

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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MONKS VALENTINE BREAKFAST



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 11th
AT 8 AM
FREE!

Annual treat for all the ladies of TUMC at no cost! Indulge & enjoy an elegant breakfast cooked & served by the MONKS.

Men pay \$12

RSVP the church office, 676-1800x3, or sign up in the church breezeway.

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

Starting a New Year

months after.

We know many people across the country who have made New Year's resolutions. New Year's resolutions go back to the Babylonian Empire in the 500s BCE. This ritual continued as part of the Roman tradition of worship of their god Janus. Knights in the medieval days made commitments to continue chivalry. In Judaism, this history takes the form of resolutions at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to offer and seek forgiveness for the sins of the year past and to set things anew in life moving forward. In the Christian tradition, many would take Watch Night services on New Year's Eve as an opportunity to pray and make resolutions.

New Year's resolutions are a way to try to begin the New Year off right. Bad habits can change into a different lifestyle that will be whole and healthy. Maybe it is to start diets and get in shape, or to go back to school to improve one's education, or to get a better job, or to quit smoking or other bad habit, or to get organized, or to volunteer and help somewhere. These are some of the top resolutions people make. Unfortunately resolutions are not always kept. A survey a number of years ago showed 88% of the people failed in keeping their resolutions. The top reasons were setting too many goals and having expectations too high and just plain forgetting about the resolutions they set in January in the

I am not opposed to New Year's resolutions. In fact, the objectives and goals are almost always positive and worthwhile. In my observation and personal experience the main issue is setting too many objects and goals and having expectations too high. Also, we try to do too much alone without support. In looking at this New Year my words of wisdom are to take on no more than three new objectives. Set realistic time lines for goals to reach your objective. Enlist a couple of friends or family members to offer support and accountability to help you on your journey. When setting the action plan begin by including a strength or a passion that will help in achieving your goal.

Rick's Ramblings continued

As an example, if you want to get in shape, and you have done little or no exercise recently, do not try to run miles or even run at all. Start by walking, maybe not even a mile. Maybe you like being outdoors and enjoy short hikes. Then set some of your walks in places where you can enjoy God's nature like Santa Rosa Plateau.

I share all this about New Year's resolutions because we began a new Christian Year with Advent back in December and now also a new calendar year. We as people of faith and as a community of followers of Christ can set a Faith Action Plan to grow in our spirituality and relationship with God in Christ and one another in faith.

If you want to begin reading your Bible, I would advise not trying to reading all in a short time and certainly not cover to cover. You may have favorite stories. Begin there. Read some part of the Bible before and some after that story to get a fuller picture of it. Join a Bible Study or Christian Study group where there is a time and place to ask questions and share insights. Set a goal to have time to pray each day. Prayers do not have to be long. Just conversations with God work to give thanks, to pray for others and the world, and to pray for yourself. Maybe part of your Faith Action Plan is to serve in the community, to help others in need, to be on a mission team, to help form a mission team, or to attend a leadership or mission training or workshop. You might have as your plan to serve our Church in some way in worship, Christian Education, Vacation Bible School, welcoming new persons or one of our outreach programs. I have shared many opportunities you might want to have as a Faith Action Plan. There is no expectation for you to do all. Pick one or two new ones you might have fun beginning. You may take one you are already doing and grow it into a new goal. In all that you do, seek support and pray for God's quidance and help.

As part of your New Year I want to encourage and invite all to Revisiting our Mission, Ministry and Program Objectives and Goals on Saturday, February 18. Check out the article in this *Messenger* (see p. five)for further information. This sets our Faith Action Plan for our Congregation for the coming year.

PS. Sally and I want to thank all who shared a Christmas Gift and many cards for a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. Your love and support of us and the Ministry we are doing together is a blessing.

New Member Inquiry Class

Have you thought about becoming a member of the Temecula United Methodist congregation? Have you had questions about what United Methodists believe or about our church and its ministries and mission? If you are interested in becoming a member, or just want to know more about our church, you are invited to join Pastor Rick on Sunday, February 12th, at 12 noon, in Room 1. We will begin with lunch, have time to get to know one another, and learn more about our church. Even if you are already a member, but have questions or want to meet some new folks, come join us.

Please RSVP to the church office, 676-1800x3, or sign up in the church breezeway by Wednesday, February 8th. If you are going to join us and need childcare, please let us know by the 8th as well.

