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Through the Holy Spirit

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### **Temecula United Methodist Church**

# The MESSENGER

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# All Church Christmas Party

All children and adults invited!

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7th Celebration Hall TUMC

Party Begins - 6:00pm • Dinner Served - 6:30pm

### Special visit by Santa

WITH GIFTS FOR EACH CHILD

Sign up A.S.A.P so we can plan for Santa's visit

Ham and Turkey supplied by UMWDesserts by Ashley Lewis

### **BRING A SIDE DISH TO PASS**

PLEASE divide your dish into TWO (2) DISPOSABLE DISHES. Do not make double the food just divide it into two dishes so each table has the same items.

### ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Bring one small ornament
PER PERSON for the ornament exchange.
Each person will go home
with an ornament.

### **Christmas Sing Along:**

Sing our favorite Christmas songs accompanied by our very own Shirley Jankowski

### **BRING THE FAMILY!**

PARTY STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6 P.M.

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

Middle High 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Senior High 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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# In Search of Our Kneeling Places

In each heart lies a Bethlehem, an inn where we must ultimately answer

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whether there is room or not.

When we are Bethlehem-bound

we experience our own advent in his.

When we are Bethlehem-bound

we can no longer look the other way

conveniently not seeing stars

not hearing angel voices.

We can no longer excuse ourselves by busily

tending our sheep or our kingdoms.

This Advent let's go to Bethlehem

and see this thing that the Lord has made

known to us.

In the midst of shopping sprees

let's ponder in our hearts the Gift of Gifts.

Through the tinsel

let's look for the gold of the Christmas Star.

In the excitement and confusion, in the merry chaos,

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let's listen for the brush of angels' wings.

This Advent, let's go to Bethlehem

and find our kneeling places.

Ann Weems

Kneeling in Bethlehem

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## Join Us for Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, Dec. 24th

### 6 p.m.

Family Candlelight & Carols Worship Rev. Dr. Randy Johnson preaching Dr. Corry Bell, pianist

### 8 p.m.

Candlelight , Carols & Communion Worship Rev. Dr. Randy Johnson preaching Dr. Corry Bell, pianist

### Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25th

10:30 a.m. - One Worship only

Worship & Carols w/special Children's Sermon Rev. Dr. Randy Johnson preaching Dr. Corry Bell, pianist

# Christmas Music

### New Year's Day, Sunday, Jan. 1st 10:30 a.m.—One Worship only

Worship & Carols w/inspiring New Year's Message

### More Special Christmas Events

Temecula Valley Players presents A Christmas Carol: The Musical,
Directed by Kit Fugrad. December 1—11th at Temecula Community Theater.
See Mark or Monica McCullough for tickets.

Tis the Season Temecula Valley Master Chorale Sunday, December 11th at 4 p.m. Individual \$10 & Family \$25 Murrieta Mesa High School Performing Arts Ctr. 24801 Monroe Avenue, Murrieta Music by Living American Composers at the Merc December 18th at 3 p.m. (music written for piano, flute and clarinet). Corry Bell on piano.

Music fundraiser at the Merc December 14th at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Sherri Williams with various artists and Corry Bell's trio with violinist Alan Busteed, cellist. Kirsten Vogelsang and Corry Bell on piano.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### <u>Sunday</u>

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes meets in Room 6.

9:00 a.m. Full Sunday School Program

9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study meets in the Youth Room.

11:45 p.m. Stephen Ministers meet the second Sunday of each month in Room 6.

2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship.

### **Youth News**

December 10th is All Church Day at *A Christmas Carol*. We are offering \$15 tickets to Church members for this performance (or any other, just check with Monica. Go to <a href="https://www.temeculavalleyplayers">www.temeculavalleyplayers</a> for show dates/times).

December 11th—Regular youth group, juniors meet at 5 p.m. and seniors at 6 p.m.

December 18th is the Annual McCullough Family Open House, at the McCullough house, 39965 Chalon Court, Temecula beginning at 5:30 — 9 p.m. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

December 25—There is no youth group. Enjoy Christmas with your families. Merry Christmas!

### Monday — January 23rd

**6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer** meets the fourth Monday of each month in Celebration Hall, but WILL NOT meet during December. Contact Pastor Randy Johnson, Deb Potts or Linda Sykes.

### **Tuesday**

**9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study** meets in Room 1. All women are invited to join us for our Advent Study. Christmas Potluck December 20th at Ethel Takeguchi's home. Please contact Karen Benvenuto.

**6:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group** December 6th at the home of Shirley Jankowski to review "Beneath a Marble Sky: a Novel of the Taj Mahal" by John Shors.

**6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting** - December 6th at Mama Colletti's at 39252 Winchester Road in the Albertson Shopping Center.

### <u>Wednesday</u>

**10:00 a.m. Pastor's Scripture Study** meets in the Music Room. No class December 21st or 28th. **12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch** – meets Wednesday, December 7th, at the Sizzler in Murrieta. Everyone is invited. Contact Marilyn Barger.

