



PALM LEAF

Palm United Methodist Church

April 2017



First Word

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CRAIG'S CORNER—IT'S THE SEASON OF DEATH

We have seen some beloved people we know and love depart from us. Louise Sadahiro, Ruth Hayakawa, Grace Lester, and although she wasn't a member of our church, the passing of Gloria Gaona from Open Gate Ministries has impacted all of us. At the same time, we've had some who are the heart and soul of our church go into the hospital with some serious medical conditions – Oliver Cadiente and Irene Burkart. It has been a rough 2017.

We've also faced some harsh realities about our church. It is dying. The loss of people is the most difficult part, but our rising age as well as our decline in giving is creating an unsustainable model for the church.

During this Lenten season I've challenged you to think long and hard about the direction of the church. I've asked you to reflect on our ability, our capacity, and our willingness to move in a direction that would help us fulfill the Great Commission – to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

But the beauty of the Easter season is that hope always springs eternal – thanks to our Lord and Savior. Join us for a time of renewal beginning Palm Sunday as we explore our faith together. We will begin a new series based on the Apostle's Creed and try to come to a better understanding of Christ through our discipleship. We will go out into the community again to invite people to our Easter celebration on Maundy Thursday (April 13th). And the new challenge I offer you is to invite people to our Easter service. Not because we need more people to attend church but because it's important for us to develop a new sense of discipleship. It is our job together to bring people to Christ and I need you to be an active part of that mission.

Peace and Blessings, Craig craig@palmumc.org

JOYS AND CONCERNS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for cancer warriors Gary Miyakawa (Cassie's friend), Joe Kelly (Cassie's uncle), Jacob dela Montanya, Josh Crampton (Cassie's cousin), Sumi Okuma (Aiko's sister-in-law), Matt Sakaguchi, and Gerard Laquerriere (friend of John and Pat).

Please keep Irene Burkart, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family, Florence Brayfield, Mas Konatsu, Marcia Williams, Maryanne Couch (Janice's cousin), Oliver Dadiante, Terry and Nancy McKittrick, Ken and Cathie Metz, Frank Abe, Wilma Conner, Janelle Cochran, Sandy Hansen, Mike Yada, Alice Yoshimura (Lindy's mother), first responders, the Yoshihara family, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers.

(Irene Burkart is temporarily staying at the Linwood Meadows Care Center, 4444 West Meadows # 5-A, Visalia 93277, phone 735-9067. Calls and prayers are appreciated!)

Deepest sympathy is extended to family and friends of Edwin Yamamoto, who passed away suddenly at home on February 28; memorial service to be announced.

Sincere condolences are extended to family and friends of God's faithful servant Grace Lester, who died March 5 in Visalia. Service will be Thursday, March 23, 10:00 AM, at Dopkins Chapel.

Diane, Desiree, Eduardo, and Anthony would like to invite everybody to an Open House at their new home, 759 Bergenia Court (cross streets Saginaw Avenue and Viscaya Parkway), on Saturday, March 25, at 4:00 PM. Please RSVP Diane 643-6008.

NEWS BITS

Sermon Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 1:00. Old Testament Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 11:00 AM. Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Ikebana Class will meet on Friday, April 7. Clean-Up Day inside Palm Church will be Saturday, April 1, 8:00 AM.

Ikebana Flower Show and UMW Boutique is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2:00-4:30 PM; there will be a Boutique workshop following worship on Sunday, April 2.

The church office will be closed during Holy Week, except Maundy Thursday, April 13, at 10:00 AM, there will be a short service, followed by our Neighborhood Candy Walk!

COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UPS : If you are Head Toban for any month, or if you wish to host Coffee Hour on a special Sunday during the year, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The monthly newsletter will serve to remind you. [Tobans will serve Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday, April 16.](#)

Chuck Woupio from Gideons International will be our guest speaker on Sunday, March 26; his message should be very interesting, so please make every effort to be in church! Missions Committee will serve St. Patrick's Day themed menu donation lunch.

Don't miss Easter Sunday worship, 10:00 AM on April 16, followed by the "Flowering of the Cross", Coffee Hour, Children's Easter Egg Hunt, and annual group photo! (Please bring 1-2 dozen filled plastic eggs, if possible, for the children's egg hunt!)

