



The Vision
of
Temecula UMC

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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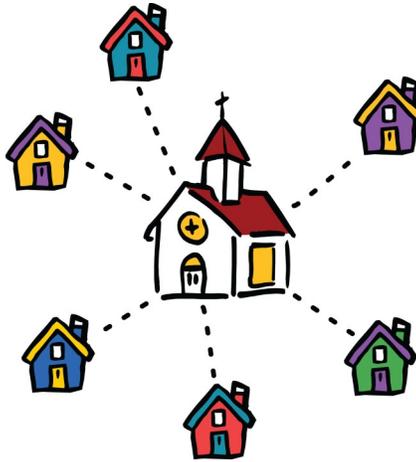
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Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER



March 2021



TOGETHER IN
Spirit
.....
STAYING CONNECTED

RICK'S RAMBLINGS

Serving Those in Need

"Since there will never cease to be those in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'" (Deuteronomy 15:11)

This scripture passage tells us of God's command and call to God's family to care for those in our neighborhoods, community, and beyond to use our resources to care for and help those who struggle economically and physically. Those who are homeless and hungry. I want to take this Rambling to share how we are working to answer this call as a Church Family and family of God's.

I get asked from time to time what is the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and how is it used. Most Churches have one of these funds or something of its nature. Let me share an incident that happened just a couple of days before I wrote this article. A single man (I will call him Joe) who has attended our church a few times and struggles with a chronic illness reached out to me for help for food. Joe is unable to work and I have helped him on several occasions over the last several years. With the use of the funds in the Pastor's Discretionary Fund I was able to fill his fridge and cupboards with much needed food. When I made the delivery, he was so appreciative. He shares his gratitude to the Church, which he considers his Church Family.

The funds that make up the Pastor's Discretionary, that are at my disposal, come from financial gifts and offerings from those of you sharing your generous gifts. It seems that when the funds are depleted, I don't worry because there is a check or envelope with a gift that comes to the church. Over the years I have served this community I have been able to help with food, gas, supplemental

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for rent, utility bill payment. On a few occasions I have been able to provide short term housing for mothers and their children needing a safe place to stay or to get individuals or families transportation to get back to their home and reunite with their families. I'm able to offer scrip for homeless so they can get food that they need or clothing to help keep them warm.

With the use of this fund, I can also bridge those I'm helping to other resources in our community that can offer more long-term help.

Another way that our Church Family lives out it's faith to care for the needy in our community and beyond is the Golden Basket. The Golden Basket giving was a concept early in the history (late 1980's or early 1990's) of Temecula UMC. David French, founding Pastor, lead the congregation to the understanding that we are a people called to be in mission and offer our gifts in help others in need. As many know the Golden Basket recipients are local, national, and international serving organizations that help the needy and are a voice for the voiceless. There is a mix of secular organizations such as Habitat for Humanity or Jacobs House, and Faith based organization such as United Methodist Committee on Relief or Heifer International. As the tradition was created when we worship in-person we would pass baskets painted gold with cloth inlaid to denote a second giving opportunity beyond giving to support the ministry budget.

With Covid and when not able to meet in person we continue to offer the opportunity for Golden Basket offerings. But to be honest when not meeting in person Golden Basket giving has been down. There is opportunity to give a couple of ways. First read in this Messenger the opportunities for the month of March. Then on Sunday or the following week you can go to our online giving and click the Golden Basket link and make a gift. That week's gift will go to support the organization of the week. Or you can mail or drop a check by the Church and mark on the check or envelope the Golden Basket you are giving to.

These are just two ways we "open our hands to the poor and needy neighbor in our community." I thank you for your generous gifts.

Let our Faith be bigger than our Fear

Pastor Rick

You will be enriched in every way to be *generous in every way*, which through us will *produce thanksgiving to God.*
2 Corinthians 9:11

Worship Scriptures and Themes

March

7: Scripture: John 2:13-22

Theme: Righteous Anger

14: Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Theme: Grace + Faith = Good Works

21: Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Theme: Hope For...

28: Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Theme: Not So Grand an Entrance

April

4: Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Theme: Where Do We Go From Here?



