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# Temecula United Methodist Church The MESSENGER

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## ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Wednesday, December 2nd**

**ADULTS \$12 / KIDS \$5**

GET YOUR TICKETS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR FROM HALLIE SEBANC

**ARRIVE 5:00-6:00 P.M.**

**DINNER 6:00 P.M.**

*Catered by Angela Stevanus*

### **\$12 Dinner Includes:**

Pork in Mushroom Wine Sauce, Green Beans w/almonds,  
Rice Pilaf & Pumpkin Cobbler

### **\$5 Kid's Dinner Includes:**

Chicken Tenders, Green Beans, Rice Pilaf & Cup Cake

PLEASE SIGN-UP AND PURCHASE TICKETS A.S.A.P  
SO WE HAVE AN IDEA WHO WILL BE ATTENDING

**BRING A SMALL WRAPPED  
GIFT TO USE IN OUR GIFT  
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**EVERYONE WELCOME!**





## *Stephen Ministry*

*God, help me to take advantage of each opportunity I have to offer someone a helping hand, a kind word, a listening ear, or a pat on the back, Amen.*

If you or someone you know needs help please notify Pastor Randy, Joyce Little or Judy Hernandez.



## *The Builders Take Off*

A kick off pot-luck dinner at the beautiful Weaver Vineyards held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, launched the 2009 Builders program, developed to nurture the building of relationships, faith and community. Tables with white table cloths, protective tents, and serving tables filled with mouth-watering delicacies invited all to eat, be merry and become acquainted with each other.

During this festive evening, seven groups of the Builders, consisting of 7 to 10 adult singles and couples, planned activities for October to May. Group names emerged – Epicureans, AKA, Globetrotters, Hearth Warmers, the Jokers, the Adventurers, The Magnificent Seven.

Some planned events included a trip to Bates Nut Farm, supper at Macaroni Grill, potluck at a member's home, Dutch dinner, dinner at Richie's Diner, attending performance of "The Messiah" with dessert at a member's home, dinner and theatre performance of "Scrooge", and a New Year's Eve multigroup celebration. In February, all the groups will gather together for a Mardi Gras potluck to be held after Sunday worship. With all these activities, the Builders groups definitely are off to a great start!

## *Youth News*

**SSP 2010** - We have submitted our paperwork for SSP 2010. We will be traveling to Klamath, California in mid-July, where we will work with the Yurok tribe. Klamath is located between Eureka and Crescent City in Northern California. It will be cold and damp. We will be taking nine youth (**Erik Drobnick, Jeanette Edmonds, Bryce Glenn, Nick Kelly, Grace Lloyd, Matt McCullough, Jaime Sykes, Kathy and Natasha Turnblad**) and three adults (Mark and Monica McCullough, TBD). Look to us for some fundraising as we raise the funds needed to attend SSP 2010. More on SSP costs later.

**Youth Calendar** – December is a crazy time of year and for us we are actually excited to be welcoming new youth to our group. We have some great things planned for the end of this year and the beginning of next.

**December 6<sup>th</sup>** – TUMC night at "Scrooge: The Musical". We have 30 tickets set aside at \$15 a ticket for the 6:00 p.m. show. Please let Mark/Monica know if you or your youth want to attend. It is a great play for the whole family.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**- Regular Youth Group (Jr. High at 5 p.m.-7p.m. and Sr. High at 6 p.m.- 8p.m.).

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## *CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*

### Sunday

9 a.m. Adult Bible Study led by Joe Hughes meets in Room 6.

9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study meets in the Youth Room. Contact Dan Gutierrez.

7 p.m. Young Adult Ministry will be on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> in Room 6 at the church. We will finish the remaining chapters in the book on Clues, Chapters 13-20.

### Young Adult Ministry Upcoming Activities:

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - The group will meet and go to see the musical "Scrooge" at the Old Town Community Theater. This outing is for everyone who would like to see the musical and eat. We will attend the Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> matinee at 2:00 p.m. using the TUMC group prices followed by dinner in Old Town! Invite your friends and acquaintances who may like to become part of the group.

**December 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>: Date to Be Determined - Bowling:** We will meet at the Church and go to Trevi in Lake Elsinore. Meet at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to come!

