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TAMALE FUND-RAISER SEPTEMBER 20

Crew: Pastor Vicky Flores, Phil and Pat Martzen, Rod and Marian Clifton, Diana Bulls, Amanda and Sean Stephens, Ruth Fujinaga, Kathy Glover-Bell, Tina Mizuno, Lynda Wilcox, Liz Sasaki, Taye Abe, Patti Stone-Remick, Valerie (Flores) Barba



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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, 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 Pastor Vicky Flores, Ramon Oyervidez, Yvonne Hanson, Carol Rossi-Christianson, Jamie Campbell, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family; Dr. Liz Sasaki's family; Marcia Williams, Romeo and Norma Lozano, Miyeko Cabello (Palm Village); 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, Emma S. (Patti Remick's friend); 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.

Congratulations to Randy, Valerie, and Valentina Barba, who are expecting an addition to their family next March !!

Sincere sympathy is extended to family and friends of Yuriko Ito, who passed away September 18, 2025, in Reedley, at the age of 100. Reedley graveside service will be held Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 11:00 AM.

Palm Church average Sunday attendance in September was 30.

PALM CHURCH NEWS BITS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 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 on October 11 at 3:00 PM and 5:00 on October 23.

Patti Stone-Remick will serve as Worship Leader on October 5; Philip Martzen will serve on October 12 and 19. Liz Sasaki will serve as Worship Leader on October 26.

Spare Change Offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief will be taken on World Communion Sunday, October 5; Reverend Eric Brown will be our guest speaker.

October Tobans are Taye Abe, Norma Lozano, Cathy Yada, Patti Stone-Remick, and Kathy Bell. Birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, October 12.

Ikebana class will be held on Saturday, October 11, at 1:30 PM.

Messy Church will be held on October 4 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, October 25 and November 22 at 9:00 AM. Bagging volunteers are welcome to meet at the church at 3:30 PM Friday or 8:00 AM Saturday.

Mark your calendar for the 72nd annual Oriental Dinner, Bake Sale and Boutique, scheduled for Saturday, November 8, at Palm Church !! Ticket packets will be available on October 12 !!

Combined Annual Charge Conference for Dinuba Palm UMC, Selma FUMC, and Sanger FUMC will be held Saturday, November 15, 11:00 AM at Sanger FUMC, 1612 Ninth Street, Sanger (SPRC 10:30).

Open Gate Ministries 51st Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2025. Tickets cost \$50.00; contact Diane Domingo. Dinner will be catered.

Bakers wanted !! Palm Church will have a desserts booth at the Wilson School Family Fun Night, Friday, October 17, 5:00—7:00 PM !! Cookies / Brownies and Muffins / Cupcakes preferred !! This is a fundraiser for Wilson School. Coordinate with Marian, Dianne Young, or Pastor Vicky.

WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH PASTOR VICKY

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Pastor Vicky will be in the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2— Frank Leibert
7—Bette Crawford
8—Quincy Yada
9—Marcia Williams
10—Richard Young
13—Julianna Serna, Sean Stephens
15—Alice Yamamoto
18—Karen Jacob
23—Phyllis Martzen, Philip Martzen
24—Rosalinda Vasquez, Rosio Canchola
31—Ginger Munson, Gianna Vilorio



JUST A REMINDER THAT OCTOBER 13
IS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY, AND OUR
LOCAL SAN JOAQUIN TRIBE, THE
YOKUTS, WERE FAMOUS FOR THEIR
BEAUTIFUL, FUNCTIONAL TULE GRASS
BASKETRY. A FEW EXAMPLES ARE
SHOWN HERE; MORE CAN BE SEEN
AT THE REEDLEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM,
1752 10TH STREET.



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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/>

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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 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 assembled and delivered two Welcome-Back-To-School goody baskets for Wilson School Teachers and Staff on August 27 !! Thank you for your generosity !!

2025 DINUBA PALM CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

- **Susan Yoshimura---Education Chair, Ad Board Chair, Lay Leader
- **Dianne Young---Missions co-Chair, Messy Church co-Leader
- **Kathy Glover-Bell--- Treasurer
- **Marian Clifton---Missions co-Chair; Recording & Membership Secretary; History & Archives
- **Philip Martzen---Trustees Chair, Annual Conference Lay Representative
- **Vicky Flores--Pastor
- **Diana Bulls---Worship Committee Chair, Finance Chair / Financial Secretary
- **Patti Remick---SPRC Chair
- ** Amanda Bulls-Stephens--- Annual Conference Alternate, Certified Lay Speaker

Melanie Mizuno---Messy Church co-Leader
Sean Stephens---Webmaster
Rod Clifton---Audio / Visual Tech

PALM CHURCH 72ND ANNUAL
TAKE-OUT ORIENTAL DINNER,
BOUVIQUE & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

Corner Tulare and "P" Streets, Dinuba

3:00—5:00 pm

559-591-0746

Tickets available for purchase from church
members, pay-at-the-door, or pre-order
\$ 20.00 each

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MENU: Grilled Hawaiian Teriyaki Chicken

Chow Mein Cookies

Steamed Rice or Sushi Rice

Cucumber Salad

Proceeds to benefit various mission projects, including
Open Gate Ministries, Youth for Christ, Wilson School

MESSY CHURCH PHOTOS







Aiko Takeda 97th Birthday