Souper Bowl Sunday



Since 1900, Souper Bowl of Caring has made an appeal to churches across the country to collect soup and other non-perishables and/or cash for the local food pantries. They have used the Super Bowl when so many people have their minds focused on parties and food in which to do this. This year we will be participating on February 5th, Souper/Super Bowl Sunday. So, bring canned soup or other canned items or if you would like to make a cash contribution, just use an envelope and mark on it "food pantry". Also, you are invited to wear your favorite team jersey or shirt on that Sunday.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 1st, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Service of Ashes to commemorate the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is the forty days (excluding Sundays) of preparation and spiritual devotion in anticipation of the Resurrection of Christ on Easter. The ashes are a reminder of our self-denial and repentance in moving closer to God. Let us gather for a time of devotion and worship.

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.)

Older Elementary Class (4th—5th)

Younger Elementary Class (K-3rd) 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. A five-week study begins on Jan. 21st using the book *Wiser Together* by Bill Hybels. 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. February 7th, they will meet at the home of Barbara Gaborko to discuss the book, *My Life on the Road* by Gloria Steinem.

Men's Bible Study — The next Men's Bible Study will be in the spring quarter. Contact 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 Sunday's lectionary. Contact Pastor Rick.

Chancel Choir—Choir meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. for rehearsals. *Where there is devotional music, God with His grace is always present.* J. S. Bach. If you would like to add to the harmony or play a musical instrument, contact Rob Hodo, Director of Music, at rhodo70@gmail.com.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 2nd. 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 February 2nd at French Valley Café, 37600 Sky Canyon Dr. Murrieta, CA 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. - Class is cancelled January 26th but will resume February 2nd.

Friday

Prayers and Squares Ministry — Prayers and Squares Ministry meets every other Friday at 10 a.m. (January 27th, February 10th and 24th). 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.

NEW! *The Last Week* by Marcus Borg and John Crossan, a Lenten Program for Friday's Book Discussion Group, starts Friday, February 3rd at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6 with Rev. Marlene Oaks. This class alternates bi-monthly with Prayers & Squares. A flyer and signup sheet is in the church breezeway. Walk Lent in a

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From the Breezeway with Pastor Rick

January Worship Themes and Scriptures

22nd Theme: *Next*

Scripture: *Matthew* 4:12-23
29th Theme: *More Than Blessings*Scripture: *Matthew* 5:1-12

February Worship Themes and Scriptures

5th Theme: Salt of the Earth... Scripture Matthew 5:13-20

12th Theme: God's Hope for Relationships

Scripture: *Matthew* 5:21-37
19th Theme: *Turn the Other Cheek*Scripture: *Matthew* 5:38-48

26th Theme: Up To and Back Down the

Mountain

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Interfaith Council Panel on Homelessness



Who are the homeless in our community? How can we care for them? What can we do as a church and community to help the homeless? The Murrieta/Temecula Interfaith Council is sponsoring panel presentation and discussion, "Homelessness 101, A Community Concern with a Community Solution" on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 7 p.m., in the Community Room at the Temecula Library on Pauba Road. There will be representatives from Community of Hope Outreach, the cities of Temecula and Murrieta, the Temecula Police Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) and a regional representative on homelessness. Come and be informed, learn what we can do as individuals and a church, and ask questions. Bring friends and neighbors. Contact Pastor Rick.

ONE DAY PROGRAM & MISSION GOALS & OBJECTI VE SETTING

Saturday, February 18th, 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon, 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*, look at our present key strengths, and discover any new strengths. This will guide us forward in our current projects for ministry and choosing new projects. We aim to strengthen ourselves as a people of faith in Christ and offer real help, hope and joy. We hope that as many of the Church Family as possible including youth – adult will participate. 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 or Toby Hammett.

Here are the results of the Twelve Keys Survey at the end of last year. This will help guide us during our planning time.



BUDGET

Church leaders and Ministry Groups have had input and conversations and have evaluated the results of our Faith-Giving campaign. The Finance Team is presenting a very hope-filled budget that is about a 5% increase of last year's of \$328,544 to a new total of \$345,407. This increase includes some of the usual cost increases such as caring for our facility, utilities and maintenance, providing material for our Sunday School and Christian Education programs. Also, with the recommendation of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, the Finance Team has offered a 5% raise for our music and office staff and added a new Youth Director position. Our Music and office staff have not received a raise in over four years.

We are moving out in faith and confidence with an increase of Faith Giving Pledges up almost 11% from last year and facility use income projected to be up \$10,000. Most of all we have trust in God's providence and continued blessing of our ministries, missions and projects that reach out to the people in our community and to the world. Thank you to all who give generously to the budget that allows us to show the love and grace of God.

If you have any questions, contact Bret Argenbright, Leader of the Finance Team. If you would like a copy of the proposed budget, please feel free to come to the church office at the beginning of February.

