



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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LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE

Obeying the Greatest Commandments

— MATTHEW 22:37-39 —

Rick's Ramblings

Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

As we closed last year and live into this year, we at Temecula UMC have adopted and embraced our vision of **Striving to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger**. As I have thought more about this vision and how we as a people of God here in Temecula are to live it, I have begun to think more about what scriptures this vision is built on. The scriptures I turn to for my own faith are the Greatest and Second Greatest Commandments as Jesus taught in Matthew 22:37-40: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment, and the second one reads: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." The last part of this teaching is a part many people seem to miss or not take as key to the whole passage. I find it as the solidifying glue that holds this whole teaching as the foundation to our relationship with God in Christ, with one another, and with all humanity. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. This means the Ten Commandments, the laws of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible), and the words of the Prophets are based on and shared in the love of God. So all that we do as people of faith in the family of God needs to be based on this same love. How we treat people, the ministries we develop and carry out, the missions

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May 15th

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Rick's Ramblings continued

we support in our community and around the world, and our ***Strive to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger*** are all based in love for God and one another.

In the last few months, we have continued to share Prayer Quilts with loved ones of members of our Church Family as well as with members of our Church Family. We have offered prayers for healing, comfort, and strength. This ministry has continued for the last seven years, with almost 400 quilts (at the time of this writing) shared throughout the world. ***Striving to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger.***

We have offered uplifting Worship over Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, as well as being led by our youth and a Worship Workshop. ***Striving to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger.***

Also, the Tuesday Ladies Bible Study have offered meals for young mothers and their young children to support them in their education and help them become a stronger family. ***Striving to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger.***

In February and March, the MONKS Men's group hosted and sponsored a Valentine's Breakfast and a Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner supported Project Touch and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Catherine's. ***Striving to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger.***

We continue to have Bible Studies, Christian Education Books and Discussion Groups for Adults, Children and Youth. ***Striving to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger.***

This month, we have two revived and new opportunities to live out our vision. The United Women of Faith, under the leadership of Meghann Adesso and her team, will revive the Tea on May 13. As of this writing, almost 12 full tables have been filled. Over 80 people will be coming together for fun, fellowship, food, and raising funds to support ministries supporting women and children in our community and around the world. ***Striving to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger.***

On June 4, we will have a special Worship Service at our usual time of 10 AM time and then, around 10:30 AM be excused to three opportunities at the Church and in the Community to serve to bring help and hope to those who are in need and hurting (look for the article in this edition).

These are only some of the ways we are ***Striving to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger*** through our Church Family. We are caring for ourselves and offering God's love to our neighbors near and far. All of this is built on the foundation of the First and Greatest Commandment, and the Second is just as great to Love God, Love Neighbor, and Love Self.

Peace and Love
Pastor Rick

Worship Scriptures and Themes

May

- 7 **Scripture:** *John 14:1-14*
Theme: Knowing Jesus
- 14 **Scripture:** *John 14:15-21*
Theme: The Presence of the Spirit
- 21 **Scripture:** *John 3:16*
Theme: God So Loved the World to Save the World
- 28 **Scripture:** *Acts 2:1-21*
Theme: The It Factor

June

- 4 **Scripture:** *2 Corinthians 13:11-14*
Theme: Live In Peace

From The Breezeway



On **Sunday, June 4**, we, Temecula UMC Family, will have a special day as part of our worship and service. We have been encouraged by our Conference, The California-Pacific Conference, to take a day to serve in our community as a way of sharing God's love.

The Missions Team, in coordination with the Worship Team, will provide opportunities to serve. We will begin with an abbreviated time of worship

at our usual time of 10 AM. We plan to conclude worship at 10:30 AM and move on to our opportunities to serve. We will conclude our Sunday worship and serve with a prepared lunch.

The Missions Team is working on three opportunities to serve. Two will take place at the church, and one will be in the community. All three are open to people of all ages.

One opportunity is creating cards for our own homebound and people in the community who are struggling. The second opportunity will be putting together health kits for the Border Ministries.

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From The Breezeway continued

A list of possible toiletry items will be published and made available for those able to donate items for these kits.

The third opportunity will happen at Jacob’s House, in Temecula. This organization provides housing for families from out of town that have loved ones staying in local area hospitals. Details are still being finalized, and the location will be announced.

Some of the tasks we are looking to do are some simple landscaping and yard work, as well as some possible simple painting.

The Mission’s team invite and encourage you to pray about which opportunities you would have fun and have passion doing. To ensure we have enough supplies and food for lunch, there will be a sign-up for each project. Let us look forward to praising God and serving God on the same day.

If you have questions, you can contact Sally Malec or Pastor Rick.



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.

