

Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

April 2024

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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- Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. David French
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RICK'S RAMBLINGS

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To The Cross and Beyond

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Over the 33+ years I have been in ministry, I have written about and preached about Hope numerous times. John Wesley, founder of Methodism, believed that you could never take communion too often. To receive redemption and forgiveness from the sacrament and the love of Christ could never be accepted too much. This is what I believe about sharing the message of Hope. Hope is one of the core foundations and beliefs of the Christian faith. It is a result of the grace, love, and act of Christ's forgiveness for humanity and for us as God's children. The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthian Church in the first letter, the 13th Chapter, these three: faith, hope, and love. Now Paul stated that love was the greatest, but hope made the top three. It's right up there in our relationship with God and one another. Yes, love is the greatest; it is the number one commandment that Jesus lifted up: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." (Mark 12:13) Out of the love God has for us and as we love God,

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Rick's Ramblings continued

comes the promise of hope that lives in us and what Jesus came into the world to offer.

As I come down to the last three months of living among you and serving with you, I want to share my hope for you as you prepare for your new Pastor, Drew Davis, and his family. I pray God's Hope continues to live through you as you live faithfully and as brothers and sisters in Christ. The hope is that you will continue to thrive in your ministry to offer hope, help, care, and love for this community and this Church Family as you live out the vision of Temecula UMC, as we state in our bulletin every week and our Messenger every month.

As with the family of God, people come and go, we move, we celebrate the lives of those who have entered the Church Triumphant, and people seek this Church Family out. There are transitions in life that bring joy and sorrow. All of this happens in life as we change but the one constant that remains is the promise of Hope, given to us through the love of God.

Faith, Hope and Love,
Pastor Rick

FROM THE BREEZEWAY

4 KIDS MINISTRY

Do you care for children? Would you want to share your faith? Come join the team of Sunday School Teachers who share their faith and offer lessons for our children. Lessons are provided and you would teach once a month or less. Contact Pastor Rick if you would like to assist on Sundays or in any other way to support our Children's Sunday School.

Sunday Morning Offering Counter

The Finance Team is looking for volunteers to help count the Sunday Morning offering. This is done primarily after Church on Sundays. Kathy Katsitz heads up the counters and can help with training. It is good to grow our team of counters. Contact Pastor Rick or Kathy if you are willing to volunteer or have more questions.

Cedar Glen Summer Camp!

The California Pacific Conference Camping Ministry wants to invite Children and Youth to summer camp at Camp Cedar Glen in the Julian area. This is a place to meet friends, have a new experience of being in God's creation, and learn more about God and your faith. Pastor Rick shares "Camp had a major impact on my life both as a youth and as an adult camp counselor and Camp Dean. I have made lifelong friends and experienced the wonder of God's creation at Camp Cedar Glen." The cost for summer camp is as follows:

From The Breezeway continued

High School thru Middle School children are \$510 for 6 Nights. Older Elementary is \$425 for 5 Nights. Younger Elementary is \$345 for 3 Nights

CAMP CEDAR GLEN WORK PARTY

**EARN MONEY
TOWARDS
CAMP!!
4/20**

**ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS ARE
NEEDED TO HELP GET CAMP CEDAR
GLEN READY FOR SUMMER!
PARTICIPANTS WILL EARN FUNDS
FOR CAMP TUITION FOR THEMSELVES
OR A CAMPER OF THEIR CHOOSING!**

**PLEASE CONTACT CAITLYN ANDERSON
FOR MORE INFO OR TO RSVP AT:
CANDERSON@CALPACUMC.ORG**



**SATURDAY, 4/20
10 AM - 3 PM**

**743 FARMER ROAD
JULIAN, CA 92036**

To help with the cost of camp and scholarships there will be a workday on **Sat, April 20th, 10 AM - 3 PM**. Each child or youth that attends will receive \$60 toward the cost of camp. If a parent attends, another \$60 can be earned. There will be other scholarships available to get you to camp. The Director of Calpac Conference Camps states, "We don't want the cost of camp to be a roadblock to a child or youth going to camp." Talk to Pastor Rick if you are interested for your child or youth.

