



The Vine

September 2025

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
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1	Hans Younce	9	Lori Winters
4	Jason Walsh	18	Tony Michel
7	Penelope Wallace	27	Austin Toscano
9	Riley Knight		



6	Jim & Melissa Jones
18	Kevin & MacKenzie Ferreira

August contributions total: \$ 12,454.90

In-Person Services for August 3rd (41) 10th (44) 17th (58) 24th (35) 31st (38)

Vine Monthly Events for September

Important dates:

Tuesday, September 2nd – Ad Council Meeting 7 PM Zoom.

Wednesday September 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

Wednesday, September 3rd -Centering Prayer 6 PM Zoom, ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

Thursday, September 4th -Bible reading group-2 PM Zoom, ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

Thursday, September 4th - Bell Choir is back 🎵 4:30 PM in the Fireside room

Thursday, September 4th - 6th- The Rummage Sale is here. Please call Melissa or Lori to arrange a time for dropping off items. We have sign up forms to help with the sale in the fireside room, this project takes many hands to make it a great success.

Tuesday, September 9th -Trustee Meeting 7 PM ID: 897 0585 8917
Passcode: 406217

Thursday, September 11th -United Women of Faith 1PM potluck salad lunch in the Fireside room.

Sunday, September 14th – We will be making lunch for the encampment right after church service.

Tuesday, September 16th - Craft Night 6 PM in the Fireside room

Saturday, September 20th -, We will celebrate the 150th anniversary of our church.

Sunday, September 28th - We will be making lunch for the encampment right after church service.

Tuesday, September 30th - Finance Committee 7 PM Zoom

Saturday October 4th- paint class 2 MP in the Fireside room.

Thursday October 30th -Charge Conference 2PM (Los Banos & Dos Palos we are hosting)

Bell Choir Is every Thursday at 4:30 PM

If you need visitation for yourself or someone else please contact Karen Bonillas, Melissa Jones, Susan Younce or Ivoni Maama

At 12:00 noon please take a moment to pray for your pastor and church



Our Homeless Ministry/Manna is going great. We have packed and delivered over 50 lunches each Sunday (2nd and 4th Sunday) If you would like to help make/pack lunches or go help pass them out, let Ivoni or Lori know or just show up on Sunday after church. We could always use some help.

Melisa is working on the rummage sale set up and really needs help. She will be here from 9 to 1 every workday until finished. Please stop by even if you only have 1 or 2 hrs everything will help. We all need to pitch in.

United Women of Faith meetings are resuming on the 11th of September at 1 PM.
We will be having a potluck salad lunch, please bring your favorite salad.

We will celebrate the 150th anniversary of our church on September 20th. We are inviting Methodist Church officials, our former pastors, and past and present members of our church family to join in this celebration. We hope to have a well attended event! Festivities will begin at 3:00 pm with a ceremony in the sanctuary, followed by a catered meal (food truck) outside on the lawn, weather permitting.

Instead of selling tickets for the meal, we have chosen to sell squares for a "legacy quilt." Each square will cost \$25 and will be available for purchase soon and throughout the summer, even on the day of the event. Families can write names, anniversary dates, in honor of, in memory of, etc. on the squares they purchase. Juli has examples if you would like to see one. Creativity is strongly encouraged! Our very own UMC quilters will complete the project, which we will have on display at church for all to admire

The office needs a new computer/laptop, So Lori is doing a fundraiser to help pay for it. We will have a painting class starting at 2 MP all supplies and snacks will be provided at this event. The cost is \$45 each. We will have a flyer out soon with more info. All are welcome, invite your friends. This will be fun

We would like to send as many Vine newsletter out in email as possible. It will save time, paper and postage. If you have an email on file I will be sending it through email, if you want a hard copy, please let me know or pick one up in the church, I will still be printing extras and leaving them there for anyone who would like one.

I wanted to say Thank You to everyone who helped with the office while we were in Tonga, It was a great trip and I am very appreciative to have been able to go.



Dear Los Banos, United Methodist Family:

May God's blessings, our loving Father and Creator of heaven and earth, be with you today and consistently as we look forward to September. We are diligently preparing for our 150th anniversary, scheduled for September 20th, 2025, at 3 pm, which will be commemorated with a service followed by a reception on the lawn. We appreciate any donation, regardless of the amount, from families or individuals in honor of the church's 150th anniversary. We hope to see you with your family, and don't forget to pray for our church and our celebration.

We will have a combined Charge Conference with Dos Palos UMC scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on October 30, 2025, at our church. Please mark your calendars and set reminders for all Chairs and Heads of Departments to prepare their reports for our meeting. I also want to ask you if there is a committee that you wanted to serve on. Don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Also, if you know someone gifted and talented in areas that could benefit our church, please pray about it and let us know.

We have been seeking a suitable candidate for the position of Church Youth & Young Adults Director. We sincerely appreciate your prayers and kindly inquire if you know of any qualified individuals. It is my intention to conduct activities and programs for our Youth and Young Adults bi-monthly until the appropriate candidate is identified. Additionally, we aspire to prepare our Youth and Young Adults to participate in the Annual Conference next year, thereby offering them valuable experience and exposure to ministry environments.

We invite you to participate in our scheduled Telephone Conference Prayer Calls held on Wednesdays at 10 am. Our Centering Prayer session occurs at 7pm on Wednesdays, and Bible reading sessions are conducted at 2pm on Thursdays. In October, I will be leading a six-week Bible study. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Feel free to reach out at any time should you require prayers or wish to speak with someone. I am available for visits at your convenience, regardless of location. I am merely a click away. May God abundantly bless you all. With love and prayers.

Pastor 'Ivoni Maama

Pray and pray again, when done praying, pray again.

(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOS BANOS
MINUTES OF VIRTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 5th

Attendance (6): Gregg Rice, Cathie Lopez, Bud Ramsey, Susan Ramsey, Laura Scott, , Tawny Walsh, Kevin Ferreira

The virtual meeting, held by videoconference using Zoom, was called to order by Chairman Bud Ramsey at 7:02 p.m., and Bud Ramsey gave the opening prayer.

Minutes: Minutes were sent out

Church Office/Worship -

Social Justice/Manna Ministries

United Women of Faith – No meeting until; September

Sept 11 th Salad luncheon at 1:00 pm at the church and a field trip is being planned

Education/Sunday School Tawny stated they are still on break but will resume August 17 th with

a new curriculum.

Board of Trustees : Kevin stated that Russ put in new sprinklers. The water damage was fixed along with the air conditioners. Vandalism was done to the cross out front and is now being repaired.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Susan Ramsey reported that everything seems ok. Ivoni will be here another year! (YAY). The grant will be getting smaller and smaller to help support her here. On August 20 th a Board meeting will be done and an AD board will be added to support funding for a new computer for the office

Treasurer's Report / Finance Team - Gregg Rice reported that the General Fund checking account got hacked but the bank did credit the church back for the (BLEEP)crime! New singers were then designated. Bank balance was \$10,000 but now down to \$2000. We took in \$12,700 but spent \$14,500 for the month. Got to get fundraising in gear.

Rummage sale Sept 2 Ad Council Next finance meeting August 28 th tentative

Bud stated August 20 th SPRC meeting

Sept 6-7 Rummage sale

August 20 th SPRC meeting

Youth Ministries

Other –

The Rummage Sale will be Sept 5 th and 6 th , 2025.

The Fall Festival will be in November.

Parish Care; People in Need of Prayer. Karen and Dan both not doing well, not sleeping
Guadalupe and Kimery

Bud gave closing prayer 7:23 pm

Respectfully submitted,