



PALM LEAF

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First Word

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS—LENT

If you've been at church, we have spent the last several weeks in the season of Epiphany pondering together how God is revealed to us. Now we turn to the season of Lent, which is many things, a time of repentance and preparing along with Jesus for the cross, but also considering how we can turn around and turn back to God. It's kind of a give and take- or take and give rather- how God is made known to us, and now how we respond.

Traditionally Lent is a time where we increase, change or start a spiritual discipline, a way to make room in our lives for God, just a little bit more. We won't be adding any groups or services other than Ash Wednesday (and later in Holy Week) but I invite anyone who isn't already a part of a small group to try coming to one of our existing ones (see calendar). Or perhaps you would like to join me, (in line with my invitation from January) in memorizing Scripture. Traditionally people have given something away (almsgiving), given up a pleasure (fasting) or added prayer. However you choose to "return to the Lord your God" (Joel 2:13) I pray God blesses you and continues to pour out love and grace upon you in this season.

--Pastor Michelle

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JOYS AND CONCERNS--LATE ADDITION

Please pray for victory over liver cancer for Steve and Kathy (Munson) Botkin's nephew Chase Glosier, who has been accepted into a clinical trial at UCSF Medical Center.

JOYS AND CONCERNS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for cancer warriors Myles Chute, Michael dela Montanya, Jacob dela Montanya, Kay Armijo, Gerard Laquerriere (friend of John and Pat), Ron Gerstenberg, John Lown (Sarah's father), and Shirley (friend of Stan's).

Please keep Carol (Rossi) Christianson, Hankus Nagata, Irene Burkart, Aiko Takeda, Pat Kurihara, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family, Ricardo Meffley (friend of John and Pat), Florence Brayfield and her daughter Carla, Alicia Oyervidez, Marcia Williams, Terry and Nancy McKittrick, Katherine Rodriguez' family, Betty Barsotti, Mel Imai (Ruth Fujinaga's cousin), Molly Osato, Judy Hernandez, Tom Magee (Pastor Michelle's father), Don McDowell (Jerry Munson's nephew), Cherry Cadiante (Winnie's sister-in-law), Marianne Couch (Janice's cousin), Steven Bulosan, Wilma Conner, Sandy Hansen, first responders, Dinuba Youth for Christ, Cruising for Jesus, "Shovels for Guns" Ministry (Mexico), and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers.

NEWS BITS

Pastor Michelle will be leading "Grace Groups" on Tuesday, March 10 & 24, at 10:30 AM, at the church; Thursday, March 5 & 19, at 5:00 PM, at Nancy McKittrick's house; and Sunday, March 29, at 8:15 AM, at the church. Old Testament Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 11:00 AM. Prayer Group meets Thursdays at 10:30 at Ginger Munson's house. Bible Study at Aiko Takeda's house meets on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM. NA meeting led by Katherine Rodriguez is held every Tuesday, 12:00 noon, at the church. Ikebana Class will meet on Saturday, March 28, at 1:30. Ad Council will meet March 15 following worship. Coffee Hour will be served on March 1 and 22 by the March Toban team. **Holy communion will be celebrated on Sunday, March 8.**

Published children's author Willo Harris from the Visalia Methodist Church will be our guest speaker on Sunday, March 1; Coffee Hour lunch will follow service.

Youth will meet 4:00-6:00 PM on Friday, March 6, for games, crafts, drama, and pizza !!

UMW will host a co-ed baby shower and lunch honoring Andy and Sarah Clifton on Saturday, March 7, at 12:00 noon !! We hope to see you there !! Let Janice Serios or Marian Clifton know if you will be attending and if you would like to help !! (Lunch will be sandwiches, salads, and cake.)

On Saturday, April 4, we will gather at 8:00 AM for an all-church work day !!

ATTENTION GREETERS !! PLEASE GIVE OUR FIRST-TIME VISITORS A "WELCOME CARD," WHICH MAY BE FOUND IN THE RIGHT-HAND TOP DRAWER OF THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX !! THANK YOU !!

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!

GROWING YOUNG UPDATE

This appointment year we are in the Conference's "Growing Young" cohort. It is an ongoing opportunity to learn and grow and be stretched in the hopes of making changes for the long-term that will help our church attract and keep youth and young adults. Please keep our team that will be going to the Growing Young Summit March 13-14 in your prayers!

This past fall most of the members of our Administrative Council filled out an online survey to help get a picture at what our church is great at and where we could still grow.

Now it is time for the WHOLE church to fill out the same survey. Please go to

<http://www.oursurvey.church/PalmUnitedMethodistChurchDinuba-1> .

If you don't have a way to get online or are even uncomfortable with a computer, we will have the church laptop set up after worship starting January 26 with someone to help you through doing the survey. Your candid input will be key to helping us grow. Please allow about 30 minutes to complete the survey. Thank you!

