



The Vision
of
Temecula UMC

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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Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

February 2021



RICK'S RAMBLINGS

What's Up

It has been a year since the first case of Covid-19 was reported in the United States. Almost a year since Covid-19 was declared a worldwide pandemic and how we live changed our lives and how we live and associate with one another. We have been locked down, shut-in, isolated, forced to Zoom meetings and school, learning new ways to get our groceries and restaurant food by computer apps such as door dash, Uber eats, Instacart and more, mask wearing, 6' minimum distant away from each other and 20 plus sec. hand washing (which isn't a bad idea) and more. We have seen the continued rise of cases, sicknesses and death of Covid-19 (over 450,000). Each one of us, our children, our parents, siblings, friends, neighbors and strangers have been affected physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.

Since the beginning of this most impactful invasion upon our lives we continue to shout out WHAT'S UP?! Seeking information and updates to how we can get back to normal. To learn more news about the vaccines that are available and more importantly when we are deemed eligible to receive the vaccination and how we can get it? When will there be more vaccine available? When can more businesses, entertainment venues, events, schools, and work open? When will we be able to return to a more normal way of living? Associate with one another in person?

It's been a long time since the last Messenger, six months. It is time for us to get back to sending out updates and

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Rick's Ramblings continued

information about our Church and Church Family. I am not even remotely qualified to answer the questions I raised in the previous paragraph, but I can share some updates to where we are in our ministry and reopening the Church for worship.

First let me begin with the reopening. I want to assure you the Reopening Task Force continues to look at the numbers of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths and how to best protect our Church Family and Do No Harm. With that input we are not ready to reopen to in-person worship outside or inside. We hope some of the trends, though slight, downward will continue in this direction. The Task Force is meeting every month to make sure we are prepared to reopen once it is deemed appropriate. Until then we will continue to hold streaming worship services and Zoom meetings and gatherings. We will continue to connect with Church Family who don't have tech capabilities.

This has been a difficult time, but you have continued to be faithful and generous in your giving. Through your giving and the ability to reduce spending we were able to end 2020 in a \$24,000 in the positive. The Finance Team wants to thank you and encourage you in your continued faith giving for the 2021 year. Our giving has been more than just monetary. When asked you have brought food to support the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry at St. Catherine. You supported the outreaches through our Golden Basket opportunities as well. Thank You.

I want to share a word regarding our Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry. Under the leadership of Marlene Oaks this continues to be a vibrant way we touch the lives of those in our Church Family and beyond who are hurting, and in need of being wrapped in God's love and grace. This has become a vital ministry outreach and with your support will continue for the year and years ahead.

Though spending a lot of time on our computer screens with meetings and gathering has become tiresome at times, because of this technology of web, social media, and

streaming we are able to keep this Church Family connected virtually. The team looks forward to bringing uplifting hopeful worship to you each week. I will continue to offer communion the first Saturday of Each Month at the Church from 10 – 11 AM to partake at the Church or take home to have during our streaming service. The Worship Team will always look for ways to keep us connected as a praised filled worship community.

Let me share with you that the Church Council will continue to grow and develop ministries and missions with the guidance of the Scriptures and our Mission Statement:

Temecula United Methodist Church is an inclusive, reconciling congregation. All who seek God are welcome.

*Join our TUMC family to participate in worship, education, fellowship, ministry and mission; regardless of race, color or ethnicity, age, marital status, gender, sexual identity, expression, physical or mental ability...**"anyone who comes to me, I will never drive away."** John 6:37.*

This is a place where you will find welcome, support, comfort and strength for your life.

A few of the goals we hope to accomplish are:

- Church Growth
- Hiring new church secretary
- Continued growth of Youth Ministry
- Hiring new Children's Ministry Coordinator
- Possible Alternative Worship Service
- Ways to support the ministries and missions of the Church

What's Up is not only about information but how are we doing. So, I ask how are you doing?

And I leave you these words of comfort and hope from Deuteronomy 31:8

"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Let our FAITH be bigger than our Fear
Pastor Rick



To begin the season of Lent (a time of preparing for Easter through spiritual disciplines such as prayer and self-denial) Pastor Rick will send out a special Vlog on Wednesday February 17. Pastor Rick will provide a packet of ashes for your participation which you can pick up at Church on Saturday February 13, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or Wednesday February 17, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. For those who don't have access to the Vlog a devotion can be sent out by contacting the church office, 951-676-1800 ext 4.

