

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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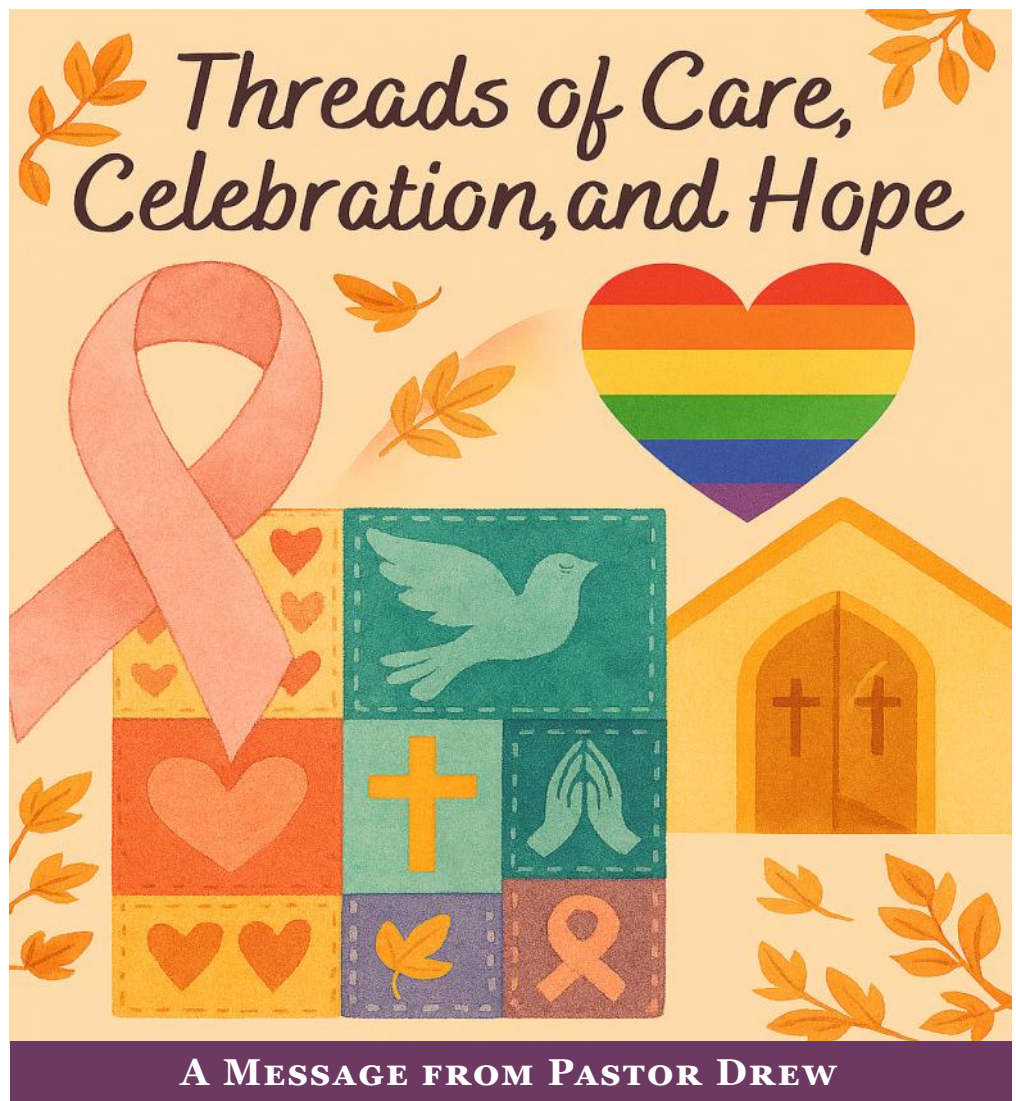
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Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

October 2025



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DREW

October will be an exciting month for us at Temecula United Methodist Church as we participate in two separate mission projects: one to help siblings we may never meet, and another to open our worship space to those who have never felt included.

Throughout October, we will be collecting specific supplies to create chemotherapy kits for individuals undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

Earlier this year, I had the blessing of attending a bat mitzvah for a young lady who participates in our church's activities on Friday nights. The mission project for this wonderful moment in her life involved creating chemotherapy kits for individuals in need. To celebrate this significant occasion and reach out to others, we will collect supplies from her list throughout the month and then spend time later in the month assembling those supplies into kits for individuals in this unique level of care.

