



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

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

2 Naomi Pendus

13 Carter Cardenas

14 Cathie Lopez

14 Ted Krynick

15 Kerri Michel

20 Taetum Cardenas

20 Jayda Cardenas

25 Brian Hepworth

26 Susan Ramsey

30 Jacob Barton

31 Susan Hepworth



28 Brian & Susanna Hepworth

April contributions total: \$ 9,515.62

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

Vine Monthly Events for May



Important dates:

Monday, May 5th -Centering Prayer 6 PM Zoom, ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

Tuesday, May 6th - ☎ Ad Council meeting 7 PM Zoom

Wednesday May 7th - ☎ 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 8th -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 or call 209-826-4181

Tuesday, May 13th Trustee meeting 7 PM Zoom

Wednesday May 14th -SPRC Meeting 7 PM in the Fireside room

Tuesday, May 20th – Craft Night 6 PM,

Wednesday May 21st – Worship Committee 7 pm Zoom

Sunday May 25th - We will be making lunch for the encampment after church service

Tuesday, May 27th -Finance Committee Meeting 7 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 (2nd and 4th 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 10th 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 10th at 1:00 PM.

VBS – Planning meeting will be coming up. VBS will be June 23rd through the 27th

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 12th 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 12th 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 150th Anniversary. It is planned for September 20th and the Bishop’s Assistant and the District Superintendent will be in attendance.

The Rummage Sale will be Sept 5th and 6th, 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.

