



**The Vision of  
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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All You Can Eat

# Spaghetti Dinner

ADULT / CHILD  
\$12 / \$6



## March 9th, 2019

## 5:00-8:00PM

Temecula United Methodist Church  
42690 Margarita Road • Temecula

FOR MORE INFO CALL: 676-1800 x3



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sunday School Classes (EVERY SUNDAY)  
 Toddler Room/Childcare (Birth -4 yrs.)  
 Younger Elementary Class (K-2nd)  
 Older Elementary Class (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

### What Now?

We as a church are called United Methodist, both local and as a global denomination. We come away from our General Conference with the decision that was voted and approved. There are many hurt feelings, wounds that won't heal easily (if at all), and a fractured body of Christ.

How do we move forward? I share this letter from our Bishop immediately following the General Conference.

"I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ!

By now you have probably all heard that the General Conference Special Called Session is now over, and the Traditional Plan prevailed (53% - 438 votes to 47% - 384 votes). Although it does have repressive ramifications to our LGBTQI community, the Judicial Council has ruled much of it unconstitutional. At the same time, this decision is also symbolic in its implications because it signals a turn of the United Methodist Church to a more judgmental and political entity that is against inclusion and for exclusion.

With this conservative turn, I have been deeply conflicted. The question is, "can I stay in a repressive and oppressive church with integrity?" After a sleepless night, I came to a new resolve. I believe I must stay in the UMC and lead our people within the geographical context we find ourselves in the West. We have been living the One Church Plan for decades, and I don't see why we should change that about us. We live and let live and it is totally consistent with the theology of John Wesley.

We cannot turn back at this point. We have come too far to make this conservative stance. In fact, I don't think that it is possible for us. I believe that even our more traditional churches have a deep tolerance based on our geography. I believe they know that we accept their theology and hopefully, we treat them the same as everyone else: with respect and dignity.

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## Rick's Ramblings *continued*

Now that the General Conference Special Called Session is over, it is time that we focus on what God is calling us to: Our mission and ministry in the very name of Jesus Christ! Nothing is more important than this. Nothing must distract us from this central purpose. Nothing must stand in the way of our ministries of compassion and care!

What I am calling us to do is to learn what God is trying to teach us through this Special Called Session and get to the business of being the church. We need to focus on making disciples of Jesus Christ. We need to engage our local neighborhoods and surrounding communities. We need to feed the hungry, house the immigrant, heal the sick, and preach the Good News.

It is important for us to confess our sins and shortcomings: Too many have been hurt and harmed in our theological wars. Too many have been hurt and harmed by being objectified by the church. Too many have left the church because they have not been welcomed or cared for. If there has been anything I have done personally that has offended or harmed, intentionally or unintentionally, I ask for your forgiveness. I pray that we will all seek such confession and forgiveness.

Most of all, we must turn to each other for healing and care. It is time to put our arms around each other and heal from harming each other. It is time for us to have hearts of peace and not hearts of war. It is time for us to support each other and care for each other.

Being away so long in St. Louis has drained and exhausted me. I long to come home and be back in ministry with all of you. I long for home where I belong."

"Be the Hope,"

**Bishop Grant J. Hagiya**  
*Los Angeles Area Resident Bishop*

## Rick's Ramblings *continued*

What I can say is that I, like our Bishop, will continue to be your pastor leading us in the way of the compassionate Christ to serve all people, the marginalized and oppressed, the sick and hurting, to bring the hope and Grace of God in Christ to reality. I will lead as I feel called to continue to lead us as family, God's family, to serve in our neighborhoods, the community, and God's world.

I know this decision has saddened many of you, angered some of you, and has caused worry about what is next for the church and the people you love. First I say we need to continue to pray for courage, forgiveness, strength, and peace. Then I say we are all called to continue to live faithfully in our relationship with Christ and that is to "love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and the second to love our neighbor as ourselves." And I mean all our neighbors no matter who they are, where they live, what they look like, and how they live.

Peace & Grace

*Pastor Rick*



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, March 6, at 6:30 p.m.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

## Sunday

**9 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class with Joe Hughes** - Meets in Room 6 weekly. All are welcome.

**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—March Children's Ministry is attached to the emailed March Messenger.

10:30 a.m. childcare is offered for toddlers through younger elementary.

4:30—6:00 p.m. **Club 3.16** w/Jeanette Frisbey—3rd to 5th graders meet in Room 1, **March 10th**.

**12:00—1:30 p.m. Sunday Lunch Book Club**— *The Greatest Salesman* by Og Manbino will be discussed. Five copies of the book available for \$5 each. Contact Joe Hughes. Location TBD.