Drive-Thru Dinner Fundraiser

Last month we had our first Drive-Thru BBQ Dinner Fundraiser. Those who participated enjoyed the meal prepared by Great Scot BBQ. As a way to help support the ministries of the Church our Church Council is once again sponsoring the Drive-Thru BBQ Dinner. A flyer with all the information on how to order, deadline for ordering and when to pick up is included in this newsletter. The Dinner and pick up are done in a safe manner. Please invited your family, friends, and neighbors to take advantage of this great meal. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Rick, rick.malec@gmail.com or Meghann Adesso, bigstar951@gmail.com.

Rick's Rambling VLOG

Pastor Rick continues his video rambling to bring hope, joy, love and peace to the Church family and community. It will be uploaded every Friday. You can find it by going to our website temeculaumc.com and click on the Vlog link that is sent out. If you subscribe you will be notified when a new Vlog is available. If you are not receiving the link on Fridays or you have questions contact Pastor Rick, 951-676-1800 ext. 4.

Worship Scriptures and Themes

February

- 7: Scripture: Mark 1:29-39
Theme: A Message for Our Time
- 14: Scripture: Mark 9:2-9
Theme: The Promise of the Transfiguration
- 21: Scripture: Mark 1:9-15
Theme: Kingdom is Near, Repent & Believe
- 28: Scripture: Mark 8:27-38
Theme: What to Learn from the Master

March

- 7: Scripture: John 2:13-22
Theme: Righteous Anger

"Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone; we find it with another."
—Thomas Merton

How to Watch the Worship Service on Facebook or YouTube

We continue to stream our worship services on the Temecula United Methodist Church Facebook page. To get connected go to our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/temeculaunitedmethodistchurch>.

If you're not on Facebook go to our website www.temeculaumc.com and click on the link to our Facebook page and it should come up. We broadcast at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. If you miss it, it will still be on our website page to go back to and watch. Also, it will be posted on our Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/TemeculaUnitedMethodistChurch> by 12:00 p.m. every Sunday. Our plan is to keep streaming even after in-person worship service resumes.

Note: If you don't have computer or online capability and would like a copy of Pastor Rick's sermon, please contact him at church 951-676-1800 ext. 4 and it will be mailed to you.

Bible Study on Zoom

Pastor Rick would like to invite you to join him on Zoom meeting for his weekly Bible Study. If you have a computer and online capability and would like to join him please email him at rick.malec@gmail.com to let him know. The Bible Study has changed it's time to Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. If you would like to participate contact Pastor Rick. Once he sends you the Zoom invite click on the link a few minutes before the scheduled time to get signed up on Zoom.

Note: If you don't have computer or online access and would like an outline of the study contact Pastor Rick, 951-676-1800 ext. 4, and one will be sent to you.

United Methodist Women

The theme for the program this month is "**Love**".



Feb. 11, 2021 - Thursday,
10:00 a.m. - UMW Board
meeting in Zoom (virtual)

Feb. 18, 2021 - Thursday,
10:00 a.m. - UMW General
Meeting in Zoom (virtual)

All ladies of the church are welcome to attend the general meeting. A letter is being sent to all women with information on how to access the online meeting via Zoom. If you do not receive a letter please contact Marlene Oaks at marleneoaks56@gmail.com and she will email you the link.

MONKS (Men's Group)

2020 MONKS SPAGHETTI DINNER

"Last year the MONKS were unable to hold the Annual Spaghetti Dinner due to the pandemic restrictions. However, we are happy to announce that we were able to donate proceeds from our 2020 ticket sales to Project Touch and the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Donations totaled over \$1,600. The MONKS also donated the food items that would have been used to prepare the Spaghetti Dinner. Let me take this opportunity to thank all those who are a part of this fundraising mission. We are blessed to be able to give to those in need in our community."

MONKS meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact Dan Henley at henley4home@gmail.com and he will send you the link to access the meeting.

February highlights are Project Touch winter shelter meals February 8 and February 19.

WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

Personal Check or Cash - You can mail into the church or drop off your tithe at the church by placing it in the Church's mailbox.

Online Checking - You can setup an automatic payment to TUMC with you bank or credit union.

TUMC Website (www.temeculaumc.com) - Go to the church's website and click on Donate at the top of the page. Then follow directions on the page.

GIVEPLUS+ - Download the free app either from Apple App Store or Google Play. This app is for use with a mobile device (tablet or cellphone).

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Your Prayers and Squares



What a blessing it has been for us to lovingly make quilts to be blessed and sent to your loved ones. So far 290+ quilts have been made and given.

We need your help in two ways.

Help - There are many tasks from sewing, to sandwiching (put the backing, batting and top together with pins), quilting, putting in ties, sewing on labels, ironing, organizing and more. We can teach you how to do any area you are willing to try. It takes many hands. Our team has shrunk in the past year or two because of many reasons, from moving away, to getting a job, to babysitting grandchildren. Please pray about it to see if God is calling you to this ministry. We meet twice a month, normally the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 10 to about noon.

