



The Vine

June 2022



VBS

United Methodist Church
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Worship Service **9:30 AM**

Infant and Pre-school Care **9:30 AM**

Sunday School: **9:40 AM**

(Following Children's Moment in Worship Service)

Church Office Hours: Mon - Thurs. 8:30 AM–11:30 AM

Pastor: Henry Pablo III

Church Secretary: Cassie Wolf-Miyamoto

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

2 nd	Kelly Clinite	6 th	Jason Hunwardsen
7 th	Deborah Milne	7 th	Matt Patrick
9 th	Carl Phillips	12 th	Mychaela Narcisso
13 th	Diane Moon	20 th	Taryn Morris
22 nd	Frances Hall	22 nd	Danny Foxworthy
23 rd	Steve Rebelo	28 th	Richard Dybas
29 th	Eileen Sorensen	29 th	Barbara Cobarruvias

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2 nd	Jim & Kathy Garrison
16 th	Larry & Germaine Wiley
27 th	Don & Carley Van Someren

May contributions total: \$ 10,898.00

Attendance for May 1st (47) 8th (43) 15th (42) 22nd (50) 29th (41)



June 1, 2022

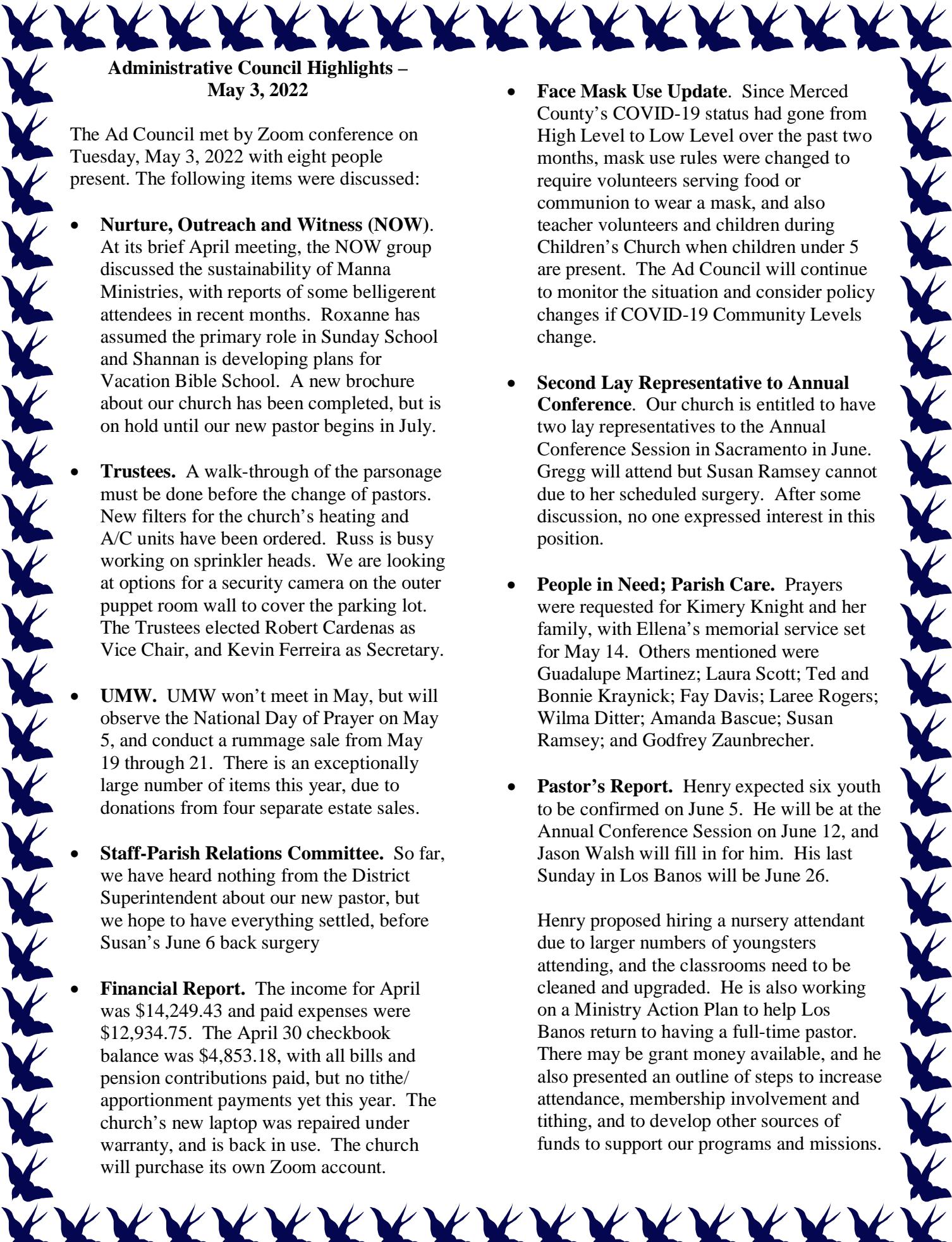
Dear Los Banos UMC Family,

On Sunday (5/29), it was announced that Pastor Peter Sunh will be joining you all as your pastor in July. It has been a complete joy for me to have served with you all for the past year. It has moved my spirit to see how the people of Los Banos United Methodist Church are responding to God's grace and are striving to love God and love their neighbor as themselves. I pray that you all will continue the faithful work that has been set forth in the life of the church.

