

Temecula UMC is a caring community dedicated to God's work. We welcome all by creating an atmosphere rooted in the fruits 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 by following Christ.

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# Temecula United Methodist Church

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# SAVE THE DATE

# February 7, 2015

FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING OF FOOD, WINE & DANCING PLUS A LITTLE SPENDING OF YOUR HARD EARNED CASH

# Time for Friends

WINE/APPETIZER/DESSERT FUNDRAISER

City of Temecula Civic Center (41000 MAIN STREET, TEMECULA)

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (OR TILL WE GET TIRED OF DANCING)

Please put us on your calendar and start thinking about what SERVICE or TALENT you can donate to raise money for our church FAMILY & FRIENDS that may need our help!

DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN MARK THOSE CALENDARS

## **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.

Please contact Pastor Rick for information on UMYF

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# Rick's Ramblings

## Live In Peace

I'm sure that, like me, you have been troubled by the killings in France in mid-January. It is just another act of violence and hatred like the ones we have witnessed over oh so many years and even decades. We also see the violence in our neighborhoods, in our schools and homes. These acts of terrorism bring fear into our lives that lead to judgment, prejudice, hatred, and more violence. We ask when will this end, how should we live our lives now? Will we continue to live in fear and act in fear?

In the *Gospel of John* 14:27 Jesus prepares his disciples for the end of his earthly life, "Peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." What is this peace that Jesus gives to us? If we look at the Biblical definition of peace we find that it is *Shalom*, a people that is holistic, complete. It is a peace that is living in right relationship with another person or group of people. This peace means to live in a way of forgiveness of others, as of being forgiven. God has created a covenant with humanity out of this understanding of peace and sent his Son as a sign and living evidence of this covenant based on peace.

Jesus shared these words knowing that he was going to meet a violent end to his life but he didn't preach revenge, hatred or violence. He preached, taught, and lived peace that would heal and offer strength. So the way to live is to live not in fear but to live in confidence that the God who loves us offers us a peace that will give us the courage and strength we need to live in forgiveness, act in love, and know Christ is with us always.

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#### Rick's Ramblings continued from page two

As we come into February, recognized as Black History Month, we are reminded of the peace that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached and lived, the peace that Mahatma Gandhi lived, and that of so many others who stood up to the fear of violence and helped bring about a whole just society. They strove to emulate these words of Jesus from Luke 6: "But love your enemies, do good to them, and tend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Yes, those who stand up with the peace of Christ in them will meet with resistance. But they will also strive to reconcile with those who are different from them, strive to reunite, and to become whole in the relationship. This is true whether we are talking about individual relationships or among peoples.

In striving to live the peace of Christ I also believe we will find peace within ourselves that can bring healing within, a calm to fears within our lives, and a hope that the violence we witness and face will come to an end. Friends, we will not see an end of violence of all kinds in all places as soon as we want, but if we live the Peace of Christ we can help bring an end sooner than later and let all know this is the way to bring peace.

Shalom Pastor Rick

## P.S.

I would like to thank Larry Messersmith, Ken and Debi Johnson, Lloyd Bradshaw and Karen Benvenuto for their years of serving the Church. All are transitioning from their current positions of service. They have done much for our congregation and I look forward to where God is calling them next to serve.

# Love Can Build A Bridge

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it...through violence, you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate... returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



# MONKS VALENTINE BREAKFAST

All ladies of the church are invited to be the guest of the MONKS for their annual Valentine breakfast on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.

Over 40 ladies have signed up for this event. If you would like to attend, kindly contact Barry Adams.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### Sunday

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes at 9 a.m. in Room 6. We begin our new study February 1, 1000 Gifts by Ann Voskamp. There are still copies available at the Riverside County Library. This week we will have a general introduction, and talk about Chapter 1.

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

- February 1 Feasting and Fasting: Daniel 1:5, 8-17; Matthew 6:16; 9:9-17
- February 8 Serving Neighbors, Serving God: Luke 10:25-34
- February 15 Serving the Least: Matthew 25:31-46
- February 22 Clothed and Ready: *Ephesians* 6:10-20

#### **Sunday School** meets 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. childcare is offered for toddlers through younger elementary. Contact Diana Walker Sunday mornings.

