



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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# Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

October 2021



## Rick's Ramblings

### Caring for God's House

“And have them make me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them.” Exodus 25:8

This passage is a part of a larger piece in Exodus when God is speaking to Moses and instructing him how to teach the people to build a movable place of worship, a tabernacle. The people were still on the move in the desert not ready to move into the land promised, Israel. This tabernacle was to be a holy place in which the Ark of the Covenant, the Ten Commandments, was to be placed and where God would be worshipped. God is very meticulous in describing the construction of this structure and its care.

As we learn in the Bible in many places God tells the people that God is with them even without a building such as when they were in exile during the time of the Babylonian Empire. Or Jesus and Paul saying that our bodies are the Temple of God. Pastors, at times, will highlight this understanding to emphasize that God calls us to missions and ministries outside the church walls. To be with the people in need and care for those who are hurting.

**Newsletter  
DEADLINE**

**October 15th**

### Rick's Ramblings continued

This is all true. We are called to move from the building to the community to serve. The intent is to share the understanding that we are not to be contained by the walls of a building to offer the love of God in Christ in how we live our faith. But as we also learn from the scriptures it is important to have a place to come to worship, to gather for the community to find support and strength as we grow in our understanding of our faith. To learn more about who God is and our relationship with God and God's son Jesus the Christ. The place we come to worship and gather is vital to our preparation and readiness to go out to serve in mission and ministry. Our building can also be a place to live our mission of inclusiveness, welcome, and hope for all. We do this by offering space for groups such as Al-Anon or PALS preschool so that help, and care can take place.

I share all this to help us understand the importance of care for our facilities and to invest in maintenance and upgrades to allow us to have a place to worship, build community, reach out, and welcome in those seeking a place of home and hope. To that end, there have been three decisions made by the Trustees and supported by the Church Council to achieve these goals.

1. For over ten years there has been a need to upgrade our internet system and bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. All the attempts to date have either not been physically feasible or cost-effective. Until now. We have found an option that will allow us to upgrade our internet to allow for better and consistent connectivity to allow us to offer a better live streaming service on Sundays and to upgrade our phones, which was badly needed, and much more.

2. After a long period of time working with our previous janitorial service to be more consistent and thorough in the service offered and getting little or no results, it was decided to make a move to retain a new service, Davencorp. This company has many and good referrals including three local churches I trust completely. We should see improvements that will let people who come to the church know we care about our facilities.

3. As we were preparing to have people back into our facilities during the Covid time it was decided to upgrade our HVAC filters to a higher rating to offer greater protection from the virus particles. It is not full proof but does allow us to feel more comfortable in our gathering together.

### Rick's Ramblings continued

I share all this to say that investing in our facilities to maintain and upgrade them will increase our cost of care and stewardship of the buildings. The Trustees have done their research and have obtained the services at the best possible price to keep costs as low as possible. But there will be increases in our expenditures to care for our facilities as we move forward.

I offer this as a way of updating you with what is happening with our facilities as well as inviting you to consider as you pray about your giving for the rest of this year and in the coming year how you can offer your gifts to help us in caring for the facilities God has given to us so we can continue to live out our faith by caring for our Church Family and those in our community and the world. If you have any questions, you can contact myself or Bert Bjorklund, or Matt Ferguson Co-Chairs of Trustees.

Let our Faith be bigger than our Fear  
Pastor Rick

## Worship Scriptures and Themes

### October:

**3** Scripture: Mark 10:2-16

Theme: *Welcome the Child Within*

**10** Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

Theme: *Do You Know What You're Asking For?*

**17** Scripture: Mark 10:35-45

Theme: *I'll Race*

**24** Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

Theme: *Fully Human*

**31** Scriptures: Mark 12:28-34

Theme: *The Purpose of the Commandments... and the One!*

### November

**3** Scripture: Psalm 24:1-10

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

# OCTOBER

## Birthdays

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| <b>10/01</b> Kenneth Gorman<br>Naila Tayrien | <b>10/17</b> Barry Adams                          |
| <b>10/02</b> Jose Manacop                    | <b>10/18</b> Patricia Hill                        |
| <b>10/03</b> Lynn Ferguson<br>Evelyn Sayne   | <b>10/20</b> Adam Hathorn<br>Charlotte Saeger     |
| <b>10/10</b> Cheri Toberman                  | <b>10/22</b> Joyce Little<br>Aaron Thielemann     |
| <b>10/13</b> Julia Monson                    | <b>10/27</b> Cole Anderson Dubots<br>Frank Gruber |
| <b>10/14</b> Anita Accordino<br>Dan Henley   | <b>10/28</b> Sandy Dodson                         |
| <b>10/16</b> Maxine Heiller<br>Katie Turner  | <b>10/29</b> Channing Manacop                     |
|  | <b>10/30</b> Renee Eisenberg                      |