However, it is not goodbye yet! The month of June is filled with many activities. On Sunday, June 5 (Pentecost Sunday) we plan on confirming/baptizing 5 of our youth, and another youth later this month! These youth have gone through a confirmation class with me, learning about our Church's history, beliefs, and their roles as followers of Jesus Christ. And now, they are willing to make the commitment to affirm God's Grace, engage in our baptismal vows, and continue to learn about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ through study, service, and witness! Finally, from June 20th to June 24th we will be having our in-person Vacation Bible School, inviting children to learn about and experience how they are "Treasured" by God!

I look forward to my final month with you all as your pastor. Please let the church know how you can be supported. If you are in need of a visit, a phone-call, or Pastoral Care, do not hesitate to let us know and we can schedule a time to meet. You can contact us at (209) 826-4181 or email us at umclosbanos@gmail.com.

Much Peace,
Pastor Henry



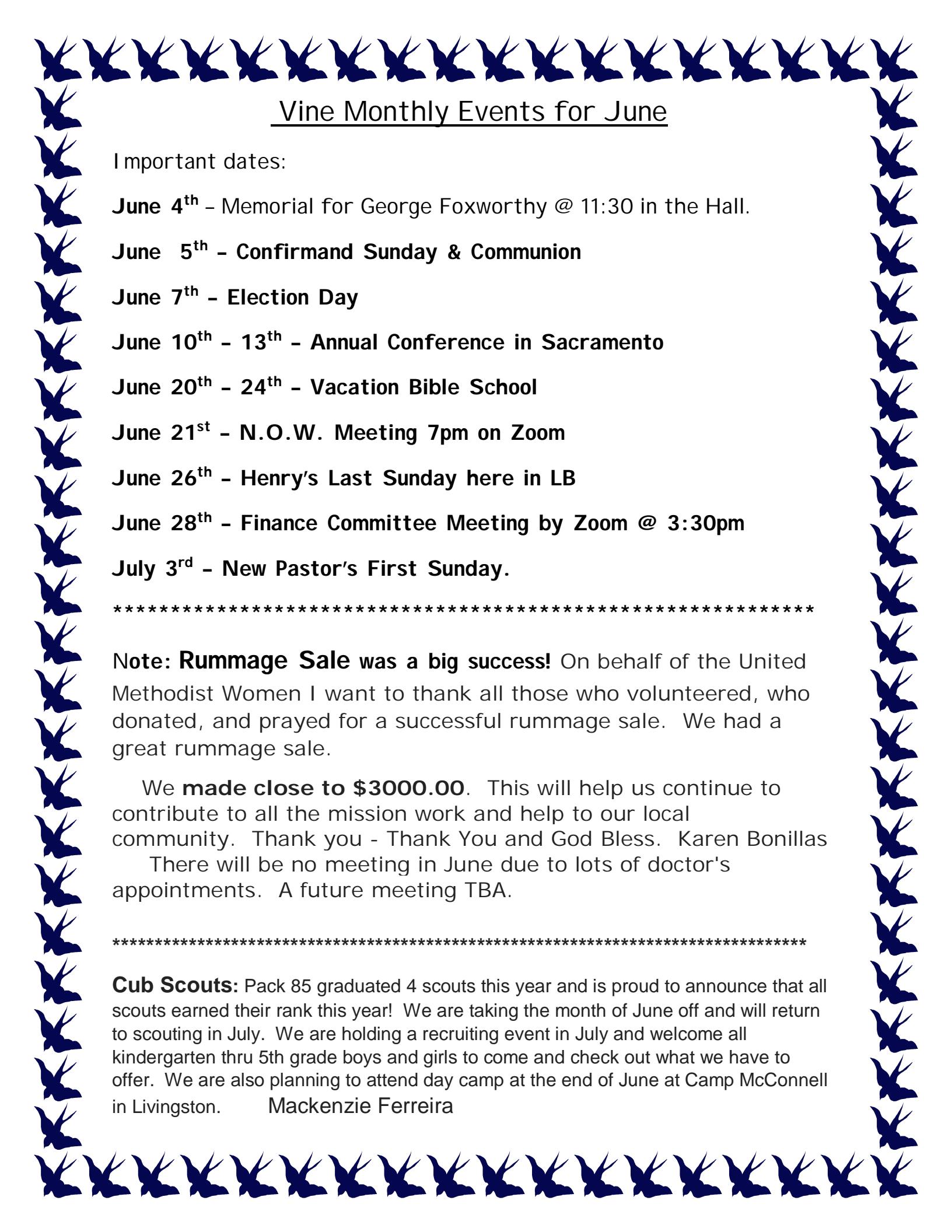
Administrative Council Highlights – May 3, 2022

