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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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TUMC Presents

Rev. Gwen Ehrenborg as Susanna Wesley Mother of Methodism

Consecration Sunday

Sunday, November 11th 10:30 – 11:45 A.M. One Worship Service Only

A free four-course catered lunch will be served to all who attend to celebrate John Wesley's legacy for United Methodists. Children are invited to attend as Rev. Gwen Ehrenborg, in period costume and English accent, re-tells the story of John and Charles Wesley from the perspective of Susanna, their mother.

Years from now, this day will be remembered as a very special day for TUMC!

Don't Miss It!



Sunday Schedule Worship 9:00 a.m.

Nursery Care Traditional Sunday School Ages 3–11

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Nursery Care & modified pre-school ages 0-5 Enrichment Church—Ages 6-11 Combined Jr. & Sr. UMYF 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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LED TO LEAD

A colleague in ministry recently wrote of startling new research that suggests that many people, especially younger folks, prefer small group discussions and "hanging out" together as more meaningful than Sunday morning worship! That's a real "shocker" for me since pastors and churches routinely make Sunday mornings a focus for ministry.

Jesus repeatedly said, "Those who have ears, let them hear!" In that spirit, the Church Council has endorsed my vision that we need to enlarge our small group ministry within the church. Our new Wednesday "Family Night" (6 pm-8:45 pm) is the perfect time and place for a variety of new small groups, but that's where you come in.

Recently, everyone in worship was invited to fill out "Your Spiritual Gifts Inventory." I hope you take the time to use this tool to rediscover your spiritual gifts. The key to any successful small group is to have a key leader that feels some "calling" or interest or "passion" to share something with others. Are you that person?

Small groups could be either a short-term series or a long-term weekly gathering. A book discussion is possible, a craft or hobby could be shared. Parent classes and even homework help could be offered. The key is to focus on what YOU have to share. The only limit is our imagination!

Are you "led to lead?" I hope so.

Email me at <u>randy@temeculaumc.com</u> or phone John Cloutier and let's talk!

Footnote: The many cards and remembrances given to me as part of "Pastors Appreciation Sunday" were really quite touching. I will save them all in my memory box. Thanks so much for sharing your kind words of support. They are "treasures" I will keep.

Pastor Randy



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, October 24, 2007, TUMC warmly welcomed seven new members and they share their stories with us in this issue of the Messenger. Please take time to introduce yourself to each of them.

Barry Adams – I was born and raised Lutheran in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. In 1974 we moved our family to San Diego, California. I have been in the retail automobile industry since 1961 and retired in 2004. My wife passed away this year. We were married 46 years and we have two children, four grandchildren, one great grandchild and one on the way. I have attended TUMC since 1974 when we moved to Temecula but never joined until now —"slow starter". I am looking forward to being part of this place of worship and fellowship.

Ace and Mateki Aumoeualogo - My husband and I recently moved here to Murrieta about a year ago from L.A. with our eldest son, Lolomana'ia. We then had our second son, Mafua, in the local area, in the month of March. It's been a very enticing experience and we're looking forward to the adjustment. We are currently full time students of Mt. San Jacinto College with plans of pursuing our careers in the nursing and networking field. We are more than grateful to have found TUMC and to meet the great members of it as well. May God bless everyone.

Catherine Garcia – I moved to Temecula from Northern California where we attended a community church. I have been married 37 years (this October) to Paul Garcia, who traveled the world in service to our country (Navy) for 23 of those years. We had lots of experience with Methodist worship practices from the military chapels we attended. We have two children who also as a part of military life have lived all over the country – Christina Gonzales (a member of TUMC) and Jason Garcia who lives in Northern California. We are raising our grandson Jayden (Jason's son) who is profoundly disabled but so very loving. Our household also includes my 88 year old mother, Merrian. I like to use my creative talents as a decorative artist when time permits. I am enjoying TUMC immensely, particularly Tuesday a.m. Bible Study as I already feel I have lots of friends. TUMC is a blessed place and I am blessed to be here.

David & Patricia Greenbaum – Dave and I moved to Anza from Yorba Linda one and a half years ago. We just recently moved into our new house. We were previously members of Yorba Linda United Methodist Church, under Pastor Todd Ehrenborg (most of you know his wife, the Rev. Gwen Ehrenborg) We have four lovely children: Eileen, age 17, Theresa, age 9, Nicholas age 7, and Anthony, age 2. Dave is a retired computer programmer and we are currently running an Alpaca Ranch.

