

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

## July 2024



### **A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DREW**

Welcome to July and the beginning of our time together as a community at Temecula United Methodist Church. It is a blessing for me to have reached this season in the life of Temecula United Methodist Church and to anticipate the seasons that lie ahead as we connect with one another's lives and use our gifts together to care for each other and the surrounding communities.

Ecclesiastes 3 shares a narrative of the seasons of life and the transitions that shape our entire journey. This journey encompasses peaceful moments, stressful moments, moments of growth, and particularly moments of waiting for the grand actions of the Creator's workmanship.

I am thrilled to embark on the journey of learning about the seasons of Temecula United Methodist Church that have brought us to this point. Through our life journeys, we not only discover our individual identities but also our identity as a community.

As we come together, many of our journeys have focused on heartfelt conclusions about the wonderful seasons in our lives. For Temecula, there has been a season of celebratory grieving, marked by the conclusion of Pastor Rick's years of service and caregiving to the worship community, as well as the celebration of Pastor Rick's retirement after 33 years of worship and service leadership in the United Methodist Church. In my own seasons

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### *A message from Pastor Drew continued*

of leadership, I have been blessed by my connection with Pastor Rick and the ways he has shepherded and cared for me, leading me to this season of my own leadership.

I too have experienced a long season of goodbyes. I have been fortunate to have had many seasons of leadership that have brought me to this moment of joining you in Temecula. My seasons in Axton, VA, Bristol, TN, Rancho Bernardo, CA, and Oceanside, CA, have all been accompanied by moments of grief-filled farewells. Concluding my season of leadership in Oceanside has also brought moments of celebration for that season of leadership, along with a wonderful preparation for the seasons we will share together. These living seasons have also served as preparation for the next season of ministry.

Rev. Fred Rogers, a Presbyterian pastor known worldwide for his television show "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood," once shared with his viewers a narrative focused on concluding seasons and stepping into exciting new beginnings. He said, "Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." I've felt that many times. My hope for all of us is that 'the miles we go before we sleep' will be filled with all the feelings that come from deep caring—delight, sadness, joy, wisdom—and that in all the endings of our life, we will be able to see the new beginnings.

In celebrating Mr. Rogers, I hope that we can truly honor the seasons we are currently concluding. I pray that in these concluding moments, we have the opportunity to reflect on those seasons in a way that allows us to see not only our moments of growth but also to take new and exciting steps in our lives, moving into the wonderful new seasons that God is preparing us for.

In celebrating these caring words of Mr. Rogers, I hope our new journey together can rest on the celebration of this next quote: All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors—in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver.

As we embark on this season of worship, service, and care as a community, I am eager to learn from the seasons of your lives. I am excited to discover your gifts, interests, and the stories of your life journeys, which will reveal the beginnings of your connections to your gifts and the doors of growth that your gifts have opened for you. In this season of my leadership, I bring with me many dreams, hopes, and adventures that I

pray we will embark on together. I am deeply excited to hear your desires and dreams. I pray that these dreams may blend together in our new season of building community.

At this time, I ask for your prayers. I ask for you to pray as we take steps forward together, with the foundation of our previous seasons strengthening us as we uncover the potential of the new season before us. Truly, there is a time and a season for everything. In the spirit of Ecclesiastes, let us celebrate these words: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."

God is Love

Pastor Drew (He/Him/His)

### WORSHIP SCRIPTURES AND THEMES

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|-----------|---|
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Scripture:</b> Matthew 16:13-20<br><b>Theme:</b> Please Allow Me To Introduce Myself<br><b>Liturgist:</b> Dr. Marlene Oaks |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 23<br><b>Theme:</b> Shelter from the Storm<br><b>Liturgist:</b> Dr. Marlene Oaks                      |
| <b>21</b> | <b>Scripture:</b> Mark 6:30-34<br><b>Theme:</b> Lean on Me<br><b>Liturgist:</b> Shirlee Armistead                             |
| <b>28</b> | <b>Scripture:</b> John 6:1-21<br><b>Theme:</b> Have It All<br><b>Liturgist:</b> Penny Wagner                                  |





