



**The Vision of
Temecula UMC
Community**

Temecula UMC is a reconciling congregation. ALL are welcome to the compassionate TUMC family to participate in worship, education, fellowship, missions and ministry, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, age, sex, or sexual orientation. We are people of God that live out our faith every day following Christ.

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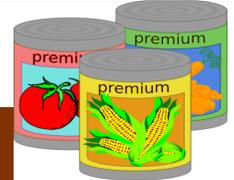
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November Upcoming Events

Sundays, Nov. 3rd, 10th & 17th

“Sharing with Others” Thanksgiving Food Drive
Each Sunday – One Person – One Canned Food Item



→ Sunday, Nov. 3rd

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—Remembering TUMC’s Saints

→ Sunday, Nov. 17th

3rd Annual Prayers and Squares Holiday Boutique

→ Tuesday, Nov. 19th

CHURCH CONFERENCE—7:00 p.m.— Everyone is invited.

→ Sunday, Nov. 24TH

Interfaith Council Night of Gratitude at Temecula UMC at 6:30 PM

Church offices will be closed Nov. 28th & 29th

THANKSGIVING November 28th

HANGING OF THE GREENS—SAT. NOV. 30, 4 PM

SAVE THE DATE!

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY
SATURDAY, DEC. 7th 5—8 p.m.



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sunday School Classes (EVERY SUNDAY)
 Nursery/Room 2 (Birth—4 yrs.)
 Room 3 — (K—2nd)
 Room 1— (3rd—5th)
 Teens (6th—12th)

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Childcare: Toddlers—Younger Elementary
 Toys and books available for children.

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Rick's Ramblings

We Are Family

Sister Sledge, the all-female Disco, Pop, R&B group, had a 1979 hit song "We are Family" that landed #1 on the R&B charts and #2 on the Pop Charts. The chorus lyrics focused on the group's identity not only as all female, but also as four sisters. "We are family I got all my sisters with me, we are family everybody get up and sing." They were family and they wanted to bring everybody else along as family to enjoy and to move to the music. Be happy being together in love and life. This song became the theme song for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Major League Baseball team, during their title run and eventual World Series victory in 1979.

We are Family is a concept and an ideal that brings hope and thoughts of inclusion, care, love, encouragement, strength, forgiveness and much more. Family is how God conceived humanity from the story of creation, to calling Moses to divide up the twelve tribes of Israel found in *Exodus*, to Jesus feeding the 5,000 by having them sit in groups of 50 - 100 people (family groupings). God wanted humanity, us, to live in families so that we could care for and comfort one another, support each other in difficult times, and rejoice together in the joys of life. For God, family wasn't just immediate blood relatives. Family was any grouping of people who come together to live out God's love and care for one another. This is the vision God holds for us to help bring about the fruition of God's Kingdom.

It is not an easy task to live out this reality of family. As we think of our own families, even families that we call functional, struggle to be cohesive, strong, and caring. Each individual has their own priorities as to what's best for the family and for themselves. There are times of greed, power struggles and rejection. Then when the siege from outside the family presses in, economic struggles, death of a loved one, illnesses, bullying and hate from outside the home and more. These can make family life at its best to know the joys, the love, and the hope for the future difficult to achieve. These are the ups and downs of a nuclear family.

Rick's Ramblings *continued*

Imagine how the understanding and the creation of family grows as such in our church family. The dynamics of how to care for and grow a family strong are still the same. Communication, understanding, sacrifice for one another, knowing that we aren't going to agree with one another, but also knowing and loving each other and forgiving one another, will keep the bond strong. In the traditional marriage vows I have a couple repeat after me, "In the name of God, I Bob/Sue, take you Sue/Bob to be my _____, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow." These vows are done in the presence of God and they are done with God at the center. God and His love for us, and our love for God and one another, is what will make any family work and get through the difficulties of life.

