



PALM LEAF

Palm United Methodist Church June 2017



First Word

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CRAIG'S CORNER—WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Annual Conference (or AC) is right around the corner and unless something very surprising happens, it looks like I'll be back in Dinuba for another year! We've been serving together for five years if you can believe that. In that time, we have done a lot together. This year alone, we've shared in quite a bit.

- o Dedicated our new worship space
- o Started our community outreach program
- o Began sending invitations to members of our community
- o Utilized social media by reaching people through Facebook and the website in new ways
- o Hosted an outstanding Soup and Pie Lunch to help benefit Open Gate
- o Renewed our annual Faith and Family Trip to Disneyland
- o Caught up on our apportionments giving and started Second Mile Giving

Not everything has been sunshine and roses though. We've had a number of members, friends, and relatives pass away this year. Alvin Yamamoto, John Balderama, Sonya Nakagiri, Louise Sadahiro, Ruth Hayakawa, Grace Lester, Narumi Sadahiro, and Eddie Yamamoto have all gone on to be with God. We've also had a number of people who have needed our prayers in various ways all throughout the year and we continue to lift them up in prayer.

Also, financially we have not been doing well. At our last Admin Board meeting we discussed how we were running a deficit of about \$2,500 every month. We don't have any real solutions how to overcome the spending in the short term. We have rented our building to another church to help out (an additional \$500 per month plus light cleaning), but we still have a large deficit. Long term solutions would be to increase membership and to encourage increased giving, and while we should be doing that anyway, that won't help in the short term. If we can't increase our giving to match our deficit or find another revenue stream, we may need to have a ¾ time pastor or ½ time pastor beginning next July. I'll talk more about this next month.

In the meantime, I am hoping you will praise God for the positive things we HAVE done and prayerfully ask for guidance for the challenges ahead of us.

Peace and Blessings, Craig craig@palmumc.org

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JOYS AND CONCERNS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for cancer warriors Jacob dela Montanya, Josh Crampton, Sumi Okuma (Aiko's sister-in-law), Matt Sakaguchi, Danny and Kay Armijo (Pat's cousins), Dan Minor, Carol McMorris (Cassie's mother) Barbara Coddington, 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 Serious's cousin), Oliver and Winnie Cadiente, Terry and Nancy McKittrick, Ken and Cathie Metz, Frank Abe, Wilma Conner, Sandy Hansen, Alice Yoshimura (Lindy's mother), first responders, the Yoshihara family, Smith Mountain Cemetery District, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers.

Sincere sympathy is offered to friends and family of Don Iwahashi (brother-in-law to Bill Wake and ex-father-in-law to Ron Nagata), who passed away in Daly City on May 10 at the age of 104. Condolences are extended to family and friends of Josie Huerta who died on Friday, May 19, in Visalia. Deepest sympathy is offered to friends and family of James Takeda, who passed away on Sunday, May 28, at Hinds Hospice in Fresno.

Congratulations to Arnel Cadiente on his new job with GodFruits!

Congratulations to Rachel Simmons and Alex Clark, who have announced their engagement; and to Kaylene Takeda and Kenny Brown, who have announced their engagement! Congratulations to Jacqui Takeda and Brett Pagonis who were married April 8, and Jennifer Takeda and Alex Arima who will be married June 17!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES: London Serious, Jefferson School Kindergarten; Anthony Espino, Roosevelt School Kindergarten; Alissa Rodriguez (Pipkin), Dinuba High School; Nathan dela Montanya, Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Alisha Hirahara, California State University Humboldt, B.A. Child Development; Chad Takeda, California State University Fullerton, B.A. Musical Theater .

NEWS BITS

Sermon Bible Study will not meet during the month of June. Craig will be on vacation June 2-14. Old Testament Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 11:00 AM, except June 21. Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Ikebana Class will meet Saturday, June 10, at 1:30.

