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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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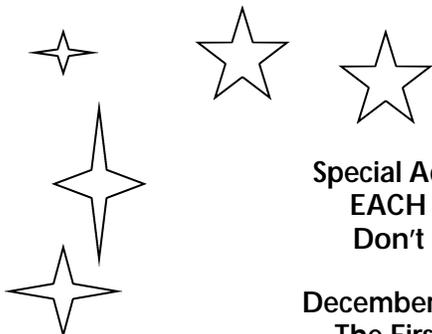
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**Special Advent & Christmas Worship
EACH SUNDAY in December!
Don't Miss a Single Sunday**

**December 2nd 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
The First Sunday in Advent**

This will be our first Sunday with Celebration Hall fully decorated for Christmas! Enjoy the special Advent Candle lighting, and get into the spirit of Christmas with special Advent hymns and communion. A special Advent communion meditation will be presented by Pastor Randy.

December 9th

We continue our Advent journey towards Christmas this week with beautiful holiday music and a special Children's Sermon. The pastor's message will be "Why Repent?" and focus on John the Baptist as he looks forward to Jesus.

December 16th

The TUMC Children's Choir will present their first Christmas Play, "All You Need is Love", at both services on Sunday, December 16th. Come and join us as we journey with Timothy, his Guardian Angels, and others that help him understand the Christmas Season. This play is directed by Meghann McCullough with musical direction by Sarah Hillier. Everyone has worked very hard on this play so come and enjoy.

December 23rd

The TUMC chancel choir will present the "Christmas Oratorio by French composer Saint-Saens on Sunday, Dec. 23rd at both services.

The Oratorio will feature a quintet including Donna Gorman (alto), Alan Sheaffer (tenor), and three other guest soloists.

Be sure to be in your seat for this celebration of the birth of Christ. We will follow the benediction with the Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. You are invited to join with us in singing this magical song of celebration. If you have a copy of the score, and/or have sung it before, come and join us from the congregation.

**Christmas Eve Worship—Monday Evening December 24th at 6 & 8 P.M.
More details later!**

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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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This Year

I wonder if God comes to the edge of heaven each Advent
and flings the Star into the December sky,
laughing with joy as it lights the darkness of the earth;
and the angels, hearing the laughter of God,
begin to congregate in some celestial chamber
to practice their alleluias.

I wonder if there's some ordering of rank among the angels,
as they move into procession,
the seraphim bumping the cherubim from top spot,
the new inhabitants of heaven standing in the back
until they get the knack of it.

(After all, treading air over a stable and announcing at the
same time can't be all that easy!)

Or is everybody – that is, every "soul" – free to fly
wherever the spirit moves?

Or do they even think about it?

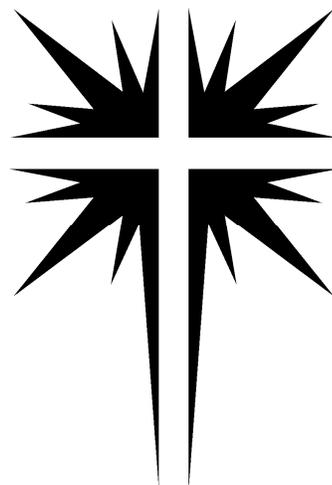
Perhaps when God calls, perhaps they just come,
this multitude of heavenly hosts.

Perhaps they come,
winging through the winds of time
full of expectancy
full of hope

that this year
perhaps this year
(perhaps)

the earth will fall to its knees
in a whisper of "Peace."

Ann Weems
Kneeling in Bethlehem



THE MEANING OF
CHRISTMAS

SAVE THE DATE

All Church Christmas Party

All children and adults invited!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th
Celebration Hall TUMC

PARTY BEGINS - 6:00pm • DINNER SERVED - 6:30pm

— SIMPLY FILL OUT THE SIGN-UP CARD AND RETURN —

Bring a Side Dish to pass!

*Special visit by SANTA!
Join in the Holiday Cheer!
Activities for the Kids!*

Hams supplied by UMW.
Desserts supplied by Ashley Lewis.
Call Hallie 676-9978 to donate to the
special gift fund in Dave Lewis' name.



