



The Vision
of
Temecula UMC

Temecula UMC is a Reconciling Congregation. ALL are welcome to the compassionate TUMC family to participate in worship, education, fellowship, missions and ministry, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, age, sex, or sexual orientation. We are people of God that live out our faith every day following Christ.

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**Next Newsletter is November 15
Deadline**

Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

November 2022



RICK'S RAMBLINGS

Give Thanks

There is a song we sing in worship called "Give Thanks." The opening line is "Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son." This is a response to an expression of our faith as we reflect on what God has given to us over the year. As we look back over the year, we can all say we have had ups and downs in our everyday lives. There have been stresses that have put pressure on us to make the decisions we make regarding our everyday lives. In all of this, we can point to the joys that reaffirm our hope in our God, who blesses us in ways that lift us from our sorrows and grief, giving us strength when we feel we don't know how we are going to manage the difficulties of everyday living. That gives us guidance to make decisions that will be best for ourselves and those we love and care for. This is the key message in the opening line of the song.

When we approach and relate to God in such an attitude of faith, we discover how these joys and yes miracles come to us. We see the blessings of hope and fulfillment in the strangers that greet us or share an act of kindness. We know God is present when a surprise email or card reaches us with a word of encouragement or comfort. We are uplifted when a small act on our part to offer help to another returns to us with more joy than we even knew could be possible and we didn't look for. In the letter to the Colossians Paul writes "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

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Rick's Ramblings continued

The second phrase of "Give Thanks" is "And now let the weak say, 'I am strong', let the poor say, 'I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.'" Giving thanks is a verb, an action in how we live our faith. The action of praising God in Worship, the action of giving to support our Church so that we can continue to offer a place of hope and help to those who come to our doors looking for a home. The action of reaching out to care for others in our homes, neighborhoods, and the world through our support of the missions that engage with the poor and weak, the hurting and sick, the outcast and voiceless in our society. We praise God by serving in the life of our Church Home. As we look to 2023, I ask you to pray about where you might serve in the coming year. Your gifts and abilities might lead you to serve on a committee or ministry team. You might find joy serving in worship as an usher, greeter, liturgist, or in the choir. You may be stirred to help with the Children's Ministry or with fellowship ministries. Contact me if any of these or other opportunities to serve stir within you.

Giving Thanks is a main expression of our faith in response to the Grace and love God pours on us and instills in us, as demonstrated by the example of God's son, Jesus the Christ. This year during the season of Advent, noting a time of waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ, beginning the last Sunday of November and going through till Christmas we will be offering our Stewardship campaign as we anticipate a new year in which we can continue to Give Thanks to God by our giving. You will hear more about our Campaign in the coming weeks and how our giving will help us Strive to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger.

By giving thanks and responding to God's Love and Grace, we can ensure that we continue to be a strong and vital presence for Christ's love in this community and an added beacon of hope in the world.

I invite you to watch for more information and pray, another key action of our faith, in how you can offer your gifts of thanksgiving for the Mission and Ministries of Temecula United Methodist Church as we Strive to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger.

I want to thank you for all who have given generously so far this year and ask you to pray to give a generous gift to the Church as we close the year so that we might end the year strong moving into 2023.

Peace & Grace.
Pastor Rick



Worship Scriptures and Themes

November

6 Scripture: Daniel 7:1-18

Theme: God is in Control

13 Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Theme: End of the World as We Know It

20 Scripture: Luke 1:68-80

Theme: Precursor

27 Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7

Theme: Give Thanks

December

4 Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Theme: Jesus, At Work in Us



Introducing a new opportunity for 3 to 4 minutes on Sunday morning. Share your faith story with everyone. Maybe it was long ago, or maybe it was last week. The precious moments of "touching the hem of the garment," the moments of feeling God's Presence, the spiritual aha that was meaningful or....Spiritual stories from those we know are deeply meaningful.

As we share our stories, we strengthen and encourage one another. In these perilous times, it is so important to lift one another.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside by Pastor Rick's office. Please give us the gift of your stories.

If you are too shy, write up a paragraph and send it to the office to be in the newsletter.

We pray you will give the gift of yourself and your stories to your spiritual family here at TUMC.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rick or Marlene Oaks.



