



The Vision  
of  
Temecula UMC

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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**Newsletter  
DEADLINE**

**July 15th**

# Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

July 2021



**RICK'S RAMBLINGS**

**PTL**

During the Bible Study I lead on Wednesday Mornings on Zoom the last couple of meetings we have been stirred by the scriptures we have been studying as to how can we be the hands and feet of Christ for the community as we return to more in person worship and activities. We shared that we have supported and partnered with various groups within our community, St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry at St. Catherine's, Project Touch, Jacob's House, Rancho Damacitas, Sierra Service Project, and more. We shared how we support many of these outreaches financially but is there more we can do with our bodies? As we talked, we did remind ourselves where we have been in our community and beyond. But is there more we can do? And where do we have the strengths, abilities and passion to serve?

As I reflected on our good conversations and insights a short tag line popped in my head, **Preach It, Teach It, Live It.** That is Preach the Gospel, Teach the Gospel, Live the Gospel. As we read the Gospels and witness to Jesus as portrayed in those Gospels that is exactly what he demonstrated for his followers, the faithful. *"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the*

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people.”

(Matthew 4:23)

As we begin to come back together let us be inspired by the example of Jesus' life. That as a people of faith in this place that we preach the gospel/the love of God, teach to our children and those who come to us the gospel/love of God and to go out together to live the gospel/love of God in Christ to bring hope, peace, and justice to those who are hurting and in need.

These conversations we have been having has sparked in us how we can continue to **Preach the Gospel, Teach the Gospel, Live the Gospel**. We will be raising our passion with the Church Council to spur more excitement and interest. But don't wait for the Church Council! I encourage and invite every group that is returning or continues to meet, United Methodist Women, MONKS Men's Group, Tuesday Ladies, Prayers and Squares, Adult Bible Study Groups, United Methodist Youth, and more to examine how you live out your connection to **Preach the Gospel, Teach the Gospel, Live the Gospel**. Maybe you already are or you're just beginning. Or maybe you will be sparked to discover a new direction. If there is a small group of you that have a passion or way we can preach, teach, or live share it with Ron Moreland, Chair of Church Council, or myself. I invite us all to make this short tag line our mantra of faith.

Let our Faith be bigger than our Fear.

Pastor Rick

PS: The Church Council has decided that we will forego one more year of not having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at the Church. We want to continue to be safe and do no harm for ourselves and those in the community. But let's be ready to have a great 4<sup>th</sup> in 2022.



## In Person Service Up Date

We have resumed in-person inside worship. Our services are 9 AM & 10:30 AM. Mask are no longer necessary for those who are vaccinated. But mask do need to be worn by those who have not been vaccinated.

There is no need for Reservations. The Reopening Task Force, Earl Fields, chair, Audrey Grier, Penny Wagner, Larry Messersmith, Anita Accordino, Janet Galbraith, and Andrea Borell thank you all for your patience and faithfully following the guidelines and directions of the protocols we had established during the last fifteen months. **Remember the Covid 19 is still among us.**

**Care for others is still asked for and if you haven't been vaccinated we encourage you to do so.**

We have not resumed our fellowship time yet but hope to do so in the coming weeks.

**We will continue to Stream our Service live during the 9 AM service for those who are unable to attend for any reason. Also our service will be posted later in the day on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel.**



Last month we had another successful Drive Thru BBQ Dinner Fundraiser. Those who participated have enjoyed the meals prepared by Great Scot BBQ. Our next meal is Sunday July 11. Pick up will be 4:00PM – 5:30 . Order by Saturday July 10, 8 PM. **This month the proceeds from the dinner will support two of our missions, Our Missionary Clara Mridula Biswas, serving in Cambodia and Jacob's House in Temecula.** 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. 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).  
**Order by clicking [here](#)**

## United Methodist Women



United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Reminder: There will be No United Methodist Woman Board and General Meetings for July and August.

The UMW is

collecting donations for School Supplies for Sherman Indian High School.

The list of items you can donate are:

- College ruled notebook paper, college ruled composition notebooks, #2 pencils,
- colored pencils, 3-ring binders/notebooks. other school or art supplies.
- backpacks, beach towels for field trips & everyday use and twin comforters
- Nonperishable Snacks, Such as, cheese & crackers, peanut butter, ramen packages.

