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And grow in faith
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Church Photo Directory

New! Pictorial Directory in the Works

Our church is going to publish a new pictorial directory through Olan Mills. Photo sessions are November 22 and 23 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Kindly reserve your photography appointment time at the directory table in the breezeway after each worship service. Each family/household that comes for photography and portrait viewing at the church will receive a complimentary directory and an 8" x 10" color portrait. You will be able to view and select your portraits electronically from a variety of poses. Additional Olan Mills portraits will be available for purchase. Your entire appointment will normally take less than one hour. See Tim Griffin with questions.

ALL CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE—Saturday, Dec. 4th

All Church Charge Conference – This year the district is combining congregations in the same geographical area. Murrieta United Methodist will host the Charge Conference.

Churches: Lake Elsinore
Murrieta
Temecula
Sun City

11:40 a.m. Combined Worship Service. The service will consist of an opening prayer and a hymn. Rev. Bau Dang will give the devotion and each church will make a five minutes presentation on a ministry or special event from last year. The Murrieta Pastor will open the service and choose music. However, all pastors will help plan the service.

12:45 p.m. Refreshments (potluck or snacks) churches will work together to plan this.

1:00 p.m. Separate for charge conferences

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Sunday Schedule
During 9:00 a.m. Worship
Children go directly to
Sunday School Classes
EVERY SUNDAY

Toddlers to Preschool—Childcare (Ages 2-4)

Younger Elementary Class (Ages 5-9)

Older Elementary Class (Ages 10 & 11)

During 10:30 a.m. Worship

Children go into Worship with Parents, then to class after Children's sermon.

Family Lounge for Parents, Infants—Age 3

Toddlers to Preschool—Childcare (Ages 2-4)

Elementary Class (Ages 5-11)

Sunday School grades 6th—12th

Youth go to Class at 10:30 a.m.

(2nd & 4th Sundays only)

Sunday Evening UMYF

Middle High 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Senior High 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

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I DISAGREE!

With those words marriages break up, friendships dissolve, phones stop ringing, church members leave, denominations split, and political parties "duke it out" in the media. I say, "It doesn't have to be that way!"

Yet, the problem is ancient and Jesus encountered the issue over and over with the religious elite of his time. The self-righteous Pharisee who prayed, "I am so thankful I am not like that tax collector over there in the Temple" is a perfect illustration. (Luke 18: 9-14)

The reality is that every day each of us must make decisions, take stances, sort out truth from falsehood, and adopt attitudes and values. The decisions we make have consequences and some of them are life-altering! Some decisions are almost on auto-pilot because of personal history, pattern, and teachings we have internalized. Other decisions are painful and difficult and we do the best we can given what we know and understand.

At a time in America that feels increasingly polarized, I offer John Wesley's model on how to be a church. Wesley was clear that Christians should agree on the essential care of Christian teaching and beliefs, but should leave the secondary ideas, interpretations and doctrines for discussion and discernment. Wesley taught that Christians should gather together and share and discuss in a mutually-supportive atmosphere. When that is done, the Holy Spirit is present and good understandings will strengthen and others will dwindle and weaken.

In the UMC NO ONE speaks for the whole denomination except the General Conference and they only meet every four years for two weeks! You can read the outcome of their discernment in *The Book of Resolutions* (we have copies in the office). So, when you hear in the news that the United Methodist Church says this or that, supports this or that, it's just not so! More correctly you should hear "this group" "this agency" or "this task force" supported this or that as representatives in the UMC.

Those groups are just elected lay and clergy volunteers who have agreed to serve in some capacity. Take it from me that as soon as any agency within the UMC takes a stand on anything, it does NOT imply consensus and there will be plenty of differing opinions. The key is continue to listen!

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Some find this “representative” and “democratic” process too open and many prefer stronger statements of doctrine and clear standards on issues. I for one like Wesley’s discernment model because I have found too many times in my own life that my strongly held stances were wrong! In other words, the Holy Spirit spoke to me and I listened. I hope we all continue to listen to the Spirit in this election time and always, because it is the pathway of love, truth, and compassion.

Blessings, Pastor Randy



Thanksgiving Baskets

Over 100 families are being served weekly at St. Catherine’s Catholic Church Food Pantry. TUMC and St. Catherine’s cooperate together in this ministry. Donations are being accepted for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Bring your groceries to church on Sunday mornings and place in the containers provided in the back of the church.

