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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.

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Spaghetti Dinner



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\$12 / \$6

March 5th, 2016

5:00-8:00PM

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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

WHERE ARE WE?

There is a State of the Union, a State of the State, and a State of the County and City address each year. Governments have ways to communicate to keep people informed. These addresses are used by officials from the President to the Mayor of our City to state the condition of things and most importantly to share the direction our political leaders would like to take in their area of responsibility, and what they would like to see come to fruition for the betterment of the people. This is not unique to our political system.

Our churches do it as well. After Paul would finish one of his missions, that is after visiting or establishing new churches, he would return to Antioch to report to the home church about the state of these new followers and the growth in faith and numbers they had made. "From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles." (*Acts 14:26-27*)

The United Methodist Church has such accountings as well. Our Annual Conference takes place every June. Our General Conference brings together the United Methodist Church worldwide every four years. Even in our local church we have a Charge or All Church Conference every year, usually in November. We look back at the year, to celebrate where we have served God and look forward to where God is leading us and we put in place our new leaders. This is an overview mostly in a statistical format, an accounting of where we are as a church. But I want to view the ministry in a programmatic way and see where we are and where God is directing and leading us.

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Rick's Ramblings continued

Last year a number of people participated in studying and reading the ***Twelve Keys to an Effective Church, Strong Healthy Congregations Living in the Grace of God.*** This was a time when we sought to identify our present strengths and areas where we could develop and then grow ministries, planting seeds for future opportunities to become a strong and vital congregation. In May we came together for a morning Mission Visioning Retreat to identify current strengths and how to expand them, as well as new strengths we would like to grow.

Among the strengths we identified were our facilities, parking, and landscaping. These are not seen as people ministries, but we recognized that they are the gateway through which people get to view our facility. They are our first contacts with visitors and users of our facility. Plans are underway to open up the visibility of the property by cutting away the shrubs that line our parking lot on Margarita, so passersby can see our property and to provide more security for the Park and Ride vehicles. Also the landscaping has been improved by converting sections of our property (corner of Margarita and Rancho Vista, behind the building to the Prayer and Meditation Garden, and outside the Worship Center) to drought tolerant landscaping. One item we considered was another monument sign at the driveway to help identify the entrance, which can be difficult to see with its location on busy Margarita Road. The Trustees found that City Ordinance allows only one such permanent sign facing each street per business. We already have one. But with the help of Welcome and Outreach we have obtained two Welcome flutter flags that are put out for every worship service and special events at the church. The Trustees have other projects on the table not only to keep up our facility but also to upgrade it with an accessible ramp to the altar stage. All this is to make our property more accessible, inviting, and welcoming.

Another of our identified objectives is to have a music revival program to enhance and offer various worship experiences. The Worship Team will take this on as one of their major emphasis and will set goals for the coming year. This will

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Rick's Ramblings continued

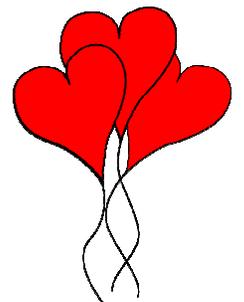
support me in how we can continue to offer a vibrant, uplifting, and awesome worship experience in praise and for evangelism. In regard to the music revival, the Team has selected ***His Voice***, a male choir, to share their musical gifts as a way to share the Gospel. They have performed concerts at TUMC before. We have set Pentecost, May 15, 2016, as the date to hold this event for the community.

A third program objective to grow stronger is our outreach through Vacation Bible School to try and touch as many children in our community as possible. Last summer we partnered with Hope Lutheran Church, and it was a wonderful blessing to share our ministry with another part of the Body of Christ. We look to partner with them again this summer and increase our reach with children and their families in the community.

Along with these program objectives that we have identified to grow our strengths in ministry we continue to reach out through missions such as providing meals for the homeless in our community, supporting the food pantry at St. Catherine's with gifts of food and the Golf Tournament, visiting the homebound and sick, supporting families who are in need in our church and community, strengthening our children and youth ministry programs, and offering more study and fellowship opportunities for the participation of new and longtime members of the church family.

If you have an idea for a ministry or program, be it one time, short term or other, feel free to share it with our Church Council chaired by Toby Hammett. You will find others who would have fun joining you and bring it to fruition. It will be the task of the Church Council, with the help of the various ministry teams, committees, task forces, and ad hoc groups, to help facilitate and support our Mission Vision and programs.

Grace, Peace & Hope
Pastor Rick



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes meets in Room 6 at 9:00 a.m. to continue our study of "Why: Making Sense of God's Will" with Rev. Adam Hamilton.

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.

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 meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. Starting February 16th through March 22nd the ladies will study *Renegade Gospel* by Mike Slaughter. 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.

