



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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Celebrating Ministry Even During Covid-19 Quarantine.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Video Streaming of our Sunday Worship
at 10:00 A.M.

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RICK'S RAMBLINGS

Ministry in the Midst of a Pandemic

As we continue in quarantine and safe distancing, I wanted this issue of the Messenger to share where we continue to be in our community and the world with the love and hope of Christ. I want us to celebrate how God continues to bless us even though we are still physically apart. I hope that you will find words of encouragement as you read these pages. I pray for each of you for your safety, health, and comfort.

I begin by sharing these words of hope from 2 Corinthians 1:3-7:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you, patient endurance of the same suffering we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Although we are finding ourselves in a time of struggle, anger, pain and suffering, God offers comfort through Jesus Christ. We also receive God's comfort and strength from one another. We can continue to live in the way of Christ's peace by praying for one another, supporting one another with words of hope and compassion, and by letting others know that we stand by those that are being abused and pushed aside in our community because of their race, gender, lifestyle choice, age, or ethnic identity.

I want to thank those who are offering leadership during this time of struggle that helps guide our ministries to serve others in our community and world. I want to thank those who make meals for the homeless even though our facilities are closed.

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Rick's Ramblings Continued

I want to thank those who donate food so that we could feed the hungry in our community. I want to thank those who make masks so others are protected in our community and in the Navajo Reservation. I want to thank those who have made the prayer quilts so those in need of comforting will know they are not alone. I want to thank those who help make the Sunday Morning Worship service possible so those able to connect with one another near and far and can celebrate God's presence in our midst. I thank each of you that continue to offer your gifts to keep our ministries, facilities and staff supported.

In following the news, you are aware that Churches are able to begin to open up for in-person worship services. I know some of you are anxious about coming back together. Others of you are hesitant about having any gathering and so to protect yourself and your family. Under the direction of the Church Council and Board of Trustees we have brought together a Reopening the Church Task Force. The objective of the Task Force is to develop protocols and guidelines that must be done and followed before we will be able to open as safely as possible for any on-site attendance. The Taskforce is following the guidelines set out by the State of California and the Center for Disease Control, as well as under the directive set forth by Bishop Grant Hagiya of the California Pacific Conference in which we are a member.

There will be a number of steps and actions that will need to take place to make this possible. The Task Force will develop a plan that must be approved by our Church Council and if approved then will be sent to our District Superintendent, Rev. John Farley, for his approval. Then and only then, will we be able to begin with the first phase of having limited in-person worship services. Once we get the approval, information and guidelines will be sent out in a mailing and posted on our website and on our social media. Other gatherings, such as Sunday Fellowship, dinner and other social gatherings, Bible Studies and other ministry groups, as well as outside groups will need to be phased in as we prepare.

Rick Ramblings continued on page 4

HOW TO WATCH US ON FACEBOOK

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 AM 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 the following week. 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.

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, www.temeculaumc.com and click on the VLOG link. 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 at 951-676-1800x4.

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 class will be Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Once he sends you the invite, click on the link a few minutes before the scheduled time to get signed in on Zoom.

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

WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and coping in these times of change. I don't know about you but I often find it a struggle to just make it through the week. With the disruptions in our daily routine, it is sometimes difficult to do things in a new way. Like you, the Church is also finding its way in this new world, trying to cope with the needs of the congregation by providing new things like virtual church services and video logs. But just like everyone else, the Church still must take care of its facility and pay our utilities. So I thought maybe a list of the options available for members of our family to provide financial support to TUMC might be helpful. It is not an all-inclusive list but does note the primary ways you can continue to make donations to TUMC.

Personal Check or Cash

This is the way most of us have made donations in the past. Since we cannot currently pass the offering plate, you can send donations by mail or drop them off at the church. Pastor Rick is often available or you can deposit your envelope in the TUMC's mailbox near the main entrance. This method still works.

Online Checking

If you have signed up for online banking through your bank or credit union, most of you are aware you can make payments to just about anyone online via your financial institution's website. I like this method. It is fast and easy, I don't have to go anywhere and I don't even have to buy a stamp. You can even schedule your payments in advance.

TUMC Website (www.temeculaumc.com)

If you have not visited our website, give it a look-see. There is a lot of information about our church and a button to push to make a donation. Like online checking, this is also an easy way to make a donation. You can elect to have your donation charged to your credit card or make a direct transfer from your bank to TUMC (ACH Transfer). Remember if you use your credit card, TUMC will be charged a fee for this transaction. There is a box to select, if you want to add the service fee to your donation, so there is no charge to the church. Fortunately, there are no charges for an ACH Transfer.

Give Plus (Give+)

Give Plus is a free application you can download to your phone or tablet. It works very much like the TUMC website except you don't need to have a computer. After you set up an account, donations are snap and only take a few seconds. Like the TUMC website, you can pay by credit card or ACH Transfer.

I hope you find this information helpful and if you have any questions, don't be afraid to ask.

In Faith,

Lloyd Bradshaw
Chair of the Finance Committee

MISSIONARY UPDATE



I would like to introduce you to our new Missionary, Clara Mridula Biswas.

Clara is from Bangladesh and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in social science and a diploma in rural leadership and development from the Asian Rural Institute in Tochigi-Ken, Japan. She serves at the Street Children Ministry in Cambodia, where she works with the 'poorest of the poor,' especially children, in slum areas and garbage dumps to facilitate their transfers to relocation and rehabilitation centers in Cambodia.

