



The Vine

January 2024

United Methodist Church
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Worship Service In-person 10:00AM Sundays
Service is also online Website: www.umclb.net
Sunday School following Children's Moment in Worship Service
Pastor Office hours: Tuesday-Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm
or call (510) 552-7240
Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 AM-12:00 Noon.
Please call the Secretary if you need time in the office.
Messages are checked Monday-Thursday.
Pastor: Rev. Ivoni Maama
Church Secretary: Lori Winters
<https://www.facebook.com/LosBanosUnitedMethodistChurch>



8 Jerry Davis	21 Sue Hulse
8 Charlene Martin	21 Noah Cardenas
19 Donna Morris	26 Melissa Jones
20 Jeff Brubaker	29 Gideon Moffitt
	31 Mackenzie Ferreira



19 Robert & Rhonda Cardenas
26 Gerald & Melinda Wall

December contributions total: \$ 15,480.56
In-Person Services for December 3rd (38) 10th (70) 17th (65) 24th (50) 31st (30)

Vine Monthly Events for

January

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Important dates:

Tuesday, January 2nd -Ad Council meeting by Zoom 7:00 PM


Wednesday, January 3rd - 10:00 AM (every Wednesday) there will be a Prayer/upper room conference call, everyone is welcome to join and share any concerns. the number is **(720) 843-2603 Access Code: 8941334**

Sunday, January 7th -Youth Group at 11:30 AM

Tuesday, January 9th- Trustee Meeting 6:00 PM in the Fireside Room

Wednesday, January 10- SPRC Meeting 7 PM Zoom

Thursday, January 11- United Women of Faith 10:00 AM in the fireside room we will have a speaker from the city regarding homeless program.

Monday, January 15-  **N.O.W. Meeting 7:00 PM Zoom**

Thursday, January 30th - Finance Committee 2 PM Zoom

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Bell practice is every Wednesday at 4:30

The fundraising lunch was wonderful. Our hope is that we can get families to volunteer once a month to provide a **simple lunch** and contribute to our fundraising efforts. We ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering for future fundraising lunches. You can partner with other families to share in the work. It would be great if we could start having this the last Sunday of each month. Please feel free to contact Roxanne Hew or Pastor Ivoni with any questions.

Hiring the new Youth Director. If you know someone that you think would be interested in becoming our new Youth Director and that would do a good job, please give them the job description that is included in this month's Vine.

Administrative Council Highlights – December 5, 2023

The Ad Council met by Zoom conference on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 with five people present. The following items were discussed:

- **Nurture, Outreach and Witness (NOW).** The NOW Committee had not met recently, and would not meet in December, so there was no report.
- **Trustees.** At the workday on Saturday, November 18, the burned-out lights in the sanctuary were replaced and lots of cleaning and vacuuming was done. The row of mulberry trees along the classroom wing were trimmed, but a pile of branches still needs to be disposed of. Ivoni mentioned that she and her niece Four had cleaned up a large pile of trash that was next to the trash bin on Sunday morning. There was a discussion about locking the trash bin and requiring groups who use our facilities to haul away their own trash, since the bin is often too full to fit our rubbish. The matter was referred to the Trustees for further consideration.

Tom has finally found an electrician who will soon install the electrical outlet outside of the Fireside room kitchen so we can relocate the security camera for better surveillance of the colonnade.

- **United Women in Faith.** The annual Christmas potluck dinner and gift exchange will be on December 14.
- **Staff-Parish Relations Committee.** Susan has been notified by the Conference that a new state law requires all non-profit organizations that deal with children to establish their own account with the State for LiveScan and background checks by January 1. Ivoni advised that only she, Roxanne and Shannan are currently certified in accordance with State law.

The \$5,000.00 grant money was recently received from the Central Valley District, to pay for some of the cost for a part-time youth director. Once a job description is written, SPRC will begin a search for applicants.

