

Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

June 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.

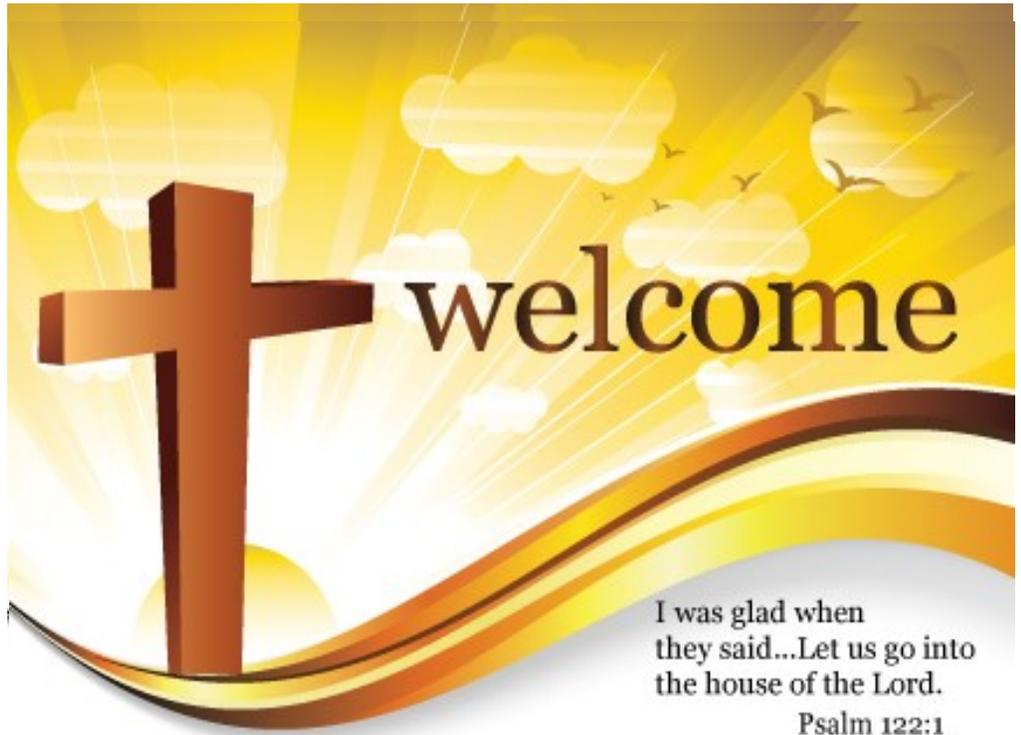
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GREETINGS FROM PASTOR DREW

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ in our time of transition as we move closer to our ministry time together in Temecula.

As we move through this time of transition, I know there is an element of grieving for us all. On June 18, 2016, I stood on the stage of the Chapel of the University of Redlands to be ordained as a full Elder of the California Pacific Annual Conference. That evening standing with me was a person who had not just been my mentor through the last months of my ordination process, but one who was also a friend I had spent time with at Sierra Service Project and talked about baseball with: Reverend Rick Malec. I know Pastor Rick has done many beautiful things for the worship community of TUMC. I join you in a moment of celebrating a well-deserved retirement for a dear mentor, pastor, and friend, even as we feel sadness for the loss of his daily presence at TUMC.

However, I also feel excitement in my spirit as I pray through the potential of the work that will take place as I arrive in Temecula. As I prepare for what is to come, I reflect on the example of the Apostle Paul in all of his missionary journeys. As I meditate on Paul's service, I pray through the places and ways he mentored. Whether it was Corinth, Philippi, Roman, Timothy, Silvanus, or Titus, when Paul stepped forward to mentor and serve, he spent time in conversation learning about the people and the community he was being led to.

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Pastor Drew's Corner continued

It has been my blessing to be in conversation with people throughout the community of Temecula in my preparation for service. I greatly enjoyed sharing lunch with the community on May 2 and hearing stories about your lives and the wonderful blessings provided by Pastor Rick's ministry. I appreciated the opportunity to share my own story. What a beautiful gift for me to start opening the doors to those conversations! It was also heartwarming to attend the Amplify gathering that evening to share my story and hear the desire held by so many to find a place of affirming acceptance.