**December 26<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>** - We are planning a Murder Mystery potluck dinner evening (date to be determined) between December 26<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event is planned to be held in Wine Country. We are waiting for a date and the home where we will meet. All the young adults away at school and home for the Christmas Holidays are invited to come. After we select the date, we will be asking everyone to RSVP so we can plan the mystery and the amount of food we will need.

**We will be beginning a new discussion series, so please come to our meetings in December to help select the series for discussion.**

### **JANUARY 2010 MEETINGS**

January 3rd and January 20th in Room 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

January 15th –18th Church Campout:

Encourage everyone that loves to camp to attend the Agua Caliente All Church Campout January 15th–18th. Once we have an idea who is coming, we can plan several activities.

Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend all that you can and invite your friends.

Yours in Christ! Bill, Randy and Nancy

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### Monday

6:30 p.m. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> - MONKS Christmas Dinner and Monthly Meeting. (Guys only)  
 Catered by Angela Stevanus  
 Entertainment by Earl Fields and Company.  
 Cost \$15.00  
 Sign up in the church breezeway or call Barry Adams at 676-2525.

### Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study meets in the Hillside Room. Contact Karen Benvenuto  
 Dec. 1st – Conclude with Chapter 12  
 Dec. 8th – Pastor Randy to join us for questions on Revelations.  
 Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Potluck at Jodi Dubots Home  
 Dec. 22nd & 29<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Break  
 Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – Upper Room – Review new study

7:00 p.m. Book Group will meet at the home of Shirley Jankowski to discuss *The Ultimate Gift* by Jim Stovall December 1<sup>st</sup>.

All Church Christmas Party at church Wednesday, Dec. 2nd. Arrive between 5–6 p.m.

Out to Lunch Bunch—Plan to meet at noon, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at Mimi's Restaurant in Temecula.

### Wednesday Family Night – EVERYONE WELCOME

Activities and fellowship for the entire church family

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. MONKS serving food (donations accepted).  
 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. CHILDCARE – available for anyone participating  
 in any of the night's activities.  
 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study – Everyone Welcome  
 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Kid's Activities – FREE – All Kids Welcome  
 Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Special Christmas Craft – Everyone Welcome  
 7:15 – 8:30 P.M. Choir rehearsal – Everyone Welcome

Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> NO WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES  
 Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> NO WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

### Thursday

10:00 a.m. Yoga taught by Deb Potts, CYT, RYT (200), M.S.  
 Room 1 or Celebration Hall. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study meets in the Youth Room.  
 Contact Milton Takeguchi.

## THANK YOU

As we approach the Christmas Season we can be grateful for the many blessings that we have received this year. Thank you to the Church Council and our 2009 Leadership Team:

Lay Leader: **Bill Steele**

Lay Members of Annual Conference: **Doris Elder and Hope Zangl**

Lay Speakers: **Bill Steele and Deb Potts**

Staff Parish Relations Committee: **Jodi Dubots, Chair**

Trustees: **Brian Severns, Chair**

Finance: **Mark Cunningham, Chair**

Lay Leadership: (Nominating Committee), **Pastor Randy, Chair**

Christian Education: **Mark Cunningham, Chair**

Worship: **Donnie Weaver, Chair**

Membership & Evangelism: **Nicci Edmonds, Chair**

Missions: **Diane Martinez, Chair**

Stephen Ministry: **Joyce Little, Stephen Leader and Judy Hernandez, Facilitator**

Christian Formation and Bible Study Group Ministries: **Pastor Randy, Joe Hughes, Dan Gutierrez, Gloria Galvez, Karen Benvenuto and Ethel Takeguchi**

United Methodist Women: **Hallie Sebanc, President**

MONKS Men's Group: **Barry Adams, President**

for their support this year and the dedication they and their respective work areas have given for the congregation.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Staff of TUMC

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**December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Group Open House at the McCullough's . This is beginning at 5:30 p.m. (39965 Chalon Court). Please bring something to share, drinks and main dish provided.

**December 26<sup>th</sup>** – Magic Mountain – Cost \$30, money due by December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will leave Church at 8 a.m. and return by 11 p.m. (the park is open 10:30 a.m.– 8 p.m.). Please bring money for lunch and dinner and have eaten breakfast. If you would like to chaperone, please call Mark/Monica.

**December 27<sup>th</sup>** – No Youth Group

**January 15-18, 2010** – Agua Caliente Camping Trip. This is an All-Church Camping Trip. We will be taking our trailer and some extra tents. We will be climbing the mud caves one day and venturing into Julian another. Please let us know if you want to attend.