Don’t have time to shop? You may purchase grocery scrip from TUMC that will be used to purchase items needed to complete the thanksgiving bag of food given to those in need.

St. Catherine’s parishioners “adopt” the food pantry families for Christmas and we are welcome to participate with them. If you would like to “adopt” a family, please talk to Diane Martinez, The average family size is 4-5 family members. Questions? Please see Diane Martinez .

SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Please join us in welcoming Vicki Cloutier as our new Sunday School Coordinator. Vicki will be in charge of coordinating our children’s Sunday School program and providing leadership and supervision of volunteers involved in this ministry.

Men’s Retreat 2010

“Serving God”

Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center
39300 De Portola Road, Temecula
\$40

Discover your *Spiritual Gifts* during a day of reflection, fellowship and singing. *Spiritual Gifts* discussion will be led by Deb Potts, joyful singing will be accompanied by Boni Gulla on guitar, and personal stories of how men are presently serving the Lord will be shared...and, we will have time to reflect on how we can use our gifts to serve and honor God and church.

Sign up today in breezeway

Contact: Milton Takeguchi
Checks payable to TUMC Monks

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes meets in Room 6.
 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study meets in the Youth Room.
 2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship

Youth Group

As we move into fall, we begin to plan for SSP 2011. Our first planning meeting will be November 7th at 7p.m. (during Sr. High). It is mandatory that all youth that would like to participate and their parent(s) attend this meeting. We will be going over costs, requirements, dates and locations. This trip will be planned for Summer 2011, so please have your calendar. Eligible youth are 8th through 12th grade and active members of our youth group.

November 7th - Regular Jr. High at 5 p.m. Game at 6 p.m., SSP Meeting at 7 p.m.
 November 14th - Regular Youth Group
 November 21st - No Youth Group
 November 28th - Regular Youth Group

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study meets in the Hillside Room. All women are invited to join us. Contact Karen Benvenuto.

6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting November 9th off campus. Contact Toby Hammett

7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group meets November 2nd at the home of Jan Martinez to discuss *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay.

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch – Meet Wednesday, November 3rd at Panera Restaurant on Overland Drive (across from Costco) in Temecula.

10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor meets in the Music Room.

Wednesday Family Night

MONKS will cook November 10th.

6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Adult Study and Discussion Series with Pastor Randy meets in Room 1.

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal in the Music Room. Contact Earl Fields.

Thursday

10 a.m. Yoga for Life in Celebration Hall - Fit, Fun and Fabulous. Yoga class incorporates a variety of stretching, endurance and strengthening moves. Deb is a great motivator. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. Yoga class November 4th only due to Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day. Contact Deb at yogaforlife06@verizon.net

7:00 p.m. Men's Spiritual Study in the youth room at TUMC. Contact Milton Takeguchi.

Saturday

Men's Retreat at Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center. See page three.

FALL TEMPS HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED!



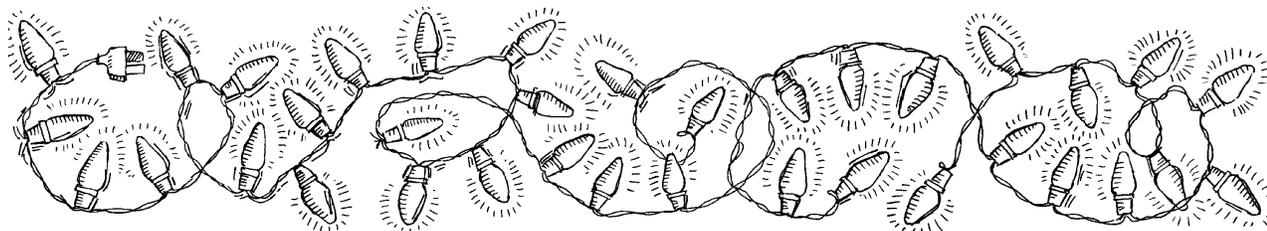
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SPONSOR TWO BAKE SALES!

Sunday, November 21st after both services
Sunday, December 19th after both services

Mark your calendars!

Proceeds will go to the general budget! So start baking those favorite recipes you enjoy to share with others and help the church at the same time. For those of you who do not like to bake this is the perfect opportunity to pick up homemade cookies, candy, pies, cinnamon rolls and breads to give at Christmas.

