



The Vision 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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BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE... FOR THE LORD THY GOD... WILL NOT FAIL THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE."

Deuteronomy 31:6

Rick's Ramblings

Graduating

I want to take this month's Rick's Rambling to share a word for those graduates in our Church Family and the families of our congregation. I hope those of you peeking in who have passed that part of your life's journey will find a pearl of wisdom in these words.

As exciting as graduation season can be — not just for the graduate, but for family and friends who get to see their loved one achieve a major milestone — it can also be overwhelming. Graduation, whether it's from high school, college, or a postgraduate degree brings about a lot of change. After all, you're saying goodbye to one phase of your life as you begin another. And while faith can be shaken in times of major change, it can also help keep a person grounded.

These Bible verses for graduation remind students that even in the face of so much uncertainty, God is always with you. The past two years have been extra tough for many people in school. Most students had to transition to at-home e-learning and even had to trade in-person graduation ceremonies with all their friends and family members present for virtual grad ceremonies. This year graduates still started out with mask-wearing and uncertainties. Thankfully you were able to participate in some of the exciting activities and events of graduation which will include graduating ceremonies across the county and various learning institutions.

Newsletter DEADLINE July 15th

Rick's Ramblings continued

As you graduate you will be moving on to challenges and struggles regardless of where your path takes you. The cost of college or other continuing learning institutions; to find and hold a job; the continued worries of the Covid Virus; the places of confrontation, war, and division in our communities confront our hope for peace and reconciliation.

As a result, as people of faith, scripture can feel even more important than ever before and offer wisdom, hope, and direction for your lives. The following graduation bible verses can help you as a person of faith to remember that God is always by your side, even in times when you feel unsure of the future. They can also serve as a message of God's love for his followers and are a reminder that God is present during the big and little celebrations in life. I invite families of graduates to send one of these encouraging Bible verses to your favorite graduate and those in your lives who are struggling and remind them that as God, you are there for them, too.

"Be strong! Be fearless! Don't be afraid and don't be scared by your enemies, because the Lord your God is the one who marches with you. He won't let you down, and he won't abandon you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you, not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid." (John 14:27)

"Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness." (Isaiah 43:19)

"I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

From Sally and I congratulations to all graduates. Know that God in Christ walks with you each day.

Peace & Grace.

Pastor Rick

PS: See the article inside with details on submitting your graduate's info.

Fourth Of July Event

After a two year hiatus we are bringing back our yearly 4th of July Party! We will have food sold by the youth, activities for the children and of course lawn space for the best viewing for the fireworks. Parking Passes will begin to be made available Sunday June 12 until Sunday July 3. You can pick up after Church or in the Church Office during the week. The MONKS will be operating the parking. We ask for a generous donation to support the missions of the MONKS and the ministries of the Church. Once again, the asking donation from the public will be \$20 per car. We are glad to offer this to the Church Family and the community once again. Contact Pastor Rick with questions.

From The Breezeway

New Member Inquiry Class

Pastor Rick would like to invite any persons who might be interested in becoming a member of the Temecula United Methodist Church to a time of inquiry and getting to know others of the TUMC Church family a little bit better. Even if you are just exploring or want to know more please come and join this gathering. The date for this gathering Sunday June 5, 11:30 AM after the worship service in Room 1. Also if you have children there will be activities offered by Tiffanie, our Family Ministries Coordinator. There will be a brunch served. Please RSVP to help with food prep.

Due to the pandemic and the time the Church was closed, Pastor Rick would also like to invite those who have joined the Church by Confession of Faith or by Transfer within the last two years. Pastor Rick will have the opportunity to share more about this Congregation. If you have any questions or to RSVP contact the Church Office or Pastor Rick 951-676-1800.

Calling All Graduates!

If you have a child, grandchild or great-grandchild promoting from 8th grade, graduating from High School, College or getting a Postgraduate Degree please contact the Church Office with the information. We will be celebrating and recognizing graduates in Worship on Sunday June 12.

They will also be listed in July's Messenger.