The Ad Council met by Zoom conference on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 with eight people present. The following items were discussed:

- **Nurture, Outreach and Witness (NOW).** At its brief April meeting, the NOW group discussed the sustainability of Manna Ministries, with reports of some belligerent attendees in recent months. Roxanne has assumed the primary role in Sunday School and Shannan is developing plans for Vacation Bible School. A new brochure about our church has been completed, but is on hold until our new pastor begins in July.
- **Trustees.** A walk-through of the parsonage must be done before the change of pastors. New filters for the church's heating and A/C units have been ordered. Russ is busy working on sprinkler heads. We are looking at options for a security camera on the outer puppet room wall to cover the parking lot. The Trustees elected Robert Cardenas as Vice Chair, and Kevin Ferreira as Secretary.
- **UMW.** UMW won't meet in May, but will observe the National Day of Prayer on May 5, and conduct a rummage sale from May 19 through 21. There is an exceptionally large number of items this year, due to donations from four separate estate sales.
- **Staff-Parish Relations Committee.** So far, we have heard nothing from the District Superintendent about our new pastor, but we hope to have everything settled, before Susan's June 6 back surgery
- **Financial Report.** The income for April was \$14,249.43 and paid expenses were \$12,934.75. The April 30 checkbook balance was \$4,853.18, with all bills and pension contributions paid, but no tithe/apportionment payments yet this year. The church's new laptop was repaired under warranty, and is back in use. The church will purchase its own Zoom account.

- **Face Mask Use Update.** Since Merced County's COVID-19 status had gone from High Level to Low Level over the past two months, mask use rules were changed to require volunteers serving food or communion to wear a mask, and also teacher volunteers and children during Children's Church when children under 5 are present. The Ad Council will continue to monitor the situation and consider policy changes if COVID-19 Community Levels change.
- **Second Lay Representative to Annual Conference.** Our church is entitled to have two lay representatives to the Annual Conference Session in Sacramento in June. Gregg will attend but Susan Ramsey cannot due to her scheduled surgery. After some discussion, no one expressed interest in this position.
- **People in Need; Parish Care.** Prayers were requested for Kimery Knight and her family, with Ellena's memorial service set for May 14. Others mentioned were Guadalupe Martinez; Laura Scott; Ted and Bonnie Kraynick; Fay Davis; Laree Rogers; Wilma Ditter; Amanda Bascue; Susan Ramsey; and Godfrey Zaunbrecher.
- **Pastor's Report.** Henry expected six youth to be confirmed on June 5. He will be at the Annual Conference Session on June 12, and Jason Walsh will fill in for him. His last Sunday in Los Banos will be June 26.

