



**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.

Pastor:

Rev. Rick Malec
Pastor Emeritus:

Rev. Dr. David French
Phone: 951-676-1800
Fax: 951-308-2694

The Messenger

December, 2017
Published monthly
TUMC
42690 Margarita Road
Temecula CA 92592

Temecula United Methodist Church

The MESSENGER

December, 2017

www.temeculaumc.com

www.facebook.com/TemeculaUnitedMethodistChurch

Vol. MMXVII, Num. 12, Issue 223

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
5:00 p.m. All Church Christmas Party
Everyone Welcome

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
9:00 a.m. Choir presents
"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"
10:30 a.m. Choir presents
"Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
10:00 a.m. Worship
Chancel Choir
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
*With Lessons and Carols
Special Music*
11:00 p.m. Candlelight
Communion Worship
Special Music

IN THIS ISSUE

Christmas.....	1
Rick's Ramblings.....	2&3
Church Christmas Party	3
Scrip News	3
Christian Education and.....	
Fellowship.....	4
UMW Bake Sale.....	5
UMW News.....	5
MONKS.....	5
Food Pantry.....	5
From the Breezeway.....	5
Israel Trip.....	5
Calendar.....	6
Poinsettia Order	6
Worship Schedule.....	7

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.

PASTOR

Rev. Rick Malec
 Phone: (951) 676-1800, ext. 4
 email: pastorrick@temeculaumc.com

UMYF

Contact Gian Adesso
 email: gadesso25@yahoo.com

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Mr. Rob Hodo
 email: rhodo70@gmail.com

PIANIST

Dr. Corry Bell
 email: docpno@aol.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Diana Walker and Jeanette Frisbey
 Phone: (951) 676-1800, ext. 5
 email: dianajo@verizon.net

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Mary Kottman
 Phone: (951) 676-1800, ext. 3
 Fax: (951) 398-2694
 email: tumc@temeculaumc.com
 Church office hours: M-TH 9 am-5pm/F 9am-3pm

Rick's Ramblings

Prayer of Thanks

On Sunday, November 26, our Scripture was *Philippians* 4:4-9. Paul writes in part, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." I shared in my message that in every prayer, whether it be for concern or for a joy, we come with an attitude of thanksgiving. I invited all when we pray to do so with thanksgiving no matter the situation or what we are asking for.

So as we begin this Advent season, a time of waiting and preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth, I offer to you my prayer for the Temecula United Methodist Church Family and our ministries and missions.

Dear Loving God, I want to begin by saying thank you for this year serving at the Temecula United Methodist Church. I want to thank you for each family, individual, adult and child. How they have blessed Sally and me through their support in our good times and in our struggles. Each has offered gifts to share the gospel message of love and hope through our programs, ministries and missions

Lord God, we have had some struggles during the year. We have said goodbye to some families who have been a part of this congregation. They added their special gifts and talents. We have also said goodbye to family members who have joined you in a life eternal and triumphant. They still touch many lives with their smiles, wisdom, laughter and joy. But we give thanks for the specialness and warmth they shared while among us. They will always be a part of our lives.

There were times during the year where our church family struggled, with health, finances, and relationships. We have felt as if we keep getting beaten down with every news cycle of violence, destruction, and disaster that has torn at the fabric of your earthly family. I want to thank you for those in our congregation that have gone to serve those on the fringes of our communities and society. They are working to rebuild homes, feed the hungry, to provide resources, to pack hygiene kits and so much more.

Continued on page 3

Rick's Ramblings *continued*

I thank you that through your Spirit you are present with each and every person. Fill us with compassion and strength to persevere and build endurance that all will grow in hope and faith.

As we move closer to the manger, may we be the people of the manger; humble, loving, welcoming, forgiving, and caring. I thank you God for this church family, a beam of light from the Star of Hope. Amen

I invite you this Christmas Season and into the New Year that in everything you give thanks to God so the peace of God will fill you with joy and love.

Merry Christmas
Pastor Rick

p.s.: Read in this edition of the *Messenger* about the opportunities to participate in programs and worship for Christmas.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP AND POTLUCK

Sunday, December 31st, our church family will worship together at 10 a.m. with a brunch potluck to follow. You are asked to bring one of your favorite brunch dishes; egg casserole, muffins, fruit, yogurt, sweet rolls, or some other yummy dish.

Contact Dan Henley or Pastor Rick for more information.

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 2018. If you have not had a chance to turn in your card, you can help in the planning of the new budget for 2018 by bringing your *Faith* Pledge card on a Sunday morning and dropping it in the offering plate, or mailing it, or bringing it to the church office. If you did not receive a card or misplaced it, just call the church office at 676-1800x3 or ask an usher for one Sunday morning.