March 1, 2016 *Chocolat* by Joanne Harris Host: Monica McCullough Reviewer: Darcy Thielemann

NEW! Men's Bible Study—The Men's Bible Fellowship resumed on January 26, 2016, studying Adam Hamilton's: "John - The Gospel of Light and Life." The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. It includes some of the loftiest and most loved verses in all the Bible: "And the Word became flesh...", "For God so loved the world...", "You who are without sin cast the first stone...", "I am the resurrection and the life ...," "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that his readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name."

The six-week bible study will be held on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Henleys' home. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dan Henley at 951-302-2282 or by email: henley_home@verizon.net for more information.

Wednesday

NEW! Morning Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 10 a.m. in the Music Room. The Wednesday morning Bible Study is currently using "Invitation to the Old Testament: A Short-Term Disciple Bible Study" by Celia Brewer Sinclair and James D. Tabor.

Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:15 p.m. in the Worship Center. If you would like to add to the Easter harmony and join the choir contact Rob Hodo, Director of Music, at rhodo70@gmail.com.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be March 3rd at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6. Contact Sue Bradshaw.

Out to Lunch Bunch meets Thursday, February 4th, at noon at the French Valley Airport Café, 37600 Sky Canyon, Murrieta. Contact Sally Messersmith.

NEW! Evening Bible Study with Pastor Rick in the Music Room from 6:30—7:30 p.m. - The Thursday evening Bible Study is currently using "Invitation to the Old Testament: A Short-Term Disciple Bible Study" by Celia Brewer Sinclair and James D. Tabor.

FROM THE BREEZEWAY

February Worship Themes and Scriptures

- 7th** Theme: *Sleep Right Through It*
Scripture: *Luke 9:28-41*
- 14th** Theme: *Something Good Coming Out of Temptation*
Scripture: *Luke 1-13*
- 21st** Theme: *Don't Limit Your Hopes*
Scripture: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*
- 28th** Theme: *Good Timing*
Scripture: *Luke 13:1-9*

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Since 1990 Souper Bowl of Caring has made an appeal to churches across the country to collect soup and other non-perishables and/or cash for 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 7, Super Bowl Sunday. So bring canned soup or other can items or if you would like to make a cash contribution there will be a kitchen pot to drop it in. Look for the grocery basket or someone holding a kitchen pot. Let's make this a festive and successful day.

NEW MEMBER INQUIRY CLASS

Have you thought about becoming a member of the Temecula United Methodist Congregation? Have you had questions about what United Methodist believe or about our church and it's 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 7, 12 noon in Room 1. We will begin with lunch, have a time to get to know one another, and learn more about our Church. Even if you are already a member but have question or want to meet some new folks come join us. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Wednesday February 3, if you are going to join us, and if you need Child Care.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 10, 6:30 p.m., there will be a Service of Ashes to commemorate the beginning of the Lenten season. It is the 40 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

UM WOMEN

February 11, 2016 - Thursday, UMW Executive Meeting at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6.

February 18, 2016 - Thursday, General Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Hillside Room. This meeting will be on "Prayer and Self Denial". Our Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth, Leslie Hamilton, is in charge of this event. All women of the church are welcome to join us.

February 11, 2016 - Craft Fair Committee and UMW will prepare the dinner for folks served by Project Touch.

MONKS

Men of Nurturing



Knighly Spirit

MONKS Annual Valentine Breakfast for all ladies of TUMC. Don't miss this delicious annual breakfast free of charge, **Saturday, February 13th at 8 a.m.** First time men are also free. MONKS pay \$12. Sign up in the breezeway or let Barry Adams know you are attending.

The entertainment for the Valentine's Breakfast will be a piano serenade of love songs, ragtime, party music and hymns by Natasha Ragland.

SAVE THE DATE! MONKS Men's Retreat April 23-24, 2016 at Camp Cedar Glen. It will be an overnight retreat.



We Have Lost a Friend

Our prayers of condolence are extended to Diane Martinez and her family on the death of her husband, Rudy Martinez January 18, 2016. Rudy had been a tireless Servant of the Lord for TUMC since joining TUMC in September, 2000. Most notably, he served as Chair of Church Council from 2003 - 2007, Christian Education Chair, and Lay Member of Annual Conference, and Rudy co-founded the MONKS with the late Bill Harvey. Well done Good and Faithful Servant. **A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 27th at 2 p.m. at TUMC.**

In lieu of flowers, a Rudy Martinez Memorial Fund has been established at Temecula United Methodist Church for the Prayer & Mediation Garden. Please make checks payable to Temecula United Methodist Church, Rudy Martinez Memorial.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.— Frederick Douglass—An African-American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman.

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

PROJECT T.O.U.C.H.