Our Church family has spent a number of months communicating and trying to understand how to be a family and expand our family to be an all-inclusive family. It has been a struggle at times, hurt feelings at others, disagreement and misunderstanding as well. We have fractured the relationship with some of the family members as we have come to the hopeful decision to be a Reconciling Congregation. It is time to offer forgiveness and seek reconciliation with one another. Now is the time to keep communication lines open and lean on the strength of God. To walk in the loving way of Christ means that we learn what this way of being family is for us, and how we are to live it out. I pray that we take our vows to being in a committed loving relationship as seriously as the ones I ask of couples when they enter into a marriage relationship. "I (put in your name) take you, (put in all other persons' name in our Church family) to be my brother and sister to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, in agreements and disagreements, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death. This is my solemn vow to you and to God." This in part is, I believe, how our family will grow in strength and numbers.
Amen (So Be it)!

Pastor Rick Pastor Rick

Prayers and Squares Christmas Boutique, Sunday, Nov. 17th

All items made by members of the Prayers and Squares Team. Several Nativity Scenes, hand-crocheted bookmarks, bags, table runners, table toppers, wall hangings, quilted original whimsical drawings on fabric, lap quilts and more. Gifts for yourself or for loved ones.



Scrip News

SCRIP TABLE is open after worship every Sunday.

Scrip has over 750 retailers. Stop by the Scrip table to see a complete inventory of items available or go online to ShopWithScrip for a complete list and denominations.

Now is a good time to begin thinking about your holiday shopping. We have many great items available for stocking stuffers: Cold Stone, Regal Movie Theater, Target and many fast food restaurants.

Pre-order: The first holiday pre-order will be due on **November 17** and available for pick up on **November 24**. Complete the order form and give to the Scrip table or email Janet Galbraith at jngalbraith5@yahoo.com

- There will be another pre-order in December just before Christmas.

Ralphs/Food4Less: If you shop at Ralphs or Food4Less, be sure to register your rewards cards to earn rebates.

AmazonSmile: When shopping log onto Amazon Smile mark Temecula United Methodist Church as your charitable organization.

- <https://smile.amazon.com>





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY

9 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class with Joe Hughes - Meet in Room 6 weekly.

9 a.m. Adult Tagalog Bible Study—Meets in Room 8 weekly. Mission: We grow in Christian faith and watch over one another in love by studying and living the words from the Bible. Contact is Boni Gulla.

9 a.m. Sunday School meets EVERY SUNDAY

Toddler Room/Childcare (Birth—4 yrs.)

Older Elementary Class (3rd—5th)

Younger Elementary Class (K-2nd)

Teens (6th-12th)

10:30 a.m. childcare is offered for toddlers through younger elementary. Contact Jeanette Frisbey Sunday Mornings.

Youth Group—Meets **November 3, 10 & 17**, in the Youth Room from 6—8 p.m. Contact Gian Adesso.

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study - Women of study and encouragement meet weekly at the home of Karen Benvenuto. All women of the church are welcome.

7 p.m. Book Buddies—Meets the first Tuesday of each month in participants homes through June, skipping January and July. **November 5**, meet at the home of Karen Benvenuto to review and discuss the book *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton.

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Rick in Room 6.

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir— Weekly rehearsals are Wednesday evenings in the Worship Center. Music is an art form that lifts up ordinary text to another level that inspires us and nurtures our souls. It has delighted, challenged, comforted, and excited us. It makes us weep or laugh. Contact Dr. Earl Richards Sunday Mornings or email Dr. Earl Richards at earlrichards02@gmail.com.

THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be Thursday, **November 7**, in Room 6. Contact Sue Bradshaw.

12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch meets the first Thursday of each month at a different restaurant for fun, food and fellowship. Meets **November 7, at noon at Texas Lil's, 28495 Old Town Front St. C, Temecula.**

FRIDAY

10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Marlene Oaks meets the first and third Friday of November 1 and 15, in Room 6. Join the discussion *The Misunderstood Jew* by Amy-Jill Levine.

10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Ministry — Prayers and Squares Ministry meets November 8 and 22 in Room 1.

TRUSTEE PAINT DAY

Saturday, November 16, 9 a.m.—2 p.m. Painters are needed to help the trustees accomplish their list of walls that need attention. Please help, if painting is one of your gifts.

ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

Temecula United Methodist All Church Conference will be held **Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Worship Center.

The 2019 Conference Forms are available online at calpacumc.org/chargeconference

This is an annual meeting to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of TUMC, receive reports, and to adopt objectives and goals recommended by the Church Council that are in keeping with the objective of the UM Church.. All members are encouraged to attend.

