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Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon

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Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
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The Rev. Dr. Martin Niponi Finau
Pastor Xavier Torres
Len Johnson and Ruth Pemble
Jacqueline M. Wosczyk

Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Wednesday 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

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THE BURRO BULLETIN

MARCH, 2021

Moreno Valley United Methodist Church

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please join us for worship at 10 am each Sunday on Facebook @ fb.me/MoValUMC Or on YouTube @ Box Springs Cooperative Parish - UMC. Please visit our website @ www.morenovalleyumc.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021:

Join us for worship as we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Lent at 10 am from Moreno Valley with Pastor Xavier. This Sunday we celebrate the first Sunday in March with Drive-up Holy Communion from Moreno Valley and Grace from 10 am to 11 am.



SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021:

Join us for worship as we celebrate the 4th Sunday in Lent at 10 am from Grace with Pastor Finau.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021:

Join us for worship as we celebrate the 5th Sunday in Lent at 10 am from Highgrove with Jeanne Terrell.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021:

Join us for worship as we celebrate Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday and prepare for Holy Week at 10 am from Moreno Valley with our Children of Moreno Valley United Methodist Church (Kid's Church).

Pastor's Corner



Beloved Church,

Greetings and blessings to you in the name of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. On the cross Jesus demonstrated to us how we must act in times of suffering, pain and darkness. While on the cross, *Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing* (Luke 23:34). What is our response when we go through suffering and pain? Do we retreat and separate from other believers? Do we seclude ourselves in order to blame our pain? Do we refuse to forgive and hold on to bitterness and anger? Or do we, like Jesus, look around to those near to us, allowing God to use us in service? In the worst of times, the worst thing we can do is distance ourselves from God and others. This is what the Lord is showing us, when life throws the worst at us, we look around for opportunities to serve, to give and allow the power of God to work through us. We forgive others—we even forgive ourselves—and refuse to complain and blame. I pray you know the forgiveness of the Lord. I pray you serve the Lord and help others in the strength and mercy of His Spirit.

Grace & Peace be with you,

Xavier Torres

Associate Pastor
Box Springs Cooperative Parish
Highgrove UMC, Grace UMC, Moreno Valley UMC
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Yet I still dare to hope when I remember this: The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. (Lamentations 3:21-22, NLT)



Wednesday Morning's Fast and Prayer

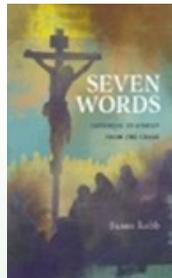
Please join us each Wednesday morning as we continue our "Fast and Prayer during Lent, through Holy Week/Passion Week and up until Easter for a morning of fasting from 6 am until noon followed by a prayer to break our fast on Zoom at noon. Please click on the link below to join Zoom.

Topic: Box Springs Parish's Zoom Meeting – Fast and Prayer Zoom Invitation
Time: Wednesday Mar 3, 2021 12:00 Noon Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85006493451>.

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Wednesday Evenings with Lenten Bible Study



SEVEN WORDS
LISTENING TO CHRIST FROM THE CROSS By Susan Robb

Please join us each Wednesday evening as we continue our six-week Lenten Bible Study Series at 6:30 pm on Zoom. If you haven't picked up your book yet, there are still a couple available. The books are \$12.99 each. You can pick up your copy at the church office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm or on Wednesdays from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

Topic: Box Springs Parish's Zoom Meeting - Lenten Study Invitation
Time: Wednesday Mar 3, 2021 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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Board of Trustees News

The Church clean up day was February 13th. Thank you so much to everyone who came out to help. We worked on a few projects. Pastor Finau, Abraham Fifita, George Fifita, worked on sand bags, and filling the dumpsters.

Ruth Pemble, Gloria Feliciano and Danial Reyes, worked on the lower section of the parking lot and did a great job in cleaning it up.

Pastor Torres and Marcus Van Hala planted trees on the middle campus.

Paul Budde worked on the riding lawn mower, tuned it up and got it started.

John Richards worked on outside lights, sign placement for trespassing and video recording so people understand that we do have surveillance for security reasons.

All in all, those who we're able to show up got a lot done in the short period of time we had. Our next workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 13th from 8:00 am until around noon. We still have many projects to do, so if you can come out and help it would be very much appreciated.



