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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS— PENTECOST

Dear Dinuba Palm,

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost and this is such a special event that I want to continue with this celebration. Pentecost is more than a story we remember once a year. It is a reminder that God is still moving among God's people today. Too often, we speak about Pentecost as if it were only a moment in the past, something that happened long ago in an upper room. But the truth is that the Spirit did not come for one day only. Pentecost was the beginning of a Spirit-filled movement that continues even now.

We are not waiting for the Holy Spirit to arrive. The Spirit is already here. God is still speaking, still calling, and still empowering ordinary people for extraordinary ministry. That is good news for the church because it reminds us that God does not only work through the powerful, the educated, or the well-known. Throughout Scripture, God consistently calls ordinary people and fills them with extraordinary courage, wisdom, and purpose.

One of the most beautiful parts of Pentecost is the inclusiveness of the promise. God declared that the Spirit would be poured out upon all flesh — young and old, sons and daughters, servants and free. The Spirit breaks barriers that people often build. The church belongs to everyone God calls. No one is disqualified because of age, gender, background, status, or education. God empowers those who are willing and available.

And the Spirit is not given simply to make us feel inspired. The Spirit sends us into the world as witnesses. In times filled with fear, division, and uncertainty, people need hope. They need truth. They need love. They need to see believers who still trust that God is alive and moving among us.

Pentecost reminds us that the question is no longer whether God will pour out the Spirit. The question is whether we are willing to open our hearts to the Spirit God has already given. The day is here. Now the church must live like it believes it. Every one of you as believers of Jesus Christ has been given the Spirit, so go and witness to every person you meet about the great God you love.

Blessings, Pastor Vicky Flores

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JOYS AND CONCERNS AMONG PALM CHURCH FAMILY

Please continue to pray for cancer warriors Linda Treadaway, Linda Gourley (!), Liz's sister Dianne and mother Joyce, Judy Yoshimoto, Jerry Hopkins, Gary Ishida (!), Joe Takeda, Irene Pasillas, Tammy Barber (Cat House on the Kings), Carolyn Cordova, Marian Clifton, Mike and Laurel Ridgway (Selma FUMC) (!), Reggie (Conway) McLean, and Tammy Campbell.

Please keep Ramon Oyervidez, Yvonne Hanson, Carol Rossi-Christianson, Jamie Campbell, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family; Marcia Williams; Norma Lozano and daughter Joan Lozano Pritchett; Dianne Young and cousin James, sisters Denise and Connie, and mother-in-law MaryJane; Ruben and Lisa Delgado; Ruth Kurihara, Aiko Takeda; Carmencita Balderama; Pastor Vicky's father Roberto Duarte and nephew Julian; Dr. Richard Piel, Lupe Gonzales; police and firefighters, veterans, Federal health care workers, SNAP recipients, farmers / farm workers, teachers, refugees and immigrants, Ukraine, Sudan, Syria, Congo, Haiti / Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Taiwan, the Middle East / Gaza Strip, our country, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers.

Congratulations to our graduates: Maggie Fern, Pepperdine University, Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports Medicine; Audra Burwell, CSUF, Masters Degree in English; Vanessa Delgado, CSUF, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies. We are so proud of all of you !!

Palm Church average Sunday attendance in May was 39 !!

PALM CHURCH NEWS BITS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026

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—438 W. 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 10:30 via conference call. Ad Council will meet at 5:00 on May 28, 2026, via ZOOM.

Spare Change Offering for Peace with Justice will be taken on Communion Sunday, June 7, 2026. Spare Change Offering on July 5 will go toward the Wilson School Fund.

Phil Martzen will serve as Worship Leader on May 31; Coffee Hour will be potluck !! Tina Mizuno will serve as Worship Leader on Sunday, June 7; ; Patti Stone-Remick will serve on June 14; Lynda Wilcox will serve on Fathers Day, June 21. Dr. Liz Sasaki-Yebisu will serve on June 28 , when Buffy Ruiz will be our guest speaker.

