

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.**

**Pastor:** Rev. Drew Davis

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. David French

**Admin Secretary:** Adriana Zarate

**Music Director:** Dr. Earl Richards

**Accompanist:** Dr. Corry Bell

**Youth Director:** Gian Adesso

**LGBTQIA+ Coordinator:** Art Salyer

### *The Messenger*

42690 Margarita Road

Temecula CA 92592

**Phone:** 951-676-1800

**Website:** [www.temeculaumc.com](http://www.temeculaumc.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/TemeculaUnitedMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/TemeculaUnitedMethodistChurch)

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/temeculaunitedmethodistchurch/>

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/TemeculaUnitedMethodistChurch>

**Office e-mail:**

[TemeculaUMC.Secretary@gmail.com](mailto:TemeculaUMC.Secretary@gmail.com)

### IN THIS ISSUE

A Message from Pastor Drew .....	1
Altar Flowers .....	6
Anniversaries & Birthdays .....	3
Book Buddies .....	4
Esperanza Clinical .....	5
Golden Baskets .....	6
Grandparent's Day .....	3
LGBTQIA+ Ministry .....	5
Myoskeletal Massages .....	4
Prayers and Squares .....	4
Scrip .....	3
Stephen Ministers .....	2
The Handbell Choir .....	3
United Women In Faith .....	4
Worship Scriptures and Themes .....	2

# Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

**September 2024**



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DREW

Community of Temecula United Methodist Church,

What a wonderful journey we have already embarked on together in this place of community, worship, and care. It has been my blessing to celebrate with you in worship and community, finding my place as your pastor.

Before moving into the office at Temecula UMC, it was my blessing to participate in a transitioning workshop with the now Bishop, Rev. Sandy Olewine, as the California Pacific Annual Conference took time to prepare its pastors moving into new appointments for the adventures, pitfalls, and surprises that might come our way in these new roles. A joke was shared at this gathering: "Don't do any major, large events in the first few months."

I share with appreciation that we really haven't followed that suggestion. Yet, we have done some grand and magnificent things that have invited so many others onto our campus and into our community. On my first Thursday here, we had hundreds of friends on our front lawn enjoying fireworks, and on the last day of the month, we celebrated with hundreds more by viewing the movie "*1946: The Mistranslation That Shaped Culture*" and enjoying a wonderful conversation with the film's production team.

What an exciting journey is already underway in just one month's time!

**Continued on page 2**

### *A Message From Pastor Drew continued*

This leaves us with the question: What's next?

I would like to invite you to two events taking place on **September 7** here on our church campus. It is my prayer that these events will open the doors for more new opportunities and fresh expressions of worship and service. Moments for us to spend together, learn about each other, and explore exciting ways to invite others into our community and on this journey.



On the morning of **September 7, from 9 AM to noon**, we will gather for a time of community building relationship strengthening, and visioning. I pray that during this time of conversation, we learn about the faith journeys we have already lived

and envision ways to use those journeys to connect with others. There are reasons we worship in this community. You have already traveled a journey that has created a place of significance for faith and faith growth in your lives. It is my prayer that through this time of conversation, when we reconnect to our own journeys, new doors might open to invite the community of Temecula into our family.

Later that evening, I would like to invite you to a new expression of prayer and meditation. It will be a time of music, responsive prayers, meditative readings, and a



short sermon to continue processing our faith journey together. Beginning on **September 7 at 5 PM**, please come and spend time together. I hope we can meet on the first Saturday of every month for this new expression of prayer and meditation.

There are many more months to come, and many adventures await us. I pray that through these conversations, this visioning, and most importantly, our attempts at new opportunities and experiences, we begin to see doors open that we never dreamed of. Thank you for being on this journey. Thank you for being a community willing to try.