I am excited to experience all of Temecula's stories, to let them inspire passion projects that will feed my spirit, and to begin to see all the areas of need and how they flow through each other. All places of injustice will intertwine from time to time. I am excited to explore with the community, like Paul, to interact with the community. I pray we will find ways to be visible in the community. Whether it be in places of food or housing insecurity, interacting as a visible support for our LGBTQIA+ siblings, or just being in the community, we can display a worship community where anyone can join in, have fun, and be filled. I am excited about these opportunities to serve and worship together.

I know this journey will take time. I pray you will also be willing to be on this journey of trust and relationship building with me with patience and understanding. Even within my passion projects, it will take time to build trust and understanding to implement them. In any practice of service or worship, I hope we spend time in conversation together to share the vision, weigh out its possibilities, and invest in the opportunity together. There will be many things that will develop during our journey. We will approach each other with great excitement. Even in the excitement, we need to ensure we are genuinely taking care of the actual needs. In every area of justice care, there are visible needs we want to change, but there are also underlying needs that carry the heaviest weight. The journey of time and conversation uncovers the real burdens and opens the doors for actual care.

I am excited to share so much of my story with you and to see how our stories flow through each other in worship, ministry, and service. I look forward to sharing music with you, having conversations about popular culture, drinking coffee (lots and lots of coffee), attending school board meetings, attending community events, and introducing you to my wife Gretchen and my children, Annie and Hunter. I am excited to see the possibilities that may still need to come to light.

For now, I hold you in prayer. Deeply enjoy and celebrate this time of worship and service with Pastor Rick. Make more memories and celebrate your time in the community together. It will be my blessing to join you in July.

God is Love

Pastor Drew (He/Him/His)

WORSHIP SCRIPTURES AND THEMES



- 2** **Scripture:** Mark 2:23-3:6
Theme: Moving Beyond Our Comfort Zones
Liturgist: *Jake Otjen*
- 9** **Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Theme: Shades of Immortality
Liturgist: *Dr. Marlene Oaks*
- 16** **Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 2:6-10
Theme: Trusting What We Cannot See
Liturgist: *Jake Otjen*
- 23** **Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-12;
Numbers 6:24-26
Theme: Goodbye, Farewell, Until We Meet Again
Liturgist: *Shirlee Armistead*
- 30** **Guest Preacher:** **Todd Stall**
Liturgist: *Adam Hathorn*

**4 KIDS
MINISTRY**



Our Sunday School is growing! We need more teachers and assistants.

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 help support our Children's Sunday School, or if you have questions.



Welcome Pastor Drew

As Temecula UMC Family welcomes Pastor Drew to live among you there are two ways you can welcome him and his family. First, you can attend the first Sunday when Pastor Drew will be leading worship on July 7 at 10 AM. There

WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR!

will be a reception following the service with a special cake. Come and meet Pastor Drew and his family. In the Pastor's message on the front page of the newsletter, Pastor Drew writes about having many conversations with this congregation as a way to get to know you and you get to know him. To that end, the Staff Parish Committee would like to set up small conversation groups. These will be groups of no more than 15 people, hosted by one or two individuals. These groups can be held in a home, at a restaurant for a morning or afternoon refreshment and coffee, or at the church if it is more convenient. Arrangements can be made.

If this is something you could do, contact Adam Hathorn, chair of SPRC or the Church Office with Adriana, Church Administrator. You have the option of forming your own group or having Adriana place you in a group that is more convenient for you, or a combination of both. Once Pastor Drew arrives dates that are convenient for both the host and the pastor will be set. If you have any questions prior to June 25, contact Pastor Rick, Adam, or Adriana. Let us make Pastor Drew and his family know they are a part of the TUMC Family.

Thanks - The Staff Parish Relations Committee.