DON'T FORGET! CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd 5 — 8 P.M.

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

A — J Side Dishes
K — Z Salads

Ham, 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 think about pre-ordering your Scrip for Christmas shopping and presents! Scrip is the perfect gift for stocking stuffers, teacher gifts, and those that are hard to shop for. Keep some on hand for last minute gifts as well. Starbucks, Regal movie passes, Bath and Body Works to name just a few. We have \$10 cards for Amazon, Applebee's, Home Depot, Ihop, Regal Theatres, Target and Walmart. We also have \$5 cards for Panera and Starbucks. For those of you who shop online we can order Shutterfly to use for your Christmas Cards or printing photos. If you use <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0295825>, Amazon donates another 0.5% to the church!



Besides what is kept in stock, there are many more items that can be preordered. Check out our list at the table or you can see the full list of Scrip at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>. Preorder by December 10th to pick up on December 17th.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

— Hebrews 13:2

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes - The 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study class meets in Room 6 and is currently studying: "The Bible, An Epic Miniseries". This series was produced in 2013, and reviewers like it for its excellent acting, and good special effects. **Class will not meet December 24th or 31st.**

Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in Room 8 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 is 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 or Jeanette Frisbey Sunday mornings. **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10 A.M. FOR KINDERGARTEN—5th GRADES.**

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study—Women of study and encouragement meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Karen Benvenuto. Karen will be hosting all meetings in the future. All women of the church are invited. The book being used for December is *Faithful, Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph* by Adam Hamilton. **Annual Christmas Potluck will be December 19th.** Time and location tba.

GriefShare Group 6:30—8:30 p.m. in Room 6 weekly through December 12th facilitated by Diana Camba.

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 5th, *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck** will be reviewed by Diane Martinez at her home.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 10 a.m. in the Music Room. Pastor Rick reads, reviews and answers your questions regarding Sunday's lectionary. Class will meet **December 6th, 13th and 20th** during December. Contact Pastor Rick.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, January 4th 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 7th at 12 noon at The Swing Inn Cafe, 28676 Old Town Front Street, Temecula.** 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. Class will meet **December 7th, 14th, and 21st** during December for an Advent Study with Pastor Rick.

Friday

***Re-Claiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World* by John Shelby Spong** meets the first and third Friday of the month (**December 1st and 15th**) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6. Bishop Spong explores what the history of the Bible can teach us about reading its stories today and living our lives for tomorrow.

Prayers and Squares Ministry — Prayers and Squares Ministry meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Friday of the month (**December 8th and 22nd**). Email marleneoaks56@gmail.com.



UM WOMEN

Christmas Bake Sale



Do you love home-made Christmas goodies? The United Methodist Women are going to have a Christmas cookie and candy bake sale on December 17th between services. All money made will be given to local missions.

Do you love to bake?

Then the United Methodist Women can use your help! Please bring your home-made goodies to church Sunday morning by 9:45 a.m. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



December 14th—Thursday, 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting in Room 6.
 December 17th— Sunday, UMW Bake between services.

December 21st —Thursday, 10 a.m. UMW Christmas potluck party with carol singing, gift exchange and installation of 2018 officers. Please bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift (\$15.00 or less) if you would like to participate in the gift exchange.

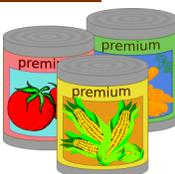
MONKS of TUMC

MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting

Date: Saturday, December 9th
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Location: Richie's Diner on Temecula Parkway

Food Pantry—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



From the Breezeway

December and January Worship Themes and Scriptures

- 3rd Theme: *Prophets, Word of God*
 Scripture: *Isaiah 40:1-11 & 11:1-9*
- 10th Theme: *Shepherds, Keeping Watch*
 Scripture: *Luke 15:3-7; 1 Peter 5:2-4*
- 17th Theme: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
 Scripture: *Choir Presentation*
- 24th Theme: *Angels, The Celestial Characters*
 Scripture: *Luke 1:26-38 & 2:8-14*
- 24th Evening Theme: *Christmas Selfie*
 Scripture: *Luke 2:1-20*
- 31st Theme: *Religious Practice, Spiritual Overtones*
 Scripture: *Luke 2:22-40*

January

- 7th Theme: *Wiseman*
 Scripture: *Matthew 2:1-12*
- 14th Theme: *Heart of Hearing*
 Scripture: *1 Samuel 3:1-21*

Trip of a Lifetime



Have you wanted to experience a little bit of what it was like to live at the time of Jesus? Possibly walk in the footsteps of Jesus? See the Bible come to life? You and your friends have an opportunity to join Pastor Rick on a journey that will increase your understanding of the Bible, your spirituality and closeness to God. The trip is November 5–14, 2018, with a possible six-day extension

to Egypt for those who want to experience Mt. Sinai, see the Pyramids and Sphinx. Contact Pastor Rick.



