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Temecula UMC
Community**

Temecula UMC is a caring community dedicated to God's work. We welcome all by creating an atmosphere rooted in the fruit of the spirit. We are a positive, visible presence in our community and a place of comfort and peace. We provide spiritual fulfillment through worship, education, fellowship, missions and actions. We are people of God that live out our faith every day following Christ.

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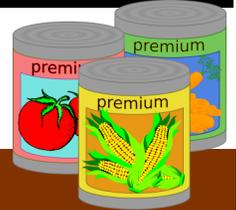
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November Upcoming Events

Sundays, Nov. 6th, 13th & 20th

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



Sunday, Nov. 6th

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—Remembering TUMC's Saints



Sunday, Nov. 13th

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY
PRAYERS & SQUARES CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE
CHURCH CONFERENCE—3 P.M.—Everyone is invited

Church offices will be closed Nov. 24th & 25th

THANKSGIVING November 24th



Sunday, Nov. 27th

"HANGING OF THE GREENS" AND POTLUCK
Sign up in the church breezeway or call the church office—676-1800x3

SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY, DEC. 3rd, 5-8 p.m.
ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sunday School Classes (EVERY SUNDAY)
 Toddler Room/Childcare (Ages 1–4 yrs.)
 Younger Elementary Class (K-3rd)
 Older Elementary Class (4th-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

Give Back to Caesar...and to God what is God's

In the *Gospel of Mark* Jesus is challenged by some Pharisees (teachers of the law) about paying taxes. They were trying to trap him and get the people to turn against him. They would if he supports Caesar and the Roman Empire in any way, especially by telling the people to pay taxes. Jesus's response is one of the best known in our Gospels. "Why are you trying to trap me?" Jesus asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." They brought the coin and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

I believe Jesus's response means that one should first and foremost set one's priorities in order. God is first but one should follow the laws of our government as long as they do not contradict the laws, grace, justice and righteousness of God. Do what you can to work with our Government and the way our leaders make sure those who are on the margins of our community and world are cared for. Hold to the tenants of our democracy that allow all to be free, protected, feel included and be welcomed into our country, community, and neighborhoods.

One way that we have to have show input and have a say in government is through our freedom to vote and elect the persons or vote the measures we hope and pray follow the way of God in a faithful manner. A good friend and colleague of mine, Rev. Cindy Arnston, Pastor of the Julian Community, wrote this for her people as well as for us as United Methodist Christians. I share this with you as we prepare for an important election of a new President and other officials and important propositions and resolutions.

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Rick's Ramblings *continued*

In paragraph 164 of The Book of Discipline for the United Methodist Church, it says: *"While our allegiance to God takes precedence over our allegiance to any state, we acknowledge the vital function of government as a principal vehicle for the ordering of society."* Though we aren't always satisfied with the way our government functions, or the actions of our elected leaders, we know that government is an essential aspect of modern society and we believe that democracy is the best form of government. Of course, to achieve and maximize the benefits of democracy, we must, as citizens, participate conscientiously and intelligently in the process of electing and supervising our leaders. The Discipline also says, *"The strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens."*

This responsibility to participate meaningfully is challenging. Not only must we go to the polls and vote, our votes must be based on clear understanding and accurate information. As the general election approaches, we are bombarded with conflicting opinions and persuasive arguments from various perspectives. We have to draw from various resources and hear both sides to get a good understanding. We have to sort opinion from fact. I urge all of us to keep researching and listening and suspend previous assumptions. I have learned more in the last month and even in the recent debate to influence my decision.

In making decisions about who to elect and which propositions to support, we are often confronted with conflicting priorities. The Discipline says, *"The church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust."* Often we equate justice with Punishment but from a biblical perspective, it has more to do with ordering ourselves in ways that treat each person fairly and look out for the most vulnerable members of society.

Rick's Ramblings *continued*

Unfortunately, even when we agree on our goal, we often disagree on how to reach that goal.

I have a lot of faith in people of good-will coming together to govern themselves. Our best efforts may still be imperfect but I trust those efforts will, overall, keep us moving in the right direction. There are so many people around the world who envy our opportunity as citizens to elect the officials in our government. I hope that you will exercise that right and responsibility on Tuesday, November 8."