**6:15 p.m. Living the Questions—Adult Study & Discussion Group** meets in Room 1. No class on December 7th, 21st or Dec. 28th.

7:15 p.m. Choir rehearses in the Music Room.

### **Thursday**

**10 a.m. Yoga for Life** meets in Celebration Hall December 8th only this month.. Benefits include stress reduction, muscle strengthening and improved range of motion, improved flexibility and balance, increased breath capacity and improved circulation, as well as a heightened sense of well-being. "Treasure Thy Temple." EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Contact Deb at <a href="mailto:yogafor-life06@verizon.net">yogafor-life06@verizon.net</a>

### Christian Education continued from page 4

**7:00—8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study** meets in the Youth Room. Our 5-week Advent study, "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" will end December 15th and we will start up again in January with a new study.

### <u>Saturday</u>

**8 a.m. MONKS Monthly Breakfast** December 10th in Room 1. The guest speaker will be Rudy Martinez speaking on **The American Political Spectrum**.



### *New Member Profiles, Part 1*

New Members Are Joining Bert Bjorklund and wife Heather moved to Temecula 26 years ago from San Clemente. A native Californian,

he has been retired two years from the California Department of Forestry where he worked for 27 years in wild land and urban firefighting in various Southern California areas. Bert and Heather have been married for 41 years. They have a son, Barrett, daughter Brittney DeWall, and infant granddaughter Lily. Bert's interests include gardening, travel, reading, camping and hunting. The couple is happy and comfortable at TUMC.

Aimee and Rick Jones have lived in Temecula since 2009. Aimee is originally from Toronto, Ontario, Canada, the oldest of four children, her father a Presbyterian minister. Rick is a native of Ogden, Utah from a Mormon family. He was an Army brat and his family moved often. Aimee and Rick decided to marry in 2009 after a two-year long distance relationship and then settled here. Aimee enjoys writing, reading and music and plans to go back to school for a degree in psychology and eventually attend seminary. Rick is retired; he is an artist and loves to paint, sculpt and carve.

### ROAD TO RECOVERY

My name is Stacey, and I am a volunteer with the American Cancer Society. We are reaching out to faith-based institutions in San Diego County in an attempt to spread the word about a program ACS offers that is in dire need of volunteers. The program is called Road to Recovery, and involves people volunteering to drive cancer patients to and from their treatments. Currently the program is only fulfilling 20% of the need desired by patients, which sometimes results in patients not even receiving their treatment.

Stacey Grundstrom, Mission Delivery Volunteer Lead Border Siera Region/American Cancer Society 2655 Camino del Rio N, #100, San Diego CA 92108 619 682 7448

### **Holiday Scrip Orders**

Submitted by Shirley Johnson

For many people, gift cards are the preferred gift to give since the recipient can buy exactly what they want and even take advantage of the sales after the holidays. It's that time of year when we publish the "scrip on hand" list and order form so you can order the gift cards you need for the holidays. Please look over the insert in this newsletter and see if you want to give any of our gift cards to family and friends this year. You can also use our gift cards to shop for special gifts yourself or for your regular shopping needs such as gasoline or groceries. You can also view the complete list of gift cards available to purchase by going to Great Lakes Scrip Center's website at www.glscrip.com. Gift cards for popular stores all over the country are offered, including scrip for websites such as Amazon.com, Shutterfly.com and Overstock.com. So if you're looking for a gift for a distant relative, you may find their favorite store on the list. You can order and pre-pay for any scrip you see on the list by filling out the order form completely and noting the exact denomination and quantity you wish to order. Turn in your completed order form to the church office or to the scrip table on Sunday with a check for the total amount you owe. Of course, you can purchase gift cards on the spot at the scrip table as usual, but we might run out of some of the most popular ones if you wait too long. Pre-ordering helps Shirley know how much scrip she needs to order. The deadline to turn in your scrip order is Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> if at all possible. Feel free to email your order to Shirley at tobeshir@verizon.net or ask any questions you have. (Note: according to state law, gift cards sold in California never expire, so we can all feel safe when giving and receiving our gift cards).

### UMW Corner (Faith, Hope and Love in Action)

Submitted by Gloria S. Galvez

The UM Women General Meeting/Christmas Party will be on Thursday, <u>December 15th, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.</u> in the Hillside Room. We will sing Christmas Carols, read Scriptures and listen to poems for our program followed by lunch. Please mark this date on your calendar and be sure to attend. Enjoy fun and fellowship with the women of our church. All women are welcome. Please sign up in the breezeway.



### All Church Bake Sale

Sunday, December 18th after both worship services.

Please start baking and bring your special cookie, biscotti, bread, pie or fudge to the church or call Hallie Sebanc. Hallie has a freezer and will keep your baked items until the sale.

