



**The Vision of
Temecula UMC
Community**

Temecula UMC is a caring community dedicated to God's work. We welcome all by creating an atmosphere rooted in the fruits 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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FREE PARKING**

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17th Annual
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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SAFE  FREE
Join Us
HALLOWEEN

PARTY
**Sunday
October 26th
5:00 PM**



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)

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

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

Sunday Evening UMYF

Please contact Pastor Rick
 for information on
 UMYF

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Rick's Ramblings

Through The Eyes of a Visitor

In the Gospel of Matthew 25: 35, Jesus says "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." When we read this verse we can understand "stranger" in different contexts. One context could mean immigrants or another context could be a stranger or new person who finds his way to our doors to seek help or meet a specific hurt or need. Another context closely related is one who comes to worship with us for the first time.



What do first time visitors see as they come to our church? Do you remember what you saw, what you encountered? In listening to your stories and journeys over the last couple of months I often heard that you found this congregation friendly and welcoming. Do you remember what made it welcoming, what made you feel at home and this was the place to be? The longer we are part of a church family and participate in a congregation, we remember feeling welcomed. We are at home but we forget why, and many times we wonder why people don't stay once they visit and can't feel the welcome we have felt.

We no longer have the lenses of a visitor. We know where the Hillside Room is and how to get there for fellowship time. We know the ways to get into the church and find the Sunday School classes. We know how to follow along in the bulletin (what is coming next), how to turn and find the page in the hymnal. We have our friends, to whom we talk and catch up. But what do visitors see?

Since Sally and I are still newbies and have the lenses of a newcomer, let me share some of what a visitor sees and feels. I also have years of experience and research that support the feelings of newcomers. When we drive up to the church, we have been doing it so long we have a sense of where the driveway is, but do we really see it? "I saw you a stranger and welcomed you." As we offer the Grace and Love of Christ let this be one of our tenants as the body of Christ.

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Halloween Family Party

Families, couples, individuals, friends and neighbors are all invited to the Temecula UMC Halloween Party. The Youth Group will be planning and offering an awesome good time for all to enjoy on Sunday October 26th at 5:00 p.m. There will be food, treats, games and trick or treating. Our youth just might ask you to help volunteer or donate prizes and treats. When asked, please help them make this a great event by saying yes! If you have any questions email Pastor Rick at pastorrick@temeculaumc.com or 760-415-0602.

SAVE THE DATE

February 7, 2015

FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING OF
FOOD, WINE & DANCING
PLUS A LITTLE SPENDING OF YOUR HARD EARNED CASH

Time for Friends

WINE/APPETIZER/DESSERT FUNDRAISER

TIME FOR FRIENDS IS BACK!

LOCATION YET TBD

6:00P - 8:00P

(OR TILL WE GET TIRED OF DANCING)

PLEASE PUT US ON YOUR CALENDAR
AND START THINKING ABOUT WHAT
SERVICE OR TALENT YOU CAN DONATE
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHURCH
FAMILY & FRIENDS THAT MAY NEED OUR HELP

**DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN
MARK THOSE CALENDARS**

UM WOMEN'S CORNER

Oct 9th - UMW Board Meeting - 1:00 p.m. in Room 6

Oct 16th - UMW General Meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Hillside Room. Two ladies from the St Vincent the Paul Society of St Catherine Catholic Church will discuss the Food Pantry. All women are welcome to join us.

HOMEMADE PIES! YUM!



Oct 25th - UMW Bake Sale at the TUMC Craft Fair. Sign up in the breezeway to donate your special home-baked item for the sale.

Oct 25th - UMW Conference Annual Celebration at Bell Memorial UMC, 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

October Golden Basket



Oct. 5th Global Missions is the essential core of our global outreach ministry, underwriting Christian missions around the world. By giving generously to Global Missions we empower United Methodist evangelistic efforts, stimulate Bible study and spiritual commitment, encourage church growth and discipleship, and help God's children everywhere.

Oct. 12th—S.A.F.E. Provides a shelter for battered women and their children as well as shelter and counseling for women and girls who have been rescued from human trafficking. Our goal is to provide one bed each month.

Oct. 19th—Ministerial Education Fund supports continuing education for pastors through the National United Methodist Church.

Oct. 26th—Ganta UM Hospital in eastern Liberia. Our missionary, Dr. Elma Jocson, has served in Liberia and reports there always has been a critical shortage of supplies.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes at 9 a.m. in Room 6. "In the Footsteps of Jesus". Follow Rev. Adam Hamilton as he travels around the Holy Land and visits the locations where the key events in the life of Jesus took place. Teaser: this week Rev. Hamilton goes to the Jordan River to the site where Jesus was baptized. Will he: 1. Walk in up to his knees, 2. Sprinkle water on his head, or 3. Do full immersion. Join us this week to find out. Contact Joe Hughes.