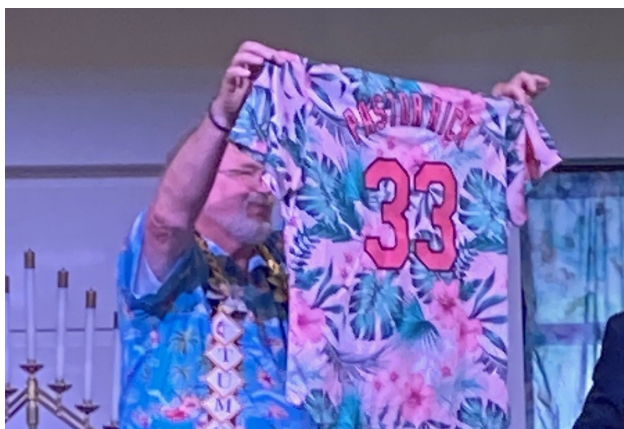
### A BIG THANK YOU!

Sally and I want to thank the

Temecula United Methodist Church

for a great Retirement Celebration on Saturday, June 29. You blessed us with your presence, your cards, your gifts, your words of encouragement, well wishes, gratitude, and love.

Not only have you blessed us on this day but throughout the last ten years. You offered and gave support, served to express the love of Christ and live out our Mission Statements of Ending Spiritual and Physical Hunger and to be a Welcoming, Reconciling, Open Congregation.



We want to thank Adam, Dan, Anita, Meghann, Karen, Kathy, Mark, Great Scot BBQ, and Jessica for their leadership and large part in making this an awesome party and celebration. Finally, I want to thank our Administrative Assistant, Adriana Zarate. She was there to help and support the team whenever they needed some coordination, producing the programs, making the fun banner, and more.

TUMC is a loving, joy-filled family. Our Prayers are for your continued Love and Hope In Christ.

Thank You,  
Pastor Rick

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
JULY 15th**

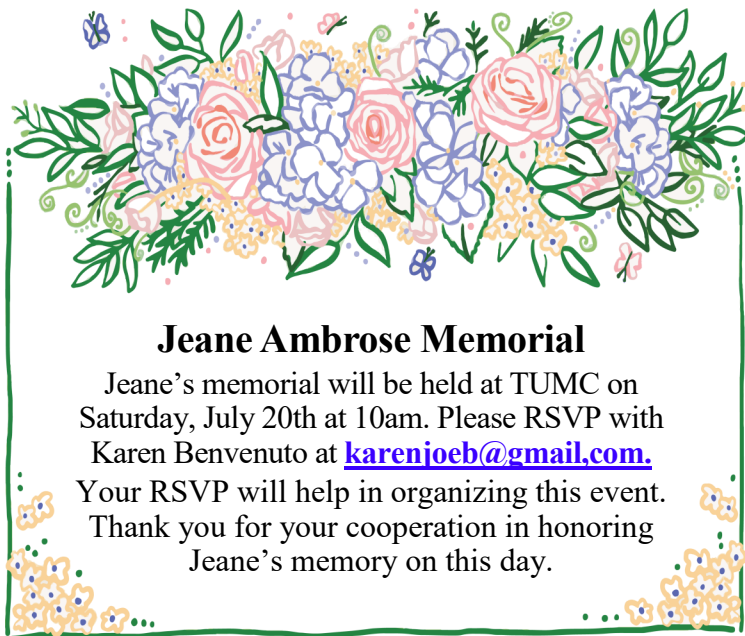
### Happy Anniversary

Chuck & Kathy Washington .....	07/06
Randy and Shirley Johnson.....	07/14
Dan & Lorna Henley.....	07/17
John Paul & Lisa Glenn Edwards .....	07/18
Milton & Ethel Takeguchi .....	07/25
Tom Smith & Melanie Roth-Smith...	07/26
Mark Harnetiaux & Traci Pawlak .....	07/27
Jerry & Debbie Barba .....	07/28
Gian & Meghann Adesso.....	07/30
George & Haila Wuertz .....	07/31