**Financial Peace University** starts Sunday, February 8th at 3 p.m. in Room 6. Contact Chris Riche or Adam Hathorn.

#### **Tuesday**

**Ladies Bible Study** at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Contact Karen Benvenuto. February 3—*Psalm* 23, February 10—*Psalm* 24, February 17—*Psalm* 25, February 24—*Psalm* 27.

**Book Discussion Group** meets February 3 at 7 p.m. at the home of Barbara Gaborko to discuss *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

#### Wednesday

**Bible Study with Pastor Rick** — Persons who want to be a part of this study have two options of time. 10 a.m. in the Music Room or 6:15 p.m. in Room 1. The evening class ends before time for choir rehearsal. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rick.

Chancel Choir rehearses weekly at 7:15 p.m. in the Worship Center. Contact Rob Hodo, Director of Music Wednesday evening or Sunday morning.

#### **Thursday**

Out to Lunch Bunch meets at 12 noon Thursday, February 5th at Hometown Buffet in Temecula.. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US! Contact Sally Messersmith.

**New!** Thursday Night Mens Bible Study - *The Seekers*, a men's study group seeking daring adventures to challenge and nourish our faith journeys will begin a study of *Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It* by Adam Hamilton. This 6-week study will commence on <u>Thursday</u>, Feb 5, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Youth Room at <u>TUMC</u>. John Wesley's story and his message of faith is our story; it's our Methodist heritage. It defines our faith, and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion. All men are welcome to join this study.

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## MONKS Men of Nurturing Knightly Spirit



The men of TUMC will host a delicious pasta meal with tasty meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink.

**Illusionist Jerry Langford** will perform at 7:00 p.m. for the amusement of children and adults alike.

MONKS are accepting donations of Smart & Final Scrip or cash to purchase spaghetti ingredients and paper supplies. Please contact Barry Adams.

Desserts Needed: Cakes, pies, cookies, whether homemade or store bought, are welcome and appreciated. Please be sure to bring your desserts to the kitchen by 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7th.

# CONFERENCE LAY SERVANT MINISTRY EVENT

"Caring Is Not for the Fainthearted"
will be held Saturday, February 28
at Vista UMC
490 South Melrose Drive
Vista CA 92081

All clergy and laity are invited.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Glenna Kyker Brayton

Glenna's keynote address will help us look at the places in our lives where we can show more hospitality, love and caring through "Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors".

Registration deadline: February 20 Cost \$40 Register online at www.calpacumc.org/register

## **FOOD PANTRY**



The need continues. Please remember to bring one can of food each Sunday. Look for specials and pick up an extra can for the Food Pantry.

Thank you to the generous anonymous cash donation on Sunday, January 25th. Bless you.

## FROM THE BREEZE WAY

February Worship Theme and Scriptures

1<sup>st</sup> Theme: *Is it Worth It?* Scripture: *Mark* 1:21-28

8<sup>th</sup> Theme: *A Fractured World* 

Scripture: Mark 1:29-39

15<sup>th</sup> Theme: *Time to Do, Not Preserve* 

18<sup>th</sup> Theme: (Ash Wednesday)

Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Matthew 6:1-6,

16-21

22<sup>nd</sup> Theme: Read Between the Lines

Scripture: Mark 1:9-16

### SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. In Western Christianity, <u>Ash Wedneday</u> marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins <u>40 days</u> prior to <u>Easter</u> (Sundays are not included in the count since Sundays are mini Easters). Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of moderation and spiritual discipline such as fasting, personal devotion, Bible reading/study, repentance and service. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on <u>Jesus Christ</u> - his suffering and sacrifice, life, death, burial and resurrection.



Lent is a usually a time when Christians think of giving up something, but it can also be a time of taking on something like starting a devotional or Bible reading time, serving the Church or a community organization in new ways or attending special worship services.

There are many ways to put our focus on Christ.

This year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18. We will observe this time with a service of **Ashes and Communion at 7 PM**. Also, as a way for the TUMC Family to observe Lent and help practice spiritual discipline, there will be a Contemplative Prayer Worship (Date TBA) and ongoing Bible Studies. Please read page four for details.

This year there will also be a Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. and a Good Friday Service led by our Youth Group. More details will follow in coming weeks.

