



**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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Who has the best view of the fireworks?
TUMC, that's who.

4th of July

FAMILY FUN ★ PICNIC ★ FIREWORKS
PICNIC BEGINS AT 5 PM - PARKING (WITH PASS)

Bring your lawn chairs and have fun as you listen to great music,
sample tri-tip or pulled pork, cole slaw and chips!
Hot Dog meal for Kids, Nachos and more.
Enjoy a night of fun and fellowship.



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FAMILY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

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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

The Way Forward

I would like to follow up on my article from last month with a recap of remarks last month at our Annual Conference in Redlands made by our bishop of the California Pacific Conference, Grant Hagiya. He shared an overview of plans that would be presented next year at our General Conference. This would include an option recommended by the Council of Bishops on how the UMC body should proceed.

Commission on a Way Forward Report:

Bishop Hagiya presented a broad overview of the report of the Council of Bishops on the Commission on the Way Forward. He set forth objectives of the presentations and conversations scheduled on Friday such as to share openly and honestly our own position on human sexuality; to hold honest dialogue with each other without trying to convert others to our position; and to build trust with each other by engaging in deep and open dialogue now and into our future. This is a learning process for everyone. Open and honest dialogue requires that we share our deepest values without trying to change another's mind.

The Council of Bishops had a strong majority preference for the One Church Plan: In the One Church Plan, the denomination does not split and there is one unified UMC body. In this plan, all LGBTQI exclusive language is removed from the Book of Discipline (BOD); everyone will have autonomy to follow their own conscience; no vote has to be taken by any jurisdiction, annual conference or local church; Boards of Ordained Ministry (BOMs) will decide who is ordained in each conference; local churches and clergy decide who to marry; and complaints and trials on all LGBTQI violations are removed. While there are more details, this plan can be implemented without any extra layers of approvals, and no constitutional amendments are needed.

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Rick's Ramblings continued

The Connectional Conference Plan: There are four types of Conferences: Central Conferences; Progressive Connectional Conference; Traditional Connectional Conference; and Unity Connectional Conference. Jurisdictional Conferences will be dismantled and each will decide which proposed conference to affiliate with. Conferences who disagree may vote to be united with a different Connectional Conference. Each Connectional Conference would create its own Book of Discipline (BOD). A General Conference Transitions Team would be created to manage the process for an organizing General Conference in 2022, which would involve approval of eight constitutional amendments. General agencies would be on their own and there would be a number of other necessary changes. This is a complex plan and achieving consensus on it would be difficult.

The Traditionalist Conference Plan: All the current language on homosexuality will remain in the BOD; Annual Conferences will have to commit that they will uphold the BOD or leave the UMC to form a self-governing body; and Bishops will have to certify that they will uphold the BOD or be charged by the Council of Bishops. The certification process would extend to conferences, clergy, and Board of Ordained Ministries in upholding the BOD. The Commission did not flesh out the legislation needed for this plan, which aims for maximum accountability.

Bishop Hagiya said that the Commission invited UMC theologians to gather and provide critical missional and doctrinal understandings for the Commission. From this came their statement on Convicted Humility: "This is an attitude which combines honesty about the differing convictions which divide us with humility about the way in which each of our views may stand in need of corrections. It also involves humble repentance for all the ways in which we have spoken and acted as those seeking to win a fight rather than those called to discern the shape of faithfulness together. In that spirit, we wish to lift up the shared core commitments which define the Wesleyan movement, and ground our search for wisdom and holiness. They are offered as a starting

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point for conversation, and a reminder that what unites us is deeper and more central than what divides." Bishop Hagiya believes that John Wesley would tell us to be flexible and open to where God's Spirit is leading. Bishop Roy Sano once said to the Council of Bishops, "before you take your stance, you should tell your story," which shifted their table conversations from arguing to sharing personal stories. The Bishops seek to model this type of dialogue.

Once again the Bishop shared that there would be times set up throughout the Conference for others to listen, share stories, and offer input. Again, please feel free to set an appointment to come in and share hopes, comments, or concerns. I plan on setting up our own times of sharing of our stories and listening as we move forward.

Peace & Grace
Pastor Rick



4th OF JULY PARTY

Once again the youth will be selling the food and other snacks. Tri Tip and pulled pork sandwiches, Cole Slaw and Chips. Plus Hot Dogs and Nachos.