Family Night Wednesdays are Wonderful in December!

Wednesday, December 5th

- All Church Christmas Party - Dec. 5th - [See page three](#)
- Sign up in the breezeway or call the church office
- Please bring a side dish to share.
- Santa will make a special appearance.

We will have special activities for the children.

Special note: If you would like to participate in the special book gift fund in Dave Lewis' name, please contact Hallie at 676-9978. Santa will be handing out the books to each child at the party. See you there.

Wednesday, December 12th starting at 7 p.m.

New! "All Things Tech" (ATT) Group Discussion



Can't tell the difference between your Megapixles and Megabytes? Looking for a digital camera, camcorder, computer, or shopping for a new High Def big screen? In the nick of time it's ATT to the rescue! That's "All Things Tech" of course!

Come Wednesday, December 12th at 7 p.m. and listen to some of our resident "Tech" experts answer all of your questions. We will give shopping recommendations and shopping tips. Don't miss ATT!

Gingerbread houses will be decorated Dec. 12th in Ethel Takeguchi's class. Prerequisite: You must have attended the November 28th class to participate. Don't forget to bring your candies to class to share and use for decorations.

Dec 16th—Outdoor Snowman Craft at 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday Night Outdoor Craft - December 16th
Please join us for a special snowman craft led by Jessie Boyle. The snowman is fun, cute and completely weatherproof. Each child will make a snowman that is a perfect gift for someone special. Adults are welcome, but please contact Jessie 587-0082 and let her know that you would like to participate so she can make sure that there will be sufficient supplies.



Wednesday Family Night Weekly Schedule

	New! →	
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.		<u>Food served</u> by MONKS (for a nominal fee)
6:00 – 8:45 p.m.		Childcare available
6:00 – 6:45 p.m.		Kids Christmas Play Kids Singing Rehearsal
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.		Pastor's Bible Study in Youth Room
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.		Dec. 12 th – Pastor Dave Brostrom – 6:30 p.m. in Room 8 "How to Help Your Medical People Focus on You" Pastor Dave will be using as a basis the "Information Kit" for medical people and will share information from many years of calling in medical facilities. This will apply to all ages.
6:45 – 7:30 p.m.		Kids Time - something different each week (Crafts, Science Projects, Movies & Games)
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.		Paper Craft by Christina (Scrapbooking, greeting cards, gift bags...) Dec. 12 th – Decorate a Gingerbread House in Hillside Room Prerequisite: Must have attended Class I
7:15 p.m.		Chancel Choir rehearsal



Christmas Music

The Chancel Choir is still in need of new members. We must increase our membership if we are to be able to

continue presenting the quality, and variety of music you have come to expect.

Please speak to any one of the choir members or myself if you have an interest, or know of someone who loves to sing, and is without a "choir home".

If you play an instrument, please submit your name, instrument played, and skill level to the office in care of the music department

Sincerely,
Earl G. Fields,
Music Director

MUSIC NOTES

FOOD PANTRY

It's time to help our food pantry families during this Christmas season. We will be serving about 80 families on Monday, December 17th and would like to give them a special gift bag in addition to the regular food items we provide for them each week.

Please look for the Christmas Box labeled for food pantry items either in the Celebration Hall or the breezeway. All donations must be turned in by Sunday, December 16th.

Suggestions for donations include:

Candy canes
Tins of cookies
Ornaments
Christmas candy
2008 calendars
Small candles
New or like new stuffed toys/animals
10"x12" Christmas gift bags (to put items in)
Any small Christmas decoration.



Thank you and God bless.
Bread from Heaven Food Pantry

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Filipino Members Organize Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Class in the Tagalog Language

Recognizing the changing demographic character of our city, TUMC has authorized the establishment of a Bible Study Class on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. (Room 1) in the Tagalog language. Under the mentorship and guidance of Rev. David Brostrom, TUMC's Pastoral Consultant, Filipino members of the congregation decided to take this step as an outreach tool to other members of the community.

The first session began on Sunday, November 4th at 9 a.m., enabling members to attend Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. Dan Gutierrez and Vinya Gulla provided the leadership in getting the curriculum and the teaching facilitators.

