



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

September 2021



Remembering 9/11

Rick's Ramblings

Remembering

I want to begin my words this month with a part of a passage from Revelation 21:3. "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will with them; **he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; morning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.**"

This month we will remember the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy. This question is almost always raised when the remembering of a major event of history, "do you remember where you were when it occurred?" And if we were alive and old enough when the event took place we can definitely remember. It's usually burned into our memory. When the US Olympic Hockey Team defeated the Soviet Team in the semi-finals in 1980, I know I was in front of the TV in our Apartment. I was very excited and when Al Micheals screamed into the mic, 'do you believe in miracles?' I was shouting yes, yes. When the events of 9/11 were unfolding, I was getting ready to go to Church (I was serving in Julian) Sally had on one of the mornings shows and called me to come watch. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I thought at first, they were showing a preview for a movie or TV show. But it wasn't!

At the Church several members were gathered to set up for our yearly rummage sale and when I arrived, we gathered in the yard for a time of

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September 15th

Rick's Ramblings continued

prayer. We couldn't believe it. What do we do? We were in shock, hurt, and grieving for people we didn't even know. We also had a sense of fear. What do we do?

Each year when we remember the events of 9/11/2001 many of these same emotions come rushing back. And on this year when we come to a milestone of 20 years we question, have things really changed much in the world? As we pull our troops from Afghanistan and see the fear, hurt, and anger of the people who are afraid they won't be able to get out of their country before the Taliban regime rounds them up, we ask has anything changed? What do we do?

We remember! Not to get stuck in the past and be swallowed up by our grief and our emotions. But to celebrate the lives of those who lost their lives that day. To celebrate the first responders who sacrificed to bring hope and help to those suffering. We remember to remind us that God was with all those who lost their life, all of us who lived through that atrocity and that God gave us the strength to rebuild our lives and the hope that this is not the end and life will overcome death.

How do we go on? By our faith we come to God! We continue to seek a way to bring peace. We reach out to offer help where we can help to alleviate suffering. We gather together to comfort one another. We echo that it is through our God in Christ that light of hope and healing will happen and become the norm. "Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

Under the leadership of Marlene Oaks, we have been inviting those who would like to gather to come to the Church on Fridays at noon to pray together for peace, hope, and love for all people. In remembrance of the 20th Anniversary, I would like to invite you, your families, friends, neighbors, and community folks to the church on Saturday September 11, at 8:46 AM to pray and be together and remember.

The reason for 8:46 am, this was the time when the tragedy began, (it was really 5:46 am Pacific time but I thought that would be too early so I chose what would have been the eastern time).

Let me close how I began my words, with scripture: "My spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever" (Psalm 73:26).

Peace & Grace.

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. Due to Covid numbers, masks are required to be worn inside during the service.



Worship Scriptures and Themes

September:

- **5** Scripture: Mark 7:24-37
- Theme: *Individual vs. Community*
- **12** Scripture: Mark 8:27-38
- Theme: *No Love Without Suffering*
- **19** Scripture: James 3:13-4:8a
- Theme: *Wisdom from God*
- **26** Scripture: Mark 9:38-50
- Theme: *For Christ*



Servant Volunteers are Invited



We want to thank all who have answered the call to serve on Sundays. But we are still in need of Sunday 10AM Worship Service Volunteers. Below are some of the areas you can serve.

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

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

Liturgist or Greeting at the 10:00AM 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.

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

Bible Study With Pastor Rick

Pastor Rick's Bible Study to Resume

On Wednesday September 1, 2021 the Bible Study led by Pastor Rick will resume at 10 AM. To begin the group will meet on Zoom. The group will look to meet in person in the following weeks as Covid numbers improve. If you would like to participate in the bible study group, please contact Pastor Rick and share your email. He will send you a link to allow you to connect in.