# TWELVE KEYS VISION/ MISSION STUDY

In preparation for our Visioning Retreat and discovering where and whom God is calling us to serve, Pastor Rick and the Church Council are inviting all church family members to read the book *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church: Strong, Healthy Congregations Living in the Grace of God.* 

This book will help us discover where we as a congregation find our strengths for ministry and living and will help us set our priorities for goals in mission and ministry. In all, we will grow in the Grace of God.

The books will be available in February/March and you can begin reading. Following Easter in April, you will be invited to take part in one of the groups that will study and score the 12 keys as part of the process of Vision/Mission Growing. We will have a kick off on Sunday, April 12, and then a Vision/Mission Retreat on Saturday May 9. More details will be shared in the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Rick or Toby Hammett.

Let this be a time for us as TUMC and God's family to grow in our faith and service to God.

## **UM WOMEN**

#### Local

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - UMW Executive Board Meeting, 10:30 a.m. in Room 6

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - UMW General Meeting/Luncheon and fellowship from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the Hillside Room. Our speaker for the event is Vice President Diana Walker who will bring us up-to-date on Sunday School.

#### **Cal-Pac Mid-Winter Event:**

Feb 21, 2015 - to be held at Riverside First UMC, Rev. Dr. Cedrick Bridgeforth, District Superintendent, will be the guest speaker on "Realignment: Truth and Fallacies". According to the new editor of *Pacific Waves*, it is very important to attend this event.

All women of the church are encouraged to join us!

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# *17<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Faire*A Success for Missions Giving

Held Saturday, October 25, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. What began in 1997, with a small group of TUMC women has grown into an annual event. It is eagerly anticipated and recognized as one of the best events of its kind in the Temecula Valley. The goal of the Craft Faire is to provide funds for TUMC programs and to help meet the mission outreach needs of our Temecula Valley. Vendors return year after year with high praise for our organization and quality.

The 2014 Faire featured 74 vendors showcasing such articles as holiday crafts, jewelry, dolls and doll clothes, wood crafts, ceramics, crocheted and knitted items, handbags, jams and spices, children's items, fairy gardens and plant arrangements, greeting cards, paper crafts and photography. All items were handcrafted. No commercial items were allowed. A live alpaca to pet and feed added to the attractions.

Breakfast and lunch were served by the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study group. Funds earned remain with them for their distribution. The United Methodist Women conducted a Bake Sale and Pauline Fields and Dorothe Hansen organized and conducted the Used Book and CD/DVD Sale. Bake and Book Sale funds remain with the UMW.

Craft Faire Committee funds are raised through vendor space fees which vary in price space depending on the vendor's location: Sanctuary space - \$45; Grass area - \$40; Patio and Room 1 spaces - \$35.

#### **TUMC Church Projects**

Food Pantry	\$	200.00
General Fund (for copies)		150.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		150.00
Audio Visual Restricted Fund		200.00
General Fund-Other Fundraise	ers	
(proceeds from Book Sales)		239.45
Stephen Ministry		50.00
Memorial Fund		100.00
TUMC Apportionments		200.00
Subtotal:		\$1,289.45

#### **Community Projects**

Subtotal: \$1,780.00

Grand Total Disbursed: \$3,069.45

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the Craft Faire a huge success: the Planning Committee, Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, UMW, Trustee and Finance Committees, the Church Office and Student Volunteers! We appreciate your united effort and hard work and are blessed to be able to contribute to a wide range of needs within our church and our community.

The Craft Faire Committee

Global Missions (Apportionments)

# HELPING TRANSFORM LIVES Golden Baskets Summary for 2014

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Groben Wilssions (Apportion interies)	_, . , ,
Black Colleges (Apportionments)	247,00
S.A.F.E.	2,281.97
Cindy & Gary Moon, Missionaries	1,490.00
UMCOR	917.50
Imagine No Malaria	1,252,10
Ganta United Methodist Hospital, Liberia	525.00
Rebuild Crisfield, Maryland Team	363.57
Vacation Bible School	146.00
Heifer International Living Gifts	551.71
Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity	331.00
P.A.W.Z., Service Dogs for Veterans	200.00
Rancho Damacitas	300.00
Dr. Nguyen, UMW Sunday Speaker Offering	522.00

