



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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**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

November 15th

Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

November 2021



So then, just as you received
Christ Jesus as **LORD,**
CONTINUE
to live your lives in him,
ROOTED and BUILT UP
in him,
STRENGTHENED
in the faith
as you were taught,
and overflowing with
THANKFULNESS.

Colossians 2:6-7, NIV

Rick's Ramblings

This Is the Beginning

Ecclesiastes offers us some very familiar words from chapter 3, *“For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted... a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh...”* (vs. 1-4)

These passages talk about endings and beginnings. The end of life but also the beginning of life and life renewed. When we come to the end of a part of our life, a stage of our life, an experience of our life we grieve that part of that life. The loss and void that it leaves in us. It is a part that we probably won't be able to get back or relive. When we lose a loved one as they die and are no longer physically with us, we will no longer have them with us to talk to, laugh with, to be with. This grief brings pain and a sense of loss and at times great depression.

But losing a loved one isn't the only loss that brings on these same feelings. Even growing from one stage of our lives to another, moving from childhood to teenager, to young adult, adulthood, and older adult. We at times look back for the good old days. There are many experiences that we have had and lose that we want to grieve to recapture.

What we long for in our lives today is to get back to normalcy before the Covid 19 Pandemic invaded the world and threw our lives into frantic confusion and desperation. We seek to have a time of peace within our communities where all

are included and welcomed and there is no struggle for control and dominance in our government. We hope for a time of doing what is right and just for all people.

This passage from the writer of Ecclesiastes teaches us that though there are times in our lives that cause mourning, pain, and struggle this is not the end. We are given opportunities to realize hope, celebrate life, receive gifts that bring joy and love for ourselves and for all humanity.

We are coming to the end of another year. One that at its beginning we thought, due to the Covid restrictions, would drag on and bring about more despair and darkness. Yes, there has been some continued despair, difficulties, and hurt due to Covid and the division within our society but there have also been times of joy and laughter, renewed hope and the realization of new life and possibilities to grow as our community, family, and Church Family.

As we come to the end of another year, I want to share some endings that lead to beginnings.

On Sunday, November 7, during our Worship Service, we will be celebrating the Saints of our lives that have left us but have entered the Church Triumphant. We will celebrate those who have passed in the last year from our Church Family, those in our own families, and our friends. We will celebrate those who have passed in previous years. If you have a name, you would like lifted up, please contact Eileen at the church office and share the name of the loved one and your relationship.

Also, one year after her retirement, we will finally be able to celebrate Mary Kottman's faithful 25 yrs. of service as our Church Administrative Secretary. If you are able, we hope you will join us. **If you have any pictures of Mary over these years, please send them to me.**

On Thursday, November 11, we will celebrate our year in ministry and look forward to where God is guiding us for the coming year 2022. This is our Annual Church Conference Meeting. This will be a Zoom meeting at 6:30 PM. There will be a link and a Church Conference Booklet of reports sent out. **We are putting together a ministry video to show. If you have pictures of outreaches, programs, groups, or activities over the last year again please send them on to me.**

I believe there is a hymn that sums up this passage from Ecclesiastes and how we as God's children can look forward with hope and full of promise. The song is entitled *Hymn of Promise*, "In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory."

Peace & Grace.

Pastor Rick

From The Breezeway

Servant Volunteers in Need

We want to thank all who have answered the call to serve on Sundays. But we are still in need of Sunday AM Worship Service Volunteers. Below are some of the areas you can serve.

No matter the task you will be trained and helped to do your duties.

- ◆ Ushering at the 10:00 AM Service. Contact Pastor Rick
- ◆ Liturgist or Greeting at the 10:00 AM Service. Contact Penny Wagner or Pastor Rick
- ◆ Become one of our fabulous Tech Team. Contact Mark McCullough
- ◆ Make a Joyful Noise with our Choir. Contact Earl Richards
- ◆ Bring Flowers for Worship. Sign Up on the Flower Calendar outside the kitchen in the Breezeway or contact Anita Accordino.
- ◆ Once Fellowship Time resumes, help with bringing and serving refreshments during fellowship after the 10:00 AM services. Contact Anita Accordino.
- ◆ If you need help connecting with any of these persons contact the Church Office or Pastor Rick.