Grace, Peace & Hope
Pastor Rick

Stephen Ministry Sunday - Nov. 13th

- ◆ Stephen Ministers are committed Christian people who express God's care through their lives to others;
- ◆ Receive 50 hours of initial training in important caring ministry skills and concepts;
- ◆ Are commissioned as Stephen Ministers after completing their initial training;
- ◆ Visit another person regularly and dependably and offer Christian support and care.
- ◆ Participate in regular support and supervision under the guidance of trained Stephen Leaders;
- ◆ Are committed to preserving the confidential nature of the caring relationship;
- ◆ Serve for at least two years;
- ◆ Receive continuing education and skill building throughout their years of service.

Church Conference

The Church Conference listens, reviews and accepts the annual reports of church committees and leadership positions and looks forward to the coming ministries of 2017. **NOTE:** All Church Leadership and Committee Chairs need to turn in their proofed reports by email or hard copy to Mary by **Friday, Nov. 4.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes - The Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study class meets every Sunday to study a topic of current Christian interest. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Joe Hughes Sunday mornings.

Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in the Youth Room at 9 a.m. Mission: We grow in Christian faith and watch over one another in love by studying and living the words from the Bible. Contact Boni Gulla.

Sunday School meets EVERY SUNDAY at 9 a.m.

Toddler Room/Childcare (Ages 1—4 yrs.)

Older Elementary Class (4th—5th)

Younger Elementary Class (K-3rd)

Teens (6th—12th)

10:30 a.m. childcare is offered for toddlers through younger elementary. Contact Diana Walker Sunday mornings.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study—Women of study and encouragement meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. The current study is using the book, *Fear of the Other, No Fear in Love*, by William H. Willimon. Contact Karen Benvenuto.

Book Discussion Group - This group meets in the participants' homes at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month through June, skipping January and July. November 1st, they will be meeting at the home of Ethel Takeguchi to discuss the book, *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. Review by Carlyn Buehler.

Men's Bible Study — Starts Tuesday, November 15th, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the home of Dan Henley.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study with Pastor Rick at 10 a.m. in the Music Room. Pastor Rick reads, reviews and answers your questions regarding the Sunday's lectionary. Contact Pastor Rick.

Chancel Choir—Choir meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. for rehearsals. If you would like to add to the harmony, contact Rob Hodo, Director of Music, at rhodo70@gmail.com.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 3rd, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6. Contact Sue Bradshaw.

Out to Lunch Bunch meets the first Thursday of each month at a different restaurant for fun, food and fellowship. The group will meet November 3rd, at Applebee's 32175 Temecula Parkway, at 12 noon. Kindly sign up in the church breezeway or RSVP to Sally Messersmith.

Evening Bible Study with Pastor Rick in the Music Room from 6:30—7:30 p.m. - The Thursday evening Bible Study resumed October 20th. We finished the Old Testament Bible Study and we will be deciding future topics. Future dates are: Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th, then Thanksgiving break. Contact Pastor Rick.

Friday

The Prayer Quilt Ministry— Prayers and Squares Ministry meets every other Friday at 10 a.m. (November 11th and 25th). You are invited to participate. There are many ways to help. See Marlene Oaks after church on Sundays, or email marleneoaks56@gmail.com. Note: The Scrip table sells Jo-Ann Fabric gift cards, if you wish to donate to this ministry,

Hildegard of Bingen, A Saint for Our Times Book Discussion Group meets Friday, November 4th and 18th, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6 with Rev. Marlene Oaks. This class alternates bi-monthly with Prayers & Squares.

From the Breezeway with Pastor Rick

NOVEMBER Worship Themes and Scriptures

- 6th Theme: *Blessed*
 Scripture: *Luke 6:20-31*
- 13th Theme: *Be Prepared*
 Scripture: *Luke 21:5-19*
- 20th Theme: *Power in Weakness*
 Scripture: *Luke 23:33-43*
- 27th Theme: *One and the Same*
 Scripture: *Matthew 24:36-44*

December

- 4th Theme: *Repent!*
 Scripture: *Matthew 3:1-12*

Reminder: Electronic Giving Helps

Would you like an easier option for giving to your church? Would you like to make sure your offering is covered whenever you are away? Well, you can do all this by signing up for electronic giving. You can go to our website www.temeculaumc.com and go to the donate button and follow the prompts to fill out the form. We hope this giving option helps in your faithful stewardship to the church's ministry and missions. If you have any questions, contact Bret Argenbright.

