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The Rev. Dr. Martin Niponi Finau
Rev. Tom Tran
Len Johnson and Ruth Pemble
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The Burro Bulletin

JULY, 2022

Moreno Valley United Methodist Church

“Leap of Faith”

Greetings to everyone!

Summer is here and it would bring many opportunities, excitements and challenges both to our lives and the ministry of our church. While some may have made reservation for a vacation, others have planned to enjoy the long warm days at the beach or at the camp sites. Whatever our plans for this summer, we are carefully considering every decision we make.



Through my years of experience with various churches, I have witnessed triumphs and failures and it still amazes me that above all, the congregation remains faithful to God. Some were struggling with the thought of giving their all to God as a push of faith whilst others were taking into consideration their families welfare. But I also witnessed a number of faithful members remain committed. Their love to God was deep rooted not in wealth, but to their Savior. They may not live a wealthy life style, but their dedication prospered the “Body of Christ.” They gave their all, and in return, their children and grandchildren reaped their labor.

It is my hope that in the midst of this challenging time, we will exercise faith and expect the Holy Spirit to work within us. Let us be reassured with Psalm 23: 4, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me.” Let our faith in the One who provides abundantly towards all our needs take us further in trust and that we will be blessed for a courageous leap of faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Finau

Best of Luck to the Torres Family, You will Be Missed!

Box Springs Cooperative Parish wishes you success, joy and happiness as you take on your new appointment as Lead Pastor of Moorpark UMC. We know that God has a special plan for you and your beautiful family.



***MVUMC Committee Meetings**

Finance | Tuesday, July 12th @ 6:30 PM
Board of Trustees | Tuesday, June 19th @ 6:30 PM



College Feeding | Grace UMC | 6:00 to 7:00 PM
1085 W. Linden Street, Riverside, CA 92507

YOU ARE INVITED
TO STOP BY, TUESDAY, JULY 26TH
FOR A HOME COOKED TAKE OUT MEAL
AT NO COST!!

COLLEGE FEEDING IS THE LAST TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Tuesday, July 26th | College Feeding | Grace UMC
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Moreno Valley will be providing Fried Chicken & Salad



Saturday, July 30th | Feed My Lambs
Highgrove UMC | 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

JULY 2022 PREACHING SCHEDULE

THEME: *Living the Spirit of Life*

Date	Grace 10:00 AM	Highgrove 9:15 AM	Moreno Valley 10:00 AM
Sunday, July 3 4 th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sunday	Rev. Tom Tran Vanson Truong (English/Vietnamese)	Rev. Hickman Melquiades Posadas (English/Hispanic)	Rev. Dr. M. Niponi Finau
Sunday, July 10 5 th Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday	Rev. Tom Tran	Rev. Dr. M. Niponi Finau	Rev. Dr. M. Niponi Finau
Sunday, July 17 6 th Sunday after Pentecost	John Atu	Rev. Dr. M. Niponi Finau	Rev. Tom Tran
Sunday, July 24 7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Tran	Rev. Dr. M. Niponi Finau	Rev. Dr. M. Niponi Finau
Sunday, July 31 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Dr. M. Niponi Finau	Rev. Tom Tran	Len Johnson

"A Special Thank you from Mindy Wagner"

Thank you to everyone for all the calls, emails, cards, flowers, baked goods and treats, and especially your prayers, before, during and after my back surgery!!! I cannot thank you enough for your generosity, and how much you all mean to me. I love the congregation of MVUMC very much, I'm doing pretty well!



July Birthdays

July 1st ~ Amber Sager
July 4th ~ Abraham Fifita
July 5th ~ Debbie Budde
July 9th ~ Okechi Anozie
July 11th ~ James Turner
July 12th ~ Dottie Cox
July 12th ~ ChrisAnn Torres
July 13th ~ Dorothy Whittington
July 16th ~ Deanna Fifita
July 24th ~ Mike Brown
July 24th ~ Cheryl Smith
July 25th ~ Maliepo Paea
July 26th ~ Tom Hartig
July 27th ~ Martin Finau
July 30th ~ Ailean Fifita



July Birthdays in Heaven

July 1st ~ Nelson Samuel
July 16th ~ Josephine Kalawa



Box Springs Cooperative Parish Wishes a Special Warm Welcome To Pastor Tom and Tha Tran

Tom Tran was born and raised in a Christian home in Vietnam. He accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior at the age of twelve. In April 1975, North Vietnamese communist troops invaded and took over South Vietnam by force. They took Tom's father, who was a colonel of South Vietnamese army, to concentration camp for ten years. Tom's family suffered religious and political persecution under communist rule. Between 1977 and 1982, Tom tried to escape Vietnam by boat seven times. But all of the efforts failed and he was caught and put in communist prison three times! Right after his latest release, Tom escaped again with fifty others in a small and old river boat which was 30 foot long and 10 foot wide with a small engine! After five days, they reached the shore of Thailand in March 1982. Tom lived in two refugee camps for 18 months before being resettled in the U.S. in November 1983.