There will be Glow items for sale as well as a Watermelon Eating Contest. The largest community block party in Temecula is the one we have here.

4th OF JULY PARKING PASSES

The MONKS and friends will be coordinating the parking passes and parking lot the night of July 4th. As always, there will be a parking pass for each family in the church. You may pick up a pass from the church office Tuesday or Wednesday. Up to two passes per family (donations accepted). Proceeds go to church and the MONKS.

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.)

Older Elementary Class (4th–5th)

Younger Elementary Class (K-3rd)

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 to 5th graders at TUMC in Room 1 every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 4:30–6 p.m.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study is on break during the month of July.

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study with Pastor Rick is on summer break.

Evening Bible Study with Pastor Rick is on summer break.

Thursday

Welcoming & Outreach Committee meets every other month. The next meeting will be **Thursday, July 5th 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, except for July. Contact Sally Messersmith.

Friday

Book Discussion w/Rev. Marlene Oaks is on summer break. The group will resume in the fall the first and third Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in Room 6.

Prayers and Squares Ministry – Prayers and Squares Ministry will meet Friday, July 13th and 27th.

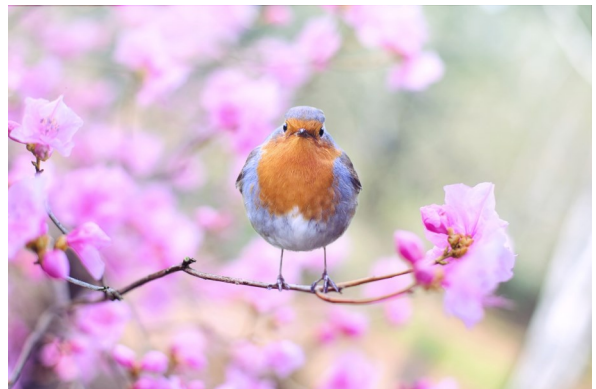


Morning Symphony

As morning came
I heard a symphony
Nature orchestrating her music
Birds chirp, sing, dance on the fence
A bee hums by

Tree sway
Leaves rattle in the light breeze
Chimes begin to play
Distant airplane comes into tune then fades
Doves began their coo
A woodpecker starts his tap
I heard the music all around me
I only had to listen

By Sharon McCarthy



From the Breezeway

JULY

- 8th Theme: *Get No Respect*
Scripture: *Mark 6:1-13*
- 15th Theme: *Will the Real Paul Please Stand Up? Part I Paul 101, Just the Facts*
Scripture: *1 Thessalonians 3:11-13, Galatians 3:28-29*
Marlene Oaks, Preaching
- 22nd Theme: *Will the Real Paul Please Stand Up? Part II Paul Speaks to Us Today - His Spiritual Message to Guide Us On Our Way*
Scripture: *Galatians 6:1-8*
Marlene Oaks, Preaching
- 29th Theme: *Splinters of Hope*
Scripture: *John 6:1-21*

AUGUST

- 5th Theme: *Sierra Service Project Sunday*
Scripture: TBA
- 12th Theme: *Cryptanalyst*
Scripture: *John 6:35-51*
- 19th Theme: *Wonder Bread* ★
Scripture: *John 6:51-58*
- 26th Theme: *Welcome the Stranger*
Scripture: *Ephesians 2:11-22*

SUMMERTIME POTLUCK

Sunday, July 29th, we will gather as a total church family at One Worship Service at 10 a.m. Following the service we will have the fun of gathering for a delicious potluck meal. You are welcome to bring your favorite summertime brunch or lunch dish. There will be no need to sign up for or bring dessert, as it will be provided. Look for the signup sheet in the breezeway or call the church office, if you plan on joining us for lunch.

2018 CRAFT FAIRE

Reminder: You may bring your books, CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles to the church and place in the bin provided under the tables in the breezeway.

What Lenses Do We Use to View the Old Testament?

