

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

September 2025



Worship

Community

Outreach

Come and experience the wonderful community and opportunities that thrive at Temecula United Methodist Church. Please contact Pastor Drew for more information. FOLLOWING WORSHIP

September 7, 2025 ● ● **The Church Courtyard**

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DREW

Welcome to September! As our children head back to school, we begin to look forward to a new season of ministry and outreach. It is a blessing to see the potential as we move into the last quarter of the year.

Throughout this month, we will celebrate and prepare for the exciting events coming our way as the year draws to a close. On September 7, our church will hold two major celebrations, highlighting the life of our community in beautiful ways. Each year, on Grandparents Day, our Sunday School leadership shares ice cream with the children and our seasoned mentors in the church. We have many grandparents in our congregation, and being a grandparent doesn't mean you must have a direct bloodline. Anytime a seasoned generation helps the newest, they embody the qualities of a loving grandparent, contributing to a brighter future.

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A Message From Pastor Drew continued

It is my prayer that as we celebrate the “grandparents of our lives,” whether they are biological or mentors, this celebration fosters relationships that strengthen our church and support its future.

Also on the 7th, we will celebrate all the ministries that connect one generation to another. In addition to the ice cream social, we will host our church ministry fair, showcasing the vibrant tapestry that exists at Temecula United Methodist Church.

Within this tapestry, we have opportunities for community building, service, and worship growth. We have spaces where the younger generation takes on leadership roles, and places where our seasoned members provide guidance and hope that we all need to experience.

September will be busy for other reasons as well. As we approach the end of the year, significant events are on the horizon at Temecula UMC.

I want to ensure everyone is aware that on October 18, from 11 AM to 6 PM, our parking lot will proudly host the first offering of Pride Temecula. This will be a celebration of healthcare, public services, and social interactions that provide a foundation of support, care, and hope for our LGBTQ+ siblings. After months of preparation, we are excited to open our doors even wider to friends in the community who are seeking a place to be affirmed and loved.

Additionally, in October, we will host "Prayers in the Square," a bazaar that showcases the wonderful work of our thriving prayer ministry at Temecula United Methodist Church. Beautiful quilts will be shared and auctioned off, offering opportunities to not only discuss the effort that goes into creating these quilts but also to share the blessings experienced by those who receive them.

New opportunities continue to arise within our worship community, and it is my prayer that we all find places to grow and serve as a community of hope in the city of Temecula.

God is Love,
Rev. M. Andrew Davis (He/Him/His)



WORSHIP SCRIPTURES AND THEMES

September

- 7 **Scripture:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Theme: You Know My Entire Journey
Liturgist: Nan Wood
Welcome Table: Peggy Webb

- 14 **Scripture:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Theme: He Loves You Bad Stuff Too
Liturgist: Dr. Marlene Oaks
Welcome Table: *Sign up today*

- 21 **Scripture:** Luke 16:1-13
Theme: With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility
Liturgist: Peggie Webb
Welcome Table: Fran Sandipher

- 28 **Scripture:** Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Theme: Those Who Know My Name
Liturgist: *Sign up today*
Welcome Table: *Sign up today*

BECOME AN ACOLYTE AT TUMC



What is an Acolyte?
In the Methodist church, an acolyte lights the altar candles before the service and then extinguishes them at end of service. Being an acolyte is a service of honor to God and to the worshipping community.

Any interested youth may contact Pastor Drew, Dan Henley, or Maureen McKown.



2025

Opportunity Quilt & Pillow Prayers & Squares

1930's fabric

Dresden plate and Dresden Girls
Original one of a kind design by
Marlene Oaks

Tickets \$ 10 or 3 for \$20

Drawing at our boutique Dec. 7th



Prayers & Squares
wants you to know Our
boutiques are back
October 5 before and
after church Focus on
Halloween & Fall

*December 7th
before & after
church Focus on
Christmas*

*All items made by
our team for you
and for your gift giving Donations support
Prayers & Squares*