Vinya Gulla – Born in the Philippines and a former member of the Ellinwood Molate Church – a United Church of Christ in the Philippines. I am a retired civilian employee of the Naval Management and Fiscal Office at Headquarters Philippine Navy, Roxos Boulevard, Manila Philippines. I retired last June only. I was abandoned by my first husband for 12 years so I had my marriage annulled. Came to Temecula as a fiancée of Bonifacio Gulla and we got married in this church last September 8. I started attending Sunday services here in this church since last Sunday of June.

Lucy Kelly – I was born in England and baptized in the Church of England. I came to the United States twenty years ago. With my family (husband, Dave, son Nicholas, age 11, and daughter, Theodora, age 6). I have lived in Temecula a little over two years. I am currently homeschooling Nicholas. I am excited to become a part of this joyful church where I already feel so welcome.

Lindsay Steele – I moved here from Seattle, Washington where I spent two years. I am a graduate from VA Tech with a BA in Theatre Arts. I am currently attending Loma Linda University in the Physical Therapy Assistant Program. I spend most of my time in Loma Linda and come to visit my parents here on the weekend, when I can.

Building Loan Status

Submitted by Lyn Gruber, Chair of Finance

We wanted to share with the congregation how we got to where we are with our building loans and let you know what the future may hold for us. Our campus was built in three phases and we only have two loans outstanding that we are repaying. Below is a summary of the loan status. The Finance Committee has been focused on the General Ministry budget over the past couple of years, but felt it necessary to make sure the congregation is informed and to let you know that we are working on a plan to retire these loans, which may include a new capital campaign.

Phase I Construction—Parking Lot, Landscaping, First Building Construction

Loan Origination: 1995	Amount: \$500,000
Pay-Off: 2010	Monthly payment: \$2,698
Loan Balance as of September 30, 2007	\$90,301

This loan has been funded by the General Ministry Budget at least for the past ten years.

Phase IA Construction—Four Classroom Expansion, Play-yard expansion, Fire sprinkler upgrades, Two restrooms, and Soil Compaction for possible future construction of up to six more classrooms.

Loan Origination: 2003 Pay-Off: 2018 Loan Balance as of September 30, 2007 Amount: \$350,000 Monthly payment: \$1,952 \$182,568

This loan has been funded by donations to the Now More Than Ever Capital campaign that was begun in April of 2002 and formally ended in April 2006. No general funds have been used towards this loan. As of September there is a current balance in the Building Fund of \$32,798.

Your hard working Finance Committee is working on a plan to raise funds to pay these loans off so that more money will be available for the general ministry of the church. Thank you to all who have continued to donate to the Building Fund even though the campaign ended over a year ago. In the mean time, if you are considering a tax deductible donation prior to the end of the year for tax purposes, prayerfully consider a donation to the Building Fund.

CRAFT FAIRE 2007

Submitted by Donnie Weaver

What a day!! Seventy vendors with unique and beautiful crafts to offer, wonderful baked goods, books galore, and even a pair of Alpacas to liven things up! Not even a misty rain could dampen the spirits of those participating.

Thanks to our Trustees and Church Council for their support, to Mary Kottman for office assistance, to volunteers who helped in the many tasks involved, to ten high school students who participated for Community Service Credit, and all others who shopped and supported the Faire. It was another successful year.

Proceeds are used to further outreach and ministry programs within our church and in the local community. UMW took in \$426.65 from the Book Sale and \$380.10 from the Bake Sale. Food sales took in \$260, to be divided equally between the Children's Ministry and the Youth program of the church. Proceeds from booth rental and programs benefiting will be reported at a later date.

We look forward to Craft Faire 2008!

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CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Doris Elder, Chair

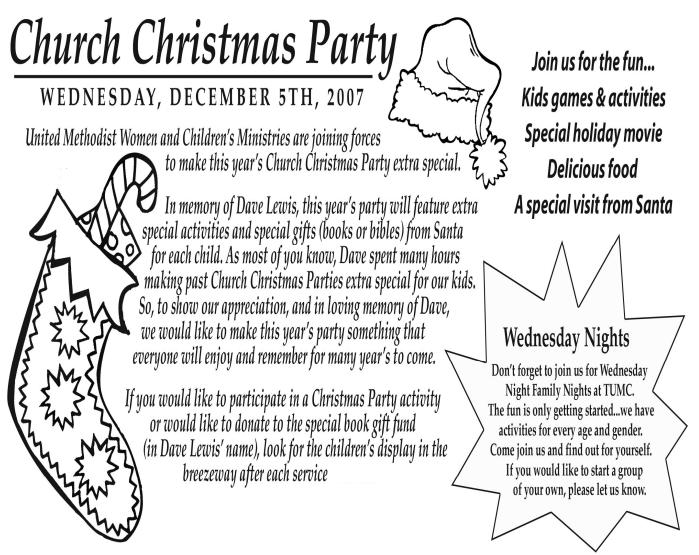
I visited the Temecula Community Center several times this week. It is a designated shelter for evacuees and a command post for numerous law enforcement vehicles, rescue units and fire departments from other communities and states. In one area of the parking lots, the Animal Shelter has provided cages for dogs, cats, birds and other pets. Donations of food for the animals have been plentiful. Diane Martinez, Cliff and I took bags of ice for the comfort of the animals and I took 150# of ice volunteers. which had been donated by several stores hoping it would ease the heat and stress. All of the grassy, shady areas were occupied by people and dogs seeking comfort and solace.