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

Sunday School meets during the 9 a.m. service. At 10:30 a.m. childcare is offered for toddlers through younger elementary. Contact Diana Walker or Aimee Jones Sunday mornings.

YOUTH GROUP—Our Youth Group will be planning and hosting the Church Family Halloween Party. We will need all your help and the families and other members of the church.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th at 4 p.m.— Sierra Service Project Organizing Meeting in the Youth Room.

Youth going into the 9th grade in 2015 to those graduating in 2015 are invited to come to the first organizing meeting of the SSP Mission Team Summer 2015. We will decide on location and week of the trip plus Pastor Rick will share beginning details. If you have questions or input, please contact Pastor Rick.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th at 5:30 p.m.—Halloween Party Planning Meeting. We will have pizza and apple cider for dinner as we plan. Again, we will need all your help and the families and other members of the church. Bring friends that would have fun participating. Contact me at pastorrick@temeculaumc.com

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1— Remaining sessions of *you'll get through this—Hope and Help for Your Turbulent Times* by Max Lucado is the topic of our present study. October 21st begins *World Religions* by Huston Smith with Deb Potts as facilitator. Contact Karen Benvenuto.

Book Discussion Group meets October 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Benvenuto to discuss *The Best of Me* by Nicholas Sparks.

Wednesday

Bible Study with Pastor Rick — Beginning Wednesday, October 22nd, Pastor Rick will be offering Bible Study at two different times for five weeks. To begin, the groups will be studying the Gospel of Mark, the first written Gospel of the four in the New Testament. Persons who want to be a part of this study have two options of time.

- 10 a.m. in the Music Room or
- 6:00 p.m. in Room 1

The evening class ends before time for choir rehearsal. Pastor Rick will also listen to what participants want for future studies. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rick.

Chancel Choir rehearses weekly at 7:15 p.m. in the Worship Center. Contact Rob Hodo, Director of Music Sunday mornings.

Thursday

Out to Lunch Bunch meets at noon Thursday, October 2nd at the Murrieta Sizzler Restaurant.

Temecula Valley Master Chorale Presents "Make A Joyful Noise"

Saturday, October 18th at 2:30 p.m.

Grace Presbyterian Church, 31143 Nicolas Road, Temecula CA

Tickets available at infoatvmc@gmail.com OR from Earl Fields, Penny Wagner or Alan Sheaffer, TV Master Chorale members. General Admission \$15.

The program features rousing songs of Peace, Praise, and Promise from Classical Composers to Estonian Folk Songs to American Spirituals.

Pastor Rick's Ramblings continued

Sometimes you drive past at 45 – 50 mph and you have to make a U-turn. Do visitors see our sign? Not if they want to see the car in front of them when they brake. We drive in and walk up to the front door. When we see our friend do we not stop to say “hi”, give a hug, catch up? All good acts. But when we stop in front of the door to do this and congregate



around the visitor table we may be preventing a newcomer from being greeted by our New Visitor Greeter and make getting into church like running an obstacle course. When all this happens, the anxiety level rises and becomes a negative check for the visitor.

When we worship do you notice your neighbor who might be worshipping for the first time struggle with following along with the bulletin? Do you take the time to help them even if it means moving a few chairs to sit next to them? If a visitor struggles to worship, is it that they have a hard time praising God and feeling the joy of worship around them? During our time of welcome do we look for the stranger among us (within our sitting area) and greet him or her? When people know they are welcomed and embraced it means that they will find home. If a visitor is sitting near you at the end of worship do you ask if they want to join you for a time of fellowship? There they can meet more family members in a relaxed friendly setting. If the family has children do you make sure an usher or greeter helps them find where our Sunday School is?

Most first time visitors will leave out the north doors and go home and we wonder where they have gone. You will find me most of the time at that door greeting. This way I will have at least one contact with them. If they go out the south door more likely one of you is leading them to the Hillside Room to meet other folks. We don't want people to have to use GPS to find the Hillside Room. We have uplifting helpful opportunities for newcomers to participate in, but if they can't find their way to the breezeway they will never know about them.

How are we doing? Are we hindering or welcoming newcomers as they find their way to the church? Bishop Robert Schnase, United Methodist Bishop in the Kansas area, wrote *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. The first chapter is “Practicing Radical Hospitality”. It is about welcoming the stranger as if Christ has welcomed the stranger.



Schnase writes, “Churches that practice Radical Hospitality don't merely have a Hospitality Committee. They make Christian invitation and welcome a vital part of the culture of the church, an expectation of every member and of every Sunday School class, Bible study, choir, and mission team. Every ministry invests serious time to plan, pray for, invite, and receive newcomers, and to teach current members how to be more welcoming.” One of the major goals of the Welcome and Outreach Team is to mentor and teach us ALL to be welcoming.

Peace & Grace,
Pastor Rick

MONKS - Men of Nurturing Knightly Spirit

Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30 p.m. - MONKS
Planning Meeting in the Hillside Room.

