



# *The Vine*

## *July 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 Alex Hew	23 Jaycee Walsh
5 David Simmons	25 Karen Bonillas
7 Jon Betschart	26 Ayden Barcellos
10 Melinda Wall	27 Fay Davis
11 Mason Ferreira	27 Kellen Brehm Saucedo
15 Dave Simmons	28 Don Van Someren
18 Carley Van Someren	29 Hailey Battle
19 Enrigue Mowad	30 Katie Younce
19 Eduardo Mowad	Hollingsworth
	31 Erik Martin



17	Steve & Jodi Battle
17	Jason & Tawny Walsh
24	Jonathan & Stacy Betschart

June contributions total: \$ 9,598.06

In-Person Services for June 1<sup>st</sup> (42) 8<sup>th</sup> (56) 15<sup>th</sup> (41) 22<sup>nd</sup> (29)

# *Vine Monthly Events for July*

## **Important dates:**

**Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>** – Ad Council Meeting 7 PM Zoom.

**Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>** -Centering Prayer 6 PM Zoom, ID 841 8056  
5606 Passcode 876156

**Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup>** – Trustee meeting 7PM Zoom

**Wednesday July 9<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**

**Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>** -Lunch for the encampment after church

**Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>** – Worship Committee 7 pm Zoom

**Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>** - We will be making lunch for the encampment after church service

**Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>** -Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM Zoom

**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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Pastor Ivoni Commissioning Ceremony was wonderful, and we had a good turn out from Los Banos. Looking forward to the one in 2027

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July 2024

Dear family of Los Banos UMC:

**“Following Jesus, Thriving in Community and Healing the World”**

Praise be to God for all things in life. Let's take a moment to look around you and find all that you are grateful for. We have roofs over our heads, food on our tables. Clean water to drink, watch your children grow and your grandchildren play.

I stared at the hills from my bedroom window in Newark, California. Then I recall Psalm 121.” *I lift my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the creator of Heaven and Earth.*” Our help is from God, there is no other way. Friends, I know we all have our own dark valley, some tough times in our lives. Please do know that our help come from God. Don't give up, hang on to your faith and believed in Jesus Christ our savior and redeemer. He promised us, that He never leave nor forsake us.

**New Programs and Activities**

On the month of August, we are going to have more programs and activities. Bible Reading. Bible Study Groups, Centering Prayers. I also offered one-on-one devotion time with family or individuals. Please contact me for details. I also would love to visit you, your loved ones, if you want. There is a Spiritual Retreat, Walk to Emmaus in October for men and women. Please see me if you are interested in more details.

**Sunday School**

Please pray for people to help on our Sunday School. If we have 4 or 5 volunteers once a month or once in two months. That would be great and will help a lot. We also would like volunteer for Nursery or if you know anyone from outside church that would be interested. Please let us know.

Thank you for all your support, your love and prayers. I pray that each and every one of us will have a wonderful new month to come. Please make sure you pray for your pastor and all the family of Los Banos UMC and noon every day. Thank you for remembering my family and I during this very tough time.

Blessings,

Pastor Ivoni



## **Administrative Council Highlights June 3rd, 2025**

The Ad Council met by Zoom conference on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 with eight people present. The following items were discussed:

- **Trustees. Board of Trustees –**

Maintenance crews are chipping away at keeping the property tidy.

- **United Women in Faith –**

Laura reported that there will be a cake for the graduates on Sunday June 8, 2025. The graduates will be taking part in the Sunday service. The women will have a Pizza Party at 1:00PM on June 12, 2025. There will be no meetings in June and July. September 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a salad luncheon and a special presentation.

- **Education/Sunday School –**

Tawney reported that the children were making Father's Day Gifts. There will be no Sunday School from June 15, 2025 to mid August.

- **Staff Parish Relations  
Committee –**

Susan reported that we need prayers for a Youth Director. Hoping one is found soon. The Commissioning Service for Pastor Ivoni will be on Sunday, June 29, 2025 in Sacramento, CA.

- **Financial Report –**

Gregg reported

- **Trustee Report –**

Kevin reported that the water heater at the parsonage had to be replaced. The freezer in the Fellowship Hall isn't working and it will be checked out.

Parish Care. Prayers were requested for

Guadalupe Martinez, Amanda, Kimery Knight, Jennifer Barcellos, and Tom Kaljian.

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

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held on September 20, 2025. More details are coming soon.

The Fall Festival will be in November.

- **Next Meeting –**

The next Ad Council meeting will be on Zoom, July 1, 2025 at 7:00PM.

