

Temecula United Methodist Church

THE MESSENGER

November 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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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DREW

For me, this time of preparation has been laced with both hope and some anxiety over the years. I see our journey into the church conference not just as an administrative action positioning church leaders, but as the beginning steps of ministry, evaluating who we proclaim to be to the communities in the Temecula Valley.

Each decision we make during this time of conversation enables us to build a foundation that communicates to our community: this is who we are. In some places, this is easily seen. We select leaders with specific gifts to work together in ministries and touch souls. We make decisions that support our staff and make it possible for them to work, serve, and care. We empower volunteers to be the hands and feet that become the welcoming faces representing our church. It is easy to see the ministry in these areas. I would like for you to pray more deeply this year. There are places we may not have viewed as voices of our ministry that speak louder about our mission and our path than we might realize. As we journey through a time of stewardship, we look at our church's overall budget for what it displays about our mission and our focus on ministry. How does our mission budget reflect how we care for the world? How does our facility budget display our desire to create a welcoming environment for new faces stepping onto our campus? When we pray through the usage of our beautiful campus, what symbols and signage do we have that demonstrate we are welcoming and

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affirming to all who enter? This is not limited to our LGBTQIA+ siblings but also includes our siblings with physical disabilities, cognitive delays, and the questions we may at times find hard to answer.

As we go through this first season together preparing for our all-church conference, I want you to know these are the things I am praying about, and I hope you will join me in prayer over them as well. When I first met with Temecula's SPRC, I shared in that conversation that whenever I am asked if something can be done, I would respond, "Please share with me how this is ministry." If we maintain a ministry focus in all our activities, we will begin to see the grandeur of how and where God is reaching.

We already have so much to be grateful for: a new Saturday night opportunity, the growth of music with the handbell choir and new soloists, our participation with community groups such as the Temecula and Murrieta Interfaith, and having a presence at events such as the Temecula Valley School Board, Stephen Ministry Care, Prayers and Squares, our Amplify small group, Tuesday Women's Bible Study, UWF, Youth Group, Sunday School, and so many others. These celebrations will grow, and it is my honor to be with you on this journey to prepare for them.

Please be aware we will also be holding our All Church Conference on December 1st at 12:30pm. We are required by the Book of Discipline to give you one month notice and many of you have already received emails for reports. The Rev. Saul Montiel will be presiding.

God is Love,
Pastor Drew (He/Him/His)

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, Dr. 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 or 951-676-1800 x2

WORSHIP SCRIPTURES AND THEMES

November

- 3** **Scripture:** Philippians 1:3-6
Theme: All Saints Day
Liturgist: _____
- 10** **Scripture:** Mark 12:38-44
Theme: Sustaining Grace
Liturgist: Dr. Marlene Oaks
- 17** **Scripture:** Mark 13:1-8
Theme: My Foundation
Liturgist: _____
- 24** **Scripture:** Matthew 6:25-33
Theme: You Are the Sparrow
Liturgist: _____

Thanks



GIVING

WILLING TO GIVE ALL I HAVE

SATURDAY NOV 2, 2024
5PM

A SPECIAL TIME OF CRAFTS
AND REMEMBRANCE & THANKS
ON ALL SAINTS WEEKEND



ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HELP

We are in need of office assistance to cover for Adriana, our office administrator, while she is away from January 6th thru January 13th of 2025. The duties consist of greeting walk-in visitors, answering phone calls, and assisting Pastor Drew. The updated office hours will be from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. Should you be available to help during these dates, please contact the office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



LITURGIST, USHERS AND HOSPITALITY

We are currently seeking additional ushers, assistance with hospitality, and liturgists. Soon, the pastor will be conducting a training session for ushers. If you are interested, please email Pastor Davis at

pastordrewdavis@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
IN OBSERVANCE OF VETERAN'S DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
IN HONOR OF THANKSGIVING

Newsletter Articles
Deadline is November 15th

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. For more information please contact Anita Accordini at 714-655-0330 and araccordini12@verizon.net



November

Happy Anniversaries to...

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

Happy Birthday to...

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
Jacob Sayne 11/10
Art Salyer 11/12
Nora Baber 11/15
Nick Biddle 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
Jake Otjen 11/24
Sam Ferguson 11/25
Lily De Wall 11/27
Bruce Lumsden 11/27

Announcing Annual Prayers and Squares Boutique

December 1st before and after church

And

Opportunity Quilt Tickets available starting November 3rd



This year's Opportunity Quilt is an embellished Christmas Village. It will be revealed November 3rd during announcements. The tickets will be \$5 or 4 for \$20. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Boutique on December 1st.

The boutique will have a beautiful selection of handcrafted items for you or for gifts. We will have our ever popular Christmas trees, table runners and toppers, a quilt or two, wall hangings such as the nativity scene and Santa, hand crocheted bookmarks and more plus surprises. Put it on your calendar please.

All proceeds go to Prayers and Squares subaccount in the Church account to use for supplies for 2025 to be able to make your free prayer quilts. We deeply appreciate your support.

Blessings,

Dr. Marlene Oaks, Team Leader



United
Women
in Faith

UWF made their annual donation distribution to Project Touch, Magdalena's Daughters, The Assistance League, Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the amount of \$470.00 to each and \$1,500 to South District UWF. We also contributed throughout the year to the charities of all of our guest speakers.