Donations of blankets, pillows, water and food were continuously arriving, which shows our community is caring and generous. From *1 John* 1:5-10: "Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."



The Pictorial Directory is moving forward and all of the photos have been taken by Life Touch. I hope you have received your photos by mail or at the church. The layout of the directory is thanks to the expertise of Deb Severns.

Our Church Council is encouraging all the leaders of the church to support the Wednesday Evening Family Night. More activities can be started with ideas from the congregation and leaders to help organize. As we go into November and December, we can look forward to Consecration Sunday.



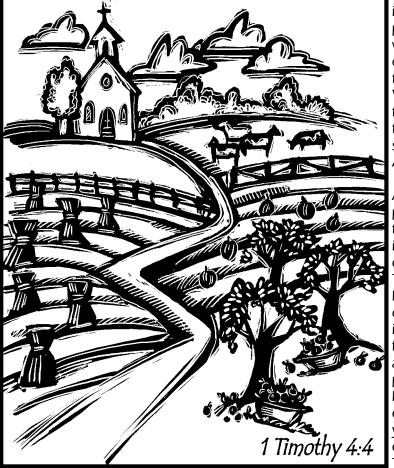
The Church Christmas Party is open to everyone. So, sign up today... we hope to see you there.



Submitted by Rev. David Brostrom and Rudy Martinez

The Christian Education Committee leadership of TUMC is pleased to announce that it supports a 9 a.m.. Bible Study Class in the Tagalog language of the Philippines. This class will begin the first Sunday of November, which is the 4th. They will meet in the Youth Room. Mr. Dan Gutierrez and Vinya Gulla will team teach the class. Let your Filipino friends know of this fine Bible Study opportunity. Those attending this class will attend Worship service at 10:30 a.m.

It is hoped that this will be the beginning of efforts to celebrate the diversity of our congregation and with time other study activities will be created to serve other linguistic groups as the need arises. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving ...



There is a common practice in the business world that people in professional leadership keep their skills sharpened by attending updating educational seminars. Pastor Randy and I are committed to research and new ideas by continuing our education when opportunity presents itself. A huge issue that will affect us all presented itself in a seminar on the subject of the aging of America and the influence on social issues as the post World War !! baby boomers now reach retirement age. I participated in such a seminar this past week at the Office on Aging. It was supported by the U.S.C. Roybal Institute for Applied Gerontology.

All social institutions will be dealing with the present influx of 78.2 million baby boomers turning age 65 with their needs for services in a world of dwindling resources. The implication of future planning for a church like TUMC is profound, since now 80% of households in America do not have children. Knowing this does not diminish the importance or value of our child bearing families but the shape of the family structure as we have known it in our lifetime will be profoundly changing to accommodate boomers. The age 65 and over population is expected to double in size in the next 25 years. The age group 85 and older is the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. This phenomenon will make the four decade issues of disabilities, chronic physical condi-

tions, diseases of aging important in our churches social agenda.....even as we have recently experienced the ills of our aged in a profound way. More seniors will enrich our church life with experience and wisdom. Their growing numbers and their needs will be our challenge in programming opportunities for worship and Christian out-reach and service.

Our church must be ready to meet the needs of the 21% of our population as families with loving growing children. The 79% including the host of boomers are coming into the system with their abilities, resources and aging needs. We have never had that many aged around before and we will have to cope with the change. Our church planners will be challenged as they take note of these changing population facts. Yes, the Baby Boomers are happening now.

Your Pastoral Consultant, Rev. David Brostrom

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Submitted by Hope Zangl, Missions Chair

Habitat for Humanity anticipates beginning construction of their homes in November. We have been asked to provide lunches for 25 volunteers two Saturdays in November and two Saturdays in December. More will be known as permits are granted and plans for the construction are firmed up. We will be keeping you updated by Sunday bulletins.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIRE

Submitted by Hope Zangl, Missions Chair

The 2007 Alternative Christmas Faire is scheduled for Sunday, November 18. This event benefits some of our mission projects such as: African Hand Arts, Heifer International, Habitat for Humanity, the David and Margaret Home and Birth Choice of Temecula to name a few.