Save The Date



March 4, 2021: *Box Springs Cooperative Parish's Zoom Meetings:*
SPRC at 6 PM * Finance at 6:30 PM * Ad Council at 7:00 PM

March 9, 2021: Moreno Valley UMC Finance Committee Meeting at 6:30 PM on Zoom

March 13, 2021: We will have a workday from 8 am to 12 pm to clean the inside of the church

March 16, 2021: *Moreno Valley UMC Zoom Meetings:*
Trustees at 6:00 PM * Ad Council at 7:00 PM

PushPay and Stewardship

Chuck Gahagan, co-treasurer

We have been winding up our Stewardship Campaign, and as part of it, we are hoping that more of our members will begin taking advantage of our church's PushPay program for online giving. Let me explain why:

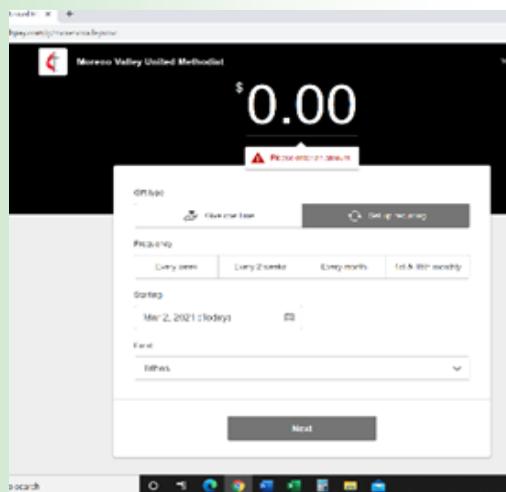
For each of us, "stewardship" means doing our share to grow and support this precious gift that has been given us, Moreno Valley United Methodist Church. That support involves more than just money, of course; it also involves our worship, and it means the gift of our time and talents, our thoughts and prayers. By using PushPay, though, we can simplify the financial part of stewardship, and we can make it more dependable and safer, both for the church and for our own finances.

If you send a check to the church (or drop it off), it will wait there until either Aki Caszatt or I come in to do the church's banking (usually once or twice a week); then it will need to be deposited. If you've been doing in-person banking, you may have noticed that the banks are often closed for COVID cleaning, and this can delay deposits, because we've had to drive the deposit to another open branch somewhere. (When our branch is closed, the night deposit is also not available.) At one time or another, we've had to make deposits for our church in multiple branches in Moreno Valley, Murrieta and Temecula! With PushPay, the deposit is secure and always at the same time (if you wish).

You can deposit using either a charge card or your bank number and account number from a check. Both are protected and secure, but if you want to select the one that involves less processing cost to the church, you will use the bank transfer option. We have been making two deposits a month that way since the program started (one for general fund and one for apportionments), and it's been great. I don't like using charge cards when I don't have to, and the bank withdrawals are dependable and convenient.

This month, why don't you give it a try? If you feel confident in the process, set up recurring gifts for the day(s) of the month you choose. If you're not ready for that, try a one-time gift to get a feel for it. We have a link on our web page—or just click right here:

www.pushpay.com/g/morenovalleyumc



If you do it, this is what you'll see:

Make your choices, fill in that card, and you're all set. It's just that simple. Whatever you choose (even if you just take a look), thank you—and have a blessed March!

United Methodist Women Report March 2021

About this time last year, we had a visit from the president and some board members of the East District United Methodist Women. The president of Cal-Pac U. M. W. was also in attendance and they had a good visit especially with ladies who stayed for the pot-luck fellowship after the worship service. They were looking forward to getting to know us as we organize as a unit and seeing us at District and Conference gatherings, then the corona virus pandemic happened. Things came to a halt.

However, the pandemic has not stopped activities by the women at the District and Conference levels. They have continued to meet by Zoom and many spirit-filled events have taken place. On February 20 there was a Social Action event "Knitting Together God's Family" and we heard from three powerful women speakers who challenged us to think of the various forms of oppression in the world. They encouraged us to use our personal stories to address some of these institutionalized problems. We were also challenged to look at how raising children has changed due to both parents having to work in most households. We have to do some digging and reflect on how to create a just society for our children and children's children.

