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of  
Temecula UMC

Temecula UMC is a Reconciling 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

April 2022



**Easter Sunday Sun Rise 7:00 AM  
Worship Center Service 10:00 AM**

**Rick's Ramblings**

**Repentance, Redemption, Reconciliation,  
and Resurrection**

The four words in my title I believe are the key central theological concepts leading us to Easter. Now before you worry that my article will be this deep academic theological one; not to worry. I have taken much time reflecting on these words, looking at the numerous scriptures that highlight each with some crossover, and I'm not sure I would be able to flush out such a piece in just this short article.

But I do believe the basic understanding of these words can guide us as we walk our faith and continue to grow our relationship with God in Christ and with one another. I have listed the first three words in the order that seems to direct us to the final word, the word of Easter, Resurrection. Now I will admit that not all of you would agree on the order and that we should understand them just in a linear way. I too see the crossover, the moving from one concept to another and back. I hope as I share thoughts on each word and concept you will find understanding for your relationship with God and for your faith.

You may be aware that in writing my Ramblings I try to begin with scripture. What connection does the scripture passage I choose, have with the topic I've chosen to write about? As alluded to in my opening paragraph there are several scriptures throughout the Bible that touch on these four words and concepts. Choosing one is a difficult task.

**Newsletter  
DEADLINE  
May 15th**

The one I would like to offer up that speaks to me is related to what I'm sharing. The passage is Luke 15:11-31, the Prodigal Son. Or also known as the lost or found son. You know the story, the younger of the two sons of a widowed man lives a wild and crazy life. The older son is obedient and faithful to his father. The younger takes all he believes belongs to him of his father's inheritance and goes off and blows it. He becomes impoverished and barely survives. He heads home and his father rushes out to greet him and welcomes him home. Not as a servant as the son humbly begged of his father to do, but as his son, whom he loves. There is much rejoicing from everyone except the older son. He feels cheated for all his obedience. But as we know the father reminds him that his faithfulness has always been rewarded and will continue to be. The father points out that repentance leads to redemption that leads to the reconciliation of the family, which can be viewed as resurrection, new life.

The season that the church names Lent, a time of reflection of our faith through spiritual disciplines such as prayer, worship, and fasting, is one I believe the Prodigal son is traveling. We can also find ourselves in that same journey. One in which we feel lost, estranged from God and those around us. We find division in our lives, pressured to choose sides. Where is God? What can I do to find my way back to God? How can I be reunited with God and my community?

This story from Luke can give some help in answering these questions. The son felt he could do everything on his own. He didn't pay attention to the teachings and learnings from his Father and older brother. But when he realized he was lost he admitted he needed to make a change. A change of direction. We might say a turn back, a U-turn back to God. That's all it takes. Turn back, repent, and come into the waiting arms of the God who created us. We receive the redemption, the Grace, and love of God. It is a welcome home. Once we receive and accept the Grace, we realize it is not just for me, or some, but for all God's children. We become reconciled and become one with God's family. Our family.

For our lives and faith this is all culminated on the day we call Easter! Resurrection, new life. Our new life in the one who died for us, Jesus the Christ.

I pray as you wrestle with the struggles of your life, the battle brought on by the Covid Pandemic, the division in our country, and the pain and suffering caused by the war in Ukraine that we walk this journey of Repentance, Redemption, Reconciliation, and Resurrection. That is the new life you know of the joy, hope, and Love of Christ.

Peace & Grace.

Pastor Rick

## Holy Week Schedule

The Christian Church has named the last week of Jesus' life Holy Week. We take this time to reflect on Jesus' last days, who he interacted with, the trial, persecution, and crucifixion leading to the resurrection on Easter Sunday. As members of Christ's Church at Temecula United Methodist Church, there will be services throughout the week to come, worship, pray and walk with Jesus.

Palm Sunday, April 10 – Come celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The Youth will be putting on a pancake breakfast, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM, and after the Worship Service at 11:00 AM.

Beginning Wednesday, April 13 – Saturday, April 16 the Worship Center will be open for prayer from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 PM. This will be a service of remembering Jesus' last hours with his Disciples and the trial. Communion will be offered.

Good Friday, April 15, 7:00 PM. – There will be a meditative journey of Stations of the Cross as we remember Jesus' pain and suffering leading to the crucifixion.

