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To follow Jesus Christ  
And grow in faith  
Through the Holy Spirit*

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# Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

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*Join us for*

## Special Christmas Eve Worship

*Wednesday, December 24th*

*6 p.m. & 8 p.m.*

*Love's Pure  
Light*



A Christmas Cantata sung by our Chancel Choir  
Corry Bell on piano & some instrumental music at both services

Family Candlelight Worship at 6 p.m.

**Children Singing** - Directed by Bill & Jayne Waddleton

**Children's Message** with Pastor Randy

*Favorite Christmas Carols*

Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion at 8 p.m.

**Pastor Randy Johnson preaching**

*The Carols of Christmas*

**Closing of Worship outdoors** with singing of *Silent Night, Holy Night*



### *Sunday Schedule*

#### **Worship 9:00 a.m.**

Preschool Care/infants &  
toddlers to age 4  
Traditional Sunday School  
Ages 4–11

#### **Worship 10:30 a.m.**

Childcare for ages 0–4  
Enrichment Church ages 4–11  
Sunday School grades 6th–12th

Combined Jr. & Sr. UMYF 5:00-8:00 p.m.

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## *THE DECREE*

And in these days a decree goes out to all the world,  
for these are taxing times.

We are all called again to go to Bethlehem,  
no matter the state of our health or our world.

We come, obedient and faithful,  
for we have heard the message,  
we have dreamed the dream  
that God will come to dwell among us.

We come, expectant with joy,  
pregnant with anticipation,  
for God has done great things for us.

We come searching for a sign;  
bearing our gifts, we come.

We come, called from the silent hillsides of our  
hearts,

startled and frightened by the magnitude of light,  
we huddle together toward Bethlehem.

We come, one by one,  
and yet, as one,

dancing into the Promise. Ann Weems

As a small boy I remember putting together one of those picture puzzles of a winter scene with footsteps in the snow leading to an inviting house in the woods. For many, the Christmas season is supposed to be this idyllic stress-free time befit with all the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of the Season, above all seasons. While we may yearn for those serene images, we know all too well that life is filled with all sorts of things that pull us and push us in all directions.

Yet, it is into this helter-skelter world that Jesus comes and in fact, that is why we need him now more than ever. Advent and Christmas is not just about peaceful, perfect visions of families opening gifts around Christmas trees, but of God's new reign of love that explodes into the world and into our hearts. In Jesus' birth we are given new power, new vision, and new love to deal with what *is* while keeping alive God's vision of what may yet be!

On behalf of the caring and committed staff of TUMC, may you hear some angel voices and see through the eyes of the Christ child, a new way to live, a new way to love, a new way to dream dreams.

Wishing you all of the blessings of Advent and Christmas.

Pastor Randy

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Submitted by Gloria Galvez

**"Philippians"** Tagalog Bible Class meets in Room 1 Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

## **Dec 7th - "Mary's Commitment"**

Purpose: To explore God's call to commitment.

Bible Lesson: Luke 1: 46-55

Key Verse: Luke 1: 46-47

## **Dec 14th - "Elizabeth's Commitment"**

Purpose: To recognize and celebrate together God's action in our lives and in the lives of others.

Bible Lesson: Luke 1: 39-45

Key Verse: Luke 1: 41b-42

## **Dec 21st - "Shepherds Glorify God"**

Purpose: To appreciate God's faithfulness to God's commitments.

Bible Lesson: Luke 2: 8-20

Key Verse: Luke 2: 20

## **Dec 28th - "John the Baptist Proclaims God's Message"**

Purpose: To consider how we can proclaim by our actions our commitment to God.

Bible Lesson: Luke 3: 7-18

Key Verse: Luke 3: 8a

**Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study** meets in the Youth Room at 9:30 a.m. – December 2nd we will view the movie "Babette's Feast" and December 9th we will do an Upper Room study. December 16th—Potluck at the home of Jodi Dubots.

**Wednesday Scripture Study with Pastor Randy** meets in the Music Room at 10 a.m. Pastor Randy reads, reviews and answers your questions on the following Sunday's Scripture. Watch bulletin for dates of Pastor Randy's classes during the holidays.

6:15 p.m. in the Youth Room Pastor Randy reads and reviews the Sunday Scripture used in Sunday school lessons for parents and others. All are welcome.

