

TUMC is an Inclusive, Reconciling and Affirming Congregation. All who seek God are welcome. Join our TUMC family to participate in worship, education, fellowship, ministry and mission, regardless of race, color or ethnicity, age, marital status, gender, sexual identity, expression, physical or mental ability...*anyone who comes to me, I will never drive away.* John 6:37

This is a place where you will find welcome, support, comfort, and strength for your life.

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Temecula United Methodist Church

THE MESSENGER

July 2025

TUMC 4th of July Block Party

Join us for a Fourth of July viewing party on the lawn. Enjoy food, games and music, then stay to watch the fireworks at Ronald Reagan Park.

Pick up an Early Bird Parking pass at the Church Office from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM or Sunday after services.

Pay when you enter on the day of the event by placing the donation (suggest \$20) in the envelope. Funds support the ministries of the Church.

Arrive for Early Bird Parking before 5:00 PM. Margarita will close for entry at 6:10 PM but will remain open for exit.

Great Scot BBQ will serve their tasty barbeque fare.

Fun will be had by everyone!

If you'd like to help, contact us at 951-676-1800 or at temeculaumc.secretary@gmail.com



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DREW

As we reach the halfway point of the year, I would like to share with you the first seven projects that we've completed in our initiative of 12 projects in 12 months. Although it is now only July, we have successfully undertaken eight different activities to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Our efforts have included providing housing assistance to friends, offering food support, and advocating for individuals in unique situations. Please enjoy the pictures on the following pages and join me in prayer as we look forward to the second half of the year and all the care we may be able to provide to our community.

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Advocacy



Care kits for unhoused friends



Community Integration



Creation Care



Elder Care: Habitat for Humanity

Social Justice



God is Love,
Rev. M. Andrew Davis (He/Him/His)
Temecula United Methodist Church
An Inclusive Affirming Community

STEPHEN MINISTRY



TUMC's Stephen Ministers are volunteers trained to walk beside people experiencing difficult times. It's confidential and free, and available to anyone regardless of their affiliation with TUMC.

The TUMC Stephen Ministry chapter provides opportunities to talk openly and confidentially to a compassionate, non-judgmental listener. If you'd like to know more information, please contact Pastor Drew for a referral at pastordrewdavis@gmail.com.

Our volunteer care givers are ready to meet with you free of charge!

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
IS JULY 15TH**

**The Church Office will be Closed in
Observance of Independence Day**

July

6 **Scripture:** Galatians 6:1-16
Theme: All The Good We Can In All
the Ways We Can

Liturgist: Jordan Tyre
Welcome Table: *Sign up today*

13 **Scripture:** Luke 10:25-37
Theme: Who Is Your Family?

Liturgist: Dr. Marlene Oaks
Welcome Table: *Sign up today*

20 **Scripture:** Luke 10:38-42
Theme: In Stillness We Hear

Liturgist: *Sign up today*
Welcome Table: Fran Sandipher

27 **Scripture:** Luke 11:1-13
Theme: It Is Not Just About How to Pray,
It Is How to Live

Liturgist: *Sign up today*
Welcome Table: *Sign up today*

WRITERS CIRCLE



Come join the Writers' Circle no matter whether you are an experienced, amateur, or wannabe writer. We will share our thoughts, ideas, and writing with fellow scribes while we support each other in order

to motivate and inspire new pieces. Meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30AM in the Meditation Garden. To participate contact Lois Foster at (815) 519-1838 and/or loisf21@gmail.com.

PRAYERS AND SQUARES



Prayers and Squares

Offers you the opportunity to have your very own MEMORY PILLOW,

With your special photo printed on fabric and made into a quilted 18" pillow- and support Prayers & Squares at the same time. Pick up your form in your Sunday bulletin or on the table in the hallway, and turn it in.

Email your photo in jpg format and in a couple of weeks take your very own Memory Pillow home with you.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

LITURGIST, USHERS AND WELCOME TABLE

We are currently seeking additional Ushers, Liturgists and assistance at the Welcome Table. For more details email Pastor Davis at pastordrewdavis@gmail.com or Anita Accordino at araccordino12@verizon.net. Sign up sheet is located at the sign up table.



NOT ANOTHER CHURCH COMMITTEE

Are you the party planner at your job or in your family? Do you love to host people and make sure everyone has a good time? Well now is the chance to take that talent and use it at Church! We are putting together an Event Committee. A group who wants to help create fun community building events and fundraisers here at TUMC. If you have ideas and want to help bring them to life please reach out to Meghann Adesso at bigstar951@gmail.com or 951-526-7730.



THE HANDBELL CHOIR

RING-A-DING-DING!

Come ring a handbell just for fun right after church, on Sunday, July 13, 11:15am - Noon.

At this mini-workshop, we will explore some unique ways to ring the handbells, we'll learn how to make music, and play some songs... just for fun. No performance, no pressure, just for handbell ringing time together. Are you brave enough to try?

Please mark your calendar to stay after church on Sunday, July 13th, thanks.

Debbie Barba,
Handbell Choir Director



TUMC SCRIP

What is Script?

