



The Vine

June 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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| 2 | Kelly Younce | 20 | Taryn Morris |
| 7 | Deborah Milnes | 22 | Danny Foxworthy |
| 9 | Carl Phillips | 23 | Steve Rebelo |
| 12 | Mychaela Narciso | 29 | Barbara Cobarruvias |
| 16 | Laura Scott | 30 | Monique Mowad |



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| 16 | Larry & Germaine Wiley |
| 25 | John & Kindle Wallace |
| 27 | Don & Carley Van Someren |

May contributions total: \$ 9,636.90

In-Person Services for May 4th (40) 11th (52) 18th (49) 25th (39)

Vine Monthly Events for June

Important dates:

Monday, June 2nd -Centering Prayer 6 PM Zoom, ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

Tuesday June 3rd- Ad Council 7 PM Zoom

Wednesday June 4th -  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, June 5th Bible reading 6PM Zoom ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

Sunday June 8th - We will be making lunch for the encampment after church service

Tuesday, June 10th - Trustee Meeting 7 PM Zoom

Wednesday June 11th -SPRC Meeting Canceled

Thursday, June 12-United Women of Faith are having a Pizza Meeting at Round Table 1 PM

Tuesday, June 17th – Craft Night 6 PM,

Wednesday, June 18th – Worship Committee 7 PM Zoom

Sunday June 22nd We will be making lunch for the encampment after church service

June 23rd thru 27th – VBS 9AM to 12PM

June 27th thru 30th-UMC Conference

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

Mark Your Calendars!

On Saturday, September 20, 2025, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of our church. We are inviting Methodist Church officials, our former pastors, and past and present members of our church family to join in this celebration. We hope to have a well-attended event! Festivities will begin at 3:00 pm with a ceremony in the sanctuary, followed by a catered meal (food truck) outside on the lawn, weather permitting.

Instead of selling tickets for the meal, we have chosen to sell squares for a "legacy quilt." Each square will cost \$25 and will be available for purchase soon and throughout the summer, even on the day of the event. Families can write names, anniversary dates, in honor of, in memory of, etc. on the squares they purchase. Creativity is strongly encouraged! Our very own UMC quilters will complete the project, which we will have on display at church for all to admire.

More information about this special day will be provided as planning continues. Suggestions are welcomed and appreciated!

Susan Younce (and committee)



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.

- The United Women in Faith will be meeting at Round Table on June 12th at 1:00 for a pizza party. All ladies please join us for a fun lunch and games.

It's that time of year again and Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! It will be June 23rd - 27th. We are hoping to have 100 kids attend this year. Thanks to Morning Star we are able to offer it free of charge! We could use donations of \$10 scrip cards for the teen helpers and Walmart scrip to help with providing food; we provide a light breakfast for the helpers, pizza lunch for the teen helpers on Wednesday, and a hot dog lunch for all the staff, kids, and their families on the last day. Thank you so much for your support! If you have any questions feel free to contact Kerri ([209-675-6374](tel:209-675-6374)) or Shannan ([209-587-3730](tel:209-587-3730)).

Shannan Doubek

To help with this request, the scrip program has stocked up on \$10.00 cards for the month of June. Here is a list of gift cards that are currently on hand for immediate purchase at the scrip table after church on Sundays: **Fast Food:** Burger King, Carl's Jr., Chipotle, Jack in the Box, McDonald's, Subway and Taco Bell. **Others:** Target, Walmart, Starbucks, Denny's, Domino's Pizza and Pizza Hut. Please contact Gregg Rice (209-761-2737) or Juli Rice (209-777-0240) if you have questions or would like to buy gift cards any other time during the week.

Just a reminder, September 5th and 6th will be our rummage sale. Please keep us in mind when you are cleaning out those closets and garages this summer. One mans junk is another man's treasure.

Congratulations to our high school graduates, Noah Cardenas, Mason Ferreira, Enrique & Eduardo Mowad.





Dear Los Banos, United Methodist Family:
Greetings!

May the love of God, Jesus Christ, be with you always. As we prepare to embark on May, journey into June, the midpoint of the year, we praise our God for another day of life. I hope you and your family are doing well.

