailstone

S & R McCarthy

S	10:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
SOUND	Mark McCullough	Mark McCullough	Jeanette Holt	N/A	R. Edmonds
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-		Ken Boyle	Jeanette Holt	N/A	R. Edmonds

Mark McCullough

IN I	10 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
VISITOR	Jean Williams	Anita Accordino	Sue Bradshaw	N/A	A. Accordino
TABL		10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8:00 & 11 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
E		Gloria Galvez	Hazel Hailstone	N/A	tba



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