Saturday, October 11th at 8 a.m. — MONKS
Monthly Breakfast in the Hillside Room.
Roxanne Rountree, Senior Public Affairs Officer
of Eastern Municipal Water District will talk on
Wastewater Pretreatment Program of EMWD.

**WOW! \$7,185.09 BENEFITS FOOD PANTRY
FROM THE 8th ANNUAL “BIRDIES FOR BREAD”
GOLF TOURNAMENT! THIS BRING THE TOTAL
RAISED TO \$48,522.53 OVER EIGHT YEARS.**

Saturday, November 8th from 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
Grace Mission Area Men's Retreat
Vina de Lestonnac Retreat Center
39300 De Portola Road, Temecula CA
Cost \$40. Contact Dan Gutierrez.

October 2014						
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- 10/1 7:00 p.m. Trustees meet
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/2 12:00 noon Out to Lunch Bunch
7:00 p.m. Mens Bible Study
- 10/4 9:00 a.m. PALS Cleaning Day
9:00 a.m. Trustee Workday
- 10/5 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
11:45 a.m. Christian Education Committee
11:45 a.m. Missions Committee
- 10/7 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
7:00 p.m. Book Group
- 10/8 6:00 p.m. Nomination Committee
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/9 1:00 p.m. UM Women Executive Board
7:00 p.m. Mens Bible Study
- 10/11 8:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Meeting
- 10/12 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
11:45 a.m. Stephen Ministers meet
11:45 a.m. Worship Committee
- 10/13 1:00 p.m. Builders Planning Committee
- 10/14 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 10/15 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 10/16 10:00 a.m. UM Women Meeting/Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Grace Mission Area Meeting
7:00 p.m. Mens Bible Study
- 10/18 10:00 a.m. Gera Thole Memorial Service
2:30 p.m. Temecula Valley Master Chorale
Make A Joyful Noise! See p. 4
3:30 p.m. Builders Potluck setup—Room 1
- 10/19 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
11:45 a.m. Builders Potluck
- 10/20 7:15 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Meeting
- 10/21 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 10/22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:15 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

- 10/23 1:00 p.m. Craft Faire setup
6:30 p.m. Church Council
- 10/24 9:00 a.m. Craft Faire setup
- 10/25 9:00 a.m.—3 p.m. Craft Faire
- 10/26 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Church Halloween Party
- 10/28 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 10/29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
6:15 p.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal



**SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, October 19th
BUILDERS FALL KICKOFF POTLUCK
11:45 a.m. in Room 1**

Your Chair Is Reserved!

This is a great way for adults to meet and plan group outings to create lasting memories. Join us for fun, festive food, new friends and fellowship. All ideas are welcome. For more info, contact Judy Hernandez or Hallie Sebanc.



LET'S GO TO ISRAEL: A TRIP OF A LIFETIME



Pastor Rick and Sally in partnership with Pastor Rick Hill invite you to join them for a trip to the Holy Land. Spend 11 days in Israel visiting Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee and so much more.

The date of the trip is November 12 - 22, 2015. The cost is \$3973. which includes round trip air from San Diego, all buffet breakfast and dinners, transfers, deluxe transportation in country, 4 and 5 star hotels and tips. A \$300 deposit is due at time of registration or before. NOTE: Date and price changes.

We held an orientation on September 28, but Pastor Rick is willing to host another with individuals or couples or meet individually.

You can guarantee your spot on the trip by registering and making your deposit. Contact Pastor Rick at 951-676-1800x4 or by email rick.malec@gmail.com. You don't want to miss out. Register today!

	Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 26	
USHERS	9:00 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	Dick Mohammed	MONKS	Youth	Sam Hill	
	Bert Bjorklund			Pat Hill	
	Larry Messersmith			Oscar Loud	
	Erik Toberman			Thelma Loud	
	10:30 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
Janet Galbraith	MONKS	Youth	Gloria Galvez		
Lovely Villanueva			Dan Henley		
Dan Little			Lorna Henley		
Dan Gutierrez			Steve Jones		

LITURGISTS	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	Maureen McKown	MONKS	Youth	Adam Hathorn	
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 .M.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
	Aimee Jones	MONKS	Youth	Joan Jessup	

GREETERS	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	Pat & Sam Hill	MONKS	Youth	Thelma Loud	
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
	Pat O'Brien	MONKS	Youth	Joan Biddle	

SOUND TECH	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	Mark McCullough	Mark McCullough	Jeanette	Robert Edmonds	
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
	Ken Boyle	Ken Boyle	Jeanette	Robert Edmonds	

VISITOR TABLE	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	
	Sue Bradshaw	Anita Accordino	Sue Bradshaw	Anita Accordino	
	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
	Gloria Galvez	Jean Williams	Hazel Hailstone	Dorothy Smith	

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



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