Purchasing Scrip cards is a simple way of raising money for the church budget. Simply purchase gift cards at face value and the



church receives a percentage of the sales. The Scrip box has a variety of cards including gas, stores and restaurants. You may also go to RaiseRight.com to see a full list of vendors. Cards may be preordered when orders are placed.

Cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings after service using cash or check. Scrip cards are also available to purchase throughout the week during church office hours.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order contact Janet Galbraith at 951-764-3938 and ingalbraih5@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP





In June we had another “first” for the Temecula United Methodist Church. We cosponsored the Queer Prom for the Temecula Valley. The

event happened right in our sanctuary that was well decorated in an out-of-this-world UFO theme. We had over 40 guests for the prom from the various high schools in our area. These were LGBTQIA+ kids and their allies. It was a wonderful night that I had the privilege of volunteering. Lots of good teenager food, the requisite disc jockey with lots of music, a Photo Booth, crafts, Beauty and hair volunteers, and even a fortuneteller. The entire event was put on with volunteer help and donations. The kids attended at no cost to themselves.

Why is this so very important? Many of these LGBTQIA+ teenagers are uncomfortable, unwelcome, and at times frightened to attend conventional proms and dances in our community... simply because of who they are. Allowing these teenagers a safe, happy, and wonderful place to celebrate this most important rite of passage—the prom is exactly what our LGBTQIA+ Ministry is all about.

This event also continues to send a message to our entire community that the Temecula United Methodist Church is indeed inclusive to all. Not only do we say it, we preach it, and we show it with definitive action like the queer prom.

If you would like to learn more about our LGBTQIA+ Ministry and what we are all about, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. We also have a weekly Amplify Meeting on Thursdays at 6:30 PM at the church. This is a group of members of the LGBTQIA+ Community and their allies. On alternate weeks we speak about Bible scripture and its impact on the LGBTQIA+ Community and a group Sharing meeting. All are welcome. If you know anybody in our community that might be interested in our LGBTQIA+ Ministry, I am always available to talk in the church or meet outside the church.

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JULY

Happy Anniversary

Chuck & Kathy Washington 07/06
 Shirley & Rev Randy Johnson 07/14
 Dan & Lorna Henley 07/17
 John P & Lisa Glenn Edwards 07/18
 Steve & Peggy Webb 07/23
 Milton & Ethel Takeguchi 07/25
 Josh & Kim Cummings 07/26
 Jerry & Debbie Barba 07/28
 Gian & Meghann Adesso 07/30

Happy Birthday

Elia De La Cerra 07/01
 Jean Williams 07/01
 Mark McCullough 07/02
 Ryan Hathorn 07/03
 Scott Parker 07/05
 Betty Lou Langlois 07/07
 Josh Cumming 07/11
 Lorilyn Teasdale 07/11
 Serena Hughes 07/12
 Meghann Adesso 07/13
 Suzanne Calcagni 07/15
 Maria Longley 07/17
 Kylee Riché 07/19
 Vanessa Wagner 07/19
 Jack Croteau 07/20
 Heather Bjorklund 07/24
 Rev Rick Malec 07/24
 Elliot Teasdale 07/25
 Camden Saeger 07/26
 Lois Hoyle 07/29
 Sharon Johnas 07/30
 Garland Smith 07/30

GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

July

- 6 Rancho Damacitas Community Mission of Hope
- 13 TUMC Youth Group
- 20 Pastor's Ministries & Outreach
- 27 UMCOR LA Fires

Rancho Damacitas

Rancho Damacitas serves children and young adults who have been victims of child abuse, neglect and abandonment through four programs – Empowerment Village, Project Independence, New Heights Scholarship, and Children's Enrichment. Programs address the unique challenges facing former foster youth and single mothers today and provides them with safety and stability while helping them build accountability, financial stability, faith in themselves, and paving their pathway to success one brick at a time.

TUMC Youth Group

Our youth program at TUMC is designed to provide a safe space for young individuals to explore their faith, build meaningful relationships, and develop essential life skills. From Bible studies to community service projects, our programs are tailored to meet the diverse needs of our youth.

Pastor's Ministries and Outreach

The Pastor's Ministries and Outreach Fund helps members of the church and the community with emergency needs, such as rent, gas, and food.



On January 7, strong Santa Ana winds in Los Angeles caused wildfires to spread rapidly in

multiple communities. Thousands of homes and businesses have been destroyed, as well as multiple local United Methodist Churches. Preliminary assessments of the damage is underway. UMCOR has awarded two solidarity grants to the California-Pacific Annual Conference to undergird their immediate relief efforts. This includes evacuee support like food and essential supplies as well as support for volunteer efforts and other relief activities.

Join us in this response. Donate to support this disaster response effort.

FOOD PANTRY for this MONTH:

Peanut Butter and Jelly/Jam



Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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GOD ROCKS!

VOLUNTEERS & CARE

If you are looking for a way to be more involved in our family or seeking care in a specific area, one of these leaders might be able to assist you. If you are searching for something that is not listed, please reach out to Pastor Drew. You may be the leader he is looking for.

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