

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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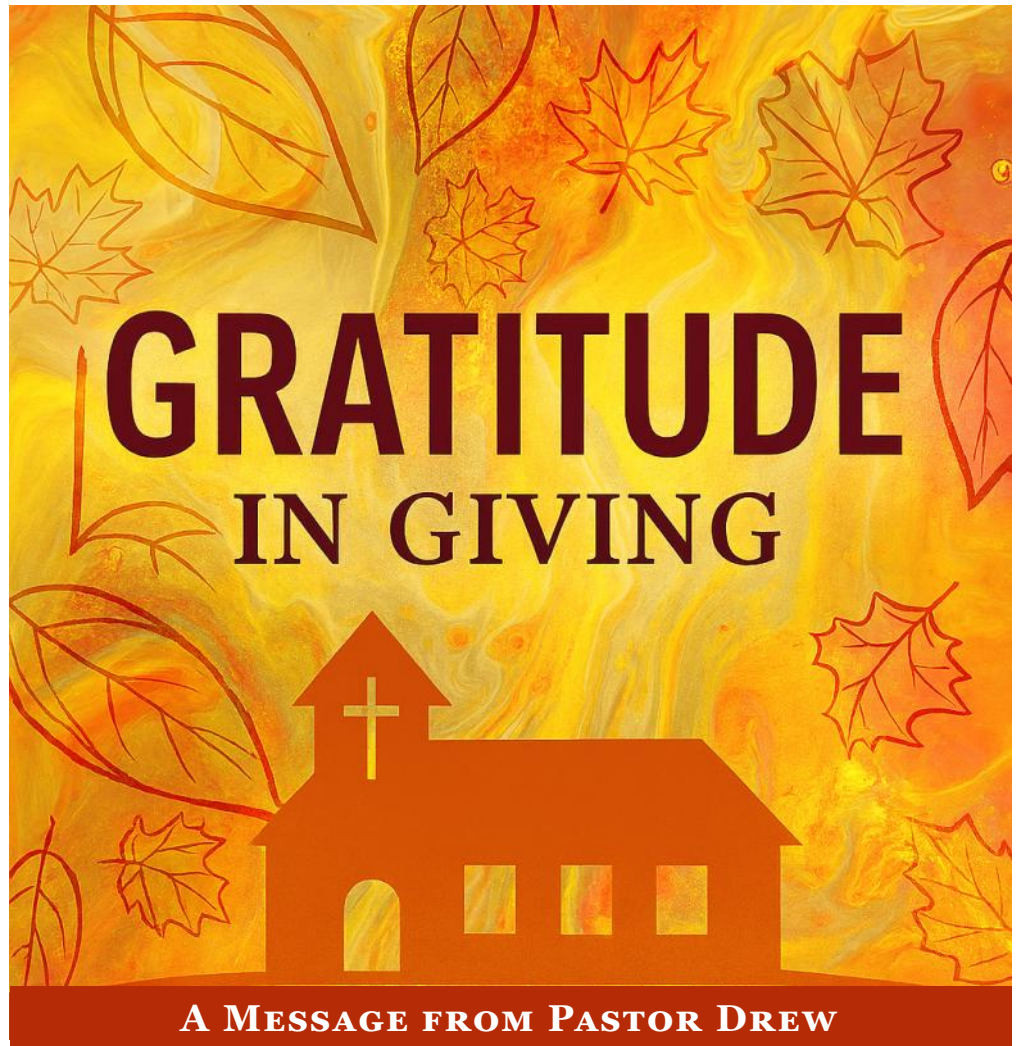
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Temecula United Methodist Church **THE MESSENGER**

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As we enter the month of November, we also move into our stewardship focus. In 2025, we will be looking at giving and supporting in thanks.

With our attention shifting to moments of Thanksgiving throughout November, it feels appropriate to also hold onto that focus of gratitude within our stewardship and giving to church operations.

There are so many blessings that our church creates, and the ability to make those blessings happen comes from the gifts of our congregation. These gifts are not limited to financial contributions but also include the spiritual, emotional, and physical support that our congregation provides in many different ways.

Over the past year, I've had moments of gratitude for the work of our church trustees. Our church trustees oversee the maintenance and property care for our church, and they have been particularly busy this past season taking care of our property.

