



PALM LEAF



Palm UMC

August 2025



First Word

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS: VICKY FLORES

I am so happy to be here and truly grateful for the warm welcome our whole family has received. From the moment we arrived, we felt like part of the family. It's a blessing to be part of a church that radiates love, faith, and fellowship.

As I begin this new chapter, I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Building relationships rooted in Christ is something I deeply value, and I am excited for the journey ahead.

I also look forward to serving alongside you in ministry, using our gifts to support the church and grow together in faith. Thank you for embracing us so kindly. We can't wait to see what God has in store for all of us.

With gratitude, Pastor Vicky Flores

Tamale fund-raiser coming up, September 20 !!



JOYS AND CONCERNS AMONG PALM CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for cancer warriors Linda Gourley (friend of Mary Esmay), Brent Sadahiro's friend Alicia, Liz's mother Joyce Sasaki, Jennifer Washington, Judy Yoshimoto, Joe Takeda, Irene Pasillas, Tammy Barber (Cat House on the Kings), Joan Lozano Pritchett, Maria Lichtenwaldt, Reggie (Conway) McLean, and Tammy Campbell.

Please keep Diane Domingo (eye surgery), Yvonne Hanson, Carol Rossi-Christianson, Jamie Campbell, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family; Liz's cousin Wayne Morimoto; Marcia Williams, Romeo and Norma Lozano, Miyeko Cabello; Dianne Young's cousin James, sisters Denise and Connie, and mother-in-law MaryJane; Ruben, Lisa, and Vanessa Delgado; Ruth Kurihara, Aiko Takeda, Cherry Cadiente, Bill Yebisu, Dr. Richard Piel, Jerry & Ginger Munson, Lupe Gonzales; federal workers, firefighters, health care workers, teachers, refugees and immigrants, Ukraine, Sudan, Syria, Congo, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, the Middle East / Gaza Strip, our country, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers. **In fact, pray for our whole world.**

Deepest condolences are offered to friends and family of Melissa Prado, who passed away July 4, 2025, in Visalia, of kidney failure.

NEW ADDRESS : Marcia Williams; c/o Park Visalia Assisted Living Community; 3939 West Walnut Avenue, # 137; Visalia 93277 ; phone change 559-591-2242

Palm Church average Sunday attendance in July was 40.

PALM CHURCH NEWS BITS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025

All Palm Church Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are live-streamed via Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/PalmUMCDinuba/videos/>

As we worship in-person at Palm Church, masks and nametags will be encouraged out of consideration for the comfort and safety of all; if you are feeling ill, please stay home. Facebook Livestream is available; see Page Four. Following indoor, in-person services, lunch will be served in the Social Hall, donations gladly accepted. (Palm Church location—corner Tulare & "P" Streets, Dinuba)

Grace Groups meet on Thursday at 4:00 PM every other week via ZOOM, young adults on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM, and Spanish Grace Group (*Grupo de Gracia*) on alternate Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in-person and via conference call; in-person Grace Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 AM at 780 Harvard in Dinuba. Old Testament Bible Study convenes on Wednesdays at 11:00 via conference call. Ad Council will meet Thursday, July 24, at 5:00 PM on ZOOM.

Tina Mizuno will serve as Worship Leader on August 3; Lynda Wilcox on August 10; Liz Sasaki on August 17; Philip Martzen on August 24; and Romeo Lozano on August 31.

Spare Change Offering for the Wilson School Fund will be taken on Sunday, August 3.

August Tobans are Dianne Young, Diane Domingo, Stan Davis, Melanie Mizuno, Liz Sasaki, Rosalinda Vasquez, Sean and Amanda.

Next Messy Church will be in October at 4:30 PM. Join us for games crafts, music, and food!!

Please bring your donations of dried beans, fruit, rice, cereal, and pasta; and canned goods for the Little Free Pantry to Palm Church any Sunday. Thank you !!

