



The Vine

July 2021

United Methodist Church
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Worship Service In-person 9:30AM Sundays
Website:www.umclb.net **Service also online**
Church Office Hours: 8:30am – 11:30am M-Th.
and phone line checked daily.
Pastor: Rev. Henry Pablo
Church Secretary: Cassie Wolf-Miyamoto

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

1 st	Alex Hew	10 th	Belinda Sabetta
10 th	Melinda Wall	11 th	Mason Ferreira
15 th	David Simmons	18 th	Carley Van Someren
23 rd	Jaycee Walsh	25 th	Karen Bonillas
26 th	Ayden Barcellos	27 th	Fay Davis
28 th	Don Van Someren	29 th	Hailey Battle
31 st	Erik Martin		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2 nd	Matthew & Olivia Patrick
17 th	Steve & Jodi Battle
17 th	Jason & Tawny Walsh
24 th	Jonathan & Stacy Betschart

June contributions total: \$ 7,008.00
Online Attendance for June 6th (24) 13th (35) 20th (23) 27th technical difficulty none.
In- Person Services for June 6th (43) 13th (35) 20th (48) 27th (72)

Dear Los Banos UMC,

I am deeply excited to be in community with you all beginning on July 4th! This is my very first appointment within the United Methodist Church as a licensed local pastor, and a step forward in my journey towards ordination. I would be lying if I said that this transition was easy - for me and possibly for you all as well - as anxiety and stress always seems to loom around the corner. However, what provides me comfort and empowerment during this time is remembering God's prevenient grace - a grace that meets us wherever we are at and when we turn those unknown corners of life. For me, God's grace has been evident in Pastor Jim and the leadership of Los Banos UMC as they guide me through this season. I would like to extend my deep gratitude to you all. And remember, I will be with the Los Banos community during this time of transition, intentionally listening, learning, and loving. Furthermore, I look forward to getting to know you all and engage in ministry as we serve God together. I am excited to discover where God is moving within the community and where God is calling us forward as disciples. I am excited to see where the kingdom of God is emerging in Los Banos.

Much Peace,
Pastor Henry Pablo

Henry P. Pablo III

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Education

Pacific School of Religion	Berkeley, CA
Master of Divinity	May 2020
Master of Arts in Social Transformation	May 2020
Certificate of Spirituality and Social Change	May 2020
University of Rochester	Rochester, NY
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	May 2016
Cum Laude	

Experience

Riverside United Methodist Church April 2018 - Current
English Ministry Coordinator

- Conducts the English Worship Service on Sundays, which involves delivering a sermon, co-creating the liturgy and choosing music, and facilitating discussion. The current English Worship Service involves an opening and closing worship song, moments of prayer and meditation, a time for check-ins that centers John Wesley's question "How does your soul prosper," *Lectio Divina* for the scripture reading, and a sermon.
- Coordinates the Friday Young People Fellowship, which involves training workers with young people, curriculum selection and writing, and facilitating Bible Study and discussions. The fellowship begins with opening the church space for young people to gather, hang-out, and do school work. Then, there is a shared meal that the young people help prepare. The night ends with a Bible study discussion.
- Assists the various committees of the church, which involves facilitating meetings, co-writing grants for various church ministries, engaging in community outreach and service projects, co-coordinating weekly events like Sunday School, and co-coordinating yearly events like Vacation Bible School, Mid-Autumn Festival, and Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Serves as a mentor for the members of the congregation going through the United Methodist Church's Lay Planting Academy, who are currently developing a new urban farm ministry.

California-Nevada Conference August 2020 - Current
Member of the Conference Committee on Young People's Ministries (CCYPM)

- Coordinates the "Peace with Justice Team" of CCYPM, which involves facilitating discussions on the intersection of faith and social justice, amplifying the voices of young people who are engaged in social justice work in their communities, and planning and facilitating conference events for young people like discussions on anti-racism and the rise of anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander sentiment.
- Served as a mentor and resource for the Youth and Young-Adult delegation of the California-Nevada Annual Conference in 2020.
- Assisted the Director of Young People's and Camping Ministries in budget creation, development of roles and responsibilities for CCYPM, and writing articles on various young people ministries within the Conference.