Mark & Marika Matson 11/03
 Ken & Lorilyn Teasdale..... 11/07
 Adam & Nellie Hathorn..... 11/09
 Earl & Pauline Fields 11/15



LeeAnn Lumsden..... 11/01
 Dorothy Smith..... 11/04
 Jo Anne Bullard 11/07
 Jodi Dubots 11/08
 Lorna Henley..... 11/08
 Chris Riche..... 11/08
 Zoila Hillier..... 11/10
 Raymond Landry..... 11/10
 Jacob Sayne..... 11/10
 Rea Douglas 11/11
 Art Salyer 11/12
 Nora Baber 11/15
 Nick Biddle 11/15
 Pamela Winkler..... 11/15
 Donald Monson..... 11/16
 Caitlin Teasdale..... 11/16
 Shirlee Armistead..... 11/17
 Janet Galbraith 11/19
 Savannah Johnas 11/19
 Erik Saeger 11/21
 Vanessa Saeger 11/21
 Sam Ferguson..... 11/25
 Thomas Waddleton 11/25
 Bruce Lumsden 11/27



United Women in Faith

Nov 10, 2022, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, UWF Board
Meeting in Room 6

Nov 17, 2022, 10:30 a.m.,
Thursday, UWF General
Meeting in Room 1

Our gathering for this event is: **"Life Caring Creation and Transformation"** to be presented by Sally Malec. All women of the church are encouraged to attend. Come and join us!

Save The Date!

UWF is excited to announce the return of the Tea on **May 13th, 2023, Saturday!**

If you are interested in helping put on this wonderful event please contact Meghann Adesso at Bigstar951@gmail.com.



Our first Committee Meeting will be **November 13th, 2022, 11:30 a.m., Sunday**, after Church in Room 1.

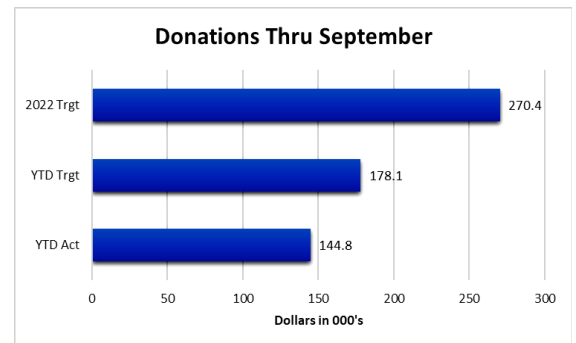


The regular Youth Group will be meeting **November 6th, 2022, Sunday** and hosting their Friends-giving on **November 20th, 2022, Sunday**.

Contact Gian Adesso at gadesso25@gmail.com for details.

Giving Update

This giving chart represents our total asking for 2022 plus year to date needs, and the



bottom line is what we have received in our actual giving year to date. The Finance Committee invites you to help if you are able to make up your giving or make an extra gift in support of the Church Operating Budget that allows TUMC to fulfill its ministries and missions. Contact Pastor Rick or the Finance Committee if you have any questions or want to know how you can help.

Golden Baskets for This Month

November

- 6 Food Pantry (St. Vincent de Paul and Community Mission of Hope)
- 13 Guatemala Student Scholarships
- 20 Heifer International

Food Pantries

Temecula residents go hungry and homeless every single day. Your generosity is what changes lives. The money collected for this golden basket will be divided evenly between the two food pantries located in Temecula.

Community Mission of Hope (CMOH) operates a food pantry that serves hundreds of families every month. They partner with over 25 grocers and food merchants in Temecula to deliver fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats to anyone in need. Their large warehouse in Temecula is where they store and distribute donations.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry operates at St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church in Temecula. Community food drives and donor funds feed an amazing, giant-scale collection and distribution warehouse, where their quality control staff inspects and processes truckloads of donated food every day before it is used at the food pantry.

Guatemala Student Scholarship

The Guatemalan Government provides teachers at local schools. However, families of students are required to pay nominal school fees and for all school supplies, such as pencils, pens, paper, books, etc. The Student Scholarship fund is used for students.

(K-University) who are unable to attend school because their families cannot afford to pay their school expenses. Scholarships are given to children who live in an area where the "Guatemala Mission Project" has completed service projects in the highlands of Guatemala (Chichicastenango, Guatemala). Students in need of a scholarship are identified by their teachers and School Director.

Heifer International

MISSION - They are on a mission to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities.

WORK - For more than 75 years, we've helped more than 36.7 million families build sustainable

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farming businesses to support their families. They know that having a secure source of income can be truly transformational for farmers and their communities. Their work has always focused on farming, because they believe ending poverty begins with agriculture. Cows, goats, chickens and seeds can provide nutritious milk, meat, eggs, food, fodder and so much more for communities living in hunger and poverty. And with the right training and support, families will be able to take these assets and support their families in ways that allow them to thrive.

GOAL - is to increase incomes so families can afford nutritious food, shelter, clean water, access to health care and a safe environment to raise their children without worrying when unexpected needs arise.

