



The mission of
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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Women of Temecula United Methodist Church
Get ready to have a "great time, great food and great music."
The United Methodist Women Annual Spring Tea is coming!



united ^{by} God's
Rainbow

APRIL 28th, 2012
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Every woman of our church is welcome
to get involved & join in our mission.

Wednesday Family Night SOUP SUPPER

March 28th • 6:00-7:30 p.m. • Room 1

Bring a crockpot of soup to share. If you can't bring soup, bring rolls and butter! We will be filling the Easter homebound baskets. Join in the fellowship and create baskets for those that are not able to.

BASKETS FOR THE HOMEBOUND OF TUMC

Easter Baskets

- DONATE IN ONE OF TWO WAYS...
- DONATE A BASKET AND DELIVER IT**
Do not fill it, that will be done by generous donations from TUMC members.
SIGN-UP IN THE BREEZEWAY!
 - DONATE ITEMS TO FILL THE BASKETS**
Donate items such as candies, treats, socks, body sprays, shampoo, notepads, cards, books and any other small items.

CALL DEB SEVERNS WITH ANY QUESTIONS :

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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"His Voice" Concert

Saturday, March 10th at 7 p.m.

in Celebration Hall

Freewill offering



Temecula UMC will host an exciting concert featuring "HIS VOICE", a 24 member Christian Men's Chorus.

"Singing God's Love and Following His Voice." This self-supporting ministry sings under the direction of Mike Naiuai. They perform throughout Southern California to wild acclaim. Members come from various Seventh Day Adventist churches in Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego counties.

Their selections include gospel, spirituals, classical, favorite hymns, and contemporary music. Your feet will be tapping, your hands clapping, voices singing along, and we'll also have times of quiet reflection. CD recordings of their inspirational music will be available.

Be sure to save this date! Don't miss this wonderful music experience. Admission is free.

For more information, please contact

Donnie Weaver.

Attention All TUMC Builders!

Save the date: Sunday, April 15th

The Builders' Spring Potluck will be in Room 1 following the 10:30 a.m. worship. Contact Donnie Weaver or Sue Bradshaw



Stories & Poems of True Life Experiences

We're writing a book, and invite you to be part of it...

We all have been intrigued and captivated at some point by true stories of people's experiences. Stories motivate, inspire, provide hope, elicit tears, evoke laughter and even help us deal with anxieties and stress. True life stories help us to understand each other and often build close relationships. Stories transmit tacit knowledge, create opportunities for intergenerational sharing of life's joys and challenges, and provide anchors upon which we learn.

Jesus told stories, many stories, during his time. Now, we invite you to tell your story, not only stories about your faith, but stories about experiences in your life. We believe that sharing true stories about personal experiences will open windows on who we are, and help reinforce a thriving church family.

Help us learn more about life and faith...submit your stories and poems. *Your stories are like French desserts, rich and distinctive, to be slowly devoured and savored for all it offers* (Writers Connection).

A committee comprised of Sue Bradshaw, Raul Denisac, Rudy Martinez, Deb Potts, Gail Skennion, and Milton Takeguchi is leading this project, and is ready to accept your stories. Contact these people for advice and with questions. Our dream is to have a book of stories and poems published and ready for distribution this fall. A few simple writing guidelines are shown below:

- ◆ Titled stories and poems accepted; they should involve a personal experience
- ◆ Should be written in your voice, words and tone; name of author to be included – encouraged but optional
- ◆ 1-2 pages, single-spaced; Times New Roman font; 12 font size
- ◆ Inclusion of Scripture verse at end optional
- ◆ If story published previously, must include reference from which story copied
- ◆ If story involves a person(s) known to TUMC members, writer must obtain at least verbal approval (written approval preferred) of the person(s) to share the story
- ◆ This organizing committee reserves the right to edit stories for punctuation and/or spelling

Excerpt from a story

"Pastor Eron Ramos rested on a little bed tucked into one corner of the room with a dirt floor. Layers of blankets covered his frail body. He could not move by himself since he had a stroke – he was trapped in that dimly lit, windowless room. Yet, his face was bright and his eyes strong. A warm smile conveyed charity, and he never complained about his situation nor asked for anything.