September

Birthdays

Ethel Takeguchi - 09/08

Daisy Holland - 09/11

Hayes Richè - 09/11

Karen Benvenuto - 09/12

Jennifer Sayne - 09/13

Monica McCullough - 09/14

Stephen Mckown - 09/14

Betty Kienitz - 09/15

Adriana Zarate - 09/16

Diane Greer - 09/17

Carlyn Buehler - 09/19

Gretchen Davis - 09/20

Rob Tayrien - 09/21

Lloyd Bradshaw - 09/23

Annabel Matson - 09/25

Terri Brickel - 09/26

Pat Lain - 09/28

Matthew McCullough - 09/28

Anniversaries

Bob Melville &

Terri Brickel - 09/01

Rob & Naila Tayrien - 09/03

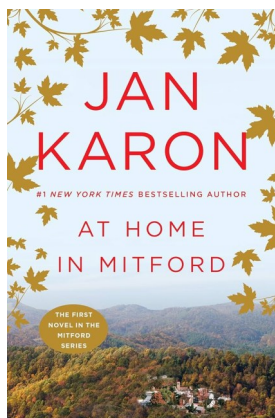
Ray Wellman & Kerry

Keester-Wellman - 09/07

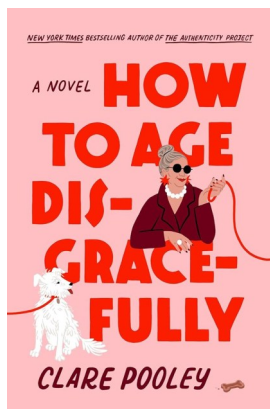
BOOK BUDDIES

A Classic Selection

On Tuesday September 2 at 6:00 p.m. the Book Buddies will kick off a new season of literary enjoyment with *At Home in Mitford*, by Jan Karon. We will meet at the home of Diane Martinez for a lively discussion of this first novel of a series set in America's favorite small town. It's easy to feel at home in Mitford. In these high, green hills, the air is pure, the village is charming, and the people are generally loveable. Join us for this wonderful story about Father Tim, the bachelor rector, a dog who moves in and won't go away, and his attractive neighbor who begins wearing a path through the hedge. Now, stir in a loveable but unloved boy, a mystifying jewel theft and a secret that's sixty years old. Readers get a rich comedy about ordinary people and their ordinary lives.



Those interested in attending or seeking more information about the book group should see Ethel Takeguchi or Sue Bradshaw. Participation is open to anyone who shares our interest and love of books. We meet monthly except January, July and August. The full schedule and list of books are available in the church breezeway. Look for *How to Age Disgracefully*, by Clare Pooley in October. Come join us.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Sept. 18th from
10:30-noon
Meet Jay Sno-Fly
*full blood Sicangu Lakota
from Rosebud South*

Hear about her culture, religion, and activism. A one of a kind experience

All are welcome -- bring a friend

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.

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

Did you know that the work of inclusion and affirmation we do today not only reaches to the DNA of the United Methodist Church, but it was also a focal point in the establishment of Methodism as a Christian denomination?

Our efforts in caring for our LGBTQIA+ siblings reflect the work that John Wesley himself was actively involved in after his heartwarming experiences.

Historical records suggest that John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, helped a man named Thomas Blair, who was on death row for having a same-sex relationship with another man.

While Blair was found guilty and faced a fine, Wesley reportedly raised the money for his release. This act indicates Wesley's concern for the man's well-being, even amidst societal condemnation. The Methodists' support of Blair was controversial at the time and may have contributed to their being tolerated rather than condemned by society.

We are blessed at TUMC to continue this affirming service for the greater Kingdom of God. Through Amplify, advocacy for LGBTQ children at our local school board, and the upcoming Pride Temecula event on October 18, we not only seek to provide welcoming spaces but also continue work connected to the deeper DNA of Methodism.

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GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

September

- 07 Christ Ministry Center in San Diego
- 14 LGBTQ+ Outreach and Care
- 21 Amnesty International
- 28 Pastor's Ministerial Outreach Fund



Christ Ministry Center Services Provided by CMC:

- Good Neighbor Center
- Spiritual Ministries
- Free Clinics
- Brother's Keeper Clothes
- Prison, Detention, Recovery
- The Welcome Home
- Safe Harbor Loft
- AbundantHELP and much more

The above list is just some of the things that Christ Ministry Center does for the community. To learn more visit their website at <https://www.cummc.org/>

LGBTQ+ Outreach and Care

Our LGBTQIA+ outreach not only supports the Amplify community that meets at our church on Thursday nights but also supports other outreach agencies, including the Temecula Valley Pride Center. Through the gifts received in the golden baskets, we will extend assistance to local agencies that care for our LGBTQIA+ siblings and provide some financial support for the upcoming Pride Temecula gathering on October 18, which will be held here at Temecula United Methodist church.



Amnesty International is a global movement of millions of people demanding human rights for all people – no matter who they are or where they are.

Amnesty International is the world's oldest and largest grassroots human rights organization. Since 1961, ordinary people across the world have chosen to take extraordinary action in defense of human rights for all.