Money - (checks made to TUMC with Prayers and Squares in the memo line), and/or gift cards from Hobby Lobby, JoAnn Fabric, Primitive Gatherings or Between Stitches (the local quilting supply stores). We purchase large rolls of batting, usually on sale, wide backing fabric, threads, various sewing supplies, and some fabrics. We usually have a Christmas boutique and raise most of our budget. But with Covid-19, we didn't get to have the boutique this last year. A Golden Basket offering was taken, for about \$100. That is helpful, but we spend close to \$2,000 a year for the mentioned items. Please pray about this and consider helping us help your friends and family with the blessing of a quilt.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Marlene Oaks, marleneoaks56@gmail.com or 951-240-2416. Thank you so much!

Golden Baskets for February

7th - S.A.F.E.

14th - Christ Ministry Center, San Diego

21st - Neighborhood Healthcare - Temecula

28th - Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity

March 7th - Our Missionary Clara Mridula Biswas

Learn about the Golden Basket Charities

(Click on the logo to learn more about the Charity)



Working Together To End Family Violence

SAFE
Alternatives
for Everyone

S.A.F.E. is committed to providing services for children, youth and families who have experienced or are at risk of abuse and violence.

Christ Ministry Center



Services Provided by CMC:

- Good Neighbor Center
 - Spiritual Ministries
 - Free Clinics
 - Brother's Keeper Clothes
 - Prison, Detention, Recovery
 - The Welcome Home
- Safe Harbor Loft
 - AbundantHELP and much more

Neighborhood Healthcare - Temecula

The mission is to provide quality health care and promote wellness to everyone in our communities, focusing on those most in need regardless of the ability to pay.



The mission of Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley, in partnership with God, is to facilitate the dream of homeownership, as well as improve living conditions for those in the community.



Clara is the director of Street Children Ministry in Cambodia. The ministry serves approximately 620 students.

The ministry shares the love of God, by helping children obtain an education through opportunities to study via a scholarship, improving living conditions by providing vocational training, providing medical care and financial support to the ill, and with education creating awareness on human trafficking, human rights, and domestic violence.

Servant Volunteer of the Month

This unique recognition program will reappear in March. What is it? you might ask since, along with much of our lives, it has been dormant for a year.

It takes a lot of people for a church to function. Some people do a lot and take on several jobs. Some people do a smaller amount. But it takes us all doing something to make a church work.

We want to acknowledge those who do whatever they do in support of our church, and we want to get to know one another better.

You will find the nomination form below so that you can nominate someone. I still have the jar of names from last March, so we will start there, however, any new nominations will be added to the jar. Only people nominated by a church member are accepted.

Each month we draw out a name. I contact them for an interview, write an article and prepare a certificate. Pastor Rick acknowledges the person during a Sunday service and presents the certificate.

If you have any questions, please contact me marleneoaks56@gmail.com, 951-240-2416.

Blessings,

Rev. Marlene Oaks

Nomination for Servant Volunteer of the Month

We realize that everyone is cherished, appreciated, and loved. We also realize that some give of themselves above and beyond. This award is for those who go many extra miles.

You are invited to nominate a member of our congregation for Servant Volunteer of the Month under the above guideline.

I nominate: _____

Because: _____

Signed _____

Date _____



SUNDAY SCHEDULE	
Video Streaming of our Sunday Worship at 10:00 A.M. Log into Facebook or go to YouTube and search for Temecula United Methodist Church	
PASTOR	DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
<i>Rev. Rick Malec</i> Phone: (951) 676-1800, ext. 4 email: pastorrick@temeculaumc.com	<i>Dr. Earl Richards</i> email: earlrichards02@gmail.com
UMYF	PIANIST
Contact <i>Gian Adesso</i> email: gadesso25@yahoo.com	<i>Dr. Corry Bell</i> email: docpno@aol.com



Temecula United Methodist Church Fundraiser



Charcuterie Options

Large Board (for 4) - \$25

Small Board (for 2) - \$15

Individual Meals - \$16

1 Meat Choice (Pulled Pork, 1/4 Chicken or Mushroom Quinoa)

2 Individual Sides (Coleslaw, Pasta Salad, or Smoked Beans)

1 Roll

1 Dessert (Chocolate Chip Cookie)

Family Meal - \$55

1 Meat Choice (Pulled Pork, Whole Chicken or Combo)

2 Large Sides (Coleslaw, Pasta Salad, or Smoked Beans)

4 Rolls

4 Desserts (Chocolate Chip Cookies)



Please order at <https://forms.gle/nYfHnYY4n5Nw3txj7>

by February 20th at 8pm. Pick up will be February 21st

between 4:00 - 5:30 at the Church.