Henry proposed hiring a nursery attendant due to larger numbers of youngsters attending, and the classrooms need to be cleaned and upgraded. He is also working on a Ministry Action Plan to help Los Banos return to having a full-time pastor. There may be grant money available, and he also presented an outline of steps to increase attendance, membership involvement and tithing, and to develop other sources of funds to support our programs and missions.



Vine Monthly Events for June

Important dates:

June 4th – Memorial for George Foxworthy @ 11:30 in the Hall.

June 5th – **Confirmand Sunday & Communion**

June 7th – **Election Day**

June 10th – 13th – **Annual Conference in Sacramento**

June 20th – 24th – **Vacation Bible School**

June 21st – **N.O.W. Meeting 7pm on Zoom**

June 26th – **Henry's Last Sunday here in LB**

June 28th – **Finance Committee Meeting by Zoom @ 3:30pm**

July 3rd – **New Pastor's First Sunday.**

Note: Rummage Sale was a big success! On behalf of the United Methodist Women I want to thank all those who volunteered, who donated, and prayed for a successful rummage sale. We had a great rummage sale.

We **made close to \$3000.00**. This will help us continue to contribute to all the mission work and help to our local community. Thank you - Thank You and God Bless. Karen Bonillas

There will be no meeting in June due to lots of doctor's appointments. A future meeting TBA.

Cub Scouts: Pack 85 graduated 4 scouts this year and is proud to announce that all scouts earned their rank this year! We are taking the month of June off and will return to scouting in July. We are holding a recruiting event in July and welcome all kindergarten thru 5th grade boys and girls to come and check out what we have to offer. We are also planning to attend day camp at the end of June at Camp McConnell in Livingston. Mackenzie Ferreira

VBS – Will begin soon! Forms for staff and councilors and campers are available outside the office. Staff and councilors needed! June 20 – 24th. Time: from 9am to noon for campers.

(list printed on separate sheet to take to the store with you or you can purchase script for grocery stores and VBS Staff will shop for items.) Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.

Theme is Treasured.

Pray for another successful year of celebrating children and our Lord!



Confirmation Sunday will be the first Sunday in June. Come and congratulate our new members!

SCRIP TIP OF THE MONTH

Mother's Day is coming up soon – on May 8 – and we can help if you are looking for a convenient way to buy something she will like, with the added advantage of helping our church.

We always stock gift cards for **Bath and Body Works** in \$10.00 and \$25.00 denominations, and also have \$25.00 cards for **Bed, Bath and Beyond**. Other popular retailers for which we always have gift cards on hand include **Jo-Ann Fabrics, Macy's, TJ Maxx/Marshall's, Target, Walmart** and **Starbuck's**, to name just a few.

How about taking her out to dinner at **Applebee's, Chili's, Denny's, Olive Garden, Outback Steakhouse** or even **Denny's**? We have all of these available for immediate purchase also.

Other suggestions for those who are technologically inclined include **Amazon, iTunes** and **Shutterfly**.

There are hundreds of other restaurants, stores, and mail order firms in the scrip program. You can see the full listing at www.shopwithscrip.com. We normally order on Sunday afternoons, and delivery to Los Banos is usually the following Tuesday. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please contact Gregg or Juli Rice at (209) 826-1027 or (209) 761-2737, or by e-mail to grice@inreach.com.

By the way, payment can be made by cash or check, or by Zelle or Venmo.

Visitations

Wilma Ditter is in Pacifica Senior Living: 3420 R St. Rm. #226

Merced, CA 95348 You just have to sign in and show Vaccination card if you have one when you get there and there are no exact hours so stop by when you are in Merced.

Jean Bright is in New Bethany Memory Care: 1441 Berkeley Rm# C102

These ladies love to see your bright faces.



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.



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