- 10/07** Bret & Chris Argenbright  
**10/24** Dwight & Charlie Weaver  
**10/27** Rick & Sally Malec  
**10/28** Diana Walker

### Drive-Thru Dinner

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 the 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. If you have any questions you can contact Pastor Rick, [rick.malec@gmail.com](mailto:rick.malec@gmail.com) or Meghann Adesso [bigstar951@gmail.com](mailto:bigstar951@gmail.com).

## From The Breezeway



### Change to Online Giving

The Finance Team wants to thank those of you who are using the GivePlus Mobile app for making your generous contributions. Your gifts help in our ministry and keep us strong. Second, the Team has some very exciting news from Vanco! They are replacing our GivePlus Mobile app with their all-new Vanco Mobile app. Vanco Mobile will be just as easy to use as GivePlus Mobile, and it comes with new features to make it even better. Vanco Mobile will provide you with the simplest way to give – and stay in touch – with the church family. **GivePlus Mobile will no longer be supported as of September 30, 2021. Be sure to download Vanco Mobile now so you can remain connected to Temecula UMC.**

We encourage you to download the free Vanco Mobile app today! And it's easy for you to use:

- ◆ Your GivePlus Mobile log-in credentials stay the same in Vanco Mobile. No need for a new user ID or password.
- ◆ If you have recurring gifts set up, they will continue to be made as scheduled.

Vanco Mobile is available in the [Google Play](#) store and the [Apple App](#) store now. Download it today.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Church Family. We couldn't do all the good work we do without you.

If you have any questions contact Lloyd Bradshaw, our Finance Chair or Pastor Rick.

## United Methodist Women



**Thursday October 14th, 2021** is our UMW Board meeting at 10:00 AM in Room 6.

**Thursday October 21, 2021** at 10:00 AM is our UMW General meeting in Room 1. During our gathering for this meeting we will have a representative/ Guest Speaker from *Neighborhood Health Care* in Temecula. All women of the church are welcome. Please come and join us!



## Servant Volunteer Of the month For October Karen Benvenuto

It is a joy to share the life of this amazing woman in her own words.

My parents moved from Pennsylvania to Los Angeles when I was 18 months old.

I went to grammar school in LA. We moved to Alhambra where I graduated in 1955 from Alhambra High School. I graduated from Pasadena City College in 1957 with an AA in Dental Assisting. I did not pursue a career in that and went to work for the Gas Company in Los Angeles and Pasadena. I met Joe at the Gas Co and we were married in 1961.

We moved to Arcadia and there we had a son Steve in 1962 and a daughter Amy in 1963. I continued to work at the Gas Company part-time. I was the Den mother for Steve's Boy Scout troop & the Brownie Leader for Amy's troop. When Steve turned 9 it was time for Little League. Joe became very involved as a coach and manager and President of Arcadia National Little League. We spent a lot of time at the little league park! Steve also wanted to play Jr. All American Football. Again, Joe was the Athletic Director – Amy couldn't be left behind so she joined the cheerleading group which I became head of. We felt it was important to be involved with our kid's activities and continued doing so through their high school years. I was PTA President at the junior high. Joe and I both were awarded the California State PTA Honorary Service Award. We were involved in City organizations also – Joe on The Arcadia Tournament of Roses Committee and I was on The Arcadia Methodist Hospital Auxiliary board.

I was offered a part-time job as an administrative assistant at a small startup real estate company in 1973 – I helped build it into a multi-office company and retired as COO in 2000 when we moved to Temecula.

We had a boat so our fun times were mostly spent at the Colorado River in the summer and Mammoth snow skiing in the winter. We also spent many hours at Dodger Stadium watching our Dodgers play.

In Arcadia, we hadn't been faithful churchgoers. I was a member of Arcadia Methodist Church of Good Shepherd. Both of our children were married there. After moving to Temecula we took our time going to different churches and found TUMC.

