

# The Burro Bulletin

September, 2020

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## Upcoming Events:

Please join us for worship on Facebook @ [fb.me/MoValUMC](https://fb.me/MoValUMC) or on YouTube at Box Springs Cooperative Parish - UMC

**Sunday, September 6, 2020:** Join us for Drive-Up Communion from 10 - 11 am from Highgrove/Moreno Valley. Join us for worship @ 10 am from Highgrove with Pastor Finau.

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**Sunday, September 13, 2020:** Join us for worship at 10 am from Moreno Valley with Pastor Xavier.

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**Sunday, September 20, 2020:** Join us for worship at 10 am from Grace with Pat Hogan.

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**Sunday, September 27, 2020:** Join us for worship at 10 am from Highgrove with Pastor Finau.

**Moreno Valley United Methodist Church**  
**10271 Heacock Street**  
**Moreno Valley, CA 92557-2200**  
**Phone: 951-924-6990**

## *The Worker's Prayer*

Lord, I thank You for this job and the blessings it provides.

May You watch over me this day and keep me safe from harm.

Create in me a willing spirit and happy heart.

Grant me the ambition to work hard and give me the strength to finish what I have started.

May my hands always be prepared to help lighten another's load.

And finally, Lord, remind me that the quality of my work is a reflection of You to those around me.

*Amen*



# Treasurer's Report

## Financial Report: How We're Doing

Our church is conserving money whenever possible and taking advantage of any aid that is available. As a result of that and our members' support, we are holding our own from month to month. Each month we gain or lose a bit compared to the previous one.

Between June and July, we gained not quite \$2,000. This is less than ten percent of our monthly expenses, so we are not showing a lot of variation. Instead, we are getting by through the faithful support of our members.

We are also preparing for the coming reopening of our worship in church. We know that through the grace of God that day *will* be here, and when it arrives, we will be ready. We have purchased sanitizer stations and individual packets for communion, and we are taking all the other steps needed to make worship together both a safe and uplifting experience.

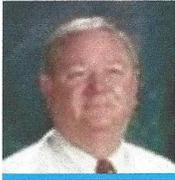
With the leadership and expertise of our pastors, we have also obtained aid that is helping us meet expenses. We have received help from the East District and Cal-Pac Conference to make needed major repairs to our roof: we will be able to use a \$5,000 grant and \$5,000 loan from the District, and we have received a \$3,600 grant from the Conference. That, together with money we have already saved, should be sufficient.

During this lockdown time, our Parish activities have been frozen, but we are preparing there, too. Over the years, the Parish has been awarded over \$13,000 in grants so far; a part of what remains (the part for Hispanic ministry) has been frozen during lockdown, but we are about to hire a lay minister to restart that ministry and to reactivate our grant. Also, our campus outreach program has over \$7,000 in money available to it; we will activate that program when it becomes feasible. That is what we can do together as a parish—but we could not do alone.

Do you sense that a spring is coming? I do, even though our “winter” has had 100-degree temperatures. Until that end-of-pandemic day arrives, keep the faith: support the church, worship as you are able, be mindful of your health—and may God continue to bless you and yours.

--Chuck Gahagan, for the Finance Committee





Aug. 22, 2020

MVUMC Members

I am James Turner. I have been a member of MVUMC for more than 20 years. My wife Karen and I became members when MVUMC had services at the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church on Indian St, Moreno Valley, CA.

I was privileged to become the MVUMC Financial Secretary over 20 years ago. I felt it was a great opportunity for me. In a sense, it was my ministry. Due to severe health reason developing over many years I am no longer able to perform duties as the church financial secretary.

March 2020 my health issues worsened and I had to decide that I was NO LONGER able to perform the financial secretary duties. After much thought and discussion, I requested to be replaced by a person that was willing and capable of performing those duties professionally and in an outstanding manner.

Our MVUMC Financial Secretary duties are now being performed by Aki Caszatt. Thank you Aki.

I still, on occasion, receive requests for MVUMC Contribution Tax documents for 2019. I have provided that information to Aki.

My apologies if I am unable to provide the assistance you require.

It was my privilege to be MVUMC Financial Secretary.

Thank you, and God's Blessings to all.