God is Love,

Pastor Drew

He/Him/His

## WORSHIP SCRIPTURES AND THEMES

### September

- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Scripture:</b> James 1:17-27<br><b>Theme:</b> God is the Courage to Love<br><b>Liturgist:</b> Addison Riché         |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Scripture:</b> James 2:1-10<br><b>Theme:</b> God is the Courage to Give<br><b>Liturgist:</b> Dr. Marlene Oaks       |
| <b>15</b> | <b>Scripture:</b> Proverbs 1:20-33<br><b>Theme:</b> God is the Courage to Listen<br><b>Liturgist:</b> Jake Otjen       |
| <b>22</b> | <b>Scripture:</b> James 3:13-17<br><b>Theme:</b> God is the Courage of Peace<br><b>Liturgist:</b> Addison Riché        |
| <b>29</b> | <b>Scripture:</b> James 5:13-20<br><b>Theme:</b> God is the Courage to Ask for Help<br><b>Liturgist:</b> Ken McClellan |

## 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



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

### Invite your Grandparents to Church

#### Grandparents--Invite your Grandchildren to Sunday School

We are celebrating  
Grandparent's Day!

**Sunday, September 15,  
2024, at 10 AM**

*Kids--Then enjoy an Ice  
Cream Social after Church. Everyone is Invited*



## THE HANDBELL CHOIR

### RING-A-DING-DING!

Have you ever wanted to  
ring a handbell?

On **Sunday, September  
8th right after church**, we  
will have a mini workshop  
for those interested in learning how to ring these  
beautiful brass bells.

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](https://www.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  
[ingalbraih5@yahoo.com](mailto:ingalbraih5@yahoo.com).

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SCRIP!**

## Septemeber

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LYN GRUBER - 09/01  
ETHEL TAKEGUCHI - 09/08  
HAYES RICHÈ - 09/11  
KAREN BENVENUTO - 09/12  
JENNIFER SAYNE - 09/13  
MONICA MCCULLOUGH - 09/14  
STEPHEN MCKOWN - 09/14  
BETTY KIENITZ - 09/15  
THELMA LOUD - 09/15  
ADRIANA ZARATE - 09/16  
DIANE GREER - 09/17  
CARLYN BUEHLER - 09/19  
ROB TAYRIEN - 09/21  
LLOYD BRADSHAW - 09/23  
ANNABEL MATSON - 09/25  
TERRI BRICKEL - 09/26  
PAT LAIN - 09/28  
MATTHEW MCCULLOUGH - 09/28

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

BOB MELVILLE AND  
TERRI BRICKEL - 09/01  
ROB AND NAILA TAYRIEN - 09/03  
RAY WELLMAN AND  
KERRY KEESTER-WELLMAN - 09/07



## 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

\*\*\*\*\*

**UWF Retreat Day**

**POSTPONED**

**New Date PENDING**

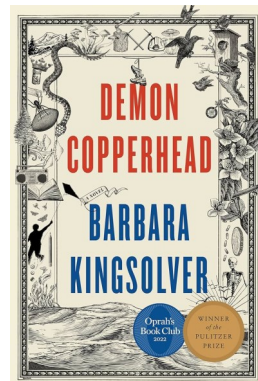
Dear Friends, as Marlene and Gilbert continue on a journey of family care and support it will be a necessity to postpone the originally scheduled Women of Faith retreat. Thank you for your understanding of this need and please be in prayer for the Oaks as they care for and support each other.

\*\*\*\*\*

UWF will meet again on  
October 17 at 10:30AM in Rm 1

## BOOK BUDDIES

On **September 3**, Darcy Thielemann will lead a review of *Demon Copperhead*, by Pulitzer Prize winner Barbara Kingsolver, during our annual potluck held at 6 p.m. at the home of Ethel Takeguchi. This begins our new season of books for 2024/25.



Charles Dickens' David Copperfield inspires this novel of institutional poverty and its damages to children. It speaks for a new generation of lost boys, and all those born into beautiful, cursed places they can't imagine leaving behind.

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 interest and love of books. Zoom access is available. Come join us.

