



PALM LEAF

Palm United Methodist Church December 2017



First Word

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CRAIG'S CORNER—You'll Be Sorry If You Miss Church This Month!

With so much going on, you'll want to be a part of it starting with our annual Hanging of the Greens on December 3rd right after worship. This par-tay is filled with pizza, crafts, and decorating the church for the Christmas / Advent season. Then on December 17th, our family is hosting an open house at the parsonage following worship. With help from the SPRC, we hope to host a nice and inviting lunch and welcome you into our home. On the 21st we'll be doing our second Christmas in the Community! I hope you'll take part with us as we pass out treats to our local businesses to brighten the holiday spirit. Then of course you'll want to worship with us on Christmas Eve at 7:30pm where we will join together in song and candlelight to give thanks for the life of Christ.

This month we will be doing a three-part sermon series on Waiting... We will explore what it means to wait, what should we do in our time of waiting, and having faith in the nothingness. I'm hoping it will be engaging and meaningful as we head toward Christmas. Why not four sermons? Most years, Advent is four Sundays followed by Christmas Eve, but this year, Christmas Eve falls on the fourth Sunday of Advent so it will be a double celebration and we'll be doing only one worship that night. I know not all of you can make it, so if you'd like to still help out our efforts in sharing the Word of God, invite your friends to our church, let them know about all the ways they can engage with us on social media and in person, and if you'd like to contribute but can't make it, we've enclosed an envelope in our newsletter to help you. But we certainly hope to see you in person as we head into the New Year strong!

The New Year will start out with our traditional Ozoni Brunch following worship on January 14. If you don't know Ozoni is a customary soup served in Japanese homes to commemorate the start of a new year. Come and try it out if you haven't before. February 4th is Souper Bowl Sunday where we have a fundraising lunch following worship but we will also be giving thanks to Andy Clifton for his many years of service to both Palm and First UMC. As Andy's life, family, and home are now centered in Fullerton, CA, we thought it would be nice to honor one of our own for the many ways Andy has enriched worship and the life of the church. Then on February 18th we will have our annual Faith and Family Trip to Disneyland! I'm hoping many of you will come and have a blast with us as we explore our faith out in the world. You will likely learn things you've never learned before not just about Disneyland but about church, too.

It's an exciting time to be part of Palm UMC. Join us won't you?

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 and her family, Florence Brayfield, Mas Konatsu, Marcia Williams, Kenji Tashiro, Lee Bulosan (Janice's father), Oliver and Winnie Cadiante, Terry and Nancy McKittrick, Yoshiko Yamagata (Iris' mother), Ken and Cathie Metz, Mike Yada, Marianne Couch (Janice's cousin), Wilma Conner, Sandy Hansen, first responders, the Yoshihara family, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers.

Congratulations to Sandy Hansen and the Lynnewood United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, who joined 200 other choristers from around the country in performing the "International Carol Suite" by Mark Hayes at Carnegie Hall on November 19!

Congratulations to Katherine Rodriguez and Sergio Rodriguez on the birth November 17 of baby Trinidad!

Deepest sympathy is extended to family and friends of Janice Neary, Kathy Lamb's only sister, who passed away November 9 in Fresno; and to family and friends of Sho Katayama, who died on November 12 in Massachusetts, at the age of 98.

Sincere condolences are offered to friends and family of Ed Nagata, who died at home on his farm east of Kingsburg on Wednesday, November 8, at the age of 102.

NEWS BITS

Sermon Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 1:00. Old Testament Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 11:00, except December 20. Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Ikebana Class will NOT meet December. Administrative Board will meet on Sunday, December 10, following worship.

Following 10:00 worship on Sunday, December 3, we will celebrate the "Hanging of the Greens" with pizza, Christmas crafts, and decorating the Sanctuary! Open House at the Parsonage (276 East Fresno Street) follows worship on Sunday, December 17.

On Thursday, December 21, everyone is encouraged to meet at the church at 10:00 to hand out candy in the community! (Let Craig know if you can help.)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 7:30 PM, December 24, this year (no AM service on Christmas Eve).

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

THANK YOU !!!

*To all who helped with the
Oriental Take-out Teriyaki
Dinner on October 28 in any
way, including donations--you
are greatly appreciated!
Job well done!*



Sincerely,

Co-chairs Susan Yoshimura and Marian Clifton

Advent Activities

Sunday, November 19, All-church Potluck and Charge Conference

Sunday, December 3, Pizza and "Hanging of the Greens"—
Advent begins

Sunday, December 10, Church Board meeting follows worship

Sunday, December 17, Parsonage Open-House follows worship

Thursday, December 21, 10:00 AM—"Sharing Love in the Community"

Sunday, December 24, 7:30 PM—Christmas Eve Candle-Light Service

Sunday, December 31, Coffee Hour hosted by the Cliftons

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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Palm UMC—Tulare and "P" Streets

Sunday Service:

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

**DECEMBER
WORSHIP TASKS**

Worship Leader

Pat dela Montanya

Communion Steward

Kathy Lamb

Greeters / Ushers

3 Norma Lozano, Ruth KUrihara

10 Jerry and Ginger Munson

17 Cathy Yada, Diane Domingo

24 Norma Lozano, Kathy Lamb

31 Nancy McKittrick, Winnie Cadiente

December Tobans

* Cathy Yada

Rose Abe

Irene Burkart

Pat dela Montanya

Winnie Cadiente

Iris Yamagata

December Birthdays

2—Jackie Muzzy

4—Junior Bulosan,

Jose Erenas

10—Taye Abe

12—Katsumi Noji,

Kristen (Yoshimura) Floresca

14—Jackie Hernandez

16—Wilma Conner (98!)

17—Katherine Rodriguez

18—Marie Tribble (107!)

19—Lance Fujinaga

21—Eduardo Espino



PALM UMC CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2018

Church Administrative Council

Chairman: Nancy McKittrick

Lay Leader: Kathy Lamb

PPRC Chair: Susan Yoshimura

Finance Chair: Jerry Munson

Trustees Chair: Aiko Takeda

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