JAMES TURNER

# Holiday's Celebrated in September

## Monday Sept 7th -Labor Day



### Labor Day: What it Means

The first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

**The First Labor Day:** The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

<https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history>



## Wednesday September 9th - California Admission's Day

In February of 1848, Mexico and the United States signed a treaty which ended the Mexican War and yielded a vast portion of the Southwest, including present day California, to the United States. Several days earlier, January 24, 1848, gold had been discovered on the American River near Sacramento, and the ensuing gold rush hastened California's admittance to the Union. With the Gold Rush came a huge increase in population and a pressing need for civil government. In 1849, Californians sought statehood and, after heated debate in the U.S. Congress arising out of the slavery issue, California entered the Union as a free, non-slavery state by the Compromise of 1850. California became the 31st state on September 9, 1850. The Golden State's rich history has since been shaped by people of every ethnic background who traveled here seeking economic, social and educational opportunity, and a life of quality and breathtaking beauty.

<https://www.parks.ca.gov/>



## Friday September 25th - Native American Day

Native American Day is a holiday celebrated across the United States in lieu of Columbus Day. In California and Nevada, the holiday is celebrated on the fourth Friday of September, whereas in South Dakota and Wisconsin, it falls on the second Monday of October. Within each of these states, Native American Day honors the cultural contributions of Native American communities to the respective state's history, as well as to the overall country. The state of Tennessee observes a similar American Indian Day each year on the fourth Monday of September 6

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native\\_American\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native_American_Day)



## Hispanic Heritage Month Sept 15 - Oct 15

The rich ethnic heritage of Hispanic Americans gives us cause to celebrate because it is a proud and colorful portion of our Nation's heritage. Hispanic Americans have reaffirmed our belief in the principles of liberty and democratic government, and they have helped to share that vision with our neighbors in Central and South America and the Caribbean. This month, as we recognize the many achievements of Hispanic Americans, we also recall the universal appeal of the American ideal of freedom and opportunity for all.

In recognition of the outstanding achievements of Hispanic Americans, the Congress, by Joint Resolution approved September 17, 1968 (Public Law 90-498), as amended, has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating the month beginning September 15 and ending October 15 as "National Hispanic Heritage Month."

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/proclamation-6021-national-hispanic-heritage-month-1989>

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 9/4  | Estella Cox             |
| 9/7  | Keti Paea               |
| 9/13 | Josefina Ha             |
| 9/21 | Alofa Paea              |
| 9/23 | Adrena Elmer            |
| 9/24 | Silipa Paea             |
| 9/27 | Marcus Van Hala         |
| 9/27 | Siosaia Faiva           |
| 9/27 | Allison Sager           |
| 9/30 | Aki Caszatt             |
| 9/30 | Brian Fish              |
|      |                         |
| 9/5  | Jack & Sherri Dandurand |
| 9/10 | Brian & Amy Fish        |
| 9/17 | Andy & Sandy Young      |
| 9/19 | James & Karen Turner    |
| 9/22 | Salesi & Tangikina Paea |
| 9/25 | Bill & Sally Wilhite    |



# A Word of Thanks

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**THANK YOU!**

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Dear Friends:

There is so much for us to be uncertain about right now. Heifer participants in the 21 countries where we work are some of the most vulnerable to the pandemic. But while things may be uncertain, I'm sure of one thing: With you by their side, hardworking families around the world have the best possible chance to fend off hunger and poverty.

**You stepped up at a time when most would not. That's why I want to extend my warmest appreciation for your recent contribution of \$5,001.50 to Heifer.**

Your thoughtful support provides livestock to people in need, as well as training and resources to raise their animals properly and cultivate their crops. And right now, as COVID-19 and the resulting global hunger crisis continue to upend lives, your support guarantees that families who once lifted themselves out of hunger and poverty never go back.

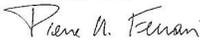
With your support, we are finding new and innovative ways to ensure that farmers in places like Nepal have enough feed for their cattle and a way to get their milk to market. Your support ensures that small business owners in Ecuador can get produce to urban markets, despite lockdowns. Your support makes its way around the world, helping those who simply need a hand up to help themselves.

At the same time, you are letting Heifer families know how much you really care about their well-being and that you truly believe in them. This is an extraordinary gift in itself!