"These men are here to bring greetings from their churches and to learn how they might be able to help you," Arturo explained. "And they wish to pray for you."

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes meets in Room 6. The current study is *The Life You Always Wanted* by Rev. John Ortberg.

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 Submitted by Mark McCullough

Wow! It is hard to believe that it is March, 2012. As I approach my 14th Anniversary as the Youth Director here at TUMC, I am amazed on how fast time flies - when you love what you do. And I do, or I should say we do, as I come as a team with my wife Monica.

We are pleased to add our daughter to our team, as Meghann consistently joins us on Sunday nights for a Young Adult perspective. The most amazing part to me is that our kids were six and three when we began this journey. They grew up in TUMC's Youth Group and we couldn't have asked for a more positive group of role models.

Now at 17 and 20, we are proud of who they have become. It has been because of the great group of kids with whom they were raised. We are proud of the fact that we are still in contact with many of the youth who have traveled through our program, many of them living out of the area. Many now have families of their own. Wow, that makes you feel old. The lifelong connection that we have built with these youth (no matter how old, they are still youth) and their families is something that we treasure.

On that note, we are getting ready to send our 15th team to SSP this summer. Trust me; nothing builds community like 10 days together! This will be my 14th year and Monica's 9th. Meghann is joining us as our third adult, making this her second year as an adult after 5 years as a camper! TUMC is sending 7 youth this year to Susanville, CA. We will be leaving the church on July 21st and returning on July 29th. As in years past, we will be staying at local churches the nights that we are on the road in each direction. This is not an inexpensive trip (about \$450/person), but one that is priceless in the memories that these young people come home with. Just remember this when we hit our stride in the next few months fundraising for SSP.

Great things have been happening on Sunday nights. Youth are bringing their friends! We have an open door policy at YG, anyone is welcome. Parents are welcome to come and hang out, rumor is that the pastor came and hung out with us and plays a mean game of Pictionary. There is an air of excitement around on Sunday nights as we grow in our faith and our community.

Monday – March 26th

6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer meets the fourth Monday of each month in Celebration Hall. Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. Contact Pastor Randy Johnson, Deb Potts or Linda Sykes.

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UM WOMEN CORNER

Submitted by Gloria Galvez

The UM Women General Meeting will be Thursday, March 15th, at 10 a.m. in the Hillside Room. Our Guest Speaker will be Mr. Gary Shelly from Hospice of the Valley followed by lunch, fun and fellowship. All women of the church are encouraged and welcome to attend this once-a-month meeting to learn more about our missions locally. Ladies, come and join us.

To Temecula UMC's Congregation,

Pam and I are still feeling your great spirit and it is a wonderful feeling to have been a part of your church family this weekend. I want to thank Sue Bradshaw who had a vision of what an evangelism weekend could do for her church.. She shared it with her pastor, Randy, with her committee and then, with you, her church family. It only took a spark to get the fire going and for you all to catch the spirit ~ you caught it joyfully!

I can still see your smiles and hear your laughter. I feel your words of appreciation and affirmation and oh, how I feel the joy of your voices singing with great gusto. I was amazed at how so many hands took part in the activities of your church and prepared the banquet hall. Thank you to those who cooked for us in grand style, to the old and young who worked the sound booth, to the Monks for their moving muscles, to the Nelsons for their family gift of music Saturday night and to the impromptu singers and dancers, as well, Thank you to the choir who touched us in song on Sunday morning, to the children who call us to be our best, and to your caring pastor who stood in the back of Celebration Hall and looked around to see that all was well and prepared for his people to worship.

Pam loved her time with your little ones. She said she could feel the love and nurture of their Sunday School teachers, as well as their parents and families. They were precious and participated with a genuine sweetness in their time with her.

