



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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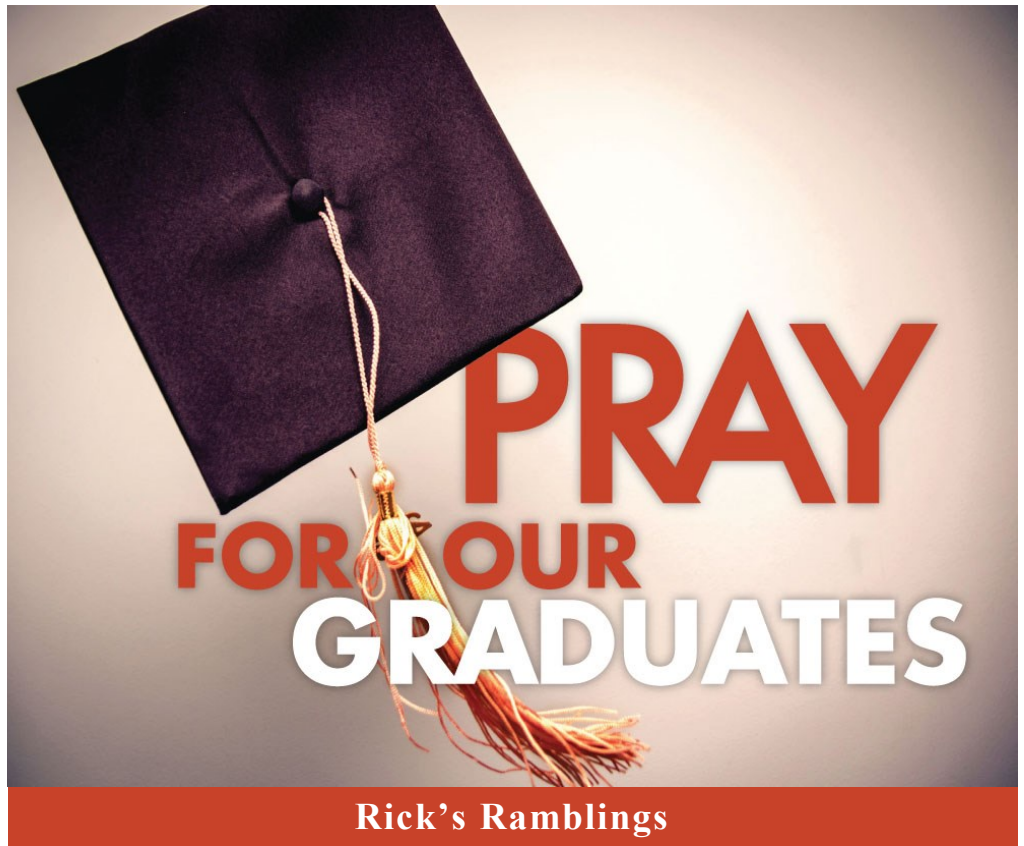
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Temecula United Methodist Church THE MESSENGER

June 2023



For the Beauty of the Earth

From the Social Principles contained in the United Methodist Book of Discipline come these words in the part on the Natural World: "All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings." God's creation provides for us life, joy, and peace. I think of the expanse of the Grand Canyon on my visits and the wonder of God's creation, like the Colorado River that runs through it, and God's power and strength. When I see the California poppies, I am amazed at how precious and delicate God's creation and life are.

Think of those places near and far where you find life, joy, and peace in God's creation. For me, one of those places is the beach. For some, it may be hiking in the mountains or desert. For others, it may be in your backyard, surrounded by the annuals and perennials that you have planted and tended to in your garden. Just imagine that we at Temecula United Methodist Church can provide such a space for our church family and our community.