### Happy Birthday

Elia De La Cerra .....	07/01
Jean Williams.....	07/01
Mark McCullough.....	07/02
Ryan Hathorn .....	07/03
Scott Parker .....	07/05
Betty Lou Langlois.....	07/07
Joy Oh .....	07/08
Lorilyn Teasdale .....	07/11
Serena Hughes.....	07/12
Meghann Adesso.....	07/13
Gilbert Oaks .....	07/16
Maria Longley.....	07/17
Kylee Riché.....	07/19
Vanessa Wagner.....	07/19
Heather Bjorklund.....	07/24
Rev. Rick Malec.....	07/24
Elliot Teasdale.....	07/25
Tracy Muehring.....	07/26
Camden Saeger .....	07/26
Lois Hoyle.....	07/29
Sharon Johnas .....	07/30
Garland Smith .....	07/30





## Jeane Ambrose Memorial

Jeane's memorial will be held at TUMC on Saturday, July 20th at 10am. Please RSVP with Karen Benvenuto at [karenjoeb@gmail.com](mailto:karenjoeb@gmail.com).

Your RSVP will help in organizing this event. Thank you for your cooperation in honoring Jeane's memory on this day.

## 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 our Stephen Leader, Anne DiPardo at (319) 331-1515.

## 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 for this service 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

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



*Shown here is a quilt given to Pastor Rick from TUMC made by Prayers and Squares.*

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United  
Women  
in Faith

The TUMC UWF meets quarterly, our next meeting is **July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am until Noon, in Room 1**. We will have a short devotional time led by Dr. Marlene Oaks. Then, we will be putting Period Kits for the Border Ministries in San Diego.

**\*\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\*\***

### Retreat Day

September 21st, 10AM-3PM

"The Power of Your Mind, How it Works, and the Spiritual Journey" led by Dr. Marlene Oaks  
Sponsored by United Women in Faith. Open to Everyone!!



United  
Women  
in Faith

July 18, 2024 10:30-noon

## Our Project for July:

Put together "Period Kits"  
for Border Ministry

Please bring some or all of the following, and be prepared to work as we assemble kits.

- ♦ One gallon Ziploc bags
- ♦ Sandwich size Ziploc bags
- ♦ 2 oz bottles of hand sanitizer
- ♦ 4 gallon bathroom trash bags
- ♦ Travel packs of Wet Ones
- ♦ Unscented tampons, both regular and super absorbency
- ♦ Unscented sanitary napkins, long, super, thin
- ♦ 3 oz or larger unscented bars soap in wrappers, no Ivory or Jergens
- ♦ Unscented flushable wipes, 42 count or so
- ♦ Laundry detergent sheet

ALL items must be new. Only these items are to be included.

They will go to Christ Ministry Center, 3295 Meade Ave, San Diego  
Or Nestor UMC, 1120 Nestor Way, San Diego 619.423.2068

*Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me. In serving others, we serve Christ.*



## LGBTQ+ MINISTRY

The LGBTQIA+ Ministry continues to be active during the month. The **Amplify Group** continues to meet weekly on **Thursday nights at 6:30**. 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.



Our church had a strong presence at the opening of the Temecula Valley Gay Pride Center. Pastor Drew, Pastor Rick, myself, and Lana attended. We had a table at the event and handed out materials and pride ornaments to the attendees.

We sponsored a showing of the movie *Mama Bears* at our church last month in conjunction with the Amplify Group. 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. We were honored to have a contingent of the mama bears attend the screening and talk about their mission.

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

Art Salyer - Ministry Coordinator LGBTQIA+

### - UPCOMING EVENTS -



**Light Up The Cathedral For PRIDE!** On **Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm** Pastor Drew will be one of the readers at the San Diego Pride "Light up the Cathedral for Pride" event. This takes place at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral at

2728 6th Ave. San Diego, enter 5th Ave side. For more information go to [www.sdpride.org/lightup/](http://www.sdpride.org/lightup/)

**San Diego Pride Parade:** The annual San Diego Pride Parade is the largest single-day civic event in the region, and is among the largest Prides in the United States, attracting over 250,000 cheering supporters of the LGBTQ community!

