



PALM LEAF

Palm United Methodist Church February 2018



First Word

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CRAIG'S CORNER—"LOVE IS ALL AROUND US, I FEEL IT IN MY BONES!"

That's from one of my favorite films every year – *Love, Actually*. But during this time of the year, that's how I feel. Don't you? Whether you're dating or married or single, the atmosphere is THICK with love! I only wish it was the kind of love we experience at Christmas. Christmas love is more outward focused. Valentine's love is more private, intimate, and focused inward. There's nothing wrong with that at all and in fact I would encourage it! But maybe this year we could have BOTH.

In that vein, I wanted to invite you to participate in one of many activities that are going on with our church during this time of year.

Souper Bowl of Caring – This coming Sunday (2/4), we will be having a donation lunch for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring with proceeds going toward Open Gate Ministries. But we will also be celebrating the ministry of Andy Clifton who has served both churches not only as one of our worship leaders, but also on the church council as our Treasurer, SPRC member, and Lay Representative to Annual Conference. Come and join us for this special day and show love both for one of our own and for our community

Soup and Pie Lunch – Join us for the annual Soup and Pie Lunch at Palm Church on 2/7 from 11am to 1pm. You can buy tickets at the door and for only \$6 for soup, \$1 for salad, and \$2 for pie it really is a steal. Plus all proceeds go to Open Gate Ministries. Can't beat that!

Love in the Community – Walk with us (or donate candy bags toward the effort) on 2/14 at 10am starting from Palm Church as we continue our tradition of going business to business and spreading love to our neighbors. It not only is a great way to have people know and rely on our church but gives us a chance to invite them to worship. If you can't make it, would you please donate at least 10 treat bags of candy filled with 5 fun size or 8-10 mini candies? We want to be generous to our neighbors!

We hope you'll come and participate in at least one or more of these events and show love to our church and our community!

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, Matt Sakaguchi, Danny and Kay Armijo (Pat's cousins), Miyoko Cabello (Diane's mother), and Gerard Laquerriere and Denise Millhorn (friends of John and Pat).

Please keep Irene Burkart, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family, Florence Brayfield, Mas Konatsu, Marcia Williams, Kenji Tashiro, Pat Huston, Carla Manyok (Florence's daughter), Oliver and Winnie Cadiente, Terry and Nancy McKittrick, Iris Yamagata, Yoshiko Yamagata (Iris' mother), Ken and Cathie Metz, Mike Yada, Jerry Munson, Ken Yoshihara (Craig's father), Martha Onishi (Kathy Onishi's mother-in-law), Marianne Couch (Janice's cousin), Wilma Conner, Sandy Hansen, Stephen Sandoval (Youth for Christ mentor at Dinuba Lincoln School), first responders, the Yoshihara family, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers.

Sincere sympathy is extended to family and friends of Mary Newton, who passed away in her Dinuba home on January 5, 2018, at the age of 103.

NEWS BITS

Sermon Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 1:00, except February 13 (no office hours the week of February 12). Old Testament Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 11:00, except February 7. Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Ikebana Class will meet Saturday, February 10, at 1:30. A new Bible Study will begin meeting on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM at Aiko's house, 26279 East Huntsman Avenue, Orosi. Administrative Board will meet on Sunday, February 11, following worship. The tobans will serve Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 18.

During worship on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 4, we will "Appreciate Andy Clifton", followed by a missions donation lunch—proceeds to benefit Open Gate Ministries of Dinuba. (Menu will include roasted chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and dessert.)

Don't miss the annual Open Gate Soup, Salad, and Pie Lunch at Palm Church on Wednesday, February 7, 11:00—1:00 ! Let Marian know if you can bring a pie or a cobbler, and let Aiko know if you can help with the Boutique!

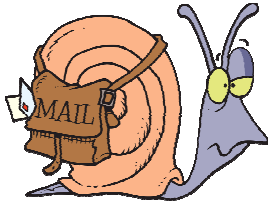
On Wednesday, February 14, everyone is encouraged to meet at the church at 10:00 to hand out candy in the community! (Let Craig know if you can help.)