DEADLINE FOR ALL REPORTS IS FRIDAY, NOV. 8th.

Email completed reports to Mary at tumc@temeculaumc.com

The following reports are still required.

Church Council

Trustees

Treasurer

Lay Leader Report

Lay Speaker Report 2018 Form

MONKS

Stephen Ministers

Stewardship Committee

Youth Group

Children's Ministry

Scip Fund

Missions

Craft Faire



UM WOMEN

November 17, Sunday, 12 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting

November 21, 10 a.m.—12:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting/Luncheon in Room 1. Our gathering for this meeting is "World Thank Offering" and Book Review.

MONKS of TUMC

MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting

Date: Saturday, November 9

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Location: Hillside Room

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES

NOVEMBER

3rd Theme: *Being There Changes Lives*
Scripture: *Luke 19:1-10*

10th Theme: *The Call of Abraham*
Scripture: *Genesis 12:1-9*

17th Theme: *Be Prepared*
Scripture: *Luke 21:5-19*

24th Theme: *The Outward and Visible Grace of God: By Our Prayers*
Scripture: *Ephesians 6:18-20*

DECEMBER

1st Theme: *The Outward and Visible Grace of God: By Our Presence*
Scripture: *Luke 18:9-14*

Night of Gratitude

The Murrieta and Temecula Valley Interfaith Council invites all to a Night of Gratitude **Sunday November 24, 6:30 p.m. hosted by Temecula United Methodist Church.** Come join us for a celebration of Thanksgiving with expressions of gratitude offered through music and words, with presenters from Christian, Muslim, and other faiths.

Public Welcome—Free Admission & Refreshments

There will be a collection of non-perishable goods for Community Mission of Hope. Especially needed are shampoo, soap, deodorant and toothpaste.

2019 Craft Faire

"Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" to all who contributed and participated in this year's Craft Faire! We could not have done any of this without you. This year's proceeds will go towards the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Safe Alternatives for Everyone, Jacob's House, Rancho Damacitas, and Assistance League of Temecula's Operation School Bell. The latter four organizations all benefit children.

Thanks Again,

2019 TUMC Craft Faire Committee

Where will you find Good
Food, Friends, Games,
Prizes and a
**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS
GUEST?**



TUMC All Church

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 7th, 5 – 8 P.M.

Please bring a dish to share using the list below. As in previous years, please bring your food equally divided in two disposable containers (for two serving lines), with serving utensils.



Last Name Dish

A - J Side Dish

K - Z Salads

Ham & Chicken Nuggets

ROLLS & DESSERT

WILL BE PROVIDED

Please fill out and return a signup card found in the breezeway or in your Sunday bulletin

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROUND TABLE

The Church Council and the TUMC Family has identified Children and Youth as a priority to helping grow our congregation. To do this we need a solid Sunday School and Nursery to begin with. This will welcome families with children of all ages to be cared for with love and learn about God and Jesus. To this end Pastor Rick is asking all those who are willing to help strategize how we will move forward to come Sunday, November 17, 12 noon in Room 1. Pastor Rick will be helping to lead us through this. No one person will be able to make this ministry work, but as the African saying states, "It takes a village to raise a child." It takes a congregation to care for and raise our children in faith. If you feel this is a priority, please join us. Contact Pastor Rick with any questions or your willingness to help. Bring a sack lunch, drinks will be provided. If you need childcare, let Pastor Rick know as soon as possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY HELP NEEDED

We are looking now for volunteers to help pick up this service. We have Sunday School teachers but need someone or a team to coordinate our Sunday morning. Also, we can use other caring loving persons who would have the fun of caring for our youngest who attend our Sunday School in the toddler room. We can use persons for 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. A background check will be needed and you must have attended TUMC for at least one year. If you can serve in this way, please contact Pastor Rick of Jeanette Frisbey.

PRAYERS AND SQUARES

Our prayer quilt ministry is about 3 1/2 years old at TUMC. It is such a great joy to be able to offer prayer quilts to members, relatives and friends of our congregation. As of the writing of this article, we are almost to 250 quilts blessed and given.

Each quilt is made by one or more of our team members. Usually we share the work, with some of us piecing, some quilting, some putting in the ties, some sewing on the labels, some ironing, some

organizing our fabrics, and some helping with the records. Occasionally a quilt is done entirely by one member, but that is not the usual thing.

