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The Rev. Dr. Martin Niponi Finau
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The Burro Bulletin

SEPTEMBER 2021 *Moreno Valley United Methodist Church*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please join us for worship each Sunday on YouTube @ Box Springs Cooperative Parish - UMC or please join us for our In-Person Worship Services for the month as follows:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021:

Please join us as we celebrate the 15th Sunday after Pentecost with our special guest speaker, Rev. Orlando Rivera at 10:00 AM. This Sunday, we celebrate the 1st Sunday in September with Holy Communion.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021:

Please join us as we celebrate the 16th Sunday after Pentecost with Rev. Dr. M. Niponi Finau at 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021:

Please join us for worship as we celebrate the 17th Sunday after Pentecost with our special guest Speaker, Jonathan Ogbogu at 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021:

Please join us for worship as we celebrate the 18th Sunday after Pentecost with Pastor Xavier Torres at 10:00 AM.

Pastor Finau will be on vacation beginning September 13th and returning on September 30th.



If you need to reach the Pastoral Team for any reason, please contact Pastor Xavier Torres @ (909) 222-7051 or xatorres@icloud.com or please contact the church office @ (951) 924-6990 or morenovalleyumc@gmail.com.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Church Members,

May the Almighty Lord continue to abundantly clothe you and your loved ones with His abiding grace and sustaining peace.

On behalf of the Finau Family, I am in debt with gratitude for your love. I sincerely thank you for your generosity of welcoming cards, gifts, and monetary items as you welcomed us back to the Parish this month. You have abundantly blessed our family with your continuous prayers, gift of joy, and love, and therefore, we respond "Praise be to God!"

May this Annual Conference year, 2021-22, give us the opportunity to embrace, experience and share our gift of service and love with others. Each of you have demonstrated a willing and compassionate heart in the service of our Lord and it is my prayer that our gracious Lord will draw nearer to you as you draw nearer to Christ.

Wishing each of you a purposed-filled summer full of excitement and blessings.

The Finau Family,



September Birthdays

September 4th ~ Estella Cox
September 7th ~ Keti Paea
September 13th ~ Josefina Ha
September 21st ~ Alofa Paea
September 23rd ~ Adrena Elmer
September 24th ~ Silipa Paea
September 27th ~ Marcus Van Hala
September 27th ~ Siosaia Faiva
September 27th ~ Allison Sager
September 30th ~ Aki Caszatt
September 30th ~ Brian Fish



September Anniversaries

September 5th ~ Jack & Sherri Dandurand
September 10th ~ Brian & Amy Fish
September 19th ~ James & Karen Turner
September 22nd ~ Salesi & Tangikina Paea
September 25th ~ Bill & Sally Wilhite



Save The Date

Tuesday, September 14th ~ Finance Meeting on Zoom at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, September 21st ~ Board of Trustees Meeting on Zoom at 6:00 PM
Tuesday, September 21st ~ C.O.R.E. Meeting on Zoom at 7:00 PM.

FINANCE



From Our Treasurer, Chuck Gahagan

Considering the economy, we continue to do fairly well financially. As far as our local church budget is concerned, we are pretty much breaking even. Last month, for example, we had a net loss of \$1,357, but in June we were \$4,029 in the black, and in May we cleared expenses by just \$324. That has been our pattern: a good month followed by several not so good.

There is, however, an important area of financial concern. We are falling behind in our support of our apportionments for 2021. Apportionments, you remember, are what put the “united” in “United Methodist.” They are the way that local churches work together to finance our district, conference, national and world organizations. Thanks to those organizations, we have powerful missions worldwide, and we are able to aid churches that are struggling—and we have been aided ourselves.

I have never tried to make a full list, but most of our major projects, here and at Box Springs Cooperative Parish, have only been possible with the help of grants and loans—and the money for those has come largely from apportionments paid by us and by other local churches. That is true of major roof repairs done recently, it was true when we repaved the parking lot, when we installed a security system, and now when we are upgrading that system. It is true of the parish’s Hispanic ministry program and of our outreach to students at UC Riverside and to the poor in Riverside as well. We have gained more than we have given.

We are eight months into the year, and if we gave at an even pace, we would have given two-thirds (67%) of our obligation for the year, which is \$22,728. We are slightly behind that at 55%. Money given to the church goes to the church budget offering (the general fund) unless it is specifically designated for some other purpose. Apportionment is one of these designation options. As you can see, we don’t have funds to spare from our budget, so I am hoping we can collectively give slightly more through the remaining months (if only about 10%) to support our apportionment without harming our local church. Offerings can be split, or every now and then a separate offering (or separate check) can be included for “apportionments.” Because the accounting is simpler, tellers prefer to see that second option rather than split checks, but either is appreciated.

I know that these have been difficult times. The members of our church, like others, have struggled with the challenges raised by the COVID pandemic. But our church has also been sorely affected by the loss of long-time, stalwart members who supported our ministries in good years and in bad—supported with their time, talents and resources. These members, among them Ralph Hogan, Georgia Brown and Nelson Samuel, lightened our days each time we saw them in worship or at church activities.

On a personal note, I am glad that I have been able to tell both Ralph and Pat that they were my Christian heroes (Pat, of course, still is.) Through their examples, they gave me both guidance and goals. I first became involved in church finance many years ago when Ralph was so critical in guiding our young church and when Pat was treasurer; I can guarantee that without his ministry and her constant effort (often juggling what bills got paid when), we would not be here today. Georgia’s expertise and service were both practical and valuable—she literally taught me to be a treasurer—but I cannot think about Georgia now without recalling what a delight it was to know her and to talk with her about her experiences and the life she and Mike created. And Nelson? Our families have been close for decades now, parents and children, through easy times and hard. Nelson and I were tellers together for many years, and when I think about this gentle, gentle man, often smiling and always ready to help, I am proud to remember him as a friend.