Food Distribution will be held on Saturday, August 23, and September 27 at 9:00 AM. Bagging volunteers are welcome to meet at the church at 3:30 PM Friday or 8:00 AM Saturday.

Donations of individually packaged snacks for the Wilson Welcome Back-to-School Teachers and Staff goody basket may be given to Marian, Dianne, or Susan before August 17, for delivery August 22. Thank you !!

Kitchen Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, at 1:00.

Palm Church Tamale workshop / fund-raiser will be held Saturday, September 20, in honor of Mexican Independence Day !!

WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH PASTOR VICKY FLORES

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3—Jon Clifton, Remy Pipkin
5—Lindy Yoshimura, Kathy Bell
8—Carolyn Cordova
9—Keith Lamb
14—April Bulosan
15—Amanda Bulls-Stephens
16--Anissa Avila (Gonzales), Ashlyn Flores
21—Sarah Clifton
26—Jim Lamb, Jeff Lamb, Erik Gonzalez
29—Eric Cerna
30—Susan Yoshimura
31—Miyeko Cabello, Zechariah Bulosan



PASTOR VICKY'S FAMILY

L-R: Randy Barber ;
Jacob, Salvador, Kenneth,
Ashlyn, and Pastor Vicky Flores ;
Maria Luisa Lemus ;
Valentina and Valerie Barber



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LISTEN AND VIEW PALM CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES
AT 10:30 am ON FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM
or you can watch a previously recorded Sunday service.

<https://www.facebook.com/PalmUMCDinuba/videos/>

- If you get the Log-in Window, Click on "Not Now."
When the Live Video appears, click on the red **LIVE** button.

Please leave a Facebook comment or an "Emoji," or a "Like," for attendance purposes.
marianclifton@verizon.net 559-834-5135 **THIS IS IMPORTANT !!**

GOD AT WORK IN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Our church is supplying scholarship funds for books for students at Wilson School for a fifth school year !! Your generous giving has made it possible; the students, staff and teachers greatly appreciate it. Every grade level receives \$250 for books for students to have (Fifth and Sixth Grades receive \$300), at the teacher's discretion. If you would like to give for the next school year to be able to continue, donations should be designated as Wilson School support.

We will see in August with the new principal, Adrian Gutierrez, how we can best be support and encouragement. We want to bless our neighborhood by partnering with the school, and we ask that you continue to pray for Wilson's staff, students and families.

We will be assembling and delivering a Welcome-Back-To-School goody basket for Wilson School Teachers and Staff !! Deadline for donations is Sunday, August 17, for delivery August 22 !!

MISSION u 2025

**LADIES ARE INVITED TO A
"UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH" RETREAT,
TUESDAY--THURSDAY, AUGUST 5-7,
ON ZOOM, WITH THE THEME
"PRACTICING HOPE TOGETHER."
FOR MORE INFORMATION, LINK, OR RESERVATIONS:**

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FRESH HOME-MADE TAMALES !!

**Palm Methodist Church
438 West Tulare Street, Dinuba
(corner Tulare & "P" Streets)**

Order from church members OR

call 559-591-0746

**Pick up Saturday,
September 20, 2025**



PALM CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSEL 2025 ** voting members

- ** Susan Yoshimura—Ad Counsel Chair, Education Chair
- **Patti Stone-Remick— Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair
- **Philip Martzen—Trustees Chair, Annual Conference Lay Representative
- **Diana Bulls—Finance Chair / Financial Secretary, Worship Committee Chair, AC Alternate
- **Amanda Bulls-Stephens--Certified Lay Speaker
- **Marian Clifton—Recording Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Archives, Missions co-Chair
- **Dianne Young—Missions co-Chair, Messy Church co-Leader
- Melanie Mizuno—Messy Church co-Leader
- Rod Clifton—Audio / Visual Tech
- Sean Stephens—Webmaster
- Daniel Toews--Pianist

MESSY CHURCH PHOTOS







Aiko Takeda 97th Birthday







