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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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All You Can Eat

Spaghetti Dinner



ADULT / CHILD
\$12 / \$6

March 10th, 2018

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



Hope In the Midst of Despair

I have written about and preached about Hope a number of times during the past year. John Wesley, founder of Methodism, believed that you could never take communion too often. To receive redemption and forgiveness from the sacrament and love of Christ could never be accepted too much. This is what I believe about sharing the message of Hope. Hope is one of the core foundations and beliefs within the Christian faith. It is a result of the grace, the love, and the act of Christ's forgiveness for humanity. We are God's children. The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthian church, *1 Cor. 13:13*, "now these three remain, faith, hope and love...". Paul stated that love was the greatest, but hope made the top three. It's right up there in our relationship with God and one another.

Yes, love is the greatest. It is the number one commandment that Jesus lifted up "love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength" (*Mark 12:13*). Out of the love God has for us, and as we love God, there is the spark of hope. It lives in what Jesus came into the world to offer.

We have been shaken by a mass killing in Parkland, Florida. I feel the hope that Christ offered in the face of death by crucifixion. Jesus forgave the thief and those who hung him on the cross in the midst of pain and suffering. Jesus pointed beyond the despair of death to the promise of resurrection and the hope that God's Kingdom would not be snuffed out. It will be opened up and brought into completion with the faith of the disciples and followers. This is what I have begun to see in the students in Parkland. They see beyond the death and loss of their friends and classmates to a time when schools and communities will find a way to live violence free. I see the hope of resurrection when I hear these young people speak to power and give courage to adults to speak up and join them.

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Rick's Ramblings *continued*

I see hope after the fire disasters in the Bonsall community (Lilac Fire). Volunteers from various faith and community organizations came together to help clear and clean up properties. I spent this last weekend with at least twenty-five other volunteers cleaning the property of a ninety-five year old woman and her caretaker. These folks were from six different United Methodist Churches (including TUMC), from Los Angeles to south San Diego County. We teamed with a number of volunteers from Friends and Family Community Connection. This is a nationwide network bringing volunteers together to help in times of need. I am reminded of the passage from *Isaiah 61*, "To comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion, to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair." I see hope in the long term recovery team forming and ready to assist families in their rebuilding of homes and lives.

We can be assured of the hope of Christ as we walk the journey of Lent, as we are confronted in the despair of our lives and even with the anger, grief, and disconnection. Dr. Kennon Callahan, theologian, pastor and church consultant shares, "There is always Hope. Hope is at the beginning. Hope is not a last resort. The confirmation of 'always' means we begin with Hope. Hope does not just show up at the last moment. Hope is always there."

Hope builds in us the strength and courage to confront the evils of despair, the comfort to overcome the depressions of despair, and the assurance and peace to overcome and to realize the joy of life in Christ. This is what defines us as the Easter People. As Callahan writes "We are the People of the Open Tomb, the Risen Lord, and New Life and Hope in Christ. We are the People of Everlasting Life."

Come and experience Hope this Lenten and Easter Season through our Worship Services and Bible Studies.

Pastor Rick



Refocus for Lent

Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.
 Give up harsh judgments—think kind thoughts.
 Give up worry—trust God to provide.
 Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
 Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
 Give up hatred—return good for evil.
 Give up anger—be more patient.
 Give up pettiness—become mature.
 Give up jealousy—pray for trust.
 Give up gossiping—control your tongue.
 Give up sin—turn to virtue.
 Give up giving up—persevere.

Easter Calla Lilies \$12.

This year we have ordered Calla Lilies in assorted colors. In lieu of an order form, PRINT your name, phone number, "in honor of" or "in memory of" on a piece of paper. Include a check payable to TUMC and under memo print Easter Flowers. Bring to church Sundays and drop in the offering plate. Or mail to: TUMC, 42690 Margarita Road, Temecula CA 92592. Attention: Easter Flowers. You may also bring to the church office.



Please join us for a baby shower for Anthony and Katie Ramos on March 17th at 3 p.m. in the Hillside room.

Anthony and Katie are expecting their first child in May. Come celebrate one of our young couples of our church family. They were married this past July in our church and are expecting their first child, a boy in May.

Anthony and Katie are just starting out their life together with Katie working as a new teacher and Anthony finishing his teaching credentials. Let us come as the church family and surround them with our love. Please R.S.V.P. by March 12th, Sally Malec 760-415-0602.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes - The 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study class meets in Room 6 and is currently studying: "The Bible, An Epic Miniseries". This series was produced in 2013, and reviewers like it for its excellent acting and good special effects.