Scrip News



During our year of the Pandemic, Scrip still continues to be available for church members to purchase. This is a simple way to help grow the church budget through the purchasing of gift cards at face value.

TUMC earns a rebate for each card sold. The total yearly rebate earned for 2020 was 1,369.

The Scrip box has a wide variety of gift cards for grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, fast food restaurants and retail stores. With advance notice, gift cards may also be preordered. Visit the website ShipwithScrip, for a full inventory selection.

If you wish to purchase Scrip, you may contact Pastor Rick at TUMC or Janet Galbraith at 951-764-3938 or jngalbraith5@yahoo.com

Here are additional ways to help support TUMC:

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

Food For Less Code: JR526

Ralph's Code: SN791

AmazonSmile: When shopping, log onto Amazon Smile select Temecula United Methodist Church as your charitable organization. Amazon will automatically donate to the church. <https://smile.amazon.com>

Holy Week



Pastor Rick in conversation with the Worship Team is planning on offering opportunity to observe Holy Week through his Vlog and other options.

Reopening the Church

The reopening the Church Task Force continues to assess the numbers of Covid cases and hospitalizations. As the numbers decrease the Task Force looks to set a date to relaunch outdoor in person services. The hope is by the end of March and the possibility of multiple outdoor Easter Services on April 4. **A final notice will be sent out once this has been approved by the Church Council and the our UM South District.**

Rick's VLOG & Online Worship

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 and available on our YouTube link <https://www.youtube.com/c/TemeculaUnitedMethodistChurch>.

Also you can worship on Sundays in two ways, live streaming on our Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/temeculaunitedmethodistchurch> or if you aren't able to get Facebook click on to the Youtube 12 noon or later. If you have questions contact Pastor Rick, 951-676-1800 ext. 4.

Drive-Thru Dinner Fundraiser

Last month we had another successful Drive-Thru BBQ Dinner Fundraiser we made \$630.00. I would like to thank all who supported this event. Those who participated have enjoyed the meals prepared by Great Scot BBQ. As a way to help support the ministries of the Church our Church Council is once again sponsoring the Drive Thru BBQ Dinner in March (specific date is being selected). There will be a flyer with all the information on how to order and deadline for ordering and when to pick up distributed. The dinner and pick up are done in a safe manner. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to take advantage of this great meal. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Rick, rick.malec@gmail.com or Meghann Adesso bigstar951@gmail.com.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

She Leads

EMPOWERING
WOMEN TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE



March 11, 2021 - Thursday,
10:00 a.m. - UMW Board
Meeting (virtual)

March 18, 2021 - Thursday,
10:00 a.m. - UMW Program
(virtual)

The program theme is "A
Call to Prayer and Self
Denial"

Save the Date - MAY 23, 2021 for the UMW Market

There will be a Silent Auction, Opportunity Drawings and a Tea Tree.

Bake/Food sale, coordinated by Hallie Sebanc

Crafts & Book Sale, coordinated by Anita Accordino

Plants, Coordinated by Vinya Gulla

Tea Tree, coordinated by Diane Martinez

To help out you can purchase gift cards from the Church's Scrip program and donate them.



NewsLetter DEADLINE

Submit your Newsletter Articles to

temeculaumc2@gmail.com

Deadline is the 15th of each month.

MARCH

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Anniversaries

John & Genevieve Clark	1st
Oscar & Thelma Loud	5th
Erik & Vanessa Saeger	17th

Birthdays

Joe Hughes	4th
Mary Campbell	7th
Robert Sayne	7th
Gail Skennion	7th
Addison Riche	9th
Stella Mohammed	10th
John Potts	12th
Lolo Mana'la Mafua Aumoecualogo	13th
Johanna De Koekkoek	13th

If you are not sure if the church has your anniversary or birthday please email the date(s) to temeculaumc2@gmail.com



March 14, 2021

Bible Quiz

Three of the Gospels tell that when Jesus was crucified, darkness covered the earth from noon until three in the afternoon. Which Gospel does not mention this event?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: D (See Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, and John 19).

Golden Baskets for March

- 7th - Our Missionary Clara Mridula Biswas
- 14th - Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity
- 21st - Pastor's Discretionary
- 28th - Food Pantry
- April 4th - SAFE

Learn more about the Golden Basket Charities

(Click on the logo to taken to websites.)