Under the vision of Todd Hailstone and the partnership of Joe Benvenuto, they created such a space. It is our Meditation Garden. Over the years, benches have been added, along with various flowers and plants, and a beautiful cross that greets you when you enter the space, which was made by Larry Murphy. This small oasis has offered a place for individuals and

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Rick's Ramblings continued

groups to gather for prayer and meditation, as well as memorial services. Just recently, a member of the church contacted me to ask if her family and friends could gather to celebrate the life of a dear friend of the family. Most who have gathered didn't know of this place but were embraced by it on that day of celebration of life.

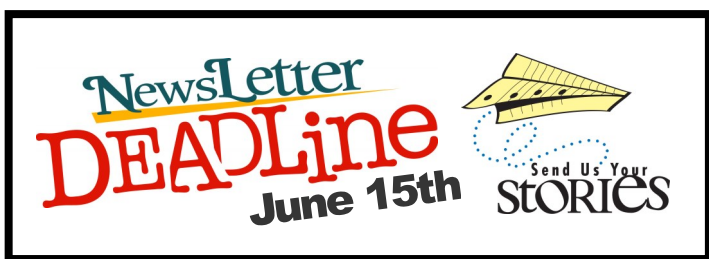
In the past years, many people have taken it upon themselves to tend to the garden, but in the last few years, the garden has kind of run on autopilot. Thanks to God, there was water and sun to keep much of the beauty and growth alive, but it seems right that now is the time to revitalize the garden. Let's make it one of the places people can come and gather to strive to End Spiritual and Physical Hunger and to be in touch with God and with others.

Two members of our Church Family see the vision, have the passion, and are willing to take the lead to help our Church Family to revitalize this jewel first begun by Todd and Joe and overseen by God. Anne DiPardo and Pat Stone have already begun this work of love and are inviting others to join them. You will see in this Messenger your opportunity to come out and help in pulling weeds, cleaning statues, and other tasks in preparation to make this space fully accessible for all people. If you aren't physically able to help but would like to support the revitalization and care of the Meditation Garden, you can make a gift out to TUMC and mark it "Meditation Garden". A small group, under the guidance of the Trustees, will choose the types of plants that will best grow in the garden and live out the continued vision for the garden. If you have any questions or want to know more, contact Anne Dipardo.

I want to close with the first two verses of the hymn For the Beauty of the Earth. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies...For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and valley, tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Peace and Love
Pastor Rick

Notes From The Editor



Worship Scriptures and Themes

June

- 4 Scripture:** John 3:16
Theme: *God So Loved the World, To Save the World*
- 11 Scripture:** Matthew 9:9-26
Theme: *Jesus, Who Calls Us*
- 18 Scripture:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Theme: *The End and The In-Between*
Maria Longley Leading Worship
- 25 Scripture:** Matthew 10:24-29
Theme: *Love Your Neighbor*

July

- 2 Scripture:** Matthew 10:40-42
Theme: *Welcome*

From The Breezeway



**Love Your Neighbor
A Day of Service**

On **Sunday, June 4**, we, the 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 has arranged opportunities to serve following the worship service.

We will begin with an abbreviated time of worship at our usual 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 time 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 to create cards for our own

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From The Breezeway continued

homebound and also for people in the community who are struggling.

The second opportunity will be putting together health kits for the Border Ministries at a critical time to minister to the immigrants. A list of possible items is available to bring on or before June 4.

The third opportunity will take place at Jacob’s House. We will be doing some gardening and possibly other simple tasks to help support this outreach into the community.

The Missions team invites and encourages you to pray about which opportunities you would have fun and passion doing. To make sure we have enough supplies and food for lunch, there will be a sign-up for each person. Let us look forward to praising and serving God on the same day. If you have questions, you can contact Sally Malec or Pastor Rick.



TUMC 4th of July Block Party

Last year, we revived our 4th of July viewing party on the lawn to enjoy the afternoon and watch the fireworks at Ronald Reagan Park. We will continue this tradition once again this year.

The TUMC Church Family is invited to pick up a parking pass beginning **Sunday, June 11th–July 3rd**, either at Church or during the week at the Church Office from 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM.

We ask that you make a donation to support the ministries of the Church and place it in the envelope.