**JUNE
Anniversaries**

- John & Deborah Potts..... 06/07
- Garland & Dorothy Smith 06/12
- Kyle & Maria Longley 06/13
- Rev David and Connie French 06/15
- Ken & Susan McClellan..... 06/18
- Danilo & Nila Gutierrez 06/20
- Gideon & Eva N Tony..... 06/22
- Bob & Linda Holland 06/23
- Mark & Monica McCullough..... 06/24
- Art & Lana Salyer 06/26

**JUNE
Birthdays**

- Anne DiPardo 06/04
- Joan Biddle 06/08
- Milton Takeguchi 06/08
- Gerry Nicholas..... 06/14
- Jim Meyler..... 06/15
- Cathy Palmer 06/15
- Heather Sheaffer 06/16
- Pauline Fields 06/17
- Earl Fields..... 06/18
- Joan Thompson..... 06/19
- Deborah Potts 06/19
- Hunter De Wall..... 06/23
- Rev Randy Johnson 06/23
- Ivonne Cabrera 06/24
- Matthew Gutierrez..... 06/24
- John Cloutier 06/27
- Hazel Hailstone 06/27



Tea News
From the
United Women in
Faith

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our annual tea a success. Many thanks to Meghann for leading the team for the second year in a row. Thanks to Karen for her monumental work in obtaining raffle items; to Karen and Carlyn, who set up the gifts so beautifully; to all of the hostesses; to Great Scot BBQ for delicious food; to all of the volunteers and attendees; and to all of the raffle and auction donors.



We earned almost \$4000 for our charity for women and children! And we all had a marvelous time.



Next year, we will do it again. Blessings and love,
Dr. Marlene Oaks
President, United Women in Faith



Congratulations to Susan Ropacki for winning the beautiful quilt in our raffle! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our cause.

**There's going to be a bash
a Bluegrass Bash!!!**

Come join FUMCSD's United Women in Faith for fun, fellowship, and Bluegrass.

Saturday, June 15 at 12 - 2 PM
2111 Camino del Rio S, San Diego, CA
Tel: (619) 297-4366

Featuring catered BBQ lunch and music by The Rasmussen Family Band.

Tickets are \$20/adult, \$5/youth (6-16); kids 5 & under are free! Purchase tickets online at www.fumcsd.org

Sponsored by United Women in Faith

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.



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

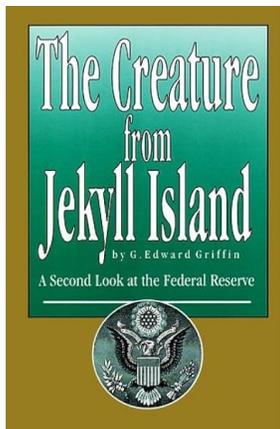
ALL items must be new. Only these items are to be included.

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.

BOOK BUDDIES

The Creature from Jekyll Island



On June 4, Darcy Thielemann will lead a review of *The Creature from Jekyll Island*, by G. Edward Griffin, during our annual potluck held at 6 p.m. at the home of Diane Martinez. We will unveil our selection of books for the coming season and prepare the full schedule and list of books for

posting in the church breezeway.

The Creature from Jekyll Island is an analysis of the world banking system, specifically the history of the Federal Reserve System. See Ethel Takeguchi or Sue Bradshaw for more information about our book group. We greatly enjoy reading, discussing, and socializing with others who share our interests and love of books. Zoom access is available. Come join us!

TUMC NEWS AND UPDATES



Dear TUMC: I did it! I graduated from Perkins School of Theology on May 11th with a Master of Arts in Ministry. Thank you so much for your support, not only as a candidate for ministry but

also for the cards, emails, and constant prayers I received during my seminary journey of almost two years. Your encouragement helped carry me forward, truly. Up next: I am applying for the second step in the ordination process this summer, striving to be commissioned as a deacon in June 2025.

Thank you again. I love this church dearly.
Maria Longley

The Church Office will be closed **Wednesday, June 19th** in Observance of Juneteenth.



Bulletin Folders Needed! We're in search of bulletin folders to assist with the weekly Sunday bulletins. The bulletins will be folded each Friday afternoon. If you're interested, please contact Adriana at 951-676-1800, ext 1.