Clara is the director of Street Children Ministry in Cambodia. Click on the link to go to their website

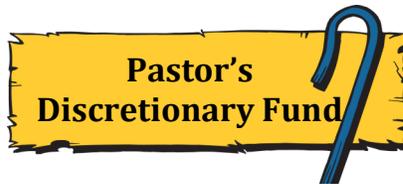
[https://](https://www.umccambodia.org/children/)

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The mission of Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley, in partnership with God, is to facilitate the dream of homeownership, as well as improve living conditions for those in the community.

<https://www.habitat.org/us-ca/temecula/inland-valley-hfh>



If you would like to donate to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund you can mail or drop off you check. Address the check to TUMC and write Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the memo section. You may also submit you donation via the online giving by donating to the Golden Basket between March 21 and March 27.

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Temecula is a non-profit organization staffed by volunteers from St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church and the local community. They provide free food supplies to families and individuals suffering from food insecurity.

<https://www.foodbanks.net/organization/1865/st-vincent-de-paul-food-pantry->



SAFE
Alternatives
for Everyone

Working Together To End Family Violence

S.A.F.E. is committed to providing services for children, youth and families who have experienced or are at risk of abuse and violence.

<http://www.safefamiliesca.org/>

March's Servant Volunteer

Dan Henley



It is my pleasure to share a little of the fascinating life of Dan Henley with you.

Dan was born in Ohio, but his family moved to California when he was two, so he's basically a California guy. He went through the schools of Canoga Park. He has two older brothers who took care of him when his parents moved away, when he was in high school. His dad was a mechanical engineer, and after the space program ended, he had to travel for work.

He says he had a good childhood. He had many playmates and was active in sports including baseball, basketball, and football. Later in life, he coached baseball for 20 years, and his oldest son was particularly involved.

Dan grew up in the Methodist Church and was especially fond of his youth group. The church had a softball team and a basketball team. Dan says he was not big, but he was good at hassling the other team's best player. He was also involved in Boy Scouts, and he became a Life Scout. He was active in YMCA and many of its activities. He also played the piano well, and then guitar.

Dan graduated from CalState Northridge Magna Cum Laude in finance, insurance and real estate. Dan and Lorna met in college. Even though they went through high school and community college together, they didn't meet until college. They were in English class together, and Dan pretended he didn't know how to write so she would help him with his papers. They got married 7/17/77 in the Chapel of the Canyon. They moved to Simi Valley and had two sons and a daughter. They have three grandchildren who bring them much joy.

In 2000 they moved here. His mother moved with them. As she was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Glendale, they drove there for 4 years. He worked for Liberty Mutual in San Diego, but they closed that office and he got his next job in Calabasas! Dan says he has never worked in the county where he lived. In 2015 he retired for the second time and started a consulting company, briefly he was co-owner of QMetrics. They had a chaplain on board. Their task was to fight medical provider fraud.

They began attending this church in 2012 and joined in 2014, just before Pastor Rick came. They have attended a lot of churches of every kind, and explored a wide range of theology. Since joining here, he has been President of MONKS (Men of Nourishing Knightly Spirit), Worship Chair, SPRC, Finance. He finds it challenging because he travels a great deal, but as a follower of Christ, he wants to participate. His philosophy is that love is a verb.

Dan is fond of the writings of Stephen Covey and C.S. Lewis. He has read the Bible 10 times, and for a long time he had a challenge understanding it. His favorite books are John, Ephesians, Phillipians and Isaiah. He discovered that having Christ in your life is important to all areas of life. Following the Christ commandment to love gives him peace.

Lorna is a really important part of his spiritual life. He sees her as his life partner and an inspiration.

He endeavors to be an appreciative listener. His future plans are to be involved in church, family and work. He wants everyone to know they belong. He believes evil exists, but with God it can be overcome.

Dan humbly adds the caveat that he can be difficult, and he knows he has to work on that. He's been independent a long time. We know him as someone who is dedicated, caring and ready to offer help, a friend. We are blessed by his presence in our lives.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Marlene Oaks