



The Vision
of
Temecula UMC

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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Love
the Lord your God
with all your HEART

Rick's Ramblings

Firm and Loving

Some of you may remember four years ago when Kimball Coburn, the CalPac Conference Evangelist, and a friend of mine came to share over a weekend on Growing in the Spirit, A Family Gathering. We remember the uplifting Spirit he and his wife, Pam, shared with us about how we are the body of Christ, as Children of God, to be caring, supporting, and loving one another.

Over the years of my ministry, I have received Kimball's newsletter, both printed and now electronic as well. He offers words of inspiration and faith, as well as ideas and suggestions for supporting Pastor's in their ministry. I want to share in his latest electronic newsletter his words with the heading I shared above, Firm and Loving.

The apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome,

"God is kind, but God is not soft. In kindness God takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life change." (Romans 2:4 ~The Message)

"We like going to church and hearing God is kind and God is love. It is comforting and soothing, but to hear God leads us into a radical life change

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is unsettling. Most people hear the word ‘radical’ and think of being an extremist or fanatic. Radical comes from the word "radix," which means rooted. Having a radical Christian lifestyle means being rooted in the teachings of Jesus. Teachings that are not always comforting but are challenging and call us to change our lifestyles.

All of us who are parents know that there are times when we must be firm as we discipline our children. We do this because we love them and want the best for them. God is our heavenly parent and offers to firmly take us by the hand and guide us. I interject here about my mother in place of Kimball’s illustration of his mother. My mother was the perfect woman to be a parent of three boys. She did much of the raising of us during my early years, as my dad was away so much of the time serving in the Navy. She loved us so much, yet she was strong and firm when we needed it. Although there were days she needed to be firm with us, helping us on the right path as a person growing and setting the foundation for our lives. We knew, maybe not as we were being disciplined, that we were loved and there was someone always there to support us. “Not soft, but firm, and oh so loving.”

May we relate to those in our lives in this way.

Peace and Love
Pastor Rick

From The Breezeway

4 KIDS MINISTRY

On **Saturday, October 21**, at **9 AM** the **4 KIDS MINISTRY** Group will gather in **Room 1** to review how our Children’s Sunday

School is going since our relaunch on September 10, plus look forward to how we can continue to grow our children’s ministry. We are inviting any, regardless of age, families with children. This group is open to anyone who is a friend of children and their families, as well as anyone who wants to grow this ministry from our Church. If you have questions or want to learn more about **4 KIDS MINISTRY** group, contact Pastor Rick.

PS: There will be refreshments.



Temecula Valley Master Chorale Concert

Need a break from the Football Season or don't even like football? The Temecula United Methodist Church and the Community of Temecula are invited to T.V. Master Chorale's Sneak Preview Concert on **Sunday, October 22**, at **3pm** in the **Worship Center**.

This will be TVMC's first concert of the 2023–24 season and will showcase a couple of their pieces they will be singing in their opening concerts of the season. Plan on attending, bring family and friends, and enjoy an afternoon of wonderful and joyful music.

Worship Scriptures and Themes

October

- 1 Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13**
Theme: Christ’s Disciples, No Easy Feat!
- 8 Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46**
Theme: Mercy and Compassion
- 15 Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14**
Theme: Invited to the Banquet
- 22 Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22**
Theme: Story Take Away
- 29 Scripture: Youth Led Service**
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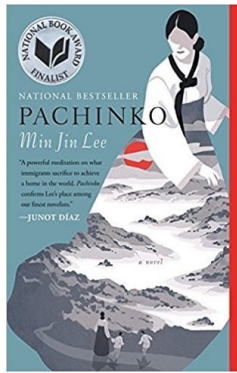
November

- 5 Scripture: Matthew 23:1-12**
Theme: Good Trees Yield Good Fruit

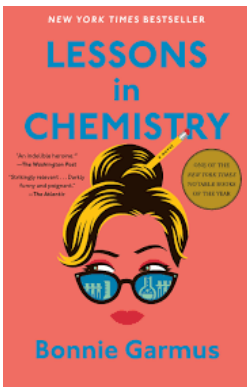
Book Buddies

Richly Told and Profoundly Moving

Our next book is a “story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty.” From bustling street markets to the halls of Japan’s finest universities to the pachinko parlors of the criminal underworld, Min Jin Lee’s “complex and passionate characters survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history.”



Join the **Book Buddies** book group at **6:00 pm** on **Tuesday, October 3** to discuss Pachinko at the home of our hostess, Ethel Takeguchi.



See Ethel or Sue Bradshaw for more information about our book group and if you are interested in Zoom access. Come join us. We greatly enjoy reading, discussing and socializing with others who share our interest and love of books.

On **November 7**, Karen Benvenuto will lead a review of Lessons in Chemistry, by Bonnie Garmus. The full schedule and list of books is available in the church breezeway.

