



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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# Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

March 2023

All You Can Eat

# Spaghetti Dinner



**March 25th**  
**5-8PM**

**ADULT**  
**\$13**  
**CHILD**  
**\$7**



**Rick's Ramblings**

**Changes**

There is an old adage: "Change is the only constant in life." This is not only an adage (an old saying) but is a truth, a truth that was expressed by the Greek Philosopher, Heraclitus around 500 BCE. Now there might be debate by some on this. But if someone were to say I'm in as good of health and shape as when I was young, this is a constant. That wouldn't be completely true; yes, we may do all that we can by eating right, exercising, and living as stress-free a life as possible, but our bodies would still be changing and adapting, as would our eating and exercise regimen to remain in good shape.

As I observe, there are at least two types of change. One that occurs naturally, such as our bodies changing or the weather and seasons changing, and changes caused by the actions of individuals, groups of people, or

 **NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**  
**March 15th**

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humanity. When I was growing up and driving up the Old 395 from San Diego, eventually in the mid to late 1970s giving way to the 15 freeway, there was hardly any development between North County San Diego and Corona/Riverside. I went away to seminary in the Chicago area and returned, and Rancho California had been incorporated into the cities of Temecula and Murrieta where development exploded.

Change that is brought about by people can be for the good or for the bad, depending on the motivation of those attempting to bring about the change. What we find many times in the midst of changes are struggles and resistance to change. This is what occurred as Jesus lived his ministry and called everyone to live as if the Kingdom of God were present, which it was in the person and spirit of Jesus the Christ. Jesus was ushering in changes. One that the Priest, Pharisees, Scribes, religious leaders, and Roman authorities didn't want. The change Jesus was calling people to make was a restoration of God's way of reconciliation, love, and forgiveness. To care for those on the margins of society, those that were different and seen as weak.

As we walk this Lenten journey with the Spirit of Christ, we are to focus on the change that is still occurring in our midst. Lent is a time to use the Spiritual disciplines: fasting, prayer, scripture reading, worship, repentance, and giving to others. In growing our ability to use these disciplines we can be a part of the body of Christ to help realize the presence and bring to completion of God's reality of a wholeness and reconciliation of all God's creation. Will this happen in our lifetime? We don't know, but probably not. What we do know is that if we don't walk in the way of God's love as expressed by Jesus, it will not happen in our lifetime.

This Lenten season, take the time to stop and observe. I believe you will see the change even in the midst of a war in Ukraine and other conflicts around the world. You will see the change occurring even as we continue to struggle with the results of the Pandemic. You will see the change occurring even in the midst of your own life's struggles.

Our Vision is "Striving to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger." When we develop and support the ministries that are inclusive, affirming, forgiving, hopeful, helpful and loving our neighbor we are living the change to live out our vision.

I invite you to take the time to read through the offerings that are about this Change for Christ that are included in this Messenger newsletter. I encourage you to participate where you can as a part of your Lenten Journey.

Peace and Love  
Pastor Rick

## Worship Scriptures and Themes

### March

- 5 Scripture:** Genesis 12:1-4  
**Theme:** Luck, Fortune, Blessing
- 12 Scripture:** John 4:5-42  
**Theme:** A Necessary Journey
- 19 Scripture:** John 6:27-35  
**Theme:** A Family Meal for All Time
- 26 Scripture:** John 11:1-45  
**Theme:** What Does the Story Mean?

### April

- 2 Palm Sunday,** Scripture: Matthew 26:14-27:66  
**Theme:** Nourishment for the Journey



### HOLY WEEK:

- 6 Maundy Thursday: 7:00 PM**
- 7 Good Friday: 7:00 PM**
- 9 Easter: 7:00 & 10:00 AM**

## From The Breezeway

### Thank You

**Sunday, March 5,** will be Tiffanie Roman's last Sunday as our Children and Family Ministry Coordinator. We want to thank Tiffanie for sharing her gifts and pray for her as she moves in a new direction for her Ministry.

Though Tiffanie is moving on, we will continue to work to serve our children and their families with the help of willing volunteers. We will continue to search for those who are open to sharing their faith and love for the children on Sunday Mornings. If you are feeling called and stirred to serve in this way contact Pastor Rick. Material and Curriculum will be provided for each week.

# Share Your Faith



Introducing a new opportunity for 3 to 4 minutes on Sunday morning. Share your faith story with everyone. Maybe it was long ago, or maybe it was last week. The precious moments of “touching the hem of the garment,” the moments of feeling God’s Presence, the spiritual aha that was meaningful or...Spiritual stories from those we know are deeply meaningful.

As we share our stories, we strengthen and encourage one another. In these perilous times, it is so important to lift one another.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside by Pastor Rick’s office. Please give us the gift of your stories.

If you are too shy, write up a paragraph and send it to the office to be in the newsletter.

We pray you will give the gift of yourself and your stories to your spiritual family here at TUMC.