This year, we faced some unexpected challenges in the form of repairs that arose due to immediate needs related to licensing and inspections. Our

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church building is of advanced age, and large sections needed repair this year so that we could both pass our inspections and provide a safe environment for our worshippers.

Many of you are aware of the piping issues in our restrooms that we have been addressing, as well as the upcoming upgrade to our fire alarm system. These unexpected expenses, while necessary, have posed challenges for us.

As we shift our focus to the Thanksgiving of giving throughout the month, you will hear from different leaders discussing how your gifts make things possible on a weekly basis—not just for paying the salaries of our church staff, but also for the maintenance and care of our building and the outreach missions we conduct within the Temecula Valley community.

Your weekly gifts make so many things possible. As we celebrate this throughout November, we will also be looking toward 2026 with a focused vision to watch these blessings grow.

Soon, you will be receiving stewardship cards that we hope you will use to make your 2026 pledge. As we collect these pledges, it will enable our finance committee to create realistic budgets that we will vote on in early 2026 as we celebrate our running water, our ministry outreach, and your kind support of our staff. All of these things are made possible by your pledges and gifts.

As you prepare for 2026, I would like to thank you for all the ways you have already supported the ministries and needs of this church. It is through our combined efforts that we will continue to share the vision of the bright, loving light of Jesus Christ with so many.

God Is Love,

M. Andrew Davis (he/him/his)

Pastor

Temecula United Methodist Church

WORSHIP SCRIPTURES AND THEMES

November

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All Saints' Day

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Theme: We Must Always Give Thanks to God for You

Liturgist: Steve Webb

Welcome Table: Peggie Webb

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Scripture: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Theme: From One Generation To the Next (But Which Way)

Liturgist: Dr. Marlene Oaks

Welcome Table: Sue Bradshaw

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Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Theme: When You Go Do What Is Right, but Make Sure You Go

Liturgist: Shirlee Armistead

Welcome Table: Fran Sandipher

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Scripture: Psalm 46

Theme: Yes You Are That Loved

Liturgist: Judson McDowell

Welcome Table: Diane Martinez

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Scripture: Psalm 27:1-7

Theme: That I Am Well With You

Liturgist: Jordan Tyre

Welcome Table: Anita Accordinio

NURSERY SCHOOL

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.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Sign Up to Serve on Sundays

We are currently welcoming new volunteers to serve as Liturgists, Ushers, and Welcome Table hosts.

For more details email Pastor Davis at pastordrewdavis@gmail.com or Anita Accordinio at araccordinio12@verizon.net.

A sign up sheet is available at the sign up table.



Our Family Is Growing

As we enter this season of harvest and togetherness, we invite you to help us grow our **TUMC Family Tree** in the hallway.

WHAT TO BRING:

- A color 4x6 photo that is meaningful to you. One that reflects your spirit, your loved ones, or a special moment.
- Write your first and last name on the back of the photo.
- Drop it off at the church office or place it in the collection plate.

There will be a large envelope marked "Family Tree" in the office.

Let's celebrate the beauty of our community one photo at a time.

For questions, please contact Maureen McKown at mmmckown@msn.com.



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!

November

Anniversaries

Mark and Marika Matson....11/03
Ken and Lorilyn Teasdale.... 11/07
Adam and Nellie Hathorn... 11/09
Earl and Pauline Fields.....11/15
Tricia and Helen Ortega.....11/16

Birthdays

Dorothy Smith..... 11/04
Jo Anne Bullard.....11/07
Helen Ortega11/07
Jodi Dubots.....11/08
Lorna Henley.....11/08
Chris Richè.....11/08
Zoila Hillier.....11/10
Savanna Jones..... 11/10
Jacob Sayne..... 11/10
Art Salyer11/12
Gail Croteau.....11/14
Nora Baber 11/15
Nick Biddle..... 11/15
Donald Monson.....11/16
Caitlin Teasdale.....11/16
Shirlee Armistead..... 11/17
Janet Galbraith.....11/19
Savannah Johnas..... 11/19
Lisa Diven.....11/21
Erik Saeger..... 11/21
Vanessa Saeger..... 11/21
Jake Otjen..... 11/24
Sam Ferguson..... 11/25
Lily De Wall..... 11/27

ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

We are looking forward to gathering as a church family on **Sunday, December 14 at 12:30 PM** at Temecula United Methodist Church for our annual all-church conference.