Pastor Rick will be leading a special Bible Study on August 22, 29, and September 5 at 10 AM and 6:30 PM. Using Scriptures from the Old and New Testament, Pastor Rick will begin with the question "What Lenses Do We Use to View the Old Testament?" Is Christ present in the Scriptures Jesus read as a Jew? How do we begin to understand the seemingly harshness of God as portrayed in the Old Testament? The group will be given Scriptures to read and asked to bring ideas and thoughts in how they can answer these and other questions that come up while reading the Bible. Come to be a part of this group for developing and growing faith.

SERVING CHRIST MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Playground for Rancho Damacitas
Rancho Damacitas is an outreach organization that we have supported over the years. It provides positive foster care for children in need in our community and three other counties. The Board of Directors for Rancho Damacitas has decided to change the mission focus a bit to a unique approach of helping struggling single moms and their children.

To help in making the needed changes, Temecula UMC and Murrieta UMC will be partnering to reconfigure their present playgrounds to accommodate young children and moms. We will be working the weekends of August 11th and 25th on this project. This is our opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Please sign up in the breezeway or call Pastor Rick 951-676-1800 ext. 4. Lunch will be provided both days. Bring water, hats, gloves, sunscreen and closed toe shoes. The cost of this playground renovation will be about \$4000 split between the two.

12th ANNUAL BIRDIES FOR BREAD GOLF TOURNAMENT



For the past ELEVEN years, our Congregation under the leadership of the MONKS has partnered with The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul at St. Catherine's to sponsor the Birdies for Bread Golf Tournament and event in support of this pantry. All proceeds from the event go to support the pantry and outreach ministries connected with the pantry.

As you are no doubt aware, the economic situation in our area has continued to evolve over the years. More and more people are seeking assistance from our local food pantries and ours is no exception. Please help us continue in this effort. Your help is greatly needed.

This year we are pleased to announce that our tournament will once again be held at the beautiful Pala Mesa Golf Resort on Friday, September 14, 2018. It is located just 15 minutes south of Temecula on I-15. It is recognized as one of the top facilities in north San Diego County. Impeccably manicured, it is still extremely playable for all skill levels. Additionally, we have chosen another wonderful buffet dinner menu that we are sure you will enjoy. As usual, we will top off the day with a multitude of opportunity drawing prizes and live auction items. The event has been held here for the past four years and feedback from the participants continues to be extremely favorable.

You can also help by playing golf with three of your close friends (or at least three people you know), or donating items for the drawings and live auction, or sponsor a hole, or come for the banquet.

We have registration, item donation, dinner only, and sponsor forms available on the large poster in the church breezeway and in the church office.

You can find out more by contacting Rey Hernandez (714) 931-3071) coordinator of this year's Birdies for Bread.

“Thirst No More” 2018 Cal-Pac Conference

The amazing twists and turns of this year’s conference kept me on my toes. The theme was “Thirst No More.”

Bishop Grant Hagiya’s opening talk set the tone. He spent some time on the decline of mainline churches. In 1960 over 50% of U.S. adults were members of mainline churches. Today the number is 13%!

He then spoke to us about developing a new system of discipleship, making it a verb -*discipling*.

Something close to my heart that he shared was the inequality still present in relationship to women clergy. Of the 730 United Methodist Churches with membership of 500 or more active members, only 30 have women as senior pastors!

Our Bishop quoted Philo: “Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle.”

He asked all of us to read “The Anatomy of Peace” before next year’s conference on *The Way Forward*. He urged us to have an outward mindset with a heart at peace, not at war.

Surprisingly, the longest, most passionate discussion and voting was over whether to move the conference to San Diego starting next year. Such sessions are usually over by 4:30, but this one went past 5:15. In the end, the vote was not even close, and it ended up that we are staying in Redlands.

One morning the Hawaiian churches led the worship service. I loved the music. At one point a beautiful hula was performed and Queen Lili’uokalani’s prayer of 1895 was sung in Hawaiian. In the program we had the translation. The situation was that she was imprisoned in her palace as the missionaries and military took her kingdom away from her. We were led in a liturgy of forgiveness and reconciliation.

We went to the Mission luncheon and were incredibly inspired. We met 3 new missionaries. One young man had a shirt on that was batik with the Methodist cross and flame emblem all over it. I asked him where he got it. He told me the Ivory Coast. I gave him my card because he said he’d try to connect me to the makers of the fabric. I could see a Prayers and Squares quilt or two.

