PALM LEAF November 2026 First Word

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS—-ALL SAINTS DAY

Dear Palm UMC Family,

As we celebrate All Saints Day in the United Methodist Church, we pause to thank God for the faithful saints who came before us. Through their prayers, sacrifices, love, and dedication, they helped shape our faith and build the church communities we are blessed to carry forward today. At Dinuba Palm United Methodist Church, this celebration holds a special meaning. Our church family is enriched by the coming together of different congregations, each bringing its own history, traditions, memories, and expressions of faith. The merger of these congregations represents more than a new chapter in our church's history. It brings together generations of faithful servants whose dedication helped establish and sustain the ministries we continue today.

We honor the parents, grandparents, pastors, teachers, and church members who prayed in our sanctuaries, welcomed neighbors, taught children about Jesus, cared for those in need, and faithfully served their communities. Their hymns, prayers, celebrations, and acts of service remain part of our spiritual heritage.

As we bring our congregations together, we do not leave our traditions behind. Instead, we celebrate the richness each one contributes to our shared life in Christ. Our different stories and customs become part of a larger story of faith, grace, and unity. We have the opportunity to learn from one another, preserve meaningful traditions, and create new memories for future generations. Hebrews 12:1 reminds us that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. The saints who came before us encourage us to continue the race of faith with perseverance, keeping our eyes on Jesus.

This All Saints Day, may we remember our spiritual ancestors with gratitude and carry their legacy forward with pride. May we honor their faithfulness by welcoming others, serving our community, and strengthening the bonds that unite us as one church family. We give thanks for the saints who built the foundations of our congregations, celebrate the traditions that make our church family rich, and look forward with hope to the legacy we are building together at Dinuba Palm United Methodist Church.

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, John Yoshimura (Susan and Lindy's nephew), Melissa Dominguez, Alan Langstraat, Marian Clifton, and Tammy Campbell.

Please keep Yvonne Hanson, Sally Carriaga, Efren Rubio, Alex Garcia, Carol Rossi-Christianson, Jamie Campbell, Rosalinda Vasquez and her family; Marcia Williams, Kinarii Martzen, 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, 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.

Palm Church average Sunday attendance in October was 37 !!

PALM CHURCH NEWS BITS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 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 PM on November 19, 2026, via ZOOM.

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.

Tina Mizuno will serve as Worship Leader on November 1, All Saints Day, and the return to Pacific Standard Time (turn clocks back one hour). Patti Stone-Remick will serve on November 8 & 15; Philip Martzen will serve on November 29, the first Sunday of Advent, pizza, and "Hanging of the Greens."

November Tobans are Susan Yoshimura, Marian Clifton, Ruth Fujinaga, Diana Bulls, Tina Mizuno, and Janice Serios. Birthdays will be celebrated on November 15.

Food Distribution will be held on Saturday, November 28 at 9:00 AM. (There will be no Food Distribution in December.) Bagging volunteers are asked to meet at the church at 3:00 PM Friday or 8:00 AM Saturday.

Oriental Dinner, Boutique & Bake Sale 2026 is scheduled for Saturday, November 7 !! Let Susan, Marian, Dianne, or Liz know how you would like to help !! Be sure to turn in your unsold tickets and money (red packet) to Marian by 2:00 PM, November 7. Everybody is asked to please bring two dozen cookies.

Dinuba Chamber of Commerce is collecting toys for the annual Dinuba Police Department "Toys for Tots" drive; Diane Domingo is the Palm Church contact person.

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.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1—Eloy Hernandez 8--Monte Alvis 9—Skye Martzen
10—Melanie (Hirahara) Mizuno 14—Trinidad Rodriguez
15—Cathy Yada, David Clifton, Kathy Garrison,
Eileen Abe-Mesias
18—Carol Rossi-Christianson 19—Diana Bulls
21—Beverly (Cadiente) Aleman 24—Robin Joseph
29—Rodney Clifton , Lucine Joseph
30—Laura Clifton; Andres Canchola, Sr.

PALM METHODIST CHURCH

438 West Tulare Street, Dinuba

73RD ANNUAL ORIENTAL DINNER, BOUTIQUE, & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026 3:00-5:00 pm

$20.00 / plate TAKE-OUT ONLY

Tickets available from church members and at the door.

Menu: Teriyaki Chicken, Chow Mein, Rice, Cucumber Salad, Cookies

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. Goody baskets for Wilson School teachers and staff will be filled and delivered in November, and the Spare Change Offering will go to the Wilson School Fund !! 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

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





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

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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