You give them the encouragement they desperately need to achieve a better life for their children and to lift up their community.

So when a little boy finally goes to bed with a full stomach ... when parents earn enough to send their daughter to school ... when a determined woman transforms herself into a successful entrepreneur and role model ... it's because of your generosity and friendship.

I can't stress enough the tremendous impact you are making as you help create lasting change, hope and security the world over. Thank you for showing your compassion — even in the most challenging of times. I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well.

With much gratitude,  
  
Pierre U. Ferrari  
President and CEO



## A WORKDAY THANK YOU FROM JOHN RICHARDS

I would like to thank all those who came out to help on the workday, this past Saturday, 8/29; Pastor Finau, Pastor Martin Jr., Pastor Torres, Tim Lowe, Paul Budde, Marcus Van Hala.

Trees were trimmed, the concrete pad was laid for the new mailbox closer to the office, which was donated by Mindy and Al Wagner. L.E.D. lights were installed in many of the offices and Sanctuary. We just need to get a few more to finish this project.

We also had the Engineer out to look over the area for the new patio cover. With that being said, the new roof will be completed very shortly. We are just waiting on the permits and schedule date.

A lot of items were accomplished, the grounds are looking good. We will decide on another workday soon, which will focus on trash pickup, cleaning the restrooms and kitchen areas.

Also, a big Thank You to Vera for providing us with some nice cold water while we worked.

# A Word of Thanks

7-15-20

Dear Vera,

I just wanted to thank you for your part in putting together the "Birthday drive by" on Sunday. I really appreciate your getting together with Debbie. It was such a complete surprise, I was overwhelmed and so honored that so many of the church would take the time (in that heat) to drive by and "shout" their birthday greetings and leave cards. I feel so blessed to be have been a part of our church. I'm really going to miss all of you so much.

Things are happening fast. The house sold and is in Escrow as of today. (30 days). I'll be in touch. God be with all of you. Stay well & safe.

Love & Hugs,  
Dottie

**~PRAY WITHOUT CEASING~**



**FOR COMFORT ~**

Family of **Mike Avooske**, Family of **Harold Case** (father of Vera (Andy) Rodriguez), Family of **Bill Gant**, Family of **Charlie Clark** (husband of Zeny Clark)

**FOR GOOD HEALTH ~**

**Mickie Pecoraro** (friend of the Wagners), **Lucas Cameron** (friend of Debbie Abry), **Vincent Siale Po'oi** (Siosaia & Eneio's nephew), **Makatapu Paea** (father of Salesi), **Sam Walker**, **Kinsley Hunt** (friend of Debbie Abry), **Sue Jones** (sister of Debbie Abry), **Anne Gichanga**, **Ron Meeter** (friend of Debbie Abry), **Perry Wahe** (father of Amy Fish), **Dago Garcia**, **Mike Williamson** (grandfather of Charlie Williamson), **Ron Stewart** (son of Earl & Lucy Stewart), **Madelyn Tuckerman** (granddaughter of Sandy Young), **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 Tippetery** (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**, **Isabel Harper** (Sandy Young's daughter-in-law's mom), **Janet Shoff** (mother in law of Alma Mendoza's daughter), **Virginia** (Mother of Zeny Clark), **Estella Cox**, **Andy Young** (Sandy's husband), **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), **Pat Gates** (sister of Martha Bayne), **Gloria Keeney** (sister of Karin Richards), **Jacqueline Williams** (boss of Eneio Vaiaku), **Marge Johnson** (mother of Lenny Johnson), **Mike & Georgia Brown**, **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), **Carmen Gill** (grandma of Desiree Wagner), **Henry** (oldest brother of Ruth Van Hala), **Sally Wilhite** (wife of Bill Wilhite), **Sharon** (wife of Tim Lawler's friend, Todd), **Sophia** (niece of Marcus Van Hala), **Gary** (brother-in-law of John Bender), **Jan** (mother of Gary), **Yesenia Newman**, **Samantha Lopez** (granddaughter of Claudia and Dago Garcia)

**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 the Van Halas), **Mary Aultfather** (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**