The group studies the Scriptures from The Lectionary for the upcoming Sundays. The Lectionary are the scriptures in groups covered over a three year period. The scriptures for the first meeting on September 1 will be Proverbs 22:1-22, James 2:1-17, and Mark 7:24-37.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the class contact Pastor Rick

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Drive-Thru Dinner

Last month we had another successful Drive-Thru BBQ Dinner Fundraiser. We raised \$375 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. 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. Proceeds will go to support the furtherance of our mission and ministry to offer help and hope to our Church Family and the community around us. If you have any questions you can contact

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Change to Online Giving



The Finance Team want thank those of you who are using the GivePlus Mobile app for making your generous contributions. Your gifts help in our ministry and keep us strong. Second, the Team has some very exciting news from Vanco! They are replacing our GivePlus Mobile app with their all-new Vanco Mobile app. Vanco Mobile will be just as easy to use as GivePlus Mobile, and it comes with new features to make it even better. Vanco Mobile will provide you with the simplest way to give – and stay in touch – with the church family.

GivePlus Mobile will no longer be supported starting September 30, 2021. Be sure to download Vanco Mobile now so you can remain connected to Temecula UMC.

We encourage you to download the free Vanco Mobile app today! And it’s easy for you to use:

- ◆ Your GivePlus Mobile log-in credentials stay the same in Vanco Mobile. No need for a new user ID or password.
- ◆ If you have recurring gifts set up, they will continue to be made as scheduled.

Vanco Mobile is available in the [Google Play](#) store and the [Apple App](#) store now. Download it today.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Church Family. We couldn’t do all the good work we do without you.

If you have any questions contact Lloyd Bradshaw, our Finance Chair or Pastor Rick.



Anniversaries

- 9/03 Rob & Naila Tayrien
- 9/08 Bonifacio & Vinya Gulla
- 9/12 Matt & Lynn Ferguson
- 9/15 Raymond & Marilyn Landry



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| 9/01 Jim Dreher
Lyn Gruber | 9/23
Lloyd Bradshaw
Blaise Thielemann
Christopher Thielemann |
| 9/08 Ethel Takeguchi | 9/24
Romano Villanueva |
| 9/10 John Clark | 9/25
Annabel Matson |
| 9/11 Hayes Riche | 9/26
Benjamin Benson
Marilyn Landry |
| 9/12 Karen Benvenuto
Marie Orillion | 9/28
Pat Lain
Matthew Mcculough |
| 9/13 Jennifer Sayne | |
| 9/14 Monica McCullough
Stephen Mckown
Stephanie Strand
Raul Tricoche | |
| 9/15 Thelma Loud | |
| 9/17 Diane Greer | |
| 9/19 Carlyn Buehler | |
| 9/20 Mary Jean Gordon | |
| 9/21 Ace Aumoecualogo
Rob Tayrien
Vincent Villanueva | |





We have a new Missionary as of September 1, 2021. Our previous Missionary Clara Biswas retired August 31, 2021. Rev. Lee is from our conference and he is currently serving in Cambodia working with three

missionaries and eight local staff. He is serving as the country director for the Cambodia Mission Initiative, he has collaborated with other Methodist mission agencies (Singapore MC, WFCMC, KMC, CONNEXIO) to bring about an autonomous Methodist denomination in Cambodia. As a result of this effort, Cambodia Methodist Church (MCC) has been established and it's on the right track to become its own Annual Conference. For more information about what Rev. Lee is doing go to

<https://www.facebook.com/DreamCambodia> or <https://umccambodia.org/>

Guatemala Student Scholarship



The Guatemala Government provides teachers at local schools. However, family of students are

required to pay

nominal school fees, all school supplies, such as pencils, pens, paper, books, etc. The Student Scholarship fund is used for students (K-University) who are unable to attend school because their families cannot afford to pay these school expenses. Scholarships are given to children who live in an area where the “Guatemala Mission Project” has completed service projects; such as installing high efficiency wood stoves, building projects including medical and dental clinics and school classrooms. Students in need of scholarship are identified by their teachers and School Director. Parents can also contact a local “Guatemala Mission Project Leader” regarding their need.