California-Nevada Conference Growing Young Initiative August 2020 - Current
Growing Young Coach

- Coaches a church in shaping their culture, vision, and ministries around younger people.

California-Nevada Conference February 2020 - Current
Church Planting Academy Cohort Member

- Engages in discussion and activities on church planting, which involves being in community with United Methodist clergy, learning from Church Planting leaders within the California-Nevada conference, and self-reflecting on what it means to be an intercultural, contextual, adaptive, and transformational leader.

Christmas Institute of the California-Nevada Conference

December 2017 - December 2020

Curriculum Coordinator

- Collaborated with the 5 other main coordinators to spear-head an annual retreat for an estimated 100 campers.
- Developed the curriculum and activities for campers grades 7 to post-high school.
- Assisted in staff development and training of a team of 30 leaders.

Pinole United Methodist Church

October 2016 - March 2018

Youth Group Coordinator

- Coordinated the youth group, which involved leading Bible studies, planning community service events and fundraisers, and implementing the monthly youth-led Sunday service.

MWH Global Now Part of Stantec

June 2016 - March 2017

Associate Hydro Mechanical Engineer

- Conducted condition assessments and risk analyses that required research, technical writing, and calculations.

Skills & Interests

- Skills: Design Thinking Method, Curriculum Writing & Synthesis, Anti-Racism Training, Growing Young Framework
- Interests: Watching basketball games, board games, chess, spoken word and poetry, community organizing, working with young people

**Administrative Council Highlights –
June 1, 2021**

The Ad Council met by Zoom conference on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 with seven people present. The following items were discussed:

- **Transition to New Pastor.** Jim reported that he had unexpectedly been transferred to a yoked appointment at Madera and LeGrand, and District Superintendent Debra Brady was also being assigned to her previous position of Pastor of the church in Modesto. Our new DS is David Niu, in his first such appointment. All changes take effect as of July 1. Our SPRC was to meet by Zoom on June 3, to be informed of who our new pastor will be. Jim's and Kathy have a month to find and purchase a house that they can move into, as the Madera church has sold its parsonage. Jim's last worship service in Los Banos will be on June 27, and the Garrisons will move within a few days of that. The parsonage needs to be painted, carpets cleaned, and a number of repairs done before the new pastor can move in. We are responsible to provide housing somewhere until that work is complete. Tom Kaljian and Susan Ramsey will set priorities for the many identified items that should be done to the parsonage, which include fence repair and bathroom vent fans.

We will organize small group meetings at home sites in early July to meet and greet the new pastor. Jim and Kathy will need some help packing up and moving later in the month.

- **Nurture, Outreach and Witness (NOW).** Bud said that there was no NOW team meeting in May, and not much new to report. Jim stated that Manna's takeout meals have been fairly easy to serve over the past year, but much more volunteer help will be needed whenever we resume in-person meals.
- **Trustees.** Genesis Painting has completed work on the pews on the east half of the sanctuary, and is sanding the first few pews on the west side. They will have to take a break for a couple of weeks for VBS. Some termite damage was found on the altar rail nearest the American flag, but that was likely from quite a while ago. After the work is

done, we will put up a plaque in the sanctuary to acknowledge that the pew refurbishment project was funded by the Sloan family in memory of Bill Sloan, and we will also hold a dedication ceremony during a Sunday morning worship service. The plaque honoring Bobby Burnett on the bench in front of the sanctuary has been defaced. Some wires for the church lawn sprinklers are not working, and it was agreed that Russ would be paid extra to troubleshoot and repair them. The church's green waste trash can has been missing for a month or so.

