



**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 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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FREE

*Happy
Valentines Day!*

Monks Annual Breakfast
Saturday, February 10th • 8 A.M.

Annual treat for all ladies of TUMC!

Men Pay \$12

**RSVP 951-676-1800 x3
or sign up in church breezeway.**

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

Connecting and Looking Forward

I believe one of the underlying themes of the Scriptures is that of connecting and connection. God created humanity to be in relationships, connecting to offer support, care, hope, and strength. It is through our connections with one another that God offers hope and the love of Christ. Through our connection with God we grow in our faith and understanding of God's vision for us and God's forgiveness of us and all humanity. When we move to be in connections we learn each other's stories, the hurts and hopes of one another, and how we can invite in and welcome those who are new to us, different from us, and to grow the circle wider to be more inclusive to be the family of God.

As we look at our three Mission/Ministry program objectives we as a church family have found God leading us to: 1. Supporting military individuals and families, 2. Growing musical groups, handbells, children's music and more, and 3. Developing weeknight fellowship. Such are the threads connecting and making connections. *Connecting, Making Connections* is the theme that the Worship Ministry Team will be embracing for the four upcoming Fifth Sunday Potlucks throughout this year.

We will find connection not only during our Fifth Sunday Potlucks, but also as we look forward to the many opportunities of Ministry/Mission. We shall discover the connection we have with one another in our church family, with the people in our community, world, and God. I want to highlight and share with you some of these opportunities and possibilities that we can anticipate with hope and joy.

In view of our three Mission/Ministry program objectives there is an event called "God and Country — A Salute to our Armed Services" planned for the end of April. Through the leadership of Margaret Meyncke we shall have a bell choir for young to old and develop a Glory Bee's children's choir. We have incorporated other new musical groups to expand our connection in worship.

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Rick's Ramblings *continued*

We are looking forward to the Gala in May that has brought us a new connection with outreach to Jacob's House in this community. They offer caring housing for families who have a family member receiving treatment or recovering at one of our area hospitals.

We look forward to our ongoing Ministries and Missions that help us connect. Vacation Bible School will be returning this year as we serve the children of our community. The United Methodist Women Tea, the MONKS Valentines Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinner each offer a time of fellowship and these activities support important outreaches for those who are hungry and homeless. We anticipate with excitement the Fourth of July Picnic.

We look forward to our outreach missions, the *Friends of the Poor Walk*, our Youth SSP Team, and the opportunity to help with the Lilac Fire Disaster clean-up and recovery.

Also ahead are the ongoing Bible study and spiritual growth groups. These are ways to connect with our faith, one another and God.

Finally, I share with you that our facility connections will be strengthened through some physical upgrades, renovations and beautifications to our building. We look forward to improvements of our sound and video equipment and capabilities. Renovating our kitchen and Hillside Room will support our fellowship and meeting gatherings. We anticipate renovating the bathroom off the Sunday School office to make it a family bathroom that is ADA compliant. This is to help couples and families to care for those with special needs. We are thankful for the addition of an ADA compliant ramp added to our stage to allow access to all persons who wish to participate in the leadership of our worship, music and other programs. We look forward to beautifying and upgrading our Worship Center as we move forward through 2018 and beyond. By improving our facilities and grounds we continue to welcome and invite those who are seeking to be in connection. These are just some of the opportunities and possibilities for you to connect, and even offer leadership and help.

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In having conversations with many of you in our church family, and good conversations within the Church Council and with leaders, I do believe other points of connection will arise for us to be a growing part of the family of God.

Pastor Rick



PS: This is the first Messenger of the New Year and since Christmas, so Sally and I want to thank all who shared Christmas Greetings, Cards, and gifts. You have blessed us immensely.

GALA 2018

Submitted by Monica McCullough

TUMC Temecula United Methodist Church has partnered with Jacob's House Temecula to present "A Night Among the Stars", to produce our 2018 Silent/Live Auction and Gala. The event is to be held at Ponte Winery on Friday, May 25, 2018.