Lunch Bunch



Thursday,
October 5th
12 noon
Everyone Is
Invited

We will gather at Guadalajara Grill at 27780 Jefferson Ave, Temecula, CA 92590

Sign up after church or contact
Pastor Rick @ 760-415-0602 or
the Office @ 951-676-1800

Stephen Ministry



Stephen Ministers are lay people who provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through difficult times. TUMC established a Stephen Ministry program early on, and our congregation is currently

blessed with several trained and experienced care givers. Stephen Ministry chapters are also required to have specially prepared leaders to help coordinate referrals and provide training and continuing education.

Stephen Ministry is all about deep, compassionate listening. The Stephen Minister’s role is not to fix or advise, but to walk beside care receivers, providing a welcoming, caring space that invites divine guidance.

Would you or someone you know benefit from talking with a compassionate, non-judgmental listener? 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.

If you would like to know more please contact Anne DiPardo at dipardo.anne8@gmail.com or (319) 331-1515 for more information.

Meditation Garden



As you know we are in the process of revitalizing and maintaining our TUMC Meditation Garden.

Pictured here is an example of a

custom paver which will be placed in the Meditation Garden. This paver will go in the TUMC garden if you chose to give from the Monarch Level. Other giving levels are available. Please see the Meditation Garden Brochure for more details.

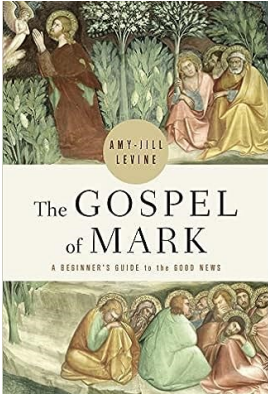
Please Submit Newsletter
Articles by October 15th

Gospel of Mark Discussion

Join the Discussion

1st & 3rd Fridays

Starting Oct. 20



Walk through the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus with scholar Amy-Jill Levine as she examines John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus's most notable stories and parables.

The Good News of the gospel message comes alive in this book as readers see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious. The book features an in depth study of select passages and illuminates the Gospel in its historical context and as a source for the other gospels.

For information contact marleneoaks56@gmail.com



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 outside by the Worship Center. 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.

Prayers and Squares

Plan to come for the Prayers and Squares' Annual Boutique on both Sundays, October 1st and December 3rd

There will be a large assortment of handcrafted items all made by the Prayers and Squares team members like table runners, quilts, wall hangings, bowls and more! Treat yourself and/or purchase gifts.

This year you will be able to purchase **Opportunity Tickets** for a **One-Of-A-Kind King Sized Kaleidoscope Quilt** made out of 48 distinctive



kaleidoscope squares. Look for the quilt and the tickets soon!

All proceeds go to Prayers and Squares to buy items needed during the year, such as batting, thread, machine repairs, fabric, etc. The boutiques help make it possible for us to give away quilts free of charge.

Any questions please feel free to reach out to me. Sincerely— Rev. Marlene Oaks

United Women in Faith



United Women in Faith

Changes are in the air. The Leadership Team has decided we will focus on Missions. We will continue to meet

monthly for the rest of the year—See our article on our exciting October meeting. In 2024 we will meet quarterly, plus the Tea and our Christmas Party. We look forward to continuing our sharing and caring and making a difference together.

Thursday, October 12th

Board Meeting, at 10:30 AM in Room 1

Thursday, October 19th

Special Guest Speaker, Ann Unmacht, at 10:30 AM in Room 1

Our Gathering: Meet Ann Unmacht, founder of Project Touch. All are invited to attend. See details on the flyer in the next page.



*Meet the Visionary Founder of Project Touch
Ann Unmacht*

Our local care of the homeless, with the aim to end homelessness

October 19th, 10:30-noon—All are invited

Sponsored by The United Women in Faith

- ◆ **Hear the amazing story, of how our church was there in the beginning.**
- ◆ **Of the heart-warming and heart-breaking stories of men, women and children who have been helped up from the bottom.**
- ◆ **Of what a faith based organization can do—together with God all things are possible.**

Project T.O.U.C.H. – Together Our Unity Conquers Homelessness!

The Face of Homelessness has changed... Since our foundation in 2003, we have fought and advocated for those in need to receive the most basic and essential human needs. Since 2007, we have been providing a dedicated call center serving our local Police Departments 24/7.

For over a decade now Project T.O.U.C.H. has operated an annual winter shelter for our most vulnerable citizens serving approximately 40-50 people every night (December through April). ***Our year round self-sustaining transitional housing program does not receive any federal government funding***, and serves over 225 individuals daily with an average of 40 - 55 children, single mothers, men & women, emancipated foster youth, domestic violence victims, seniors, mentally and physically disabled, veterans and entire families.