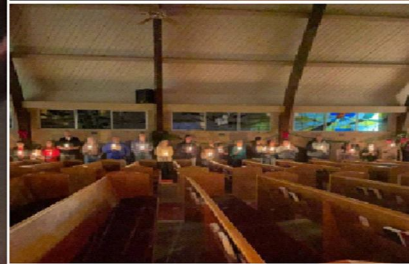
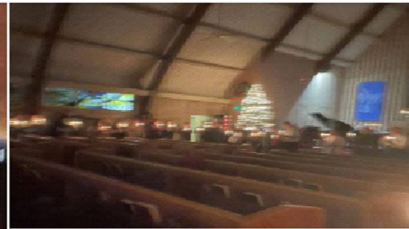
- **Financial Report.** The General Fund collections for November were \$11,882.03 and paid expenses were \$14,265.59, leaving a checkbook balance of \$4,291.07.
- **Parish Care.** Prayers were requested for Susan Ramsey; Kimery; Guadalupe; Barbara Murphy; Jim Buckley; and for Ted and Bonnie, and Susan Younce for safe travels.
- **Pastor's Report.** Ivoni said she was really looking forward to the Christmas Open House at the parsonage.

CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL. MAY THE GOOD LORD THE EMMANUEL. BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. LOVE AND PRAYERS FROM MY HOME TO YOURS. GOD BLESS.





CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 2023. PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR A BEAUTIFUL AND BLESSED SERVICE.





YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DURING THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE. A BIG THANK YOU TO SHANNON AND THE YOUTH GROUP





SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE. A BIG THANK YOU TO ROXANNE HEW AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE WONDERFUL SERVICE.



I praise the Lord for all of you. You are all amazing and wonderful people. I really mean it that the finest people are right here at Los Banos United Methodist Church. Thank you for all your prayers, hard work, and support in many ways in building God's Kingdom here on earth. I prayed that God bless each and everyone of you and your family. That you all have a very merry Christmas and a blessed prosperous new year. God bless and 'ofa atu (I love you)

as United Methodists. Promote opportunities to include the youth in all church activities and evidences. Work collaboratively and communicate regularly with the Pastor and Staff to guide the scope and vision of the Youth Ministry at the church.

Responsibilities:

- Develop, equip and oversee the youth Sunday Program. Identify and recommend curricula, recruit, train and support volunteer teachers; procure and maintain supplies, etc.
- Organize a Youth Group to meet regularly.
- Meet regularly with the Pastor; prepare youth ministry plans. Adhere to the church's Safe Sanctuaries policy. Work with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee to ensure screening of all volunteers who will be working with the youth.

Qualifications:

- Familiarity with and ability to support United Methodist theology.
- Be both a self-starter; with experience enthusiastically leading and motivating others; and a collaborator with families, Pastor; Staff and volunteers.
- Excellent communication skills including knowledge and use of email and social medias. Strong organizational skills in planning events/activities, including advertising, generating enthusiasm, and recruiting volunteers to assist.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality within court-mandated reporting requirements. Flexible schedule to lead weekend and Sunday activities.
- At least one of the following;
 1. Previous experience working with youth.
 2. Training in adolescent development.
 3. Youth Ministry experience.

General Information:

- This is a part-time, non-benefit position, approximately 10 hours per week.
- Two weeks of unpaid vacation.
- Sunday is the primary on-site "work day." Weekly preparations may be completed elsewhere. Work hours are expected to vary throughout the year; taking schedules of the youth and families into consideration.
- Develop annual plan and work on 5-year plan with Pastor, volunteer team, and youth.
- Maintain Bible Study/Monthly Activities
- Develop and run Fundraising for Annual events.
- The Director of Youth Ministries will work closely with and under the direct supervision of the Pastor: the Pastor and the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will evaluate Performance. SPRC is the hiring body.

How to Apply

Please send your resume to Los Banos United Methodist Church at umclosbanos@gmail.com or mail to Los Banos United Methodist Church 1031 Iowa Ave., Los Banos, CA 93635. Be sure to put Youth Director in the subject line. All resumes are due no later than January 1, 2024. Interviews will be held mid-January. All applicants will need to turn in a resume and go through the interview process. Check out our website for more information about our Church at <https://umclb.net>