**Note:** there is a box in the Breezeway where you can put the items.

## Worship Scriptures and Themes

### July:

4 - Scripture: Mark 6:1-13

**Theme:** *Taking a Stand with God*

11 - Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

**Theme:** *Cheerleader*

18 - Scripture: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**Theme:** *The Work of Compassion*

25 - Scripture: John 6:1-14

**Theme:** *Hope In The Fragments*

### Aug:

1 - Scripture: John 6:24-35

**Theme:** *The Meal That Endures*



## JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

### ANNIVERSARIES

7/4 Ken & Jessie Boyle

7/6 Chuck & Kathy Washington

7/14 Josh & Brittney De Wall

Randy & Shirley Johnson

7/17 Dan & Lorna Henley

7/18 John Paul & Lisa Glenn-Edwards

7/25 Milton & Ethel Takeguchi

7/27 Traci Pawlak

7/28 Jerry & Debbie Barba

Doug & Lucille McGehee

7/29 Anthony & Katie Ramos

7/30 Gian & Meghann Adesso

7/31 George & Haila Wuertz

### BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Elia De La Cerra

Jean Williams

7/2 Mark Mccullough

7/3 Ryan Hathorn

7/5 Scott Parker

7/7 Betty Lou Langlois

7/8 Joy Oh

7/11 Lorilyn Teasdale

7/12 Serena Hughes

7/14 Meghann Adesso

7/16 Gilbert Oaks

7/17 Natasha Saucier

7/19 Lily Benson

Kylee Riche

Vanessa Wagner

7/22 Darcy Thielemann

7/24 Heather Bjorklund

Rick Malec

7/25 Elliot Teasdale

7/26 Tracy Muehring

Camden Saeger

7/27 Matt Roderos

7/29 Lois Hoyle

Diana Walker

7/30 Sharon Jonas

Garland Smith

## Servant Volunteers are Invited

As we continue to move forward with our indoor worship there is a need for those who would have the fun of serving and volunteering in various way to make the worship experience joyful, uplifting, and welcoming. There are a number of opportunities you might be able to serve. If you have serve in any of the following areas previously we invite you to join us again in serving.

1. **Ushering at the 9 or 10:30 AM Service.** Contact Dan Henley or Pastor Rick.
2. **Liturgist or Greeting at the 9 or 10:30 AM Service.** Contact Penny Wagner or Pastor Rick.
3. **Make a Joyful Noise with our Choir.** Contact Earl Richards.
4. **Bring Flowers for Worship.** Sign Up on the Flower Calendar outside the kitchen in the Breezeway or contact Anita Accordino.
5. **Help with bringing and serving during fellowship after the 9 or 10:30 AM services.** (Once Fellowship time resumes) Contact Anita Accordino.

If you need help connecting with any of these persons contact the Church Office or Pastor Rick.

## Family/Children's Ministry Coordinator



Thanks to a generous gift to the Church to help to underwrite a part-time Family/Children's Coordinator the Staff Parish Relations Committee

will be accepting applications for persons who will want to be a part of a ministry team that offers love, hope, acceptance, and grace for our children and their families. Leading a ministry that will teach the Love of God in Jesus. To live out the Mission of the Church to be reconciling and accepting. If you or someone you know who might be interested in building and growing this ministry have them contact Pastor Rick, [temeculaumc@tumc.com](mailto:temeculaumc@tumc.com).

Also if you would like to help in funding this position and offer a special gift to extend this position for the long term please contact Pastor Rick.

## Golden Baskets for This Month

July 4	Missionary Clara Mridula Biswas
11	United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
18	Christ Ministry Center, San Diego
25	Heifer International

### Our Missionary Clara Mridula Biswas

Clara is serving at The Street Children Ministry, Cambodia. Find out more about Clara by going to the website at <https://www.umccambodia.org/children/>



### United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.

To learn more about UMCOR go to their website at <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/>

### Christ Ministry Center



#### Services Provided by CMC:

Good Neighbor Center , Spiritual Ministries, Free Clinics, Brother's Keeper Clothes, Prison, Detention, Recovery, The Welcome Home Safe Harbor Loft and Abundant

HELP and much more

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

### Accelerating the Path to Living Incomes



Nutritious food. Shelter. Clean water. A decent education. Access to health care. And a safe and secure environment.

All fundamental for a life free from hunger and poverty. Yet millions of people can't afford them. 821 million people go to bed hungry every night. **Let's change that.**

Learn more about this organization by reading the Blog at <https://www.heifer.org/blog/index.html>

## Vinya Membrere Gulla Servant Volunteer of the Month July 2021



Born 1954 in Barrio Bantug, town of Umingan, province of Pangasinan, in the Philippines. She is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 6 siblings. Through her maternal side of the family, she grew up as a Christian with strong faith and belief in the Lord Jesus. At early age, her grandfather, who was an ordained pastor, brought her to Sunday school every Sunday to the local United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) chapel that was built by her great-grandfather. She attended elementary and high school in her hometown, the latter being a Catholic school. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce, major in Management, from St. Louis University, another Catholic school, in the

city of Baguio.

