



**The Vision of
Temecula UMC
Community**

Temecula UMC is a caring community dedicated to God's work. We welcome all by creating an atmosphere rooted in the fruit of the spirit. We are a positive, visible presence in our community and a place of comfort and peace. We provide spiritual fulfillment through worship, education, fellowship, missions and actions. We are people of God that live out our faith every day following Christ.

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
5:00 p.m. All Church Christmas Party
Everyone Welcome

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
9:00 a.m. Children present *"Jess, The Little Shepherd"*
10:30 a.m. Children present *"Jess, The Little Shepherd"*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
9:00 a.m. Choir presents *EMMANUEL - God With Us!*
10:30 a.m. Choir presents *EMMANUEL - God With Us!*

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
6:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Worship
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
With Lessons and Carols
Special Music
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
Special Music

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship

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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)
 Teens (6th—12th)

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Childcare: Toddlers—Younger Elementary
 Toys and books available for children.

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Rick's Ramblings

Love Came Down At Christmas

Love Came Down at Christmas is a popular carol sung every year. It may be one of your favorites. If it is, not to worry. We shall sing it during the Advent and Christmas Season at least once. The title of the carol speaks to God's expression of grace toward all humanity. No matter what is happening in the world, God's love is a light of hope in our communities. It is the light of forgiveness, the light of peace. This is the simple message we as Christians are to share and express through our actions.

Love comes down at Christmas. It is not to take away all the struggles and pain of our lives. It is to assure us that God has not and will never forget us, leave us to our own devices. We are reminded that God is present in our lives with the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. He feels our pain and offers the strength and courage to continue forward with hope. God's Kingdom can be realized on earth, in our midst, as it is in Heaven.

Love comes down at Christmas that we might realize that there is joy born every day through the struggles endured by individuals and in our neighborhoods. He is born through the outreach and service to the homeless, hungry, hurting, outcast and marginalized.

Love comes down at Christmas. But not only one time, but every day of the year of every year for all people. God is our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

This Christmas may you be surrounded, filled, and lifted up by the love that is coming down from God incarnate in Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Pastor Rick

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Rick's Ramblings *continued*

I invite you to experience the love of Christmas during our special worship services on December 11th as the children share the gift of the *Jess, The Little Shepherd* play. The choirs' musical gift is on Dec. 18th. "EMMANUEL—God with Us! is also sung at one of our Christmas Eve Services and our Sunday Christmas Day Service. **If you are coming to Christmas Day Service I invite you to bring one of your gifts for a special blessing.**

Stephen Minister's Bake Sale

Donated baked goods are needed for this event with proceeds going toward the purchase of new headphones for the hearing impaired. These are used during Sunday Worship and other events in the Worship Center.

There is a signup sheet in the breezeway. Please deliver your baked items to the church kitchen on Saturday, December 17th between 1 and 3 p.m. Or bring before the 9 a.m. Sunday service.

Contact Judy Hernandez to help.

Order Christmas Poinsettias



Orders are being accepted for Christmas Altar Poinsettias.

\$10.00 each.

Send check with order to TUMC,
42690 Margarita Road,
Temecula CA 92592

Attention: Poinsettias

State in memory of _____
or in honor _____

Confirmation

Sunday, December 4th at 12:30 p.m.—Confirmation lunch in the Banquet Room at Pat and Oscars. This is for confirmands, parents and mentors.

Sunday, December 11th, Confirmation Sunday at the 9 a.m. Worship.

Scrip News

Between now and Christmas is a busy time for Scrip sales. Stop by the Scrip table and pick up a pre-order form for Christmas gifts.

We have Papa John's Pizza in \$10 denominations. We also have Target in \$10 denominations and Starbucks in \$5.00 denominations. Perfect for stocking stuffers.

Preorder deadline for giving locally is Sunday, December 11th, so we can make sure to have your Scrip before Christmas.

For those of you who shop online, we can order Amazon (remember to use AmazonSmile.com to donate more to the church). LL Bean, Zappos, and don't forget Shutterfly to use for your Christmas Cards or printing photos. Check out our list at the table or you can see the full list of Scrip that is available at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>

Bethlehem Walk

Walk through the story of Bethlehem. A Christmas Gift from First UMC of Escondido to the Community. **Tours are free.** Corner of Fourth Ave. and Kalmia St., Escondido 92025.

The journey begins every 5 minutes.
Friday, Dec. 9 – tours start from 5:30 to 8:55 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10 – tours start from 4 – 8:25 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 11 – tours start from 4 – 7:55 p.m.

More details at www.fumcesc.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes - The Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study class meets every Sunday to study a topic of current Christian interest. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Joe Hughes Sunday mornings.

Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in the Youth Room at 9 a.m. Mission: We grow in Christian faith and watch over one another in love by studying and living the words from the Bible. Contact Boni Gulla.

