



**The Vision of
Temecula UMC
Community**

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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Monks Annual  Breakfast
Saturday, February 15th • 9-11 A.M.

Annual treat for all ladies of TUMC!



RSVP 951-676-1800 x3
or sign up in church breezeway.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE



9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sunday School Classes (EVERY SUNDAY)
 Nursery/Room 2 (Birth—4 yrs.)
 Room 3—(K—2nd)
 Room 1—(3rd—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

A New Year, A New Hope

Over this Christmas season I received a Christmas Card and a special note that I want to pass on to you. I pray that it will lift you up as we move into the new year, inspire you, and keep the vision of living out the love and hope of Jesus Christ before you.

I received many Christmas Cards including from you my Church Family that brought joy into my heart. The one particular card came after the first of the year from Girl Scout Troop 1954. This Troop of young girls began their journey two years ago as a new troop and sought a place to meet. The Troop leader and her daughter were a part of PALS (preschool) a few years ago and they felt welcomed by our congregation. So, we were asked if this was where they could meet to start as a new troop. We embraced and welcomed them. In appreciation of how we have welcomed them, they shared Christmas cards with both Mary and me. Their kindness really touched me. The message of the card spoke to me as I feel the love of Christ moving into the new year:

Praying the Love of God will fill you with joy, the peace of God will fill you with hope, and the grace of God will surround you with the reminders of His presence this Christmas and in the new year.

Another message was shared from a colleague who leads her own church consultation and support ministry, Mary Scifres Ministries. I found these words inspirations and uplifting as I look to 2020.

As we move on from the beauty of the Christmas season, I am reminded of a lesson I learned in seminary. A doctoral candidate in Religion and Literature argued that the Christian tradition was essentially false because stories of virgin births, angels appearing to shepherds,

Rick's Ramblings *continued*

and wise men following a star never actually happened—they were simply fanciful way of saying: *This baby's birth is important to us.*

Our professor responded wryly: "I see. So the tradition that inspired Michelangelo's statue of David and his work in the Sistine chapel, the tradition that produced thousands of years of hymns and music glorifying God, the tradition that produces so much beauty around Christmas time, that tradition is false. No tradition that inspires such beauty is false."

Every year at this time, I feel in my soul how true that statement is. Our challenge is to keep the beauty of Christmas alive in our hearts throughout the year. Remember the feelings of caroling to shut-ins, recall the joy of Christmas pageants and Christmas teas. The challenge of the new year is to live the truth of Christmas in the present-day of our ordinary lives.

As you live through this year 2020, I pray that you will find these words as touching and strengthening as I did.

**May God Guide us as the Star guided the Magi,
May God protect us as God protected the Holy
Family as we strive to be the love of Christ in all that
we do each day this year.**

Pastor Rick

PS: Sally and I want to thank all for your Cards, Gifts, and Prayers for Christmas. We continue to feel loved and supported as we serve with you in this Community.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month.

The Father of Black History Month, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, was born in 1875, near New Canton, VA. He was the son of former slaves. In 1907, he obtained his BA degree from the University of Chicago. In 1912, he received his PhD from Harvard University.

In 1915, he and friends established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. A year later, the *Journal of Negro History*, began quarterly publication. In 1926, Woodson proposed and launched the annual February observance of "Negro History Week," which became "Black History Month" in 1976. It is said that he chose February for the observance because February 12th was Abraham Lincoln's birthday and February 14th was the accepted birthday of Frederick Douglass.

Scrip News

Discontinued Items: These cards are available for purchase.

Coffee Bean & Tea 2 @ \$25

Exon/Mobil Gas 2 @ \$25

iTunes 2 @ \$15 and 2 @ \$25

Restaurant.com 2 \$50 value cards for \$20 purchase



Scrip has over 750 retailers: Stop by the Scrip table to see a complete inventory of items available.

Ralphs/Food4Less: If you shop at Ralphs or Food4Less, be sure to register your rewards cards to earn rebates.

Amazon Smile: When shopping log onto Amazon Smile. Mark Temecula United Methodist Church as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate to the church. <http://smile.amazon.com>

All proceeds from sales go directly to the church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday

9 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes - Meets in Room 6 weekly.

9 a.m. Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in Room 8 weekly. 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.

9 a.m. Sunday School meets EVERY SUNDAY

Toddler Room/Childcare (Birth—4 yrs.)

Older Elementary Class (3rd—5th)

Younger Elementary Class (K—2nd)

Teens (6th—12th)

10:30 a.m. childcare is offered for toddlers through younger elementary. Contact Tiffanie Roman Sunday mornings or email tiffanier40@gmail.com

➡ **Youth Group** meets Sunday, **February 9th, 16th and 23rd** in the Youth Room. Contact Gian Adesso.

➡ **NEW MEMBER CLASS Sunday - February 23rd at noon** with Pastor Rick in Room 6. Join Pastor Rick for this class ,if you are interested in learning more about the Methodist Church. Sign up in the church breezeway.

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study— The Gospel of *Mark* is discussed. Meet at Ethel Takeguchi's home. Women of the church are welcome to attend.

7 p.m. Book Buddies – 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 4th**, meet at the home of Carlyn Buehler to review the book *When All is Said* by Anne Griffin.

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Rick in Room 6. Pastor Rick reads and reviews the following Sunday's Scripture. All are welcome. Contact Pastor Rick, if you have questions.

6:30 p.m. Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Rick in Room 6.

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir—Weekly rehearsals are Wednesday evenings in the Worship Center. Contact Dr. Earl Richards on Sunday mornings or email earlrichards02@gmail.com.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m.** in Room 6. Contact Pastor Rick.

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 6th, at 12 noon at Guadalajara Mexican Grill & Cantina** , 27780 Jefferson Ave # 2, Temecula, CA 92590 . Kindly sign up in the church breezeway or RSVP to Sally Malec.

