



PALM LEAF

**Palm United
Methodist Church
November 2017**



First Word

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CRAIG'S CORNER—DON'T JOIN THE CHURCH

I mean, why bother? Sometimes people see joining a church like joining a mailing list and who wants that? My inbox is already flooded with messages about things I don't want and information I never asked for. But I want to challenge you to think of membership in a different way – as a spiritual discipline. Joining a church is about your commitment to Christ and his community. It is as simple as that. It is but one step among many in building a strong faith based on a solid foundation. Jesus calls us to be in community and to join together so that we may support one another, build each other up, and help each other out. Jesus tells us that he is present whenever we gather together. So why not join?

If you are a member, I want you to reevaluate where you are with the promises you made when you joined. Every member of the church promises to give of their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. How strong are you in these? Why should you care? Our current sermon series this entire month is about these promises and why they are important – not to the church but to YOU! The promises we make are not about what the church gets out of it, but how YOU are developing as a Christian. When we become solid disciples for Christ, the church automatically benefits. So these promises are not just to strengthen the church as a body, but to strengthen each strand of fiber in the rope of the church that binds us together so that we can be a force for love and kindness in the world.

If you aren't yet a member, I hope you will prayerfully consider joining. If you are at all interested in becoming an official member of the church and taking that next step in your own faith journey, please come talk to me and I would be overjoyed to be a part of your next steps.

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), Miyoko Cabello (Diane's mother), and Gerard Laquerriere (friend of John and Pat).

Please keep Irene Burkart, Rosalinda Vasquez, Oscar Vasquez, Florence Brayfield, Mas Konatsu, Marcia Williams, Kenji Tashiro, Lee Bulosan (Janice's father), Oliver and Winnie Cadiente, Terry and Nancy McKittrick, Yoshiko Yamagata (Iris' mother), 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.

Sincere sympathy is extended to family and friends of Chris Young, who died October 16 at home in Dinuba.

Congratulations to Mark and Cali Shaver on the birth October 13 of baby Noah! Proud grandparents are Ben and Karen (Clifton) Shaver!

Be sure to remember in your prayers the California fire recovery. If you wish to donate to UMCOR (P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087), write "Northern CA Fires" in the memo line. Or make check out to Palm Church, same memo, and put in the offering plate.

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, November 18, at 1:30. Administrative Board will meet on Sunday, October 29, following worship. 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! (Let Craig know if you can help!)

Following worship on Sunday, November 19, we will have a pre-Thanksgiving potluck followed by our Charge Conference, led by Pastor Neal Harris from Reedley UMC.

The November Tobans will host Coffee Hour following worship on Sunday, November 12, which also be an all-church wedding shower for Melanie Hirahara and Greg Mizuno—card basket will be available, and they are registered at [Amazon.com/wedding](https://www.amazon.com/wedding).

Our annual Oriental Teriyaki Chicken Take-Out Dinner is this Saturday, October 28! Don't forget to turn in your money and unsold tickets! Big thanks to Junior and April Bulosan and to the rest of Janice and Robert Serios's family for volunteering to grill the meat! (And all the faithful volunteers!)







Selma First Methodist Church has started a monthly BINGO night on the third Thursday of every month at 6:00; \$12 / packet. Snacks and great prizes!

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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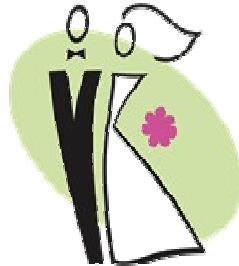
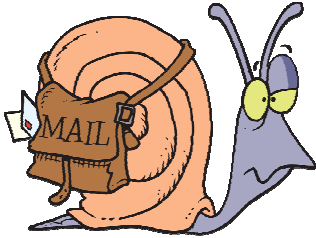


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	2 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	3 Office closed	4
5 10:00 Worship & Sunday School DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 	6 Office closed	7 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	8 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	9 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	10 Office closed	11 VETERANS DAY 
12 10:00 Worship & Sunday School ; Coffee Hour and Shower for Melanie & Greg 	13 Office closed	14 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	15 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	16 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group	17 Office closed	18 1:30 Ikebana Class 
19 10:00 Worship and Sunday School; "Thanksgiving Lunch" and Charge Conference follow 	20 Office closed	21 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	22 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	23 THANKSGIVING Office closed 	24 Office closed	25
26 10:00 Worship and Sunday School	27 Office closed	28 9-12 Office Open 1:00 Sermon Bible Study	29 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study	30 9-12 Office Open 10:00 Prayer Group		SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3-- PIZZA AND "HANGING OF THE GREENS" FOLLOW 10:00 WORSHIP

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Ruben and Beverly (Cadiante) Aleman

San Diego, CA



**COFFEE HOUR / WEDDING SHOWER !
HONORING MELANIE HIRAHARA
AND GREG MIZUNO !
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
FOLLOWING 10:00 WORSHIP !
HOSTED BY
THE NOVEMBER TOBAN TEAM !
CARD BASKET WILL BE AVAILABLE !
EVERYONE IS INVITED !**

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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Worship Bulletin Editor: Kathy Lamb

Webmaster: Sandy Hansen

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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

**NOVEMBER
WORSHIP TASKS**

Worship Leader

Nancy McKittrick

Communion Steward

Norma Lozano

Greeters / Ushers

5 Rodney and Marian Clifton

12 Norma Lozano, Taye Abe

19 Nancy McKittrick, Diane Domingo

26 Oliver and Winnie Dadiante

November Tobans

* Aiko Takeda

Ginger Munson

Diane Domingo

Cassie Yoshihara

Desiree Domingo

Amy Yamakawa

November Birthdays

5—Kenji Tashiro,

Denise Brown

7—Gracie and Katie Millhorn

10—Melanie Hirahara

13—Kelly Thomas

15—Cathy Yada,

Eileen Abe-Mesias,

David Clifton

21—Beverly (Cadiante) Aleman

29—Rodney Clifton



PALM UMC CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2017

Church Administrative Council

Chairman: Nancy McKittrick
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Lay Leader: Kathy Lamb
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Pastor: Craig Yoshihara

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

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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

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