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*We seek to shepherd all
To worship God
To follow Jesus Christ
And grow in faith
Through the Holy Spirit*

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Did you know? In 2005 TUMC contributed over \$28,000 to Mission and Social Ministries and we paid over \$15,000.00 to our Conference Connectional Benevolences.

Temecula United Methodist Church aids 32 Mission and Social Ministries with over 300 volunteers:

Africa University Fund
African Team Ministries
Battered Women's Outreach
Birth Choice
Black College Fund
Bread from Heaven Food Bank
California Charities Foundation
Craft Faire – supports local community outreach needs & TUMC ministries
David and Margaret Home
Eric Rosenweig Miranda, Seminary Student, who is graduating in June
from the Juan Wesley Seminary in Monterey, Mexico
Family Outreach
Grieving Outreach
Habitat for Humanity
Habitat for Humanity Annual Walk and Breakfast
Heifer International
Local Ethnic Minority
Ministerial Education Fund and Support
Missions Committee – supporting 3 missionaries
One Great Hour of Sharing
Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Peace with Justice
Pennies from Heaven – Ronald McDonald House
Prayer Chain
Sierra Service Project
Single Mothers United Fellowship (S.M.U.R.F.)
St. Joseph's Baptist Church, Louisiana (Katrina Relief)
T.E.A.M. Pantry
Temecula Health Clinic
The Monks of TUMC Men's Group
United Methodist Commission on Relief
Weekly Food Collection
Weekly Food Shopping for Food Pantry



Sunday Schedule
Worship 9:00 a.m.

Nursery Care
Sunday School - one class 3-11 yrs.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Nursery Care
Sunday School— separate classes 3-11 yrs

Jr. UMYF 5:00 p.m.—Sr. UMYF 7:00 p.m.

Combined Jr. & Sr. UMYF 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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LITURGIST WORKSHOP IN FEBRUARY

Make it a priority in the New Year to become more involved in our church and grow spiritually in new ways. Save the date of February 26th to come to a Liturgist Workshop after the second service. Pastor Randy and Lay Leader Bill Steele will be on hand to answer any questions and teach us how to serve God and our congregation in this way. This workshop is for everyone: all current liturgists and anyone wanting to find out exactly what a liturgist does. If you have any questions, contact Jan Martinez, Liturgist Coordinator .

If you want to have lots of people smile at you and shake your hand every Sunday morning, become a Greeter before services. All that's required is to make a commitment to come to church about 20 minutes early and greet others as they enter the house of God. Remember we can serve God and our fellow Christians in small ways as well as big ones. A tremendous blessing you will receive is meeting lots of new friends. Contact the Coordinator, Jan Martinez.

We extend our sympathy to the family of long-time member, **Fran Marks**, who died December 30, 2005. Fran was unable to attend church recently, but remained a presence here through her friendships. She is remembered for her many kindnesses to all who knew her.

Jean O'Hara, died January 21, 2006. She joined TUMC in 1996, and was an active member of the UM Women. Jean, also was unable to attend church recently, but is lovingly remembered by those who knew her. May she rest in peace.

Children and Communion in the United Methodist Church

At a recent meeting of the Christian Education Committee some questions came up that dealt with the participation of Children in Communion. Some members remarked that they had not been allowed to take communion as children until they were confirmed. Others indicated that their children had asked why they could not partake of communion.

These are good questions. A little research revealed the United Methodist Church's position on this issue. In a pamphlet entitled "United Methodists and Communion: Some Questions and Answers," published 2001, the Church answers this question.

Question: "May young children receive communion?"

Answer: "Certainly. As the United Methodist Church *Book of Worship* puts it, 'All who intend to lead a Christian life, together with their children, are invited to receive the bread and cup.' We remember that when some of Jesus' disciples tried to keep children away from him he said: 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. (Mark 10:14 NRSV).'"

Question: "But do young children know what they are doing when they receive communion?"