Early Bird Parking for those with parking passes will begin at **4:00 PM until 6:00 PM** when parking will be made available to the general public.

There will be great food provided and served by Great Scot BBQ.

Fun will be had by everyone!



Revitalizing Meditation Garden

Garden Workday June 10th at 10am



Please join us on **Saturday, June 10, at 10am** for a very special project!

In response to members’ requests, we’re revitalizing our beloved TUMC Meditation Garden.

The garden was first envisioned by our own Todd Hailstone, and, as the memorial plaque at the entrance notes, it was tended for many years by TUMC "angels."

You can see a beautiful photo of Hazel and Todd in the newly planted garden and read a little history here: <https://www.pressenterprise.com/2010/12/01/temecula-meditation-garden-is-mans-dream-realized/>

We’re anticipating creating a wheelchair-accessible entryway over the next few months, and there’s much to do. In the meantime the statues are in need of a gentle scrub and the wooden items could use cleaning and protective finishes. We’ve been weeding, but that will be an ongoing need!

We’ve begun adding a few plants to attract hummingbirds and butterflies, and as the weather cools in the fall, we’ll put in some shade- and drought-tolerant perennials.

Please do a walkthrough and share your additional thoughts with Pastor Rick or a member of the Board of Trustees, and kindly let us know of your interest in joining us on **June 10th** by adding your name to the sign-up sheet at church or calling the office at 951-676-1800. We’d love to see you there!

Blessings—Anne DiPardo

United Women in Faith



June 8, Thursday, 10:30am

UWF Board Meeting in Room 6

June 15, Thursday, 10:30am

General Meeting in Worship Center

Our gathering for this meeting will feature a presentation from Ashley

Hill, the founder of Magdalena's Daughters.

Everyone is invited to attend and hear her missions. There is a sign up sheet in the breezeway. A potluck will follow after the meeting. Please come and join us! We hope to see you there.



Safety . Family . Hope

Our mission is to provide therapeutic residential services, life skills, and education to transform the lives of sexually exploited and at-risk female foster youth.

**Ashley Hill, Founder,
will be speaking at TUMC
on June 15, 10:30-noon**

**Followed by a potluck luncheon, sponsored
by United Women in Faith**

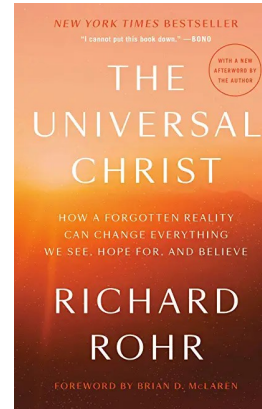
**Please sign up today for this important
presentation. This event is open to everyone!**



**Congratulations to Debbie Barba!
United Women in Faith Tea, Quilt Drawing Winner**

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 and
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

TUMC Connect

Join us for TUMC Connect



Let's carry forward the spirit of Easter as we explore new possibilities! In response to requests for additional small-group opportunities, on **Sunday, June 11**, we're hosting an after-church event that we'll call *"TUMC Connect."*

We invite you to join us in Room 1 for a time of fellowship and conversation. We'll gather in small groups focused on strengthening relationships across our congregation. The groups will be facilitated but informal, providing opportunities to share our faith journeys as we together seek to **End Spiritual and Physical Hunger.**

There will be refreshments for your enjoyment. Come enjoy nourishment for the body as well as the soul!



A fully affirming and inclusive fellowship gathering

*am*pli*fy* - v. to expand, to increase, to strengthen, to make louder

Amplify is a growing community of Jesus followers and seekers who desire to gather together to draw closer to Jesus through worship, through the reading and study of Scripture, through conversation and connection, and by engaging in meaningful discussions around the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, his all-inclusive, saving message of grace and love, and what it means for us to follow him today.

