



# *The Vine*

## *July 2023*

United Methodist Church  
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**Worship Service In-person 10:00AM Sundays**  
**Service is also online Website: [www.umclb.net](http://www.umclb.net)**  
**Sunday School following Children's Moment in Worship Service**  
**Pastor Office Hours: Tuesday 1:00-4:00 or call (434) 258-3922**  
**Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-12:00 Noon.**  
Please call the Secretary if you need time in the office.  
Messages are checked Monday-Thursday.  
**Pastor: Rev. Peter Suhn**  
**Church Secretary: Lori Winters**  
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1	Alex Hew	25	Karen Bonillas
5	David Simmons	26	Ayden Barcellos
7	Jon Betschart	27	Fay Davis
10	Melinda Wall	27	Kellen Brehm Saucedo
10	Belinda Sabetta	28	Don Van Someren
11	Mason Ferreira	29	Hailey Battle
15	Dave Simmons	30	Katie Younce Hollingsworth
18	Carley Van Someren	31	Erik Martin
23	Jaycee Walsh		

*Happy Anniversary!*

2	Matthew & Olivia Patrick
17	Steve & Jodi Battle
17	Jason & Tawny Walsh
24	Jonathan & Stacy Betschart

June contributions total: \$ 8,555.12

In-Person Services for June 4<sup>th</sup> (31) 11<sup>th</sup> (25) 18<sup>th</sup> (0) 25<sup>th</sup> (21)

## Vine Monthly Events for July



### **Important dates:**

**Sunday, July 2** – Welcome Pastor Ivoni's first worship service in Los Banos

**Wednesday, July 5** – Administrative Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., by Zoom

**Monday, July 17** – N.O.W. Meeting will meet by Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 25** – Finance Committee will meet by Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

Bell practice will resume in July

United Women in Faith will resume meetings in September

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No children's church on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>

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VBS was another great success. We had 115 young campers and counselors, it was great seeing them all working together and having a good time learning about God.





## Administrative Council Highlights – June 6, 2023

The Ad Council met by Zoom conference on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 with eight people present. The following items were discussed:

- **Nurture, Outreach and Witness (NOW).** The NOW Committee met in May. The main focus was VBS, from June 19-23, and the need for volunteers, and for donations of water, snacks, and gifts for the counselors. Roxanne has bought about \$50.00 of materials for Sunday School. The next NOW meeting is scheduled for June 19, but that may be postponed due to VBS.
- **Trustees.** The broken window will be replaced on June 8; Lori will let the installers in. A repairman checked our security cameras, but needs the Internet login information in order to troubleshoot and correct the problem. An electrician will connect an exterior electrical outlet above the Fireside Room kitchen window so we can relocate that camera. The water leak in the lawn is not from the backflow preventer, and Russ is trying to isolate the leak in our sprinkler lines. The parsonage needs to be cleaned and the carpets shampooed before Pastor Ivoni moves in late in June. Peter told us that the oven door cannot be shut and the toilet near the garage has a leak.
- It is time for the annual testing and certification of our backflow preventers. A group that uses some of our church facilities was recently hindered from getting in by a homeless man sleeping in front of the door.
- **United Women in Faith.** There will be no meetings until September. Three of the women from our church attended the annual National Day of Prayer on May 4, along with an estimated 35-40 others, including members of the city council and police and fire departments. Susan praised the event, strongly encouraging more people from our church family to attend next year.
- **Staff-Parish Relations Committee.** Susan and Gregg will meet Pastor Ivoni for lunch on June 15 at Annual Conference. Susan is coordinating preparations of the parsonage for the change of pastors, including disposal of some furniture items initially left by Jim Garrison. We will have a celebration of Peter's ministry here on Peter's last Sunday, June 25, and we will hold small group meet the pastor gatherings for Ivoni in early July.
- **Financial Report.** May General Fund income was up quite a lot, to \$12,055.02, aided by four gifts, totaling \$2,707.40, made in response to our early May special appeal. The total paid out was \$11,562.15, leaving \$2,597.22 in the checking account as of May 31, with \$4,164.02 of unpaid bills. Upcoming costs include VBS and about \$1,400 for the window replacement. We hope to change our money market account to have interest payments sent to us.
- **Next Meeting.** Due to the July 4 holiday, the next Ad Council meeting will be July 5.
- **Upcoming Events.** A special Zoom Charge Conference will be held June 12, to approve the compensation package for Pastor Ivoni. DS David Niu will preside. There will be no local church service on June 18; a link to the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service in Sacramento will be posted on the Conference website.
- **Parish Care.** Prayers were requested for Jean Bright, Guadalupe, Kimery, Wilma, and Dan and Karen Bonillas.
- **Pastor's Report.** In his final Pastor's Report in Los Banos, Peter said he was grateful for his year here. He praised our church family for their loving kindness and encouragement to him. He's busy wrapping things up for the move to Tulare, and asked the congregation to pray for him and Sunha as they embark on their new journey. He offered his prayer for the members of the Los Banos congregation to be filled with the holy spirit, to pray for one other, and for all to read and study the Bible daily.