Sunday School meets EVERY SUNDAY at 9 a.m.

Toddler Room/Childcare (Ages 1—4 yrs.)

Younger Elementary Class (K-3rd)

Older Elementary Class (4th—5th)

Teens (6th—12th)



10:30 a.m. childcare is offered for toddlers through younger elementary. Contact Diana Walker Sunday mornings.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study—Women of study and encouragement meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. The group continues their Advent study, *The Redemption of Scrooge*. Christmas Potluck will be December 13th at 11 a.m. at the home of Jessie Boyle. Contact Karen Benvenuto.

Book Discussion Group - This group meets in the participants' homes at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month through June, skipping January and July. December 6th, they will be meeting at the home of Laura Robinson to discuss the book, *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante.

Men's Bible Study — 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the home of Dan Henley.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 10 a.m. in the Music Room. Pastor Rick reads, reviews and answers your questions regarding the Sunday's lectionary. Contact Pastor Rick.

Chancel Choir—Choir meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. for rehearsals. If you would like to add to the harmony, contact Rob Hodo, Director of Music, at rhodo70@gmail.com.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 5th, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6. Contact Sue Bradshaw.

Out to Lunch Bunch meets the first Thursday of each month at a different restaurant for fun, food and fellowship. The group will meet December 1st at E.A.T.S Marketplace, 28410 Old Town Front St. #112, Temecula at 12 noon. Kindly sign up in the church breezeway or RSVP to Sally Messersmith.

Evening Bible Study with Pastor Rick in the Music Room from 6:30—7:30 p.m. - This group will meet December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Contact Pastor Rick.

Friday

The Prayer Quilt Ministry— Prayers and Squares Ministry meets every other Friday at 10 a.m. (December 9th and 23rd). You are invited to participate. There are many ways to help. See Marlene Oaks after church on Sundays, or email marleneoaks56@gmail.com. Note: The Scrip table sells Jo-Ann Fabric gift cards, if you wish to donate to this ministry, Fabric pieces are also accepted.

Hildegard of Bingen, A Saint for Our Times Book Discussion Group meets Friday, December 2nd and 16th at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6 with Rev. Marlene Oaks. This class alternates bi-monthly with Prayers & Squares.

From the Breezeway with Pastor Rick

December Worship Themes and Scriptures

4th: Theme: *Repent!*

Scripture: *Matthew 3:1-12*

11th: Theme: *The Children will be presenting*

“Jess, The Little Shepherd”

Scripture: *Luke 2:8-20*

18th: Theme: *The Choir Presents “EMMANUEL
- God with Us!” Cantata*

Scripture: *Matthew 1:18-25*

24th: Theme: *Really Big Show*

Scripture: *John 1:1-14*

25th: Theme: *Parts of a Christmas Production*

Scripture: *Luke 2:1-14*

Reminder: Electronic Giving Helps

Would you like an easier option for giving to your church? Would you like to make sure your offering is covered whenever you are away? Well, you can do all this by signing up for electronic giving. You can go to our website www.temeculaumc.com and go to the donate button and follow the prompts to fill out the form. We hope this giving option helps in your faithful stewardship to the church's ministry and missions. If you have any questions, contact Bret Argenbright.

Faith Giving Pledge Cards



The Finance Team wants to thank all who have already turned in their *Faith Giving* Pledge cards to support the projects and ministries for 2017. If you have not had a

chance to turn in your card, you can help in the planning of the new budget for 2017 by bringing your *Faith* Pledge card on a Sunday morning and drop it in the offering plate, or mail it to or bring it by the church office. If you did not receive a card or misplaced it, just call the church office at 676-1800x3.

One Day Mission, Goals and Objective Setting

Saturday, January 21, 8:30—11:30 a.m. is set for updating our Mission, Ministries, and Projects objectives and goals. We will share the results of the Twelve Keys to an Effective Survey, looking at our present Key Strengths and discovering any new strengths that will guide us in moving forward in our current projects for Ministry and choosing new projects. All of this will strengthen us as a people of faith in Christ and offer real help, hope and joy. We hope as many of the Church Family as possible including youth—adult will participate as possible. This is about the direction of your Church Family. Join us in Room 1 beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast.

If you have questions you can contact Pastor Rick, Ron Moreland, Toby Hammett or Dan Henley.

The Language of Love Couples' Retreat

Life is hectic like getting to this appointment or that one, driving the kids to this event or that, or one more date to put on the calendar. It seems time to sit down with your spouse or significant other seems fleeting. Most couples do not take the time to strengthen their marriage. They run on auto-pilot too much of the time.

Well now Temecula UMC is offering a couples retreat for all couples of the church. It doesn't matter if you have been married for a year or less or fifty plus years. This retreat will offer time to grow closer as a couple and build relationships with other couples with the same goal as you, to grow your relationship stronger.