In 2005 I joined the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study – a wonderful group of ladies who meet each Tuesday Morning. Our studies include Old and New Testaments as well as faith sharing. Lana Salyer was the coordinator at that time. When her mother became ill in 2006 she asked me to take over her role and I have been following in her footsteps since. What an amazing group of ladies.

We joined TUMC in 2006. In 2007 Pastor Randy asked me if I would be Treasurer. I was extremely hesitant but agreed. I enjoyed it and continued it for 12 years. I served as secretary of Finance for that period of time also. Currently, I am serving on SPRC, Nominations, Co-chair of Worship with Carlyn Buehler.

I believe God led us to this church. We both felt so welcome. Joe met Todd Hailstone and the Meditation Garden became a reality – when I finished paying bills in the office I would go sit in the garden with Joe while he planted and watered his beloved flowers.

I credit this church ( and I know Joe would say the same) for renewing and strengthening our faith in God. Without the support, encouragement, and love from the people in this church, I wouldn't be where I am today.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Marlene Oaks



## World Communion Sunday Together our reach is beyond measure!

This offering supports diverse mix of national and international ethnic young adults to make a global impact for Christ. Half of the offering benefits World Communion Scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries; the remainder assists Ethnic Scholarships for U.S. and international undergraduates studying in the U.S. and Ethnic In-Service Training.

### Services Provided by CMC:



- Good Neighbor Center
- Spiritual Ministries
- Free Clinics
- Brother's Keeper Clothes
- Prison, Detention, Recovery
- The Welcome Home

- Safe Harbor Loft
- Abundant HELP and much more

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



## Calexico Neighborhood House

Neighborhood House of Calexico, Inc. serves the Imperial Valley region, with a specific focus on the needs of low-income women and children.

Thanks to the generous support of the community, Calexico Neighborhood House is able to provide direct services to much of the community. We offer specific thanks to individuals, organizations, and collaborative partners who continue to help make our services available to the community through participatory or monetary support.

## Neighborhood Healthcare - Temecula

The mission is to provide quality health care and promote wellness to everyone in our communities, focusing on those most in need regardless of the ability to pay.

## Golden Baskets for This Month

### October

- 3 World Communion Sunday
- 10 Christ Ministry Center, San Diego
- 17 Calexico Neighborhood House
- 24 HealthCare Center, Temecula
- 31 Mama Lynn Rape Center in the Democratic Republic of Congo



## Mama Lynn Rape Center in the Democratic Republic of Congo

### Rebuilding Lives as the Build a Place of Refuge

While rape happens in every country and corner in the world, it is particularly perverse and rabid in eastern Congo. The United Nations has called the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo the rape capital of the world and the most dangerous place on earth for women. These survivors are cast out of their homes, left to raise babies on their own, often infected with HIV/AIDs.

### You can help build a place of refuge and empowerment.

Survivors need resources to recover physically, spiritually and emotionally. Your gift can be a burning light of hope by offering transitional housing, counseling, and income-generating skills.

## Give with Bing

Did you know that you can donate money to the church by just using Bing to search the internet? You get rewards for every time you search using Bing. It doesn't cost you anything, just a little time to setup. Microsoft donated money once a month to your chosen nonprofit.

### How to get started:

1. Sign up—it's free <https://www.bing.com/give>
2. Choose your nonprofit (our church is on the list)
3. Search the internet using Bing.com

# Put October 17th on Your Calendar

## For Our Annual Prayers & Squares



## Boutique

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

All the proceeds will go to Prayers and Squares expenses, such as rolls of batting, backing, thread, fabric, etc.

The Prayers and Squares team has made some wonderful items for you or for gifting such as:

Quilts of various sizes, original art pieces, table runners, mug rugs, wall hangings, pillows and more.

Please mark that day on your calendar and come early.

**We will accept cash, check or credit.**



## You're Invited!

### The Valley Of The Mist Quilters Guild Invites You...

The Valley of the Mist Quilters Guild, who meet in our church,  
are having their annual Old Town Temecula Quilt Show on:

**Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Walk around Old Town and enjoy quilts blowing in the breeze, go to the sales of handmade goodies in the Merc, and attend the auction in the Theater Courtyard.

Start the day at **10AM** in the Old Town Temecula Museum,  
where Marlene Oaks will be talking about art quilts and showing some of her works.  
Support Marlene and be there to cheer her on.



***SAVE THE DATE!***



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

# **TUMC All Church Christmas Party**

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**5 – 8 PM**

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

special visit



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