## **Thursday Night Men's Bible Study**

7 p.m. in the Youth Room. Contact Milton Takeguchi

## **TUMC Book Group**

Will meet at the home of Ethel Takeguchi December 2nd at 7 p.m. to discuss *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert.

January 6th at 7 p.m. we will discuss *Andromeda Strain* by Michael Crichton at the home of Karen Benvenuto.

***UM Women Bake Sale December 21st—proceeds go to the general budget—***All Christmas epicurean delights will be accepted and we predict there will be many buyers eager to buy these treats who find themselves short on time at Christmas!

**UMW Executive Board** meets in Room 6 - December 30th at 1 p.m.

## We will be having a meeting of all parents and teachers of Children's Ministries

Whether you have kids in the Sunday School / Preschool Program, Teach Sunday School / Preschool or help out in the nursery or other ways, we would like everyone to attend a short meeting to discuss the future of the Children's Ministries program at Temecula United Methodist Church.

We will discuss: Changes to first service and second service programs  
Nursery / Preschool policy and room changes  
Addition of a Nursing / Mother's Room available during all services

The Tentative date is December 14th.

Please plan on attending between services in Room 1 (10:05a.m.-10:25a.m.). Refreshments will be served.

## Kids Singing Practice

All Sunday School age kids are welcome!  
Wednesday Nights from 6:15p.m.-6:45p.m.

The kids will practice three songs to be performed  
at the Christmas Eve Family Service - 6p.m.

Each child will receive a CD so they can practice at home as well



Led by Bill and Jayne Waddleton

## *Stewardship for 2008*

In July I wrote a letter to members of the TUMC congregation expressing appreciation to those who supported the church spiritually and financially during the first half of 2008. I mentioned, however, that some members of our congregation have fallen behind on their pledged contributions so that our overall collections were approximately \$17,000 short of the amounts actually pledged by our members. Overall, at that time, we were more than \$30,000 short of our budget for total church income.

Regrettably, this number has grown. As of the end of September, we are nearly \$40,000 behind on our budgeted income and the only way we have been able to stay solvent is to hold off making payments on our apportionment obligations to the California-Pacific Conference. Our total annual apportionment obligation for United Methodist Mission purposes is almost \$39,000 and so far we have paid only about \$10,000. We need to find a way to make up the difference.

This inability to pay has been quite stressful on Pastor Randy as well as your Finance Committee. This is a bill we are supposed to pay, but we don't have the money. As we enter into the final month of the year, please give prayerful consideration to meeting your personal commitments to the Church for 2008. As always, we appreciate your continued support for our Church through your prayers, presence and financial support to the programs and missions of TUMC.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Jim Meyler, Chair  
TUMC Finance Committee



## Inaugural Korean Language Worship Sunday, November 2nd Rev. Jin Tae Kwon (in white stole)

Services are Sundays at 2 p.m. in Room 1

On November 2, 2008 TUMC launched its first Korean Language Worship service under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Jin Tae Kwon - a retired United Methodist pastor from the Boston area. Dr. Kwon has national recognition for building a Korean congregation to 945 members, the largest in the denomination. Feeling God's call to help build up a United Methodist outreach for an estimated 5,000 Koreans in our area, Dr. Kwon approached TUMC and offered his pastoral leadership gratis. With the support and encouragement of Pastor Randy, District Superintendent Bau Dang and under the guidance of John Waddleton, Church Council chairperson and Bill Steele, Lay Leader, the Board of Trustees and the whole Church Council, TUMC formally approved Dr. Kwon's offer in October. It is important to know that we have created a "one church" model where any future Korean members will become full members of TUMC and not members of a separate congregation. We look forward to our future together as God continues to guide this congregation in a thriving ministry to the Temecula/Murrieta valley.

## *Stephen Ministers' Year End Report*

Merry Christmas! May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. We want to thank this wonderful congregation for their ongoing support of this ministry. We currently have 14 active ministers but need more men. More on this later. We have adopted a mission statement that we believe reflects our purpose exactly.

