PALM LEAF November 2025 First Word

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS—ALL SAINTS DAY / *DIA DE LOS MUERTOS*

Every year, as November begins, many Christians and families around the world take time to remember and honor loved ones who have gone before us. We are lucky to have two special celebrations; All Saints' Day and *Día de los Muertos* which help us reflect on life, death, and the unshakable hope we have through Jesus Christ. Though these traditions look different, they share a beautiful truth: because of Jesus, death is not the end, and eternal life is our promise.

All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for all believers who have lived with faith and now rest in God's presence. It reminds us that the Church is far greater than what we see today, it includes that "great cloud of witnesses" from Hebrews 12:1, those who finished their race and now cheer us on as we run ours.

On this day, we not only remember the saints whose names are written in history, but also the quiet, faithful ones whose love and prayers shaped our lives; our parents, grandparents, friends, and mentors who followed Jesus with steadfast hearts. Their examples remind us that holiness is not about perfection, but about walking closely with God, serving others, and trusting Him through every season of life.

For us as believers, this season offers a precious reminder that God's gift of life doesn't end with the grave. In Jesus Christ, death becomes not a wall, but a doorway into everlasting life. As Jesus said in John 11:25–26, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

When we light candles, share stories, or gather to pray, we do so not in sadness, but in gratitude. We thank God for the lives of those who showed us His love, and we rejoice that they now live in His glorious presence.

Both All Saints' Day and *Día de los Muertos* express a deep truth written on every human heart, we long to know that death does not have the final word. As followers of Christ, we can rest in the assurance that eternal life is not just a dream, but a living reality.

This November, I invite you to think of All Saints' Day as an opportunity to pray for those who came before us. Those who had the faith and vision to build churches, start ministries, and share the gospel. Let's also pray that we might be filled with that same spirit of vision and hope, so we can leave behind strong Christian legacies for future generations. In life and in death, our hope remains the same: Christ has risen, and in Him, we too shall live forever.

Blessings, Pastor Vicky Flores

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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, Laurel Ridgway, Reggie (Conway) McLean, Hannah Nielsen York, and Tammy Campbell.

Please keep Ramon Oyervidez, Yvonne Hanson, Carol Rossi-Christianson, Jamie Campbell, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family; Dr. Liz Sasaki's family ; Marcia Williams, Carolyn Cordova's cousin Alicia, Romeo and Norma Lozano; Dianne Young's cousin James, sisters Denise and Connie, and mother-in-law MaryJane; Ruben and Lisa Delgado; Ruth Kurihara, Aiko Takeda, Cherry Cadiente; Pastor Vicky's cousin Rosa Duarte and her family; Patti Remick's friend Emma; Dr. Richard Piel, Jerry & Ginger Munson, Lupe Gonzales; federal workers, firefighters, health care workers, farmers / farm workers, teachers, refugees and immigrants, federal government shut-down, Ukraine, Sudan, Syria, Congo, Haiti / Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, the Middle East / Gaza Strip, our country, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers. In fact, pray for our whole world.

Sincere sympathy is extended to family and friends of Miyeko Cabello, who passed away October 2, 2025, in Reedley. Memorial service will be held at Palm Church on Sunday, November 23, immediately after worship (11:45). Lunch will follow.

Palm Church average Sunday attendance in October was 32 .

PALM CHURCH NEWS BITS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 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 at 5:00 on November 20.

Lynda Wilcox will serve as Worship Leader on November 2; Patti Remick will serve on November 9; Philip Martzen will serve on November 16; Dr. Liz Sasaki will serve on November 23; Tina Mizuno will serve on November 30, First Sunday in Advent.

Spare Change Offering for the Local Benevolence Fund will be taken on Sunday, November 2.

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 2; remember your clocks need to "fall back" one hour !!

November Tobans are Dianne Young, Stan Davis, Diane Domingo, Rosalinda Vasquez, Liz Sasaki, Melanie Mizuno, Sean and Amanda. Birthdays will be celebrated on Sunday, November 16. Annual "Hanging of the Greens" will be celebrated on Sunday, November 30, with pizza and Christmas crafts !!

Next Ikebana class will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 1:30 PM.

Messy Church will be held on December 6 at 3:30 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, 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 !! Let Susan know how you can help !! Please turn in your unsold tickets and money to Marian or Diana by November 8 !! Everyone is asked to donate 2 dozen cookies.

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).

WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH PASTOR VICKY

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1—Eloy Hernandez 6—Monte Alvis
9—Skye Martzen 10—Melanie Mizuno
14—Trinidad Rodriguez
15—Cathy Yada, Eileen Abe-Mesias,
David Clifton, Kathy Garrison
18—Carol Rossi-Christianson
19—Diana Bulls
21—Beverly (Cadiente) Aleman
24—Robin Joseph
29—Rodney Clifton, Lucine Joseph
30—Andres Canchola, Sr.

THE DIANE CLUB:

DIANE DOMINGO

DIANA BULLS

DIANNE YOUNG

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 sixth 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.

Pastor Vicky and Marian met with the new principal, Adrian Gutierrez. 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 baked, delivered, and staffed the Free Desserts Booth at Wilson School's annual Family Fun Night on October 17 !! Thank you to Patti, Susan, Carolyn, Dianne, Marian, Vicky, and Diane who provided over 12 dozen cookies, cupcakes, and muffins !!

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
**Pastor Vicky Flores—Nominations Chair
**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, BOUTIQUE & 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

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TAMALE FUND-RAISER
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

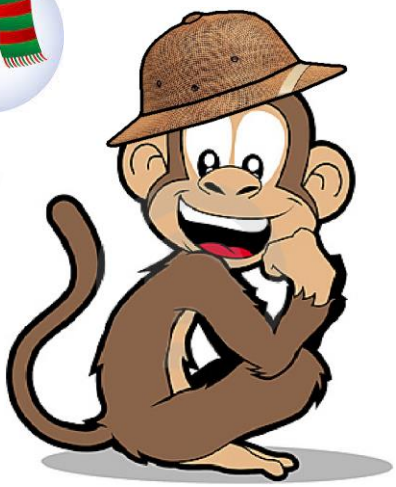
NEED A COAT? TAKE A COAT.
HAVE A COAT? LEAVE A COAT.

Aiko Takeda 97th Birthday

Palm United Methodist Church
Dinuba, Ca.

He is Risen

Buttermilk



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