



The Vine

August 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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3	Gregg Rice	20	Kindle Wallace
3	Bonnie Kraynick	21	Ethan Knight
8	Audrey Hepworth	26	Ross Betschart
8	Rex Betschart		

HAPPY Anniversary!

16 Carl & Jolanda Phillips

July contributions total: \$ 8,450.00
In-Person Services for July 7th (31) 14th (40) 21st (50) 24th (42) 28th (44)

Vine Monthly Events for August



Important dates:

Tuesday, August 4th 📞 Ad Council Zoom 7PM

Wednesday August 5th - 📞 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 August 5th -Centering Prayer and Bible reading 2 PM Zoom, ID 841 8056 5606
Passcode 876156

Sunday, August 9th - Making lunch for the encampment after Church

Sunday, August 9th -Ice cream social after church.

Tuesday, August 11th -Trustee meeting 7 PM Zoom

Saturday August 15th -United Women of Faith 1PM at Espanas

Wednesday August 19th -Worship Committee 7PM

Sunday August 23rd - Making lunch for the encampment after Church

Tuesday, August 25th -Finance Committee 7PM

Thursday September 3rd to Saturday September 5th -The Annual Rummage Sale. There are sign ups to help setting up and working the sale in the Fireside Room. We will need help setting up tables and bringing things in on **Sunday the 30th of August**

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

Saturday August 15th United Women of Faith will be meeting at Espanas 1PM

All Women are welcome.



Dear Congregation, you may have noticed that we have put together a small pantry next to the office for anyone in need. If anyone would like to contribute non-perishable foods or basic hygiene items, it would be greatly appreciated. Want to help but don't want to do the shopping? I will be more than happy to spend your money lol. Personal hygiene products seem to be a popular item and Ramen/mac & cheese. Thank you to all who have donated to make this work.

I bought all this for \$20.



If you know someone interested in teaching Sunday School please talk to
Ivoni Maama or Bonnie Kraynick

October 10th, 8AM Please Join your church family as we get the building and grounds ready for the Fall Festival Dinner and the Holiday Season! It's a great opportunity to give back to your church family and help freshen up the property we all love.
Work available inside and outside — every bit of help is appreciated!

September 3rd, 4th and 5th

1031 Iowa Ave

On the corner of Iowa and "J"

Annual

Methodist

Don't Miss Out
\$5 Clothing Bags
Sizes Small to 5X

Church
Rummage
Sale

Thursday- 4pm to 7pm
Friday 8 am – 5pm
Saturday 8am – 11am



Dear Los Banos United Methodist Church Family,
Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we reflect on the first half of this year, we recognize that it has not always been an easy journey. Together we have faced challenges, uncertainties, and moments when we found ourselves asking, why me, Lord? How long, Lord? Where are You, Lord? Yet through it all, God has remained faithful. His promise in Isaiah 41:10 continues to encourage us:

Fear not, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand

June was a month of joyful celebrations and meaningful ministry. We celebrated the high school graduation of Taetum and Jayda Cardenas, honored our fathers with special greetings from our Sunday School children and Youth Group, enjoyed a wonderful Vacation Bible School, and shared fellowship over root beer floats graciously served by our Women in Faith. We also gathered for the California-Nevada Annual Conference in Sacramento (June 26–29). I am grateful to share that I have been reappointed to continue serving as your pastor for the 2026–2027 conference year. Thank you for your continued love, prayers, and support. If I have ever said or done anything that has caused hurt or disappointment, I sincerely ask for your forgiveness. My prayer is that this new year of ministry will be one of healing, unity, and spiritual growth for us all.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our church leaders, committee chairs, ministry leaders, and the many faithful volunteers who serve behind the scenes. Your dedication often goes unseen, but it never goes unnoticed by God. Thank you for your faithful service and for the many ways you help strengthen our Church's ministry.

Please continue to keep in your prayers those facing health challenges: Ricky Sloan, Sue Hulse, Laura Scott, Carl Phillips, Dan Wilson, Kimery Knights, Charlene Martin, Diane Moon, June Sloan, Donna Morris, Dennis Morris, and Monique Mowad. Please also pray for our children, our Sunday School and Youth ministries, and our upcoming Charge Conference on October 17, 6 pm. As we begin this new ministry year, I encourage you to prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to serve. If you feel led to join one of our committees or ministries—including Finance, Worship, Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations, Administrative Council, Sunday School, Visitation, or our new Sewing and Thai Chair Ministries—please let me know. There is a place for everyone to use their God-given gifts.

Finally, I invite you to join us for our Conference Prayer Group every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. (Phone: 720-843-2603) and for Centering Prayer every Thursday at 2:00 p.m., followed by Bible Study at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom (Meeting ID: 841 8056 5606, Passcode: 876156).

Thank you for being a faithful and loving church family. May God continue to bless each of you as we grow together in faith, hope, and love.

Love and Prayers,
Pastor. Ivoni Maama

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 7, 2026

The Ad Council met by Zoom on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, with seven people present.

Worship – Nothing new. Some things are going to change with Christine as she will do a piece of music. The next meeting is Wed, July 15th at 7:00

Social Justice/Manna Ministries:

Homeless were fed by Lori and Alan. Pastor Ivonni hoping to feed the homeless during the week as well

United Women of Faith – Laura Scott stated there will be an ice cream social Thursday the 9th of July and on the 15th there will be a luncheon.

Education/Sunday School – No reprt

Board of Trustees: New washer for the Parsonage

Treasurer's Report / Finance Team – Gregg absent but Cathie reported the balance was \$1,600 left in the checking. Ad council meeting will be on August 4th at 7:00

Office: Lori stated everything is going well. Bug guy came in and sprayed each classroom and hall

Staff/Parish: Bonnie stated everything is good. Spoke to Diana about having the kids doing a youth fundraiser to help with social things, perhaps help make sandwiches for the homeless.

Parish care: Rick Sloan needs more testing, Charlene, Donna, Dennis, Monique. Kimery is doing well.

Pastor: No report

Calendar:

- **Fall Festival Nov 21st**
- **Wednesday, July 8, 15, 22, & 29: 10:00 a.m. – Prayer & Upper Room conference call**
- **Wednesday, July 8, 15, 22, & 29: 6:00 p.m. – weekly Centering Prayer by Zoom**
- **Wednesday, July 8, 6:00 p.m. – SPRC in the Fireside Room**
- **Thursday, July 9, 1:00 p.m. – Women of Faith in the Fireside Room**
- **Thursday, July 9, 16, 23, & 30: 2:00 p.m. – weekly Bible Reading Group by Zoom • Thursday, July 9, 16, 23, & 30: 4:30 p.m. – Bell Choir in the Fireside Room**
- **Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m. – Trustees meeting by Zoom**
- **Tuesday, July 21, 6:00 p.m. – Craft Night**
- **Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee in the Fireside Room**
- **Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting by Zoom**
- **Next Ad Council Meeting – August 4 th at 7 PM via Zoom**

Prayers were offered for those in need.