Worship Scriptures and Themes

June:

5 Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Theme: *Movement of the Spirit*

12 Scripture: John 16:12-15

Theme: *Confusing Basic*

19 Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Theme: *Jesus the Rock*

26 Scripture: Luke 9:51-62

Theme: *Simply Following Jesus*

July:

3 Scripture: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Theme: *The Big Take Away*

United Methodist Women



June 9th Board meeting in Room 6 at 10:30AM.

June 16th General Meeting in Worship Center at 10:30AM. Ashley Hill will be our guest speaker. She has an organization fighting human trafficking in the Inland Empire. There will be a luncheon.

We will take a summer break in July and August.

Congratulations to our UMW Market Place 2022 Winners!



Diane Martinez won the scrip tree.



Lynn Ferguson won the quilt.

TUMC MONKS



TUMC MONKS Breakfast Meeting will be held a week early. We will meet at Richie's Diner on Temecula Parkway, **Saturday, June 4th at 9:00 am.**

We will be discussing July 4th Festivities and other MONKS events for this summer.

Golden Baskets for This Month

June

- 5** SSP
- 12** Peace with Justice
- 19** Christ Ministry Center, San Diego
- 26** Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Our youth will be traveling to Smith's River (Northern California) for their mission trip on July 17 - 23, 2022. The golden basket is to help them with the cost of the trip. Your support allows them to experience a life changing trip by serving/helping others.

United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, and just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them.

Christ Ministry Center impacts many lives daily. They are a Safe Harbor for refugees, most recently they have been working with Ukraine refugees. Find out more about this organization by [clicking here](#).

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund helps members of the church and the community with emergency needs, such as rent, gas, and food.



6/7 Mary Benson
Doug McGhee
Allison Minnesang
6/8 Joan Biddle
Andrea Nicholas
Milton Takeguchi
6/11 Karyn Gruber
6/14 Gerry Nicholas
6/15 Jim Meyler
6/16 Heather Sheaffer
6/17 Pauline Fields
6/18 Earl Fields
6/19 Deborah Potts
6/20 Lucy Kelly
6/21 Linda McLagan
Penny Wagner
6/23 Hunter De Wall
Randy Johnson
6/24 Matthew Gutierrez
6/27 John Cloutier
Hazel Hailstone
6/29 John Waddleton



6/7 John & Joy Oh
John & Deborah Potts
6/8 Frank & Mary Benson
6/12 Dorothy & Garland Smith
6/14 Ron & Jenny Moreland
6/15 Connie & Rev. David French
6/20 Danilo & Nila Gutierrez
6/23 Bob & Linda Holland
6/24 Mark & Monica McCullough
6/26 Art & Lana Salyer
6/30 John & Tammy Waddleton

Servant Volunteer for June 2022 Meghann Adesso



Meghann was born in San Diego, California. Her family moved here to Temecula when she was 3 years old and she has called this church home since then. She graduated from Temecula Valley High School in 2009 and then went to Palomar College before being accepted into Disney College Program. Meghann has now been with Disney for over 12 years where she now Stage Manages entertainment offerings through out Disneyland and Disney California Adventure.

She has taken many of her talents from Disney and brought them here to Church. During the pandemic Meghann and her family have created the live streaming offering our Church is putting out. She was furloughed and found this to be the creative outlet she needed to keep herself sane during this crazy time.

Meghann also volunteers with the Youth Programs here alongside her husband Gian. They have been married now for over 6 years. The two of them find joy in helping the youth find their relationship with God and seeing them grow on their religious paths. Their mission is to help guide the youth in a spiritual path that not only brings them closer to God but also lets them see what being a good person truly means. Meghann's true passion with the youth is their yearly mission trip with Sierra Service Project (SSP). She attended 5 years as a youth, and this will be her 10th year as a counselor. Each year is more rewarding then the last and keeps her coming back.

In her free time, Meghann enjoys running Spartan Races, hiking, snowboarding, relaxing on the beach, paddleboarding and crafting. She also works alongside her family and helps with the home office for Great Scot BBQ.

Meghann's spiritual path wasn't always easy but has brought her to see that God loves us no matter of race, sexuality or gender. He is always there even when we are at our lowest. Her favorite time to talk to God is on her commutes to work. She proudly serves this Church as a Representative at annual Conference. It has taught her so much about how the Church works as a whole and what the larger body looks like.