Worship Scriptures and Themes

November:

7: Scripture: Psalm 24:1-10

Theme: *Open the Gates (All Saints Sunday)*

14: Scripture: Mark 12:44

Theme: *Having Priorities in the Right Order*

21: Scripture: Revelations 1:4-8

Theme: *Who Was, Who Is, Who Is Coming*

28: Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Theme: *The Coming of Hope*

December:

5: Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11

Theme: *Visualize It!*



November

BIRTHDAYS

LeeAnn Lumsden	Caitlin Teasdale
Dorothy Smith	Janet Galbraith
Opal Bendikson	Savannah Johnas
Jodi Dubots	Vinya Gulla
Lorna Henley	Erik Saeger
Chris Riche	Vanessa Saeger
Zoila Hillier	Sam Ferguson
Raymond Landry	Heather Oliveira
Jacob Sayne	Lily De Wall
Rea Douglas	Bruce Lumsden
Art Salyer	Thomas William Waddleton
Nora Baber	
Nick Biddle	
Pamela Winkler	
Donald Monson	




NOVEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Marika Matson

Ken & Lorilyn Teasdale

Adam & Nellie Hathorn

Earl & Pauline Fields



United Methodist Women



Nov 11- Thursday, 10:30 a.m.
Board meeting in Room 6.
Nov 18 - Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
UMW General Meeting in Room 1.

We are celebrating the "World Thank Offering". Accordingly, World Thank Offering is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude. For this year our theme is:

"Embracing change and newness and doing for ourselves and our community".

All women of the church are welcome; Come join us!



Drive-Thru Dinner Fundraiser

Last month we had another successful Drive Thru BBQ Dinner Fundraiser. **Our next dinner will be Sunday, November 21, 4:00 – 5:30 PM.** Take a break from doing dinner as we head into Thanksgiving Week. 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. Proceeds will go to support 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 to the order form.** The menu for this month: Pork Loin or Tri-Tip 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 Pastor Rick, rick.malec@gmail.com, or Meghann Adesso bigstar951@gmail.com.

Sunday November 7, ALL SAINTS SUNDAY!

We will celebrate the lives of those in our Church Family, in your family and friends that we have lost in the last year. Please submit any names to Eileen, eileen.tumcsecretary@gmail.com by Tuesday Nov. 2.



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:

- October 5**, *The Vanishing Half*, by Brit Bennett; host is Karen Benvenuto
- November 2**, *The Silent Patient*, by Alex Michaelide; host is Carlyn Buehler
- December 7**, *Miss Benson's Beetle*, by Rachel Joyce; host is Ethel Takeguchi
- 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



Golden Baskets for This Month

November

- 7 Missionary – Rev. Andrew Soon Lee
- 14 Global Missions
- 21 Guatemala Student Scholarship
- 28 Thanksgiving Offering - NO Golden Basket

Dick Mohammed Memorial Service

Let us celebrate the life of Dick Mohammed. There will be a memorial service for Dick Mohammed on Sunday November 14, 2:00 PM



Missionary - Rev. Andrew Soon Lee

He 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/>

Behind each ministry is a story of hope and restoration and the unmeasurable impact of generosity. The impact of 12.5 million United Methodists, in 136 countries, is phenomenal. Together we witness to the love of Jesus Christ for a hurting world and transform lives and communities in his name.



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, family 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.



SAVE THE DATE!



Let's once again party together to start the Holiday Season with our

TUMC All Church Christmas Party

Saturday, December 4th

5 – 8 PM

***Good friends and
food, great music
and fun games***

special visit



***and maybe a
Special Guest
from the North
Pole!***





Hey Temecula UMC Family

Let's break out the old clubs and support Rancho Damacitas and Community Mission of Hope! Golf with old friends and meet new friends.

Saturday, Nov 13, 2021 @ Journey at Pechanga

Registration: **8:00am**

Tournament Games: **9:00am**

Shotgun time: **10:00am**

Cost: **\$250.00**

45000 Pechanga Pkwy, Temecula, CA 92592

Before the event, play the **\$100,00 Hole-In-One Contest! If shot is made, \$50,000 to golfer/\$50,000 to CMOH & RD

Post Tournament festivities:

Cocktails and hor d'oeuvres

Celebration of Dan Atwood

Award Ceremony and Live Auction

Our Golf Tournament benefits two great non-profits; the Community Mission Hope and Rancho Damacitas. Use this link to register

<https://www.classy.org/event/1st-annual-dan-atwood-memorial-golf-tournament/e369632>

Thank you for making our event THE BEST GOLF OUTING OF 2021!

