



PALM LEAF

Palm United Methodist Church October 2017



First Word

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CRAIG'S CORNER—NEEDING PEOPLE TO STEP UP!

This is a church filled with great people. I have been really blessed by so many who do so much. Because of Marian, I don't have to publish these newsletters (and she puts up with me getting articles to her late!). Because of Kathy, I don't have to write up a bulletin every week. Because of Aiko and Ginger, I don't have to pick hymns and praise songs for worship, but they are nice enough to let me pick them when I want without complaint. Because of Susan, we have a structured Sunday School our kids get to learn from. We have worship leaders, UMW, tobans, funeral volunteers – all of whom come from our congregation.

As you can imagine, as our numbers grow smaller the responsibility of keeping up the church rests on fewer and fewer shoulders. Jerry Yada, for example, has shouldered the burden of being the Trustees Chair this year and has done so behind the scenes without fanfare, but in ways that really eat up his time. Between leaking water heaters, light fixtures getting up to code, and organizing the renting of the church, Jerry has done a lot without any recognition. And he is but one example of people doing what they can to help out. So we are not short of people doing good work.

But that isn't enough--I wish it were. I have rarely served a church with so many willing to do so much. Having said that, after our sermon series on "Change" I wanted to be clear on what we need and what we don't. Let me start with what we don't. We don't need events to bring people to church. We don't need clean comedy nights or bands coming to play or movie nights. It would take too long to explain here, but the short of it is they don't bring people to a deeper faith in Christ. They just bring people to your building.

What we do need is for people to explore how to reach out to others. **We need at least two people to start an independent Bible study in their homes.** Creating new places for new people to explore their faith will be how the church for Christ will grow in the future. I truly believe the future of the church will look different in some ways that it does now. Sunday worship will still be a part of it for the foreseeable future, but maybe not in a traditional church building. Maybe we will find new ways and new places for being the church in the world. **We also need everyone to invite people to Sunday worship.** Pray about who you might ask and then pray for the opportunity. But if we don't start asking, they won't start coming. And I want you to be involved in community outreach. **Everyone needs to participate in at least one community outreach event other than chicken dinner and Ikebana.** We do the candy holiday giveaways but if that's not your thing, come and talk to me about an idea you'd like to head up. I want to find a few strong activities people can get behind.

Speaking of which, the Reverse Trick-or-Treat is coming up. Please tell me how you will help out. Will you donate at least 10 treat bags filled with at least 5 candies (at least fun size or bigger please or if using mini-size then double the amount of candy)? Or will you come walk with us in the neighborhood? Or both? **Let me know by October 22 in worship.**

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, Lee Bulosan (Janice Serios's father), Carol Crossley (Cassie's mother), Oliver and Winnie Cadiente, Terry and Nancy McKittrick, Ken and Cathie Metz, Mike Yada, 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, for the hurricane and earthquake survivors and rescuers, and our world. Please be sure to stay for the Missions Donation Lunch following 10:00 worship on World Communion Sunday, October 8; our donation will go to UMCOR disaster relief.

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, October 21, at 1:30. Administrative Board will meet following worship on Sunday, October 1. On Tuesday, October 31, everyone is encouraged to meet at the church at 10:00 AM to pass out candy in the community as Reverse Trick-or-Treat!

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. **The October Tobans will host Coffee Hour following worship on Sunday, October 22, which also be an all-church baby shower for Katherine Rodriquez—card basket will be available.**

Missions Committee will serve a donation lunch following worship on World Communion Sunday, October 8, to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

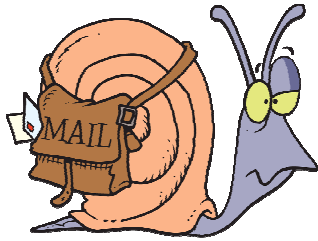
For those with Internet access, be sure to check out the amazing job our Web-Master Sandy Hansen is doing, and especially the UMCOR Link! palmumc.org

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

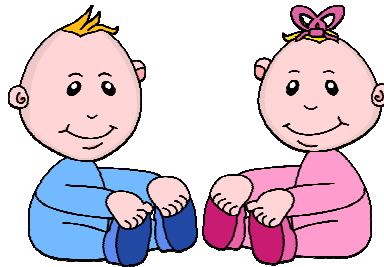
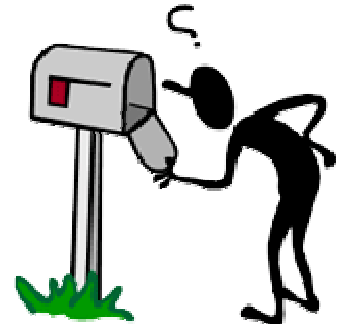
Chalice, chalice cover, paten, and white napkin are kept in the Communion cabinet in the kitchen. Bring 100% juice and a round loaf of bread to church on Communion Sunday; place the bread on the paten, and cover with napkin. Pour the juice into the chalice (not too full). Cover the chalice, and place 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



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**COFFEE HOUR / BABY SHOWER !
HONORING KATHERINE RODRIGUEZ !
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22
FOLLOWING 10:00 WORSHIP !
HOSTED BY
THE OCTOBER TOBAN TEAM !
CARD BASKET WILL BE AVAILABLE !
EVERYONE IS INVITED !**

October



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 10:00 Worship and Sunday School; Ad Council meeting follows | 2 Office closed | 3 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study | 4 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study | 5 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group | 6 Office closed | 7 |
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| 29 10:00 Worship and Sunday School; Coffee Hour follows | 30 Office closed | 31 HALLOWEEN 9-12 Office Open 10:00 REVERSE TRICK-or-TREAT 1:00 Sermon Bible Study | | | | |

OPEN GATE SHELTER NEEDS

511 North "K" Street, Dinuba 93618

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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

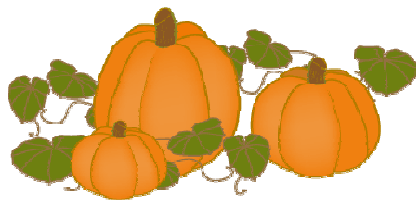
Children's Videos

Bath, Dish, and Hand Towels

Blankets / Sheets / Pillowcases

Pajamas—all sizes

Volunteers, especially at the Thrift Store



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Palm UMC—Tulare and "P" Streets

Sunday Service:

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

OCTOBER
WORSHIP TASKS

Worship Leader

Norma Lozano

Communion Steward

Winnie Cadiente

Greeters / Ushers

1 Nancy McKittrick, Ginger Munson

8 Ruth Kurihara, Kathy Lamb

15 Diane Somingo, Taye Abe

22 Herb Abe, Jerry Munson

29 Oliver and Winnie Cadiente

October Tobans

* Nancy McKittrick

Susan Yoshimura

Ruth Fujinaga

Janice Serios

Marian Clifton

Melanie Hirahara

October Birthdays

2—Frank Leibert

7—Bette Crawford

8—Quincy Yada

9—Marcia Williams

20—Mary Zuniga

23—Philip Martzen, Phyllis Martzen

24—Rosalinda Vasquez

27—William Simmons

29—Bruce Ishida

31—Ginger Munson



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
Trustees Chair: Jerry Yada
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

Chair: Pat Kurihara
SPRC Co-Chairs: Susan Yoshimura, Ginger Munson
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Andy Clifton
Ad Board Vice-Chairman / Financial Secretary : Jerry Munson
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