December 2017

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 10:30 a.m. *Re-Claiming the Bible* w/Rev. Oaks
3:00 p.m. Christmas Party setup
- 12/2 5:00 p.m. All Church Christmas Party
- 12/3 1st Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 12/5 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. GriefShare—Youth Room
6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting—Rm. 6
- 12/6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/7 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 12/8 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
- 12/9 8:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting
- 12/10 2nd Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
3:00 p.m. Hope for the Holidays Remembrance Service
- 12/12 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. GriefShare
10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Trustees
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/14 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 12/15 10:30 a.m. *Re-Claiming the Bible* w/Rev. Oaks
- 12/16 9:00 a.m. Poinsettias arranged on altar

Continued next column

- 12/17 3rd Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. Worship—Christmas Cantata
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship—Christmas Cantata
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
3:00 p.m. Margaret Meyncke Piano Recital
- 12/19 Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Potluck—time tba
- 12/20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/21 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting/Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 337
- 12/22 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
- 12/24 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School K-5th
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship
11:00 p.m. Candlelight & Communion Worship
- 12/25 Christmas Day—Church Offices will be closed through January 1, 2018.
- 12/27 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 12/31 First Sunday after Christmas
10:00 a.m. Worship and church potluck



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

You may indicate on the order form that the flowers are in memory of or in honor of a loved one or a friend.

	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman	MONKS	Youth	10 a.m. only Sam & Pat Hill Mark Bowers Bert Bjorklund	10 a.m. only Bert Bjorklund L. Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Dan Henley Gerry Nicholas Janet Galbraith Gilbert Oaks	MONKS	Youth	/	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Jan Clark-George Peggy Cowherd	MONKS	Youth	10 a.m. George Wuertz 8 p.m. Marlene Oaks 11 p.m. tba	10 a.m. only Earl Fields
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Anita Accordino Bonnie DiAngelo	MONKS	Youth	10 a.m. Heather Bjorklund 8 p.m. Bonnie DiAngelo 11 p.m. L. Henley	10 a.m. only Hazel Hailstone
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Raymond Landry	Mark McCullough Ken Boyle	Gian & Meghann Gian & Meghann	Jeanette Edmonds Jeanette Edmonds	Tba
VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pauline Fields Dorothy Smith	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	Jean Hawkins Gloria Galvez	10 a.m. Thelma Loud	10 a.m. Thelma Loud

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.



Nellie Hathorn
Owner

**ACCIPITER
MARKETING**

**Social Media
Marketing**

keeping an eye on your business

TX Area Code 915-487-6423
www.accipitermarketing.com
www.facebook.com/accipitermarketing
email: nellie.hathorn@accipitermarketing.com



**YOGA
FOR LIFE**

Deb Potts, R.Y.T.

Plaza Professional Center
27403 Ynez Rd., Suite 210
Temecula, CA 92591
p: 951-676-8285
e: yogaforlife06@verizon.net
www.yogaforlife06.com

OFFERING CLASSES IN YOGA & MEDITATION
DEVELOPING THE MIND, BODY & HEART



Temecula United Methodist Church
 42690 Margarita Road
 Temecula CA 92592-4962

Non-Profit Organization
 U.S. Postage Paid
 Temecula CA
 Permit No. 166

Return Service Requested

THE MESSENGER
 Editor: Mary Kottman
 December, 2017



Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

- Melody Beattie



aPlace for Mom.

Charlotte Stackpole, MPA
 Senior Living Advisor

P 866 355 6996
 E charlottes@aplaceformom.com | W www.aplaceformom.com

Nellie Hathorn
 Independent Beauty Consultant

46018 Coyote Canyon
 Temecula, CA 92592
 915-487-6423

nhathorn@marykay.com
 www.marykay.com/nhathorn
 Shop online with me 24/7



MARY KAY

YOUR AD HERE.

\$ 10 PER MONTH

Email business card to
 tumc@temeculaumc.com



Heather Sheaffer
 Realtor Partner & Real Estate Consultant

Cell (951) 491-9298
 Office (866) 343-3431
 Direct (951) 667-7776
 Fax (866) 241-4674
 eMail: Heather@TroySage.com
 Website: www.TheTroySageTeam.com
 BRE#01812652