Electronic Giving

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.

The Language of Love Couples Retreat



Life is hectic; getting to this appointment or that one, driving the kids to this event or that, one more date to put on the calendar. It seems time to sit down with your spouse or significant other seems fleeting at times. Most couples don't take the time to strengthen their marriage and 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 plus build relationships with other couples with the same goal as you, to grow the 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. For those arriving early enough on Friday we will go into Julian for dinner. If cost is a concern, contact Pastor Rick for a scholarship.

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 Language 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. Though there will be no massages, you will feel just as relaxed and your marriage will be better for the time.

For questions contact Pastor Rick or Dan Henley.



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UM WOMEN

February 9th - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting in Room 6.

February 16th - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, UMW General Meeting and luncheon in the Hillside Room. Topic covered will be "A Community in Action Against Human Trafficking."

MONKS of TUMC

Men of Nurturing Knightly 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



TICKETS ON SALE!

Tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner may be purchased from Dan Henley or any one of the MONKS between and after Sunday morning worship.

The children will be entertained by Christian illusionist, Jerry Langford.

Donations of Smart & Final Scrip or cash are accepted to buy supplies for the MONKS Spaghetti dinner.

Ladies are asked to donate desserts.

Help is needed in the kitchen the day of the event.

Meet the Pastor

Pastor Rick has been part of the Temecula United Methodist Church Family for two and one-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 plus years later many new 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. The first type of gathering Pastor Rick will meet at a certain location, i.e. a Starbucks or other coffee shop during certain times and anyone is invited to drop by for conversation, questions or stories.

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

If you are interested in hosting a gathering, contact Pastor Rick to set a date and time.

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

The first of these gatherings Pastor Rick will be at Starbucks in the Vons Shopping Center on Rancho California Road, January 27, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. The second he will be at Starbucks in the Home Depot center on Temecula Parkway, Friday, February 3, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Stop by and say hi, have conversation, ask guestions.





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- 2/1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/2 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 2/3 10:30 a.m. "The Last Week" Book Discussion w/Marlene Oaks
- 2/5 9:00 a.m. Worship
 - 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. Worship
 - 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 - 2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
 - 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group off campus
- 2/8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
 - 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/9 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting
 - 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 2/10 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry
- 2/11 8:00 a.m. MONKS Valentine Breakfast
- 2/12 9:00 a.m. Worship
 - 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. Worship
 - 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 - 2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting
- 2/14 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 2/15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
 - 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/16 10:00 a.m. UM Women Meeting/Luncheon 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 2/17 10:30 a.m. "The Last Week" Book Discussion w/Marlene Oaks
- 2/18 8:30 a.m. Revisiting our Mission, Ministry & Program Objectives and Goals

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. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting

- 2/20 President's Day—Church Offices Closed
- 2/21 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 2/22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/23 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 337
- 2/24 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry
- 2/26 9:00 a.m. Worship

2/19 9:00 a.m. Worship

- 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. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting
- 2/28 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study



SATURDAY, MARCH 4th at 8 a.m.

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

at St. Jeanne Lestonnac School Track 32650 Avenida Lestonnac, Temecula

REGISTRATION: Month of February - If you cannot participate in the "Walk", please pledge funds for the participation of our walkers. **Contact: Diane**Martinez through the church office at 951-676-1800x3.

Proceeds will directly benefit the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. This is a joint partnership with Temecula United Methodist Church serving local families in need every week.

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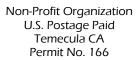
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	January 29	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Philippians	Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman	MONKS	YOUTH	10 a.m. Sam & Pat Hill Oscar & Thelma Loud
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Philippians	Dan Henley Larry Natwick Janet Galbraith Gerry Nicholas	MONKS	YOUTH	Raymond Landry Dan Henley Dick Mohammed Gilbert Oaks
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Philippians Philippians	Jenny Moreland Diane Martinez	MONKS	YOUTH	George Wuertz Peggy Cowherd
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Philippians Philippians	Earl Fields Jean Williams	MONKS	YOUTH	Hazel Hailstone Hallie Sebanc
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Jeanette Holt Jeanette Holt	Mark McCullough Raymond Landry	Mark McCullough Ken Boyle	Gian & Meghann Adesso Gian & Meghann Adesso	Jeanette Holt Jeanette Holt
VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sue Bradshaw Gloria Galbez	Pauline Fields Dorothy Smith	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	Jean Hawkins tba	Sue Bradshaw Gloria Galvez

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.









Return Service Requested

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See you in church!





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