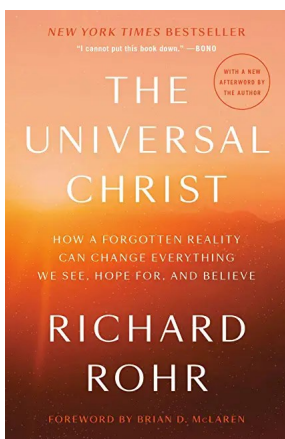
If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Rick or Marlene Oaks.



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| Joe Hughes .....         | 03/04 |
| Mary Campbell.....       | 03/07 |
| Robert Sayne .....       | 03/07 |
| Gail Skennion .....      | 03/07 |
| Addison Riché .....      | 03/09 |
| Alexis Smith.....        | 03/09 |
| Stella Mohammed.....     | 03/10 |
| John Gender.....         | 03/12 |
| John Potts .....         | 03/12 |
| Johanna De Koekkoek..... | 03/13 |
| Ernie Lloyd.....         | 03/14 |
| Maureen McKown .....     | 03/16 |
| Ashley Skennion.....     | 03/16 |
| Diane Martinez .....     | 03/19 |
| Erin Galbraith .....     | 03/21 |
| Lana Salyer.....         | 03/22 |
| Dean George.....         | 03/24 |
| Gian Adesso .....        | 03/25 |
| John Paul Edwards .....  | 03/26 |
| Neil Gutierrez .....     | 03/30 |
| Marlene Oaks .....       | 03/30 |
| Patricia Stone.....      | 03/30 |

## Universal Christ Discussion

### Join the Discussion on this Life Changing Book



Every first and third

**FRIDAY**

**10am-11:30am**

Discussion led by

**Rev. Dr. Marlene Oaks**

Retired Pastor, Author,



Erik & Vanessa Saeger..... 03/17

## Golden Baskets for This Month

### March

|    |                             |
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| 5  | S.A.F.E.                    |
| 12 | Pastor's Discretionary Fund |
| 19 | UMCOR Sunday                |
| 26 | Rancho Damacitas            |

### SAFE Family Justice Centers Ensuring Safety, Protecting Families, and Seeking Justice.

At the SAFE Family Justice Centers, you can expect a private consultation with a confidential victim advocate, who will serve as your guide to help you identify services and options that meet your needs.

### Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund helps members of the church and the community with emergency needs, such as rent, gas, and food.



### United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

#### YOU impact lives!

This ministry is achieved exclusively through your generosity. In 2022, you gave almost \$2.2 million which provided hope and safety for communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. The special offering on this Sunday underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business" making it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance. It allows UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative cost.

### Rancho Damacitas

Rancho Damacitas serves children and young adults who have been victims of child abuse, neglect and abandonment through four programs – Empowerment Village, Project Independence, New Heights Scholarship, and Children's Enrichment. Programs address the unique challenges facing former foster youth and single mothers today and provides them with safety and stability while helping them build accountability, financial stability, faith in themselves, and paving their pathway to success one brick at a time.

## Prayers and Squares

We are currently in need of expanding our Prayers and Squares team.

If you can sew, used to sew, or would like to learn to sew, please do come to Prayers and Squares. I can teach any willing person to sew.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings from 9:30 am to noonish.

Blessings,  
Marlene Oaks



## United Women In Faith

March 09th - Board Meeting - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Room 1

March 16th - General Meeting - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Room 1

**Our Gathering For This Meeting: Feeding God's Love in the World**

*All women are welcome to attend so come and join us!*



Join the "Seed Project"  
It starts March 16, 2023—10:30 to Noon  
United Women of Faith

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Don't Forget ...**  
**Daylight Savings!**  
**Sunday, March 12th**

*United Women in Faith  
are hosting*

# *Afternoon Tea*

*Save the Date!*

*May 13th  
2:00-4:00*

*We are looking for  
Hostesses & Raffle Items!*

*Please contact Meghann Adesso*



A fully affirming and inclusive fellowship gathering

### Fellowship Gathering

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm  
Starting March 2nd

### Support Group

2nd & 4th Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm  
Starting March 9th

Meets at Temecula United Methodist Church  
42690 Margarita Road. Temecula

For more information contact us at [singlouder.love@gmail.com](mailto:singlouder.love@gmail.com)



# Be in the Last Supper



Take this familiar story and

- open the characters inside out
- see the story structure
- walk through the actions
- talk the dialogue

**Saturday, March 18, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**United Methodist Church of Temecula**

**\$15 - notebooks and lunch included**

Return on Sunday morning the 19th to participate  
in "The Feeding of the 5,000" integrated with the liturgy.

Instructor Mark Turner is a practicing writer for stage and film with over 50 years experience in production, performance and directing.

*Take home powerful new skills to use in your contemplation, study, worship and presentations.*

more at [horizongate.org/word-show](http://horizongate.org/word-show)

RSVP by March 13 to the church: 951-676-1800