



**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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To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world."

Fred Rogers

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

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RICK'S RAMBLINGS

New Normal

Social distancing, wearing masks, theaters, and restaurants half full by design, and sports events without fans, these are just a few of the parameters that will be with us for the foreseeable future. These most likely will be the guidelines that will be put in place by local and state governments to help check the COVID-19 Virus until a vaccine or possible cure can be developed. This could take months at the least, or a year, or more.

If this is what the new normal will look like, it doesn't seem too appealing. But the alternative could be even more tragic: more illnesses, hospitalizations that stretch our resources, medical persons nearing collapse, more deaths and grieving for families and communities. This is suffering we do not want to have to live through. The alternative allows us to open up the economy in a safe and protective way that will bring revitalization back and restore jobs for those who found themselves unemployed.

As pastor and student of the Bible I have constantly encouraged and invited my congregants to turn to the Scriptures for guidance in times of struggle, grief, to find hope, faith, and how to love and live in the way of Christ. So, friends I ask that we turn to the Scriptures again as we learn how to live in the new normal in which we find ourselves.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us (Romans 8:18). During this time of isolation, we have been nudged or, more likely, shoved into making changes that we did not want to make. I have learned new things I wasn't necessarily looking to learn. But now I am living these new changes with hope and with possibilities to serve and reach out. I, with the help and skills of a few others, have learned how to stream our worship services live online over our Facebook page. I, with the help of Sally, learned how to produce and present a VLOG (video presentation) to continue to share a word of hope and comfort for not only our church family but for the whole community. I am relearning the gift of sharing the

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Rick's Ramblings continued

load of caring for our church family. I want to thank those who have graciously called you to see how things are going. I want to thank Marlene Oaks for taking the lead in making masks so that we can offer this gift to our church family and the community.

This was passed on to me in a message from our bishop. These are words from Fred Rogers (Mister Rogers), "When I was a boy and would see scary things on the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world." I believe as we adjust to this new normal that we can still be the faithful helpers that God has called us to be, living the love and hope of Christ. When we live in this way, we will know the hope and love of Christ for ourselves.

Let our faith be bigger than our fear,

Pastor Rick

FROM THE BREEZEWAY

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. Download the Zoom app a few minutes before 6:30 PM and click on the invite link Pastor Rick will send you.

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

HOW TO WATCH US ON FACEBOOK

We are streaming our worship services on the Temecula United Methodist Church Facebook page. If you have not already seen this streaming, we hope you will join us for as long as we are unable to come together to worship. To get connected go to our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/Temeculaunitedmethodistchurch>. We broadcast at 10:00 AM on Sunday. If you miss it, it will still be on our Facebook page to go back to and watch. We are hoping to also post on other platforms in the future. Stay tuned.

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 has started a video rambling to bring hope, joy, love and peace to the church family and community. It will be uploaded every Friday during the time of stay-at-home. 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. Questions? Please contact Pastor Rick at 951-676-1800x4.



WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

The Finance Team wants to make sure everyone in the TUMC congregation and family knows the importance of continued giving during this time of social distancing and stay at home quarantine. First, we want to thank all who have shared generously to the support of Temecula United Methodist Church. We want to make it as easy as possible for you to share your offering and support of the church.

1. Yes, we can still receive your offering by mail. Pastor Rick or Mary Kottman are able to pick up the mail and pass it on to be counted and deposited.
2. You can go to our website, temeculaumc.com and click on the Make a Donation link. Follow the prompts to make your one time or ongoing gifts.
3. You can now download an app to your phone. Go to your app store and find GivePlus or Give+. Once it appears you can begin the process make sure you type in Temecula United Methodist Church in the choose church box. Once installed you will be able to make contributions and receive a notice of your giving. If you choose to use a bank or credit card we hope you will help us to defray our expenses by clicking the fee charge box. **Or you can set us up with a withdrawal directly from your bank (AHC) there will be no fee to the church.**

The Finance Team understands this is a difficult time for everyone and we are doing our part with the Church Council to make reductions where we can in anticipation of a deficit. We want to continue to offer Ministry and Mission in a loving and caring way for our community, you the church family, and the world. With your help and generosity now and in the days ahead we will rise up from these challenging times.



Worship Scriptures

MAY

3 Scripture: *Acts 2:42-47*
Theme: *The Fellowship of Believers*

10 MOTHER'S DAY
Scripture: *Ephesians 6:1-3*
Theme: *MOM*

17 Scripture: *1 Peter 3:13-22*
Theme: *What Good is Suffering*

24 Scripture: *John 17:1-11*
Theme: *Pray for People*

31 Scripture: *Acts 2:1-11*
Theme: *Catch the Spirit*



Food for Thought

The official Covid-19 lockdown for California started March 19.

The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty". So what does the Bible say about 40?

- The flood lasted 40 days.
- 40 years Moses fled Egypt.
- 40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments.
- Exodus lasted 40 years.
- YAHSHUA fasted for 40 days.
- 40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth.
- Optimum number of weeks for human gestation is 40.
- A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change.
- Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".
- Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are clearing up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are praying. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.
- Remember we are in the year 2020 and $20 + 20 = 40$.
- May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world. Like Lent.