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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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TEMECULA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Fantastic Place to Worship!

During the month of January 2006, TUMC held a wonderful, spiritually based experience culminating on Consecration Sunday held January 29th. The focus of our experience has been to use our financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in our relationship with God by supporting our church's mission and ministry with a percentage of our income. I am very happy to report the results of our campaign and the outstanding response of our Congregation members and friends. The following results are as of February 19, 2006.

A total of 117 families (husbands and wives, single parent families and singles) worshipping at TUMC completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* for the calendar year 2006. As of February 19, these **117** families have committed a total of **\$216,620.00**. Of these estimators, 99 have increased their financial commitment above their 2005 giving. In 2005 they contributed \$163,573.00. These same families have increased their estimates to the Church for 2006 by **\$53,047.00** which represents a wonderful increase of **32.4** percent.

Based on last year's (2005) giving records, TUMC can expect to receive an additional **\$54,564.00** during the coming year from 69 families who have consistent giving patterns during the past twelve months, but have not made estimates as of February 19, 2006.

Based on the average total of loose plate offering during the past three years, TUMC can expect to receive an additional **\$8,900.00** in 2006. TUMC also receives income from several other sources such as interest, facilities rentals, holiday offerings and the sale of SCRIP for a total of approximately **\$50,000.00**. Adding all of these estimates together gives TUMC a grand total of **\$330,084.00** as anticipated income for the next twelve months (2006). The total amount (**\$330,084.00**) will now be used by the Finance Committee to pull together a 2006 budget for the Church.

The Consecration Sunday Committee knows of no other way to express our gratitude to all who support this Church except to say **Thank You and God Bless**

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**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
Combined Jr. & Sr. UMYF 6:00-8:00 p.m.*

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LENT—40 DAYS TO SPIRITUAL HEALTH

March 1, 2006, is Ash Wednesday. From that day until Easter we will be into the 40 days of Lent. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our Creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life. Lent is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us, and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ.



Christian Education - Ken McClellan will be facilitating a 7 week study of *Wild at Heart*, by John Eldredge; ISBN 0-7852-6883-9 (HC). We will be using the book to help us delve into what it means to be Men of God. We will meet from 7 - 7:55 p.m. starting Thursday March 2nd.

Confirmation Classes – Pastor Randy will discuss the Gifts of the Spirit, Worship and Word, The Body of Christ in Action, Our United Methodist Heritage, United Methodists Beliefs and Baptism. Classes will be offered for children ages 12 through 18. Please sign up in the breezeway today or call the church office at 676-1800x10 or Pastor Randy at 676-1800x11.

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2006

6:00 p.m.— 7:00 p.m.

Gather with Pastor Randy for informal prayer, soft music, candlelight and the Imposition of Ashes for those who wish to participate in the call to repentance and reconciliation.

Youth Ministry

March 31st - April 1st - Camping with TUMC at San Mateo State Beach. The church is going camping again and we have some spots for youth. Call if you are interested.

April 7th - Magic Mountain - Details to be announced. If you are interested in any of these events (youth and adults), please call Mark or Monica



UM Women

General Meeting will be Thursday, March 16, at 10 a.m. UM Women groups from Riverside County will join us for a Call to Prayer and Self Denial. A luncheon will follow the meeting. Please sign up in the breezeway.

Joy Circle - UM Women would like to start a new Circle in the evening for women who work. If you are interested, let us know by signing up in the breezeway.

Annual UM Women Tea and Fashion Show will be May 13th. We are forming a committee for food, fashion and silent auction. Please contact Jan Widner to participate

UMW sponsored Christmas Project - Start saving your shoe boxes for the Christmas Project. More information in items to be included will be forthcoming later.

WE NEED YOU!

TUMC's Bread from Heaven Food Pantry is running short on food. During the Sundays in Lent we will be asking each family to bring one item for the food pantry and drop off near the coffee pot on Sunday mornings!