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

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 or Jeanette Frisbey Sunday mornings.

Club 3.16—3rd–5th graders at TUMC in Room 1 every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 4:30–6 p.m.

Vacation Bible School—June 18th–22nd—Save the Date. Contact Jeanette Frisbey

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study—Women of study and encouragement meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Karen Benvenuto. Lenten Bible Study is "Restored" by Tom Berlin. All women of the church are invited.

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. Book club meets next Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book *Wonder* by R J. Palacio at the home of Barbara Gaboroko.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 10 a.m. in the Music Room. Pastor Rick reads, reviews and answers your questions regarding Sunday's lectionary. Contact Pastor Rick.

Evening Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 6:30 p.m. in Room 6. Contact Pastor Rick.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 1st 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 on **March 1st at Soro's Mediterranean Grill**, 28464 Old Town Street, at 12:00 noon. Kindly sign up in the church breezeway or RSVP to Sally Messersmith.

Friday

***Re-Claiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World* by John Shelby Spong** meets the first and third Friday of the month (**March 2nd and 16th**) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6. Bishop Spong explores what the history of the Bible can teach us about reading its stories today and living our lives for tomorrow.

Prayers and Squares Ministry — Prayers and Squares Ministry meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Friday of the month (**March 9th and 23rd**). Email marleneoaks56@gmail.com.

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it—Hebrews 13:2

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 25th - Palm Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The last week of Jesus' earthly life begins on Palm Sunday. At Temecula UMC we begin the week with the Worship of Celebration and Palms to welcome Christ the King. At both services on Sunday, March 25th, we invite the children to process in with palms. We will be lifted up with special music from our choir and Andrew Nelson on saxophone.

March 29th - Maundy Thursday Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. and Communion at 6:30 p.m.

At the end of the last week before his death, Jesus gathered his disciples as his friends to celebrate the Passover. He set a new direction for the gathering at this meal. It was to remember him, his life and why he died for all humanity.

All are invited to gather for a simple soup supper at 6:00 p.m. Following the meal we will share in communion and then strip the church of all symbols of faith to remind us of Christ's suffering and death in preparation for Good Friday. If you plan on coming to the service we ask you to bring a soup, salad or bread. You can sign up in the church breezeway or call the church office at 951-676-1800x3. If you come for communion only, plan on arriving at 6:30 p.m.

March 30th - Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.

The last Friday of Jesus's life is known as Good Friday. Our youth will lead us in a service of Stations of the Cross. All who attend will have time to reflect on Jesus's last hours and walk his path. The service will end with communion.

EVELYN LEWIS MEMORIAL SERVICE

March 30th—10:30 a.m. at TUMC. Lunch will follow the service. Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband Dwaine Lewis. Both were Charter Members of TUMC. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temecula United Methodist Church - Evelyn Lewis Memorial Fund.

Easter Worship Schedule

7:00 a.m.	Easter Morning outside worship Dress warmly.
9:00 a.m.	Worship
10:00 a.m.	Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m.	Worship

From the Breezeway

March

- 4th Theme: *Outside the Box*
 Scripture: *John 2:13-22*
 11th Theme: *Out of the Clear Blue Sky*
 Scripture: *Ephesians 2:1-10*
 18th Theme: *Strong Attraction*
 Scripture: *John 12:20-33*
 25th Palm Sunday Theme: *Grand Entrance*
 Scripture: *Mark 11:1-11*

April

- 1st Easter Sunday Theme: *April Fools!*
 Scripture: *Luke 24:1-12*
 8th Theme: *All Our Hopes and Fears*
 Scripture: *John 20:19-31*

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Once again, the youth of Temecula UMC would like to invite all to a scrumptious **Palm Sunday Breakfast after 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship on March 25th.** It is a tradition that they have offered for years. The cost for the breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage and juice is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 10 yrs. and under and \$25 for family of four or more. The fundraiser supports the Youth Ministry and their Sierra Service Project Mission Trip. If you can't make breakfast, then donations are welcomed.

Food Pantry -Each Sunday One Person—One Can of Food

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. One can of food from each person helps put food on the table for families and seniors in our community.



A vibrant yellow-bordered poster for a spring fashion event. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds and several white daisies. In the top left, a black silhouette of a woman in a classic spring dress and hat walks a black silhouette of a dog. The title 'Spring Into Fashion' is written in a large, yellow, cursive font across the top. The event details are centered in a white rectangular box with a thin green border. At the bottom, the church's name and address are listed in a black serif font.