We seek to amplify our faith and hope in Jesus. We believe that Jesus was God incarnate—that he was God with us, the Word made flesh—and because we believe that the entire biblical story ultimately points to him, we want Jesus to be the lens through which we read and interpret all of Scripture; we want to deepen our knowledge and experience of him as Father, Son, and Spirit; we want to strengthen our faith in the truth he reveals about who our God is, and about our value and worth in his eyes; we want to fortify our hope in his grace for us and the freedom, forgiveness, redemption, and restoration he offers; and we want to learn how to participate with him in his kingdom and how to follow him in his way of light and love.

We seek to amplify the love of Jesus. We believe that God is love; that Jesus is God’s love in person; and that he calls those who choose to follow him to love as he loves—without limit or exclusion; so, empowered by his Spirit, we want to actively look for ways to live out the love and grace of Jesus in our personal lives, in our families, in our churches, in our communities, and in our world.

We seek to amplify the invitation of Jesus. We believe all humanity is uniquely created in God’s image, each one dearly loved and valued by our Father and created with intention and purpose; and we

believe that the good news of Jesus and his kingdom invitation is for everyone; so we invite, affirm, and fully include all who wish to come, no matter their age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or mental or physical abilities, believing that Jesus reconciles all things and that he will never turn away anyone who comes to him.

We seek to amplify a culture of value and respect. We believe that all are deserving of honor and respect, so we want our Amplify gatherings to be a safe space where people feel welcomed no matter who they are; where questions, doubts, and differences of opinion or interpretation are heard and respected; and where people are encouraged to dialogue and share without the fear of judgment or condemnation.

We seek to amplify a community of care and support. We believe that the love and grace of Jesus compelled him to reach out with compassion, care, and comfort to those around him, especially those who were marginalized, hurting, or in need, and because we believe he calls his followers to do the same, the second and fourth Amplify gatherings each month will be dedicated to small group care and support for parents, friends, and family of those in the LGBTQ community.

I would like to **Welcome All TUMC Members, Families and Friends** to drop by the **Weekly Amplify Meeting from 6:30-8PM** every **Thursday in Room 1** at the **Temecula United Methodist Church.**

It is a wonderful group growing each month. We talk about Faith, the Bible, and our underserved LGBTQ+ community.

Meetings alternate: one Thursday is fellowship, and one Thursday is a support group and book study.

If you want to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community and support them in faith...this is a great meeting to attend any Thursday. Any Questions? Reach for Art Salyer at (818) 371-1009 and artsalver@gmail.com



Book Buddies Group



Read Any Good Books Lately?

The **Book Buddies** Book Group meets at **6:00 pm** on the **first Tuesday of each month** from **September through December** and **February through June** in our homes and through Zoom.

The next meeting is **September 5th**.

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 this summer we will announce our new schedule of books and meetings. Since 2005, we have read 144 fiction, nonfiction, and classics! **Please see page 8** of this newsletter for the **Book Buddies Selection Schedule**.

Graduate/Promotion Sunday

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.



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.

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.

Altar Flowers

SIGN UP to bring Altar Flowers in honor, celebration, or memory of a special date for you. Flowers may be brought to the church on the Sunday you signed up for by 9:00 a.m. and can be placed on the altar. You can pick up your flowers after the worship service.

For more information contact *Anita Accordino*

Cell: 714-655-0330 and

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June Birthdays



Anne DiPardo.....	06/04
Mary Benson	06/07
Doug McGhee	06/07
Allison Minnesang .	06/07
Joan Biddle.....	06/08
Andrea Nicholas.....	06/08
Milton Takeguchi.....	06/08
Karyn Gruber	06/11
Gerry Nicholas	06/14
Jim Meyler	06/15
Heather Sheaffer	06/16
Pauline Fields.....	06/17
Earl Fields	06/18
Deborah Potts.....	06/19
Lucy Kelly	06/20
Hunter De Wall.....	06/23
Randy Johnson	06/23
Matthew Gutierrez	06/24
John Cloutier.....	06/27
Hazel Hailstone.....	06/27
John Waddleton	06/29