We are honored to welcome the Reverend Luis Garcia, district superintendent of the South District, who will preside over this important time of reflection, reporting, and preparation for the year ahead.

As part of this gathering, members of the trustees, finance, and staff parish relations committees will have paperwork to sign. These documents are based on pre-approved forms and are being prepared now for our work in 2025. Final versions will be sent out for review in the coming weeks. If you serve on one of these three committees, please expect to receive your documents by early November.

For all other church committees, we kindly ask each group to submit a brief written statement summarizing your committee's work and goals for 2025. This can be a full page or just a paragraph. In addition, please plan to have one representative present at the conference to share an oral report on your committee's recent work.

Thank you for your continued dedication and care as we prepare for this meaningful time together. Your contributions help shape the life and ministry of our church in the year to come.

Please submit all reports by **November 20**.

TUMC SCRIP

Holiday Scrip News

Thinking about gift cards for the holidays? Scrip has over 750 items to choose from. Visit the website

raiserright.com to see all items that are available.

When gift cards are ordered through the church, the church receives a rebate for each item. This is a great way to earn money for the church.

Pre-orders are due by Sunday, December 7th.

Pick up will be available on Sunday, December 14th.

Complete the attached order form on the last page and return to church with your payment using cash or a check

Any questions please contact Janet Galbraith at jngalbraith5@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP!



PRAYERS AND SQUARES

2025 Opportunity Quilt and 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

Prayers & Squares Boutique

*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



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women In Faith's Annual Christmas Party and Potluck

**December 18 10:30 – noon in Room 1
Everyone is invited!**

**Come and Join us!
UWF Mini Retreat:
Practice the Presence of God
Saturday, January 24, 2026**

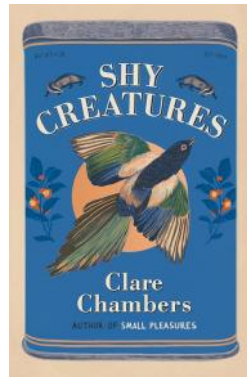


A huge thanks to the wonderful members of this incredible church. Through the heartbreak of Gilbert's illness, passing, and the painful truths that followed, you surrounded me with unwavering love.

Then you helped me have things to furnish my new senior apartment, helped me move, assembled furniture, helped me unpack, hugged me, and as always, held me in prayer. I am moved, thankful, and oh so blessed by you. I am deeply moved and profoundly grateful. Sincerely, Dr. Marlene Oaks

Secrets and Lies: Shy Creatures

You are invited to join the Book Buddies at Sue Bradshaw's home on Tuesday, November 4 at 6 p.m. to engage in a lively discussion of *Shy Creatures*, by British author Clare Chambers. This book is an alluring literary masterpiece of secrets and lies set in 1960s



England, when an art teacher at a psychiatric hospital finds her life turned upside down by the arrival of a mysterious patient. As she tries to solve the puzzle of the Hidden Man's past, her own carefully constructed life begins to unravel. Don't skip this book if you are a fan of mysteries.

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. *Great Big Beautiful Life*, by Emily Henry, follows in December. Come join us.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Sunday November 2

Daylight Saving Time ends. Fall back one hour.

Tuesday November 11

The office will be closed in honor of Veterans Day.

Thursday Nov 27 and

Friday Nov 28

The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Saturday November 29

Let's get the Church Ready for Advent and Christmas by helping put up the Christmas Greens and Decorations. Starts at 10:00AM.

Stay Tuned for the TUMC Annual Christmas Party which will be held on Sat, December 13.

Wishing you a wonderful month and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Please submit your newsletter articles by Nov 15



Affirming Every Heart: A Church Community United in Pride

What a fantastic day we had at our PRIDE celebration on October ! I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who joined us on our campus to celebrate love, acceptance, and community. Your presence made this event truly special.



To our incredible vendors and booth participants, thank you for sharing your talents, resources, and vibrant

energy. You brought our celebration to life with your creativity and passion, making it a feast for the senses and a source of joy for everyone who attended.