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6th

On Sunday, November 6th, we will be celebrating All Saints Day. We will be lifting up in remembrance and celebration the lives of church family members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the last year.

We will also be lifting up family and friends who have passed on in the last year. If you have the name of a family member or friend you would like printed in the bulletin, please call the church office at 676-1800x3 or email tumc@temeculaumc.com by November 2.

If you would like to bring a memento of your loved one and place it on the altar, please do so.

Mission, Goals and Objectives Revisited

We will be rescheduling discussing and updating our Mission, Ministries, and Project objectives and goals to allow for the greatest possible participation from all in the congregation. The new date is Saturday, January 21, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. We will share the results to an effective survey on the *Twelve Keys*. The survey looks at our present key strengths and toward discovering any new keys that will guide us in moving forward on our current projects for ministry and in choosing new projects. All of this will strengthen us as a people of faith in Christ and is offering real help, hope and joy. We hope as many of the church family as possible, including youth, will participate. This is about the direction of your church family. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast.

If you have questions you can contact Pastor Rick, Ron Moreland, Toby Hammett or Dan Henley.

Faith Giving Pledge Cards

The Finance Team wants to thank all who have already turned in their *Faith Giving* Pledge cards and for your generous giving to God's church and the Temecula United Methodist Church for projects and ministries in 2017. If you have not had a chance to turn in your card, we invite you to bring it on a Sunday Morning and drop in the offering plate, mail in or bring it by the church. Or bring it by the church office. If you did not receive a card or misplaced it, just call the church office at 676-1800x3, or ask an usher for one Sunday morning.

"Hanging of the Greens" and Church Potluck



On Saturday, November 26th, beginning at 4 p.m. we will decorate the Worship Center, Hillside Room and put up the Christmas Tree to prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas Season. We will have soup or Chili, salad, bread, and a dessert potluck. Look for the signup in the breezeway to list your food item. Our congregation has a tradition of inviting families to bring a Christmas tree ornament to put on the tree in the Worship Center. If you are not able to be present at this event, please bring your ornament on a Sunday and place on the tree.



**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, DEC 3rd at 5 p.m.**

All Church Christmas Party

Watch for a SIGNUP sheet on November 1st

NEEDED!

**A picture of yourself as a child ages 12 years or younger
Please, no group picture unless it is you/child with Santa.**

You can either scan the picture and email to me at

dolphinsswimmer@live.com

or

Give to me and I'll scan and return them to you.

Please have pictures to me by Sunday, November 20th

Come to the Christmas Party to find out what I'm doing with them!

Thanks, Carlyn Buehler

**We are in need of someone to be our
VERY SPECIAL GUEST FOR THAT NIGHT**

**If you would like to volunteer, please contact
Pastor Rick or myself ASAP**



UM WOMEN

Nov 10th - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Board Meeting in Room 6.

Nov 17th - Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, UMW General Meeting in the Hillside Room. We will have a guest speaker from Michelle's Place who will speak on the topic of "Breast Cancer Awareness". Also, we will celebrate our "World Thank Offering". Envelopes for the offerings will be provided.

Monks of TUMC

Men of Nurturing Knighly Spirit

Nov. 5th - The MONKS planned June field trip to the Petersen Auto Museum has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 5th. There is a signup sheet in the church breezeway. Everyone is welcome. Meet at TUMC no later than 9 a.m. to caravan to the museum.



Tickets:
 Adults \$15
 Seniors 62+ \$12*
 Students \$12*
 Children \$7
 Under 3 Free
 Active Duty Free
 Care Attendant Free
 *Show ID for Seniors & Students.



Nov. 12th - Monthly Breakfast Meeting at 8 a.m. Speaker is Courtney Norton with the American Red Cross speaking on "Gratitude".

