



The Vine
February 2026

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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5	Tyler Morris	14	Jim Jones
11	Brooke Barton	18	Larry Wiley



11	Dennis & Donna Morris
14	Bud & Susan Ramsey

January contributions total: \$ 9,336.62
In-Person Services for January 4th (35) 11th (49) 18th (34) 25th (50)

Vine Monthly Events for February



I embrace love.

Important dates:

Monday, February 2nd Worship Committee 7PM in the office

Tuesday, February 3rd- Ad Council 7PM Zoom

Wednesday February 4th - 📞 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 February 4th -Centering Prayer 7 PM Zoom, ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

Thursday February 5th -Bible reading 2PM ID 841 8056 5606 Passcode 876156

Tuesday, February 10th -Trustee Meeting 7PM Zoom

Wednesday February 11th -SPRC 6PM

Wednesday, February 18th Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18th Worship Committee 7PM in the office

Saturday February 21st -Womens retreat 10AM to 2PM at the church

Sunday February 22nd – Making lunch for the encampment after Church

Tuesday, February 24th- Finance Committee 7 PM Zoom.

Saturday, February 28th -Clean up Day, please join us to spruce up the church from 8 to 12

Bell Choir Is Friday at 4:30 PM

Mark your calendars

March 29, Palm Sunday

April 2, Maundy Thursday

April 3, Good Friday

April 5, Easter Sunday

More details to come

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

Saturday the 21st we will be having a Womens retreat 10AM to 2PM at the church. We will be having lunch and activites, it should be fun, Please joun us.

All Women are welcome.



This has been out there for a couple of months now and it seems to be working out well. If you would like to drop off items in office, I check it and refill it several times a week. Thank you to Olivia & the Hew Family for starting this and all who have donated to make this work.

We are having a Clean Up day at the Church on **Saturday, February 28th** please join us, whatever you can do will be appreciated. We will be here from 8 to 12



To My Los Banos UMC Family:

(Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Matthew 5:9)

As we have a few more days, the first month of January 2026 is gone. We are about to embark on the 2nd month of the year, February. I am pretty sure we are still trying to process the new year. Well, I guess we all say it's ok. Ok what? What can we do? Of course, we can't hold the day until we are ready for the next month. It does not work that way. When God is in charge of our lives, then we fear not and worry less. When we try to run the race in life alone. We will already be exhausted, and it's not even been two months yet.

Last month, I sent you some scripture verses to check out, along with the scripture behind your birthday. That will be added to the scriptures you and your family choose as a pillar verse for the year. If you have not chosen a verse for your family for the year. Please do so. I want to ask you to add on, by choosing a Psalm and calling it your Family Psalm. Have your family recite it and read it every time you have your family devotion throughout the year.

This year, we are going to begin reading the New Testament First and then the Old Testament. This group will begin on the 9th of February. We will also begin a Bible Study Group on the 16th of February. It will be a Bible Study Book from Rev. Dr. Adam Hamilton, titled (24 Hours that Changed the World. We also have a prayer group that meets via Conference Call on Wednesday at 10 am. You can dial in at (Lori please insert conference call prayer numbers). I am also available for one-on-one devotions during the week. Everyone is invited to these groups. Please contact me or call the church office for details and sign in.

We are currently interviewing for our Youth Director position. Please continue to pray for it. We had a wonderful Youth activity on January 11th, led by Susan Younce. We had about 20 children attending. We will have youth activities once a month. Until we have a Youth Director, we will have a regular schedule. Our Sunday School Ministry is going well, led by Tawny Walsh. Please send your children to Sunday School on Sundays.

Easter is early this year. Please know that we will have an Ash Wednesday on February 18th, a drive-through program in the parking lot from 7 am to 9 am. At the sanctuary from 12 noon to 1 pm and from 5 pm to 6 pm. We will also celebrate Palm Sunday on March 29th. We will also have a Good Friday Silent Service on March 3rd, from 12 noon to 2 pm, and also from 5 pm to 6 pm. We will have a combined service with our brotherhood on March 5th: an afternoon church service, a sunrise service at 6 am, and the 10 am service. Please pray for our church programs and try to attend if you can. We can offer you a ride if needed. Please call the church office to plan.

I love you all, and I am praying for you all. Please do remember me in your prayers as well. Let's keep reading God's words every day. Try to set aside a regular time of day for God. A most precious appointment of the day. That will help you calm down, put things in order, and feel comforted, even if it's hard. But I will tell you that you will feel different in your days. I promise you that you will. God bless.

Blessings,
Pastor 'Ivoni

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 6, 2026

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

Worship – Susan Ramsey reported that Worship will meet this month.

Social Justice/Manna Ministries -Ivoni stated that feeding the homeless is starting back up this Sunday. She is wanting to try new things this year.

United Women of Faith –

This Saturday is a get together at Round Table Pizza. There will be a small meeting with pizza and soft drinks. February Laura is looking to do a retreat for the women and is also trying new ideas to do.

Board of Trustees : electrician is coming tomorrow and a fencing contractor will be giving quotes. Insurance claim will be discussed. The gutters got cleaned and everything else is ok.

SPRC – Susan Ramsey reported for Bonnie that SPRC will meet this month.

Treasurer's Report / Finance Team - Gregg reported income of \$182,500 and \$18200 is 10% and \$16,000 was sent to the Conference. End of year is done, but the final payment for Ivoni from grant has not been received from them. Hoping we get it next year as well. Jan 27th is next Finance meeting.

Youth Ministries – Susan Younce and Ivoni will get together and youth will start having themes.

Pastor: Committees need to make sure they have a meeting in January to be valid and that they do not meet on Mondays. Meeting with Susan to look at programs for the new year and continue with bible readings and bible studies.

Calendar:

Next Ad Council Meeting – February 3rd at 7 PM via Zoom

Parish Care; People in Need of Prayer

- Carl is not doing well as his Alzheimer's is quite bad.
- Monique is trying to get an appointment at Stanford
- Barbara Murphy (Jennifer's mom) looks good but can't remember much
- Diane Moon not well
- Karen Bonillas as she lost her husband and sister
- Charlie Coborubious is doing better
- Dan Wilson is doing better
- Guadalupe's family thanks the church for their prayers
- Pray for Ivoni's niece who is not doing well and is in rehab
- June Sloan