November 18th— General UMW Meeting and luncheon starting at 10 a.m. UMW Board Meeting will follow the luncheon.



DECORATE WITH FLAIR!

Saturday, November 27th at 9 a.m.

Join us for the hanging of the greens. Bring the family! Everyone is welcome to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas Season. It is a great time to get into the spirit of Christmas. Bring a Christmas CD to share and something to eat. Donuts and coffee anyone? We need a few good men to help bring the decorations down from the attic.

If anyone has extra small greenery or poinsettias to share, we could use those for the window areas. These may be brought on November 27th or dropped at the church office the week before. Let's all help to make our sanctuary beautiful.

Christmas Poinsettia orders for the altar will begin Sunday, November 28th. There will be a signup sheet in the breezeway and inserts in the Sunday bulletin. Cost is the same this year— \$8.50 each for one 6 inch potted poinsettia in honor or in loving memory of that special person.



A WAY TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Mother Teresa was asked once by an interviewer: “When you pray, what do you say to God? She said, “I don’t talk, I listen.” The interviewer then asked: “What does God say to you?” Mother Teresa replied, “He doesn’t talk. He listens.”

This quotation captures the essence of Centering Prayer (Christian Meditation or Contemplative Prayer). It is a mutual resting in awareness, pure relationship with God. It is an experiential method for enhancing your spirituality.

Join us on January 17th for Centering Prayer at TUMC introduced by Pastor Randy, Deb Potts, and Linda Sykes. Initially, we will meet the 3rd Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Celebration Hall. Please consider enhancing your relationship with God through the gift of Centering Prayer. We will begin with a brief orientation prior to experiencing Centering Prayer. In the words of Cynthia Bourgeault, “learning the discipline of Centering Prayer, I’d like to think that we do so in service of the gospel, to increase our capacity to become followers of Christ!”

The method of Centering Prayer was re-introduced to the Christian community by Father Thomas Keating in the early 1970’s, and it is slowly but surely making resurgence. We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words. But this is only one expression. In the Christian tradition Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. Through grace we open our awareness to God whom we know by faith is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing—closer than consciousness itself.

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our faculties to receive this gift. It is an attempt to present the teaching of earlier times in an updated form. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; rather it casts a new light and depth of meaning on them. It is at the same time a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. This method of prayer is a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him.

The source of Centering Prayer, as in all methods leading to Contemplative Prayer, is the indwelling Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The focus of Centering Prayer is the deepening of our relationship with the living Christ. It tends to build communities of faith and bond the members together in mutual friendship and love. Gregory the Great (6th century) in summarizing the Christian contemplative tradition expressed it as “resting in God.” This was the classical meaning of Contemplative Prayer in the Christian tradition for the first sixteen centuries.

Scripturally it is based on the wisdom saying of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: “...But when you pray; go to your room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father; who sees in secret, will reward you”. Matthew: 6:6. It is furthered supported in Psalms 46:10—“Be still and know that I am God.” The charter of contemplative prayer is Ephesians 3:16-19: “I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to

A Way To Deepen Our Relationship With God continued

grasp how wide and long and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled with the very nature of God.”

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Randy, Deb Potts, or Linda Sykes.

In His Name, Deb Potts

Stephen Ministry Report

On Saturday, October 16 Pastor Randy accompanied 7 Stephen Ministers to Loma Linda Veterans Hospital, long term care wing. We were greeted and welcomed by the Activity Director, who then accompanied us as we went room to room.

As we visited each room we passed out toiletries, books and magazines. We want to thank all of you who donated these items for this new outreach ministry.

All the veterans greeted us warmly, shared stories and answered questions about their service, families, etc. I think it safe to say that all of us from TUMC left with a warm and full heart. The facility was immaculate, the ratio of staff to patients was good, and the men were bathed and dressed. Not what we had been led to believe.

Some of the men have been here 2 years, some were about to be discharged, some will never leave and some just arrived. But all were gracious and interesting to talk to. When being thanked for their service and sacrifice to our nation, they were humble, almost shy. These are some of the men whose sacrifice has provided the freedom for all Americans, to worship, work and live where they please. It was an honor for all of us to meet them. All TUMC worshipers are welcome to join us.

None of the veterans is able to leave the facility for outside shopping. Some of the items they would like are hats, dental floss, mouthwash, lotion, toothpaste; eye drops (regular and contact lens) shaving cream, aftershave, etc. Candy, crackerjacks, cookies, are real treats for them. They would also like magazines on cars, boats and airplanes.