## 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

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

***THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND  
IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY***

***CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK  
IN SESSION SEPTEMBER 8TH***

***Newsletter Articles Deadline  
is September 15th***



# 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 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)



Esperanza Clinical

## LGBTQIA+ 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.



We recently hosted screenings of the films "1946: The Misinterpretation That Reshaped Culture" and "Mama Bears."

The video "1946: The Misinterpretation That Reshaped Culture" was a significant outreach effort for TUMC with support from Temecula community leaders and it was more than just a movie screening. It was an educational event that demonstrated our desire to be active caretakers.

"Mama Bears" was a film about the Mama Bear organization, how it was created, and what they do. Mama Bears are well-known for their "Mom Hugs," which involve going out into the community and helping LGBTQIA+ people who have been rejected by their families.

In July we took part in the highly popular Gay Pride Parade in San Diego. There were over 250 marching units, and over 250,000 people turned out. I was pleased to see a number of Methodist churches in our area participating in the parade. I was also able to attend the Pride Festival in Balboa Park. I'm happy to report that a lot of churches were present to support the community. As always, both heartwarming and wrenching... At least for me, one of the event's highlights was the Moms and Dads Hugs Group. This is a group of mothers and fathers who provide free hugs to people of the community, many of whom have been isolated from their families.



Please feel free to reach out to me at [lgbtqministry.tumc@gmail.com](mailto: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](#)

## GOLDEN BASKETS FOR THIS MONTH

### September

- 01 Amplify
- 08 UMC Creation Care
- 15 Food Pantries
- 22 Empowerment Village
- 29 El Porvenir Water & Sanitation



A fully affirming and inclusive fellowship gathering

**Amplify** is a growing community of Jesus followers and seekers who desire to gather together to draw closer to Jesus through worship, through the reading and study of Scripture, conversation and connection.

Amplify's mission is to provide a safe, welcoming, spiritual place for LGBTQ+ community. A place they can call home and know they will be loved for who they are. I believe that is what Jesus is asking us to do.

**Earth Day** All creation belongs to the Lord, and we are responsible for how we utilize and misuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space must be appreciated and maintained because they are God's creations, not just because they benefit humans. God has given us the responsibility to care for the creation. We should fulfill our stewardship obligations by actions of loving care and respect. Economic, political, social, and technological advancements have expanded the number of people on the planet while also extending and enriching their lives.



## THIS MONTHS FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: Dried Beans and Rice



**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.



El Porvenir believes all people deserve clean water, safe sanitation, and the knowledge to sustain it for the generations to follow. We partner with the people of Nicaragua so that they can build a better future for themselves through the sustainable development of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) education projects. To find out more click on link

<https://www.elporvenir.org/>

## 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)

# 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.

**LGTBQIA+ MINISTRY**  
ART SALYER



artsalyer@gmail.com

**Handbell Choir**  
DEBBIE BARBA



muedme@me.com

**Stephen Ministry**  
DR. ANNE DIPARDO



dipardo.anne8@gmail.com

**Hospitality & Worship Care**  
ANITA ACCORDINO



araccordino12@verizon.net

**Choir & Music**  
DR. EARL RICHARDS



earlrichards02@gmail.com

**Missions**  
DIANE MARTINEZ



dottyme2@gmail.com

**Welcome & Outreach**  
SUE BRADSHAW



sueb50@roadrunner.com

**Facility Care**  
MARK MCCULLOUGH



mrknmk951@gmail.com

**Pastor & Staff Care**  
ADAM HATHORN




adam.hathorn1@gmail.com

**Prayers & Squares**  
**United Women of Faith**  
DR. MARLENE OAKS



marleneoaks56@gmail.com

**Amplify**  
AMY ORTH



amyorth19@gmail.com

**Finance Care & Tuesday Ladies Bible Study**  
KAREN BENVENUTO



karenjoeb@gmail.com

**Sunday school & The Monks**  
DAN HENLEY



henley4home@gmail.com

**Youth Group**  
GIAN ADESSO



gadesso25@gmail.com