The retreat will take place at Camp Cedar Glen, a retreat camp nestled in the mountains outside of Julian. The date will be May 5-7. There is the option to come for two nights or arrive early on the 6th for one night. The cost is: \$240 per couple for two nights, and four meals or \$200 for one night and three meals. We shall go into Julian for dinner for those arriving early enough on Friday. If cost is a concern, contact Pastor Rick for a scholarship.

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“Missy” joined TUMC at Children’s Moment Sunday, November 27, 2016. \$399.25 was donated to the Golden Basket Collection for the Caine Support Team. Thank you!

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The Language of Love

Couples Retreat *continued*

There will be time to take walks, play games, to talk, and even time to go into Julian and get some pie. We will be led by Rev. Cindy Arnston, Pastor of the Community United Methodist Church in Julian. She has led other couples and relationship workshops and classes. She will be using material from *The Languages of Love*.

Take the time and give the gift of love to each other. If you have children, this will be a great time for a sleep over or for family to have some time with the kids. Although there will be no massages you will feel just as relaxed and your marriage will be better for the time spent.

For questions contact Pastor Rick or Dan Henley.

Meet the Pastor

Pastor Rick has been part of the Temecula United Methodist Church Family for two and a half years. When he arrived there were opportunities to gather with him to get to know him and Sally and to share stories. Now two years plus later, many new people have arrived to the Church Family or didn’t get an opportunity to meet with him. So, Pastor Rick is providing opportunities to do some meeting and sharing times during January and February.

There will be two types of gatherings. For the first type of gathering, Pastor Rick will meet at a certain location, i.e., Starbucks or other coffee shop at certain times. Anyone is invited to drop by for conversation, questions or stories.

The second type of gathering will be hosted by persons either at their home, at the church or at another location. Again, this is a time of conversation, questions or stories.

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UM WOMEN

December 8th - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting in Room 6.

December 15th - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, UMW General Meeting and luncheon in the Hillside Room. Join us for our Christmas party and Installation of 2017 officers by Pastor Rick. Bring a \$10 gift for gift exchange.

MONKS of TUMC

Men of Nurturing Knighly Spirit

Please welcome these men as part of the new team of MONKS officers for 2017.

Ron Moreland	President
George Wuertz	Vice President
Scott Parker	Treasurer
Bert Bjorklund	Secretary



For the first “kick-off organizational planning meeting” for this new administration of officers, we invite the men to attend the regularly scheduled meeting on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH HILLSIDE ROOM.** It will be the intent of this meeting to offer an input forum for all interested men of the church to come and share their ideas and suggestions for the direction and program content of the MONKS’ group for 2017. The MONKS will continue to offer dedicated project events that assist the needy in regard to the homeless and the less fortunate through Project Touch and The Temecula Food Pantry. Events of this nature, along with a Valentine’s Breakfast and Bible study, are tradition to the MONKS and will be carried forth through 2017. However, there are still potential areas of involvement that can be created from ideas generated from this input setting.

Topics that can be addressed are meeting location alternatives, expanding membership, guest speakers, field trip destinations, meal preparation helpers, new

MONKS continued
service providers such as ushers and liturgists, outreach to service men at Camp Pendleton, a Men’s Bible Seminar that Ron Moreland would like to suggest, etc. Your input and ideas in this regard and other suggestions will be appreciated and valued.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 8:00 A.M. will be the MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting. Cost is \$12 which helps defray MONKS’ hosting expenses.

Guest Speaker is Ms. Bonnie Wilson, president and organizational leader of St. Vincent de Paul and the Temecula Food Pantry, located at the St. Vincent de Paul, St. Catherine’s Catholic Church in Temecula. As our guest speaker, you will be amazed by what she will share in regard to the scope of service that this program offers. Through proceeds from the MONKS’ sponsored annual Golf Tournament, our men’s group generates between 30-40% of the total annual operating budget of this tremendous community outreach program. **Look forward to seeing you on both Tuesday, December 6, and Saturday, December 10.**

Meet the Pastor *continued*

Come the first part of January look for locations and dates for the gatherings in the Sunday bulletin. Plan on coming to one type of gathering or another.

If you are interested in hosting a gathering, contact Pastor Rick or the church office.

