PALM LEAF

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First Word

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS—A NEW MINISTRY YEAR

Dear Dinuba Palm UMC,

As we begin another ministry year together at Dinuba Palm United Methodist Church, my heart is filled with gratitude for all that God has done and for the privilege of serving alongside such a faithful congregation. Every new ministry year gives us an opportunity to look back and celebrate God's faithfulness while looking forward with hope and anticipation. We know that everything we accomplish as a church is possible because of God's grace working through willing hearts. Ministry is never the work of one person; it is the work of the whole body of Christ.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to every person who serves in our church. Thank you to our Administrative Board and committee members who prayerfully lead and make important decisions for the future of our congregation. Thank you to our worship leaders, musicians, liturgists, ushers, greeters, communion stewards, and everyone who helps create a welcoming place where people can encounter the presence of God. Thank you to those who faithfully teach, pray, visit, prepare meals, care for our church property, decorate our sanctuary, count offerings, serve in outreach ministries, and quietly work behind the scenes. Many acts of service happen without recognition, but none of them go unnoticed by God. Your faithfulness is a testimony to your love for Christ and for His Church.

I am especially grateful for the spirit of unity that exists within our congregation. In a world that often seems divided, Dinuba Palm United Methodist Church continues to demonstrate what it means to be a true family of faith. We celebrate together, we pray for one another, we carry each other's burdens, and we rejoice in God's blessings. When someone is hurting, our church family shows compassion. When there is work to be done, people step forward with generous hearts. This is the beauty of the Body of Christ in action.

Scripture reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12 that although we are many members, we are one body in Christ. Every gift matters. Every ministry matters. Every volunteer matters. Whether your service is visible every Sunday or quietly offered throughout the week, you are helping build God's kingdom in our community.

As your pastor, I count it a tremendous blessing to serve among people who genuinely love one another and desire to make Christ known. I have witnessed your generosity, your kindness, your perseverance, and your willingness to answer God's call. Those qualities make Dinuba Palm United Methodist Church more than a place of worship—they make it a family where people are welcomed, encouraged, and loved.

As we enter this new ministry year, let us continue to seek God's guidance together. Let us remain committed to worship, prayer, discipleship, fellowship, and serving our neighbors with the love of Jesus Christ. May we never grow weary in doing good, knowing that God is still at work among us and has wonderful things in store for our church.

Thank you for your faithful service, your generous hearts, and your unwavering commitment to Christ. It is truly an honor to serve alongside each of you. May God richly bless every ministry, every volunteer, every committee, and every family that calls Dinuba Palm United Methodist Church home.

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, Tammy Barber (Cat House on the Kings), Carolyn Cordova, Lindy Yoshimura, Marian Clifton, Marylyn Glover, Mike and Laurel Ridgway (Selma FUMC) (!), Reggie (Conway) McLean, and Tammy Campbell.

Please keep Yvonne Hanson, Carol Rossi-Christianson, Jamie Campbell, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family; Marcia Williams; Emma Yoshihara, Norma Lozano and daughter Joan Lozano Pritchett; Dianne Young and cousin James, sisters Denise and Connie, and mother-in-law MaryJane; Ruth Kurihara, Aiko Takeda; Pastor Vicky's father Roberto Duarte; 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, Cuba, Mexico, Taiwan, the Middle East / Gaza Strip, Lebanon, our country, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers.

Congratulations to R.J. and Yadira Delgado on the birth July 5 of baby Rosalee Jaxx Delgado !! Proud grand-parents are Ruben and Lisa Delgado !!

Deepest sympathy is extended to family and friends of Shizuki Kunishige, who passed away Sunday, July 5, 2026. Memorial service will be held Friday, July 31, 10:00 AM, Reedley Cemetery Pavilion.

Palm Church average Sunday attendance in July was 35 !!

PALM CHURCH NEWS BITS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2026

PALM CHURCH SUNDAY 11:00 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 August 27, 2026, via ZOOM.

Spare Change Offering for the Wilson School Book Scholarship Fund will be taken on Communion Sunday, August 2, 2026. Back-to-School Goody Baskets for Wilson School staff will be assembled in August; donations are welcome !!

Philip Martzen will serve as Worship Leader on Sunday, August 2 & 23; Patti Remick will serve on August 9, when Selma FUMC will join us for Worship and Lunch !! Tina Mizuno will serve as Worship Leader on August 16. Dr. Liz Sasaki will serve as Worship Leader on August 30, when Coffee Hour will be POTLUCK !!

August Tobans are Susan Yoshimura, Marian Clifton, Ruth Fujinaga, Diana Bulls, Tina Mizuno, and Janice Serios; birthdays will be celebrated on August 16.

Food Distribution will be held on Saturday, August 22 and September 26 at 9:00 AM. Bagging volunteers are welcome to meet at the church at 3:00 PM Friday or 8:00 AM Saturday.

WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH PASTOR VICKY



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Pastor Vicky will be in the Palm Church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10: AM—3:00 PM.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



3—Jon Clifton 5—Lindy Yoshimura, Kathy Glover-Bell
8—Carolyn Cordova, Justin Lopez-Lamb
9—Keith Lamb 14—April Bulosan
15—Amanda Bulls-Stephens
16—Anissa Avila (Gonzales), Ashlyn Flores
21—Sarah Clifton
26—Jeff Lamb, Jim Lamb
27—Flora Moreno
29—Eric Serna
30—Susan Yoshimura 31—Zechariah Bulosan

A brown "praying mantis" joined the Palm Church Facebook Worship Service on Sunday, July 19, 2026 !!

Photo sent by Karen Jacob from Vacaville, CA



LISTEN AND VIEW PALM CHURCH SUNDAY SERVICES
AT 11:00 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 seventh 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 also be filling Welcome-Back-to-School goody baskets for Wilson School teachers and staff in August; donations are welcome !! 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
**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 Minister
Sean Stephens—Webmaster
Rod Clifton—Audio / Visual Tech



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

4th Saturday 9:00 AM

August 22, September 26

Line forms at 8:30 AM.

Palm Methodist Church

West Tulare & "P" Streets

Dinuba

In conjunction with Open Gate Ministries



Ruth Kurihara's 100th Birthday, June 6, 2026





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

Palm UMC





Christmas 2025 -- Social Hall and Sanctuary



Melanie and Greg Mizuno
Baby Shower
March 2026

TAMALE FUND-RAISER
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025








MOTHERS DAY
BRUNCH CREW
2026

Miles Yada
Jerry Yada
Jacob Flores
Salvador Flores
Philip Martzen





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



<u>Mothers Day Brunch 2025</u>
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




HAPPY
BIRTHDAY






























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