MARLENE'S DISCUSSION GROUP



Marlene's Discussion Group will resume in the Fall

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

LGBTQ+ MINISTRY

The LGBTQIA+ Ministry continue 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 you 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 Rick, Pastor Drew, myself, and Lana all 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 this month in conjunction with the Amplify Group. The screening was well attended by members of the community. The movie is about the Mama Bear organization: How it was founded and what they do. Mama Bears famous for “Mom Hugs” where are they go out in the community and give support to LGBTQIA+ folks that 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 for me: lgbtqministry.tumc@gmail.com

Art Salyer - Ministry Coordinator LGBTQIA+

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

Pride at the Sanctuary: Join for fun day of celebration, including baked goods, plant-based food, free crafts, cuddles with goats, and meet new community members! See flyer for details.

Saturday, June 22nd from 11am-4pm

Will take place at Menifee Lakes, Menifee CA

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

Location: 1500 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92103

We will be walking with the South District. Contact Pastor Drew after July 1st for more information



Viva Rescue Inc.

Pride @ the Sanctuary

A free community event



Join us for a free community event celebrating Pride Month and compassion for all!

Saturday, June 22nd 11:00-4:00

📍 MENIFEE, CA



- Meet + greet with the goats of Viva Rescue
- Free Make-A-Carabiner craft
- Preview New Merch *\$
- Baked Goods By Jen *\$
- Veggie Burgers + Veggie dogs *\$

*\$ Proceeds Benefit Viva Residents

RSVP VIVAGLOBALRESCUE@GMAIL.COM

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://www.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 ingalbraih5@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

ALTAR FLOWERS



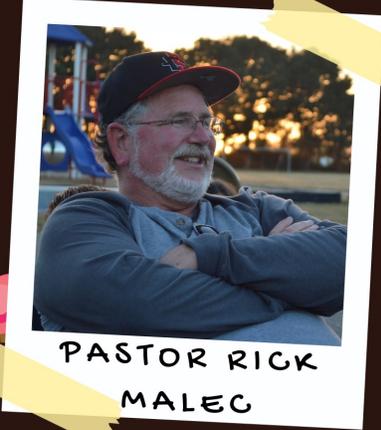
SIGN UP to bring Altar Flowers in honor, celebration, or memory of a special date for you. Flowers may be brought to the church on the Sunday you signed up for by 9:00 AM and can be placed on the altar.

You can pick up your flowers after the worship service. Contact Anita Accordino at 714-655-0330 and araccordino12@verizon.net



Retirement

• PARTY •



PASTOR RICK MALEC

Please join us to celebrate Pastor Rick Malec's 33 years of service to the United Methodist Church.

..... 29
Saturday June at 4 PM
..... 2024

RSVP by June 14th
Tickets are \$20

BELL CHOIR

We're starting a Bell Choir and need YOU!

Let's perform for Pastor Rick's Retirement Party on June 29th at 4pm. Join us in rehearsal on **Sunday, June 2nd, at 8:15am** before worship. Please contact Debbie Barba for more info. Text (310) 387-3663 or email at muedme@me.com.



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.

GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

June

- 02 Missionary Support - Joel Hortiales
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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.



UMCOR

Prayers to the 28 million people affected by devastating tornadoes across the South and Midwest U.S. and the families of more than 20 people who lost their lives.

UMCOR is awarding solidarity grants and coordinating with disaster response teams to identify urgent needs in the [Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church](#), [Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church](#), [Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference](#), [TWK UMC](#), Missouri Annual Conference and [North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church](#).

To support those affected by this and other disasters throughout the U.S., donate to <https://bit.ly/umcorusrdr>

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

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



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.

Heifer International

Accelerating the Path to Living Incomes

Nutritious food. Shelter. Clean water. A decent education. Access to health care. And a safe and secure environment.

All are fundamental for a life free from hunger and poverty. Yet millions of people can't afford them. 821 million people go to bed hungry every night.

Let's change that.

Learn more about this organization by reading the Blog at <https://www.heifer.org/blog/index.html>



**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
June 15th**

Scholarships
Available!
Ask Pastor Rick

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

