

Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

July/August 2026

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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Celebrate 4th of July 250th Anniversary TUMC Block Party

Park in our lot, enjoy food, games, and music, and stay to watch the fireworks at Ronald Reagan Park.

You may pick up an Early Bird Parking pass at the Church Office from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM or after Sunday services

**Pay when you enter
\$20 in envelope.**

Arrive for **Early Bird Parking** before **5:00 PM**. Margarita may close early for entry but will remain open for exit.

Tasty food: Hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and snacks.

Children’s games and crafts

Watermelon eating contest.

If you’d like to help, contact us at 951-676-1800 or temeculaumc.secretary@gmail.com

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DREW

The community of Temecula United Methodist Church is blessed to transition into another summer season, filled with opportunities to celebrate the warmth and caring love of Jesus Christ.

Our annual community fireworks viewing gathering will take place on Saturday, July 4, 2026. We are excited to host this event once again.

Over the past few months, we have been diligently arranging for individuals to take on key leadership roles. These roles range from welcoming new visitors at our parking lot entrance to assisting them in finding quick, safe parking. We will also provide various food and game offerings to ensure a pleasant experience for everyone.

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If you have not yet been assigned a place of service, your role remains crucial. We need cheerful, welcoming faces to walk around the crowd and greet everyone on our church campus. As we welcome new faces, it is my hope that our hospitality will encourage them to join us for one of our services.

Please note that there will be a brief period of rest during July. I want everyone to be aware that I will be on vacation for the last two weeks of July. During this time, I will also take a short trip to Virginia to spend time with my mom. This time of renewal will be a blessing as we look forward to new adventures in service and care.

While I am away, our church will be in the capable hands of several retired pastors. From July 12 to July 26, Rick Malec, Dr. Steve Webb, and Dr. Neal Neuenschwander will share their personal faith journeys and insights with you. I am confident that their sermons will be a blessing to the entire community.

Please stay updated with our weekly announcements, as many of our activities will adjust during the summer season. We will strive to continue providing blessings and care in new ways throughout these months, hoping that we can all shine and celebrate in the loving warmth of Christ's love.

God is Love

Pastor Drew Davis (he/him/his)

Pastor

Temecula United Methodist Church



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 more information, please contact Pastor Drew at pastordrewdavis@gmail.com.

Our volunteer caregivers are ready to meet with you free of charge!

July

- 5** **Scripture:** Romans 7:15-25a
Theme: The Grace of the Bread: The Hope of the Cup
Liturgist: *Sign up today!*
Welcome Table: *Gabby Fregoso*
- 12** **Guest Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Neil Neuenschwander
Liturgist: Michael Doster
Welcome Table: Suzanne Kurtz
- 19** **Guest Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Steve Webb
Liturgist: Josh Cummings
Welcome Table: Fran Sandipher
- 26** **Guest Speaker:** Rev. Rick Malec
Liturgist: *Sign up today!*
Welcome Table: *Sign up today!*

August

- 2** **Scripture:** Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Theme: Psalm of Lament: Lord Hear Our Prayers
Liturgist: *Sign up today!*
Welcome Table: *Sign up today!*
- 9** **Scripture:** Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Theme: Psalm of Thanksgiving: Lord Hear Our Prayers
Liturgist: Josh Cummings
Welcome Table: Fran Sandipher
- 16** **Scripture:** Psalm 133
Theme: Psalm of Peace: Lord Hear Our Prayers
Liturgist: *Sign up today!*
Welcome Table: Nan Wood
- 23** **Scripture:** Matthew 16:13-20
Theme: Prayers to the King: Lord Hear Our Prayers
Liturgist: *Sign up today!*
Welcome Table: *Sign up today!*
- 30** **Scripture:** Matthew 16:21-28
Theme: Prayers of Sacrifice: Lord Hear Our Prayers
Liturgist: *Sign up today!*
Welcome Table: *Sign up today!*

JULY

Happy Anniversary

Dan & Lorna Henley 07/17
John P & Lisa Glenn Edwards 07/18
Steve & Peggy Webb 07/23
Milton & Ethel Takeguchi 07/25
Josh & Kim Cummings 07/26
Mark Harnetiaux & Traci Pawlak 07/27
Jerry & Debbie Barba 07/28
Gian & Meghann Adesso 07/30

Happy Birthday

Elia De La Cerra 07/01
Mark McCullough 07/02
Ryan Hathorn 07/03
Betty Lou Langlois 07/07
Josh Cummings 07/11
Lorilyn Teasdale 07/11
Serena Hughes 07/12
Meghann Adesso 07/13
Suzanne Calcagni 07/15
Kylee Riché 07/19
Vanessa Wagner 07/19
Jack Croteau 07/20
Heather Bjorklund 07/24
Rev Rick Malec 07/24
Mark Bowers 07/25
Elliot Teasdale 07/25
Camden Saeger 07/26
Jessica Huffman 07/27
Lois Hoyle 07/29
Sharon Johnas 07/30
Garland Smith 07/30

August

Happy Anniversary

Bert & Heather Bjorklund 08/01
Lynda & Kelly Swavely 08/10
Peggy & Dan Griffin 08/13
Ernie & Margaret Lloyd 08/13
Janet & Steve Galbraith 08/17
Carlyn & Dan Buehler 08/19
Sandy Dodson & Betty Lou
Langlois 08/20
Elia & Fedrico De La Cerra
08/21
Sallie Redfern & Jeff
Tomaszewski 08/21

