



PALM LEAF

Palm United Methodist Church September 2017



First Word

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CRAIG'S CORNER—HOW ARE WE DOING?

At the beginning of the year, I outlined some metrics for us to measure our growth. Here is what we talked about:

- Increase worship attendance by 10 (currently about 35) by Christmas 2017
- Increase small group attendance by an average of 7 (currently around 7)
- Challenge EVERYONE to participate in at least ONE of our community outreach efforts
- Come up with a working budget including tithing to the conference and extra giving
- Use our baptismal font at least ONCE this year

So how are we doing?

- Current worship average for the year: 37.13 – Definitely not where we wanted it to be, but at least it's gone up. With Christmas coming, hopefully it will go up even more but right now we are about 8 people short PER WEEK. To make it up would mean we would need to average not just 45 but at least 53 from now to the end of the year to raise this average.
- Current small group attendance average: 7.45 – About the same as at the beginning of the year. Could we get 21 people to attend an existing or new small group every week between now and the end of the year?
- Attendance at Community Outreach Events – Overall, we are doing pretty good, but we are far from having everyone participate in one. If you haven't done it yet, why not? Ask anyone who has done it and they'll tell you it's worth it.
- Working Budget – Since we are still having trouble finding a new treasurer, you can guess where we are on this. We need a real working budget otherwise how do we know if we are heading in the right direction?
- Using the baptismal font at least ONCE this year – Nope. Although we did have two new professions of faith which I am so pleased with! Still, it says a lot about our direction that we haven't baptized anyone yet.

So what do you think? I firmly believe what Jesus told us, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible (Matt 19:26)." However, we might want to consider that God is leading us down a different path and ask ourselves what that path might be. Revitalization is tough for any church. Once you are on the downward part of the slope it's hard to come back. BUT that doesn't mean God is done with us! Revitalization is only ONE direction the church can take. We can be part of new church development, find ways to encourage other churches in our denomination and our community, and leave a lasting legacy for Christ in our community.

As Robin Williams' character, Mr. Keating, said in the film *Dead Poets Society*, "That the powerful play goes on and you may contribute a verse. What will your verse be?"

Peace and Blessings, Craig craig@palmumc.org

JOYS AND CONCERNS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for cancer warriors Jacob dela Montanya, Josh Crampton, Matt Sakaguchi, Danny and Kay Armijo (Pat's cousins), and Gerard Laquerriere (friend of John and Pat).

Please keep Irene Burkart, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family, Florence Brayfield, Mas Konatsu, Marcia Williams, Kenji Tashiro, Maryanne Couch (Janice Serios's cousin), Richard Gabel (friend of Reese Gary), Carol Crossley (Cassie's mother), Oliver and Winnie Cadiente, Terry and Nancy McKittrick, Ken and Cathie Metz, Mike Yada, Les and Danielle Lungren, Jorge Calija (Norma's brother-in-law), Wilma Conner, Sandy Hansen, Alice Yoshimura (Lindy's mother), first responders, the Yoshihara family, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers. **We especially want to be praying for our country and our world.**

Huge thanks to Eagle Scout Conner Abe, grandson of Herb and Rose Abe, for the beautiful new storage shed on the east side of Palm Church Social Hall! Take a look!

NEWS BITS

Sermon Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 1:00. Old Testament Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 11:00. Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Ikebana Class will meet Saturday, September 23, 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. **September Tobans will serve Coffee Hour following worship on Sunday, September 10, in honor of Patriot Day, when we remember our first responders and military personnel. Missions Committee will serve a donation lunch following worship on World Communion Sunday, October 8, to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).**

Open Gate Ministries 43rd Anniversary Dinner will be held Thursday, September 7, at the First Baptist Church of Dinuba; the theme is, "We are servants of all for God's sake," and the menu is Italian. Tickets may be purchased from Aiko or Diane for \$12.50, or at the door! Take-out is available!

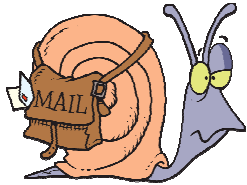
The date for our annual Oriental Teriyaki Chicken Take-Out Dinner has been set for Saturday, October 28! If you want to work in a particular area, be sure to let Chairman Susan Yoshimura know! (622-9009) Big thanks to Junior and April Bulosan and to the rest of Janice and Robert Serios's family for volunteering to grill the meat!

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

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Mas Konatsu
517 Hemphill Drive
San Marcos, CA 92069



Ken and Cathie Metz
37-A Sunrock Mountain Road
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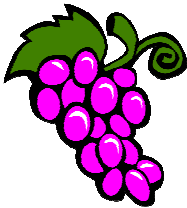
Open Gate Ministries of Dinuba
43rd Anniversary Dinner and Boutique

Thursday, September 7, 2017

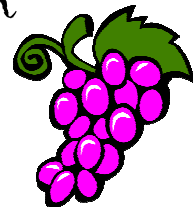
6:30 PM (doors open at 5:30 PM)

Dinuba First Baptist Church

Italian Menu




Music by DHS Madrigals



Tickets \$12.50—Available for purchase
from Aiko or Diane, or at the door

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office closed	2
3 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	4 Office closed LABOR DAY 	5 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	6 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	7 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group 6:30 Open Gate Ministries Anniversary Dinner at Dinuba First Baptist Church	8 Office closed	9
10 10:00 Worship and Sunday School; Coffee Hour follows	11 Office closed PATRIOT DAY 	12 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	13 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	14 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	15 Office closed	16
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OPEN GATE SHELTER NEEDS

511 North "K" Street, Dinuba 93618

559-591-1241

www.opengate-ministries.org

Personal Hygiene Items / Pads / 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

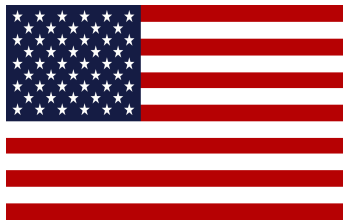
Children's Videos

Bath, Dish, and Hand Towels

Blankets / Sheets / Pillowcases

Pajamas—all sizes

Volunteers, especially at the Thrift Store



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Worship Bulletin Editor: Kathy Lamb

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Church Location:

Palm UMC—Tulare and "P" Streets

Sunday Service:

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

**SEPTEMBER
WORSHIP TASKS**

Worship Leader

Kathy Lamb

Communion Steward

Susan Yoshimura

Greeters / Ushers

3 Ruth Kurihara, Norma Lozano

10 Jerry and Ginger Munson

17 Oliver and Winnie Cadiente

24 Norma Lozano, Diane Domingo

September Tobans

* Norma Lozano

Ruth Kurihara

Taye Abe

Helen Ishida

Marcia Williams

Kathy Lamb

Rosalinda Vasquez

September Birthdays

2—Jerry Munson

11--Tommy Kurihara, Irene Burkart

14—Greg Millhorn

15—Mollie Osato (92!)

18—Randy Ide

20—Buddy Thomas

21—Robert Pipkin, Ethan Millhorn

23—Destiny Domingo, Johnny Leibert

25—Nick Millhorn

27—London Serios, Joey Galvan

28—Janice Serios, Rosalea Galvan



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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Treasurer: Andy Clifton
Financial Secretary: Jerry Munson
Recording Secretary: Cathy Yada
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Andy Clifton
Worship Chair: Norma Lozano
UMW President: Janice Serios
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:
2017: Pat dela Montanya

Finance Committee

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