**Congratulations** to Meghann McCullough who has been accepted into the Disney College Internship Program. She will be living in Anaheim from January through August, 2010, working at Disneyland in the Cast Costuming Department and attending classes taught by Disney Executives.

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## *Christmas Services at Temecula United Methodist Church*

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**December 24th** - performed at both services by the Chancel Choir  
*I Hear the Prophet Callin'* - a new composition by Pepper Choplin

*This composition is designed to provide the listener with a fresh way to experience and sing of Christ's birth. Choplin has called upon folk music styles to celebrate the story of Jesus' birth and you will hear distinct musical flavors such as: Appalachian, Irish, Latin, Cajun and Early American, as he tells the story. It is truly a very different way of weaving the story together with many tunes and rhythms you may have experienced in different formats. In addition we will sing some of the traditional Christmas carols we have all come to love.*

*We hope this will be a memorable way for you and your family to spend Christmas Eve.*

### **6:00 p.m. - Family Candlelight Worship Service**

*I Hear the Prophet Callin'*  
*Children's Sermon with Pastor Randy Johnson*  
*Traditional Christmas Carols*

### **8:00 p.m. - Traditional Candlelight Communion Worship Service**

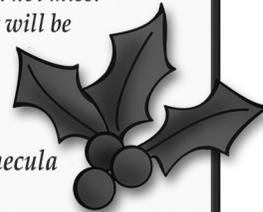
*I Hear the Prophet Callin'*  
*Communion and Sermon by Pastor Randy Johnson*  
*Worship closes by singing Silent Night outside*

## **Christmas Music for your Holiday Enjoyment**

**THE MESSIAH BY HANDEL** - presented by Rancho Music Association  
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Sunday, December 6th at 4 p.m.

*Our own Alan Sheaffer will be the tenor soloist.  
This is a premier event for the City of Temecula that you should not miss.  
The orchestra and chorus under the direction of Madge Griffing will be  
presenting this wonderful masterpiece.*

**TEMECULA VALLEY MASTER CHORALE**  
December 12th at 4 p.m. - Grace Presbyterian Church, Temecula  
December 13th at 2:30 p.m. - Murrieta Mesa High School





## *Easy Fundraising With Gift Cards*

It's time to start planning your holiday shopping and gift giving using gift cards from TUMC's Scrip Fundraising Program. A pre-order form and list of all the scrip we keep on hand is included in this newsletter. Additional order forms are available at the scrip table or from the church office. Gift cards make great gifts for the babysitter, teachers, business associates, neighbors, teens, dads, moms, grandparents,.....and the hard to buy for people on your list that you just don't know what to give them. They also make great stocking stuffers! Gift cards are a fun way to give a gift that the receiver will like since they can shop for exactly what they want or need. Good news about the American Express Cards is that they now come in \$25 denominations, in addition to the \$100 and \$200 cards they have offered. These cards are convenient to use at all your favorite stores where the American Express Card is accepted, like Costco, Target and Ralphs to name a few.

You can view the complete scrip list available from the Great Lakes Center online at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). Or you can pick up a copy of the list at the scrip table. Any scrip can be ordered from their list, but please allow at least a week from the time you turn in your order form to allow enough time to order your scrip, ship it and get it ready for you to pick up. **PLEASE ORDER EARLY! *THE DEADLINE TO ORDER SCRIP IS MONDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>!***

Here are a few gift ideas from the Great Lakes Scrip Center that you can special order since we do not keep them in stock. Amazon.com, Build-A-Bear Workshop, The Container Store, Harry & David, Honey Baked Ham, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Land's End, L.L. Bean, Marshalls/Home Goods/TJMaxx, Overstock.com, Pier 1 Imports, Ross Dress For Less, See's Candies, Shutterfly and many more.

So far this year we have raised about \$4,900 for TUMC. SO....LET'S SEE IF WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL of \$7,000 THIS YEAR! Thanks so much to all of you who support this fundraiser already. This type of fundraiser is called "shopping cart" fundraising and many nonprofits around the country raise needed funds this way. It is one of the easiest ways to raise funds for our church and there are no costs or fees. Make gift-giving easy this year and help balance the church budget at the same time. Together we can make a difference!

