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Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

May 2021



RICK’S RAMBLINGS

Put Me in Coach

There is a fun and one of my favorite rock and roll songs, “Centerfield”. John Fogerty, the singer/songwriter of the song shared he was able to combine two of his passions, rock and roll and baseball. The opening verse and chorus is “Well, beat the drum and hold the phone - the sun came out today! We're born again, there's new grass on the field. A-roundin' third, and headed for home, it's a brown-eyed handsome man; Anyone can understand the way I feel.

CHORUS:

Oh, put me in, Coach - I'm ready to play today; Put me in, Coach - I'm ready to play today; Look at me, I can be Centerfield.”

Put me in Coach. The person of this song knows what time it is, a time to come in and help the team to be the best they can be and win the game. Mordecai, a Jew in a foreign land and uncle of Queen Esther, knew it was time for Esther to use her influence to sway the king for the saving of the Jewish people

Rick's Ramblings continued

from danger. It was time for her to get in the game, so to speak. "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14) As followers of Christ and a child of God this could be our modern-day chant. Put me in God, call me to serve your children, witness to the resurrection of your son Jesus and share the hope of God's love.

Friends during the year we have had it is time to be assertive and bold as Isaiah in responding to God's call to serve his people. "When I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

Let our FAITH be bigger than our Fear.

Pastor Rick

Worship Scriptures and Themes

May

- 4 Scripture: Mark 16:1-8
Theme: Where Do We Go From Here?
- 9 Scripture: John 15:9-17
Theme: Self-Giving Love
- 16 Scripture: Acts 1:15-26
Theme: How to Fit In
- 23 Scripture: Acts 2:1-21
Theme: Pause to Listen
- 30 Scripture: Romans 8:12-17
Theme: Who's Your Daddy?

June

- 5 Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Theme: Push Me, Pull Me

Save the Date and Mark Your Calendar for

Marketplace

June 27 between services

There will be an opportunity drawing for a beautiful quilt, (raffle tickets cost \$10.00); Scrip Tree with gift cards, book sale, food/bake sale, and a plant sale.

All profits go to help support missions.

Sponsored by TUMC United Methodist Women

Outdoor In-Person Worship Plus Save the Date!

We continue to offer weekly outdoor in-person worship on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. **Reservations are required.** The resumption of indoor services will be some time in the month of June. The final date is still to be determined. Once we do resume indoors we will return to two services, 9 & 10:30 a.m. with live streaming at 9:00 a.m. **There will be seating capacity limits and other safety protocols in place. Reservations will be required.**



Last month we had another successful Drive-Thru BBQ Dinner Fundraiser. 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 May. The meal is set Sunday May 2, 4 - 5:30 p.m. for pick up. Order by Saturday May 1. 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.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE
is **MAY 15**



Rick's Rambling 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 Channel (link above) 12 noon or later. If you have questions contact Pastor Rick, 951-676-1800 ext. 4.

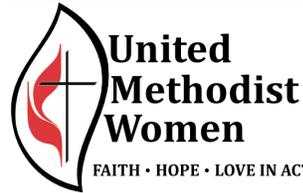
Family/Children's Ministry Coordinator

Thanks to a generous gift to the Church to help to underwrite a part-time Family/Children's Coordinator the Staff Parish Relations Committee will be accepting applications for persons who will want to be a part of a ministry team that offers love, hope, acceptance, and grace for our children and their families. Leading a ministry that will teach the Love of God in Jesus. To live out the Mission of the Church to be reconciling and accepting. If you or someone you know who might be interested in building and growing this ministry have them contact Pastor Rick, temeculaumc@tumc.com.

Also if you would like to help in funding this position and offer a special gift to extend this position for the long term please contact Pastor Rick.



United Methodist Women



The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1

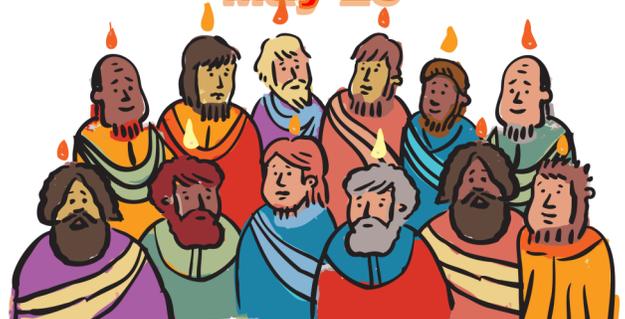
The General Meeting/ Program meeting is on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Worship Center, **reservations are required**, please contact Anita Accordino, araccordino12@verizon.net. The program will focus on National Missions supported by the United Methodist Women.

We will also be assembling health kits for the California-Pacific Conference (UMC) Immigration Task Force .

All women are welcome!
Come and join us!

Please Note: the "Marketplace" will not be held on May 23rd, instead it will be on June 27 between worship services.

Pentacost Sunday May 23



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:4 (NRSV)

M.O.N.K.S. (Men's Group)

M.O.N.K.S. - (Men of Nurturing Knightly Spirit) invite men to participate in a watch party of the first two episodes of "The Chosen " on a Sunday night in May in the TUMC Worship Center. Seeing Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him, "The Chosen" is the first multi-season series about the life of Christ. With over 100 million views worldwide. The show has received critical acclaim, including a 100% Rotten Tomatoes score. We will gather using proper social distancing protocols. Please contact Dan Henley at henley4home@verizon.net to make a reservation.