This escaping experience has led him to say yes to God's call to ministry. Rev. Tran completed his theological education at Pacific Christian College and Claremont School of Theology. In June 1994, he was ordained and sent to full time ministry by Bishop Roy Sano. Since then, he has served eight churches. Rev. Tran loves the church and the people whom he serves. His gifts and graces are in the area of leadership, preaching, teaching and pastoral care. He also has a strong commitment to evangelism.



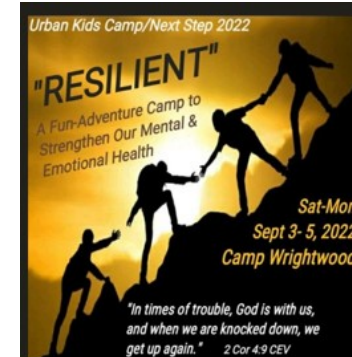
Rev. Tran and his wife Tha live in Perris. He enjoys playing guitar, eating international foods, jogging, going places, and spending time with family and friends. You can be rest assured that growing this church family in faith and numbers is the number one priority in his agenda. Rev. Tran looks forward to meeting everyone of you in church!

MORENO VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRAISE TEAM JOINS THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

“PRAISING THE LORD THROUGH OUR STREETS OF MORENO VALLEY”

All those in the parade will meet at church between 5:00 AM and 7:30 AM to prepare the float with the instruments, equipment, candy and any finishing touches to the float, if needed, and finally, test run the equipment. Check in at the parade site is between 8:00 AM and 8:30 AM. Anyone driving themselves, will be able to park by the start of the parade. If carpooling, there will be rides back to your car from the end of the route. Finish time will depend where we are placed in the parade. The closer to the front of the parade, the sooner we finish. The route is a little more than a mile should anyone decide to walk and throw candy. In the Spirit of the 4th, please wear light colored patriotic clothing, sunblock and a hat. Water will be available.

****** Anyone who participates in the parade must sign a release form for the City of Moreno Valley.******
Lenny has blank release forms for you to fill out.



DEAR FRIENDS,
WE HAVE TO RESCHEDULE
THE DATE OF THIS CAMP TO
**SEPT 3RD - 5TH (LABOR DAY
WEEKEND)** BECAUSE OF
UNFORSEEN
CIRCUMSTANCES.

If you have already registered and can attend this new date, your registration will move to this new date. If you have registered, but can not attend this new date, we will of course refund any registration fees that were paid.

With that said, We are still inviting all young people in the Cal-Pac Conference to join us Sept 3rd - 5th for:

A FUN/ADVENTURE CAMP

entitled

"RESILIENT"

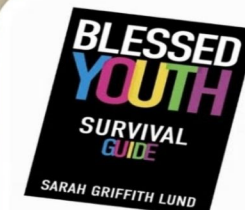
The Goal of This Camp is to Strengthen our Mental and Emotional Health

There is a Mental Health Crisis in America that is hitting Young People the hardest. This Camp is designed to address and counteract this challenging trend.

This Retreat will give you tools to survive & thrive when you are feeling some of these ways:

- my life has no meaning
- disconnected
- confused
- lost and alone
- no one is there for me
- there's something different about me
- my life sucks
- I hate myself
- I suck
- I'm stupid
- I'm a disappointment
- I don't know how to get help
- I can't do this anymore
- I don't want my life to be like this
- I know people who want to die but I don't know how to help them
- I don't know what's happening to me, but I need help
- I'm not ok

Whatever it is you are feeling is valid. And if you are not struggling right now, remember that it's likely a friend, family member, or someone you love is feeling some of these things and is struggling. Or maybe you have felt this way in the past or might feel this way in the future. Taking time now to learn more about mental health while you are in a good space will help you in the future.



Every Young Person Will Receive This Survival Guide on Strengthening Mental Health!

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