Easter Morning April 17 – Early Morning Son Rise Service 7:00 AM under the tower, 10:00 AM service in the Worship Center. Following the 10:00 AM service, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the Children. **This is a good time to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to Worship with you.**

**You are invited to bring cut flowers for our flower cross.**

## Murrieta/Temecula Valley Interfaith Council Night of Music

After a two-year absence, the Murrieta/Temecula Valley Interfaith Council is inviting all to join in person a Night of Music. Singers and musicians from the various faith communities will be sharing uplifting and joy-filled music. Grace Presbyterian Church will be hosting this wonderful event. The program begins at 6:30 PM. If you are not ready to gather in person or unable to attend you can stream live on the Interfaith Council of Murrieta & Temecula Valley. More streaming details will be made available prior to the event.

## Worship Scriptures and Themes

### April:

3- **Scripture:** Psalm 126:1-6

**Theme:** *Joy*

10- **Scripture:** Luke 19:28-40

**Theme:** *Keep Quiet!*

17- **Scripture:** John 20:1-18

**Theme:** *In the Light*

24- **Scripture:** John 20:19-31

**Theme:** *Trust Than Leap*

### May:

1- **Scripture:** John 21:1-19

**Theme:** *Feed My Sheep*

## Golden Baskets for This Month

### April

- 3 SAFE Family Justice Center
- 10 Christ Ministry Center, San Diego
- 17 Guatemala Student Scholarships
- 24 Missionary - Rev. Andrew Soon Lee

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. To learn more visit <https://safefjc.org/>

### 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

To learn more visit their website at <https://www.cummc.org/>

### Guatemala Student Scholarship

Once again we are having a Golden Basket for The Guatemala Student Scholarship. The Missions Committee is hoping to sponsor more than one student. As shared before the Guatemala Government provides teachers at local schools. However, families of students are required to pay nominal school fees, all school supplies, such as pencils, pens, paper, books, etc. The Student Scholarship fund is used for students (K-University) who are unable to attend school because their families cannot afford to pay these school expenses. Scholarships are given to children who live in an area where the "Guatemala Mission Project" has completed service projects in the highlands of Guatemala (Chichicastenango, Guatemala) Students in need of scholarship are identified by their teachers and School Director. Parents can also contact a local "Guatemala Mission Project Leader" regarding their need.

With your generous giving we have been able to offer 6 scholarships to students.

Rev. Lee is serving as the Country Director for the Cambodia Mission Initiative. For more information about what Rev. Lee is doing go to

<https://www.facebook.com/DreamCambodia> or <https://umccambodia.org/>

### Drive-Thru Dinner

Last month we had another successful Drive-Thru BBQ Dinner Fundraiser. Thanks to your participation we have raised some funds to support our Church Budget to help with our many ministries and our missions of the Church. **We look forward to our next dinner in May,**

**The time for pick up will continue to be will be 4:00 – 5:30 PM.** The Dinner and pick up are done in a safe manner. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to take advantage of this great meal.

**Watch for the link and/or flyer to get information and your order form.** The menu for this month: Choice of one of two types of meat with a choice of two sides and a delicious dessert. There is a vegan gluten-free offering as well. If you have any questions you can contact

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Meghann Adesso [bigstar951@gmail.com](mailto:bigstar951@gmail.com).

## United Methodist Women



April 14, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Board Meeting in Room 6  
April 21, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
General Meeting in Room 1

Our gathering for this meeting is Women of Three Faiths. We will be having guest speakers:  
Barbara Matthews, Baha'i  
Lina Akari, Temecula Valley Islamic Center  
Peggy Helminiak: Congregation Haverium

All women are welcome to attend, Come and join us!

UMW is collecting Puzzles, children's Books, and fiction books for our Marketplace, **May 22, 2022**. We are also asking for donations of plants, baked goods and Scrip.

# Mark your Calendars for The Marketplace

A Temecula United Methodist Women Fundraiser



May 22, 2022  
after church

## Quilt Raffle, Gift Card Tree Raffle

Mark the date on your calendar

All proceeds go to missions for women, children and youth

## TUMC MONKS

At the last MONKS monthly breakfast meeting, guest speaker Family Ministry Director Tiffanie Roman educated the MONKS on TUMC's plans for a reboot of a Christian family ministry. Tiffanie described several new ideas to create and implement the program. The MONKS have agreed to actively participate in this important program. We will discuss response to the global crisis at the next monthly breakfast on **April 9, 2022**.

## C.M.O.H. and Rancho Damacitas

### Empty Bowls Event 2022

The Empty Bowls tradition at Temecula Valley High School is back! Friday, April 15, from 5-7 p.m. on the school campus (exact location will be announced closer to event day). Your \$10 ticket includes a ceramic bowl made by students and one serving of soup.