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Visalia Buddhist Church

Semi-Annual Sukiyaki / Teriyaki Dinner

514 East Center Avenue in Visalia (Annex)

Sunday, March 15 12:00 noon–5:00 PM

\$ 17.00

Menu: Beef Sukiyaki, Chicken Teriyaki,

Fried Rice, Salad, Fortune Cookie

(other desserts extra)

March

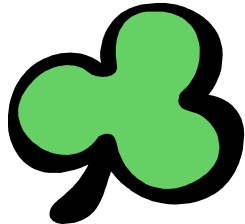


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Youth planning ; 10:00 Worship & Sunday School -- Coffee Hour lunch 	2	3 10:30--4:00 Office Open 12:00 NA meeting	4 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study 1:30 Bible Study at Aiko's house	5 10:30--4:00 Office Open 10:30 Prayer Group at Ginger's 5:00 Grace Group at Nancy's	6 4:00--6:00 Youth Group	7 12:00 noon-- Lunch and Coed Baby Shower for Andy and Sarah Clifton--All are welcome !!
8 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME COMMUNION 10:00 Worship & Sunday School	9	10 10:30--4:00 Office Open 12:00 NA meeting 10:30 Grace Group	11 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study 1:30 Bible Study at Aiko's house	12 10:30--4:00 Office Open 10:30 Prayer Group at Ginger's	13	14
15 10:00 Worship & Sunday School --Ad Board	16	17 SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 10:30--4:00 Office Open 12:00 NA meeting	18 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study 1:30 Bible Study at Aiko's house	19 10:30--4:00 Office Open 10:30 Prayer Group at Ginger's 5:00 Grace Group at Nancy's	20	21
22 10:00 Worship & Sunday School -- Coffee Hour	23	24 10:30--4:00 Office Open 12:00 NA meeting 10:30 Grace Group	25 11:00 Old Testament Bible Study 1:30 Bible Study at Aiko's house	26 10:30--4:00 Office Open 10:30 Prayer Group at Ginger's	27	28 1:30 Ikebana Class 
29 8:15 Grace Group 10:00 Worship & Sunday School	30	31 10:30--4:00 Office Open 12:00 NA meeting				SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 8:00 am PALM CHURCH WORK DAY 

OPEN GATE MINISTRIES
ON-GOING NEEDS
(511 North "K" Street, Dinuba)
591-1241

Bathroom and Facial Tissue
Paper Towels
Feminine Products and Diapers
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Lotion, Shampoo, and Hairbrushes
Coffee and Creamer
Cooking Oil and Sugar
Juice and Children's Snacks
Ziplock Bags (quart and gallon size)
Aluminum Foil / Plastic Grocery Bags
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
Socks—all sizes



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Palm UMC—Tulare and "P" Streets
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Palm UMC—10:00 AM—Worship and
Sunday School

MARCH
WORSHIP TASKS

Worship Leader

Kathy Lamb

Communion Steward

Susan Yoshimura

Greeters / Ushers

1 Jerry and Ginger Munson

8 Nancy McKittrick,
Katherine Rodriguez

15 Diane Domingo, Winnie Cadiente

22 Janice and Robert Serios

29 Rodney and Marian Clifton

March Tobans

* Nancy McKittrick
Susan Yoshimura
Ruth Fujinaga
Janice Serios
Marian Clifton
Stan Davis

March Birthdays

1—Pattie Kurihara
2—Letty Lamb
3—Hankus Nagata
8—Steven Bulosan
12—Jason Kurihara
14—Esther Kirkpatrick
20—Peter Mesias
21—Aiko Takeda,
Walter Martzen
28—Summer Burkart
31—Maggie Fern,
Craig Yoshihara



PALM UMC CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2020

Church Administrative Council

Chairman: Susan Yoshimura

Lay Leader: Derek Fujinaga

PPRC Co-Chairs: Marian Clifton, Janice Serios

Finance Chair: Jerry Munson

Board of Trustees: Pat dela Montanya (Chair), Derek Fujinaga, Jerry Munson

Treasurer: Arthur Anderson

Assistant Treasurer : Nancy McKittrick

Financial Secretary: Jerry Munson

Recording Secretary: Cathy Yada

Lay Member to Annual Conference: Derek Fujinaga

Worship Chair: Norma Lozano

Pianists: Aiko Takeda, Daniel Toews, Andy Clifton, Kathy Lockwood

UMW President: Janice Serios

Missions Co-Chairs: Aiko Takeda, Marian Clifton

Outreach Chair : Katherine Rodriguez

Education Chair: Susan Yoshimura

Nominations Chair: Pastor Michelle Magee

Youth Group co-Leaders: Janice Serios, Katherine Rodriguez

