

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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# Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

August 2024



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DREW

As a new participant in a new setting, whether it be as a pastor or a congregant, it can often be challenging to find places to join or know who to contact in order to participate in the community life.

I have had many conversations with lifelong church members who express a desire to try something new and add excitement to their experience. Sometimes, newcomers are not always aware of all the opportunities available in certain communities and may miss out on new experiences.

As a new pastor, I am reminded of this as I embark on a journey of learning about the families of the church and seeing the church as a family. I would like to share some of the joys of my discoveries with you.

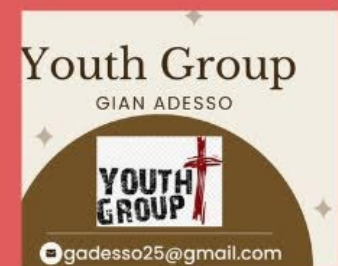
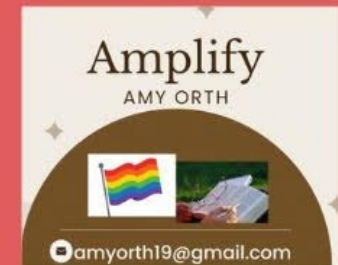
In his conversations with the church of Corinth, the apostle Paul shares a narrative that illustrates how our lives, communities, and sense of identity are like a body. Each part works together for the growth of the entire body, and each part has its own unique importance that cannot be accomplished without it.

This month, I am including a draft of the ministries of our church. I invite you to explore and discover which part of the body you feel called to support. There may be groups or programs I still have not discovered, so please only consider this a starting point for new adventures in our lives in the community of Temecula.

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# 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.



It has been a beautiful adventure for me to process and discover the offerings of Temecula UMC, and I hope to continue exploring uncharted areas. My prayer is that we create opportunities for others to find their place within the body as well. God Is Love,

M. Andrew Davis (he/him/his) Pastor/ Temecula United Methodist Church





## WORSHIP SCRIPTURES AND THEMES

- 4**      **Scripture:** John 6:24-35  
**Theme:** All Who Are Thirsty  
**Liturgist:** TBD
- 11**     **Scripture:** John 6:41-51  
**Theme:** It's Time To Love  
One Another  
**Liturgist:** Dr. Marlene Oaks
- 18**     **Scripture:** Mark 6:30-34  
**Theme:** Lean On Me  
**Liturgist:** Brianna Ropacki
- 25**     **Scripture:** Palm 23  
**Theme:** Shelter From the Storm  
**Liturgist:** Judson McDowell

## 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.

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 our Stephen Leader, Anne DiPardo at 319-331-1515

Our volunteer care givers are ready to meet with you free of charge! Just contact Pastor Drew for a referral at [pastordrewdavis@gmail.com](mailto:pastordrewdavis@gmail.com) or 951-676-1800 x2

### \*\*\*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\*\*\*\*

- \* Pastor Drew's Bible Study starts August 7, 10AM
- \* Marlene's Discussion Group will resume in Fall
- \* Book Buddies will start September 3

**THERE WILL BE NO CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**

*School will Resume in September*

## A Celebration of Life

### for Jim Meyler

Please join us on  
**Saturday, August 3rd at 2pm**  
at TUMC to pay tribute to Jim's life.

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Bert & Heather Bjorklund .....	01
Gilbert & Marlene Oaks .....	03
Frank & Lyn Gruber .....	07
Ernie & Midge Lloyd .....	13
Steve & Janet Galbraith .....	17
Dan & Carlyn Buehler .....	19
Sandy Dodson & Betty Lou Langlois.....	20
Federico & Elia De La Cerra .....	21
Jeff Tomaszewski & Sallie Redfern .....	21
Stan & Catherine Buckingham .....	27
Tom & Jan Tramontano.....	30

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Katie Pratt .....	01
Ken Teasdale .....	01
Traci Pawlak .....	05
Jan Clark George .....	11
Lila Stolp .....	13
Ken McClellan.....	15
Paul Gutierrez .....	22
Gideon NTony .....	25
Linda Jones .....	26
Damon Dubots.....	27

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
August 15th**



## 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](mailto:marleneoaks56@gmail.com).

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United  
Women  
in Faith

Thank you to all who contributed in helping put  
together the Period Kits. There was a total of 51  
period kits donated to Border Ministries.

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## Retreat Day

September 21st, 10AM-3PM

Give yourself the gift of a day of spiritual  
retreat. Refresh and Attune!

