



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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“Let the little children come to me...”

Matthew 19:14, NIV

Rick's Ramblings

Let Me Introduce to You...

I want to take this opportunity to introduce to you someone who, to many, is not a new person but maybe a reintroduction, Tiffanie Roman. Tiffanie, as many may remember, was our Seminary Intern from 2019 – 2021. After a search over a year for a Family Ministries Coordinator, we found one we know already. So it is with joy that I introduce Tiffanie to you as our new Family Ministries Coordinator. She comes to us with lots of experience. Tiffanie has been a long member of the Escondido First United Methodist Church. There she has served on many committees and ministry teams. She has volunteered in Children's and Youth Ministries. Teaching and servicing children and youth.

Professionally Tiffanie has taught in Pre-Schools for over 20 years as well as coaching young people. She is currently an Area Child Development Specialist at Renu Hope Foundation. She has a BA in early childhood education and a Master of Divinity. Along with a Master Teacher and Site Supervisor Permit, State of California. Tiffanie shows a great ability to share her faith and teach Biblical understanding to persons of all ages. She is highly qualified to help us re-energize and rebuild our Children's Ministry plus grow our ministry to all families of all ages.

Tiffanie lives in Hemet with her mother-in-law Sherry, her niece Zoe

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Rick's Ramblings continued

and Zoe's daughter Majestee. Tiffanie has two children, Sebastin who is finishing his tour in the Army and will be receiving a medical discharge in September, and Stephanie who lives in Chula Vista and also works for Renu Hope as well as does childcare for Escondido FUMC.

With sadness, Tiffanie and the family lost Scotty, her husband, to the Covid Virus last January. Tiffanie holds strong in her faith and how God in Christ provides comfort, hope, and courage.

Tiffanie enjoys, reading, traveling, and as she shared "helping people become the best version of themselves."

I invite you to welcome Tiffanie when you attend Worship. If you don't see her in the Worship Center walk over to the Sunday School office area and you will see her there. To begin she will be working some afternoon's, Sundays, and Saturdays as needed. You can reach her at the church at 951-676-1800 ext. 3.

God has truly blessed us with Tiffanie.

Peace & Grace.

Pastor Rick



Worship Scriptures and Themes

January:

16: Scripture: John 2:1-11

Theme: *A Real Sign*

23: Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Theme: *Practicing the Present of God*

30: Scripture: Luke 4:21-30

Theme: *How Will We Respond*

February:

6: Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Theme: *Change that Makes a Difference*

13: Scripture: Luke 6:17-26

Theme: *Love Each Other*

20: Scripture: Luke 6:27-38

Theme: *How to Love an Enemy*

27: Scripture:

Theme: *Guest Preacher*

From The Breezeway



Church Family Invited

*Ron Moreland is inviting the Church family to celebrate the life of his son **Ron Moreland Jr.** on Friday February 11, 10:00 AM.*

*Bernadine Anderson is inviting the Church family to celebrate the life of her husband **Eric Anderson** on Saturday March 5, 11:00 AM.*

Let us surround these two families with our love



Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor Rick's Bible study continues on the Book of Revelations. Is the Book an apocalyptic Book of end times? Is it written cryptically? Is it a book of doom or hope? Join Pastor Rick on Zoom as we explore these questions and others. Not to worry if you missed the first week or so. Begin reading and join us.

Let Pastor Rick know if you want to join the group at any time and he will send you a link for the weeks Zoom.

Drive-Thru Dinner

Over the last year we had many successful Drive Thru BBQ Dinner Fundraisers. 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. **Our next dinner will be in February, date to be determined. The time for pick up 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. Start the New Year by supporting the furtherance of our mission and ministry to offer help and hope to our Church Family and the community around us. **Watch for the link and/or flyer to get information and your order form.** The menu for this month: Choice of one of two meats with 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 Pastor Rick, rick.malec@gmail.com or Meghann Adesso bigstar951@gmail.com.

Golden Baskets for This Month

February

- 6 SAFE Family Justice Center
- 13 Christ Ministry Center, San Diego
- 20 Heifer International
- 27 Rancho Damacitas

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/>

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 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>

Empowering at-risk single mothers and their young children, as well as young adults with a history of foster care by offering stable homes, opportunities for growth, and hope. Learn more at <https://4kidsfirst.org/>

Book Buddies

Have You Read Any Good Books Lately?

Many people enjoy reading, discussing, and socializing with people who share their interests. We have just the small group activity for you. Participation is open to all members and friends of TUMC. Please join us!