As October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, our participation in this special project will show individuals we may never meet that our church

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cares about their journey and wants to help them feel comfortable during a challenging time.

Additionally, on October 18, we will have the honor of hosting the first Pride celebration in the Temecula Valley since pre-COVID. Our church community has been collaborating with the Temecula Valley LGBTQ Resource Center, Emily's Space LGBTQ Teen Outreach, and the UBU LGBTQ Team Outreach to create this opportunity for our friends in the Temecula Valley.

We live in a time when many individuals have experienced religious trauma or have felt unwelcome in specific worship spaces. It is important for us, as an affirming community, to show that our campus and worship center are open to all individuals and affirm their identities.

This focus will provide information on care through various affirming agencies, address different healthcare needs, and showcase local groups that provide affirming opportunities for our LGBTQIA+ siblings.

This work has been ongoing for many months, and it will be a blessing to see this activity come to fruition.

Also in October, our Prayers and Squares organization will host a special quilting boutique. This event will give our worship community an opportunity to buy unique gifts for the fall season and allow our Prayers and Squares group to raise funds for their outreach.

Prayers and Squares never ask for donations from individuals who receive these quilts, nor do they request donations from those who request them. Events like this upcoming quilting boutique help our Prayers and Squares program secure the funds necessary to provide this valuable blessing.

In October, we will also be putting together major pieces for our Advent season. We will be working on what our Advent Bible study will look like, planning special gatherings such as our yearly Christmas gathering and our annual UWF Christmas gathering, and beginning the preparatory work for worship opportunities during the Christmas season.

This year, we aim to provide an 11 AM worship experience for our dear friends who do not drive in the dark, a 4 PM family gathering for families seeking comfort and celebration, a 7 PM traditional service, and an 11 PM closing communion service gathering.

So much is coming up! Please also prepare for a painting project with Habitat for Humanity in early November. I am blessed to share that this project will help us reach our goal of completing 12 mission projects in 12 months. However, that doesn't mean we won't be active in December.

We are exploring special opportunities to help local families in need during the holidays, including our

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regular Christmas tree project sponsored by the United Women in Faith, which provides gifts for young children. This annual celebration allows many families to join us for our Christmas gathering, creating a warm and comforting environment.

Please keep our worship community in your prayers as we continue this journey, and may the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

God Is Love,

M. Andrew Davis (he/him/his)

Pastor

Temecula United Methodist Church

WORSHIP SCRIPTURES AND THEMES

October

5 World Communion Sunday

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Theme: A Step Closer to Reaching Out

Liturgist: *Sign up today*

Welcome Table: Sue Bradshaw

12 **Scripture:** Luke 17:11-19

Theme: Your Faith is Your Gift

Liturgist: *Sign up today*

Welcome Table: Nan Wood

19 **Scripture:** Psalm 119:97-104

Theme: Oh How I Love All You Provide

Liturgist: Rev Rick Malec

Welcome Table: Fran Sandipher

26 **Scripture:** Luke 18:9-14

Theme: Lift Your Eyes to Grace

Liturgist: Nan Wood

Welcome Table: Anita Accordino

VOLUNTEERS WANTED



TUMC NURSERY SCHOOL

We would like to expand our Youth Ministry to include Nursery care during the Sunday service. This would allow young parents to fully participate in worship services. We need volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Lorna Henley at henley4home@gmail.com or Pastor Drew at pastordrewdavis@gmail.com.



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.



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!

