

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**

August 2025



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DREW

As August begins, I am blessed to celebrate the completion of my first year in partnership ministry with Temecula United Methodist Church. In just one year's time, we have accomplished more than I could have ever imagined as servants to the community of Temecula.

Within the first month of my arrival, we celebrated a large-scale gathering for the Fourth of July, which provided me the opportunity to meet hundreds of people in the Temecula community. Additionally, during that same month, we offered a showing of the film 1946: The Misinterpretation That Shaped Culture. This event helped me meet many new friends in our community who have been seeking a safe and affirming place to celebrate their love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Since then, we have spent many moments in the community. It has been a blessing to take advantage of opportunities to attend various street fairs and gatherings, representing our church and sharing information with others.

Throughout this year, as part of our goal to complete 12 mission projects in 12 months, I have explored many new areas. I have been fortunate to meet with the Social Work Action Group, the Interfaith Council of Temecula, Jacob's House, and numerous other care facilities that cater to the diverse needs within the Temecula Valley.

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We have witnessed our membership grow, discovering new leaders for different areas of our church life. With our church council addressing various volunteer needs, it has been heartening to see both seasoned and new members working together to accomplish many things that our visitors find pleasing and welcoming on our campus.

As I began my time here with two significant projects, we are currently working on a major initiative for 2025. We are not only striving to complete 12 different mission projects that address 12 distinct areas of need within our community but also collaborating with Temecula Valley Pride and Emily Space to provide an affirming celebration and gathering for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. I am excited to share that on October 18, 2025, Temecula United Methodist Church will have the honor of being the site for Temecula Valley's first Pride celebration.

This bold step not only affirms our LGBTQIA+ siblings' journeys but also demonstrates that Temecula Valley is a community willing to support, celebrate, and care for all its members. I ask that you remain in prayer, as this opportunity will open doors for everyone to see that Temecula United Methodist Church is a place that genuinely cares.

I am eager for the many opportunities that lie ahead. In 2026, I look forward to watching our outreach projects grow after spending 2025 focusing on one mission project each month. My hope is that individuals will discover passion projects through these initiatives. As each person identifies their passion, we can begin to build small groups that intentionally care for these areas year-round. Through this approach, we could expand from having 12 mission projects a month to possibly 36, depending on how many small groups develop as individuals find their places for service.

It is my prayer that in year two, we work together, serve together, and uncover our passions. By opening the doors for others to find their passions as well, we can witness not only the growth of our church community but also the imagery of hope flourishing throughout the Temecula Valley.

Please join me in prayer and explore ways we can volunteer together. The more we discover our passions, the more our hearts will grow, and the greater our capacity for love will become in our community. Thank you for a wonderful first year of service, and I look forward to seeing what year two will bring.

God is love,
Pastor Drew

August

- 3** **Scripture:** Luke 12:13-21
Theme: On Earth as it is in Heaven
Liturgist: Annie Davis
Welcome Table: *Sign up today*
- 10** **Scripture:** Luke 12:32-40
Theme: Ready to Serve
Liturgist: Dr. Marlene Oaks
Welcome Table: Fran Sandipher
- 17** **Scripture:** Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Theme: The Cheering Section
Liturgist: *Sign up today*
Welcome Table: *Sign up today*
- 24** **Scripture:** Luke 13:10-17
Theme: Help Where Help is Needed
Liturgist: *Sign up today*
Welcome Table: *Sign up today*
- 31** **Scripture:** Luke 14:1, 7-14
Theme: Especially if You Get Nothing for It
Liturgist: *Sign up today*
Welcome Table: *Sign up today*



Please note that our office will operate under adjusted hours from August 4th to 6th, opening from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM only.

Additionally, we will be closed on Thursday, August 7, and Friday, August 8 to accommodate staff vacations and pastoral visits

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 Accordini at araccordini12@verizon.net. Sign up sheet is located at the sign up table.

On Saturday, August 9, at 1:00 PM, we will be hosting a worship training class. This session will cover the roles of ushering, managing the welcome table, and serving as a liturgist. We encourage all interested individuals to join us for this valuable opportunity to enhance your contributions to our worship experience.

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 Janet Delaney at janetdelaney412@gmail.com. Our volunteer caregivers are ready to meet with you free of charge!

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 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.

AUGUST

Happy Anniversary

Bert and Heather Bjorklund ... 1st
Ernie and Midge Lloyd ... 13th
Steve and Janet Galbraith ... 17th
Dan and Carlyn Buehler ... 19th
Sandy Dodson
& Betty Lou Langlois ... 20th
Federico and
Elia De La Cerra ... 21st
Stan and Catherine
Buckingham ... 27th

Happy Birthday

Katie Pratt ... 1st
Ken Teasdale ... 1st
Traci Pawlak ... 5th
Kellie Latimer ... 7th
Jan Clark George ... 11th
Lila Stolp ... 13th
Dr. Earl Richards ... 14th
Ken McClellan ... 15th
Hunter Davis ... 20th
Zane Seward ... 21st
Paul Gutierrez ... 22nd
Gideon N Tony ... 25th
Linda Jones ... 26th
Damon Dubots ... 27th

RING-A-DING-DING!

Come ring a handbell just for fun right after church, on Sunday, August 10, 11:15am - 12:00pm.

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, August 10, thanks.

Debbie Barba,
Handbell Choir Director



World-renowned "Solo Handbell Artist"

CHRISTINE D. ANDERSON

Handbell Workshop

SAT, SEP 6, 9 AM

Christine's solo handbell artistry has thrilled audiences across the country and around the globe with her extraordinary talent and artistry. As a phenomenal musical leader, Christine possesses a unique vision for what is possible in the realm of handbell performance.