Answer: "Do they understand the full meaning of this holy sacrament? No, and neither do any of us. It is a wonderful mystery, and children can sense wonder and mystery. Children cannot understand the full significance of family meals, but we feed them at our family tables and at Christ's family table. Young children experience being loved by being fed. They sense the difference between being included and excluded at a family meal. They have the faith of a child, appropriate to their stage of development, which Jesus recognized and honored. Indeed, he said to adults: 'Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. (Mark 10:15 NRSV).'"

I hope these answers will help those in the congregation who wondered if their children could take Communion.

Rudy Martinez, Chair, Christian Education Committee

Bread from Heaven

Submitted by Kerry Keester-Wellman

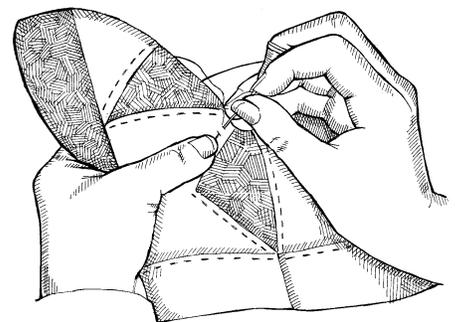
January 2006 celebrates our fourth year in operation. We are a strong pantry and growing. We have fourteen wonderful volunteers who work to ensure that our pantry stays opened. And there is you, our wonderful congregation. You provide us with the food that we give to those in need. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous contributions to this worthwhile ministry.

At Thanksgiving we put together special holiday food for 60 families. The response to the Thanksgiving food drive was overwhelming. For Christmas we provided food and gifts for 99 people. This was the first year that we did a gift drive and it was a huge success. What an amazing way to honor the birth of Christ! During 2005 we served over 2,100. In 2004 we served around 900 people.

What a great way to serve Christ. And in 2006 may we continue to show the love of Christ to all who walk through our doors.

TUMC QUILT PROJECT

If you would be interested in working on a quilt to be auctioned at the fundraising event being planned for next fall, please contact Thelma Loud or Diane Martinez. We can have fun working together on the quilt while helping to raise money for our church.



QUILTING GROUP

Craft Faire 2005 a Success! Planning 2006 Begins!

TUMC 8th annual Craft Faire was held Saturday October 15, 2005. Sixty-four vendors participated. Attendance was good, similar to that of 2004, but competing with many local events at this time of year. A waiting list for vendors was created due to the high demand for spaces. These vendors will receive letters of invitation early in the planning for the 2006 Faire.

After careful evaluation, it was decided to increase the booth fees for 2006. Inside space will be \$40, patio - \$35, and grass area - \$30. Many vendors tell us we have one of the best faires in the area. They like the facilities, the cost and courteous services extended to them.

Proceeds from the 2005 Craft Faire totaled \$3,352 which included UMW booths, food booths and vendors fees. UMW funds of \$1,206 go to their budget for distribution. Food booth proceeds of \$520 went to Children's Ministry and Adult Choir for music. The balance from vendor's fees was allocated as follows:

TUMC :

Pastor Randy's Discretionary Fund	\$ 150
Bread From Heaven Food Pantry	\$ 150
Office Supplies	\$ 25
General Church Budget	\$ 591
(transferred from Craft Fund in 2 increments)	

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS :

T.E.A.M. Food Pantry (Old Town)	\$ 200
Temecula Health Clinic - (serving uninsured and low income families)	\$ 150
California Charities Foundation (The foundation matches 60%)	\$ 300
Miscellaneous expenses	\$ 30

We thank the Trustees for allowing us to use church facilities once again. We believe the Craft Faire is a witness to the community. Thank you to the Finance Committee, Pastor Randy and Mary Kottman for their continuous support. We had a great group of volunteers and some students from local high schools who earned community service credit time.

The date for Craft Faire 2006 will be Saturday, October 14, 2006. Planning will begin Wednesday, March 8th, 10:00 a.m. in TUMC Room 6.

All those interested in being a part of Craft Faire 2006 are encouraged to attend.



