



# 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

## August 2021



The earth is the  
LORD's, & everything  
in it, the world, & all  
who live in it.

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### Rick's Ramblings

#### PTL

#### Call to Care for God's Creation

Recently a coalition of agencies of the United Methodist Church signed a statement pledging to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across the organizations' ministries, facilities, operations, and investments by 2050. When I first read the title, I thought WOW! That is a big undertaking. It made me think about how our local church impacts the environment. I brought my concerns to the church council and shared with them the statement from the coalition and encouraged our leaders of Temecula UMC to make a decision about using earth-friendly products, such as coffee cups, plates, forks, spoons and knives. I have included a portion of the statement for you all to read.

"Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness. And so shall we." (Companion Litany to Our Social Creed)

The United Methodist Church has long affirmed our individual and collective responsibility to address the unfolding climate crisis. We are called by our faith, informed by science, and led by

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DEADLINE**

**August 15th**

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our relationships with impacted communities to respond with renewed urgency.

As we answer this call, we are reminded that God has asked us to take care of creation and be good stewards of natural resources (Genesis 2:15). Moreover, we echo the Wesleyan tradition expressed in Charles Wesley's poetical verses— "Author of every work divine, Who dost thro' both creations shine, The God of nature and of grace" (Hymn XXVIII, Hymns of Petition and Thanksgiving for the Promise of the Father, 1746)—as well as John Wesley's engagement with both natural science and the sacredness of nature (Sermons, "The New Creation," 1785). More recently, the Council of Bishops exhorted United Methodists to seek the renewal of creation, stating, "We cannot help the world until we change our way of being in it" (God's Renewed Creation: A Call to Hope and Action, 2009). As United Methodists, we will continue to preach, teach, advocate, and witness for climate action globally. And we understand that we must do more. Recognizing our connection to and complicity in systems of oppression and exploitation, we commit to new ways of ministry that better embody God's vision of justice for God's people and God's planet.

After the presentation and discussion, the Church Council at their last meeting has decided to use earth-friendly products.

By being the Stewards God calls us to be, to care for all of God's creation, we will begin to order earth-friendly products to use for our fellowship time, meals together and each group that uses our products.

Eileen, our Admin. Secretary will be our central point of ordering. We ask all groups to contact the church office to make sure there is enough product for your event. If not, Eileen will order for you.

Again, to be good Stewards we will use up the current items we have on hand, and then replace them with earth-friendly ones.

Even in this simple way we can make a huge difference for the environment.

Peace & Grace.

Sally Malec, Chair of Missions & Pastor Rick

## In Person Service Up Date



Through the month of August and until further notice we will continue to have one worship service at 10 AM. **We will continue to Stream our Service live during the 10 AM live 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.**



**Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday**

**9:30 AM To 1:30 PM**

Last month we had another successful Drive-Thru BBQ Dinner Fundraiser. We raised \$392 to support our Missionary Clara Mridula Biswas, serving in Cambodia, and Jacob's House in Temecula. **Our next dinner will be Sunday, September 26, 4:00 – 5:30 PM. You will have the joy of either driving thru as usual or eating with friends at the Church.** If you are eating at the Church please make sure you pick up the dinner by 5:15 PM. 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).

## Servant Volunteers are Invited

We want to thank all who have been volunteers in various ways to allow us to return to worship in person. You will still see the needs listed below. As we continue to open up there are two areas of need that are pressing and can use your help.

**By the time of this newsletter, we will have our cloth chairs in place and have begun passing the offering plates and attendance pads. This leads to our need for ushers for both services to help us from getting overwhelmed.**

**Also, we have expanded our tech capabilities which means we can use those who would like to learn and help with our technical services. To continue to provide the services on a consistent basis to shine as best we can we need more servant volunteers willing to help. Contact Pastor Rick or Mark McCullough if you are willing to serve.**

No matter the task you will be trained and helped to do your duties.

Ushering at the 10:00 AM Service.  
Contact Dan Henley or Pastor Rick

Liturgist or Greeting at the 10:00 AM Service.  
Contact Penny Wagner or Pastor Rick

Make a Joyful Noise with our Choir.  
Contact Earl Richards

Bring Flowers for Worship. Sign Up on the Flower Calendar outside the kitchen in the Breezeway or contact Anita Accordino.

Once Fellowship Time resumes, help with bringing and serving during fellowship after the 10:00 AM services. Contact Anita Accordino.