I attended a workshop of discipleship with a new twist. A disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ who is committed to being part of the body of Christ; becoming more like Jesus; and joining Jesus in ministry. In joining Jesus in ministry, we live a life of service and generosity. In this ministry we start out in infancy in our work and eventually mature to unity with God in Christ. They suggested we form regular huddles to discuss things like: What are the implications of understanding discipleship as a movement toward maturity? How might this affect the way we support a disciple around next steps in the journey? Help needed varies according to the stage a person is in. There is a need for churches to set up discipleship programs. Books by Phil Maynard can be of help.

The general day at conference involves morning worship in various forms, legislative meetings, workshops, lots of food, voting, talking with lots of people, miles of walking in hot and smoggy air on a gorgeous campus, inspiration and touch of confusion, and so much more.

Thank you for sending Gilbert and me as your Lay Delegates for 2018. We appreciate your trust and encouragement.

Blessings,
Rev. Marlene Oaks



July 2018						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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- 7/1 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 7/4 Church Offices closed in observance of Independence Day
5:00 p.m. All Church 4th of July Party
- 7/5 10:30 a.m. Welcoming & Outreach
- 7/8 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
4:30 p.m. Club 3:16
- 7/10 6:30 p.m. MONKS Planning Meeting
- 7/11 6:15 p.m. Joy Handbell Ringers
- 7/12 1:00 p.m. Card Game meetup
6:30 p.m. Trustees
- 7/13 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
- 7/14 9:00 a.m. MONKS Monthly Breakfast
- 7/15 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Bible Study w/Joe Hughes
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:45 a.m. Missions Committee
12:00 p.m. Book Club at Pat & Oscars
- 7/17 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 7/18 6:15 p.m. Joy Handbell Ringers

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- 7/22 9:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. Tagalog Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
4:30 p.m. Club 3:16
- 7/23 6:00 p.m. Sewing Camp Week 2
- 7/24 6:00 p.m. Sewing Camp Week 2
6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 7/25 6:00 p.m. Sewing Camp Week 2
6:15 p.m. Joy Handbell Ringers
- 7/26 1:00 p.m. Card Game meetup
6:00 p.m. Sewing Camp Week 2
6:30 p.m. Church Council
- 7/27 10:00 a.m. Prayers and Squares
6:00 p.m. Sewing Camp Week 2
- 7/29 10:00 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. All Church Potluck

SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT

2018 Sierra Service Project to Smith River, CA
 Leave Saturday, July 14th
 Return Sunday, July 22nd in the late afternoon


- Participants:
- Counselor: Gian Adesso
 - Counselor: Pastor Rick Malec
 - Youth: Constance Beltramo
Savannah Hammett
Sydney Hammett
Ethan Hathorn
Bethany Monson
Sage Morrison
Hayes Riche
Olivia Sheaffer
Blaize Thielemann
Jamie Turner
Ana Turner

The youth will do a mix of carpentry, painting and minor repair work.

Mail cards early to: Sierra Service Project
 First & Last Name
 Sierra Service Project
 General Delivery
 Smith River, CA 95567

	<u>July 1</u>	<u>July 8</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>July 22</u>	<u>July 29</u>
USHERS 9:00 a.m.	Bert Bjorklund Larry Messersmith George Wuertz Erik Toberman	Youth	MONKS	Erik Toberman Mark Bowers George Wuertz	TBD
USHERS 10:30 a.m.	Gerry Nicholas Gilbert Oaks Dan Henley Larry Natwick	Youth	MONKS	Dan Henley Larry Natwick Tri Tricoche Raymond Landry	TBD
LITURGISTS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Karen Benvenuto Joyce Little	Youth	MONKS	Jenny Moreland Gerry Nicholas	Sue Bradshaw
GREETERS 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Anita Accordino Sharon McCarthy	Youth	MONKS	Earl Fields Stella Mohammed	Jean Williams
SOUND TECH 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mark McCullough Raymond Landry	Gian & Meghann Gian & Meghann	Mark McCullough Ken Boyle	TBD	TBD
VISITOR TABLE 9 :00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Pauline Fields Dorothy Smith	Anita Accordino Jean Williams	Sue Bradshaw Sue Bradshaw	Karen Benvenuto Gloria Galvez	Jean Hawkins

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2



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