A special shoutout to the Temecula Valley Pride Center and the Emily Space teen group for partnering with us to create a space where everyone feels valued and affirmed. Your commitment to fostering inclusivity is inspiring, and it was an honor to stand alongside you in this celebration.



Together, we created an atmosphere filled with laughter, learning, and love. It was a beautiful reminder that when we come together, we can make a difference in our lives and the lives of others.

Thank you for being a part of this important day. Let's continue to spread love and support for one another, not just during events like this, but every day!

M. Andrew Davis
(he/him/his)
Pastor



GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

November

- 02 For Palestine/Israel Outreach
- 09 S.A.F.E.
- 16 Habitat for Humanity
- 23 No Golden Basket (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- 30 UMCOR

Palestine/Israel Outreach

For Palestine/Israel Outreach. The funds will be sent to the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees – Middle East Council of Churches – a Cal-Pac fund (Advance #14908A).

Ensuring Safety, Protecting Families, and Seeking Justice.



**SAFE
FAMILY
JUSTICE
CENTERS**
RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The SAFE Family Justice Centers are a safe place for victims of abuse to get help. SAFE Family Justice Centers provide advocacy and support services to individuals who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, child/elder abuse and services for youth who are at risk. For more information visit <https://safejfc.org/>

The mission of Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley, in partnership with God, is to facilitate the dream of homeownership, as well as improve living conditions for those in the community. Learn more - <http://www.habitativ.org/>



United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Every year, the world experiences devastating hurricanes, storms, wars, and other crises. As these events unfold and the number of those in need of help increases, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is there to help. UMCOR, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. Working in more than 80 countries worldwide, UMCOR provides survivors with temporary relief and long-term education, training and support. UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated gifts on the projects that donors specify. None of these designated gifts support administrative or operating costs.

PASTORAL MINISTERIAL OUTREACH FUND

Supporting Families Amid SNAP Disruptions This November



As we move into November, current governmental limitations are creating significant challenges for families with lower incomes, many of whom must now seek new sources of nourishment and care. Recent reports indicate that the federal shutdown has canceled emergency funds for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), threatening nearly 42 million Americans.

In California alone, about 4 million residents rely on CalFresh (California's SNAP program), and many are facing delays in their November benefits, which average \$200 per household. This underscores the urgent need for additional support for those facing food insecurity.

Through the Pastoral Missions Outreach Fund, we are working diligently to provide groceries for many of these families. However, we anticipate growing needs in the weeks ahead.

Please continue to pray for and support the Pastoral Ministerial Outreach Fund. While some have asked about storing food on campus, this presents challenges. We lack dedicated space, and we cannot store perishable items — which are often the most needed.

By funding grocery cards, families can purchase milk, eggs, and other essentials for a balanced diet. Studies show that access to grocery assistance significantly improves food security and health outcomes, making this support especially critical now.

As November begins, please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers as many face new and pressing needs.

November Food Pantry Items Needed: Boxed Side Dishes





NOVEMBER 8 MEDITATION GARDEN CLEANUP AT TUMC



STARTING AT
9 AM

Sign up on Sunday
at the welcome table
or at the office
during business hours

*Volunteers
Needed!*

A Brush with Kindness with Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, Nov. 22, 8:00 - 12:00 pm

Sign up today!

This is a program that brings volunteers together to paint and refresh the exteriors of homes for seniors and veterans living on fixed or limited incomes.

Each weekend, teams are out in neighborhoods like Menifee/Sun City, Homeland, Murrieta, and Temecula—helping neighbors preserve their homes, restore dignity, and strengthen their connection to the community. It's a beautiful way to put faith into action, love our neighbors, and serve right here in the Inland Valley.



Scrip Pre-order Form



If you are thinking about giving gift cards for the holidays, Scrip has over 750 items to choose from. To view a complete list of vendors available from Great Lakes Scrip Center, please visit RaiseRight.com

NAME _____ DATE _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

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GRAND TOTAL _____

PLEASE TURN IN A CHECK or CASH WITH YOUR SCRIP PREORDER FORM (Credit Cards are also accepted with a 4% fee.)

**Pre-orders are due by Sunday, Dec. 7th
Pick up will be available on Sunday, Dec. 14th.**

If you have any questions, contact Janet Galbraith at 951-764-3938 or email jngalbraith5@yahoo.com Thank you for supporting TUMC