



*The Vine*  
*April 2026*

United Methodist Church  
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**Worship Service In-person 10:00AM Sundays**  
Service is also online Website: [www.umclb.net](http://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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8 Jolanda Phillips  
22 Kimery Knight  
27 June Sloan

HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

26 Kristifer & Roxanne Hew

March contributions total: \$ 11,192.50  
In-Person Services for March 1<sup>st</sup> (40) 8<sup>th</sup> (38) 15<sup>th</sup> (31) 22<sup>nd</sup> (40) 29<sup>th</sup> (40)

# Vine Monthly Events for April



## **Important dates:**

**Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>** - 📞 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 April 1<sup>st</sup>** -Centering Prayer 7 PM Zoom, ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

**Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>** -Bible reading 2PM ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** -- Ad Council 7PM Zoom

**Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>** -SPRC 6PM in the Fireside Room

**Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>** - Women of faith meeting at 1PM in the fireside room. We will be potting some Flowers for those who need visitation.

**Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>** -Making lunch for the encampment after Church

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** -Trustee Meeting 7PM Zoom Meeting ID: 897 0585 8917Passcode: 406217

**Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** Worship Committee 7PM in the office

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** -Craft Night 6 PM in the fireside room.

**Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>** -Making lunch for the encampment after Church

**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** † Finance Committee 7PM Zoom

**Bell Choir** Is Friday 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**

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Women of faith meeting at 1PM in the fireside room. We will be potting some Flowers to give to those who need of visitation, just a little sunshine in someone's day.

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Our Fireside kitchen could use some supplies, if you are out shopping and want to get a little something extra for the church kitchen we could use paper towels, single serve instant coffee, paper plates, plastic spoons and small drinking cups.

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Melissa is working hard on organizing rummage sale items. If you have anything please bring to the church, she would like to have time to presort and organize. If you have large items let her know before you bring them down so we can make space.

March– Holy Week 2026

Dear Los Banos, United Methodist Family,

“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” – Mark 11:9

First and foremost, I would like to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the love and all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. I wish this little note finds you and your family in good health, and with God’s blessings.

Thank you for your continued love and support for our church. Even if I do not express it often, I deeply appreciate your dedication. I pray that the Lord blesses each of you according to His power. God sees every step we take and values all that we do.

As March ends and April begins, we enter the sacred season of Holy Week. We are invited to walk closely with our Lord Jesus Christ through the final days of His earthly ministry. This is a time for reflection, repentance, gratitude, and renewed faith as we remember His great love and sacrifice for us.

As we journey through this season, let us live in ways that reflect our faith in Jesus. May we open our hearts, minds, and souls to God, not only during Easter but every day. Let us meditate on His words daily, as they nourish our spirits. In a world filled with worry and uncertainty, let us deepen our faith in Christ and surrender to God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

I wish you and your family a blessed week and a joyful start to April. Please feel free to contact me if you need prayers or simply wish to talk. I am always available to listen or visit. Let us remember: “By Jesus’ wounds we are healed.” – Isaiah 53:5. May we pause in gratitude for His sacrifice. Though it is Friday, Sunday and the Resurrection are coming. Rejoice, Hallelujah. May God's love and blessings be with you all.

Blessings,  
Pastor Ivoni



## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**March 3, 2026**

The Ad Council met by Zoom on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, with seven people present.

**Worship** – Susan Ramsey stated that Ivoni invited the Free Methodist to join on Palm and Easter Sundays. On Good Friday, Ivoni is having Moments of Silence at the church from 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM and a church service from 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM. The sanctuary will stay open until 1:45 PM for those that would like to stay. Easter Flowers and the Easter Cross are being made ready. There will be an Easter egg hunt after the church service but we still need candy to fill the eggs

**Social Justice/Manna Ministries** – No report.

**United Women of Faith** –

Laura Scott stated there will be a ladies meeting and salad lunch on March 12. It starts at 1:00 PM in the Fireside room.

**Education/Sunday School:** No report

**Board of Trustees:** Kevin projected more financial activity will be happening. Fire Marshall was postponed until April. A/C still needs to be repaired.

**VBS:** No report.

**SPRC** – No report.

**Treasurer's Report / Finance Team -**

Gregg reported the bank balance is about \$13,403. Still robust but going down. Designated has about \$13,996. \$7000 was moved out of Money

Market account to help pay for maintenance and such. Manna has about \$8,866 for items for homeless care. Might approach the hospital for funds to help.

River City bank has about \$102,440 which is saved for major repairs and projects.

Schwab has about \$41,837 and is served as a reserve. \$180,650 for all.

Last year for us to receive grant money for Ivoni salary. Trying to get Servant Keeper tithing up and running

**Office:** Lori stated everything is going well. A homeless lady had to be removed from the church grounds but was polite about it. Puppet door was ajar so alarm wouldn't work. The light behind the organist needs to be changed

**Pastor:** No report

Calendar:

- **Sunday, March 29** – Palm Sunday
- **Friday, April 4** – Good Friday
- **Sunday April 5** – Easter – Sunrise service at the Forebay
- **Next Ad Council Meeting** – April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM via Zoom

Prayers were offered for those in need.