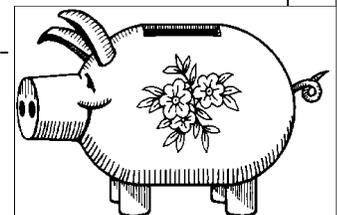
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| March 5 th | First Sunday in Lent | One can of meat (tuna, chicken, beef) and/or one can opener |
| March 12 th | Second Sunday in Lent | Paper Products |
| March 19 th | Third Sunday in Lent | Toiletries and cleaning products (bars of soap, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry detergent, shower/tub/sink cleaner.) |
| March 26 th | Fourth Sunday in Lent | Canned fruit, vegetables or pasta. |
| April 2 | Fifth Sunday in Lent | Peanutbutter and jelly and tortillas |
| April 9 | Sixth Sunday in Lent | Donate scrip for grocery stores or Long's |

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You to all who worship and attend Temecula United Methodist Church and for your wonderful commitment to our future. You are the reason we were able to succeed in our campaign!

Bill Steele, Chairman, Consecration Sunday and the entire Consecration Sunday Team - John Cloutier, Jan Martinez, Bill Waddleton, Ethel Takeguchi, Karen Benvenuto, Rudy and Diane Martinez, Doris Elder, Rev. Tom Rotthaur, Pastor Randy Johnson, and Ashley Lewis.

UM Women World Thank Banks for March - 5 cents for each pair of shoes, boots and sandals you have in your closet.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

CALLING ALL CAREGIVERS: WE NEED YOU

By Debra Normand, Stephen Ministry Leader

Our congregation's Stephen Ministry is currently recruiting for a class to be held over the late spring and summer months. Stephen Ministry is a highly acclaimed lay caregiver ministry. Stephen Ministry is unique. Unlike other lay ministries, each minister goes through 50 hours of specialized training. In that training, ministers learn the underlying principles of Christian caregiving, and specific techniques and strategies which are appropriate and helpful to lay ministers. Our Stephen Ministry is especially important as it gives our pastor a reliable well-trained lay support system. We are a caring congregation, and all of us have a role to play in the care of our congregation members whether we are Stephen ministers or not. However, Stephen Ministers are uniquely qualified to give quality care under appropriate supervision and support by the Stephen Leader and the pastor. Unlike other caregivers, the Stephen Minister is bound by the principle of strict confidentiality. Not even other Stephen ministers know who each other's care receivers are, or what is said in the privacy of the caregiver—care receiver relationship. It is the most rewarding ministry I have ever been involved in.

Basic Qualifications for Stephen Ministry training:

1. Believer in the teachings of Jesus Christ
2. Member of this congregation
3. Able to devote at least 2 ½ hours / week class time during training
4. Able to make a two year commitment
5. Able to see care receiver(s) once a week
6. Able to attend monthly supervisory meetings
7. Good listener who enjoys caring for others.

DO YOU HEAR THE CALL?

If you meet these basic qualifications and feel your gift lies in this caregiver ministry, or want more information give me a call , or pick up an application in the TUMC office.

Please continue to pray for all our Stephen Ministers and our care receivers.

Monks of TUMC

Debra Normand, TUMC's Stephen Ministry Leader, will be the guest speaker for the Monk's monthly breakfast on Saturday, March 11, 2006, at 8 a.m. at the Country Gardens Restaurant, 29000 Old Town Front St., Temecula.

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.*

NOTES OF THANKS

Your expression of kindness and love has helped to bring sunshine into our lives!

With sincere gratitude, we the St. Joseph Baptist Church Family "Thank you" for your most needed financial contribution of \$500.00 given to our church. We hold dear the medallion which we received as a symbol of the love, unity and peace which Christ gives to all who call upon His name. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers, that God will forever bless and keep you.

St. Joseph Baptism Church Family, Reverend Melvin C. Zeno, Pastor

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer of the General Board of Global Ministries sent an acknowledgment and words of gratitude for the \$500.00 his office received for our missionary support of Dr. Elma Jocson.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$300.00 to The Californian Charities Campaign. Because of you and other caring readers, we will be able to help agencies that benefit children and families, the hungry, the elderly and the homeless in our community. Your entire contribution, plus matching funds from the McCormick Tribune Foundation and The Californian will be put to work through the year. All administrative and fund-raising costs are paid by our newspaper and the foundation.