Cal-Pac Camps

Imagine This

2024 Summer Dates

Cedar Glen

Grades 6th-Grad: June 23-29, 2024

Grades 1st-3rd: July 7-10, 2024

Grades 3rd-6th: July 7-12, 2024

www.campcedarglen.org

Lazy W

Grades 1st-3rd: July 14-17, 2024

Grades 3rd-6th: July 14-19, 2024

Grades 6th-Grad: July 21-27, 2024

Young Adult Camp: August 2-4, 2024

www.lazywrench.org

Wrightwood

Grades 2nd-6th: June 30-July 4, 2024

Grades 6th-Grad: July 7-13, 2024

Camp Shine (Autism Spectrum Youth Camp): July 28-31, 2024

www.campwrightwood.org





- 7 **Guest Speaker:** Dr. Marlene Oaks
Scriptures: Ephesians 4:32 ; Luke 6:37-38;
 Psalm 86:5; Colossians 3:12-17
Theme: *The Key - Forgiveness and Beyond*

- 14 **Scripture:** Luke 24:36-48
Theme: *The Gift of Peace*

- 21 **Scripture:** John 10:11-18
Theme: *He Knows His Own*

- 28 **Guest Speaker:**
 Rev. Rob Calderhead

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 has raised \$520 for the church.



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.

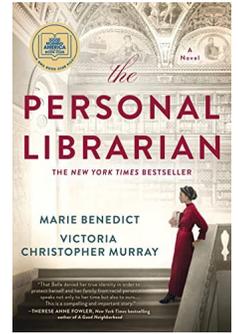
If you have any questions or would like to place an order contact Janet Galbraith. 951-764-3938 and jngalbraih5@yahoo.com.

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP

The Personal Librarian

The Book Buddies book group will meet at the home of Zoila and Sarah Hillier at **6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 2** to discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This is “a remarkable novel about J.P. Morgan’s personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.”



See Ethel Takeguchi 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 **May 7**, Sherry Campbell will lead a review of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. The full schedule and list of books is available in the church breezeway.

MARLENE’S DISCUSSION GROUP

Discussion Group News

We will continue exploring **Celtic Christianity**. We meet the **first and third Friday** mornings from **10:30AM-12PM**.

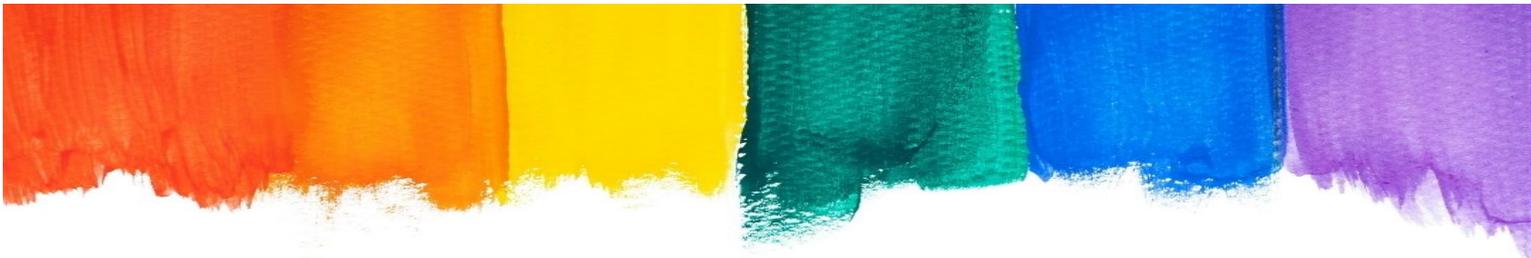


The Celts are said to have kept Christianity alive after Rome was sacked. They thought there were two scriptures: nature and the written word. Many leaders were women. It is a fascinating study.

We will continue with Marlene's little book as background. You may download it from Amazon for a nominal fee, or Marlene will email you a copy. Then we will study further.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Marlene Oaks at marleneoaks56@gmail.com, and for more information, please check the breezeway.





*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 6:30PM-8PM every Thursday in Room 1 at the Temecula United Methodist Church.

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

Thanks—Art Salyer

PRAYERS AND SQUARES



Prayers and Squares Needs Help

So Many Prayer Quilts So few

hands to make them

Feeding spiritual hunger,

one quilt at a time

If you sew or want to learn, please come the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings from 9:30-noon. You can be part of making a loving difference in many lives. Contact Dr. Marlene Oaks at marleneoaks56@gmail.com.

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 AM and can be placed on the altar. You can pick up your flowers after the worship service.



Contact Anita Accordino at 714-655-0330 & araccordino12@verizon.net.

STEPHEN MINISTERS

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'd like to know more, please contact Pastor Rick Malec at (951) 676-1800 or our Stephen Leader, Anne DiPardo (319) 331-1515.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Original, one of a kind
Opportunity Quilt 2024