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



### Anniversaries

- 08/01 Bert & Heather Bjorklund
- 08/03 Gilbert & Marlen Oaks
- 08/07 Frank & Lyn Gruber
- 08/13 Ernie & Midge Lloyd
- 08/14 Aaron & Whitney Zolna
- 08/17 Steve & Janet Galbraith
- 08/19 Dan & Carlyn Buehler
- 08/20 Sandy & Betty Lou Langlois Dodson
- 08/21 Fedrico & Elia De La Cerra
- 08/21 Jeff & Sallie Tomaszewski Redfern
- 08/27 Cathrine & Stan Buckingham

### Birthdays

- 08/01 Ken Teasdale
- 08/05 Traci Pawlak
- 08/08 Katie Ramos
- 08/10 Audrey Grier & Carlo Gulla
- 08/11 Jan Clark George
- 08/16 Sean Argenbright
- 08/20 Renee Cloutier, Melanie Dreher & Darcy Neal
- 08/22 Paul Gutierrez
- 08/23 Christy Reichenbach
- 08/26 Linda Jones & Lynn Wahlert
- 08/27 Damon Dubots



## Worship Scriptures and Themes

### August:

- 1 Scriptures: John 6:24-35  
Theme: *The Meal That Endures*
- 8 Scriptures : John 6:35, 41-51  
Theme: *The Work Of God Goes On*
- 15 Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20  
Theme: *Community Strong*
- 22 Scriptures: John 6:56-69  
Theme: *What Does This Mean?*
- 29 Scriptures: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
Theme: *Keeping Evil Out*

## Golden Baskets for This Month

### August

- 1 SAFE Alternatives for Everyone
- 8 Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity
- 15 DIGDEEP
- 22 California-Pacific Conference Disaster Relief
- 29 Rancho Damacitas



SAFE Alternatives for Everyone is committed to providing services for children, youth and families who have experienced or are at risk of abuse and violence.

Learn more <http://www.safefamiliesca.org/>



The mission of Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley, in partnership with God, is to facilitate the dream of homeownership, as well as improve living conditions for those in the community.

Learn more - <http://www.habitativ.org/>



Do you know there are people in our country that do not have access to clean water in their homes?

DIGDEEP is a non-profit organization serving the 2.2 million+ Americans without sinks, bathtubs or toilets that the rest of us take for granted.

Their community-led projects bring clean, hot and cold running water into American homes. They also invest in research, advocacy, and workforce development to close the Water Gap once and for all. 100% of your donation funds water projects. By giving to this Golden Basket you are changing U.S. Citizens lives.

To find out more - <https://www.digdeep.org/>

### California-Pacific UMC Conference Disaster Relief



Give now to support the Disaster Response Fund to assist the efforts to aid wildfire survivors. With the onset of warmer weather, coupled with severe drought conditions across much of California, preparations are being made for yet another severe wildfire season. California-Pacific Conference is putting together Fire Buckets to be given to Fire Survivors. Our Golden Basket will be to collect funds to put together buckets.

To learn more - <http://www.calpacumc.org/call/call-for-support-with-fire-buckets-2021-disaster-response/>



**RANCHO DAMACITAS**  
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

Empowering at-risk single mothers and their young children, as well as young adults with a history of foster care by offering stable homes, opportunities for growth, and hope. Learn more at <https://4kidsfirst.org/>

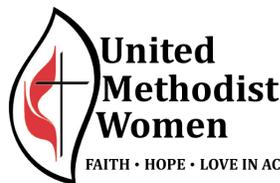
### Family/Children's Ministry Coordinator



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 until August 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 might be interested in building and growing this ministry have them send a resume to [eileen.tumcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.tumcsecretary@gmail.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.

### United Methodist Women



**Reminder:** There will be No United Methodist Woman Board and General Meetings for August. We will resume our meetings September.

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.**

## A Call To the Good People of Earth

There is so much talk and dismay everywhere we turn about the rising violence and division and strife. People want to do something, but it seems unknown as to what to do. The vast majority of people are good people. Only a fraction of people are violent and divisive. Thinking on these things, I had the following idea strike me a few days ago:

*This morning I had a powerful directive from the Holy Spirit to initiate a nationwide, or maybe global, call to prayer. Come to our church or go to any place of worship and pray for the forces of good to cleanse us from the darkness seeping in so many corners of life on earth, to cleanse the hearts of those perpetrating the violence. At noon in each time zone, let us lift our voices, our entire beings, our faith in fervent prayer. Let us not accept the rising violence, the resurrected racism, the strife we see rising. Let us not fear this dark tide and shrink from our task. Let us stand up to all this and speak our prayers with strength. Let us put on the full armor of God together.*

Church Council asked me to write an article to share this with you. We would like to have a noon prayer every Friday in the sanctuary similar to the samples below. **We are starting the first Friday of August.** You are invited to be present and to invite friends, as well as let others you know in other churches and towns and invite them to participate. Prayer is powerful. We are not at the mercy of the fraction, we stand together with God, with Love, with Oneness. Let us create a wave of prayer across this globe that will lift the darkness and set free those imprisoned by it. In the old English, hell meant walled off. People acting out negatively are walled off from God, unable to express their divine potential. Even though they are few in number, they create mayhem and fear. Let us pray for God to touch their hearts.