Total funds raised during this campaign and subsequent grants will be published in The Californian. Hunger programs will be funded in March. Programs benefiting children, youth and families will be funded in June. Literacy and mentoring programs will be funded in October.

On behalf of The Californian and the McCormick Tribune Foundation, I thank you for your generosity.
Claude Reinke, Publisher, The Californian

SCRIP 1, 2, 3

Submitted by Shirley Johnson

Starting this month, we will be taking special scrip pre-orders just like we did during the holidays on the first Sunday of each month. That way you can plan ahead and order the scrip you need for a home improvement project, a special family birthday or even your gasoline needs for the coming month. Whatever you might need to buy, we hope you will consider using scrip, which helps TUMC earn a rather generous rebate. Last year the scrip program earned about \$6,500!

Those of you who have signed up for the Albertsons Community Partners Program can check our list of participating members at the scrip table any Sunday to see if you have indeed been included in the program. If you do not see your name, then you can sign up again.

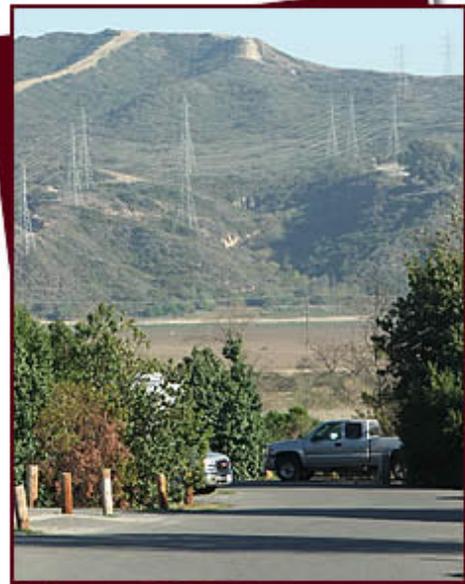
Starting in March, the person who buys the most scrip will receive a scrip wallet that can hold gift cards and gift certificates (paper). The scrip wallet is an easy way to hold all the scrip that you purchase. I wonder who the first winner will be!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATES IN THIS FUNDRAISER!

Second Semi-Annual Temecula UMC Family Camp

Join us again on March 31 - April 2 for the *Second Semi-Annual Temecula UMC Family Camp* at San Mateo Campground, part of San Onofre State Beach in sunny San Clemente. That's right - we had such a *good time* at our First Annual Family Camp back in September that we decided to make it a semi-annual event. So we've made reservations for a *Spring Break excursion to the beach! 1.5 miles from the shoreline*, and connected by a rustic trail to the beach, San Mateo campground offers another ideal location for a group getaway. Offering lush greenery and a large central open space between campsites, San Mateo campground is a little under 60 miles from Temecula and just south of San Clemente proper. That means that our camping challenged friends can either join us for the day by driving over from Temecula, or by enjoying some of the nearby lodgings in San Clemente. Be sure to set aside this weekend so you can be a part of the fun and sun as we experience 3 days and 2 nights of fellowship and worship invigorated by a gentle ocean breeze.

The famous McCullough chuck wagon will return, promising to serve up another awesome set of meals. This time we'll be having an outstanding breakfast, fresh cooked on the grill and featuring *French Toast* (Cinnamon and regular) bacon, sausage, OJ, and Coffee. Dinner will be served with a smile as we enjoy something called "*Frogmore Stew*" (I've been assured that it does not contain any type of real frog parts), Caesar Salad, French Bread and a dessert to be named later. The lunchtime chili cook-off was such a great success that we thought we'd try something similar, but just enough different to prevent boredom. We'll be on the coast - how 'bout a *seafood gumbo contest?* All right, then - it's settled!



We have reserved enough spaces - *11 sites each accommodating up to 8 people*, that we can host even more people than last time, so let's see if we can break our previous record. As before, we'll have a central location to congregate and visit, and we might even put together a *pick-up horseshoe tournament*. Beyond that, we're not planning a lot of organized activities. Everyone had such a *good time doing nothing* last time that it seems we ought to try it again. *Don't mess with success!*



SAVE THE DATES!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24 – July 28th

9 a.m. – Noon

This year's theme is FIESTA

Please sign up at your child's Sunday school classroom or in the breezeway.