\$10 a ticket

United Women in Faith

Proceeds go to charities for women and children

Raffle drawing at our Tea May 4th



United Women in Faith

Invite you to our April 18th program – 10:30-noon

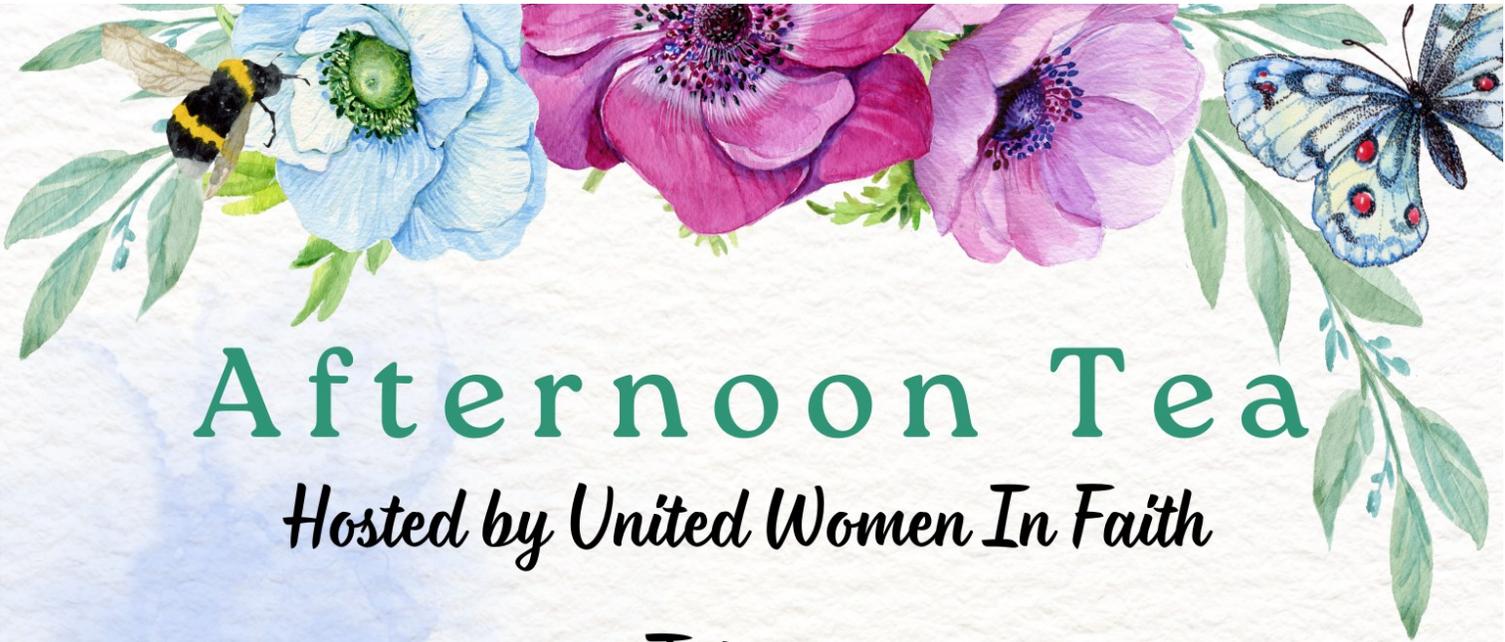
Feat. Annette Sheehy from Temecula Assistance League

Everyone is invited – find out about the great work they do in our community – and about

the best Thrift Store ever!

"I am a retired teacher who has been a member of the Assistance League® of Temecula Valley for the past 20 years. During this time, I have held a variety of positions in our organization. For the past six years, I have been the Vice President of Philanthropic Programs and oversee all seven of our programs. I'm looking forward to sharing information about our organization with all of you.

For more information contact Dr. Marlene Oaks at marleneoaks56@gmail.com



Afternoon Tea

Hosted by United Women In Faith

Join us

May 4th 2:00 - 4:00

for Tea and Fellowship at

Temecula United Methodist Church

42690 Margarita Road, Temecula, CA 92592

\$15 Per Person

*Stop by TUMC or Contact Meghann Adesso for
tickets and more information!*

(951)526-7730 or Bigstar951@gmail.com





APRIL
Birthdays

Grace Lloyd 04/01
Sallie Redfern 04/01
Bethany Monson 04/02
Kerri Keester-Wellman 04/03
Shirley Johnson 04/04
Abbi Otjen 04/04
Landry Riché 04/06
John Perry Weaver 04/08
Kevin Bollinger 04/09
Kathy Cochran 04/09

Ethan Hathorn 04/09
Samuel Hill 04/09
Rowan Johnas 04/09
Jacob Edwards 04/11
Janet Delaney 04/12
Allison Riché 04/17
Sama Beltramo 04/19
Rand Stolp 04/21
Jenny Moreland 04/23
Barbara Gaborko 04/25
Sydney Hammett 04/25
Portia Johnas 04/25
Bill Hillier 04/28
Bernadine Anderson 04/29
Gideon Pascasio 04/29
Anna Turner 04/29



APRIL
Anniversaries

Lloyd and Sue Bradshaw 04/03
Dan and Zana Easley 04/03
Dean and Jan Clark George 04/14



GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

April

- 07 Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- 14 Christ Ministry Center
- 21 Empowerment Village
- 28 Project TOUCH

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

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

Christ Ministry Center

Services Provided by CMC:

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- 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/>



Housing - A rent-reduced, shared-living stay on our campus for up to 14 moms and their children at a time. Families live three to a house with a combination of private and shared space.