*God, help me take advantage of each opportunity I have to offer someone a helping hand; a listening ear; foster faith where there is doubt; give hope where there is despair; bring joy where there is sadness; and always bring that which is your greatest commandment; bring love. Amen.*

All contact is confidential. So, if you need help with a new baby, doctor's visits, grocery shopping, travel to church, help in sorting out finances and paying your bills, are grieving the loss of a loved one, or are facing surgery, we are trained and willing to help. Just call Pastor Randy and he will direct you to our group. We will try to match your need with one of the ministers that can be of the most help. And, we will stay with you until we are no longer needed.

Judy Hernandez and I will be attending a week long class in Oregon in February that will train us to become certified instructors for training other Stephen Ministers. Since this ministry works on a gender basis, woman to woman, man to man, we need one of you good dedicated men to come forward and go with us to Oregon. Registration deadline is 12/31/08. Please see me or Judy for details.

Also, we need volunteers that will be able on quick notice to prepare a meal, provide transportation, or perhaps child care in a critical situation. For you men, we need a small group, that are willing to make minor home repairs or offer advice as to what might be needed in the way of repairs. Our Dave Brostrom who visits shut-ins, needs our help in these areas. We recall Christ telling us that "what you do for the least of these you do for me". So give us a call, we are waiting to hear from you. Yours in Christ, Joyce Little

**ALL FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AFTER CHURCH FROM NOON TO 1 PM.**

## *Bridging The Gap Update*

Brothers and sisters, GOD IS GOOD! Your response to our church's Bridging the Gap Campaign was tremendous! Especially since it was launched the week the market crashed. Timing is everything. As always, whenever the need is understood God inspires us to fill that need. Our pledge goal was \$63,000. To date we have received Pledges of \$43,432.00 and pledges and gifts paid to date of \$10,800.00.

Does anyone doubt the power of prayer and hard work? When the task is to support the work and the word of our Lord, nothing is impossible!

And now, as we come to the time we set aside to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, on behalf of our church I wish you a blessed Christmas and offer my most humble thanks for your generous response to this campaign. Joyce Little, Stewardship Chairman

## HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING USING TUMC'S GIFT CARDS

It's time to start planning your holiday shopping and gift giving using gift certificates from TUMC's Scrip Fundraising Program. A pre-order form and list of all the scrip we carry was included in the November Messenger. More forms are available at the scrip table, on the breezeway bulletin board or at the church office. Gift cards make great gifts for the babysitter, teachers, co-workers, neighbors, children, teens, dads, moms, grandparents,.....and hard-to-buy-for people on your list that you just don't know what to give them. Gift cards also make great stocking stuffers! Gift cards are a fun way to give a gift that they will like since they can go shopping for exactly what they want. We also have some unique gift card covers and wrappers to enhance your gifts that you can purchase right at the scrip table this year. You can also shop from the huge Great Lakes gift card list that is available online at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). You can check out a copy of the complete list at the church office or at the scrip table. You can order any gift cards from the complete inventory list, but please allow at least one week (maybe a bit more) from the time you turn in your order form to us. That way we have enough time to make an order, ship it and get it ready for you to pick up. PLEASE ORDER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE! THE LAST DATE TO ORDER SCRIP IS SUNDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, since we need to allow more time to receive our shipments at this time of year. After that deadline, we will still carry some gift cards, but it will be on a first come first served basis. Enjoy your gift-giving this easy way while supporting TUMC at the same time. God Bless You and Happy Holidays!

P.S. There have been some rumors on the internet about some stores closing. Great Lakes Scrip Center (the company we buy our scrip from) is only selling scrip for the stores and restaurants that are staying in business. According to the management of Great Lakes, "some of the information on the internet is exaggerated or completely untrue". Some of the restaurants are just reorganizing and not actually closing their doors. I will make every effort to keep up-to-date with any information that might affect our scrip program.