For our November 6th visit, we would like to give 10 Christmas cards with stamped envelopes to each veteran. The wing has 60 beds. Just put them in a plastic sandwich bag, this makes them easier to pass out.

For our December 12th visit, we would like to bring a lap robe and a t-shirt for 60 vets. Please just tie a bright Christmas ribbon around your gift. Lap robes are available at Wal-Mart at nominal cost. T-shirts sizes from medium to xxxlarge.

Please place all your gifts in the Stephen Ministers for Veterans box in the breezeway. Thank you for your continued support of our Stephen Ministers. They are busy serving our congregation in many ways, and have helped many of our brothers and sisters through some tough times. Please keep all of us in your prayers. If you have any questions call me at 951-302-1028 or contact Pastor Randy.

Yours in Christ, Joyce Little, Stephen Leader

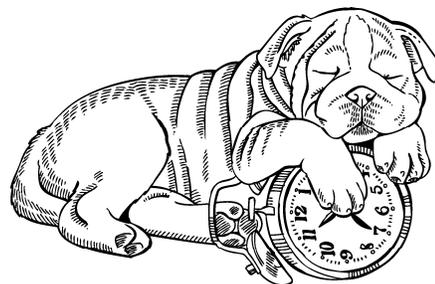


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Dates to Remember

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| <p>11/1 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting</p> <p>11/2 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Spiritual Study
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group</p> <p>11/3 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
6:15 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal</p> <p>11/4 10:00 a.m. Yoga Class w/Deb Potts
7:00 p.m. Men's Spiritual Study</p> <p>11/7 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time ends
Don't forget to turn your clock back 1 hr.
9:00 a.m. Adult Class w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship
5:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF
6:00 p.m. UMYF Games
7:00 p.m. SSP Meeting w/parents</p> <p>11/9 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Spiritual Study
6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting</p> <p>11/10 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
5:30 p.m. MONKS serve hamburgers
6:15 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion w/Pastor
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal</p> <p>11/11 Veteran's Day—Church Offices closed
7:00 p.m. Men's Spiritual Study</p> <p>11/13 9:00 a.m. Men's Retreat</p> <p>11/14 9:00 a.m. Adult Class w/Joe Hughes
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</p> <p>11/16 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study</p> | <p>11/17 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
6:15 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion
7:15 p.m. Staff Parish Relations
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal</p> <p>11/18 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting/Luncheon
followed by UMW Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Men's Spiritual Study</p> <p>11/21 Bake Sale after both services
9:00 a.m. Adult Class w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship</p> <p>11/22 9:00 a.m. Olan Mills Portraits all day</p> <p>11/23 9:00 a.m. Olan Mills Portraits all day
9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Church Council</p> <p>11/24 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor
6:15 p.m. Adult Study & Discussion
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal</p> <p>11/25 Happy Thanksgiving—Church Office closed</p> <p>11/26 Church Offices closed</p> <p>11/27 9:00 a.m. Bring the family & decorate the
sanctuary for Christmas</p> <p>11/28 First Sunday in Advent
9:00 a.m. Adult Class w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class
11:45 a.m. Stephen Ministry meets
2:00 p.m. Korean Language Worship
5:00 p.m. Jr. UMYF
6:00 p.m. Sr. UMYF</p> <p>11/30 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study</p> |
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Daylight-Saving Time Ends

HONOR OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day, which is November 11th each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

	<u>Nov. 7</u>	<u>Nov. 14</u>	<u>Nov. 21</u>	<u>Nov. 28</u>	
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Robert Edmonds Jessie Martinez Milton Takeguchi Ethel Takeguchi	Monks	Youth	Sam Hill Pat Hill Oscar Loud Thelma Loud	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Janet Galbraith John Cloutier Dan Gutierrez Boni Gulla	Monks	Youth	Dan Little Joyce Little Pat O'Brien Dick Mohammed	
LITUR- GISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Karen Benvenuto Mac McIntosh	Monks Monks	Youth Youth	Steve Minder Diane Martinez	
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pat Hill Bea Waite	Monks Monks	Youth Youth	Lois Gruber Frances Cortese	
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Vicki Cloutier	Brian Severns Ken Boyle	Youth Youth	Mark McCullough Frank Benson	

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



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