Help plan VBS! Planning for Vacation Bible School 2006 is ready to begin. Please say "YES" to creating this fun-filled week and make some wonderful new friends in the process. We can definitely use your skills to make our July 24 – July 28th a memorable event. Call Stephanie Buscemi or Deb Severns at 676-1800x14 to leave a message.

Childrens Ministeries Needs Teachers

Yes, this means you!



Everyone's welcome.
Teach alone or with a partner.

Please join us for a
Teacher Orientation

Sunday, March 5th
11:40am • Room 1

View Teachers
9:00am & 10:30am

**ALL
teachers
welcome**



Our children need YOU to make a difference.

For more information call: Deb Severns



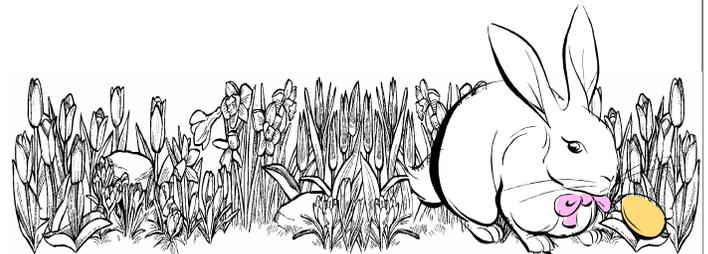
Dates to Remember

- 3/1 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 3/2 7:00 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class
- 3/4 9:00 a.m. Drama rehearsal
- 3/5 9:00 a.m. "Mere Christianity" with Joe Hughes
11:40 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Orientation
6:00-8:00 p.m. UMYF
- 3/6 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open until noon
6:30 p.m. Drama rehearsal
- 3/7 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee
- 3/8 10:00 a.m. Craft Faire meeting
6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 3/9 10:30 a.m. UMW Circle
7:00 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class
- 3/11 8:00 a.m. Monks of TUMC Breakfast
- 3/12 9:00 a.m. "Mere Christianity" with Joe Hughes
12:00 p.m. Monks of TUMC Board meeting
6:00-8:00 p.m. UMYF
- 3/13 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open until noon
- 3/14 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
- 3/15 6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 3/16 11:30 a.m. UMW General Meeting
- 3/18 9:00 a.m. Drama rehearsal
- 3/19 9:00 a.m. "Mere Christianity" with Joe Hughes
6:00-8:00 p.m. UMYF
- 3/20 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open until noon
6:30 p.m. Drama rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
- 3/21 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Club

- 3/22 6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 3/23 10:30 a.m. UMW Circle
7:00 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class
- 3/25 9:00 a.m. Drama rehearsal
- 3/26 9:00 a.m. "Mere Christianity" with J. Hughes
6:00-8:00 p.m. UMYF
- 3/27 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry open until noon
6:30 p.m. Drama rehearsal
- 3/28 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Randy
7:00 p.m. Staff Relations Committee
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 3/29 1:00 p.m. UMW Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. Carillon Ringers
7:00 p.m. Church Council
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 3/30 7:00 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class

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***Palm Sunday Children's
Easter Egg Hunt — April 9th
Details coming soon.***



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

	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Jesse Martinez John Cloutier John Weaver Bill Steele	Pat Hill Sam Hill Ethel Takeguchi Milton Takeguchi	Youth	John Dubots Oscar Loud Thelma Loud Bret Argenbright
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Cliff Elder Richard Sharpe Kurt Snider Dan Gutierrez	Gary Payne Pat O'Brien Bea Waite Hallie Sebanc	Youth	Janet Galbraith Shirley Johnson Dan Little Joyce Little
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m.	Sandy Dodson	Claire Chapman- Wright	Youth	Craig Stevanus
10:30 a.m.	Diane Martinez	Alan Anderson	Youth	Ray Steed
GREETERS 9:30 a.m.	Gary & Jan Kerr	Lloyd & Sue Bradshaw	Youth	Maxine Heiller
10:30 a.m.	Gary & Jan Kerr	Lloyd & Sue Bradshaw	Youth	Maxine Heiller

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