Jacob's house has served the Temecula area for over ten years, offering lodging to families with loved ones in medical crisis. Their website reads: "We are a community resource dedicated to serving families in crisis. We do this by providing a shelter for the physical, emotional and spiritual support."

We believe that this partnership will add to the success of our Gala and the expansion of both partners' community outreach programs, under the motto "Wish, Hope, Dream – You can Make it Happen."

Tickets will be on sale soon, so watch for us at a table in the breezeway. Tickets to our Gala will be \$75/person which includes a gourmet dinner, dancing, entertainment and a fun-filled night to benefit our community.

As with any major event, many hands will be needed to ensure our success.

We will be soliciting donations for our live and silent auctions. If you have new items to donate or would like to donate gift cards or cash, please contact the church office.

If you would like to offer your help, please contact Monica McCullough at mnmfam@roadrunner.com. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 1st, at 6:30 P.M. All are welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday

Adult Bible Study with Joe Hughes - The 9 a.m. Adult Bible Study class meets in Room 6 and is currently studying: "The Bible, An Epic Miniseries". This series was produced in 2013, and reviewers like it for its excellent acting and good special effects.

Adult Tagalog Bible Study meets in Room 8 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 is Boni Gulla.

Sunday School meets EVERY SUNDAY at 9 a.m.

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

Younger Elementary Class (K-3rd)

Older Elementary Class (4th–5th)

Teens (6th–12th)



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

Club 3.16—3rd–5th graders at TUMC in Room 1 every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 4:30–6 p.m.

Vacation Bible School—June 18th–22nd—Save the Date.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study—Women of study and encouragement meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Karen Benvenuto. All women of the church are invited.

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. **February 6th, *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly** will be reviewed by Jessie Boyle at her home.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 1st 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 **February 1st, at 12 noon at the Red Lobster Restaurant, 41649 Margarita Road, Temecula.** Kindly sign up in the church breezeway or RSVP to Sally Messersmith.

Evening Bible Study with Pastor Rick may change to Wednesday evenings. Pastor Rick will email current class participants.

Friday

***Re-Claiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World* by John Shelby Spong** meets the first and third Friday of the month (**February 2nd and 16th**) at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6. Bishop Spong explores what the history of the Bible can teach us about reading its stories today and living our lives for tomorrow.

Prayers and Squares Ministry — Prayers and Squares Ministry meets at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Friday of the month (**February 9th and 23rd**). Email marleneoaks56@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS DAY



UM WOMEN

Submitted by Gloria Galvez



February 8th Thursday, 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting in Room 6.
February 15th – Thursday, 10 a.m. UMW General Meeting/Luncheon in the Hillside Room.

The program for this meeting is *Book Review*. Four members of the UMW will present their summaries of the books that they read on the subjects: Leadership Development, Nurturing the Community, Social Action and Spiritual Group. Opportunity for discussion after each summary presented will follow. All women of the church are encouraged to attend to learn about the UMW mission which is for the welfare of women, youth and children. Come and join us.

April 14th Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
UMW Spring Tea

The theme is "Spring into Fashion"

Save the date and mark your calendar.

If you would like to host a table, please contact Diane Martinez and/or Gloria Galvez. If you would like to be a model for the fashion show, please contact LeeAnn Lumsden.

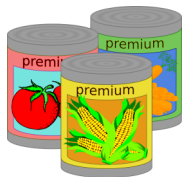
MONKS of TUMC

MONKS Monthly Breakfast Meeting

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2018
Time: 8:00 a.m. Valentine Breakfast
Location: TUMC Worship Center—see page one

Food Pantry -Each Sunday One Person—One Can of Food

Canned food may be dropped off in the basket at the entrance to the Worship Center and in the bin provided under the tables in the breezeway. One can of food from each person helps put food on the table for families and seniors in our community.