There will also be a greeting card to sign for the four missionaries TUMC supports: Romy del Rosario of the Philippines, Dr. Elma Jocson of Nepal and Joseph and Lydia Templeton of inner city Los Angeles.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Please sign up in the breezeway or call Hallie Sebanc to help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Plans are to meet December 1st at 9 a.m. in Celebration Hall to hang the greens.

HOLIDAY SCRIP ORDERING MADE EASIER

Submitted by Shirley Johnson

It's that time of year again when we publish the scrip list and a pre-order form for your holiday giftgiving convenience. You will find our scrip list and order form as an insert in this newsletter. You can use the pre-order form to order all the gift cards you need for the holidays. Using scrip saves you time shopping and also gives you a way to give great gifts to family, friends or co-workers that they will enjoy using at one of their favorite stores. No worries about choosing the right size or something they might not want. They will enjoy shopping for just the right gift!

Recently, we enrolled in a new program called Shop With Scrip through our regular scrip company. For those of you who have computers, you will now be able to make a personal order online at the Great Lakes Scrip Center. After submitting an online order, please print the confirmation page and submit that with your check for your scrip order at the church office or at the scrip table any Sunday. Once you have paid for your scrip your order will be released and it will be shipped with our next regular order. An information sheet will be available at the scrip table on how to use this new easy method of ordering scrip. Many non-profit organizations are using this procedure now and it is very user-friendly. If you have questions about Shop With Scrip, please talk to Shirley Johnson by phone or by email at tobeshir@roadrunner.com

Of course, you can pre-order your scrip by using the enclosed order form. The **deadline to order scrip** will be December 16th, in order to receive it by the last Sunday before Christmas. Remember to continue to use scrip for groceries, gasoline, restaurants, and other specialty stores. Thank you for supporting TUMC with your scrip purchases this year!

Thanksgiving Proclamation

President Abraham Lincoln

October 3, 1863

It is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their independence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.

Know that by His divine law, nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world. May we not just fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?

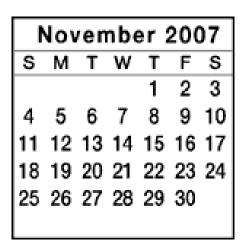
We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown.

But, we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American People.

I do therefore invite my fellow citizens of the United States, and also those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.



Dates to Remember

- 11/1 6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class
- 11/3 10:00 a.m. Pita Pit Fundraising Event
 11/4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
 9:00 a.m. Adult class w/Joe Hughes
 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class
 6:00–8:00 p.m. UMYF
- 11/5 9:30 a.m. Bread from Heaven Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Gala Committee
- 11/6 Election Polls—Don't forget to vote!9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study7:00 p.m. Book Group at Shirley Jankowski's
- 11/7 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 11/8 7:00 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class 7:15 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 11/10 8:00 a.m. Monks Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Trustee Workday 9:30 a.m. Dead Sea Scrolls trip
- 11/11 9:00 a.m. Adult class w/Joe Hughes 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class 10:30 a.m. One Worship ONLY Consecration Sunday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. UMYF
- 11/12 9:30 a.m. Bread from Heaven Food Pantry
- 11/13 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
- 11/14 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 11/15 10:00 a.m. UM Women General Meeting 6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class

- 11/18 9:00 a.m. Adult class w/Joe Hughes 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class
- 11/18 9:00 a.m. Alternative Christmas Faire 6:00–8:00 p.m. Youth Group Thanksgiving
- 11/19 9:30 a.m. Bread from Heaven Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Gala Committee
- 11/20 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study
- 11/21 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
 6:30 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 11/22 Thanksgiving Day/Church Offices closed
- 11/23 Church Offices closed
- 11/25 9:00 a.m. Adult class w/Joe Hughes 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class
- 11/26 9:30 a.m. Bread from Heaven Food Pantry
- 11/27 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Church Council
- 11/28 10:00 a.m. Scripture Study w/Pastor Randy
 1:00 p.m. UMW Executive Board
 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Family Night
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir
 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 11/29 10:30 a.m. Yoga Class 6:30 p.m. Ken McClellan's Men's class



"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie."

Jim Davis

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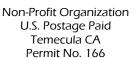
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10:30 a.m.	Cynthia Brewer	Monks	Youth	Hazel Hailstone
GREETERS 9:00 a.m.	Opal Bendickson	Monks	Youth	Viola Beers
10:30 a.m.	Pat O'Brien	Monks	Youth	Marilyn Barger
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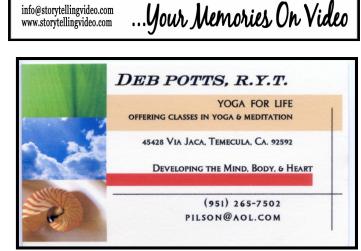






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