June Anniversaries

John & Joy Oh	06/07
John & Deborah Potts	06/07
Frank & Mary Benson	06/08
Garland & Dorothy Smith.....	06/12
Kyle & Maria Longley.....	06/13
Ron & Jenny Moreland.....	06/14
Connie & Rev David French.....	06/15
Danilo & Nila Gutierrez.....	06/20
Gideon & Eva N Tony	06/22
Bob & Linda Holland.....	06/23
Mark & Monica McCullough	06/24
Art & Lana Salyer	06/26
John & Tammy Waddleton.....	06/30

FINANCE TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Finance Team is looking for people who would enjoy being a part of the counting team and possibly helping with some computer inputting.


As Financial Secretary, Kathy Kasitz is looking for someone who can help count after Church on Sundays. If willing, she could also use backup with data entry. Kathy oversees the team and she would be happy to train you and have you onboard. If you are willing to, at minimum, explore the possibilities of serving or if you would like to be apart of the team, please contact Kathy or Pastor Rick. The time spent is about one to one and a half hours on Sundays. Thank you for praying about serving your Church Family in this way.

Golden Baskets for This Month

June

- 4 Peace with Justice Sunday
- 11 CMOH and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantries
- 18 Million Kids
- 25 Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity

What is Peace with Justice Sunday?



United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them.

Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities.

Food Pantries

Temecula residents go hungry and homeless every single day. Your generosity is what changes lives.

The money collected for this golden basket will be divided evenly between the two food pantries located in Temecula.

Community Mission of Hope

(CMOH) operates a food pantry that serves hundreds of families every month. They partner with over 25 grocers and food merchants in Temecula to deliver fresh fruits, vegetables, and meats to anyone in need. Their large warehouse in Temecula is where they store and distribute donations.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry operates at St Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church in Temecula. Community food drives and donor funds feed an amazing, giant-scale collection and distribution warehouse, where their quality control staff inspects and processes truckloads of donated food every day before it is used at the food pantry.

MILLIONKIDS
Keeping Kids Safe From Predators

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Their mission is to PREVENT child exploitation by empowering every kid, and those who interact with kids, through education on predators and to INTERVENE by providing support services to those families and children in crisis. Learn more about Million Kids by going to their website

<https://millionkids.org/>



The mission of Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley, in partnership with God, is to facilitate the dream of homeownership, as well as improve living conditions for those in the community. Learn more at

<http://www.habitativ.org/>

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.

BOOK BUDDIES SELECTION 2023-2024

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE	HOST
<u>The It Girl</u>	Ruth Ware	September 5, 2023	Diane Martinez <i>Suggested by Pat Lain</i>
<u>Pachinko</u>	Min Jin Lee	October 3, 2023	Ethel Takeguchi <i>Suggested by Ethel Takeguchi</i>
<u>Lessons In Chemistry</u>	Bonnie Garmus	November 7, 2023	Karen Benvenuto <i>Suggested by Sue Bradshaw & Karen Benvenuto</i>
<u>Women Talking</u>	Miriam Toews	December 5, 2023	Viki Cloutier <i>Suggested by Vicki Cloutier</i>
<u>A Prayer for Owen Meany</u>	John Irving	February 6, 2024	Sue Bradshaw <i>Suggested by Sue Bradshaw</i>
<u>The Last Thing He Told Me</u>	Laura Dave	March 5, 2024	Cookie Gender <i>Suggested by Diane Martinez</i>
<u>The Personal Librarian</u> ZOOM MEETING	Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray	April 2, 2024	Carlyn Buehler <i>Suggested by Carlyn Buehler</i>
<u>The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</u>	Kim Michele Richardson	May 7, 2024	Sherry Campbell <i>Suggested by Sherry Campbell</i>
<u>The Creature From Jekyll Island</u>	G. Edward Griffin	June 4, 2024	Karen Benvenuto-Hostess DarcyThielemann-Reviewer <i>Suggested by Pat Lain</i>
Potluck		June 4, 2024	Karen Benvenuto