October

Anniversaries

Ron & Jessica Huffman 10/01
Dwight & Charlie Weaver 10/24
Rev Rick and Sally Malec 10/27

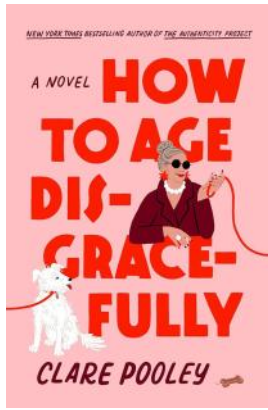
Birthdays

Kenneth Gorman 10/01
Johanne Marx 10/01
Naila Tayrien 10/01
Shannon Thompson 10/01
Lynn Ferguson 10/03
Evelyn Sayne 10/03
Cheri Toberman 10/10
Kekeli NTony 10/11
Julia Monson 10/13
Anita Accordino 10/14
Dan Henley 10/14
Maxine Heiller 10/16
Katie Turner 10/16
Patricia Hill 10/18
JoAnn McDowell 10/18
Adam Hathorn 10/20
Charlotte Saeger 10/20
Mike Becker 10/24
Susan McClellan 10/26
Fran Sandipher 10/26
Cole Anderson Dubots 10/27
Sandy Dodson 10/28
Channing Manacop 10/29

BOOK BUDDIES

Funny, Warm, Wise, and a Total Riot

Karen Benvenuto will host the Book Buddies at her home on October 7 at 6 PM for what is expected to be a spirited discussion of *How to Age Disgracefully*, a novel by author Clare Pooley. When age makes you invisible, secrets are easier to hide. After an accident in which half the building collapsed, the local council threatens to close the Senior Citizens' Social Club, but they have underestimated the wrong group of senior citizens. You will meet Daphne, Art, Ruby, and Lydia, who, with the help of the toddlers next door, a teen-age dad, and a geriatric orphaned dog, set out to prove it. If their past doesn't catch up with them first!



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 in January, July, and August. The full schedule and list of books are available in the church breezeway. Look for *Shy Creatures*, by Clare Chambers, in November. Come join us.

PRAYERS AND SQUARES



2025 Opportunity Quilt & Pillow Prayers & Squares

1930s 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

TUMC SCRIP

What is Scrip?

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, check or a credit card. Credit cards will have 4% service fee. 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 jngalbraith5@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP



**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*



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!

Where?

42690 Margarita Road
Temecula, California

Music  Food
Art
35+ Vendors

When?

October 18th

11am-5pm

ALL AGES WELCOME



GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

October

- 05 World Communion Sunday
- 12 Meditation Garden
- 19 Neighborhood House Calexico
- 26 Pastor's Ministerial Outreach Fund



World Communion Sunday

Your donations support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. Your generosity continues to provide

scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development.

- Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries.
- Thirty-five percent supports racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program.
- Fifteen percent funds Ethnic-In-Service Training Grant for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodist persons in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry.

TUMC Meditation Garden

The Meditation Garden was created to offer a tranquil space for our Temecula United Methodist Church family and the wider community—a place to experience peace and deepen connection with God and God's creation.



Today, we hope this sacred space will bless not only our congregation but also other fellowship groups, including Bible study gatherings and PALS Preschool. We believe the garden will bring joy and serenity to all who visit, and we are excited to witness the positive impact it will have on our broader community.



Calexico
Neighborhood
House

Thanks to the generous support of the community Calexico Neighborhood House is able to provide direct services to much of the community. CNH offers specific thanks to individuals, organizations, and collaborative partners who continue to help make CNH services available to the community through participatory or monetary support.

CNH has been operating continuously as a community center and social services agency since 1938 and was initially established as a settlement house to assist and work with residents of the border community.

A product of the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Women, Calexico Neighborhood House provides a comprehensive array of direct services in the areas of childcare for working parents, case management, parent education, shelter for homeless women and children, emergency food and utility assistance, micro business support and community advocacy.

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 for this MONTH:

Hot Cereal and Pancake Mix



**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
OCTOBER 15**

Temecula United Methodist Church

For those seeking electronic giving, please scan here



Chemo Kits for Kids

Throughout the Month of October, we will be collecting items for “Chemo Kits” to give to Children undergoing chemotherapy treatment. This is in partnership with Michelle’s Place. Please bring items to church any Sunday in October and place in the specially marked box. Thank you!

Chemo Kit Items (Brand-Specific): Aveeno Moisture Lotion, Burt’s Bees Chapstick, Burt’s Bees Cuticle Balm, Coloring Books, Colored Pencils, Word Search / Crosswords / Sudoku Books, Dove Bar Soap, Journal and Pen, Lemonheads, Life Savers (Hard Candy), Slipper Socks, Peppermint Tea and Colgate (SOFT) Toothbrush.

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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