Thank you for letting me move you out of your comfortable chairs with a little dancing, playing and fun singing on Saturday night. Wasn't it fun?! Then you listened intently to the Good News of Jesus. On that night you heard me say and sing... "It's in the turning that we find the hope to live for..." On Sunday you heard me as God's messenger, 'calling you again' to be the Church like never before. Temecula UMC, you have people all around you who need your warmth and Christ's hope and purpose for their lives. Take this to the streets of Temecula so they can Catch the Spirit, too.

God bless you all in your calling.
Agape,
Rev. Kimball Coburn

If you would like to be on Kimball's quarterly mailing list please call, write or e-mail with your address:
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We gathered tightly around the bed, and recited a prayer. Moved by our visit, Eron said, "Now, I wish to pray for you and your work."

He delivered a powerful prayer that asked God for guidance on our project, for energy to fuel our work, and for safety in our travels. His prayer affected each of us, and tears were spilled.

At that moment, I realized Eron Ramos was not just a retired pastor wasting away in a tiny room in Mexico, waiting for his time to return home. He was more..."

MONKS

Men Of Nurturing Knightly Spirit

This is a busy time for the MONKS. We just had our annual Valentine's Breakfast. We had a wonderful talk by Ed Healey who is with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which is the organization that manages the food pantry where we donate our proceeds from our annual Birdies for Bread Golf Tournament. The breakfast was delicious. Thank you to all involved especially Barry Adams.

In February we also provided a meal to the local homeless at Project TOUCH. With the help of Adam Hathorn, Chris Riche made his family recipe of Jambalaya for about 60 people. Several of us went to Project TOUCH to serve the dinner.

At our Men's bible study we have just finished a study by John Ortberg titled "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat". Starting March 1st we will begin a Lenten study. This study is by Adam Hamilton and is titled "Final Words from the Cross".

On Saturday March 3rd we will have our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. The proceeds this year will go to three different places. We will be donating to help Rev. Bau Dang distribute the Vietnamese Bible which he translated himself from the original Greek and Hebrew, we will be donating to help pay off the principal of our church's mortgage, and we be donating to keep the Prayer and Meditation Garden as beautiful as it is now.

On Saturday March 10th at our breakfast meeting, TUMC will be recognized by our State Senator, Joel Anderson, for the community service we do. This is a special honor for the whole church.

We are actively planning for more events too, including the Birdies for Bread Golf Tournament. Steve Minder and others have already begun planning for the tournament in the fall. We are also looking into having a men's retreat this year. We may try to get the men's group of the Murieta UMC to join us.

Someone asked me the other day, "What do you have to do to be a MONK?" The answer is simpler than you might think. If you come to our monthly breakfast and participate with us then you ARE a MONK.

Yours in Christ,
John Cloutier
President
MONKS of TUMC

Christian Education *continued from p. 4*

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study meets in Room 1. *Seeing Gray In A World of Black & White* by Adam Hamilton is the present study. All women are invited to join us. Please contact Karen Benvenuto.

6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting March 6th at Mama Colletti's, 39252 Winchester Road in Murrieta.

7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group meets March 6th at 7 p.m. at the home of Beth Thomas to discuss *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

Wednesday

10 a.m. Pastor's Scripture Study meets in the Music Room.

12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch meets the first Wednesday of each month at a different restaurant. Meet March 7th at the Olive Garden in Temecula.

6:00 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion Group with Pastor Randy meets in Room 1. Even if you are involved in other small group studies, Pastor Randy strongly encourages you to come out on Wednesday nights for *The New Testament* - a DVD-based study featuring a complete study of the entire New Testament. The DVD presenter, Professor Bart Ehrman, is the Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and author of the New York Times bestseller, *Misquoting Jesus*.

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal in the Music Room. Contact Rob Hodo.

Thursday

10 a.m. Yoga with Deb Potts meets the first, second and fourth Thursday of each month in Celebration Hall. The next class will be March 8th. Contact Deb at yogaforlife06@verizon.net

7 p.m. Men's Bible Study meets in the Youth Room. March 8th begins a Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton titled *Final Words from the Cross*. Join this group of men for an evening of study, sharing and support; laughter and fellowship are always on the menu!