Where Heifer International works:

AMERICAS - Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, United States

AFRICA - Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

ASIA - Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Nepal

Prayers and Squares

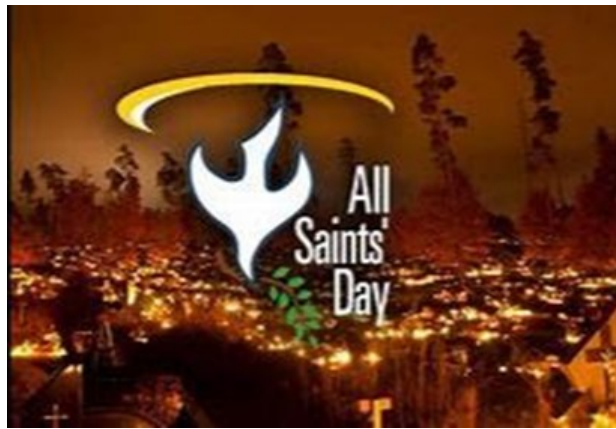


A huge thank you to all who supported our annual Boutique fundraiser. We have a few things left and a few new things, so we will be having a Mini Boutique again this year. It will be on **Sunday, December 4th, 2022**. You may find some wonderful Christmas presents for yourself or others. Please note the date on your calendar.

We are in need of expanding our Prayers and Squares team. If you can sew, used to sew, or would like to learn to sew, please do come to Prayers and Squares. I can teach any willing person to sew. We meet the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings from 9:30 to noonish. You would be part of a meaningful ministry, be part of the comraderies of quilting friends, and have fun too. If you are interested, please do come and discuss it with me. We'd love to have you be part of this ministry.

Blessings,

Marlene Oaks



All Saints' Day

Sunday November 6

All Saints Day provides an opportunity to remember the promises of eternity. It is a way of looking through all that is surrounding us now into a future that looks significantly different. Not an escape, All Saints is a call to action, to live into this possible future, the kin-dom of God, where—as our text reminds us—there is no hunger or thirst, and there is comfort for those who mourn and those who suffer in the hands of God. However you envision this hope, it is a grace to cling to in uncertain times. We look toward the multitudes who have gone before as a promise and a beacon of light in our darkness. These are they who have gone before; let us celebrate them, even as we honor them by how we live.

By Rev. Dr. Derek Weber,
Director of Preaching Ministries

Greetings Friends,

Please send the name of your loved one so that we can light a candle in their memory. While worshiping online, you may want to light your own candle and say a name or many names of those you want to remember. Let the flame represent the Spirit as well as the spirits of those who are still a part of us in the mystery that is eternity.

Call the Church 951-676-1800 ext 2 or email rick.malec@gmail.com. Please submit by Thursday, November 3rd, 2022.

Peace & Grace,
Pastor Rick

Barry Adams

Servant Volunteer of the Month for November, 2022



Barry was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He lived his entire childhood in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, about 8 miles West of Harrisburg. His parents were very active in the local Lutheran Church. For many years, his father was Superintendent of the children's Sunday School, including teens. His mother taught Sunday School for adult women, so Barry's formative years were spent and influenced by the church. Later on, he became President of the Christian Endeavor Group, serving young adults up to about the age of 30.

When Barry graduated from high school, he began working at Kinney Shoe Store and eventually became a store manager. Then he went into sales of Cadillacs and Oldsmobiles. In 1974, when the gasoline crunch hit, his brother-in-law talked him into moving to California and joining his plumbing business. Barry laughed and said that only lasted 2 weeks. He went back to automobiles. He managed a large Dodge dealership in Los Angeles. Then he moved to Escondido and was General Sales Manager of the Ford dealership, where he stayed until retirement. He lived in Poway. After straying from church for a few years, he began attending the Baptist Church in Poway, but he was not active there as he worked every other week-end.

Barry moved to Temecula and began attending the United Methodist Church. That was when David French was here. He retired in 2004 and became active here. He started as Vice President of MONKS and then became President, and participated in all their activities. He started the Valentine Breakfast and participated in the beginnings of the Spaghetti Dinner. Currently, he is the keeper of our church prayer list.

He got married at 18, right out of high school. He and his wife had a son and a daughter. His wife passed on in 2007. He now has 3 grandchildren, one of whom is currently teaching English in Japan, plus 2 great grandchildren.

In 2011, Barry met Enny. They hit it off right away. She has been his girlfriend ever since. It is the attraction somewhat of opposites, often thought of as the spice of life. She is originally from Indonesia and is Muslim. They enjoy one another's company and are frequently together. Barry says his spiritual life is definitely Christian and focuses on the Bible and its teachings. He is certain there is life after this life. Barry is currently facing a health challenge, but with his good attitude and strong faith, I am sure all will turn out well. We are thankful for Barry and the blessing he is to all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Marlene Oaks

Please send nominations for this honor to Pastor Rick or Marlene