The materials used are purchased from official UMC outlets and are approved by the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. Rev. David Brostrom outlined twelve suggestions which the group adopted and followed. They confirmed the teaching facilitators on a rotating basis. In the beginning, Dan Gutierrez and Vinya Gulla will be teaching the class.

The mission and purpose of the class is to "grow in the Christian faith and watch over one another in love by studying and living the ancient words from the Holy Bible" as suggested by the teachings of Brother Serge Peña and patterned after John Wesley's theological concepts.

The members of the class chose the name "Philippians" because it is the name close to our birth country's name, "the Phillipines", and it is in the Bible.

**Tagalog
BIBLE
STUDY**



We feel that this class can serve as an example of what other linguistic groups can do to reach out to their respective communities. In time, we plan to hold potlucks and invite members of our congregation as well as people from the Filipino-American community, so that we can all learn about our culture and language and people can become aware of the friendly place that TUMC is and how it welcomes all people.

Dan Gutierrez recently reported to the Christian Education Committee on the class and outlined its teaching objectives. He was asked to become a member of the Committee and regularly give a report on its activities. Gloria Galvez will monitor attendance and make a monthly report to Pastor Randy Johnson on all activities.

Submitted by: Gloria S. Galvez and edited by Rudy Martinez, Chair of Christian Education

9 a.m. Adult Sunday Bible Class w/Joe Hughes in Room 6 - The 9:00 Adult Sunday School class is wrapping up its class on Understanding the Bible, with a discussion of Paul's letters, and Revelations. We will be meeting on Dec. 2nd, 9th & 16th, but will not meet Dec. 23rd or 30th. Feel free to join us at 9:00 in Room 6 any Sunday.

9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study in Room 7

Advent study using the book entitled, "While We Wait," Living the questions of advent, by Mary Lou Redding. Advent is about preparing ourselves to give attention to God's gift, Jesus Christ. We are on week three of a five week study.

Lesson Three, Tues. Dec. 4th - The Wonder of Being Sought: Why has this happened to me?

Lesson Four, Dec. 11th -Wrestling with Mystery: How can this be?

Lesson Five, resuming Jan 8, 2008, The Epiphany.
Sharing the Light: Where is the One?

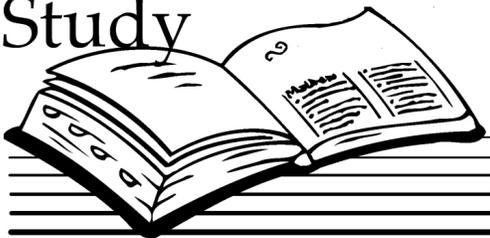
10:00 a.m. Wednesday Scripture Study with Pastor Randy in the Music Room

Pastor Randy reads, discusses and answers your questions on the following Sunday's Scripture.

7 p.m. Wednesday Nights Bible Class with Pastor Randy in the Youth Room

As part of Wednesday Family Nights, Pastor Randy leads a bible class for parents of our Sunday school School children and anyone else interested in attending.

Disciple Bible Study



--- EIGHT WEEK COURSE!

Facilitators: Milton Takeguchi, Ph.D. & Deb Potts. M.S.

TIME: 6:00-7:30 p.m., Wednesday Family Night

ROOM: Room 8

DATES: January 9th-February 27th

PURPOSE: "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed."- 2 Timothy 3:16-17, TEV

WHY? Do you desire to reach out to someone in God's word and truth, to teach adult or children's Sunday School, or have a need to know if the Bible has any power to offer you as a Christian? Then you should consider an 8 week, in-depth exploration of the Bible as a DISCIPLE!!

GOAL: To develop disciples of Jesus Christ who know and love God's Word. To follow the daily pattern of reading and study of the Bible, and to become empowered by the truth and teachings of God and Christ. To use this knowledge in spreading God's Word and truth as a DISCIPLE of Christ.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP: To read the Bible with curiosity with fellow Christians, while asking who? what? where? when? how? and why? as you read together, learn together, and grow together. You will create a safe and fun refuge for study, reflection, and prayer. This class will help in equipping you to discuss, understand, and perhaps teach the Bible yourself. Come join the fun in a relaxing, nurturing environment where we will share, care, and learn together through God's Word.

