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Community**

Temecula UMC is a reconciling Congregation. ALL are welcome to the compassionate TUMC family to participate in worship, education, fellowship, missions and ministry, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, age, sex, or sexual orientation. We are people of God that live out our faith every day following Christ.

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

5:00 p.m. All Church Christmas Party
Everyone Welcome

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - 2ND Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Worship with *Chancel Choir*

10:30 a.m. Worship with *Chancel Choir*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH - 3RD Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Worship with *Chancel Choir*

10:30 a.m. Worship with *Chancel Choir*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND - 4TH Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Worship - *Immanuel, God with Us!*

10:30 a.m. Worship - *Immanuel, God with Us!*

THESE WILL BE AMAZING SERVICES OF SPOKEN WORD, CHANCEL CHOIR, DR. CORRY BELL, AND GUESTS FROM TEMECULA VALLEY MASTER CHORALE...

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

6:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Worship
Special Music

8:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
Lessons, Carols & Special Music

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Worship
Special Music

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE



9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sunday School Classes (EVERY SUNDAY)
 Nursery/Room 2 (Birth—4 yrs.)
 Room 3—(K—2nd)
 Room 1—(3rd—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

The Long Journey Home

I made the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem during my two trips to Israel. Neither time did I make the trek in a continuous trip, and in neither by walking as Mary and Joseph would have done. Mary and Joseph would not have taken a direct route. The region of Samaria would have caused them to detour to the east somewhat because the area would have caused them to be unclean. I can tell this journey is not smooth and fast going by bus in a more direct route. For Mary and Joseph, the ninety-eight or so miles they journeyed would have been arduous, unsafe, and long. Food would have been hard to come by and add to that Mary was pregnant. Contrary to what many believe, it is unlikely they had a donkey to ride on (the Bible doesn't tell us they had one). This travel would have taken them at least a week to make.

So why make the trip? The Roman Government required it for tax enrollment purposes, and one could not do this in the town one lived but only in the town of one's male ancestors' birth. For Joseph, this would have been King David's hometown of Bethlehem. Besides a couple of short jaunts to Jerusalem to fulfill religious ritual obligations, Mary and Joseph thought their travel days would be over and they could settle in Bethlehem. This would not be the case. Warned in a dream, Joseph gathered the family and headed to Egypt to keep Jesus safe from the murdering tirade of King Herod. Finally, Joseph was told once again in a dream from God that the coast was clear, and that they could return to Nazareth to raise their son Jesus. These are the traveling adventures of Mary, Joseph and Jesus we read about during the Christmas and Epiphany seasons.



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Rick's Ramblings *continued*

In our reading of these stories we tend to gloss over them to lift up the birth of God's son Jesus that brings hope and joy for us and for all the world. We sing inspiring carols of Christmas, decorate our homes, including our Church home, make scrumptious holiday goodies, watch sentimental Christmas shows and movies and much more to highlight this season of joy. What we tend to miss are the struggles, dangers, uncertainty, fear, and loneliness of a couple dealing with the unjust requirements and paranoid fears of those in power. What we don't always see in this story is the unwavering faith and trust a young couple has in God to watch over them in their travels, not only on the road, but to provide for their needs of food and shelter and to protect them when a ruler is so afraid of their child that his life is in danger. God brought this unassuming family back home to raise their son in that same faith and trust. They would be a part of preparing him for his journey as God's Son to walk his journey home to the cross and resurrection with hope and trust.

Like Mary and Joseph, we will find ourselves on a journey of faith where we will, as individuals and as a Church family, be confronted with the ups and downs of life. The hurts and pains we don't ask for and the responsibilities and callings challenge us. This Christmas and Epiphany let us read in this story a faith and trust in God to walk with us on our journey. To follow in the walk of Jesus that strengthens us is to live in hope, peace and love so that we can know the joy of this season and offer it to others who continue to struggle on their journey of life and faith.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Pastor Rick



Deadline for ordering your Christmas Poinsettia is

Sunday, December 15.

\$10 each. Make check out to TUMC Poinsettias and mail your check or drop in the Sunday offering with "Quantity" and "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" _____.

DON'T FORGET!
CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th
5 — 8 P.M.

Where will you find Good Food, Friends, Games, Prizes and a Special Christmas Guest?

A — J Side Dish

K — Z Salads

Ham and Chicken Nuggets, Rolls and Dessert will be provided.

As in past years, please bring your food equally divided in two disposable containers for two serving lines, with serving utensils.

Scrip News



It's time to pre-order your Scrip for Christmas shopping and presents!

Holiday pre-orders are due by December 6, and ready for pickup on December 15.