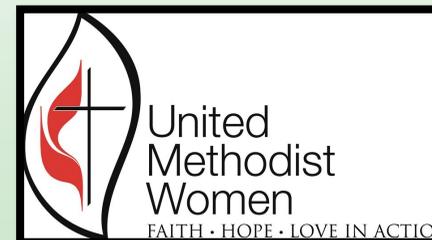
The welcome address was given by Rev. Moonyoung Lee, the Hawaiian District Superintendent. She based her message on the theme of the event and told us that Christ the Master Knitter invites us to come as we are and He will use us to fulfil a purpose in this dark and cold world.

To conclude, I will like to share the **Purpose** of the United Methodist Women with you: **"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church."** We are not just a social group. We have answered Christ's calling to fulfil a purpose in the expansion of God's Kingdom. We are the second largest women's organization in the world.

Feel free to contact me if you want to know more about U.M.W.

Sophia Blankson

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Feeding Our Community



A special thank you to everyone who came out to donate food to our community families in need. Due to your generosity, we were able to share and feed eleven (11) families. Thank you to everyone who helped collect food and deliver them to our families in need!

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on **March 17**, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage. Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.



MARCH

BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

- March 3 ~ Vic Deleeuw
- March 3 ~ Lily Ogunshots
- March 4 ~ Eneio Vaiaku
- March 6 ~ Susie Johnson
- March 10 ~ Edie Thornton
- March 15 ~ Paul Budde
- March 19 ~ Martha Bayne
- March 20 ~ Michele Mitchell
- March 20 ~ Amanda Mitchell

- March 26 ~ Claudius Thompson-Shaw
- March 27 ~ Al Wagner
- March 27 ~ Ana Paea
- March 29 ~ Lenny Johnson
- March 30 ~ John Morgan

- March 2 ~ Earl & Lucy Stewart
- March 23 ~ Tim & Miki Lawler



~PRAY WITHOUT CEASING~

FOR COMFORT ~

Family of **Henry** (oldest brother of Ruth Van Hala), Family of **Marilyn Puckett** (former member of Moreno Valley UMC Choir and long-time member of Moreno Valley Master Chorale), Family of **Andy Young**, Family of **Leonard Watkins**, and the family of **Josephine Kalawa** on the passing of three of our special church friends, Family of **Net and Paul Allen**, Family of **Bob Dennis**, Family and Friends of **Bridget**

