



# *The Vine*

## *May 2025*

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-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm**

**or call (510) 552-7240**

**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. Ivoni Maama**

**Church Secretary: Lori Winters**

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1 Germaine Wiley	20 Taetum Cardenas
2 Naomi Pendus	20 Jayda Cardenas
13 Carter Cardenas	25 Brian Hepworth
14 Cathie Lopez	26 Susan Ramsey
14 Ted Krynick	30 Jacob Barton
15 Kerri Michel	31 Susan Hepworth



28 Brian & Susanna Hepworth

April contributions total: \$ 9,515.62

In-Person Services for April 6th (33) 13th (54) 20<sup>th</sup> (76) 27th (36)

# Vine Monthly Events for May

## **Important dates:**



**Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** -Centering Prayer 6 PM Zoom, ID 841  
8056 5606 Passcode 876156

**Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** - Ad Council meeting 7 PM Zoom

**Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>** - 10:00 AM (every Wednesday) there will be a  
Prayer/upper room conference call, everyone is welcome to join and share any  
concerns. the number is **(720) 843-2603 Access Code: 8941334**

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** -Women in Faith

**Saturday May 10th** - **Tea for moms** All mom and Their kids are invited to have tea (and  
treats) in the fireside room at 1 PM. Please RSVP to the office so we will know how many to  
plan for. [umclosbanos@gmail.com](mailto:umclosbanos@gmail.com) or call 209-826-4181

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** Trustee meeting 7 PM Zoom

**Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup>** -SPRC Meeting 7 PM in the Firseside room

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Craft Night 6 PM,

**Wedensay May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Worship Committee 7 pm Zoom

**Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>** - We will be making lunch for the encampment after church  
service

**Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** -Finance Committee Meeting7 PM Zoom

**Bell Choir** Is every Wednesday at 4:30 PM

**If you need visitation** for yourself or someone else please contact Karen  
Bonillas, Melissa Jones, Susan Younce or Ivoni Maama

**At 12:00 noon please take a moment to pray for your pastor and church**

Our Homeless Ministry/Manna is going great. We have packed and delivered over  
50 lunches each Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) If you would like to help make/pack  
lunches or go help pass them out, let Ivoni or Lori know or just show up on Sunday  
after church. We could always use some help.

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- We will be having a Tea for Moms on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM we will have  
finger sandwiches, tea and goodies. It should be fun. Please RSVP the office so  
that we know how many to plan for. Phone (209) 826-4181

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Dear Los Banos United Methodist Family:

Praise be to God for all things in life. As we approach the end of April, we had a wonderful time during the Lenten season. The Good Friday service went well, featuring a silent service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and another from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. We were blessed with our Central Valley District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Mary Maaga, who delivered a beautiful and powerful message on Easter Sunday. Gardens and Gardeners. There were four gardens: 1) Garden of Eden, 2) Garden of Gethsemane, 3) Garden of Calvary, and 4) the fourth garden is you and I; we are the Garden of God in this world. We must show love, kindness, goodness, patience, humility, justice, and forgiveness. This will help the world know that the God we serve is love. We also served lunch at the park, with the Wileys, the Walshes, Carley Somerson, Curtis, and Foa. Jayce and I were serving Holy Communion at the park as well. This month, we had Trivia night with the Youth and Young Adults, led by Susan Younce. We are still looking for a Youth Director. Please let's pray together for our Youth Director.

I invite you to our Centering Prayer via Zoom on Monday at 6 p.m.. On Wednesday, we have a prayer conference call at 10 a.m. and Bible reading and sharing on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the parsonage and on Zoom. I will do a Confirmation Class this summer; two people are signing up. I will send out the date shortly. If you need visitation or prayers, please don't hesitate to contact me anytime. You can also contact Karen Bollnia, Melissa Jones, and Susan Younce. Every Friday, I took the time to pray for each family of our church. If you have any special prayer requests, you can always text or email me, and I will lift them all together with your family during my prayer time on Friday. Please don't forget to pray for me, your pastor, and all the families of our church at noon every day. Every Friday at 3 pm, please pray for our 150th Anniversary Celebrations, meditate on Psalm 100 during both prayer times.

As we approach the month of May, I wish you all a wonderful and blessed new month. May God richly bless you all.

Blessings,

Pastor 'Ivoni

*Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

Blessings,  
Pastor Ivoni Maama

**Administrative Council Highlights –  
April 1, 2025**

The Ad Council met by Zoom conference on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 with nine people present the following items were discussed:

**Church Office/Worship Committee** reported that everything is going well.

**Social Justice/Manna Ministries** reported that they served about 58 lunches at the homeless encampment. There are funds in Manna Ministries to help cover the costs.

**United Women of Faith** reported that there would be a baked potato luncheon on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

**VBS** – Planning meeting will be coming up. VBS will be June 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>

**Education/Sunday School** reported that we could use someone to help with the Sunday School kids.

**Board of Trustees** reported that everything is looking good. Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM to noon is a church workday. The ladies group is bringing desserts. Everyone will be working on the outside gardens and inside the Sanctuary. A flier will be put in the bulletin.

**Staff-Parish Relations Committee** reported that the “once a year parsonage walk through” with Chair of Trustees took place in March. We will need to consider upgrading the bathrooms.

**Treasurer’s Report / Finance Team** reported that the March income to the General Fund was \$16,635.37, while paid expenses were \$17,533.99. He explained that the payments made in March were unusually high because they included the annual premium payment of \$1,547.00 for Workers Compensation coverage, and a quarterly payment of \$2,704.72 for Property and Liability insurance. The March 31 General Fund checking account balance was down to \$4,638.89, but all bills were paid up to date/

Pastor Ivoni will be sending out a letter for the Easter offering.

**Youth Ministries** reported that Susan Younce, with the help of Foa and Gideon, will be holding a game night for the youth on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room. Pastor Ivoni will be holding a confirmation class.

**Other** – Susan Younce is heading the Committee for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is planned for September 20<sup>th</sup> and the Bishop’s Assistant and the District Superintendent will be in attendance.

The Rummage Sale will be Sept 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Fall Festival will be in November.

**Pastor’s Communiqué** – Pastor Ivoni mentioned Good Friday Silent service would be from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM and 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

The District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Mary Maaga, is preaching on Easter Sunday.

**Parish Care; People in Need of Prayer.** Prayers were requested for Donna & Dennis Morris, Guadalupe Martinez, Jason & Thor (Amanda’s boys), Charlene Martin, and Gregg’s friend.