Both programs provide comprehensive case management, employment assistance, transportation, food, clothing, medical assistance and more! We answer 1000's of calls annually, walking alongside those in need to give resources and support to homeless and potentially homeless individuals and families - providing a safety net of Love & Hope...servicing the most vulnerable in our community...

October Birthdays

Kenneth Gorman	10/01	Adam Hathorn	10/20
Naila Tayrien	10/01	Nicole Roderos	10/20
Jose Manacop	10/02	Charlotte Saeger	10/20
Lynn Ferguson	10/03	Shirley Banquer	10/22
Evelyn Sayne	10/03	Mike Becker	10/24
Zana Easley	10/05	Francis Sandipher	10/26
Monica Roderos	10/05	Susan McClellan	10/26
Cheri Toberman	10/10	Cole Anderson Dubots	10/27
Julia Monson	10/13	Frank Gruber	10/27
Diana Roderos	10/13	Sandy Dodson	10/28
Anita Accordino	10/14	Channing Manacop	10/29
Dan Henley	10/14	Renee Eisenberg	10/30
Maxine Heiller	10/16		
Katie Turner	10/16		
Barry Adams	10/17		
Patricia Hill	10/18		



October Anniversaries



Dwight and Charlie Weaver 10/24

Sally and Rick Malec 10/27





A fully affirming and inclusive fellowship gathering

*am*pli*fy* - v. to expand, to increase, to strengthen, to make louder

Amplify is a growing community of Jesus followers and seekers who desire to gather together to draw closer to Jesus through worship, through the reading and study of Scripture, conversation and connection.

We seek to amplify our faith and hope in Jesus. We believe that Jesus was God incarnate—that he was God with us, and because we believe that the entire biblical story ultimately points to him, we want Jesus to be the lens through which we read and interpret all of Scripture.

We seek to amplify the love of Jesus. We believe that God is love; that Jesus is God’s love in person; and that he calls those who choose to follow him to love as he loves—without limit or exclusion; so, empowered by his Spirit, we want to actively look for ways to live out the love and grace of Jesus in our personal lives, in our families, in our churches, in our communities, and in our world.

We seek to amplify the invitation of Jesus. We believe all humanity is uniquely created in God’s image, each one dearly loved and valued by our Father and created with intention and purpose; and we believe that the good news of Jesus and his kingdom invitation is for everyone; so we invite, affirm, and fully include all who wish to come, no matter their age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or mental or physical abilities, believing that Jesus reconciles all things and that he will never turn away anyone who comes to him.

We seek to amplify a culture of value and respect. We believe that all are deserving of honor and respect, so we want our Amplify gatherings to be a safe space where people feel welcomed no matter who they are.

We seek to amplify a community of care and support. We believe that the love and grace of Jesus compelled him to reach out with compassion, care, and comfort to those around him, especially

those who were marginalized, hurting, or in need. Through small group care and support for parents, friends, and family of those in the LGBTQ community.



All Are Welcomed to drop by the **Weekly Amplify Meeting** from **6:30-8PM** every **Thursday** in **Room 1** at the **Temecula United Methodist Church.**

If you have any question feel free to reach out to me anytime at **818-371-1009** or artsalyer@gmail.com.

Thanks—Art Salyer

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. Since the beginning of January, Scrip sales have raised \$520 for the church.



Cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings after service using cash, a check, or a credit card. Credit cards will have a 4% service fee. Scrip cards are also available for purchase throughout the week during church office hours (check or cash only).

If you have any questions or would like to place an order contact Janet Galbraith at **951-764-3938** or jngalbraih5@yahoo.com.

Ralph or Food4Less: If you shop at Ralphs or Food4Less, be sure to register your rewards cards to earn rebates.

Altar Flowers

SIGN UP to bring Altar Flowers in honor, celebration, or memory of a special date for you. Flowers may be brought to the church on the Sunday you signed up for by 9:00 a.m. and can be placed on the altar. For more information contact Anita Accordini at **714-655-0330** or araccordini12@verizon.net



Golden Baskets for This Month

October

- 1 World Communion Sunday
- 8 Temecula Food Pantries
- 15 Million Kids
- 22 Missionary – Rev. Andrew Soon Lee
- 29 S.A.F.E.



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.

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.



Their mission is to PREVENT child exploitation by empowering every kid, and those who interact with kids, through education on predators and to INTERVENE by providing support services to those families and children in crisis. Learn more about Million Kids by going to their website <https://millionkids.org/>



Our Missionary

Rev. Andrew Soon Lee is a missionary serving in Cambodia with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. To find out more about him and his work click on the link <https://umccambodia.org/>



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FAMILY
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Ensuring Safety, Protecting Families, and Seeking Justice.

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 go to <https://safefjc.org/>