### 2012 Riverside District Leadership Event

Riverside District will be holding its annual Leadership Event (formerly How-To Workshops) on Saturday, January 21, 2012, at Riverside Wesley United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. -3:00p.m.. Lunch and snacks will be provided and the cost will be \$15.00 per person. If you have four or more from one church attending and register and pay in advance, the cost will be reduced to \$10.00 per person. Registration forms will be available at your church in mid-December.

Seminar topics this year will include:

- Conference-wide youth programs and available resources
- Conference and District organization changes for 2012
- Web-page resources and support
- Stewardship and Endowment Programs
- Lay Leadership development programs
- Children's programs
- Multi-cultural opportunities in our communities
- Being In Mission at all levels.

The afternoon keynote session will be "Music in Worship" and we will conclude with a group roundtable discussion of "what's working in my church."

We look forward to seeing all of our churches represented at these wonderful leadership opportunities.

Riverside District Ministries Team



### "The Journey" Smartphone App

The gift buying, tree decorating, party planning and other pre-Christmas tasks can easily overshadow Advent and spiritual preparation for remembering Christ's birth. While Advent 2011 began on Nov. 27, 22 days remain before Christmas, plenty of time to use Advent devotions and activities delivered via email, downloaded to your computer or mobile device or accessed on the Web. "The Journey" Smartphone app is based on the new book by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, but it also functions as a stand alone Advent calendar. The app, available for iPhone, iPad and Android devices, opens with seven unlocked activities for children. A new one (videos, coloring sheets, puzzles, cards, Bible quizzes) open daily starting Dec. 1.

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12/21 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
12/22 1:00 p.m. UM Women Board
12/24 Christmas Eve
6 p.m. Family Candlelight Worship
8 p.m. Traditional Candlelight
Communion Worship
12/25 Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Worship
12/26 Church offices will be closed through
December 30th
12/28 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

9 a.m. Adult Study w./Joe Hughes 9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study 9 a.m. Sunday School 2 p.m. Korean Language Worship 4 p.m. "Celebrate Messiah" 12/5 2:30 p.m. MONKS cook meals 7 p.m. Trustees Meeting 12/6 9:30 a.m. Tues. Ladies' Bible Study 6 p.m. Book Discussion Group 6:30 p.m. MONKS Planniong Meeting 12/7 10:30 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch 6 p.m. All Church Christmas Party 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal 12/8 10 a.m. Yoga w/Deb Potts

12/7 10:30 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
6 p.m. All Church Christmas Party
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
12/8 10 a.m. Yoga w/Deb Potts
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
12/10 8 a.m. MONKS Monthly Breakfast
12/11 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Hughes
9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
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12/14 10 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
6:15 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion Group
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
12/15 10 a.m. UM Women General Meeting
7 p.m. Men's Bible Study
12/18 9 a.m. All Church Bake Sale after both
worship services
9 a.m. Adult Study w/Joe Hughes
9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
9 a.m. Sunday School
2 p.m. Korean Language Worship
5:30 p.m. McCullough's annual Open
House for Youth Group



### From all of us to you!

Pastor Randy Johnson
Rev. Jin Tae Kwon
Corry Bell
Mark McCullough
Mary Kottman

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	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 24	December 25
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Jesse Martinez Milton Takeguchi Ethel Takeguchi	Monks	Youth	<u>6 p.m.</u> Jesse Martinez Raul Denisac Dan Gutierrez Boni Gulla	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Janet Galbraith John Cloutier Dan Gutierrez Boni Gulla	Monks	Youth	<i>8 p.m.</i> John Cloutier Janet Galbraith	<u>10:30 a.m</u> . John Cloutier
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m.	Toby Hammett	Monks	Youth	<u><b>6 p.m.</b></u> Claire Chapman-Wright	10:30 a.m. Doris Elder
10:30 a.m.	Connie Hall	Monks	Youth	<u><b>8 p.m.</b></u> Bill Steele	DON'S Elder
GREETERS 9:00 a.m.	Bea Waite	Monks	Youth	<u><b>6 p.m.</b></u> Jan Clark-George	<u>10:30 a.m.</u> Connie Hall
10:30 a.m. SOUND	Bea Waite	Monks	Youth	<u>8 p.m</u> . Connie Hall <u>6 p.m.</u>	10:30 a.m.
TECH 9:00 a.m.	Mark McCullough	Brian Severns	Youth Youth	Brian Severns  8 p.m. Robert Edmonds	Mark McCullough
10:30 a.m.	Ken Boyle	Ken Boyle	routri	& Jeanette	
VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Vinya Gulla Gloria Galvez	Vinya Gulla Marilyn Barger	Sue Bradshaw Jean Williams		<i>10:30 a.m.</i> Marilyn Barger
10.50 a.m.	GIOTA GAIVEZ		Scall Williams		Daigei

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





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# See you in church!



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