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

Address Changes

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Reedley, California 93654



Judy Hernandez
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Special Activities

Wednesday, January 31--Sunday, February 4, 9:00 AM—5:00 PM:

Traveling Internment Exhibit and Workshops,

Kingsburg Historical Park (on Ave. 400 east of high school)

Sunday, February 4, 10:00--Andy Clifton Appreciation; and

11:00 "Souper Bowl of Caring" donation lunch

Wednesday, February 7, 11:00--1:00, Open Gate Soup, Salad & Pie Lunch

Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 "Sharing Love in the Community"

Saturday, February 17, Disneyland Faith and Family Trip









Sunday, April 1, Easter: Coffee Hour, Kids' Egg Hunt, Group Photo,
"Hanging of the Greens"

Saturday, April 7, 2:00-4:30, Ikebana Flower Show and Boutique

February



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>NATIONAL HEART HEALTH MONTH</p> 				<p>1 9-12 Office Open</p> <p>10:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>2 Office closed</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING and ANDY CLIFTON APPRECIATION</p> <p>10:00 Worship and Sunday School, donation lunch follows</p>	<p>5 Office closed</p>	<p>6 9-12 Office Open</p> <p>1:00 Sermon Bible Study</p>	<p>7 OPEN GATE SOUP, SALAD, & PIE LUNCH AT PALM CHURCH, 11:00-1:00</p> 	<p>8 9-12 Office Open</p> <p>10:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>9 Office closed</p>	<p>10 1:30 Ikebana Class</p> 
<p>11 10:00 Worship and Sunday School ; Ad Board meeting follows</p>	<p>12 Office closed</p> <p>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</p> 	<p>13 Office closed</p>	<p>14  VALENTINES DAY Office closed 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study 2:00 Orosi Bible Study</p>	<p>15 Office closed</p> <p>10:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>16 Office closed</p>	<p>17 Faith and Family Disneyland trip</p> 
<p>18 10:00 Worship and Sunday School; Coffee Hour</p> 	<p>19 Office closed</p> <p>PRESIDENTS DAY</p> 	<p>20 9-12 Office Open</p> <p>1:00 Sermon Bible Study</p>	<p>21 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study 2:00 Orosi Bible Study</p>	<p>22 9-12 Office Open</p> <p>10:00 Prayer Group</p>	<p>23 Office closed</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 10:00 Worship and Sunday School</p>	<p>26 Office closed</p>	<p>27 9-12 Office Open</p> <p>1:00 Sermon Bible Study</p>	<p>28 9-12 Office Open 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study 2:00 Orosi Bible Study</p>			

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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Church Location:

Palm UMC—Tulare and "P" Streets

Sunday Service:

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

**FEBRUARY
WORSHIP TASKS**

Worship Leader

Nancy McKittrick

Communion Steward

Diane Domingo

Greeters / Ushers

4 Janice and Robert Serios

11 Norma Lozano, Winnie Cadiente

18 Ruth Kurihara, Norma Lozano

25 Norma Lozano, Kathy Lamb

February Tobans

* Diane Domingo

Ginger Munson

Aiko Takeda

Cassie Yoshihara

Desiree Domingo

Amy Yamakawa

Katherine Rodriguez

February Birthdays

2—Bob Ishida

3—Donna Sadahiro

4—Michael Kurihara

5—Andy Fern

6—Andy Clifton

8—Iris Yamagata

9—Winnie Cadiente

10—Matt Shaver

11—Diane Domingo

12—Ricky Pipkin

14—Mark Shaver

17—Joe Takeda

18—Judy Hernandez

22—Elaine Sciacqua

25—Colleen Gray

27—Jessica Serios

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

Treasurer: Arthur Anderson

Financial Secretary: Jerry Munson

Recording Secretary: Cathy Yada

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Derek Fujinaga

Worship Chair: Norma Lozano

UMW President: Janice Serious

Missions Co-Chairs: Aiko Takeda, Marian Clifton

Education Chair: Susan Yoshimura

Nominations Chair: Pastor Craig Yoshihara