June Tobans are Cathy Yada, Lynda Wilcox, Taye Abe, Norma Lozano, Petti Stone-Remick, and Kathy Bell; birthdays will be celebrated on June 14.

Food Distribution will be held on Saturday, June 27, July 25, and August 22 at 9:00 AM. Bagging volunteers are welcome to meet at the church at 3:00 PM Friday or 8:00 AM Saturday.

Palm Church 2026-2027 directories will be available soon. Let Marian know of any corrections or changes that you are aware of.

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5—Ruth Kurihara, Stan Davis
6—Lynda (Reis) Wilcox, Maria Luisa Lemus
7—Bryce Yoshimura 8—Patty Gonzalez (Avila)
9—Phyllis Hernandez 15—Robert Serios
19—Rachel (Simmons) Clark, Jerry Nagata
25—Dr. Liz Sasaki -Yebisu
26—Kathy Lamb



MOTHERS DAY 2026 BRUNCH CREW

Miles Yada
Jerry Yada
Jacob Flores
Sal Flores
Phil Martzen

Great job, guys !!
Thank you !!



P.4.

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.
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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. We also filled and delivered five baskets of snacks for Wilson School staff. 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.

"GRANNY SCAM " WARNING !!

There are recent reports of text messages, phone calls, and emails going out asking for personal information for DMV, the bank, or health care or asking people to purchase gift cards on Palm Church's behalf for others. These may sound legitimate, but they are a scam. Please check the phone number or email of anything suspicious, or call a friend to verify !! Please do not answer an unfamiliar number or reply to anything that feels "weird !!" Never give out personal information over the phone !!

2026 DINUBA PALM CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**
(voting members)

- **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 (Staff-Parish Relations Committee) Chair
- ** Amanda Bulls-Stephens— Annual Conference Alternate, Certified Lay Speaker
- Melanie Mizuno—Messy Church co-Leader
- Sean Stephens—Webmaster
- Rod Clifton—Audio / Visual Tech



FOOD

DISTRIBUTION

4th Saturday 9:00 AM

June 27, July 25, Aug. 22

Line forms at 8:30 AM.

Palm Methodist Church

West Tulare & "P" Streets

Dinuba

In conjunction with Open Gate Ministries

FIRST MESSY CHURCH PHOTOS--2022





February 2025 Baptism
Kathy Glover Bell
Melanie Hirahara Mizuno
with Pastor Michelle Magee
and Dianne Young, Sponsor



Christmas 2025 -- Social Hall and Sanctuary



Melanie and Greg Mizuno
Baby Shower
March 2026

TAMALE FUND-RAISER
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025





Open Gate Ministries
Soup, Sandwich, and Dessert Fund-Raiser
February 2025, February 2026



Alex Zaragoza and Gracie Suastegui

Wilson School Staff Goody Baskets



Aiko Takeda 97th Birthday
March 2025

Annual Take-Out Teriyaki Chicken Dinner
and Boutique – 2024, 2025





Pastor Vicky Flores and family -- 2025



DIANE CLUB: Diane Domingo,
Diana Bulls, Dianne Young



Quincy Yada 2023 Eagle Scout project –
Little Free Library & Little Free Pantry



Graduates June 2025: London Serios,
Anthony Espino, Lucas Róvere,
Trinity Róvere, Quincy Yada



Mothers Day Brunch 2025
Lindy Yoshimura, PJ Yebisu,
Romeo Lozano, Quincy Yada,
Jerry Yada, Severino "Mark" Lozano,
Philip Martzen



IKEBANA CLASS –
2024, 2025, 2026

Donna Chiamori
Heather Chiamori-Din
Linda Cuellar
Amy Denison
Julie Ishimaru
Mary Beth Janzen
Blanca Katsura
Norma Lozano
Tina Mizuno
Glenita Prince
Priscilla (Hatai) Winden
Dr. Liz Sasaki-Yebisu
Aiko Takeda
Susan Yoshimura
Dianne Young