The TUMC Book Buddies (book group) meet at 6 pm on the *first Tuesday of each month* from September through December and February through June in our homes and through Zoom. Just prior to our annual potluck in June, we nominate a variety of books and then gather to enjoy dinner and select those we will read the next term. Contact Ethel Takeguchi or Sue Bradshaw.

Our schedule through June 2022 is as follows:

February 1, *American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins; host is Barbara Gaborko

March 1, *The Sympathizer*, by Viet Thanh; host is Zoila Hillier

April 5, *Folly Beach*, by Karen White; host is Vicki Cloutier

May 3, *The Stranger*, by Albert Camus; host is Karen Benvenuto, reviewer Vicki Cloutier

June 7, Book Buddies Potluck, host Carlyn Buehler

United Methodist Women



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Women**
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

**January 13, 2022, Thursday,
10:30 a.m. - UMW Board
Meeting in Room 6**

**January 20, 2022, Thursday, 10:30 a.m.
UMW General Meeting in Room 1**

*Our gathering for this meeting is our
"Pledging Ceremony".
All women of the church are welcome;
Come and join us!*

TUMC MONKS



The MONKS will be hosting our annual Valentine's Breakfast in recognition of our TUMC ladies on **Saturday, February 19th at 9:00 am**. As before there will be no charge for the ladies, \$10 for the MONKS.

Please save the date for a memorable celebration.
More to follow.





January 6th

Dan Little
Hallie Sebanc
Lovely Villanueva

January 8th

Marika Matson

January 10th

Peggy Cowherd
Savannah Hammett
Dwight Weaver

January 14th

Judy Dermody

January 17th

Bret Argenbright
Gloria Galvez

January 27th

Kathy Kasitz

January 7th

Josh De Wall

January 9th

Bert Bjorklund
Bob Holland

January 11th

Cris Argenbright
Steve Jones

January 16th

Doug Galbraith
Sally Malec

January 24th

Danilo Gutierrez

January 28th

Oscar Loud
John Oh
Erik Toberman

February 1st

Jayne Strand

February 3rd

Sue Bradshaw

February 9th

Susan Garcia

February 12th

Sarah Hillier
Linda Holland

February 14th

Audrey Argenbright
Debbie Barba

February 16th

Jason Basa

February 18th

Hannah Sheaffer

February 20th

Tom Chapman-Wright

February 23rd

Donna Gorman

February 25th

Nellie Hathorn

February 2nd

Kent Galbraith
Jean Hawkins

February 11th

Kyle Hotchkiss
Cherri Steele

February 13th

Julie Tomaszewski

February 17th

Jeanette Frisbey

February 19th

Frank Benson

February 22nd

Connie French
Elizabeth Waddleton
Hope Zangl

February 24th

Mark Matson

February 26th

Vicki Cloutier

February 28th

Jaynet Stevens



January 5th

Robert & Jennifer Sayne

January 10th

Jose & Channing Manacop



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

February 6th

Keven & Stacea Nelson

February 13th

Dan & Joyce Little

February 14th

John & Vicki Cloutier

February 22nd

Chris & Allison Riche

February 26th

Lynn & Brenda Wahlert

Meditation Class—Saturdays in February, 2022

10-noon

With Rev. Dr. Marlene Oaks

We will learn/review:



Lectio Divina is Divine Reading of a line or two of inspirational writing, particularly the scriptures, combined with journaling. It brings the scriptures alive and present in our lives.

Centering Prayer is a simple method of Christ-centered silent prayer, a renewal of an ancient Christian contemplative practice that has been updated for our time. It can lead to a deeper prayer life, personal healing, spiritual transformation and a closer union with God.

Journaling or writing from within brings out profound thought straight from the inner kingdom.

Focusing in the scattered and busy energy of modern life leads to clarity. We will learn several techniques, including the 4 points of Aikido.

Breath control is one of the time honored techniques to still the mind. We will learn several. You will find the fractured and scattered mind come to one point, be still and be open to the Divine.

Motion and focus with body movement is a joyous physical way to still the mind. We will find a quiet mind in walking and in rhythmic movement.

Guided meditation is diving into that Inner Kingdom. You will have the opportunity to experience a guided meditation and to write one for your personal use.

♦ Plus others

Including: mantras, observation, and more.

Please make your reservation today. Sign up on the clipboard in the Breezeway.

AND Invite a friend to share this experience.