Education - During their two-year stay, women are equipped with resources, mentoring, accountability, education, and community connections designed to empower them and their children to sustainably thrive.

Accountability - Village residents commit and are held accountable to living agreements that ensure safety and enable the thriving growth of all, including moms, kids, staff, and volunteers. These include responsible and supportive co-living, active participation in weekly classes, progress and follow-through toward set goals, clear and honest communication with the advocacy team, and a commitment to physical and emotional safety.



Transitional Housing with 260 beds to assist single mothers, families, Veterans, seniors, and the disabled – averaging 40 - 55 children daily throughout Riverside County including an emergency housing program.

Local Winter Emergency Shelter provides overnight shelter for approximately four months per year December to April – to meet the needs of hundreds of homeless each winter. Serving dinner and breakfast 7 days per week while shelter is open.

Police Response Program responds 24/7 to calls from local police departments to assist in homeless and abuse situations.

Direct Emergency Assistance for food, clothing, transportation assistance, hygiene items, and various emergency needs.

Community Food Program utilizes our long standing business relationships and new partnerships to provide a stream of food donations that not only feeds our clients in transitional housing, but also supports other local non-profit partners and churches that assist the community.

Resource Referral Center responds to hundreds of calls monthly to provide appropriate resources for any given situation. Project T.O.U.C.H. partners with Social Services, Drug and Alcohol Rehab programs, Mental Health Service, Homeless Prevention Programs, and other community outreach programs.

Divine Discount & Thrift Store Work-ability program trains clients for future work in retail. For more information visit their website at

<https://projecttouchonline.com/>

A Quarter Can Change a Life

**Project Touch Needs Quarters
so those in the emergency
shelter can do laundry**



Save your quarters and bring them to church



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

**This month
please bring
Mac N Cheese
and Cereals**

NIGHT OF MUSIC

Songs for Unity and Peace

**FREE
EVENT!**

Sunday, April 28
6:00-8:00pm

Rancho United

31300 Rancho Community Way
Temecula, Ca



**FEATURING
MUSIC BY:**

Local Jazz Sensation
Sherry Williams

WITH

Beer & Hymns

Hymns & Sing Along

Brooks Bros

Hip-Hop

Bells of Hope

Bell Choir

John Demps

Rhythm & Blues

LDS Youth Choir

Choral Music

Denny T

Guitarist

Ronald Romeo North

Soul



\$20 suggested donation benefiting
the International Red Cross



EASTER *Lilies*

Anita Accordino, *In Memory of Family and Friends in Heaven*

Shirlee Armistead, *In Honor of Family*

Bert and Heather Bjorklund, *In Memory of Family in Heaven*

Shirley Banquer and Ivonne Cabrera, *In Memory of Basilia Catoli and Anna Mae Broussard*

Eden Cruz, *In Memory of my parents, Ely and Angie Farol, and my brothers, Ezer and Lito Farol*

In Memory of Eliseo and Angelina Farol, and Ezer and Angelito Farol.

Janet Delaney, *In Memory of my parents, Emma and Howard Pollack, and my husband Steve*

Annette Dochstader, *In Memory of Patrick Dochstader*

Pam Fraleigh, *In Honor of my aunt, Alta LaFrance, a loving wife to Warren LaFrance*

In Memory of my uncle Warren LaFrance

Gloria Galvez, *In Memory of my three sons Rodney, Ruben and Roderick*

John and Cookie Gender, *In Memory of Norma Shriber and Geraldine Gender,
and Roy Shriber and Edmond Gender*

Kerry Keester-Wellman, *In Memory of my wonderful mom, Roberta Keester*

Vaneesa Koran, *In Memory of my parents Lilly and Joseph Kuchar*

Diane Martinez, *In Memory of my mother Erna Curtis*

Susan McClellan, *In Memory of my mother Jenny Donaldson*

Steve and Maureen McKown, *In Honor of Pastor Rick Malec and his dedication to TUMC*

Gerald Nicholas, *In Memory of my wife Andrea Nicholas*

Milton and Ethel Takeguchi, *In Memory of Larry Murphy and Barry Adams*

Rob and Naila Tayrien, *In Memory of Dudley Tayrien, Primo Wisco,*

Belen Wisco, Debra Lynn Tayrien and Ernest Wisco

Darcy Thielemann, *In Memory of Patrick and Joseph*

Joan Thompson, *In Memory of Hal and Ken Thompson*