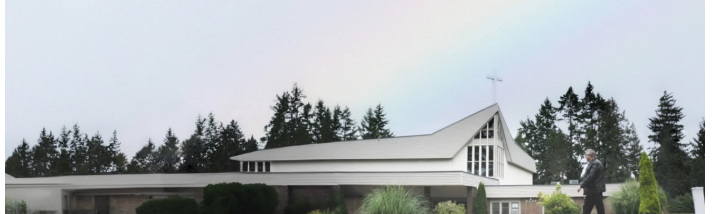


Come show your Pride on **Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 10:00 am**. The parade begins at the Hillcrest Pride Flag at University Ave. and Normal St., proceeds west on University Ave., turns south on 6th Ave., turns left onto Balboa Dr. and ends at Laurel St. – where you'll find the entrance to the Pride Festival!

For more information visit [www.sdpride.org/parade](http://www.sdpride.org/parade)  
Location: 1500 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92103. We will be walking with the South District.  
Contact Pastor Drew for more information.

**1946**

## Road Trip Across America



### Press Release for 1946 the Movie

On **July 31, 2024** the Temecula area will be hosting a viewing and a conversation time with the documentarian of the film "1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture. Please find below a link to sign up for free tickets to participate in that event. It is our hope to be able to share a location for this event on July 12, 2024.


<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1946-road-trip-across-america-temecula-ca-tickets-918644469337>

This will be a free event, but the team will need sign ups to prepare properly.

## GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

### July

- 07 Dig Deep
- 14 S.A.F.E.
- 21 Christ Ministry Center
- 28 Food Pantries

**Ensuring that every American has clean, running water forever.**  **DIGDEEP** DigDeep is a human rights nonprofit serving the 2.2 million+ people in the U.S. without the sinks, bathtubs or toilets that the rest of us take for granted.

Their community-led projects bring clean, hot and cold running water into American homes. They also invest in research, advocacy, and workforce development to close the Water Gap once and for all. For more information visit <https://digdeep.org/>

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



### Christ Ministry Center Services Provided by CMC:

- 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/>



### Canned Fruit, Veggies, and Beans

Suggested to bring pull top lids, individual servings, i.e. applesauce, pudding...



\* **Marlene's Discussion Group** will resume in Fall

\* **Book Buddies** will resume **September 3**, Book: *"Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver"* at the home of Ethel Takeguchi.

## 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](https://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 [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 Accordinio at 714-655-0330 and [araccordinio12@verizon.net](mailto:araccordinio12@verizon.net)



## Esperanza Clinical

Esperanza Clinical specializes in bringing new therapeutic treatment options to older adults with memory loss or other cognitive difficulties. We are dedicated to preventing dementia and finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease by offering no-cost treatments through clinical research. By collaborating with Esperanza Clinical you will be working with a leading Alzheimer's disease research center. Therefore, you can expect to receive superior care with experienced physicians and staff. From being welcomed by our friendly care team, to our knowledgeable medical team and clinical research coordinators, we strive to provide the best service for our patients and their families.

### About Us

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.



## Clinical Trials

Clinical trials are research studies that evaluate the safety and effectiveness of new treatments for detecting, preventing, and/or treating disease. This is an exciting time to collaborate in research to find new treatments or a cure for memory loss!



## Benefits of Participating

You will receive a full complimentary work-up including clinical interview, cognitive screening, lab work, physical examination, and potentially brain imaging such as MRIs and/or PET scans. Early detection and intervention is the best way to prevent memory loss. All procedures are provided at no-cost to those who qualify. Free transportation is available as needed.

The goal of Esperanza clinical is to make you feel comfortable and welcomed while you receive superior care in our state-of-the-art facility.

**If you would like to receive a complimentary cognitive screening, and potentially participate in one of our trials, all free of charge, then please contact Esperanza Clinical!**

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by Addison Riche

AVAILABILITY UPON REQUEST

EXPERIENCE:

Nursery  
Family

PRICE:

\$10/hr

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