- Preorder forms are attached to the emailed December Messenger.
- You may also email Janet Galbraith at jngalbraith5@yahoo.com

Now is a good time to begin thinking about your Holiday shopping. We have many great items in stock for stocking stuffers: Cold Stone, Regal Movie Theater, Target and many fast food restaurants.

Scrip has over 750 retailers: Stop by the Scrip table to see a complete inventory of items available.

Ralphs/Food4Less: If you shop at Ralphs or Food4Less, be sure to register your rewards cards to earn rebates.

Amazon Smile: When shopping log onto Amazon Smile. Mark Temecula United Methodist Church as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate to the church. <http://smile.amazon.com>

All proceeds from sale go directly to the church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday

9 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes - Meets in Room 6 weekly.

9 a.m. Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in Room 8 weekly. Mission: We grow in Christian faith and watch over one another in love by studying and living the words from the Bible. Contact is Boni Gulla.

9 a.m. Sunday School meets EVERY SUNDAY

Toddler Room/Childcare (Birth—4 yrs.)

Younger Elementary Class (K—2nd)

Older Elementary Class (3rd—5th)

Teens (6th—12th)



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

Youth Group—Meets **December 15th** in the Youth Room from 6—8 p.m. Contact Gian Adesso.

December 21 is the annual youth Christmas lock-in! We will begin at 7 p.m. and ask the youth to bring a holiday snack to share. We will have a gift exchange and those who would like to participate may bring a gift with a \$10 value to exchange.

Starting December 8th through the 22nd between services the youth will be selling Sponsorships for our Jacobs House basket. We will need youth to help sell these for \$15. Money from this will be going towards fleece blankets we will be putting together at the lock-in and a fun gift basket for those who are spending the holidays at Jacobs House. We are very excited that the youth came up with this amazing project and look forward to putting it together. *Gian Adesso*

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study— Meets December 3, 10 & 17. Study is *In Days to Come—From Advent to Epiphany*, George H. Donigian. Break is December 24 & 31. Will resume January 7th..

7 p.m. Book Buddies – 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. **February 4**, meet at the home of Carlyn Buehler to review the book *When All is Said* by Anne Griffin.

Wednesday

10 a.m. . Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Rick in Room 6. Join Pastor Rick for Bible study **December 11 and 18** at 10 a.m. using Scriptures for Advent.

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir—Weekly rehearsals are Wednesday evenings in the Worship Center.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, Jan. 9 at 10:00 a.m.** in Room 6. Contact Pastor Rick.

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 5, at 12 noon at Sizzler, 40489 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Murrieta** . Kindly sign up in the church breezeway or RSVP to Sally Malec.

Friday

10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Marlene Oaks meets **December 6 and 20** in Room 6. Join the discussion *The Misunderstood Jew* by Amy-Jill Levine.

10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Ministry — Prayers and Squares Ministry meets **December 13** in Room 1.

Email [mar-](mailto:marlene@church.org)



UM WOMEN

December 8, 2019, Sunday, 11:45 a.m. - Executive meeting in Room 6

December 19, 2019, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon General meeting/Potluck luncheon in Room 1. Our gathering will include Installation of Officers, followed by carol singing and gift exchange Please bring your favorite dish and a \$10 gift for exchange.

MONKS of TUMC

MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting

Date: Saturday, December 14
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Location: TUMC Hillside Room

CHRISTMAS FOOD

DRIVE

Each Sunday

One Person

One Canned Food Item.



Canned food may be dropped off in the basket at the entrance to the Worship Center and in the bin provided under the tables in the breezeway. We remember those in need always, but especially during the Christmas Season.

Finance Team Invites All to End Year Strong

The Finance Team invites each and everyone in the Church Family to help the Church end 2019 on a high note. We have much to give thanks for in the past year. How we have generously served and cared for many in our community and through our worship, ministries and programs. As the year comes to a close, we do find the need to finish strong to meet all our ministry and operating obligations. With your generous help and giving we can finish the year on an upswing and move us into the new year with momentum. If you find yourself with the opportunity to share an extra gift, this would be much appreciated and would help this congregation. If you have any questions about a gift you want to offer or about the Church finances, you can contact Pastor Rick or Lloyd Bradshaw, Chair of the Finance Team.

From the Breezeway

December Worship Themes and Scriptures

- 8 Theme: *Tiffanie Roman preaching*
Scripture: *James 2:18-26*
- 15 Theme: *The Outward and Visible Grace of God: By our Gifts*
Scripture: *Matthew 2:8-11, 25:14-30*
- 22 Theme: *Choir Cantata*
Immanuel: God with Us!
- 24 Theme: *What? Where? You were Born in a Barn?*
Scripture: *Luke 2:1-14*
- 29 Theme: *A Refugee*
Scripture: *Matthew 2:13-23*

January

- 5 Theme: *Your Light Has Come*
Scripture: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Putting Christmas Away

On Saturday, January 4 at 9 a.m., Pastor Rick could use help taking down and putting away the tree, garlands and all other Christmas decorations. If you can help or have questions, please contact Pastor Rick.