MAY

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Lovely & Romano Villanueva
- 13 Jim & Diane Greer
- 24 Eric & Bernadine Anderson
- 29 Steve & Linda Jones

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Ron Moreland
- 8 Jessie Boyle
- 9 Stacea Nelson
Alan Sheaffer
- 10 Lauren Hathorn
- 12 Mateki Aumoecualogo
- 14 Jan Tramontano
- 15 Jim Greer
- 18 Callie Rae Dubots
- 19 Peter Peterson Boyle
- 20 Constance Beltramo
- 22 Lora Demuro
Barbara Lamb
- 24 Drew Ramos
Penny Wagner
- 26 Catherine Buckingham
Nancy Hammett
Larry Messersmith
- 28 Dixie Minnesang
Jackie Redfern Tomaszewski
- 29 Molly Edwards
- 31 April Tayrien



Golden Baskets for May

- 2 - Missionary-Clara Mridula Biswas
- 9 - Jacob's House
- 16 - Million Kids
- 23 - Green Acres Interactive Therapy
- 30 - Peace with Justice Sunday
- June 6 - SAFE Alternative for Everyone

Learn about the Golden Basket Charities



Jacob's House is a home of refuge where families and loved ones of those in hospitalized traumatic

medical need can find hope, comfort, peace, and inspiration. They are a community resource dedicated to serving families in crisis. They do this by providing a shelter for the physical, emotional and spiritual support. Learn more by going to their website <https://www.jacobshousetemecula.org/home>



Their mission is to PREVENT child exploitation by empowering

every kid, and those who interact with kids, through education on predators and to INTERVENE by providing support services to those families and children in crisis. Learn more about Million Kids by going to their website <https://millionkids.org/>



Green Acres Interactive Therapy was started over 40 years ago by the founder Margaret Rich who was encouraged by her pediatrician father to start working with children with special needs. Located at Green Acres Ranch, GAIT became an established part of the ranch as the needs of the community continued to grow. Alongside the successful long standing lesson program, Interactive Therapy cemented Green Acres as the place where everyone could enjoy horses in a safe, friendly environment. Learn more about GAIT by going to their website <https://www.gaitprogram.org/>

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

TOGETHER OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

Peace with Justice Sunday is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. The offering is administered by the General Board of Church and Society and benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conferences and around the world. Half of your gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Church and Society globally. Learn more by going to the website <https://www.umc.org/en/content/peace-with-justice-sunday-ministry-article>

Servant Volunteer of the Month for May, 2021

Mark McCullough



Join me on the adventure of Mark's life. He was born in Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu, beginning life as a "Navy Brat." They moved to California for a few years and then for 6 years in Florida. When he was 8, they moved to San Diego, but his father did not come. He grew up without a dad, but he found great male mentors at church. He graduated from Helix High School, a school with a Scottish theme. Synchronistically, he later found out that he is predominately of Scottish heritage. If the world is open, he is planning to take the whole family in August for 2 1/2 weeks to explore Scotland. The last day, they will be spending in a castle!

Mark went into the Army two weeks after graduation and spent 3 years in military police. After the Army, he entered the San Diego Police Force, where he worked for 33 1/2 years. During riots he was made acting supervisor at the front lines. It was his last night in the field, and rocks and bottles flew. He got off at 4 a.m., and since his next shift started at 6, he slept in the office a couple of hours. For the last 15 years in the police force, he ran safety ops such as: Covid site security, DUI check points, education and special events.

"I had a fun career, I don't regret any assignments, and I liked the people in the area and my colleagues," Mark shared.

Mark was an active member of the United Methodist Church in La Mesa. Mark Wiley was the pastor, and he mentored Mark and helped him talk over decisions. He found great role models and mentors who were loving and caring. Mark felt a strong call to be a police officer, but also a call to the ministry. His pastor told him he could minister wherever he was, whatever he was doing.

One of the church members invited a co-worker to a social event at a friend's house, and there was Monica. They began dating. He proposed to her at camp Cedar Glen where they were both camp counselors. He bought flowers and a ring to the final night in the chapel and asked her in front of everyone. The girls in Monica's cabin all wanted to be bridesmaids. They were married a year later. One year and one month later, Meghann was born and three years later along came Matt. Mark and Monica took the children everywhere they went, even to events of the police shooting team. Travel was fun. They grew up here in the Temecula Church. David French baptized Matt in 1994. Mark and Monica worked with the youth program here for 16 years, and he is so proud that his daughter and son-in-law are carrying that on.

Great Scot Barbeque opened last July. His goal was to be in a winery, and they began there and have stayed there. Their role has expanded to include the special events of the winery. He hires mostly from the church. He gives high school youth the opportunity to get work experience.

Mark keeps busy at the church. He just finished helping to install a new lighting system that is low voltage and safer and will not add heat in our hot summers. He has gathered a good team on Sundays for the live streaming and the in person services. He praises his daughter, Meghann, for taking the lead as the driving force in the live streaming. Mark has also taken the Stephen Ministry training. Over the years he has held almost every position a lay person can hold. He enjoys the community the church offers.

In camps or natural environments, Mark finds a peace and a settling. In those serene settings, he often has those aha moments, and God changes his direction. He says he knows God won't give him anything he cannot handle. He includes meditation and prayer as part of his spiritual practice.

I asked him what he'd like to say to the people of the church, and he replied, "The church is going to get stronger. We just need more people to get involved and to be an active part of it in whatever way they can. I definitely want to be a part of it, be there."

It is my honor to share this life of a true participator and spirit-led man.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Marlene Oaks