Attending Catholic schools was a consideration for adjustment to her religious belief. She had to learn the teachings of the Catholic church which, in various ways, were different from her own Protestant church where she was brought up. But having attended these Catholic schools gave her added insight and deeper understanding of a denomination that is different from hers.

After graduating from college in 1975, she was employed at the headquarters of the Philippine Navy (HQPN) in Manila, where she worked for 32 years until her retirement. At HQPN she worked at the Finance Center as an auditor and at the office of the Comptroller as budget officer. As part of her job, she has conducted extensive material and financial audits at different outlying Navy and Marine Corps installations throughout the country. During the time that she was employed at HQPN, she attended the Philippine Christian University and obtained her Master's degree in Management, an attainment that helped her move up in her position at the budget office. Working with active military personnel from the lowest to the highest ranks and with fellow civilian employees with a myriad of vocational and life experiences is something that she delighted on and, to say the least, will cherish the rest of her life. There were years at work when, during lunch break, she attended Bible study and Catholic novena once a week at her workplace. She was a member of the UCCP Ellinwood-Malate Church in Manila.

Vinya and Boni have known each other since the early 1970's, when they attended the summer and Christmas camps of the Christian Youth Fellowship of the UCCP. Belonging to the same church conference and their respective churches only 24 kms apart gave them opportunities to become friends during gatherings, and this friendship continued until they went to college. When Vinya started working at HQPN, Boni joined the US Navy. Then in 1979, they got married...to different spouses, and went on to build their own separate families. When their respective first marriages ended, they would find each other again after 31 years of no communication. Boni petitioned for her as a fiancée and they were married at the County courthouse on June 2007, followed by a church wedding at our church, TUMC, less than three months later. Thenceforwards, they regularly spent Sunday mornings at TUMC and eventually became members, crediting the church for their spiritual growth while concurrently absorbing the UMC motto Open Hearts, Open Mind, Open Doors.

When Vinya was invited to join the United Methodist Women, she first thought that is just a group of church women oldies, but soon found out that it is open to all women of all age brackets. She likes and praises the UMW's mission-oriented purpose. She served as the spiritual growth coordinator, followed by 6 years as the treasurer until 2018. As the spiritual growth coordinator, she says that in so doing, she herself grew spiritually and brought her much closer to our Lord Jesus. She is again serving as the interim treasurer since January of this year. In addition to her duties with UMW, she sings in the chancel choir with Boni, and refills the altar candles with oil after the services. Vinya's other past and present volunteer jobs for the church included ushering, Evangelism committee member, VBS support, Prayers and Squares ministry, and occasionally facilitates and hosts the Tuesday women's Bible study. Indeed, becoming a member of TUMC and UMW is a highlight of Vinya's life story.

From her first marriage, Vinya has an adult son, Kevin, from whom she is blessed with a 9-year old grandson nicknamed Wapol. They reside in the Philippines with her daughter-in-law Ana.

-- Written by Boni

(Thank you for the great job of telling us about Vinya, Boni! What an incredible blessing you both are!!!)



# SORRY We Missed Your BIRTHDAY

## June

**6/17** Pauline Fields

**6/18** Earl Fields

**6/19** Deborah Potts

**6/20** Lucy Kelly

**6/21** Linda McLagan

**6/23** Hunter De Wall

Randy Johnson

**6/24** Eric Anderson

Matthew Gutierrez

**6/27** John Cloutier

Hazel Hailstone

**6/29** Kathy Turnblad

John Waddleton



## United Methodist Women Raffle Winners

Thank you for supporting our very first Marketplace. All the proceeds go to missions for women and children. We took in \$1470 in ticket sales for the quilt, and for all items a total of over \$2500! What a blessing that will make as it fans out to touch many lives. Thank you so much. Together we make a positive difference.

Congratulations Larry Murphy on winning the script tree.

Congratulations to our quilt winner Laurie Gonzales. Laurie is a member of The Valley of the Mist Quilt Guild. Laurie came to our Marketplace and bought the very last ticket. After tossing and stirring the tickets, hers was the one drawn. Laurie said, "I have never won anything before. I can't believe it! I know the very spot in the bedroom I am going to hang it." Laurie was extremely excited. Congratulations to Laurie.