10 a.m. Thursday Yoga class at 10 a.m. in Celebration Hall – Taught by Deb Potts, R.Y.T. - Deb will be teaching at TUMC December 6th and 13th, and in January on the 3rd, 10th, and 24th. Notification will be given if any changes occur.

Why do yoga? The short answer is that yoga makes you feel better. Practicing the postures, breathing exercises and meditation makes you healthier in body, mind and spirit. Yoga lets you tune in, chill out, shape up -- all at the same time. *John Tunney*
Come join your friends at TUMC and give yoga a try.

Youth News

TUMC Youth Group, United Methodist Youth Fellowship, MYF, YG... We go by lots of names, but we are 6th through 12th graders coming together to learn about Christ and Christianity in our lives outside of church. We meet on Sundays with Junior High from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Senior High from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. From 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., when everyone is there, we have games and take care of business. New youth are always welcome. We have an open door policy; parents are always welcome to come and see what goes on during YG (the current popular name).

We will be having our Second Annual New Year's Eve Party at Brian and Deb Severns' house. Festivities will Begin at 8 p.m.

Gift Certificates for the Holidays

Submitted by Shirley Johnson

As many of you know, TUMC has an active scrip fundraising program that generates thousands of dollars every year that supports our mission and ministry in our community.

Included in this newsletter is a list of the most popular gift certificates available to order. You may shop with them yourself or give them as gifts. For many people, gift certificates are becoming the preferred gift since they can shop with their gift certificates and buy exactly what they want. Our gift certificates do make great gifts for family, friends and co-workers!

It's easy to order gift certificates. Simply look over the enclosed list and fill out the holiday order form completely. Please note the exact denomination and quantity you wish to order.

Either mail your pre-order form (with payment enclosed) to the church at 42690 Margarita Road, Temecula CA 92592 or turn it in to the scrip seller any Sunday morning.

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Gift Certificates for the Holidays continued from page 8

If you want to be sure you get the gift certificates you want, please submit your pre-orders (with payment) as soon as possible. The very last date to order scrip will be Sunday December 16th. At that time, there is no guarantee that the scrip you order will be in stock. Therefore, please order early!

Thank you for your support of our scrip fundraiser. It's a great feeling to know that when you shop with scrip you are also supporting your church financially!

Church Council News

Submitted by Doris Elder

As we go into the holiday season we can be grateful for the many blessings that we have received this year. I thank the Church Council for their support this year and the dedication they and their respective work areas have given for the congregation.

We started the year brain storming for goals and visions. Some of these goals have come to fruition; others will continue to be worked on in 2008.

Trustees have maintained our facilities to ensure safety and adequate space for our congregation as well as the many outside groups.

The Worship Committee have provided guest speakers throughout the year and initiated the Church potlucks on the 5th Sundays.

Our church is well recognized for the support we give for Mission Outreach Projects. We support three missionaries, two in Los Angeles and one in the Philippines. Our Bread from Heaven Food Pantry is serving 60 – 70 families every Monday morning for a total of approximately 260 people weekly. Volunteers spend many hours shopping and packaging food and dispensing to clients.

Two new staff members have been added this year, Rev. David Brostrom and Earl Fields. The Music Program is expanding and we have had some beautiful concerts. Rev. Brostrom is doing visitation and creating some new programs for seniors.

Several highlights throughout 2007 were the Gala, Yard Sale, Annual Craft Faire, Ministry Faire, Sierra Service Project, starting the Prayer and Meditation Garden and Memorial Courtyard and the Monks Golf Tournament.