**OUR CHILDREN
NEED YOU!**

**VOLUNTEER TO
TEACH SUNDAY
SCHOOL WITH
OUR DEDICATED
STAFF.**

*Bring your
baked goodies
to the church
on Saturday
afternoon from
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
or on Sunday
morning*



**UMW VALENTINE'S DAY
BAKE SALE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

It's not their job, when it comes to our children, its our job.

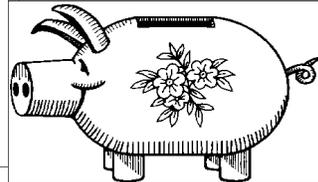
**Contact: Children's' Ministry
Phone: 676 1800 ext. 14.**

TUMC LEADERS

Know who your church leaders are. We enclose pages three and four of church leaders.. We included pages one and two in the January Messenger for your convenience. The Trustees have elected new officers: President: John Dubots, Vice President: Brian Severns, Secretary: Gary Gorman. Congratulations Gentlemen!

**UMW WORLD
THANK BANK**

January— \$1.00 for each resolution



Join the TUMC Players

Now is the time to join our Drama ministry. We are looking for people who want to have fun and enjoy theater. We invite all levels of talent and all ages.

Audition for our spring production is Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 AM.

Hope to see you there.

WORKING SMARTER FOR THE LORD

New Office Hours and Procedures

Greetings and blessings to one and all. As incoming chairman of Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) for 2006, I would like to bring you up to date on some changes the committee has recommended.

It has long been a dream of Pastor Randy and SPRC that he have more time to devote to pastoral care, quality and peaceful time for sermon preparation, new member home visits, etc. He and Pastor French before him have always had an open-door policy. But, if you have ever spent time in the church office, you understand the constant interruptions and other things that happen throughout the day, which make it next to impossible to complete tasks in a quiet and timely way for either Pastor Johnson or our administrative assistant Mary Kottman. Neither of them ever work just a 40 hour week. We are all spoiled by them as they always welcome walk-ins with courtesy and grace.

I want to take this opportunity to offer praise and thanks for our Pastor and his wife Shirley. While we may thank them individually, a public thank you is in order. Pastor Randy and Shirley have been our good and faithful servants through good times and bad. We are grateful that they stayed the course and kept us focused on our spiritual journey.

All pastors, and ours is no exception, have to wear many hats. Randy is not only our spiritual guide, teacher and counselor, he is actively involved in all church committees, education programs, mission and outreach programs. This can add 20 or more evening hours each week to his regularly scheduled office hours. He often works at his home office which has high speed internet service. We are currently getting this service at church.

Shirley has a job and also directs our Scrip Program. This requires many extra hours and has generated \$6,500 to \$8,000 annually for the past five years. They are both active in the Men's Group and UM Women as well.

As we all can see, Pastor Randy needs, and the size of our congregation warrants, an Assistant Pastor. However, with the budget constrictions we are faced with this year, there is no possibility of funding an Assistant Pastor position so we ask your help in implementing the following changes in office hours for Pastor Randy.

SPRC members have recommended that the office be closed at 4 p.m. daily. This would allow the staff uninterrupted time to complete necessary tasks and go home on time. Calls between 4 and 5 p.m. will be transferred to voicemail, but screened for any emergencies.

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Naming the Church Newsletter Together : mission statement, geography, people, building, Scripture, you name it. Let any of these inspire a name to retire our old one. Send or call in your best ideas to the Church Office by April 1 for a fresh label. Let's hear from you and we'll pass all the ideas around and make a collective decision by voting before June 1.

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PASTOR RANDY JOHNSON'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday	Office hours are 9 AM to 1 PM Afternoons out of office for pastoral calling, sermon preparation, home office, etc.
Tuesday	Office hours are 9 AM to 4 PM
Friday	Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	Sermon preparation, occasional weddings, needed pastoral care, meetings, family time.
Sunday	Worship - AM /rest, and family time - PM

Pastor Johnson wants all of us to be assured he will respond to all requests for any type of emergency care or counseling at any time. He is especially anxious to know when you are ill, hospitalized, having surgery, need a home visit or prayer. Please call the church office and let Mary know what your need is and, if the pastor is not available in the office, she will be able to contact him for you.