I think that if we allow it to occur, we all become caught up in so many similar webs of love and care here. These are, I believe, echoes of Christ’s love for us, and our being faithful to all these ties, spiritual and personal, is what makes our church unlike any other organization on earth, unlike any political party or sports team or workplace or club. It is what makes supporting our church not a task, but a joy.



FROM THE DESK OF
PASTOR XAVIER



August 17, 2021

Moreno Valley United Methodist Church
10271 Heacock St.
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Dear Beloved Congregation,

Greetings and blessings to you in the name of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The rich goodness and abundant love of the Lord be with you all. I want to thank you for the special gift received Sunday August 15th, at the conclusion of service. You have overwhelmed my family and me with great kindness and care.

ChrisAnn, Camael and I are truly thankful for your love and generosity. Thank you, Pastor Finau, for your leadership and care for the pastoral team. Thanks all around to you beloved congregation, I hope to not leave anyone out. Thank you, precious people of the United Methodist Church, lay leaders, members, staff, and my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

I hope our time together continues to be filled with the Spirit of the Lord. I look forward to more blessed days. I pray the Lord blesses our church. I pray we know together how high, how deep, how wide, how long the love of the Father is toward us through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray: Father God, make known to us the mystery of Christ. Show us the riches of Christ, grant us the promises of Christ, and make us partakers, members and heirs of heavenly riches in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Grace and Peace be with you always,

Pastor Xavier

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Triza, Eric, and David Samuel and Family
Janice Hoag (teacher friend, former colleague of Gloria Feliciano)
Lenny Johnson
Susie Johnson
Estella Cox
Lina Marbella
Patsy Seo (former choir member)
Susan Sullivan (daughter of Pat Hogan)
Martha Bayne
Sonja Van Hala (niece of Marcus Van Hala)
The Brown Family
Pastor Travis Franklin (Martha Bayne's sister's pastor's husband)
Dana Lisalda
Alexia Michels (sister of Alicia Lowe)
Mary Aultfather (sister of Ruth Van Hala)
Michelle Keeney (niece of Karin Richards)
Cheryl Riggs (former member)
Bob Kooman (formerly attended Moreno Valley UMC)
Mindy Wagner
Rick Anderson (brother of Mindy Wagner)
Sissy Slater
Sally Wilhite
Belen Apolinario
Joan Williamson (sister of Ruth Pemble)
Madison (granddaughter of John & Shirley Morgan)
Larry MacDonald



A Celebration of Life for Nelson Samuel

**Moreno Valley United Methodist Church
On Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 11:30 AM.**

Interment @ Montecito Memorial Park & Mortuary, Colton, California



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Fire Bucket Ministry

The California Pacific Conference is inviting local churches to take on this “Fire Bucket Ministry” by assembling the five-gallon buckets that will be stored at supply hubs around the Conference. They can be deployed on short notice wherever needed. We would like to get the Box Springs Cooperative Parish involved in supporting this Ministry.

Needed Materials

Five-gallon buckets with lid
Used buckets accepted if free from all residual product.
Small items will go inside the bucket.

- 2 Tyvek coveralls - XL or XXL (can be taped up for smaller bodies).
- 5 N95 dust masks (or similar if not available).
- 2 work gloves.
- 8 nitrile gloves to wear under work gloves.
- 1 pack of at least 28 disinfecting wipes or multipurpose cleaning wipes.
- 1 box cutter.
- 1 roll of duct tape
- 2 soot sponges (advertised to use for cleaning fireplaces)
- 1 hand hoe
- 1 hand towel.





To go along with the bucket, a square-nosed shovel and a rake can be very helpful. Also, sifters made by UVMIMs are very useful.

For questions, please contact Ruth & Mike Pemble at: gammie0359@yahoo.com.

Online donations accepted (Click here: [Call For Support with Fire Buckets](#))

Moreno Valley Bible Study

Women’s and Men’s Monday Night Bible Studies hosted by Miki and Tim Lawler:
Women’s Bible Study @ 5:30 PM. Men’s Bible Study @ 6:45 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2571533164?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2571533164?pwd=U3ZUNi9wb3hxYmlkMCt1SVdhemtWQT09)
[pwd=U3ZUNi9wb3hxYmlkMCt1SVdhemtWQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2571533164?pwd=U3ZUNi9wb3hxYmlkMCt1SVdhemtWQT09)
Meeting ID: 257 153 3164
Passcode: 4qfksL
If you wish to join by phone, please contact Miki Lawler for information.

Wednesday Night Bible Study “Act Like Jesus” with Pastor Finau continues through the month of September at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Zoom meeting Link below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84603113484>.

All Church Workday

Thank you to everyone who came out to help on Saturday, August 21st:



Ruth Pemble, Gloria Feliciano, Tim Lowe, Abraham Fifita and his son, Anna Finau, Milika Finau, Yvonne Johnson, Daniel Reyes, Pastor Torres, Pastor Finau and Pastor Can. A lot was accomplished, including painting and replacing the Led lights of the Cross.



Thank you to everyone for taking the time to help make our Father’s House a Beautiful Home!