➔ **6 p.m. Youth Group** meets March 3, 24 and 31 in the Youth Room. Contact Gian Adesso.

## Tuesday

**9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study**— Meets weekly at the home of Karen Benvenuto from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Lenten study is *Simon Peter* by Adam Hamilton. All ladies of the church are welcome. Contact Karen Benvenuto.

**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 July and January. **March 5, *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate** will be reviewed by Sue Bradshaw at her home.

## Wednesday

**10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Rick in Room 6.** Join Pastor Rick each week for Bible Study.

**7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir**—Weekly rehearsals are Wednesday evenings in the Worship Center. We are currently rehearsing Easter Music. Join the harmony. Contact Rob Hodo, Director of Music, Sunday mornings.

## Thursday

**Welcoming & Outreach Committee** meets every other month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, Mar. 7, 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 **March 7, at 12 noon at Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que** located in the Promenade Mall, 40748 Winchester Rd, Temecula, CA 92591. All are welcome. Kindly sign up in the church breezeway or RSVP to Sally or Larry Messersmith.

## Friday

**10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Marlene Oaks** meets the first and third Friday, **March 1 and 15**, in Room 6.

**10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Ministry** — Prayers and Squares Ministry meets **March 8**, in the Hillside Room and **March 22**, in Room 1. Note Room change for March 8. Email [marleneoaks56@gmail.com](mailto:marleneoaks56@gmail.com).



## UM WOMEN

**Mar. 14,** Thursday at 10 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting in Room 6.

1:15 a.m. UMW Tea Meeting in Room 6.

**Mar. 21,** Thursday at 10 a.m. UMW General Gathering and luncheon in Room 1. The program for this meeting is "Prayer and Self Denial". All women are encouraged to attend. Come and join us!

UMW Membership Drive! Visit our table between services and sign up! We are excited about the programs and opportunities to serve our community as we focus on women, youth, and children. Learn about the impact that UMW are having around the world. EVERYONE is invited as long as you are a woman. No age limit.

## UMW ANNUAL TEA

Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Temecula UM Women Annual Tea

"Step Out to Step Up"

\$25 Adults/\$10 Child 12 and under

Tickets go on sale March 10th.

## MONKS of TUMC

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, March 9, 2018 from 5—8 p.m.

Adult \$12/Child\$6

Purchase your tickets from Dan Henley after worship or at the church office. Tickets will also be sold at the dinner on March 9.

Celebrate with good food and good times while raising money for our food pantry and Project Touch homeless outreach. Donations of cash or Smart and Final gift cards from our Scrip Program are accepted to help defer grocery costs.

- Ladies are asked to donate desserts.
- Help is needed in the kitchen the day of the event.

All proceeds benefit Project Touch and St. Catherine's Food Pantry. Contact Dan Henley or a MONK on Sunday mornings.

## From the Breezeway

### March Worship Themes and Scriptures

**3rd** Theme: *Transfiguration Change*

Scripture: *Luke 9:28-36*

**10th** Theme: *Promises, Promises*

Scripture: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

**17th** Theme: *Higher Hopes*

Scripture: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

**24<sup>th</sup>** Theme: *Cultivating Our Faith*

Scripture: *Luke 13:1-9*

**31st** Theme: *Family Reconciliation*

Scripture: *Luke 15:1-3, 11-31*

**April:**

**3rd** Theme: *Living God*

Scripture: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

## LADIES MARCH 17th SOUP AND SERVICE LUNCHEON 12:00—3 P.M.

Three kinds of soup, salad, bread and dessert!

Tickets on sale between worship services for \$5.



Focus is on UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). We will be asking for donations to purchase items for health kits which will be assembled at the luncheon.

## The Phoenix Rises; Rubble to Rebuild

2019 Disaster Academy, March 28-31

Scottsdale AZ at The Franciscan Renewal Center

Cost: \$450 for single occupancy/\$350 for double.

Includes meals and registration. If interested in how to be trained in disaster cleanup and recovery, how to reach out to your neighbors and caring for those in disasters, contact Pastor Rick.



presents

 *Night of Music* 

“Music to embrace Interfaith unity and diversity”

**Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm**

*Grace Presbyterian Church  
31143 Nicolas Road, Temecula*



**Public Welcome  
Free Admission**



Join us for our annual  
celebration and presentation of unifying music.

This is one of our most enjoyable activities,  
as gifted musicians from varying religious faiths and congregations  
perform for the entire community.

A reception with refreshments follows the program.

