

Our Bishop
District Superintendent

The Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya
Rev. Dr. Siosaia Tu'itahi

The Church Staff is here to serve you:

Ministers
Senior Pastor
Associate Pastor
Co-Lay Leaders
Secretary

The Members of this Church
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

Visit us on our website at: www.morenovalleyumc.com



Moreno Valley United Methodist Church

Moreno Valley, California
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10271 Heacock Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92557-2200
(951) 924-6990
morenovalleyumc@gmail.com

Change Service Requested



The Bumpo Bulletin

MAY, 2022

Moreno Valley United Methodist Church

A Mother's Day Tribute



Greetings!

Our church theme for May is focused on the Christian Family. When Jesus is in our family's lives, our foundation is established in His love and grace. He will mold each of our lives and lead us to prosperity. There is a motto that strongly encourages the importance of our family around Christ. "A family that prays together, stays together". May this motto be a reminder to us all that through the grace of God, we are able to walk as one with Christ and be filled with joy and blessings.

Our Easter activities this year were successful. On Palm Sunday, the children ministry led the service by performing a superb program filled with music and skits, which marked the beginning of the Holy week. On Easter morning, we gathered early at Moreno Valley's Prayer Garden and celebrated the Resurrection followed by continental breakfast prepared by Moreno Valley's Women. The Easter morning service marks one year of our return to in-person for the worship service and fellowship.

As you can see, God is providing us with many reasons and opportunities to celebrate and serve His love and blessings in our midst.

We will join Mothers around the world in celebrating their endless love on May 8th with a special giving, provided by the children, to honor and cherish their service and dedication. I want to share with you this prayer of thanksgiving to all of our mothers.

THANK YOU, MOM,

I know how often we took you for granted.
we always assumed you'd be there
when we needed you...
you always were.

But we never really thought about what that meant
till we got older and began to realize
how often your time and energy were devoted to us.
So now, for all the times we didn't say it before,
thank you, Mom...I love you so very much!

We thanked God for the caring
you've shown us through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed,
in time of laughter and of tears.

And so, we thank you from the heart
for all you've done for us
and we bless the Lord for giving us
the best mothers there could be!

We only have One Mom, One Mommy, One Mother in this World, One life. Don't wait for the Tomorrow's to tell Mom, you love her".

May you all have a wonderful month.

Blessings,
Pastor Finau



Church Finances: How Are We Doing? (Chuck Gahagan, treasurer)

With the excitement and joy of the Easter season just behind us, it seems like a good time to check how we are doing financially . . . before we face (another) long, hot summer. I think most of would agree that money is not the most important thing about a church. In fact, it may be the least important. We know some churches that are wealthy, complacent and smug, and we know some churches that struggle just to stay open—but that are alive and vital, ministering to their members and to their larger communities, obeying and spreading Christ’s word. In the past, we’ve been that second kind of church, the poor kind. I pray that we never become the first kind. I don’t think there’s much chance of that.

Great things can be achieved without much in the way of resources, but doing so is hard. In the last months, though, we’ve seen what can happen when challenges are met with the financial resources needed to meet them. We’ve done great things.

We have maintained a church treasury of about \$100,000 (more or less) available month after month, and that’s been enough to do what has needed to be done (though not much more). We have been able to deal with the financial burdens created by COVID: maintaining communications and online worship; making onsite visits as safe as possible. The pandemic may or may not be over. This may be a brief lull before we are hit with a new deadly variant, or the virus may subside. We don’t know. So far, though, we have been equal to the challenge, though there is more to do if we are to return to church as it was, including, for example, a nursery program and Vacation Bible School. That will require additional resources.

During this chaotic time, we have faced a number of financial challenges caused by our buildings and grounds. We have had to make major repairs to the roof, for example, and we have had to improve security in several ways (better lighting, cameras, and gates). Most recently, we have repaired and updated our restrooms, which were showing their age. These needs were met with a new three-year loan of \$9,000 from the East District Union (our heroes in the past as well). Although that sounds like a step backward (new indebtedness), we can remind ourselves that over the last year, we have reduced our major loans much more. We are still moving forward, just a bit more slowly.

We have also been challenged to do good through church apportionments and, just now, through our relief mission to Tonga. In 2020, at the height of the pandemic, the Conference asked churches to set as a quota just 75% of the amount that had originally been planned; we were able to meet that challenge. Last year that offer was extended for churches that were still in financial difficulties. We were able to pay 100%—in fact, more than 100%! Big as that news was, though, it pales in comparison to the Tonga mission, now underway. That deserves—and will receive—its own report.

A large challenge facing us that is not obviously financial (but will have financial impacts around the world) is the movement by some United Methodist Churches to leave the organization and create their own, the Global Methodist Church. I see people on both sides of the issues involved who are absolutely convinced that they are correct in their views. It might seem that they cannot all be right, but then again, maybe they are. Maybe what is correct varies from culture to culture. I don’t know.

I only know this: we have something very special here. Christ is alive at MVUMC, and it is a thrill to see what we are able to do together. I pray that we will continue to have the people, talents, prayers, dedication and resources that make our vital church possible.