We need some more team members, as some have moved away, some have passed away and some are not able to come anymore. You are invited. If you sew, fantastic! If you want to learn to sew, great! We can teach you. Whatever level you are, there is a place for you.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 10 to around noon, usually in Room 1. Please come by and see if this ministry calls you.

Love, Light and Blessings,
Rev. Marlene Oaks
marleneoaks56@gmail.com

SERVANT VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH NOMINATIONS OPEN

We are starting an exciting new program. Each month we will be celebrating one of our own servant volunteers. We will get to know one another better and find surprisingly wonderful things that we may not have known.

Each month I will interview the Servant Volunteer of the Month, write an article for the Messenger and prepare a special certificate honoring that person. The first article will be in the January, 2020 Messenger.

Please send nominations to marleneoaks56@gmail.com or hand me a piece of paper when you see me at church. Who do you think is a volunteer here that deserves recognition? Who would you like to know more about, or who would you like others to know the wonderful things you know but don't think we know.

The names of all nominees will be placed in a container, and one will be drawn each month. Names can be added at any time.

Let's honor those blessings we know as servant volunteers.

Live and Light,
Rev. Marlene Oaks

November 2019

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- 11/1 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Rev. Oaks
- 11/3 **All SAINTS SUNDAY**
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday school
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 11/5 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
6:00 p.m. SPRC
7:30 p.m. TVMC rehearsal
- 11/6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/7 10:30 a.m. Welcome and Outreach
12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch at Texas Lil's
- 11/8 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
- 11/9 9:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Meeting
- 11/10 **22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday school
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting
6:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 11/11 **VETERAN'S DAY—Church Offices Closed**
- 11/12 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Finance
7:30 p.m. TVMC rehearsal
- 11/13 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/14 1:00 p.m. Card Game Meetup
- 11/15 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group w/Rev. Oaks
- 11/17 **23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Prayers & Squares Holiday Boutique
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

- 11/19 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m. All Church Conference
7:30 p.m. TVMC rehearsal
- 11/20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/21 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting & Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Trustees
- 11/22 10:00 a.m. Prayers & Squares
- 11/23 8:30 a.m. TVMC rehearsal
- 11/24 **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**
9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday school
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday school w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Interfaith Council Night of Gratitude
- 11/26 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 11/27 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/28 **THANKSGIVING DAY—Church Offices Closed**
- 11/29 Church Offices Closed
- 11/30 4:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens

HANGING OF THE GREENS

On Saturday, November 30, at 4 p.m. everyone is invited to prepare the Worship Center and other areas for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We will be serving pizza. If you would like to bring a salad or dessert to go with our (gluten-free) or regular pizza, that would be great. Pastor Rick could use some help getting the decorations down from storage earlier. Call him, if you can help, 676-1800x4.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

\$10. each - Order forms will be in the church bulletin starting Sunday, Nov. 3rd.



| | <u>November 3</u> | <u>November 10</u> | <u>November 17</u> | <u>November 24</u> | |
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| USHERS 9:00 a.m. | Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman | MONKS | Youth | Erik Toberman Mark Bowers Bert Bjorklund George Wuertz | |
| USHERS 10:30 a.m. | Janet Galbraith Gilbert Oaks Dan Henley Larry Natwick | MONKS | Youth | Dan Henley Tri Tricoche Ting Tricoche Jan Tramontano | |
| LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Barbara Gaborko Diane Martinez | MONKS | Youth | George Wuertz Peggy Cowherd | |
| GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Barbara Lamb Hope Zangl | MONKS | Youth | Heather Bjorklund Stella Mohammed | |
| SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Mark McCullough Matt McCullough | Mark McCullough Ken Boyle | Gian & Meghann Gian & Meghann | Grace & Ernie Lloyd Grace & Ernie Lloyd | |
| VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Sue Bradshaw Dorothy Smith | Anita Accordino Jean Williams | Jean Hawkins Diane Martinez | Barbara Lamb Gloria Galvez | |

If you cannot serve as assigned, please call Erik Toberman for 9 a.m. and Dan Henley for 10:30 a.m. ushers and Hazel Hailstone for liturgists & greeters . Thank you.



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November 2, by midnight.



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