Thank you, Shirley Johnson Scrip Coordinator

*We should certainly count our  
blessings  
But we should also  
make our blessings count.*

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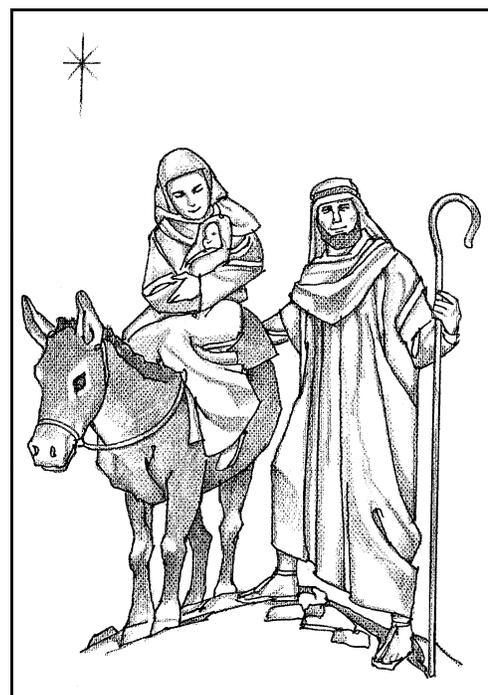
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### Dates to Remember

- 12/1 6:30 p.m. Lay Leadership Committee  
7:00 p.m. Messiah rehearsal
- 12/2 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group
- 12/3 9:00 a.m. Setup for Christmas Party  
10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor  
12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Party  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal-Rm. 1
- 12/4 10:00 a.m. Yoga class w/Deb Potts  
7:00 p.m. Adult Men's Bible Study
- 12/6 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
3:00 p.m. Messiah dress rehearsal
- 12/7 Second Sunday of Advent  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Joe Hughes  
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class  
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship  
4:00 p.m. Messiah Performance
- 12/9 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Church Council
- 12/10 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night  
w/Christmas Activities  
6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations  
6:30 p.m. Trustees Committee  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 12/11 10:00 a.m. Yoga Class w/Deb Potts  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 12/13 8:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Meeting
- 12/14 Third Sunday of Advent  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Joe Hughes  
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. SSP Fundraiser Breakfast  
after both worship services  
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship  
5:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF  
6:00 p.m. Sr. UMYF

- 12/16 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study Potluck  
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 12/17 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night  
w/Christmas Activities  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 12/18 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 12/20 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12/21 Fourth Sunday of Advent—Bake Sale today!  
9:00 a.m. Adult Class w/Joe Hughes  
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class  
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship  
5:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF  
6:00 p.m. Sr. UMYF
- 12/23 7:00 p.m. Church Council
- 12/24 6:00 p.m. Family Worship Service  
8:00 p.m. Traditional Worship Service  
See page one
- 12/25 Christmas Day—offices closed through  
January 1, 2009
- 12/28 First Sunday after Christmas  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Joe Hughes  
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class  
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship  
5:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF  
6:00 p.m. Sr. UMYF
- 12/30 1:00 p.m. UM Women Executive Board

*JOIN US FOR THE*  
**Messiah Performance at TUMC**  
December 7th at 4 p.m.  
TUMC'S Alan Sheaffer—Soloist



	<u>Dec 7</u>	<u>Dec 14</u>	<u>Dec 21</u>	<u>Dec 24</u>	<u>Dec 28</u>
<b>USHERS</b> 9:00 a.m.	Mark Cunningham Bret Argenbright Milton Takeguchi Ethel Takeguchi	Monks	Youth	6 p.m. TBA	Oscar Loud Thelma Loud Sam Hill Pat Hill
<b>USHERS</b> 10:30 a.m.	Janet Galbraith Richard Sharpe Dan Gutierrez Boni Gulla	Monks	Youth	8 p.m. TBA	Pat O'Brien Bea Waite Dan Little Joyce Little
<b>LITURGISTS</b> 9:00 a.m.	Milton Takeguchi	Monks	Youth	6 p.m. TBA	Steve Minder
10:30 a.m.	Joan Jessup	Monks	Youth	8 p.m. Claire Chapman- Wright	Claire Chapman- Wright
<b>GREETERS</b> 9:00 a.m.	Maxine Heiller	Monks	Youth	6 p.m. TBA	Pat & Sam Hill
10:30 a.m.	Jeanne Williams	Monks	Youth	8 p.m. Bea Waite	Frances Cortese
<b>SOUND TECH</b> 9:00 a.m.	Mark McCullough	Brian Severns	Youth	6 p.m. Brian Severns	Mark McCullough
10:30 a.m.	Vicki Cloutier	Ken Boyle	Youth	8 p.m. Ken Boyle	Frank Benson

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