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. **June Tobans will serve finger-food Coffee Hour on Fathers Day, June 18!** Greg and Sara Akin, missionaries to Bosnia, will be our guest speakers on Sunday, June 4; a donation lunch will follow, served by the Missions Committee, to benefit Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Our guest speaker on June 11 will be Mark Isaak, professor at Fresno Pacific University.

Miles Yada and Emma Yoshihara will help lead worship on Sunday, June 25.

The date for our annual Oriental Take-Out Dinner has been set for Saturday, October 28!

Stay tuned for more details!

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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Representative to Annual Conference Needed!

I want you to pray about volunteering to be our church representative to Annual Conference. At AC, I do not represent Palm UMC. I represent my own views and ideas. Technically, my membership in the UMC resides in the Conference. It's why every church gets a proportional amount of lay members to represent it – to make sure we hear the voices of both clergy AND laity. We have relied on the voices of Andy and Derek for years and years – longer than I've been here – but now both have moved on to new ventures and new frontiers. Who will fill their gap? Will it be you? Don't assume someone else will do it. If you're capable and able to, please consider it. It does require you to travel on your own and stay in a hotel up in Burlingame for at least four days. I believe our church will reimburse expenses if you can manage the time. Too often I hear people complain that the Conference does stuff without their knowledge – but that isn't the case. If you want a voice in what happens and an ear to the ground, be our representative! Let me know if you'd like to go. We need someone soon. Annual Conference is from June 21-24.





-- Pastor Craig



June



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	2 Office closed	3 NATIONAL DOUGHNUT DAY 
4 10:00 Worship & Sunday School; Mission speakers--donation Lunch follows	5 Office closed	6 Office closed	7 Office closed 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	8 Office closed 10:00 Prayer Group	9 Office closed	10 1:30 Ikebana Class 
11 10:00 Worship & Sunday School--guest speaker from Fresno Pacific University	12 Office closed	13 Office closed	14 FLAG DAY Office closed 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study 	15 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	16 Office closed	17
18 FATHERS DAY  10:00 Worship and SS ; Coffee Hour	19 Office closed	20 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	21 Office closed No Old Testament Bible Study	22 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	23 Office closed	24
			←—————→ Annual Conference			
25 10:00 Worship & Sunday School--Emma Yoshihara & Miles yada to help with service	26 Office closed	27 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	28 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	29 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	30 Office closed	

OPEN GATE SHELTER NEEDS

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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

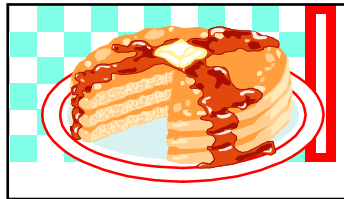
Children's Videos

Bath, Dish, and Hand Towels

Blankets / Sheets / Pillowcases

Pajamas—all sizes

Volunteers, especially at the Thrift Store



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Sunday Service:

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

**JUNE
WORSHIP TASKS**

Worship Leader

Kathy Lamb

Communion Steward

Pat dela Montanya

Greeters / Ushers

4 Oliver and Winnie Cadiente

11 Diane Domingo, Taye Abe

18 Norma Lozano, Ruth Kurihara

25 Jerry and Ginger Munson

June Tobans

* Marian Clifton
Susan Yoshimura
Ruth Fujinaga
Janice Serios
Nancy McKittrick
Carmencita Balderama
Melanie Hirahara

June Birthdays

4—Kathy Hurst

Ruth Kurihara (91!)

7—Bryce Yoshimura

8—Patty Avila

13—Sho Kayayama

15—Robert Serios

17—Isabella Pipkin

19—Arnel Cadiente

Rachel Simmons

Jerry Nagata

21—Naoko Noji

25—Liz Yebisu (Dr. Sasaki)

26—Kathy Lamb

Grace Katayama

PALM UMC CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2017

Church Administrative Council

Chairman: Nancy McKittrick
Vice-Chairman: Jerry Munson
Lay Leader: Kathy Lamb
PPRC Co-Chairs: Susan Yoshimura, Ginger Munson
Finance Chair: Pat Kurihara
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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 Annual Conference: 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
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