PALM LEAF

Palm UMC

October 2026

First Word

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS—-CHANGING SEASONS

Dear Palm UMC Family,

As we move from the warmth of summer into the beauty of fall, I am reminded of how quickly life can change. The long summer days slowly become shorter, the mornings become cooler, and the leaves begin to change. One season gives way to another, reminding us that nothing in this life lasts forever, but God's presence and faithfulness remain constant.

I have to admit that I am a little sad that peach season has come to an end. Living here in the Dinuba area, we are blessed with some of the most delicious peaches, and I always look forward to enjoying them. But then I remind myself that the end of peach season does not mean the end of good things. Our valley has so many other wonderful fruits, and some of them actually need the cooler weather to grow and thrive. What feels like an ending is really making room for another season and another kind of blessing.

Our lives can be the same way. There are seasons filled with joy, celebration, and answered prayers. There are also seasons of uncertainty, loss, disappointment, health concerns, financial struggles, and unexpected challenges. When we are going through a difficult season, we may wonder why God is allowing it or what could possibly come next.

But church family, do not lose hope. Continue to trust God. God is with us in every season. When one season ends, He is already present in the next. We may not know what the next season will bring, but we can trust the One who is already there. So, as we say goodbye to summer and welcome fall, let us remember that an ending is not always the end. Sometimes God is simply preparing us for something new. Palm UMC, let us continue to pray for one another, encourage one another, and trust God together.

Every season has its purpose, and through every season, God remains faithful.

Blessings and Peace -- 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, Joe Takeda, Tammy Barber (Cat House on the Kings), Lindy Yoshimura, Marylyn Glover, Mike and Laurel Ridgway (Selma FUMC) (!), Reggie (Conway) McLean, Heather Thompson (Yvonne Hanson's niece), Philip Martzen, Luisa Lemus, Melissa Dominguez, and Tammy Campbell.

Please keep Yvonne Hanson, Sally Carriaga, 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, police and firefighters (Spokane, Washington), veterans, social services, farmers / farm workers, teachers, refugees and immigrants, Ukraine, Sudan, Congo, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico, Taiwan, the Middle East / Gaza Strip, our country, and Open Gate Ministries in your prayers.

Deepest sympathy and sincere condolences are extended to family and friends of our dear Christian sister Carolyn Cordova who left us for her heavenly home on Tuesday, September 15.

Palm Church average Sunday attendance in September was 40 !!

PALM CHURCH NEWS BITS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026

PALM CHURCH SUNDAY 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED VIA FACEBOOK .
https://www.facebook.com/PalmUMCDinuba/live_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 October 29, 2026, via ZOOM.

Spare Change Offering for UMCOR international disaster relief (Advance # 982450) will be taken on World Communion Sunday, October 4.

Open Gate Ministries 52nd Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction will be held Thursday, October 8, 2026; the theme is "Free Indeed !!" Diane Domingo has tickets.

Palm Church is invited to Worship and Harvest Festival Luncheon at Selma FUMC on Sunday, November 22, at 10:00 AM !! Church is located at 1702 Cross Street, across from the Nick Medina Senior Center.

Liz Sasaki will serve as Worship Leader on Sunday, October 4; Philip Martzen will serve on October 11 and 25; Patti Stone-Remick will serve on October 18. Tina Mizuno will serve as Worship Leader on November 1, All Saints Day. Roger Neufeld will be guest speaker on October 11.

October Tobans are Dianne Young, Diane Domingo, Stan Davis, Melanie Mizuno, Liz Sasaki, Rosalinda Vasquez, Sean & Amanda. Birthdays will be celebrated on October 18.

Food Distribution will be held on Saturday, October 24 and November 28 at 9:00 AM. Bagging volunteers are asked to meet at the church at 3:00 PM Friday or 8:00 AM Saturday.

Oriental Dinner & Boutique 2026 is scheduled for Saturday, November 7 !! Let Susan, Marian, Dianne, or Liz know how you would like to help !! Tickets and work assignments will be available soon !! Everybody is asked to please bring two dozen cookies. See flyer.

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.

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—Philip Martzen, Phyllis Martzen
24—Rosalinda Vasquez, Rosio Canchola
30—Willie Cordova 31—Ginger Munson

Samuel Elias Guerrero's Baptism
September 20, 2026

Parents Anissa Avila and
Marco Guerrero;
Brother Matthew Vasquez

Grandmother Patty Gonzalez (Avila);
Great-Grandparents
Lupe & Irene Gonzalez;
Uncle Matthew Avila

Richard, Alex, and Olivia Kizirian;
Marcela, Jonathan, and
Esmeralda Guerrero



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/live_videos

If you get the Log-in Window, "**X**" **Out.**
► Live Video should appear now.

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. Two Welcome-Back-to-School goody baskets for Wilson School teachers and staff were filled and delivered in August !! 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 !! Reply only to Pastor Vicky's official email address vicky.flores@cnumc.org

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

PALM CHURCH 73rd ANNUAL TAKE-OUT ORIENTAL DINNER, BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

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



BACK TO SCHOOL 2026

PASTOR VICKY FLORES
AUTUMN BOSTWICK
JULIANNA SERNA
MATTHEW VASQUEZ
TEACHER SUSAN YOSHIMURA



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

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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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