The program supports 620 students in public schools by providing classes in such areas as music, computer science, and art. It offers Sunday school and conducts Christmas and Easter programs each year. A health component refers patients to hospitals and non-governmental organization (NGO) health centers. Clara has worked for a long time with a church at one

of the dumpsites, and now also works with the Berung Kok Methodist Church in Phnom Penh's large slum area of Toul Kork, which is near the railway station and similar to the dumpsite areas. She also networks with other churches and NGOs, as well as visiting, monitoring, and caring for patients.

"To bring hope to the hopeless, bring light to those who are in the dark, bring Christ to the poor, and share the love of God," (Luke 4:18-19) summarizes Clara's understanding of her service. She sees the objectives as "sharing the love of God, helping children obtain an education by opportunities to study through 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."

Sally Malec

Chair of Missions

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One of the first steps of action by the Task Force will be to send out a survey that will gauge how many of you, the church family, are willing and ready to come back to church. Watch for it and return as soon as possible.

Our prime directive is inspired by our founder, John Wesley, **Do no Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God.** If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me by email, Rick.malec@gmail.com or phone, 951-676-1800x4. Our Task Force, Earl Fields (chair), Audrey Grier, Jeanette Frisbey, Janet Galbraith, Larry Messersmith, Marika Matson, Penny Wagner, Anita Accordino and Andrea Borrell (Preschool Director).

Let our faith be bigger than our fear.

CELEBRATING MINISTRY

The following articles are in celebration of the places we have been in ministry since our safe-at-home quarantine began in mid-March.

MASK MINISTRY

During this Covid 19 time, there emerged a need for a new ministry team: to make masks. We made masks for our church members and your family and friends. We made masks for all residents of Harveston Assisted Living and for all residents of Vineyard Ranch Assisted Living. Then we made masks for the Navajo Reservation. I lost count, but we made between 750 and 800 masks.

Our team consisted of the following dedicated and talented members: Anita Accordino, Karen Benvenuto, Vinya Gulla, Lorna Henley, Kathy Kasitz, Diane Martinez, Gilbert and Marlene Oaks, Ting Tricoche, and Ethel Takeguchi.

It was a big undertaking, and everyone truly stepped up. A big thank you to this team!

Light, Love and Blessings,
Rev. Marlene Oaks

PRAYERS AND SQUARES STILL AT WORK FOR YOU

The work of Prayers and Squares continues in our homes. Several of us make quilts at home and bring them in for backing, batting, labels and then ties. When completed, they go into our cupboards, ready for your requests. You have seen several blessed during our virtual church services. The music team and technical team tie the knots for those of us not able to be in the worship center. Be assured, the quilt goes out filled with prayers and blessings.

Please feel free to request prayer quilts for those needing our prayers. If you cannot get into the church to get a form, please email me the following: Name of person to receive the quilt, the purpose of the quilt (healing, peace, etc.), your name and relationship to the recipient (parent, sibling, friend, etc.) and your contact information. Once you see the quilt blessed during the service, it is your responsibility to arrange with Pastor Rick or me to come to the church at a mutually agreeable time so that you can pick it up and give it to the person. My email is: marleneoaks56@gmail.com

It is our joy to serve you.

On behalf of the Prayers and Squares Team
Rev. Marlene Oaks

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

The hardest hit parts of the population in our community during this Covid 19 Pandemic include the homeless and hungry. Project Touch continued to operate the homeless shelter. There was still a need for meals to feed those taking shelter during the winter. The Tuesday Ladies Bible Study continued to part of that servant volunteer force offering a few meals in March, April and May. Let us celebrate these ladies for offering the care of Christ to those in need in our community.

Another way you offered gifts for the hungry was by participating in the drive by food drive, May 22. We collected enough to fill a truck and a car. The food was passed on the Food Pantry at St. Catherine's Church. It was desperately needed since one of their contributions, the US Post Office Food Drive, did not happen this year. We give thanks to God for our ability to feed the lambs of Christ.

SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION ZOOMS ON

There is a stimulating and fascinating discussion every time we meet. We use a book as the springboard to our discussions. Currently we are discussing Tony's all-time favorite book, "Man Is Not Alone" by Abraham Joshua Heschel. You are invited to participate. If you do not have the book, you can listen and also contribute ideas as you feel led. Until we can meet in person again, we meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays at 10:30 on Zoom.

Please contact me if you are interested so that I can add you to the Zoom list.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. marleneoaks56@gmail.com

Light, Love and Blessings,
Rev. Marlene Oaks

WORSHIP SCRIPTURES AND THEMES

June

14 Scripture: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Theme: We Are Together

21 **Father's Day**

Scripture: Luke 15:11-24

Theme: DAD

28 Scripture: Matthew 10:40-42

Theme: Cold Water

July

5 Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

Theme: Tired! (Sick and Tired)



CELEBRATING GRADUATES

We want to congratulate and celebrate the graduates of our Church families. We wish them well as they continue on their journey of life and faith. Know your Church Family is with you wherever you go.

Constance Beltramo: Chaparral High School, Jeanette and Jeremy, parents

Callie Dubots: Temecula Valley High School, John and Jodi, parents

Bethany Monson: Susan H. Nelson High School, Julia, mom

Ethan Salyer: Chaparral High School, Art and Lana Salyer, grandparents

Jacob Sayne: Great Oak High School, Robert and Jennifer, parents

Blaise Thielemann: Great Oak High School, Darcy and Christopher, parents

Anna Turner: Temecula Valley High School, Jim and Rachel, parents