As the intense desert sun beat down on me, I already regretted not having a full bottle of cold water for the trek up the hill today. My mind was already telling my body that it was too hot to take a walk but that I needed the exercise. Not even the shade of a small tree provided any respite from the solar rays. Is it possible that just a few days ago it was cold and foggy? A huge horsefly buzzed around my head distracting me momentarily from thinking about the heat, straying off only if I waved my hands back and forth along both sides of my head. The purple-stemmed plants with tiny yellow flowers were already wilting and turning brown. Wild mustard seems to be the only plant thriving, confident that its roots will reach the water needed. A three-foot Coastal rosy boa snake slithered ahead of me on the path seeking shade under the brush. Instead of being startled by its presence, I welcomed the distraction from the heat. A half full liter bottle of root beer sitting in the middle of the path looked as if it may burst from the heat and carbonation. The thought of the sticky liquid spraying all over me just increased my awareness of being hot. Nearing the top of the hill, I began chanting, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can." My feet were on fire inside my hiking boots as I trudged one step after another before reaching the turning point to start downhill again. I had gone beyond the point of perspiration to actually sweating. Swollen fingers barely closed around the near-empty bottle of water. I must ration it.

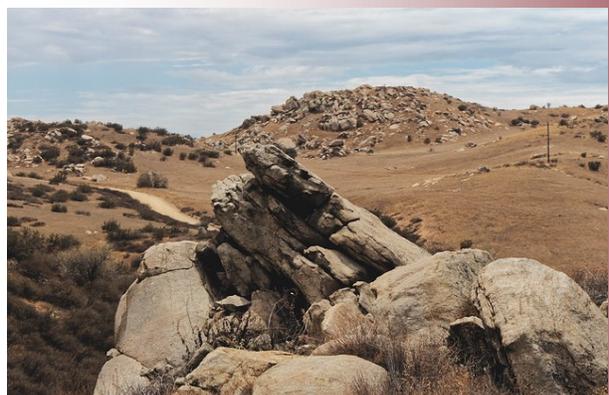
A slight breeze caressed my face, or am I just walking that much faster downhill. Whichever it is re-energized my body for a short time. The valley below should have been shimmering with heat waves, but it didn't look any different in the heat than on a cool day. Maybe heat waves are only visible along a stretch of highway in the desert in the middle of summer. With temperatures approaching 100 degrees today (really, in May!), heat waves were radiating from my body. Backyard pools looked so inviting as I imagined jumping (I don't dive) into the water, feeling the initial shock of the cold water while sinking until my body and head are completely immersed in the water. What a welcome relief from the heat!

A few short beeps from my cell phone indicating a text message brought me back to reality. Josh, Jenn and Logan are on their way to visit for the weekend. My steps became quicker as my mind changed gears and focused on seeing them. I flew down the path, forgetting about the heat. Attitude – what a difference!

Jan Hartig

Moreno Valley, CA

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# Church Announcements



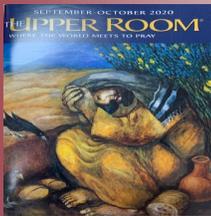
**Sunday, September 6, 2020:** As we celebrate the first Sunday in September, let us partake in Holy Communion together. Please join us for Drive-Up Communion at Moreno Valley or Highgrove from 10 am to 11 am.



## DONATIONS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES



We are accepting donations for school supplies for our students as they return back to school. We would like to make these donations available to the children on September 6th at the church office after our Drive-Up Communion. We will continue to accept donations throughout September.



September - October 2020 Issue of the Upper Room is available at the church office. You may pick up your copy Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office by email at [morenovalleyumc@gmail.com](mailto:morenovalleyumc@gmail.com).



Sophia Blankson shared this announcement from the newsletter of the East District United Methodist Women: After a long hiatus they are resuming meetings virtually and the next event will be the Annual Celebration on Saturday, September 26. Registration is required to call in.

Mary Herndon, president of Grace UMW, would also like to invite us to their monthly meeting on Saturday, September 12 at Grace UMC at 10 am. The meeting will be held outdoors and will observe social distancing protocols. Mary is suggesting we could form a Parish UMW. This topic will be discussed at this meeting.

If you need more information, please email Sophia at [sblankson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sblankson@sbcglobal.net) or you can reach her by phone at (909) 286-8557.