Any questions, please see Marlene

Servant Volunteer of the Month for January/February

Marlene Oaks



This month I have the honor to share a bit about myself. I was born in Pennsylvania and lived there through first grade. We moved to California in 1947 before there was a highway system. We drove through towns and neighborhoods and stopped at amazing attractions like the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest (big in those days).

We settled in Whittier, a little Quaker college town back then. As it turned out, my education in Pennsylvania put me ahead of the other students, so through 5th grade I spent a lot of time each day teaching a table full of slower students. In 6th grade I was in a split 5th/6th grade class. The teacher put me in charge of the 5th graders most of the day every day.

In high school I became the first work experience student in California, and I taught a 2 hour English Orientation class of freshman 3 days a week. The principal took me around various places to have me speak and to show off his idea of having students try out their planned profession to make sure it was a fit. When I graduated from Cal High, I received the Teacher's Scholarship.

I received a Lifetime Teacher's Credential for Junior High through Junior College. I taught various things from Home Ec to Art to History, both American and World, and sometimes reading. Eventually I received a Masters of Divinity and doctorate in Religious Studies.

I had two wonderful children, Christopher and Linda. We lived in Huntington Beach. My husband had an aneurism in the main artery in his brain on Christmas of 1976. Suddenly my entire life changed.

It was suddenly apparent to me that I was to go into the ministry, and I was ordained in May 1978 by The Community Church with 3 of my mentors officiating, Drs. William Parker, Rocco Errico and Marcus Bach. I moved to Hawaii and founded The Community Church of the Islands. I also had a talk radio program that reached all of the islands, and was privileged to participate in many aspects of the community. Several years later I was called to Colorado, then Palo Alto and finally Fullerton. While at Fullerton the Rabbi and I began a Police Chaplain program, I was an officer and then President of the Ministerial Association and involved in the community in many ways. Our beautiful 1909 church was damaged by the 1987 earthquake and we met in Temple Beth Tikvah for 26 months while it was restored. We raised a quarter of a million dollars for the restoration in a myriad of ways from a concert with Della Reese as the headliner (she donated her services!), to celebrity auctions, to bake sales, etc.

One amazing thing in Fullerton also was that Gilbert came into my life. He is the calmest, most encouraging and supportive man! Between us we have 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. We have been married 34 years.

While at Fullerton, I was on the Asilomar leadership team to put on our yearly 2 week retreat at Asilomar in Pacific Grove. It changed my life in many ways. Probably the most amazing thing happened put me in a sort of jet stream that led me where I never thought of going. Someone came back stage and said they had a phone call from New York that 2 Russian healers were stranded with no money—do something they said. So I went on stage, told everyone (1,200+ people), and led a prayer. People started streaming backstage asking to take up an offering, which had already begun! We ended up with enough money for 2 roundtrip tickets from New York to LAX and \$600 spending money for them. In our living room in Fullerton we had Evelina, a major spiritual leader in Russia, and her KGB interpreter, Galina. Together we watched Yeltsin on the tank, communism crumble all with real-time faxes from Moscow. They attended our church and said there was no joy like that in Russia and urged me to come to teach. The end of October and beginning of November, 1991, we taught in St. Petersburg and Moscow. It began a totally miraculous series of happenings that included my sermons on radio Moscow every Friday night to 60 million people for 3+ years, many teaching trips all over Ukraine, Crimea and Russia, also Armenia, commendation from Moscow City Council, approval by Yeltsin, deep connections to thousands from the poorest to the most powerful. I wrote a dozen or more books and had them translated to use as texts. Several are on Amazon in English. Maybe someday I will share in person with you more of my amazing adventures

We were on the fringes of this church for some time. In the late 90's I met David French at a workshop I led at the center Pat Proud and her mother, Lucy, founded. When Pat began writing and producing spiritual plays here, I sometimes made costumes. It was after Pastor Rick came that we became regular attenders. Over 5 1/2 years ago I started our Prayers and Squares ministry. For 4 years I've been a lay delegate to CalPac, which makes me a member of all committees. I am active in UMW and am beginning my second year as President. I have led 3 retreats for UMW. It has been my honor to preach several times when Pastor Rick has been away, and I do love to preach. I invite you to explore my blog www.spiritualquest.today. It is amazingly read by thousands of people all over the world.

There have been 3 themes in my life: spirituality, creativity and service. As far back as I can remember, I have had personal experiences of/with God. It has been part of my calling to move people from knowing about God to knowing God. I am thankful that I am able to serve here with you, my spiritual family.

Love, Light and Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Marlene Oaks