Questions? Please email [martimusician@verizon.net](mailto:martimusician@verizon.net)



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10 .  
Turn clock back Saturday night.  
Don't be late for church Sunday  
morning!**

# CELEBRATING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019  
AT 10:30AM

**COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH PROVIDED**  
SEE EMERGENCY VEHICLES UP CLOSE AND ENJOY  
AN EXHILARATING PROGRAM HONORING OUR  
FIRST RESPONDERS



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PLEASE JOIN US IN "CELEBRATING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS" ON SATURDAY, MAY 4 AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE CHURCH.

Please be sure your calendar is marked for this date, MAY 4. This special recognition of our RESPONDERS will be a tremendous event for the whole family. Feel free to invite a friend or relative to join you. Honoring our FIRST RESPONDERS and seeing up close their emergency vehicles, plus enjoying a program of music and surprise presentation highlights, will become a memorable experience for all in attendance. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT! The event sponsor, Miller-Jones, will be providing a complimentary lunch for all in attendance. The vehicles represented will be on static display at one end of the parking lot both before and at the end of the event with RESPONDER PERSONNEL explaining their use and application. We look forward to your attendance at this very special community-wide event.

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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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- 3/1 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Oaks
- 3/2 9:00 a.m. Church Council Vision Day
- 3/3 9:00 a.m. Worship  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School w/Joe Hughes  
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
Sign up for "The Legend of the Three Trees"  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
12:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 3/5 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Book Buddies  
7:15 p.m. Temecula Valley Master Chorale
- 3/6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick  
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training  
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 3/7 9:00 a.m. PALS Book Fair  
10:30 a.m. Welcoming & Outreach Committee  
12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
- 3/8 9:00 a.m. PALS Book Fair  
9:00 a.m. Spaghetti Dinner setup  
10:00 a.m. Prayers & Squares in Hillside Room
- 3/9 5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner until 8 p.m.
- 3/10 9:00 a.m. First Sunday in Lent Worship  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School w/Joe Hughes  
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
10:00 a.m. PALS Book Fair in Room 1  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
12:00 p.m. Sunday Lunch Book Club  
12:00 p.m. Worship Committee  
12:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training  
4:30 p.m. Club 3:16 w/Jeanette Frisbey
- 3/12 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study  
7:15 p.m. Temecula Valley Master Chorale

- 3/13 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick  
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training  
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 3/14 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting  
11:15 a.m. UMW Tea Planning Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Card Game meetup  
6:30 p.m. Trustees
- 3/15 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Oaks
- 3/16 8:00 a.m. Temecula Valley Master Chorale
- 3/17 9:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School w/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  
12:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training  
12:00 p.m. Ladies UMCOR Soup and Service
- 3/18 5:00 p.m. Tues. Ladies Bible meal prep
- 3/19 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study  
7:15 p.m. Temecula Valley Master Chorale
- 3/20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick  
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training  
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 3/21 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting/Luncheon  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 337
- 3/22 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
- 3/24 9:00 a.m. 3rd Sunday in Lent Worship  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School w/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  
12:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training
- 3/26 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee  
7:15 p.m. Temecula Valley Master Chorale
- 3/27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick  
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training  
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 3/28 1:00 p.m. Card Game meetup  
6:30 p.m. Church Council
- 3/30 8:00 a.m. Friends of the Poor Walk
- 3/31 10:00 a.m. 4th Sunday in Lent Worship  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
12:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training



	<u>March 3</u>	<u>March 10</u>	<u>March 17</u>	<u>March 24</u>	<u>March 31</u>
<b>USHERS</b> 9:00 a.m.	Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman	MONKS	Youth 	Mark Bowers Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith Erik Toberman	10 a.m. TBD
<b>USHERS</b> 10:30 a.m.	Janet Galbraith Gilbert Oaks Dan Henley Larry Natwick	MONKS	Youth	Dan Henley Tri Tricoche Ting Tricoche Jan Tramanoto	10 a.m. TBD
<b>LITURGISTS</b> 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Karen Benvenuto Peggy Cowherd	MONKS	Youth	Jenny Moreland Marlene Oaks	10 a.m. Dorothy Smith
<b>GREETERS</b> 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Barbara Lamb Bonnie Diangelo	MONKS	Youth	Heather Bjorklund Ernie Lloyd	10 a.m... Diane Martinez
<b>SOUND TECH</b> 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Matt McCullough	Mark McCullough Matt McCullough	Gian & Meghann Gian & Meghann	Grace & Ernie Lloyd Grace & Ernie Lloyd	TBD
<b>VISITOR TABLE</b> 9 :00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pauline Fields Dorothy Smith	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	Sue Garcia Gloria Galvez	Jean Hawkins Sue Bradshaw	10 a.m. Sue Bradshaw

*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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**REMINDER**  
**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.





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