One Great Day of Caring 2020 at Escondido

Date: February 22, 2020
Location: First UMC of Escondido
341 S Kalmia St.
Escondido, CA 92025
Cost: \$40
Registration Deadline: February 17, 2020

Participants will choose between Early Response Training (ERT) Training and Connecting Neighbors. Each class is an 8-hour class, so participants can only attend one.

December 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



- 12/1 9:00 a.m. 1st Sunday of Advent Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets
- 12/3 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
7:15 p.m. Temecula Valley Master Chorale
- 12/4 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/5 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
- 12/6 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Oaks
2:00 p.m. Christmas Party setup
- 12/7 5:00 p.m. All Church Christmas Party
- 12/8 9:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
- 12/10 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Committee
7:15 p.m. Temecula Valley Master Chorale
- 12/11 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/12 9:00 a.m. PALS Holiday Program decorating
1:00 p.m. Card Game Meetup—Room 1
- 12/13 10:00 a.m. Prayers & Squares
- 12/14 9:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting
11:30 a.m. TVMTA Piano Recital in Worship Ctr.
- 12/15 9:00 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Advent Worship
Youth Sunday
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets
2:00 p.m. Piano Recital in Worship Center
- 12/17 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

- 12/18 10:00 a.m. Piano Tuner here
10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/19 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting & Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 337
- 12/20 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Oaks
- 12/22 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.—4th Sunday of Advent Cantata
“Immanuel, God with Us”
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. “Immanuel, God with Us! Cantata
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
6:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Worship
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
11:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Worship
- 12/26 1:00 p.m. Card Game meetup
- 12/29 10:00 a.m. One Worship Service only

Note: Church Offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24, 2019, through Friday, Jan. 3, 2020.

Reconciling Ministry Task Force

The Temecula UMC Family is beginning to live out being a Reconciling Church. What does this mean? How we will share with the community, and how we will follow God’s guidance? It was presented at Church Conference in November that a task force would be formed. Its first gathering will be **Sunday, January 5, at 12 noon**, after the second service.

Pastor Rick invites any who are interested in being a part of the task force to at least come to the first meeting. We will meet in Room 1. Feel free to bring your own lunch or snack. Possible plans and actions on how we can live out being a reconciling congregation are to be presented to Church Council. These will be formulated as well as future meeting dates and times. Contact Pastor Rick with any questions or input.

TEMECULA VALLEY MASTER CHORALE PRESENTS WINTER WONDERLAND—HOLIDAY CONCERT FOR WHOLE FAMILY DEC, 20th AT GRACE PRESBYTERIAN 7 P.M. Adults \$15 (advance) Discounts for Seniors, Veterans. All Youth and Students FREE

	<u>December 1</u>	<u>December 8</u>	<u>December 15</u>	<u>December 22</u>	<u>December 29</u>
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman	MONKS	Youth	Mark Bowers Bert Bjorklund George Wuertz Erik Toberman	10 a.m. only TBA
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Janet Galbraith Gilbert Oaks Dan Henley Larry Natwick	MONKS	Youth	Dan Henley Tri Tricoche Ting Tricoche Jan Tramontano	TBA
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Maureen McKown Dr. Pam Winkler	MONKS	Youth	Jenny Moreland Joyce Little	10 a.m. George Wuertz
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Barbara Lamb Bonnie Diangelo	MONKS	Youth	Sue Garcia Hope Zangl	10 a.m. Stella Mohammed
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Matt McCullough	Mark McCullough Ken Boyle	Gian & Meghann Gian & Meghann	Ernie & Grace Ernie & Grace	10 a.m. Mark McCullough
VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Karen Benvenuto Gloria Galvez	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	Sue Garcia Gloria Galvez	Barbara Lamb Diane Martinez	10 a.m. Thelma Loud 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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TUESDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24th
LITURGISTS

6 p.m. Larry Natwick
8 p.m. Marlene Oaks
11 p.m. Dan Henley

USHERS

6 p.m. TBA
8 p.m. Erik Toberman
11 p.m. Dan Henley

GREETERS

6 P.M. Hallie Sebanc
8 p.m. Marlene Oaks

SOUND TECHS

TBA

VISITOR TABLE

6 P.M. Barbara Lamb
8 P.M. Sue Bradshaw



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