FOR GOOD HEALTH ~

Mickie Pecoraro (friend of the Wagners), **Lucas Cameron** (friend of Debbie Abry), **Makatapu Paea** (father of Salesi), **Sam Walker**, **Kinsley Hunt** (friend of Debbie Abry), **Sue Jones** (sister of Debbie Abry), **Ron Meeter** (friend of Debbie Abry), **Perry Wahe** (father of Amy Fish), **Mike Williamson** (grandfather of Charlie Williamson), **Ron Stewart** (son of Earl & Lucy Stewart), **Carlos Melendez**, **Aley Wallace** (friend of Alissa Abry), **Mildred** (mother of Kathy Brewer), **Manuel Mendoza** (son of Alma Mendoza), **Jack Dandurand**, **Michelle Quillen** (friend of Debbie Abry), **Marcia Carpenter**, **Charity Njopera**, **Bruce Crabtree**, **Sharon Richards** (sister-in-law of John Richards), **Deborah Blake**, **Brad Avooske**, **Amelia Ellis**, **Wilbur Mallett**, **Billy Lytle** (friend of Christina Williamson), **Barbara Tippery** (grandmother of Christina Williamson), **Deanna Fifita**, **Gabriel Mora** (friend of Claudia Garcia), **Marlene Wells** (Net Allen's mother), **Ivon** (friend of Amy Fish), **Jeff Fields** (friend of Vic DeLeeuw), **Doug Peterson** (nephew of Karin Richards), **Bob Sparks** (grandfather of Christina & Charles Williamson), **Jessica Bourgoin** (daughter of Jan Hill), **Sara Santacruz** (sister of Alma Mendoza), **Dorothy Whittington**, **Karin Richards**, **Janet Shoff** (mother in law of Alma Mendoza's daughter), **Virginia** (Mother of Zeny Clark), **Estella Cox**, **Noah Barberina** (friend of Al and Mindy Wagner), **Andrew Stephano** (requested by John Vaiaku), **William Jones**, **Nolan Niebla**, **Robine Smith** (friend of Eneio Vaiaku), **Edith Jones** (sister of Martha Bayne), **Grace Galam** (friend of Alisa Castro), **George Lisalda** (husband of Dana Lisalda), **Patti** (sister of Sandy Young), **Wendy Baltazar**, **Dr. Ellen Smith** (friend of Debbie Abry), **Doug**, **Alycia Davis & Sydney**, **Mila Maefau**, **Lindsey Brown** (friend of Martha Bayne), **Gloria Keeney** (sister of Karin Richards), **Jacqueline Williams** (boss of Eneio Vaiaku), **Marge Johnson** (mother of Lenny Johnson), **Mike & Georgia Brown**, **Semisi (James) Mateaki**, **Jonathan Garcia**, **Zaveth Cortez** (sister of Elizabeth Garcia), **Allison Sager**, **Lawson Hill** (brother of Alicia Lowe), **Net Allen**, **Makatapu Paea** (oldest son of Tangikina & Salesi Paea), **Robert Wosczyk** (husband of Jackie Wosczyk), **Sophia** (niece of Marcus Van Hala), **Gary** (brother-in-law of John Bender), **Jan** (mother of Gary), **Yesenia Newman**, **Troy Anderson** (cousin's son of Mindy Wagner), Family of **Michael Martin** (friend of Alisa Castro), **Brent Clark** (colleague of Martha Bayne's daughter), **"G"** (student of Carol Howk), **Carol** (sister of Tammy Simmons, friend of Ruth Pemble), Lorraine's brother, **Laura & Hugh Mcquitty** (Martha Bayne's niece and her husband), **Sharon & Todd Billman** (good friends of Tim & Miki Lawler), **Carmen & Antonio** (Grandparents of Desiree Wagner), **Maria De La Luz Sanchez** (Co-worker's mom of Claudia Garcia), **Scott Wobken** (friend of Mindy Wagner), **Dago Garcia**, **Judy & Pete Piercy** (aunt & uncle of Laurie LaBelle & Alex Davidson), **Connie** (daughter-in-law of John & Karin Richards), **Jose Nunez** (father-in-law of Claudia Garcia's niece), **Natalia Mercado** (sister of Claudia Garcia), **Erika Garcia** (sister-in-law of Claudia Garcia), **Leon Kelly's brother** (requested by Gloria Feliciano), **Judy Avery** (former secretary at Grace UMC), **Carmela** (mother of Marlene, a co-worker of Steefeni Johnson), **Moses** (doctor caring for Carmela), Family of **Martha Bayne**, **Dan** (brother of Tim Lowe), **husband & wife** (good friends of Mindy Wagner), **Tim** (brother of Denise Tomlinson), **Diana Hanson** (mother of Desiree Wagner)

FOR STRENGTH & DIRECTION ~

Pastor Finau, Avery & Merlin Villareal (friends of Elizabeth Garcia), **Rafael Cortez Jr.** (brother of Elizabeth Garcia), **Victor Leyva** (friend of Vera), **Christina Williamson**, **Dr. Ellen Smith & Leigh** (friends of Debbie Abry), **Alofa Paea**, **Cindi Hunter's family** (friends of Debbie Abry), **Astrid Cervantes** (granddaughter of Marcus and Ruth Van Hala), **Mary Aulfather** (sister of Ruth Van Hala), **Shoff family**, **Alma Mendoza**, **Jennifer Martini** (friend of Amy Fish), **Scherf Family**, **Wallace Family**, **Gloria Keeney** (sister of Karin Richards)

FOR OUR SERVICEMEN AND SERVICEWOMEN ~

Matthew Muller, **Anthony Muller**, **Scott Snodgrass**, **David Olson**, **Sgt. John Vuki**, **Luke Hamann**, **Edna Folau**, **Justin Grimm**, **Adam Bleau**, **Sgt. Jeremiah Scott Villareal**

A = Always
S = Say
A = A
P = Prayer