Together our Unity Conquers Homelessness

Mission Statement: Bridging individual and collective bodies of faith within our communities together with civil and business organizations to effectively overcome homelessness and establish effective methods of homeless prevention.

Immediate needs are for warm jackets. A collection basket provided by the MONKS is available in the church breezeway for donations. Other needs are: Twin Sheets
Shampoo
Toilet Paper
Toothpaste and toothbrushes

One Sunday a year Project Touch would be so grateful if all churches in the valley would ask every member to donate \$1 to a special collection for Project T.O.U.C.H.'s Annual Dollar Days Campaign to help combat homelessness in southwest Riverside Country.

TUMC Making Giving Easier

Do you pay your bills online? Make contributions to charitable organizations through Pay Pal? Shop online and use your credit card? Now you will be able to do your giving to your Church by auto deduction or do one time giving by going to the giving link on our website www.temeculaumc.com. You will be directed on how to sign up for auto deductions or one time giving. Make giving easier and not worry about not making your pledge while you are out of town. We are glad to offer another way for all to be faithful and generous in giving to their church. The plan is to have this up and running beginning in February. If you go to the Donate button and have questions you can contact Bret Argenbright, Chair of Finance Committee.

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Temecula United Methodist Church Fundraiser
DATE: FEBRUARY 22ND - MONDAY - TIME: 11 A.M. – 9 P.M.
15% GOES TO TUMC WITH FLYER INCLUDED

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

Join us! The Finance Team is kicking off our restaurant fundraisers for the new year by sponsoring a day at Rockafellas, Monday, February 22nd, 11:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. Come enjoy good food and awesome sweets and help the church out as well. TUMC will receive 15% of proceeds of food purchased when a flyer is turned in when ordering. Bring your friends, family and neighbors. Eat in or take out! We made just over \$100 last year at Rockafellas. Let's go over that amount this month. The more people we get in, the more funds that come back to the church. Get your flyer included here or at church.

SCRIP PROGRAM — Starbucks, Regal movie passes, Sees Candy, Bath and Body Works, Home Depot, Lowe's, to name just a few gift cards available. For those of you who shop online we can order Amazon, LL Bean, Zappos, and don't forget Shutterfly to use for printing photos. Thank you to all of you who support the Scrip Program. We always like to see new faces so come by the Scrip Table after church services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning and see what we have. Remember, there are a number of gift cards that we do not keep in stock, but we can pre-order. Check out our list at the table or you can see the full list of Scrip that is available on our website at www.temeculaumc.com — click on Scrip.



February 2016						
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- 2/2 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion
- 2/3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 2/4 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 2/7 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
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. New Member Class
- 2/9 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 2/10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 2/11 10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board
11:30 a.m. UMW Tea Committee
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 2/12 5:00 p.m. MONKS Valentine setup
- 2/13 8:00 a.m. MONKS Valentine Breakfast
- 2/14 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
10:30 a.m. Worship
- 2/15 Presidents Day—Church Offices Closed
- 2/16 8:30 a.m. "Violent Intruder" Training
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 2/17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/18 10:00 a.m. UM Women Meeting/Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 2/21 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
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

- 2/23 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 2/24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
10:00 a.m. PALS Open House
11:00 a.m. Art Journaling Class
6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
- 2/25 6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack
- 2/27 2:00 p.m. Rudy Martinez Memorial Service
- 2/28 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
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group



GROW IN HOLINESS

*Love is the strongest force the world possesses,
and yet it is the humblest imaginable.*

Mahatma Gandhi



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	<u>Feb. 7</u>	<u>Feb. 14</u>	<u>Feb. 21</u>	<u>Feb. 28</u>	
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Ron Moreland Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith Erik Toberman	MONKS	Youth	Sam Hill Pat Hill Oscar Loud Thelma Loud	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Dan Henley Lovely Villanueva Janet Galbraith Dick Mohammed	MONKS	Youth	Raymond Landry Dan Henley Gloria Galvez Steve Jones	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Darcy Thielemann Hazel Hailstone	MONKS MONKS	Youth Youth	Adam Hathorn Lorna Henley	
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	tba Stella Mohammed	MONKS MONKS	Youth Youth	Jenny Moreland Joan Jessup	
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	tba Raymond Landry	tba Ken Boyle	Meg & Gian Meg & Gian	Robert Edmonds Jeanette Edmonds	
VISITOR TABLE 9 :00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pauline Fields Dorothy Smith	Anita Accordino Jean Williams & Linda Jones	Sue Bradshaw Maureen McKown Gloria Galvez	Sue Bradshaw Marilyn Landry	

If you cannot serve as assigned, please call Erik Toberman for 9 a.m. and Dan Henley for 10:30 a.m. ushers and Pastor Rick for liturgists & greeters. Thank you.





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