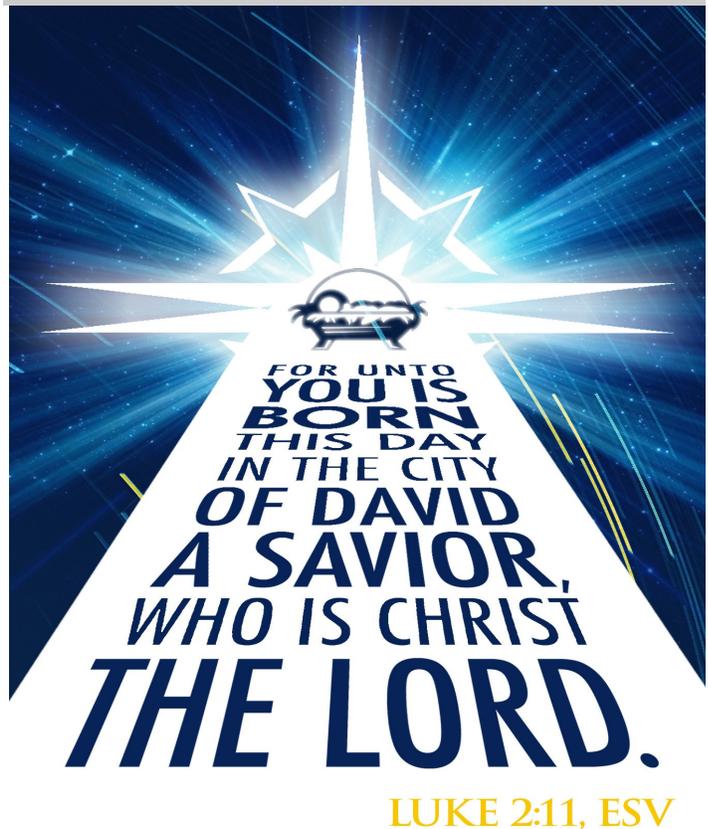
As always, Pastor Rick is open to making home visits for any person or family. Contact him at 760-415-0602

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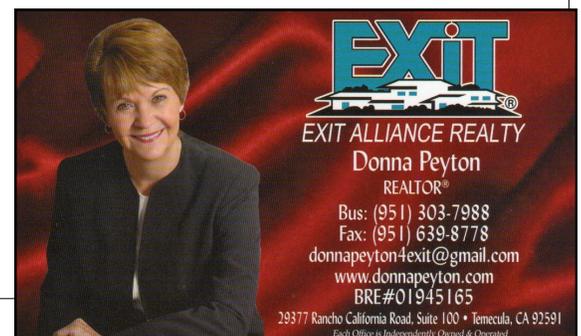
- 12/1 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 12/2 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Marlene Oaks
5:00 p.m. Christmas Party setup
- 12/3 5:00 p.m. All Church Christmas Party
- 12/4 Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets
- 12/6 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group meets
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study at Henley's
- 12/7 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/8 10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 12/9 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
- 12/10 8:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting
- 12/11 Third Sunday of Advent
Children present *Jess, The Little Shepherd* at both 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
9:00 a.m. Worship and Confirmation
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets
- 12/13 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Potluck at Jessie Boyle's home
- 12/14 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

- 12/16 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Marlene Oaks
- 12/18 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Choir presents *EMMANUEL—God With Us!* at both Worship Services
Bake Sale after both Worship Services
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets
- 12/21 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/23 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
- 12/24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
6:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Worship
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship w/Lessons & Carols—Special Music
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship—Special Music
- 12/25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
10 a.m. Worship
- 12/26 **Church Offices closed through 12/30.**
- 12/28 6:30 p.m. Trustees
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal



	<u>December 4</u>	<u>December 11</u>	<u>December 18</u>	<u>December 24</u>	<u>December 25</u>
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman	MONKS	YOUTH	6 p.m. tba	10 a.m. Sam & Pat Hill Oscar & Thelma Loud
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Dan Henley Lovely Villanueva Janet Galbraith Gerry Nicholas	MONKS	YOUTH	8 p.m. Raymond Landry, Gerry Nicholas, Janet Galbraith & Larry Natwick 11 p.m. Dan & Lorna Henley	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Jenny Moreland Peggy Cowherd	MONKS MONKS	YOUTH YOUTH	6 p.m. Marlene Oaks 8 p.m. Gerry Nicholas & Dan Henley 11 p.m. Megann Adesso	10 a.m. Sue Bradshaw
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sally Messersmith Jean Williams	MONKS MONKS	YOUTH YOUTH	6 p.m. Heather Bjorklund 8 p.m. Sharon & Robert McCarthy	10 a.m. tba
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Raymond Landry	Mark McCullough Ken Boyle	Meghann & Gian Adesso	6 p.m. Jeanette Holt 8 p.m. Raymond Landry 11 p.m. Mark McCullough	10 a.m. Mark McCullough
VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pauline Fields Dorothy Smith	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	Sue Bradshaw Marilyn Landry		10 a.m. Sue Bradshaw

If you cannot serve as assigned, please call Erik Toberman for 9 a.m. and Dan Henley for 10:30 a.m. ushers and Hazel Hailstone for liturgists & greeters. Thank you.



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