*MVUMC Committee Meetings

Finance | Tuesday, May 10th @ 6:30 PM
Board of Trustees | Tuesday, May 17th @ 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 28th | Feed My Lambs | Highgrove ~ 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Tuesday, May 31st | College Feeding | Grace @ 6:00 PM

May Preaching Schedule ~ Theme ~ Christian Home

DATE	GRACE	HIGHGROVE	MORENO VALLEY
May 1st	Pastor Xavier/Vanson	Khanh/Pastor Finau/ Melquiades Posadas	Rev. Orlando Rivera
May 8th	Ruth Pemble/ Pastor Xavier	Pastor Finau	Pastor Finau/Mothers
May 15th	Pastor Xavier	Pastor Finau	Pastor Finau
May 22nd	Pastor Finau	Jonathan Ogbogu	Pastor Xavier
May 29th	Pastor Xavier	Pastor Xavier	Pastor Finau

May Birthdays

May 5th ~ Ualingi Paea
May 15th ~ Tutulu Finau
May 15th ~ Michell Ha
May 20th ~ Earl Stewart
May 21st ~ Wyatt Fish
May 25th ~ Jan Hartig
May 26th ~ Karen Turner

May Anniversaries

May 2nd ~ Lenny & Susie Johnson
May 14th ~ John & 'Ene'io Vaiaku
May 20th ~ James & Josefina Ha
May 31st ~ Charles & Martha Bayne



Successful Tongan Relief Project

Grace and peace to you my beloved Church!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to you all for your assistance in completing the 'Tonga Relief Project'. As many of you have known, I was in Fiji for a week and a half working alongside local community partners to complete the missional endeavor.

My return to Fiji after 16 years was an overwhelming experience that brought back many profound memories of joy and love. I had a special opportunity to meet with close family, my former Theological students, and dear friends.

The major highlight was successfully filling the two - 20'x20' shipping containers! With your love and support, we were able to fill them with:

- 1,500 buckets of Breakfast Crackers
- 1,000 bags of Flour
- 1,000 bags of Rice
- 200 bags of Brown Sugar.

The containers were then shipped on April 30th from Suva, Fiji and will arrive in Ha'apai, Tonga on May 9th, 2022. Once the shipment has arrived in Tonga, there will be a local team who will distribute the supplies to the most affected areas and families in need.



This project would not have been successful without the loving hands and generous support of our Box Springs Cooperative Parish, First Escondido UMC, Temple City First UMC, Faith UMC, Parker UMC, and several kind individuals.

With the successful completion of this project, I would like to introduce an opportunity to further assist the young students in Tonga by offering school supplies. During our Conference Task Force meeting on Tuesday, May 3, it was decided that our Cal-Pac Annual Conference would be in partnership with the Box Springs Cooperative Parish to ship another container of school supplies in late July.

Each church in the Cal-Pac Annual Conference will be asked to participate in this project by donating school supplies for the container. We are ever grateful to lead this endeavor and this new project is a way for us to assist the needy children of Tonga.

Our residing Bishop and District Superintendent are extending their sincere gratitude to everyone for your love and commitment.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers & sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:42-43

Pastor Finau



Box Springs Cooperative Parish UMW Tea | Grace UMC



On April 30, 2022 at 2:00 pm, Grace United Methodist Women hosted a "Getting To Know You" Tea for the women of the Box Springs Parish. This was their first step in bringing the women of our 3 congregations together in Faith. The United Women in Faith has so many wonderful opportunities for women and young ladies to grow spiritually and our hope is to create a way for our ladies to tap into these avenues for the betterment and growth of ourselves and our churches. Ms. Jane Wood from David and Margaret Youth & Family Services was the guest speaker, Special Music was provided by Vinson Truong & Vietnamese Worship Team, lots of good finger foods were served and we had fun with raffling of Dish Gardens and many home appliances. Thanks to all who donated to this successful event and those who took time out of their busy Saturday to attend.

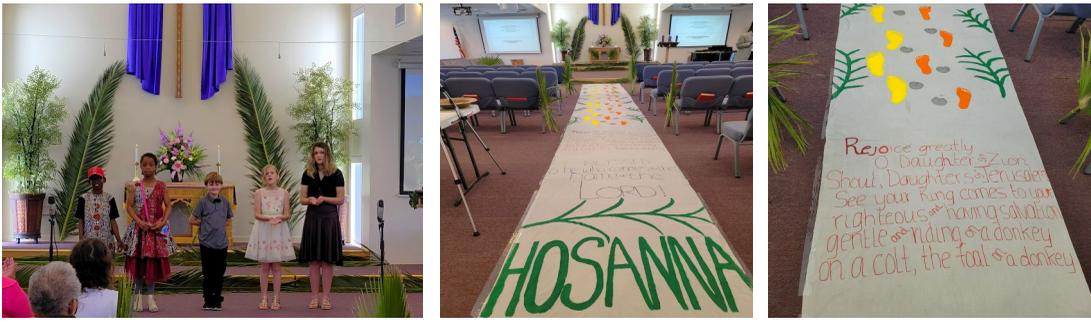




Box Springs Cooperative Parish
 Grace, Highgrove and Moreno Valley
 Maundy Thursday | April 14, 2022



Palm Sunday | April 10, 2022



Easter Sunrise | Easter Sunday
 Easter Egg Hunt | April 17, 2022