Enjoy musical performances and learn more about hunger awareness. Proceeds benefit Rancho Damacitas and Community Mission of Hope.

Tickets: <https://give.classy.org/emptybowls2022>

For questions, email: [events@cmoh.net](mailto:events@cmoh.net)



### The 2nd Annual Walk to End Hunger

Bring your neighbors, coworkers, and friends: the 2nd Annual Walk to End Hunger takes place on Saturday, April 23! 8 am - 10 am. Start/Finish: Temecula City Hall. Distance: 3 miles. A great team-building experience on behalf of hunger awareness! Proceeds benefit Rancho Damacitas and Community Mission of Hope. You can walk "virtually" too! Make a virtual donation or buy your tickets or sponsorships here:

<https://give.classy.org/2022walktoendhunger>

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**04/01** Grace Lloyd  
Sallie Redfern  
**04/02** Brittney De Wall  
Bethany Monson  
**04/03** Linda Sykes  
**04/06** Landry Riche  
**04/07** Nanette Begg  
**04/08** J.P. Weaver  
**04/09** Kevin Bollinger  
Kathy Cockrane  
Ethan Hathorn  
Samuel Hill  
Rowan Johnas  
**04/11** Jacob Edwards  
Paul Sykes  
**04/15** Sarah Benson

**04/17** Allison Riche'  
**04/19** Sama Beltramo  
**04/20** Alyssa Gutierrez  
**04/23** Eileen Brostrom  
Alyssa Gutierrez  
**04/25** Barbara Gaborko  
Sydney Hammett  
Portia Johnas  
**04/26** Bette Aseltine  
Larry Murphy  
**04/28** Bill Hillier  
**04/29** Bernadine Anderson  
Gideon Pascasio  
Anna Turner  
**04/30** Hector Villanueva



**04/03** *Lloyd & Sue Bradshaw*  
**04/14** Dean & Jan Clark George



# Servant Volunteer for April 2022

## Ron Moreland



It is a joy to share some of the highlights of the life of Ron Moreland.

He was born and raised in Orange County, California. Although he lived most of his life in Orange County, he briefly lived in La Quinta and Corona, and, of course, now here in his new home town, Temecula. He and Jenny moved here in 2012, and they joined this church 6 years ago.

He says, “I have been married to my wonderful, Jenny, for 25 years. Together we have 5 sons, one deceased, and 7 grandchildren.”

Ron graduated from Santa Ana High School, then Cal State University Fullerton with a Bachelors in Physical Health Ed (his original goal was to be a coach), and a Master’s in School Administration. He also did graduate and undergraduate work at UC Santa Barbara, UC Riverside, Chapman University and Loma Linda University.

He served as a teacher for 5 years, and a school administrator for 30 years, 23 of those years as a principal in Irvine. He liked the freedom and flexibility of administration over the more constrained experience of being a teacher ruled by bells. He also tutored 25 gifted youth per week, which he enjoyed greatly.

Ron has been an inspiring model of serving selflessly. Some of his service here has been: Vice President and President of Monks; Chairperson of SPRC; currently chairperson of Church Council; organized two golf tournaments in support of the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry (he notes, with the help of church members and Pastor Rick); wrote 4 county grants that also benefitted the food pantry; created and held two successful community wide events at our church, “Salute to Our Armed Services,” and “Celebrating Our First Responders.”

Ron’s spiritual journey began when his mother and grandmother took him to the Lutheran Church, where he was baptized and participated regularly in Sunday School. He recalls he has been a believer since he was 5 or 6 years old. Ron shared that the Lord allowed him to do things he never dreamed possible. His purpose led and carried Ron all of his life. The Light of God was always there.

For a time, Ron was part of Crystal Cathedral. He says that Robert Schuler led him to give his life fully and completely to God. When he attended there, he felt the Presence of God. He says that Schuler had something special, able to communicate a deep spirituality. After he and Jenny married, they attended Saddleback. He says that Rick Warren was able to explain spiritual things with logic and understanding. When they lived in La Quinta, they attended a Community Church.

When they moved to Temecula, they tried many churches, but none seemed right. Then they came to Temecula United Methodist. They found their church home. He says that here it is open, embracing, inviting and accepting. The people here are wonderful and Pastor Rick is a truly good man.

Ron says it has been a pleasure to serve and to be a member of this church.

Respectfully submitted  
Rev. Marlene Oaks

\*\*\* To nominate someone for this award, please contact Pastor Rick or Rev. Marlene Oaks