- **UMW.** It is "all hands on deck" time for the rummage sale, June 17-19, with setup to begin on June 14. Am Vets is lined up to haul away whatever doesn't sell.
- **Financial Report.** The church's income for May rebounded to \$11,133.25, while paid expenses were \$14,189.21, including our monthly \$500.00 tithe payment to the Conference and \$3,390.34 to the pension fund, which we think gets us close to being caught up for the year. The checkbook balance was down to \$5,282.05 as of May 31. A Special Charge Conference will be held in June to approve the compensation package for the new pastor.
- **People in Need; Parish Care.** Prayers were requested for Tom and SanDee Rooney, Susan Ramsey, Cathie Lopez, Wilma Ditter, Steve Miyamoto and Pastor Jim for his back pain.
- **Upcoming Events.** We will serve communion in church with fresh bread and juice on June 6, for the first time in over a year: Most of the Annual Conference Session will be held in Sacramento, October 29-31. A clergy session and the traditional ordination and assignment ceremony will be held by Zoom on June 26 and 27.
- **Pastor's Report.** Jim presided over a funeral service for Claire Jensen on May 21. Jim and Kathy's daughter Cindy and her husband State finally received the keys to their new home in Southern California that morning.

Vine Monthly Events July



Important dates:

July 4th - Holiday (New Pastor (Rev. Henry Pablo)
first Sunday!)

July 19th - N.O.W. Meeting 7pm on Zoom

July 27th - Finance Committee Meeting @ 3:30pm

Note: Boy Scouts The outside grounds of the church are working out nicely for scout meetings on Wednesdays and events. Thanks!

Scouts continued - We are recruiting new scouts. If you have a son or grandson interested or know someone who is, please have them contact Mackenzie at 209-826-9941. We are holding several summer activities for boys in kindergarten through 5th grade. All are welcome to attend.



VBS went smoothly over the rails!

Offering will go to Operation Christmas Child this year. The children gave \$1,986.44, wow! Boxes and how to pack them are available in the Fireside room if you want to be a part of this big giving to children all over the world this year.

Big thanks to all those who helped make this year's VBS so successful. Children had a good time and all went smoothly along! Special thanks to Kerri and Shannan for their dedication and hard work. You both are a blessing.

UMW Rummage Sale- UMW netted \$2,450.00 this year for mission work of UMW. Thanks to all who helped make this event possible. You warriors of rummage know who you are, thanks so much for your strong hands and time.

E - Giving – Did you know? There are now 8 families in our church using Vanco Give Plus to donate to the church securely and conveniently online! Accounts and payments can easily be set up and initiated on a laptop or desktop computer, or by using a mobile phone, using the free Give Plus app. The other easy way is to go to our website: www.umclb.net , there is a link for this purpose there. If you have questions, please see Gregg Rice or Bud Ramsey. Thank you!

SCRIP TIP OF THE MONTH

If you need a gift for birthdays, thank you or late graduate, please check out the wide array of gift cards we have on hand for immediate sale, or can order. We can print paper certificates for many items that are not on hand. Check the list of participating retailers at www.ShopWithScrip.com. Please contact Gregg or Juli Rice by phone at (209) 826-1027 or (209) 761-2737, or by e-mail at grice@inreach.com.

June 27th Good -Bye to Jim and Kathy went well. There were 72 people in church and several stayed for cake and Susan Younce cookies after. Pastor Jim and Kathy want to thank all who helped co-ordinate this good-bye and to thank all who gave generously to help them on their way to their next adventure in Madera. They plan to stay on our prayer chain and Newsletter list so they can keep up with this church family. Pray for a smooth transition for all.

If you need help or wish to have prayers, please contact the church office at 209-826-4181, phone line is checked daily, or call the secretary using the numbers provided in your church directory.

Still looking for prayer chain coordinator! If you feel you can help in this ministry please see Cassie UMCLB Secretary or call the church office and leave a message. Thank you for your prayerful help.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11 <i>Happy</i> 12 <i>Independence</i> 13 <i>Day</i> 				1	2	3
4 <i>Service 9:30am</i> <i>Manna - Nazarene Church</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Service 9:30am</i> <i>Manna-UMCLB</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Service 9:30am</i> <i>Manna—UMCLB</i>	19 <i>NOW Meeting On Zoom 7pm</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25 <i>Service 9:30am</i> <i>Manna—New Canaan</i>	26	29 27 <i>Finance Meeting 3:30pm</i>	28	29	30	31