Learn How Your Mind, Especially Your  
Subconscious, Can Lead You to a  
Deeper Walk With God

Bring a sack lunch. Beverage and desserts  
provided. Led by Dr. Marlene Oaks and

*Sponsored by UWF*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

## THE BELL CHOIR

### RING-A-DING-DING!

Have you ever wanted to  
ring a handbell?



On Sunday, **August 11th**,  
right **after church**, we will  
have a mini workshop for  
those interested in learning how to ring these  
beautiful brass bells.

The bell choir will also be performing at church this  
day so you can see and hear us in action. If it  
interests you, just stay after church, ring a bell, and  
find out how easy and fun it is! All are welcome to  
try; please join us at the handbell tables after church  
on Sunday, August 11th.

See you at church,  
Debbie Barba - Handbell Choir Director

## 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](http://RaiseRight.com)  
to see a full list of vendors.

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  
[jingalbraih5@yahoo.com](mailto:jingalbraih5@yahoo.com).

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP!**

## 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 Accordini at  
714-655-0330 and [araccordini12@verizon.net](mailto:araccordini12@verizon.net)

## LGBTQ+ MINISTRY

The LGBTQIA+ Ministry continues to be active during the month. The **Amplify Group** continues to meet weekly on **Thursday night at 6:30pm**. We continue to encourage members of our church family to attend these meetings when they can. The meetings consist of Christian and Bible studies pertaining to the LGBTQIA+ community, as well as community support.



On July 31, TUMC opened its doors for a screening of the film "1946: The Misinterpretation That Reshaped Culture". It became a major outreach for TUMC, with support from community leaders throughout Temecula. It was not just a film screening, but an educational event that showed our willingness to be active caregivers. Another event that we have recently hosted at TUMC was the showing of the movie "Mama Bears". The screening was well attended by members of the community. The movie was about the Mama Bear organization: how it was founded and what they do. Mama Bears are well-known for their "Mom Hugs," which involve going out into the community to help LGBTQIA+ people who have been rejected by their families.

If you would like more information, please reach out at [lgbtqministry.tumc@gmail.com](mailto:lgbtqministry.tumc@gmail.com)

Arthur Salyer

Preferred pronouns: He Him His

[why pronouns matter](#)

## MYOSKELETAL MESSAGES



Hello my name is Lesley Gregory and I've had a massage license since 1988 and have been a member of TUMC since 1993.

As part of *Feeding Physical and*

*Spiritual Hunger*, members are invited to receive myoskeletal massages at our church. This type of massage involves lots of stretching and will increase range of motion to help manage chronic pain areas. Please wear shorts and a tank top during the session.

There will be no fee and members are encouraged to make donations to the church for this service. Weekly appointments will take place on Mondays. To schedule a session call 951-694-6100.

Thanks - Lesley Gregory

# BABYSITTING

by Addison Riche

AVAILABILITY UPON REQUEST

EXPERIENCE:

Nursery  
Family

PRICE:

\$10/hr

CONTACT ME AT

225-200-0310

ABOUT ME

14 years old  
freshman at Vista Murrieta  
Murrieta/Temecula Area

## ESPERANZA CLINICAL

### FREE COGNITIVE SCREENING

Esperanza Clinical specializes in bringing new therapeutic treatment options to older adults with memory loss or other cognitive difficulties and is offering a complimentary cognitive screening for anyone 55-years-old and older with self-reported memory problems. No referral is needed, and no insurance is required.



Esperanza Clinical

Esperanza Clinical was founded by Dr. Susan Ropacki and Dr. Michael Ropacki who are international experts in dementia prevention and Alzheimer's disease. They have spent over 20 years conducting clinical research and are passionate about finding innovative treatments to slow cognitive decline and a cure for Alzheimer's disease.

For more information please visit [www.esperanzaclinical.com](http://www.esperanzaclinical.com).

Call Esperanza Clinical at 951-417-4466, or send an email to [hello@esperanzaclinical.com](mailto:hello@esperanzaclinical.com)



## GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

### August

- 04 Project Touch
- 11 Missionary Support - Rev. Joel Hortiales
- 18 UMCOR, Disaster Relief
- 25 S.A.F.E.



**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/>.



### Boxed Side Dishes

Examples, Mac n' Cheese, Rice A Roni, etc.



### Our Missionary Rev. Joel Hortiales

Joel works closely with the conference executive director of connectional ministries in coordination of Hispanic/Latino ministries, including border ministries in the San Diego and Imperial County areas.



Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

### 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.



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FAMILY  
JUSTICE  
CENTERS  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY

### 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 visit <https://safefjc.org/>