PACIFIC COAST CRUISE ON ISLAND PRINCESS

Come with our church family for a fun cruise from Los Angeles to San Francisco, Astoria, Victoria and Vancouver on the beautiful Island Princess. Leaves on Thursday, **May 4, 2017**, and arrives at Vancouver on Wednesday, **May 10, 2017**. Fares range from \$499.00 to \$2,399.00 per person plus taxes, fees and port expenses. **This promotion runs until November 17, 2016**, based on availability of cabins. There is a \$200.00 nonrefundable and nontransferable deposit, except for suites. Princess provides transportation from the ship to the airport or, if you want to spend a day or two in Vancouver, Princess will provide transportation to your hotel, if you book it through Princess, and from the hotel to the airport. For more information, contact Diane Martinez by email at dottyme2@gmail.com. Happy sailing!

TO A MULTITUDE OF VOLUNTEERS... A MULTITUDE OF THANKS

We want to thank everyone who donated their time and energy to this year's Craft Faire:

To the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study for preparing and serving Breakfast and Lunch

To the UMW for the Baked Goods Sale

To the volunteers who sorted, stacked and sold books for the Used Books Sale

To the students who assisted our vendors

To those who contributed items for sale to raise funds for upgrading the audio equipment

To our Pastor and Church Secretary who supported all aspects of the event

To the MONKS who provided manpower before, after and during the Faire

To the Craft Faire Committee for coordinating all vendor participation

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27	28	29	30			

- 11/1 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Book Discussion Group
7:15 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 11/2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/3 10:00 a.m. Welcoming and Outreach
12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 11/4 CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS DEADLINE
10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Marlene Oaks
- 11/6 9:00 a.m. Communion Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Communion Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class & Youth Group meet at TUMC for Mission Outreach
- 11/7 6:30 p.m. Nominations Committee
- 11/8 **ELECTION POLLS—DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**
9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 P.M. MONKS Planning Meeting
- 11/9 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/10 10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
- 11/11 VETERANS DAY - Church Offices Closed
10:00 a.m. Prayers & Squares
- 11/12 8:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Meeting
- 11/13 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:00 a.m. Prayers & Squares Christmas Boutique
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
3:00 p.m. CHURCH CONFERENCE
- 11/15 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

- 11/16 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/17 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting & Luncheon
6:30 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Church Council
- 11/18 10:30 a.m. Book Discussion w/Marlene Oaks
- 11/20 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:45 a.m. Stephen Ministers meet
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets
- 11/22 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 11/23 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:30 p.m. Trustees
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 11/24 THANKSGIVING—Church Offices Closed
- 11/25 Church Offices Closed
10:00 a.m. Prayers & Squares
- 11/26 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. "Hanging of the Greens" and potluck
- 11/27 First Sunday of Advent
- 11/27 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
6:00 p.m. Youth Group meets
- 11/29 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study at Henley's
- 11/30 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
11:00 a.m. Journaling Class
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

A Multitude of Thanks continued from page 7

To the over 70 Vendors who provided quality, handmade items

To any individuals I may have missed who volunteered at this year's event

THANK YOU for making the 2016 Craft Faire a Success for Missions Giving!

Details regarding results of our fundraising efforts will be published at a later date

	<u>November 6</u>	<u>November 13</u>	<u>November 20</u>	<u>November 27</u>	
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman	MONKS	YOUTH	Sam Hill Pat Hill Oscar Loud Thelma Loud	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Dan Henley Lovely Villanueva Janet Galbraith Gerry Nicholas	MONKS	YOUTH	Raymond Landry Dan Henley Gloria Galvez Steve Jones	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sue Bradshaw Diane Martinez	Pastor Rick Pastor Rick	YOUTH YOUTH	George Wuertz Joyce Little	
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	George Wuertz Joyce Little	MONKS MONKS	YOUTH YOUTH	Earl Fields Hazel Hailstone	
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Raymond Landry	Mark McCullough Ken Boyle	Meg & Gian Meg & Gian	Robert Edmonds Jeanette Holt	
VISITOR TABLE 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pauline Fields Thelma Loud	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	Sue Bradshaw Linda Jones	Karen Benvenuto 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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