From the Breezeway

February Worship Themes and Scriptures

4th Theme : *The Power and Need of Prayer*
Scripture: Mark 1:29-39
11th Theme: *Showing our True Selves*
Scripture: Mark 9:2-9
14th Theme: Ash Wednesday -
What is our Reward?
Scripture: Mark 9:2-9
18th Theme: *Baptism*
Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18-22
25th Theme: Guest Preacher Rev. Hilly Hicks
Scripture: TBA

March

4th Theme: *Outside the Box*
Scripture: John 2:13-22
11th Theme: *Out of the Clear Blue Sky*
Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m., there will be a Service of Ashes to commemorate the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is the 40 days (excluding Sundays) of preparation and spiritual devotion in anticipation of the Resurrection of Christ on Easter. The ashes are a reminder of our self-denial and repentance in moving closer to God. Let us gather for a time of devotion and celebration.

Trip of a Lifetime

Have you wanted to experience a little bit of what it was like to live at the time of Jesus? Possibly walk in the footsteps of Jesus? See the Bible come to life? You and your friends have an opportunity to join Pastor Rick on a journey that will increase your understanding of the Bible, your spirituality and closeness to God. The trip is November 5–14, 2018, with a possible six-day extension to Egypt for those who want to experience Mt. Sinai, see the Pyramids and Sphinx. Contact Pastor Rick. You may also check out the following link:

<http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl18110518g53601#.Wlkvi6inGUl>

Page submitted by Jeanette Frisbey



Club 3.16

WHO: 3rd – 5th graders

Where: TUMC Room 1

When: every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 4:30 – 6 pm

Starting: February 11



Details:

Club 3.16 is a mini-youth group experience for 3rd-5th graders. Kids can experience community outside of Sunday morning activities.

We gather in Room 1 to learn Bible stories, play games, and form friendships.

Glory Bees



The *Glory Bees* children's choir will be starting practice on February 4th from 10:00 – 10:30 am. All children from 3 years to 5th grade are welcome. Please contact Jeanette Frisbey by email at Jeanette.frisbey@yahoo.com or text at 757-641-4911.



BIBLES

We are looking for 3rd – 5th graders who have not received a Bible from Sunday School. Please contact Jeanette Frisbey by email, jeanette.frisbey@yahoo.com, or text, 757-641-4911.

Nursery Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a few friends of children to help out in the nursery during the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Please contact Jeanette Frisbey by email at Jeanette.frisbey@yahoo.com or by text at 757-641-4911. Thanks!





The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in collaboration with Temecula UMC will hold the annual Friends of the Poor Walk, Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac School Track located at 32650 Avenida Lestonnac, Temecula.

Proceeds will directly benefit the SVDP food pantry. Registration and Pledge Forms are available in the church breezeway.

Bring your pledge sheet with pledge donations to the walk location at St. Jeanne de Lestonnac School Track on March 3rd at 8 a.m.

Contact Diane Martinez through the church office at 676-1800x3 for more information.



New in 2018

From the Trustees

Submitted by Mark McCullough

Those who have been in church lately know there have been issues with our sound board. Repairs should be completed by the time this article is published. The Trustees have also been meeting with several different contractors about upgrading the elements of the sound booth that help with the worship service. That project includes replacing the TV in the Hillside room. If you have an energetic child not

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sitting still in church, you can still catch the service there and not miss the sermon. We will be updating the feed to the TV in the nursery so volunteers there can monitor the service as well. We will also be replacing the monitor to the choir and adding one for the Pastor and Liturgist so they can see what you will be seeing on the screen. The Trustees have chosen to use a dedicated Memorial account so the cost of this will not be coming out of the budget. This has needed to be done since most of the equipment is very old.

Mark

TUMC Beautification & Upgrade Committee

Thanks to the Trustees, our committee has gotten the ball rolling with TUMC's kitchen remodel project. After months of talking with contractors and scheduling meetings with them to get quotes, we had the first contractor stop by. We have two more appointments with contractors to get bids from them as well. Once we have these in hand, we will be able to present a vision of the kitchen upgrade and get more input from the congregation on those details that really matter like colors and final placement of appliances. We will be having our next committee meeting after second service (11:45 a.m.) on Sunday February 18th in Room 1. If you would like to be part of this committee please stop by.