Christine is coming to TUMC to work with our Handbell Choir on Saturday, September 6th, and will stay through Sunday so she can perform SOLO BELLS (yes, that means one person plays all those bells all by themselves; quite a sight!). Therefore, please come to church on September 7th to see her perform!

Sincerely - Debbie Barba
Handbell Choir Director



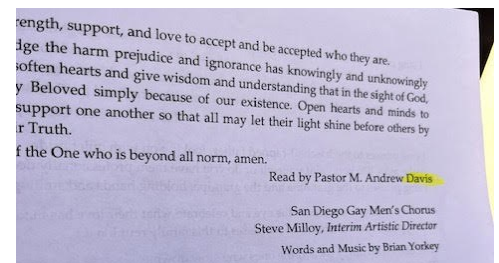
Every year, San Diego Pride hosts a beautiful event called "Light Up the Cathedral with Pride." This gathering is a heartfelt multi-faith celebration that affirms the identities and loves of our LGBTQIA+ siblings. It was a blessing from our pastor to be part of this significant occasion.



During the event, Pastor Drew had the opportunity to share a prayer for the Transgender Day of Remembrance. This day serves as a moment for us to pause and reflect on the lives of our transgender siblings, many of whom were tragically cut short because they could not find a safe and peaceful space to fully embrace their identities.

As each faith leader contributed through prayers, music, and a special sermon, it was incredibly empowering to witness the diverse representation from various faith movements. Together, we showed affirming love and support for our LGBTQIA+ siblings, highlighting the strength that comes from unity and acceptance.

If you would like to watch this beautiful service, please visit https://www.youtube.com/live/rR4NFo5crso?si=8B8Ni5k1o_263VrU.



EDITORS FOR MARLENE'S BOOK

Marlene is currently seeking assistance with editing her book. If you possess a keen eye for detail and are willing to offer your support, please contact her directly at marleneoaks56@gmail.com or add your name to the sign-up sheet located on the breezeway table.

GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

August

- 03 No Golden Basket
- 10 Sherman Indian School and gift cards
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Sherman Indian School

Sherman Indian High School is one of four Boarding Schools still

under the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Office of Indian Education. Started as Perris Indian School, 1892, Perris, Ca., and later moved to Riverside in 1903, and renamed Sherman Institute. Sherman Indian High School has undergone many changes, and unlike former Boarding Schools whose focus was assimilation by eliminating "The Indian," the school now offers a balanced program that seeks to assure a quality education to students from many tribes, along with cultural awareness and inclusion. You can support through monetary donations or gift cards.

Temecula Community Food Pantry

The Temecula/Murrieta Food Pantry is a local place where low income and homeless people can sign up to receive food. They offer NPR services as well.

Our Missionary Rev. Joel Hortiales



Joel works closely with the conference executive director of connectional ministries in coordination of Hispanic/Latino ministries, including border ministries in the San Diego and Imperial County areas.

Pastor's Ministerial Outreach Fund

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



Food Pantry Items Needed: *Mac and Cheese*



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.

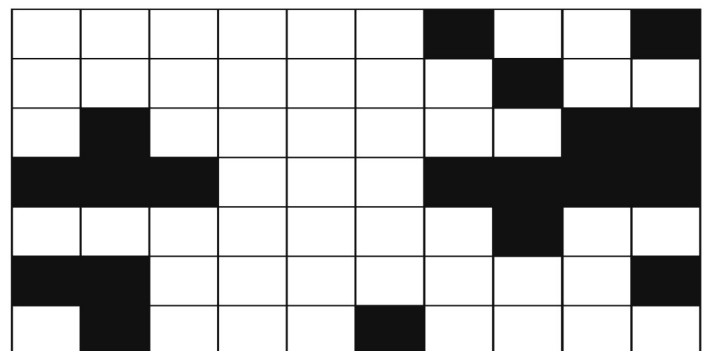
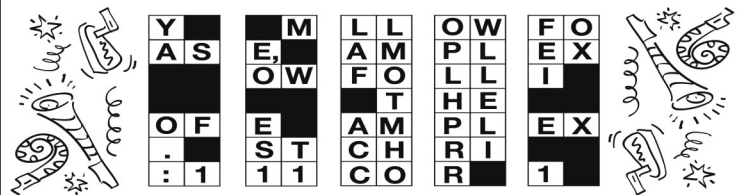


Cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings after service using cash or check. Scrip cards are also available to purchase throughout the week during church office hours. If you have any questions or would like to place an order contact Janet Galbraith at 951-764-3938 and jingalbraih5@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP

Puzzle!

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to complete an NIV Bible verse about an important commitment.



Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

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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LAKE ELSINORE STORM BASEBALL

MINOR LEAGUE AFFILIATE OF THE SAN DIEGO PADRES

DIAMOND STADIUM OF LAKE ELSINORE
500 DIAMOND DRIVE, LAKE ELSINORE, CA

Temecula United Methodist Church

Join the Lake Elsinore Storm on August 3rd, 2025.
Purchase your tickets for \$19.95 by scanning the QR
code or visiting

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Temeculaunited25>

Gates Open: 3:45 PM, 1st Pitch: 4:45 PM



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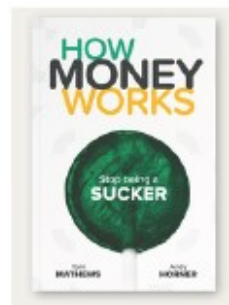
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TIME

**12:00
-
1:00PM**

**Financial Education
Proper Protection
Emergency Fund
Debt Management
Cash Flow
Build Wealth
Protect Wealth**

FREE BOOK



**FOR ALL WHO
ATTEND!**

**Refreshments and snacks will be provided.
Sign up sheet located on the breezeway table.**