UWF is seeking volunteers to serve as officers, mainly in the office of Secretary and Hospitality Coordinator. If you are interested in serving in the TUMC United Women in Faith group please let Dr. Marlene Oaks know.

December Activity: **The Annual Christmas Celebration** with potluck and gift exchange will be on **December 19 at 10:30 a.m.** in Room 1. There will be a potluck sign in sheet in the breezeway soon, for the gift exchange, which is optional, gifts of a minimum of \$20.00, please.



Watch for our Angel Tree Coming soon!

Last year we adopted 47 homeless children in the Project Touch shelters. They gave us a list of 5 things on their wish list. It was suggested a total of \$25 and getting as many of the things as you could with that amount. Most of you got all 5. You are such a blessing. You stepped up and made children's hearts joyous and grateful.

Let's do it again this year.

Be sure to sign your name and the child's name on our checkout clipboard. The gifts need to be at Church by Sunday, December 8th!

The gifts need to be wrapped and the child's Wishlist securely attached.

If you have questions, see Dr. Marlene Oaks.
THANK YOU!

MYOSKELETAL MESSAGES

Church 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



LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY



The LGBTQIA+ Ministry continues to be active during the month. The Amplify Group continues to meet weekly on Thursday night at 6:30 PM. 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 October 11th, members of our Amplify Thursday night group went out to the community to raise awareness of National Coming Out Day. Please enjoy these pictures.



We've already received many responses through social media sharing a positive response to this willingness to be interactive with our community.

Please feel free to reach out to me at lgbtqministry.tumc@gmail.com, and I can tell you more about these wonderful community events.

Arthur Salyer

Preferred pronouns: He Him His

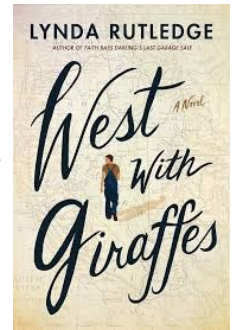
[why pronouns matter](#)

BOOK BUDDIES

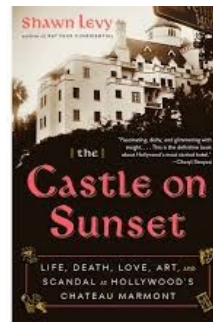
West With Giraffes

Note this new meeting date.

The Book Buddies book group will meet at the home of Vicki Cloutier at **6:00 pm on Tuesday, November 12** to discuss *West with Giraffes*, by Lynda Rutledge. This is "an emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America."



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 **December 3**, Sue Bradshaw will lead a review of *The Castle on Sunset: Life, Death, Love, Art, and Scandal at Hollywood's Chateau Marmont*, by Sharon Levy. The full schedule and list of books is available in the church breezeway.

SCRIP

Holiday Scrip News

If you are thinking about giving gift cards for the holidays, Scrip has over 750 items to choose from. Visit the website raiserright.com to see all items that are available.



When gift cards are ordered through the church, the church receives a rebate for each item. This is a great way to earn money for the church.

Pre-ordering: **Pre-orders are due by Sunday, December 1st.**

Pick up will be available on Sunday, December 8th.

Complete the attached order form on the next page and return to church with your payment using cash or a check

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP

Scrip Pre-order Form

To view a complete list of vendors available from Great Lakes Scrip Center, please visit RaiseRight.com

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GRAND TOTAL

PLEASE TURN IN A CHECK or CASH WITH YOUR SCRIP PREORDER FORM
(Credit Cards are also accepted with a 4% fee.)

Pre-orders are due by Sunday, Dec. 1st
Pick up will be available on Sunday, Dec. 8th.

If you have any questions, contact Janet Galbraith at 951-764-3938 or email jngalbraith5@yahoo.com

Thank you for supporting TUMC

GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

November

- 03 Native American Ministries Sunday
- 10 UMCOR Disaster Relief
- 17 Dig Deep - Water & Sanitation Project
- 24 Thanksgiving (No Golden Basket)



Native American Ministries Sunday

When you give to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering, you help indigenous ministries thrive. Your gifts may support a Native American seminary student's tuition, provide continuing education for pastors enrolled in the Native American Course of Study, secure a grant to churches who need to restore their worship space or other challenges, assist the work of your annual conference's Committee on Native American Ministries and much more.

"The impact your giving makes in the lives of Native American pastors is tremendous. It helps them preach the gospel, helps the folks in their congregations get through life and understand their worth as people of God and prepares people to serve in various ministries," explained the Rev. David Wilson, the conference superintendent of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

Be part of declaring God's divine love. Make a generous gift to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering! God blesses us as we bless others. Thank you for your generosity.



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.



Ensuring that every American has clean, running water forever.

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/>

November Pantry Items Please bring Condiments





Esperanza Clinical

HEALTHY AGING & DEMENTIA PREVENTION

Dr. Michael Ropacki of Esperanza Clinical will be giving an evidence-based presentation on Healthy Aging and Dementia Prevention.



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.



November 13, 2024



Lunch: 11:30-12:00 pm

Presentation: 12:00-1:00 pm



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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.

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