MAY Birthdays

- Ron Moreland.....05/03
- Jessie Boyle05/08
- Jamie Sykes05/08
- Stacea Nelson05/09
- Alan Sheaffer.....05/09
- Lauren Hathorn.....05/10
- Jan Tramontano05/14
- Jim Greer05/15
- Charlie Sykes.....05/15
- Kyle Longley05/17
- Callie Rae Dubots.....05/18
- Constance Beltramo.....05/20
- Dan Easley.....05/22
- Barbara Lamb05/22
- Cookie Gender.....05/23
- Drew Ramos05/24
- Penny Wagner05/24
- Catherine Buckingham05/26
- Nancy Hammett.....05/26
- Larry Messersmith.....05/26
- Jackie Redfern Tomaszewski05/28
- Molly Edwards05/29
- April Tayrien05/31

MAY Anniversaries

- Romano and Lovely Villanueva.....05/08
- Jim and Diane Greer05/13
- Steve and Linda Jones05/29



Golden Baskets for This Month

May

- 7 Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- 14 Empowerment Village (Rancho Damacitas)
- 21 Christ Ministry Center, San Diego
- 28 Heifer International



Accelerating the Path to Living Incomes

Nutritious food. Shelter. Clean water. A decent education. Access to health care. And a safe and secure environment.

All fundamental for a life free from hunger and poverty. Yet millions of people can't afford them. 821 million people go to bed hungry every night.

Let's change that.

Learn more about this organization by reading the Blog at <https://www.heifer.org/blog/index.html>

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.



Housing - A rent-reduced, shared-living stay on our campus for up to 14 moms and their children at a time. Families live three to a house with a combination of private and shared space.

Education - During their two-year stay, women are equipped with resources, mentoring, accountability, education, and community connections designed to empower them and their children to sustainably thrive.

Accountability - Village residents commit and are held accountable to living agreements that ensure safety and enable the thriving growth of all, including moms, kids, staff, and volunteers. These include responsible and supportive co-living, active participation in weekly classes, progress and follow-through toward set goals, clear and honest communication with the advocacy team, and a commitment to physical and emotional safety.

Christ Ministry Center

Services Provided by CMC:

- Good Neighbor Center
- Spiritual Ministries
- Free Clinics
- Brother's Keeper Clothes
- Prison, Detention, Recovery
- The Welcome Home
- Safe Harbor Loft
- AbundantHELP and much more

The above list is just some of the things that Christ Ministry Center does for the community. To learn more visit their website at <https://www.cummc.org/>

Graduate/Promotion Sunday

GRADUATION



On Sunday June 11, we will recognize and celebrate our young people who are promoting from 5th grade to middle school, 8th grade to high school, seniors in high school and those who receive a college degree at any level.

CELEBRATIONS

We will list the names in the June 11, bulletin and in July's Messenger Newsletter. If you have a child, grandchild or great-grandchild please notify the Church Office and share the name, relationship, grade promoting or graduating from and if appropriate name of the college or university they will be attending or graduating from with a degree. This is an exciting milestone for our young people and we want to recognize them on this journey of life and celebrate God's presence in their lives.



Lunch Bunch Restart

Mark your calendars, the Lunch Bunch will start meeting again on the first Thursday of June at 12 noon. We will gather at Phil's BBQ (40830 Winchester Rd, Temecula, CA 92591) for fellowship and good food. Look for a sign-up sheet on Sunday, May 7th.

United Women in Faith

May 11, 2023, Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

UWF Board Meeting in Room 6

May 13, 2023, Saturday, 2:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

UWF Afternoon Tea in Worship Center

May 18, 2023, Thursday

There will be NO General Meeting

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



United Women in Faith

**2023 Original
Raffle Quilt
and Pillow**

**Get your tickets
today**

Tickets \$10 each

Winner drawn at the Tea May 13th

*All proceeds go to
Charities for women and children*

Universal Christ Discussion

Join the Discussion on this Life Changing Book

Every first and third

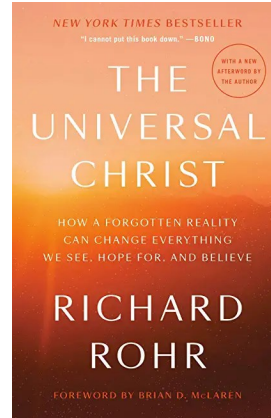
FRIDAY

10am-11:30am

Discussion led by

Rev. Dr. Marlene Oaks

Retired Pastor, Author,
International Teacher



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



Afternoon Tea

Hosted by United Women In Faith

Join us

May 13th 2:00-4:00

for Tea and Fellowship at

Temecula United Methodist Church

42690 Margarita Road, Temecula, CA 92592

\$15 Per Person

Stop by TUMC or Contact Meghann Adesso for tickets and more information!

(951)526-7730 or Bigstar951@gmail.com



Read Any Good Books Lately?

The **Book Buddies** Book Group meets at **6:00 pm** on the **first Tuesday of each month** from **August through December** and **February through June** in our homes and through Zoom. On **Tuesday, May 2**, we will meet to discuss *The Midnight Library*, by Matt Haig which will be hosted by Carlyn Buehler.

Come join us and catch our enthusiasm, even if you don't have time to finish the books.

Contact *Ethel Takeguchi* or *Sue Bradshaw* for more information.

We are currently submitting our recommendations for the coming season, and in June we will have a new schedule of books and meetings. Since 2005, we have read 144 fiction, nonfiction, and classics!