Thank everyone for your prayers and support. This May, we celebrate mothers with the Women in Faith and all the mothers and women of the church through a tea party. A special thank you to Laura Scott and the women in faith, as well as to the small gifts presented by the children to all the women of the church. Thank you to Lori, Tawny, Foa, and the children.

I thank the Justice & Manna Ministry Team for providing meals to the homeless twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Please contact Lori and Foa for details if you would like to help with preparing or serving food at the park. A special thank you to Carley Sommerville, Germine and Larry Wiles, Curtis Brubaker, Tawny, Jason, Jayce, Liam Walsh, Jay, Lori, Foa, Emma Fukofuka, and Siale Ha'unga for your support.

Is anyone available and willing to join us at the Annual Conference, taking place from June 26th to June 30th, 2025, in Sacramento? Please get in touch with me. We also hope that some of our youth will be interested in serving at the Annual Conference next week. It will be an excellent experience for them.

I asked for your prayers for our journey in the last half of the year. Look around you and give thanks to God for what you have and for all that He has done in your life and in your family. Sometimes, we become so busy longing for and wishing for what we don't have that we forget to be grateful for what we do have. Millions of people struggle to find food and a place to live, wishing you all an excellent rest of the month and a wonderful time in the new month ahead. Pray and pray again; when you're done, pray again.

Blessings,
Pastor 'Ivoni

1 Chronicles 16:34: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

Administrative Council Highlights – May 6th, 2025

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

- **Social Justice/Manna Ministries** - Pastor Ivoni Maama reported that they served about 58 lunches at the homeless encampment. There are funds in Manna Ministries to help cover the costs. Volunteers are needed for the 2nd and 4th Sundays a month. There will be sign-ups to help with food distribution.
- Trustees. Board of Trustees – Maintenance crews are chipping away at keeping the property tidy.
- **United Women in Faith.** Mother's Day Tea will be happening on May 10th in the Fireside room. All Mothers are welcome. Sunday will have a celebration for Mothers. June 12th UWF will be hosting a pizza party at Round Table. All are welcome
- **Education/Sunday School** - Tawny Walsh reported that she purchased new curriculum and Sunday school is going well and is making gifts for Mothers Day.
- **Staff Parish Relations Committee.** Susan Ramsey reported that we need prayers for a Youth Director. Hoping one is found soon.
- **Financial Report.** Gregg Rice reported that the May income was \$14,000 and balance is up a tad but that is due to Apportionment transfer of \$1,300.13 to get caught up. The weight watchers' bucket is doing well and the first deposit of change was taken to the bank. The Easter offering is going to be moved to pay for Apportionments.

Trivia night was paid with Scrip funds so there was a check given to reimburse Scrip. Non Profit status hanging in balance until paperwork is filed which was usually done by Tom..

- **Parish Care.** Prayers were requested for Donna & Dennis Morris, Guadalupe Martinez, Amanda, Kimery Knight, Tom Kaljian still in San Diego.
- **Pastor's Report.** Pastor Ivoni reported we need a Welfare Prayer to help find a youth director. A confirmation class will be held May 17th with a few youths already signed up. 1 day a month for meetings.

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Other – Susan Ramsey announced the Incumbent day for Ivoni on May 24th and all are welcome but minimum parking as it is in Sacramento.

The Rummage Sale will be Sept 5th and 6th, 2025.

The Fall Festival will be in November.

The District Superintendent, Reverend Doctor Mary Maagawas very impressed with the church on Easter Sunday.

SCRIP TIP OF THE MONTH

We are still seeking \$10.00 gift cards to reward our exceptional group of counselors who help make Vacation Bible School such a great success each year. If you care to assist VBS in this way, please stop by the scrip table after church on Sunday morning. We always stock gift cards for most local fast food and pizza places, as well as for Starbucks, Amazon, Target and Walmart.

You can also get in touch with Gregg or Juli Rice at (209) 761-2737, or by e-mail at grice@inreach.com. We gladly accept cash, check, Venmo or Zelle for payment, and can order from hundreds of retailers if you don't find what you are looking for on the table.