Shirley—TUMC Scrip Fundraising Coordinator



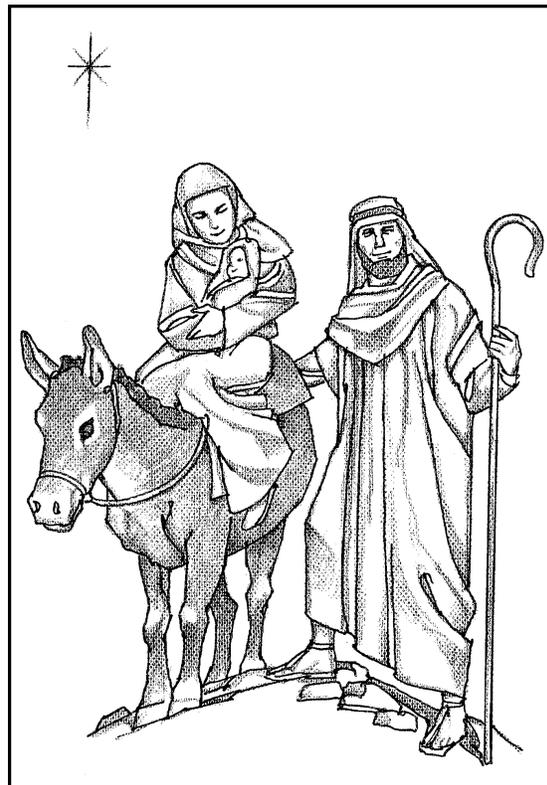


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**Dates to Remember**

- 12/1 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group at Shirley Jankowski's home
- 12/2 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w. Pastor  
5:00 p.m. All Church Christmas Party  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 12/3 10:00 a.m. Yoga Class w/Deb Potts  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 12/6 9:00 a.m. Adult Class w. Joe Hughes  
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class  
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship  
4:00 p.m. Messiah Performance  
6:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. UMYF—"Scrooge"  
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry
- 12/8 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
- 12/9 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w. Pastor  
12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night  
6:15 p.m. Pastor's Sunday Scripture Class  
6:30 p.m. Trustees' Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 12/10 10:00 a.m. Yoga Class w/Deb Potts  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 12/13 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. & Sr. UMYF
- 12/14 6:30 p.m. Monks Christmas Dinner
- 12/15 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 12/16 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w. Pastor  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Family Night  
6:15 p.m. Pastor's Sunday Scripture Class  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 12/17 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 12/19 2:00 p.m. Bake Sale drop off
- 12/20 9:00 a.m. Adult Class w. Joe Hughes  
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class  
9:00 a.m. UM Women Bake Sale  
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship  
5:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. UMYF at McCullough's  
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry

- 12/23 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 12/24 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship  
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
- 12/25 Christmas Day. Church Offices Closed
- 12/26 8:00 a.m. Youth Group at Magic Mt.
- 12/27 9:00 a.m. Adult Class w. Joe Hughes  
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class  
11:45 a.m. Stephen Ministry  
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship
- 12/30 1:00 p.m. UMW Exec. Board meeting  
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 12/31 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study



	<u>Dec. 6</u>	<u>Dec. 13</u>	<u>Dec. 20</u>	<u>Dec. 24</u>	<u>Dec. 27</u>
<b>USHERS</b> 9:00 a.m.	M. Cunningham B. Argenbright M. Takeguchi E. Takeguchi	Monks	Youth		O. Loud T. Loud S. Hill P. Hill
<b>USHERS</b> 10:30 a.m.	J. Galbraith R. Sharpe D. Gutierrez B. Gulla	Monks	Youth		D. Mohammed B. Waite D. Little J. Little
<b>LITURGISTS</b> 9:00 a.m.	J. Jessup	Monks	Youth	6:00 p.m. S. Minder	J. Kerr
10:30 a.m.	M. McIntosh	Monks	Youth	8:00 p.m. D. Martinez	D. Martinez
<b>GREETERS</b> 9:00 a.m.	M. Heiller	Monks	Youth	6 p.m. tba	L. Gruber
10:30 a.m.	B. Waite	Monks	Youth		J. Williams
<b>SOUND TECH</b> 9:00 a.m.	M. McCullough	B. Severns	Youth	8 p.m. tba	M. McCullough
10:30 a.m.	V. Cloutier	K. Boyle	Youth		F. Benson

*If you cannot serve as assigned, please call John Weaver or John Cloutier for ushers and Bea Waite for liturgists & greeters.*

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