TOTAL FOR 2014 11,625.68

**TUMC Mission Committee** 



# February 2015 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

2/1	9 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes 9 a.m. Sunday School
	9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
2/3	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
'	7:00 p.m. Book Group
2/4	10 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
′	12 noon Stephen Minister Training
	6:15 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
	7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting
	7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
2/5	10 a.m. TUMC hosts Lutheran Pacific Synod
	12 noon Out to Lunch Bunch
2/7	9 a.m. PALS Cleaning Day
_, ,	6 p.m. <i>Time for Friends</i>
2/8	9 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
'	9 a.m. Sunday School
	9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
	3 p.m. Financial Peace University
2/10	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
′	6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
2/11	10 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
′	12 noon—Stephen Minister Training
	6:15 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
	7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
2/12	10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board
2/13	11:30 a.m. UMW Tea Planning
2/14	8 a.m. MONKS Valentine Breakfast
2/15	9 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
<b>'</b>	9 a.m. Sunday School
	9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
	11:45 a.m. Stephen Ministers meet
	3:00 p.m. Financial Peace University
2/16	President's Day—Church Offices closed
2/17	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 p.m. Builders Mardi Gras Potluck
	7:00 p.m. Finance Committee—date may
	be changed. See Sunday bulletin.
2/18	10 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
	12 noon Stephen Minister Training
	6:15 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
	7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
	7:15 p.m. SPRC

2/19	10 a.m. UM Women Meeting/Luncheon
2/20	2 p.m. Capt. Sterling "Pete" Peters
	Memorial Service
2/21	9 a.m Back to Basics Forum at TUMC
2/22	9 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
	9 a.m. Sunday School
	9 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
	3 p.m. Financial Peace University
2/24	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
2/25	9:30 a.m. PALS Open House
	10 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
	12 noon Stephen Minister Training
	6:15 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
	7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
2/26	6:30 p.m. Church Council

Dear Friends of Temecula United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your wonderful Memorial Service honoring our dear Gary. The service was extremely moving and heartfelt. We so appreciate all of you who have cared so deeply and sent many prayers our way.

Thank you, Donna, Janet and Ken Gorman

# Capt. Sterling "Pete" Peters Memorial Service Feb. 20

Captain Sterling "Pete" Peters retired from USMC in Oct. 1970, serving 38 years.. He joined the Marines in 1947 at age 14! His mother vouched for him. After retirement, the family moved to Escondido, where he worked at Escondido Disposal Company until 1990. He also volunteered for the Butte County Sheriff's Department for 18 years. Our prayers and condolences are extended to his wife Natalie and family.

# **Edith McCollum Memorial Remembrance** will be during the 9 a.m.

and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Services on March 8th. Edith joined TUMC in May 1989, and was a faithful member and featured soloist of the Chancel Choir and Director of TUMC's Handbell Choir. She was among the first to volunteer for service projects and social events and was loved by all. She is survived by her husband, Bill.

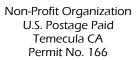
	Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	
	9 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	Bert Bjorklund	MONKS	Youth	Sam Hill	
	Larry Messersmith			Pat Hill	
SU	Erik Toberman			Oscar Loud	
USHERS				Thelma Loud	
S	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
	Dwight Weaver	MONKS	Youth	Raul Denisac	
	Lovely Villanueva			Dan Little	
	Janet Galbraith			Gloria Galvez	
	Dick Mohammed			Steve Jones	

		9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
UTU	Barbara Gaborko	MONKS	Youth	Jan Clark-George	
LITURGISTS	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
TS	Aimee Jones	MONKS	Youth	Peggy Cowherd	

	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
GREET	Pat Hill	MONKS	Youth	Heather Bjorklund	
TERS	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
<u> </u>	Bonnie Diangelo	MONKS	Youth	Jean Williams	

S	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
SOUND	Mark McCullough	Mark McCullough	Meg & Gian	Robert Edmonds	
TECH	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
	Raymond Landry	Ken Boyle	Meg & Gian	Jeanette Holt	

<	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
VISITOR	Sue Bradshaw	Anita Accordino	Sue Bradshaw	Anita Accordino	
TABI	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
E	Dorothy Smith	Jean Williams	Gloria Galvez	Sue Bradshaw	





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See you in church!









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