Friday

10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Marlene Oaks meets **February 7th and 21st** in Room 6. Join the discussion with our new book, *Without Buddha I Could Not Be A Christian*, by Paul F. Knitter.

10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Ministry — Prayers and Squares Ministry meets **February 14th and 28th** in Room 1. Email marleneoaks56@gmail.com.

*Being a friend to others, we make friends for ourselves, and this brings us happiness,
and of course, happiness improves our health. Dr. E. Arthur Winkler*

UM WOMEN

February 9, 2020, Sunday, 11:45 a.m. - Executive meeting in Room 6.

February 20, 2020, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon General Meeting/ Luncheon in the Hillside Room. A representative from Michelle's Place Breast Cancer Resource Center will be our speaker. All women of the church are welcome. Come and join us!

MONKS of TUMC

MONKS Annual Valentine Breakfast

Date: Saturday, February 15, 2020
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Location: TUMC Worship Center

Annual treat for all the ladies of TUMC. Every woman receives a red long-stemmed rose. The table decorations are awesome and the food is delicious. Ladies are free.
Men pay \$12 at the door.

RSVP 951-676-1800x3 or sign up in the church breezeway.

FOOD DRIVE

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Reminder: The flowers on the altar Sunday mornings are donated by the congregation. There are several openings. Please sign up for your special Sunday in memory or in honor of the special people in your lives. The Altar Calendar Signup sheet is located just outside the kitchen door in the church breezeway.

From the Breezeway

February Worship Themes and Scriptures

- 2 Theme: What Blessings?
Scripture: *Matthew 5:1-12*
- 9 Theme: *The Righteousness of the Heart*
Scripture: *Matthew 5:13-20*
- 16 Theme: *Being Motivated by Love Not Fear*
Scripture: *Matthew 5:21-37*
- 23 Theme: *Open Heart, Open Eyes*
Scripture: *Exodus 24:12-18*
- 26 Theme: *Ash Wednesday*
Scripture: *Joel 2:1-17*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday begins our 40-day Lent journey (not counting Sundays) to prepare ourselves for the death and resurrection of Christ, the foundation of our Christian Faith. We begin with a night of repentance and prayer. Join us **Wednesday, February 26th, at 7 p.m.**

One Great Day of Caring 2020 at Escondido

Date: February 22, 2020
Location: First UMC of Escondido
341 S Kalmia St.
Escondido, CA 92025
Cost: \$40
Registration Deadline: February 17, 2020

Participants will choose between Early Response Training (ERT) Training and Connecting Neighbors. Each class is an 8-hour class, so participants can only attend one.

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29



- 2/1 8:00 a.m. PALS Cleaning Day
- 2/2 9:00 a.m. 4th Sunday after Epiphany Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult 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
- 2/4 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m. TVMC rehearsal
- 2/5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/7 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Oaks
- 2/9 9:00 a.m. 5th Sunday after Epiphany Worship
9:00 a.m. Boy Scout Sunday
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult 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
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 2/11 8:30 a.m. Rancho Damacitas Board
7:00 p.m. TVMC rehearsal
- 2/12 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/13 1:00 p.m. Card Game Meetup
- 2/14 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Ministry
- 2/15 9:00 a.m. MONKS Valentine Breakfast
- 2/16 9:00 a.m. 5th Sunday after Epiphany Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult 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
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

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- 2/18 5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1954
7:00 p.m. TVMC rehearsal
- 2/19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:00 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/20 10:00 a.m. UMW General Meeting/Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Trustees
- 2/21 10:00 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Oaks
- 2/23 9:00 a.m. 5th Sunday after Epiphany Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult 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
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 2/25 7:00 p.m. TVMC rehearsal
- 2/26 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/27 1:00 p.m. Card Game Meetup
6:30 p.m. Church Council
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 337
- 2/28 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Ministry

COMMUNITY VOCALISTS WANTED

If you are someone who loves to sing, whether in your car, in a cathedral, or on a stage, and you enjoy being part of a choir that delights in lifting God's praises in song, then the Chancel Choir of Temecula United Methodist Church would love to meet you.

Our Chancel Choir is currently recruiting adult and youth singers of all vocal ranges. Choral experience is not required. Instrumentalists are also encouraged to contact us as well. Our choir performs every Sunday at two services held at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Special performances are held during the Easter and Christmas holidays. Choir rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening from 7:30–9:00 p.m. at the Church. The church address is 42690 Margarita Road, Temecula.

For more information about how to join our choir, contact the church office at 951-676-1800x3. You may also email our Music Director, Dr. Earl Richards, at earlrichards02@gmail.com. We invite you to drop by one of the Wednesday rehearsals. Rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to meeting you.

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Bert Bjorklund Mark Bowers George Wuertz Erik Toberman	MONKS	Youth	Mark Bowers Bert Bjorklund George Wuertz Erik Toberman	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Janet Galbraith Gilbert Oaks Dan Henley Larry Natwick	MONKS	Youth	Dan Henley Tri Tricoche Ting Tricoche Jan Tramontano	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Tiffanie Roman Gerry Nicholas	MONKS	Youth	George Wuertz Bernadine Anderson	
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Barbara Lamb Stella Mohammed	MONKS	Youth	Pauline Fields Hazel Hailstone	
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Matt McCullough	Mark McCullough Matt McCullough	Gian & Meghann Gian & Meghann	Ernie & Grace Ernie & Grace	
VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sue Bradshaw Dorothy Smith	Anita Accordinio Jean Williams	Susan Garcia Dorothy Smith	Barbara Lamb 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.



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Spaghetti Dinner

ADULT \$12 / CHILD \$6

March 14, 2019
5:00-8:00PM

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