Happy Birthday

Katie Pratt 08/01
Ken Teasdale 08/01
Steve Webb 08/04
Traci Pawlak 08/05
Kellie Latimer 08/07
Jan Clark George 08/11
Lila Stolp 08/13
Ken McClellan 08/15
Hunter Davis 08/20
Zane Seward 08/21
Paul Gutierrez 08/22
Gideon Ntony 08/25
Linda Jones 08/26
Elena Oregon 08/31

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



**United Women in Faith
Invite you to our exciting
Saturday, September 19th
meeting with featured presenter,
Dr. Alessandra Colfi on
Art Therapy
Mark 10 am to noon on your
calendar now!
More details on the table in the
breezeway hall by the sign up sheet.
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PRAYERS AND SQUARES



We are currently in NEED of expanding our Prayers and Squares Team.

If you can sew, used to sew, or would like to learn to sew, please do come to Prayers and Squares. I can teach any willing person to sew. We meet the **2nd and 4th Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noonish.** Blessings—Marlene Oaks

BOOK BUDDIES

The Book Buddies are currently on our summer break. On **September 8** we will begin another season with *The Correspondent*, by Virginia Evans, at Karen Benvenuto's home.

Those interested in attending or seeking more information about the book group should see Ethel Takeguchi or Sue Bradshaw.

We always welcome new members. The full schedule and list of books will be available in the church breezeway. Please join us.

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY



As we move into the months of July and August, Pride Month has concluded, but I would like to share an important necessity with you.

As we strive to be an affirming church, it remains essential to remember that Pride is a year-round commitment. Recent events involving Pete Buttigieg and his family highlight that our LGBTQ+ siblings frequently find

themselves targets of unjust attacks.

You may have been asked in your lifetime, "Isn't one month enough?" However, as these attacks and harms present themselves daily, we must always remember that the focus we place on June represents lives that need to be acknowledged year-round. Our special efforts as an all-inclusive affirming church create a safe space for those who face marginalization and harm daily.

I have personally been asked why we hold our on-site Pride gathering in October. The reason for this timing is to acknowledge our dear marginalized friends who need to be reminded that they are cared for every day, not just during one month.

Thank you for being a congregation willing to show year-round care and love for all marginalized communities.

We must remember that all areas of injustice are interconnected. As we care for our LGBTQ+ siblings, we also support individuals in the homeless community who have been expelled from their homes for living authentically. We are helping dear friends facing food insecurity, who, in addition to lacking shelter, often have no food for today. By addressing any form of injustice, we ultimately support every marginalized community. Many blessings to you all.

GOLDEN BASKETS

July


05 No Golden Basket (4th of July)
12 Mission Hope
19 UMCOR
26 Jacob's House

August

(To be determined by Missions Committee)

MISSION HOPE

Mission Hope is a compassionate outreach program dedicated to supporting individuals and families facing hardship. Their work focuses on providing essential resources such as food, clothing, and emergency assistance to those experiencing financial strain or instability. By offering practical help and a caring presence, Mission Hope strengthens the well-being of our local community and ensures that no one walks through difficult seasons alone. Supporting this Golden Basket helps extend hope, dignity, and stability to our neighbors in need.

 UMCOR is the global humanitarian relief arm of the United Methodist Church. Their mission is to bring hope, healing, and practical assistance to communities facing disaster, poverty, and displacement. Through partnerships around the world, UMCOR provides emergency aid, long-term recovery support, and resources that help rebuild lives with dignity and stability. When we give to UMCOR, we join a worldwide effort rooted in compassion, justice, and the belief that every person deserves safety and care. Supporting this Golden Basket strengthens our connection to global mission and extends Christ's love far beyond our local community.

Jacob's House is a local nonprofit dedicated to providing safe, supportive shelter for families facing crisis. Their mission is to offer stability during life's most difficult moments by supplying temporary housing, essential resources, and compassionate guidance. With a focus on dignity and care, Jacob's House helps parents and children regain their footing, connect with long-term support services, and move toward a more secure future. Supporting this Golden Basket strengthens a vital community lifeline and reminds our neighbors that they are not alone.



FOOD PANTRY FOR JULY

Peanut Butter and Jelly/Jam



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

We Are Welcoming New Volunteers

to help support our Sunday worship services. If you feel called to serve, consider joining our team of Liturgists or helping at the Welcome Table. Both roles play an important part in creating a warm, organized, and inviting experience for everyone who attends.



You can also sign up to provide altar flowers on any Sunday. Fresh flowers add beauty and warmth to our worship space, and your contribution helps make our sanctuary feel especially welcoming.

For more details email Pastor Davis at pastordrewdavis@gmail.com or Anita Accordino at araccordino12@verizon.net. A sign up sheet is available at the sign up table.

TUMC 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.



Cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings after service using cash, or check. If you have any questions or would like to place an order contact Janet Galbraith at 951-764-3938 and jngalbraith5@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP!

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
August 15, 2026**

VOLUNTEERS & CARE

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN OUR FAMILY OR ARE SEEKING CARE IN A SPECIFIC AREA, ONE OF THESE LEADERS MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU. IF YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING THAT IS NOT LISTED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO PASTOR DREW. YOU MIGHT BE THE LEADER HE IS LOOKING FOR.

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