Spring Into Fashion

Temecula United
Methodist Women
Present

**ANNUAL TEA
AND FASHION SHOW**

**APRIL 14, 2018
11 A.M. -2 P.M.**

\$20 adults \$10 children 12 & under

*Fashions by Ms. Chievious Boutique
Catered by Skip Thomas
Featuring Live Music, Raffle and Live Auction
Proceeds will go to local missions*

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If you would like to host a table, please contact Diane Martinez and/or Gloria Galvez.

March 8th —Thursday, 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting in Room 6.

March 15th —Thursday, 10 a.m. UMW General Meeting and Luncheon in the Hillside Room.



GALA 2018 - LIVE/SILENT AUCTION

WISH • HOPE • DREAM

Friday, May 25th, 2018 • 6:00PM

Ponte Winery
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TUMC has partnered with Jacob's House Temecula for our 2018 Silent/Live Auction and Gala to be held at Ponte Winery on Friday, May 25, 2018 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

How you can contribute:

BUY TICKETS—Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at church (check or cash) on the first and third Sundays for \$75/person or online at www.eventbrite.com (there is an additional surcharge for online purchases).

DONATE—We are soliciting donations for our silent/live auction. Items that we are looking for include: gift cards, bottles of wine/spirits (\$10+ value), time share weeks, or if you have a business that will donate to us, please let us know.

If you would like to offer your help, please contact Monica McCullough at mnmfam@roadrunner.com
The Gala 2018 Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 13th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 6.



March 2018						
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



- 3/1 10:30 a.m. Welcoming & Outreach Committee
12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
- 3/2 10:30 a.m. *Re-Claiming the Bible* w/Rev. Oaks
- 3/3 8:00 a.m. Friends of the Poor Walk at
St. Jeanne De Lestonnac School Track
- 3/4 3rd Sunday in Lent
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
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:00 a.m. Glory Bees Children's Choir
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
4:30 p.m. Finance Peace University
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets
- 3/6 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
- 3/7 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. *Joy Ringers* rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 3/8 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting
6:30 p.m. Trustees
- 3/9 Spaghetti Dinner prep cooking in kitchen
9:00 a.m. PALS Book Fair
10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
- 3/10 5:00—8:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner at TUMC
- 3/11 4th Sunday in Lent
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
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:00 a.m. Glory Bees Children's Choir
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
4:30 p.m. Club 3.16 for
4:30 p.m. Finance Peace University
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets
- 3/13 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Gala Planning Committee

- 3/14 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. *Joy Ringers* rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 3/15 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting & Luncheon
- 3/16 10:30 a.m. *Re-Claiming the Bible* w/Rev. Oaks
- 3/18 5th Sunday in Lent
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
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
4:30 p.m. Finance Peace University
- 3/19 4:30 p.m. Tuesday Ladies cook for Homeless
- 3/20 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 3/21 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. *Joyful Ringers* rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 3/22 6:30 p.m. Church Council
- 3/23 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
- 3/25 Palm Sunday Youth Pancake Breakfast
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
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
4:30 p.m. Club 3.16
- 3/27 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
3:00 p.m. MONKS cook for Homeless
- 3/28 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 3/29 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion
- 3/30 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Stations of Cross

MAY YOUR troubles
BE LESS &
YOUR blessings
BE MORE
and
NOTHING BUT
happiness
WILL COME
THROUGH YOUR DOOR.
-irish blessing

	<u>March 4</u>	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 25</u>	
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman	MONKS	Youth	Sam & Pat Hill Mark Bowers Bert Bjorklund	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Dan Henley Gerry Nicholas Janet Galbraith Gilbert Oaks	MONKS	Youth	Dan Henley Larry Natwick Tri Tricoche Raymond Landry	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sue Bradshaw Hazel Hailstone	MONKS	Youth	Earl Fields Dorothy Smith	
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Anita Accordino Bonnie D'Angelo	MONKS	Youth	Sally Messersmith Sharon McCarthy	
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Raymond Landry	Mark McCullough Ken Boyle	Gian & Meghann Gian & Meghann	Jeanette Edmonds Jeanette Edmonds	
VISITOR TABLE 9 :00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pauline Fields Dorothy Smith	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	Jean Hawkins Gloria Galvez	Sue Bradshaw Marilyn Landry	
Vacation Bible School June 18th—22nd					

Vacation Bible School is returning to Temecula UMC after a one-year hiatus. This ministry program offering, touches the lives of children and their families in the community with a positive message of joy and hope. The theme this year is *Shipwreck—Rescued by Jesus*.

Sunday, June 24th—VBS Sunday
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