COMMUNION STEWARD DUTIES

Chalice, chalice cover, paten, and white napkin are kept in the Communion cabinet in the kitchen. Bring 100% juice and a round loaf of bread to church on Communion Sunday; place the bread on the paten, and cover with napkin. Pour the juice into the chalice (not too full). Cover the chalice, and place it and the paten on the Communion table on the Chancel. After church, please remember to wash, dry, and replace supplies in the kitchen cabinet. Thank you! --Norma

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00 Church Clean-Up Day 
2 10:00 Worship & Sunday School	3 Office closed	4 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	5 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	6 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	7 Office closed	8 2:00-4:30 IKEBANA FLOWER SHOW & UMW BOUTIQUE
9 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 Worship & Sunday School 	10 Office closed	11 Office closed 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	12 Office closed 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00 Service ; Community Candy Walk follows	14 Office closed GOOD FRIDAY	15 BLACK SATURDAY
16 EASTER 10:00 Worship & Sunday School ; "Flowering of the Cross," Coffee Hour, Egg Hunt, & Group Photo follow	17 Office closed	18 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	19 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	20 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	21 Office closed	22 EARTH DAY 
23 10:00 Worship & Sunday School ; Ad Board meeting follows	24 Office closed	25 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	26 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	27 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	28 Office closed	29
30 10:00 Worship & Sunday School						

OPEN GATE SHELTER NEEDS

511 North "K" Street, Dinuba 93618

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www.opengate-ministries.org

Personal Hygiene Items / Diapers

Paper Towels / Toilet Paper / Kleenex

Shampoo / Hairbrushes

Rice / Beans / Pasta / Spaghetti Sauce

Powdered Milk / Mayonnaise

Flour / Sugar / Oil / Salt / Pancake Mix

Coffee and Creamer

Canned Fruit, Juice, Vegetables, & Meat

Sliced American Cheese

Snacks for Children / Peanut Butter

Mixing Bowls

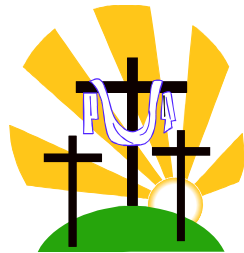
Children's Videos

Bath, Dish, and Hand Towels

Blankets / Sheets / Pillowcases

Pajamas—all sizes

Volunteers, especially at the Thrift Store



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Mon. & Fri. Office Closed

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Church Location:

Palm UMC—Tulare and "P" Streets

Sunday Service:

Palm UMC—10:00 AM—Worship and
Sunday School

**APRIL
WORSHIP TASKS**

Worship Leader

Pat dela Montanya

Communion Steward

Ruth Kurihara

Greeters / Ushers

2 Ruth Kurihara, Kathy Lamb

9 Oliver and Winnie Cadiente

16 Norma Lozano, Diane Domingo

23 Jerry and Ginger Munson

30 Diane Domingo, Norma Lozano

April Tobans

* Pat dela Montanya
Cathy Yada
Rose Abe
Hankus Nagata
Irene Burkart
Winnie Cadiente
Iris Yamagata

April Birthdays

1—Vickie Sutton
2—Desiree Domingo, Pat Kurihara
5—Patricia Martzen
7—Emma Yoshihara
9—Miles Yada
11—Chin Cheak Yu Martzen
12—Cherry Cadiente
13—Elizabeth Kitaoka
14—Linda Thomas
17—Amy Kiritani
19—Duane Abe, Frances Leibert
24—Nancy McKittrick, Barbara Miller
28—Oliver Dadiante, Jason Millhorn,
Chelly McKittrick Gary
30—James Hanada, Scott Shaver

PALM UMC CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2017

Church Administrative Council

Chairman: Nancy McKittrick
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Lay Leader: Kathy Lamb
PPRC Co-Chairs: Susan Yoshimura, Ginger Munson
Finance Chair: Pat Kurihara
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Treasurer: Andy Clifton
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Missions Co-Chairs: Aiko Takeda, Marian Clifton
Education Chair: Susan Yoshimura
Pastor: Craig Yoshihara

Nominations Committee

Chair: Craig Yoshihara
Lay Leader: Kathy Lamb
2019: Jerry Munson
2017: Marian Clifton
2018: Susan Yoshimura

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee

Co-Chairs: Susan Yoshimura, Ginger Munson
Lay Leader: Kathy Lamb
Lay Member to AC: Andy Clifton
2019: Aiko Takeda
2017: Janice Serios
2018: Cathy Yada

Board of Trustees

Chair: Jerry Yada
2019: Ruth Kurihara
2018: Frank Abe
2017: Pat dela Montanya

Finance Committee

Chair: Pat Kurihara
SPRC Co-Chairs: Susan Yoshimura, Ginger Munson
Lay Member to AC: Andy Clifton
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