Golden Baskets for this Month

September

- 5- Missionary**
- 12- Pastor’s Discretionary**
- 19- Guatemala Student Scholarship**
- 26- Prayers & Squares**



Prayers and Squares

Although it started in a United Methodist Church, is now a multi-denominational prayer quilt ministry. The rules we must agree to are: the quilts are free, no charge; keep a record of all quilts given in writing and with a photo; urge sponsors to clear with prospective recipient before submitting request form; use official labels; put prayer ties in each quilt; it's about the prayers and not so much about the quilt.



This fund is used by Pastor Rick to help members of the community as well as members of our church, that are in need of rent, gas & money for food. etc.

United Methodist Women



United Methodist Woman Meeting information.

- Thursday, September 9, 2021- 10AM**
UMW Board Meeting in Room 1.
- Thursday, September 16, 2021– 10AM**
UMW General Meeting in Room 1.

Our gathering for this meeting is a presentation by Leslie Gregory on the subject “Coral Reef”; There will be a short movie/video.

**All woman of the church are Welcome;
Come and join us!**

Put October 17th on Your Calendar

Annual Prayers & Squares Boutique

Quilts, table runners, art quilts, mug rugs, pillows
And much more!

Get your Christmas shopping done with us and support this
Ministry - 100% of proceeds go towards
Prayers and Squares.

We will be located at entrance of Breezeway after service.



SERVANT VOLUNTEER FOR SEPTEMBER

LORNA HENLEY



It is with joy that I introduce to you the amazing California girl, Lorna Henley. She was born in Los Angeles and adopted at age 2 days by a loving family. She lived in Inglewood until age 13, and then the family moved to the San Fernando Valley. Lorna attended, and graduated from, Canoga Park High School. She then went to Los Angeles Pierce College where she earned her A.A. degree. She attended Cal State Northridge, with a goal of becoming a teacher, but she learned at that time there were thousands of teachers unemployed. The most she could hope for was being a substitute teacher part time. Her career goal took a different path.

She met Dan in English class at Cal State Northridge, although she remembers seeing him at high school, they had not actually met before. A year later they began to date, and they became engaged in 1976 and married in 1977. Their first born was Jonathan in 1978, then Katie in 1982 and Matthew in 1985. Lorna was a full time mom, who also did some medical transcription work at home, until her youngest was in kindergarten. She then worked full time in the front office of a family medical practice.

When Lorna was a child, she loved to play board games, swing on the family swing set and play in the playhouse her dad built. She also loved to swim and took swimming and diving lessons at the YMCA. She liked crafts like paint by number and mosaics. Lorna had many friends and loved playing with them. She had a younger brother, the natural child of her parents. Her brother passed away two years ago. Her dad passed away when she was 18.

Lorna was not active in church until her teens. A friend got her involved in the youth group of the Nazarene Church where she stayed through high school. She also worked in the church office. Sometimes she attended the Presbyterian Church of the Valley with her parents. For 4 years she worked at the World Literature Crusade whose goal was to spread Christian literature throughout the world.

In 1998 she and Dan and children relocated to Temecula. Dan was working in San Diego, and the commute from the Valley was too much. They considered several communities, and they fell in love with Temecula. Lorna got a job in a medical office and worked there for 20 years. They found this church in 2013 and joined in 2014. Randy Johnson was the pastor, and they felt welcomed from the beginning.

Lorna believes that God has given us so much to be thankful for and works at having an "attitude of gratitude." She says she wants to be part of making this world what God created it to be. She feels the need to step up and live as God intended.

At this church, Lorna has given service in many ways, such as: hospitality, greeting, scrip, Stephen Ministry, office work, UMW and Prayers and Squares.

She said, "I love our church family and am grateful to be a part of it. Our church helps me grow in faith. And, I love to serve. Being a member of TUMC has really helped me grow in faith."

Lorna surely blesses us all, and we are grateful for her.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Marlene Oaks