Christmas Poinsettias in Honor or Memory of Your Loved Ones

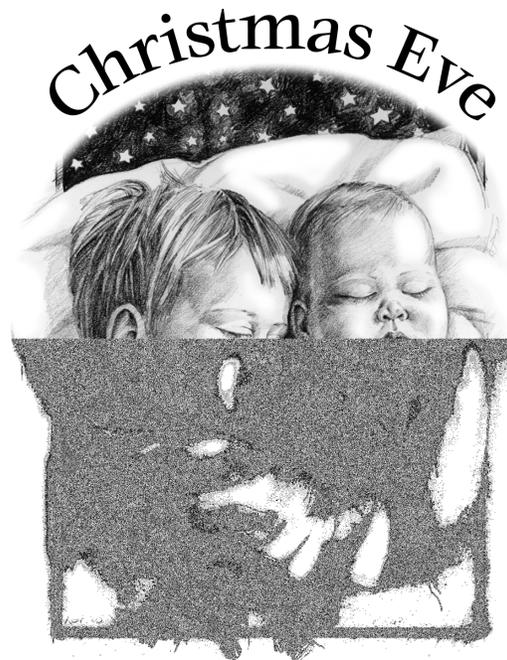
Order by December 16th to be displayed at our Christmas service.
Forms for ordering and making the dedication are available in the breezeway or call the church office at 676-1800x10.

Order Poinsettias

Dates to Remember

- 12/1 9 a.m. Christmas Decoration setup
- 12/2 First Sunday of Advent
9 a.m. Adult Bible Class w/Joe Hughes
9 a.m. Adult Bible Class in Tagalog
5 p.m. Jr. UMYF
6 p.m. Sr. UMYF
- 12/3 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open
- 12/4 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
7 p.m. Book Discussion Group
7 p.m. Finance Committee
7:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 12/5 10 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
6 p.m. Doors open – All Church Christmas Party
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner served – Bring a side dish
- 12/6 10 a.m. Yoga class w/Deb Potts
6:30 p.m. Trustees
6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's Class
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 12/8 8 a.m. Monks Breakfast
- 12/9 Second Sunday of Advent
9 a.m. Adult Bible Class w/Joe Hughes
9 a.m. Adult Bible Class in Tagalog
5 p.m. Jr. UMYF
6 p.m. Sr. UMYF
- 12/10 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open
7 p.m. Gala Committee
- 12/11 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
7 p.m. Church Council
- 12/12 10 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
5 p.m. Food served by MONKS
6 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
6 p.m. Children's play & choir rehearsal
6 p.m. Pastor's Bible Class
6:30 p.m. Pastor Dave's Medical Focus
7 p.m. Gingerbread House Class
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/13 10 a.m. Yoga class w/Deb Potts
6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan Men's class
- 12/15 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 12/16 Third Sunday of Advent
9 a.m. Adult Bible Class w/Joe Hughes
9 a.m. Adult Bible Class in Tagalog
5 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Family Xmas
5 p.m. Jr. UMYF
6 p.m. Sr. UMYF
- 12/17 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open

- 12/19 10 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
5 p.m. Food served by MONKS
6 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
6 p.m. Children's choir rehearsal
6 p.m. Pastor's Bible Class
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/20 6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's Class
- 12/23 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 12/24 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
8 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
- 12/25 Church offices closed thru Jan. 1st
- 12/26 1 p.m. UMW Executive Board



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	<u>December 2</u>	<u>December 9</u>	<u>December 16</u>	<u>December 23</u>	<u>December 30</u>	
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	John Weaver Bret Argenbright Milton Takeguchi Ethel Takeguchi	Monks	Youth	Oscar Loud Thelma Loud Sam Hill Pat Hill	John Dubots John Weaver John Cloutier	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Cliff Elder Richard Sharpe Dan Guitierrez Ashley Lewis	Monks	Youth	Pat O'Brien Bea Waite Dan Little Joyce Little	Shirley Johnson Ken Wilson Janet Galbraith Bea Waite	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m.	Jan Kerr	Monks	Youth	Claire Chapman- Wright	Deb Potts	
10:30 a.m.	Sue Bradshaw	Monks	Youth	Claire Chapman- Wright	Sue Bradshaw	
GREETERS 9:00 a.m.	Donna Peyton	Monks	Youth	Donna Peyton	Maxine Heiller	
10:30 a.m.	Judy Hernandez	Monks	Youth	Shirley Johnson	Bea Waite	

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and Bea Waite for liturgists & greeters .*



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