SERVANT VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER



It is with joy I share with you the marvelous Monica. She was born on Camp Pendleton and adopted at birth. She was the first of four adopted children in her family! It was a loving and close family. They are all still in Southern California. They grew up in San Diego, except when her dad went to Montana.

It was a Catholic family. Monica went through school, including high school, in Catholic schools. She attended San Diego State for a time, studying English. Her family was active in their church. Her mom was the choir director and her dad was head usher. Now her parents are active on the Coronado United Methodist Church. She smiles as she says, “we converted them.”

33 years ago, mutual friends introduced her to Mark, and they were married 31 years ago.

She began looking for something more in her spiritual life than the very structured Catholic Church. Monica shared that she came to believe that one’s spiritual journey is very personal. She found her way to the La Mesa First United Methodist Church. She found that the Methodist Church gave her more flexibility. She found a spiritual home. She and Mark were very active there.

They have been members here in Temecula for 27 years. David French baptized their son Matt. Mark became the youth group director in 1998, and Monica was a part of his team. She particularly enjoyed taking the youth on SSP trips and giving them an understanding of the challenges of poverty, including driving to get a container of water for the day. Monica has been on the Board of Trustees twice, including presently. She was team leader on 4 fundraising galas. She sang in the choir here and wants to do so again as time permits. Monica believes that music is an important part of the liturgy.

As a family, they enjoy trips. Recently they went to Kentucky and the Bourbon Trail. They go to local wineries, not just the one hosting Great Scott BBQ. In 2022 the family plans to visit Scotland. They plan to also see Italy and take a train ride through Alaska in the future. They look forward to being able to travel again post Covid.

Monica enjoys reading, particularly fiction. For a time, she volunteered as backstage crew for Temecula Old Town Theater. She also loves to cook for people. As the children were growing up, their friends congregated at the McCullough home, and we all know how much teenagers like to eat. Catering was a natural transition from cooking at home for others to cooking professionally. They keep busy not only at the catering venue at the winery, but also for weddings, for other celebrations and the monthly fund raising meals for our church. This is the big wedding season in Temecula, with the usual great autumn and winter weather.

Monica is also the office manager for a financial planner. For the past year and a half she has been working from home on the computer. She only goes in to the office one morning a week. This gives her a lot of flexibility in her schedule, so it melds well with her active catering jobs.

The family has always been the center of Monica’s life. She fondly recalls that she could walk to her grandparents’ home when she was a child. Her church family is her extended family. She is thankful for the live streaming during Covid, although it is not the same as in person worship, we could at least keep in touch. It was a big deal figuring out how to do it. She credits Meghann with her tech savviness to make it happen.

She shared a bit of her spiritual philosophy. The spiritual journey is personal, and we need to respect one another’s journey. If people would just love one another, it would be a better world. When you’re out of sorts, take a deep breath, step back and see more clearly. Do unto others as you would like done unto you. You are going to get back what you put out.

Monica’s message to our church is—Thank you for being part of my family and letting me be part of yours. It is nice to know you are there!

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Marlene Oaks



Temecula United Methodist Church Fundraiser



Charcuterie Options

Large Board (for 4) - \$25

Small Board (for 2) - \$15

Individual Meals - \$16

1 Meat Choice (Pork Tenderloin, Tri Tip or Mushroom Quinoa)

2 Individual Sides (Coleslaw, Pasta Salad, Beans)

1 Roll

1 Dessert (Cookie)

Family Meal - \$55

1 Meat Choice (Pork Tenderloin, Tri Tip or Combo)

2 Large Sides (Coleslaw, Pasta Salad, Beans)

4 Rolls

4 Desserts (Cookie)



Please order at <https://forms.gle/KUyHw6k9hJxmyswf8>

by November 19th at 8pm. Pick up will be November 21st

between 4:00 - 5:30 at the Church.