Join us in inviting every church, synagogue, mosque, temple, every good person on earth to pray at noon in their time zone. Help get the word out.

### Sample Prayers

Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, we know You are always with us. We stand in this knowing and lift our beloved nation and world up to You. In Your Name, we command the forces of darkness to be gone, vanquished, disempowered, lifted from us. We call forth Your Powers of Love, of Wisdom, of Light to fill us all and lead us forward. Lead us to fully love one another as You Love us. Lead us to cherish and accept one another, to cherish all of Your Creation. Let Love reign and strife be gone. Let hatreds drain away. Let violence fall from us. Let our eyes be open and our hearts attuned to You. We claim Peace here and now. We seal this prayer with the ancient seal of faith and integrity, Amen, Amen and Amen

Oh, Holy Presence, in sorrow I come to You. I weep inside for those tortured souls who have gone down the paths of darkness and have convinced themselves that ugliness and violence are right and proper. I lift them to You, and I ask that Your Lovingness enfold them and lead them to drop the pain of hate and open to the joys of kindness and love. Wherever these pained souls are on this planet, I know You are there. Touch them, Heal them. Restore them to the beings You created, to Your very image. I am filled with thanksgiving for I know what is possible with You, what is possible for them, what a future we might all have together as Your children. Let it be so. Amen, Amen and Amen

May God Bless Us All,

Rev. Marlene Oaks



# Servant Volunteer of the Month

## Carlyn Buehler



I am excited to share some of the life of world traveler and vivacious Carlyn with you. She was born at Fort Ord, CA. Sadly her mother died in childbirth, and an aunt took Carlyn and her sister to Washington. Her US Army father transferred to Fort Lewis. Her father found a wonderful woman to marry, and Carlyn feels blessed to have such a wonderful mother. She spent her 5th birthday shipboard enroute to Germany, where her father had been transferred. She went to kindergarten and part of first grade in Germany. Then her father was transferred to Fort Polk in Rose Pine, Louisiana, where she continued school through the 4th grade. Her father retired and they moved to Mossy Rock, Washington. Carlyn graduated high school there in a class of 35! She then attended Seattle Community College and received an AA degree in Transportation.

Carlyn was baptized Southern Baptist in Louisiana, attended the Mossy Rock Brethren Church, and attended the Catholic Church with Dan, teaching Sunday School when their son, Jonathan, was old enough to go.

While attending college, she waitressed at the Hyatt House near Seattle. A friend she met while waitressing introduced her to Dan and the three of them went off in 1986 to Australia to view Halley's Comet from Ayers Rock. She had booked many clients on trips to Australia, and was excited to go herself. Dan proposed to her on Christmas Day in 1987 while in Puerto Vallarta, but they waited to marry until his sister's wedding was over. In Kent, Washington in 1989, Dan and Carlyn wed. Their son Jonathan was born in December of 1990. After Jonathan's birth, Carlyn quit the travel agent business. Carlyn got a job as a teaching assistant in Jonathan's preschool to help with his tuition and found she liked it. When Dan left Boeing on 2000, they moved to Canton, Michigan where he worked for Johnson Controls. Within two weeks, she was working as a teacher's aide in a private school.

They moved to California in 2002 when Dan got a job at General Atomics, then he went on to Palmdale in 2009. They moved to Temecula in 2002, and decided Carlyn and Jonathan would stay here and not move to Palmdale. He comes home every other weekend. Now he is getting ready to retire, and that will be a big adjustment—everyday, not every other weekend! They recently purchased a condo in Sheboygan for summers and to be close to Dan's family

Asked how she found her way here to TUMC, she said she came because of a friend who was in one of the plays our church used to put on. In 2003 Carlyn came to see the play, and Mark and Monica got Jonathan interested in the youth group. Carlyn then began to help with the plays and then joined the choir. Since then she has also helped with the teas, has been on the Board of Trustees twice (she is currently on Trustees), is in the book club, organizes the Christmas party, helps with Time for Friends, worked in the food pantry, and is a supporter of Prayers and Squares.

Carlyn has several hobbies: traveling, reading, doing puzzles, gardening, and taking care of her guys, human and feline. Her personal philosophy is to try to be a good person and do as God wants, to treat others as she wants to be treated. She said she truly loves this church. "The best part is the people. They are my second family."

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Marlene Oaks