Our Administrative Assistant, Mary Kottman, phone number, 951-676-1800, x10, will be scheduling some of Pastor Randy's pastoral visits, so please give her a call. We are blessed to have folks who have volunteered their time to help Mary with the time consuming, everyday duties to help answer phones, simple typing, photocopying, running errands, etc.

On Mary's behalf, the SPRC Committee asks all church committee chairmen and members to help her by responding, ON TIME, if you have been asked for a report or information. We realize we are all volunteers, but when we are late Mary is working late or taking work home. So, if you can't get your promised or requested information to Mary on time, you probably won't get your report or article printed or finished on time. Mary is so efficient, cheerful and devoted that she makes her job look easy. We often say that it would take 2 or more people to replace her!

Pastor Randy is also looking for one or two volunteers to help with data analysis using Excel spreadsheets to create charts and reports for use by our church leaders and committees. Please give him a call, if you are willing to provide assistance.

On behalf of this committee, we want to thank you for your understanding and help in supporting Pastor Randy and Mary in fulfilling their jobs and continuing to serve our church community in a loving and caring manner. Blessings to all!

CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY

TEMECULA MASTER CHORALE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12—2 P.M.
 St. Catherine's Catholic Church
 41875 "C" Street, Temecula CA
 \$15 Gen./\$12 Seniors & Students

Dates to Remember

Next Month



- 2/26 10:30 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
10:30 a.m. "Mere Christianity" with Joe Hughes
5:00-8:00 p.m. UMYF
- 2/27 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open until noon
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
- 2/28 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy

- 2/1 6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 2/5 10:30 a.m. "Mere Christianity" with Joe Hughes
5:00-8:00 p.m. UMYF
- 2/6 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open until noon
- 2/7 10:30 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee
- 2/8 6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 2/9 10:30 a.m. UMW Circle
7:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Movie Night
- 2/11 10:00 a.m. TUMC Players audition
- 2/12 9:00 a.m. UMW Bake Sale
10:30 a.m. "Mere Christianity" with Joe Hughes
5:00-8:00 p.m. UMYF
- 2/13 Lincoln's Birthday Observed
9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open until noon
- 2/14 Happy Valentine's Day
9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
- 2/15 6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 2/16 11:30 a.m. UMW General Meeting and
Special Valentine lunch w/Joy Oh
- 2/19 10:30 a.m. "Mere Christianity" with Joe Hughes
5:00-8:00 p.m. UMYF
- 2/20 Presidents' Day Observed -Office closed
9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open until noon
- 2/21 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group
7:00 p.m. Staff Relations Committee
- 2/22 1:00 p.m. UM Women Executive Board
6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 2/23 10:30 a.m. UMW Circle
- 2/24 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study

February 2006						
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March Messenger
deadline is February 15.
Everyone is welcomed
to submit articles.
E-mail to tumc@temeculaumc.com

	<u>Feb. 5</u>	<u>Feb. 12</u>	<u>Feb. 19</u>	<u>Feb. 26</u>
USHERS 9:00	Jesse Martinez Lee Murray John Weaver Bill Steele	Pat Hill Sam Hill Ethel Takeguchi Milton Takeguchi	Youth	John Dubots Oscar Loud Thelma Loud Bret Argenbright
USHERS 10:30	Cliff Elder Richard Sharpe Kurt Snider Russ Stickel	Dan Gutierrez Pat O'Brien Bea Waite Hallie Sebanc	Youth	Janet Galbraith Ashley Lewis Dan Little Joyce Little
LITURGISTS 9:00	tba	Doris Elder	Youth	Craig Hansen
10:30	Joan Jessup	Cynthia Brewer	Youth	Sue Bradshaw
GREETERS 9:30 &	tba	Gera Thole	Youth	Ethel Takeguchi Milton Takeguchi
10:30	Pat O'Brien	Gera Thole	Youth	

If you cannot serve as assigned, please call John Cloutier for ushers and Jan Martinez for liturgists & greeters .

Nestor S. Bala

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