Banned Books: Read for Your Rights Activism Sunday -September 21, 2025

In 2023-2024, there were 10,00 instances of books being banned from libraries and schools.



According to Amnesty International, banned books include: WIZARD OF OZ, THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN, THE CATCHER AND THE RYE, THE COLOR PURPLE, THE GREAT GATSBY, and I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS.

Writing and other forms of expression are protected by the 1st amendment, which also grants us the right to read freely. The value of free and open access to information and the freedom to seek and express ideas is American. The right to read belongs to all of us and censorship has no place in our society.

After worship, on Sunday, September 21, you will have the opportunity to take action against book banning, raise awareness about book censorship and the importance of the freedom to read. TUMC will partner with Amnesty International. There will be petitions to sign, letters to send, and other actions. Please join us because censorship is so 1984.

Pastor's Ministerial Outreach Fund

This fund helps members of the church and the community with emergency needs, such as rent, gas, and food.



Food Pantry items to bring this month: Canned Goods



In Observance of Labor Day

The Church Office will be Closed Monday September 1st



Grandparent's Day!

September 7, 2025

Join us during our ministry fair to celebrate ice cream, Sunday school, and the love of our grandparents



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

Temecula UMC

New Member class and social time

Join us following worship and discover all the wonderful things we do as a faith community



SNACKS PROVIDED

SEPTEMBER 14

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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World-renowned "Solo Handbell Artist"

CHRISTINE D. ANDERSON

Handbell Workshop

SAT, SEP 6, 9 AM

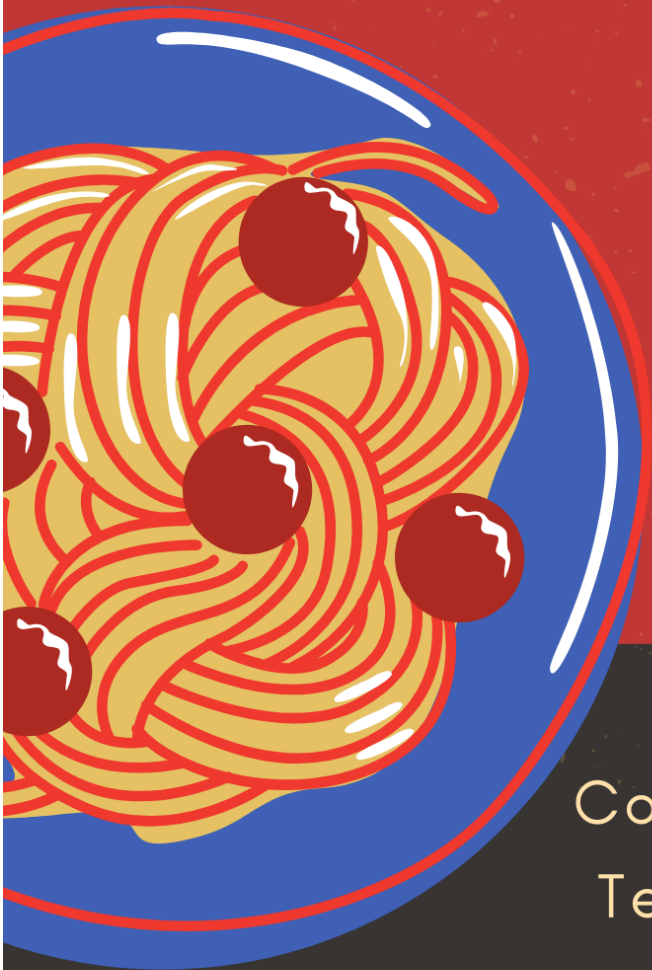
AT TEMECULA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christine is coming 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! Super excited!!

Sincerely, Debbie Barba, Handbell Choir Director

TUMC
Spaghetti
Dinner

\$15 Adults
\$8 Kids



September 27th
5:00pm-6:30pm

~ALL YOU CAN EAT~
Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad
and Garlic Bread!

Join us for a night of
Community and Spaghetti at
Temecula United Methodist
Church!

All proceeds will go towards the
Pastor's Outreach Fund

Temecula



Pride 2025



In collaboration with:
Temecula United Methodist
Church, Temecula Valley Pride
and Emily's Space, we are
PROUD to announce Temecula
Pride 2025!

Music  Food
Art
35+ Vendors

Where?

42690 Margarita Road
Temecula, California



When?

October 18th

11am-5pm

ALL AGES WELCOME

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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