There are several other projects we will be working on this year, so take some time and give us your thoughts.

Mark

Welcoming Tip

Remember that welcoming visitors is the responsibility of the entire congregation. Ask yourself whether your actions, facial expressions and gestures say that your hearts and minds are truly open.

February 2018						
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25	26	27	28			




- 2/1 12:00 p.m. Out to Lunch Bunch
- 2/2 10:30 a.m. *Re-Claiming the Bible* w/Rev. Oaks
- 2/4 5th Sunday after the Epiphany
 - 9:00 a.m. Worship
 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 - 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
 - 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
 - 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship
 - 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 - 2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting
 - 4:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 2/6 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
 - 6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
 - 7:00 p.m. Book Discussion at Jessie Boyle's home
- 2/7 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
 - 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
 - 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/8 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting
 - 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting
- 2/9 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Ministry
- 2/10 8:00 a.m. MONKS Valentine Breakfast
- 2/11 Last Sunday after Epiphany
 - 9:00 a.m. Worship
 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 - 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
 - 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
 - 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship
 - 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 - 2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting
 - 4:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 2/13 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 2/14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
 - 10:00 A.M. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
 - 6:30 p.m. Trustees
 - 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
 - 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/15 10:00 a.m. UMW General Meeting/Luncheon
 - 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

- 2/15 10:30 a.m. *Re-Claiming the Bible* w/Rev. Oaks
- 2/18 First Sunday in Lent
 - 9:00 a.m. Worship
 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 - 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
 - 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
 - 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship
 - 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 - 2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting
 - 4:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 2/19 Presidents Day—Church Offices Closed
- 2/20 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
- 2/21 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
 - 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
 - 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- 2/22 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 337
- 2/23 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares Ministry
- 2/25 Second Sunday in Lent
 - 9:00 a.m. Worship
 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 - 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
 - 9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Study
 - 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
 - 10:30 a.m. Worship
 - 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 - 2:00 p.m. Cub Den Meeting
 - 4:30 p.m. Financial Peace University
- 2/27 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
 - 3:30 p.m. MONKS cook for Project Touch
- 2/28 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Pastor Rick
 - 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
 - 7:15 p.m. Choir rehearsal

AED Training

AED (Automated External Defibrillator) can be a life-saving device. These devices have become a major component in giving treatment to persons having heart attacks in many public places until paramedic help arrives. The Trustees understand this need and have moved to put in place AEDs in our facility. Now we need to do basic training for persons who assist during worship and are on-site during the week. The Trustees are holding the first of what they hope will be on-going training. This is in case there should be a medical emergency during our Worship or other events. The date is **Saturday, February 3, 9:00 A.M. in Room 1**. This will be a two-hour instruction by Larry Natwick, a member of our congregation who is a certified trainer along with Mark McCullough who will be present. *Continued page 9*

	<u>February 4</u>	<u>February 11</u>	<u>February 18</u>	<u>February 25</u>	
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman	MONKS	Youth	Sam & Pat Hill Mark Bowers Bert Bjorklund	
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Dan Henley Gerry Nicholas Janet Galbraith Gilbert Oaks	MONKS	Youth	Dan Henley Gerry Nicholas Janet Galbraith Gilbert Oaks	
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Karen Benvenuto Joyce Little	MONKS	Youth	Earl Fields Marlene Oaks	
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Anita Accordino Stella Mohammed	MONKS	Youth	Heather Bjorklund Thelma Loud	
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Raymond Landry	Mark McCullough Ken Boyle	Gian & Meghann Gian & Meghann	Jeanette Edmonds Jeanette Edmonds	
VISITOR TABLE 9 :00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pauline Fields Dorothy Smith	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	Jean Hawkins Gloria Galvez	Sue Bradshaw Marilyn Landry	

AED Training continued

You will be instructed in basic CPR how to operate the AED. The classes are limited to 15 people, so call the church office to make sure there is still room. If not we can create a waiting list that will be used for our next class. You can contact Pastor Rick or Larry Natwick, if you have questions.



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