Saturday—March 10th

8 a.m. MONKS Monthly Breakfast meets in Room 1. Guest speaker will be the District Director for State Senator Joel Anderson who will recognize our church for our service to the community.



Think about this: if music is so beneficial for the human spirit, shouldn't those of us who are musically talented use our voice or musical instrument to aid others in worshipping God? This is a challenge to you who have been given the gift of a good voice or play a musical instrument to join the music program of the church.

Perhaps you were a member in the past. Join us for the spring season as we prepare for Easter. Please contact Rob Hodo or call the church office at 676-1800, x3.

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- 3/1 10:00 a.m. Yoga w/Deb Potts
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 3/3 5:00—8:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- 3/4 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship
5:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF
6:00 p.m. Sr. UMYF
- 3/5 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
- 3/6 9:30 a.m. Tues. Ladies' Bible Study
6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group
- 3/7 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
12:00 P.M. Out to Lunch Bunch
6:00 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 3/8 10:00 a.m. Yoga w/Deb Potts
1:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 3/10 8:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting
7:00 p.m. "His Voice" Concert
- 3/11 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
11:45 a.m. Stephen Ministers meet
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship
5:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF
6:00 p.m. Sr. UMYF
- 3/13 9:30 a.m. Tues. Ladies' Bible Study
- 3/14 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
6:00 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 3/15 10:00 a.m. UMW General Meeting
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 3/18 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship
5:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF
6:00 p.m. Sr. UMYF

- 3/19 6:30 p.m. Church Council
- 3/20 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
- 3/21 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
1:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee
6:00 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 3/22 10:00 a.m. Yoga Class w/Deb Potts
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 3/24 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministers Safety Seminar
- 3/25 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship
5:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF
6:00 p.m. Sr. UMYF
- 3/26 6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer
- 3/27 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
- 3/28 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 3/29 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
- 3/30 Triple TTT's Church Campout at Lake Skinner. Contact Bill Steele for details.

COME CELEBRATE THE GLORY OF EASTER BY CREATING A LIVING CROSS!

Easter Sunday the empty cross will COME ALIVE as the congregation places cut flowers on the wire covered cross at the front of the church!

Easter Sunday, remember to bring a cut flower to place on the cross either as you come into church or as we exchange our greetings. As flowers are placed, the empty cross begins to bloom with color and come to life, symbolizing the New Life Christ offered to us.

Debi Johnson, Worship Chairperson



CELEBRATE

Easter
WITH US!

7:30 a.m.
Celebration
Courtyard

9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
Celebration Hall

	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u>	
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Jesse Martinez Milton Takeguchi Ethel Takeguchi	Monks	Youth	Oscar Loud Thelma Loud Sam Hill Pat Hill	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Janet Galbraith John Cloutier Dan Gutierrez Boni Gulla	Monks	Youth	Dick Mohammed Cliff Elder Raul Denisac Bea Waite.	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m.	Steve Minder	Monks	Youth	Steve Minder	
10:30 a.m.	Doris Elder	Monks	Youth	Claire Chapmen- Wright	
GREETERS 9:00 a.m.	Lois Gruber	Monks	Youth	Sam & Pat Hill	
10:30 a.m.	Frances Cortese	Monks	Youth	Joan Jessup	
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m.	Mark McCullough	Brian Severns	Youth	Robert Edmonds & Jeanette	
10:30 a.m.	Ken Boyle	Ken Boyle	Youth	Ken Boyle	
VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m.	Pauline Fields	Vinya Gulla	Sue Bradshaw	Marilyn Barger	
10:30 a.m.	Dorothy Smith	Gloria Galvez	Jean Williams	Vinya Gulla	

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

It's Time to order Easter Flowers!

\$10 for each hydrangea or Lily. PRINT on a piece of paper the type of plant and note "in honor of... Or in memory of..." for each plant ordered. Enclose a check made payable to TUMC for the total number of plants ordered and mail to Jan Martinez/ c/ o Temecula United Methodist Church, 42690 Margarita Road, Temecula, CA 92592 or SIGN UP IN THE BREEZEWAY. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 25th.





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