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The Burro Bulletin

JUNE, 2021

Moreno Valley United Methodist

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 of June as follows:

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021:

Please join us for worship as we celebrate the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost with Pastor Finau at 9:00 AM. This Sunday, we celebrate the 1st Sunday in June with Holy Communion.

Please join us to celebrate Pastor Can's Retirement at Grace UMC for a 10:00 AM worship service. Refreshments will be served on the Patio following the service.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021:

Please join us for worship as we celebrate the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost and Graduation Sunday with Pastor Xavier at 9:00 AM.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021:

Please join us for worship as we celebrate the 4th Sunday after Pentecost and Father's Day with special guest speaker, Pastor John Finau at 9:00 AM.



SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021:

Please join us for worship as we celebrate the 5th Sunday after Pentecost with guest speaker Lenny Johnson at 9:00 AM.



Pastor's Corner



My Father, late Rev. Sione Haitini Finau, will forever be in my heart. I am grateful that I had him in my life and he was the corner stone of my journey, a person full of compassion, love and caring. The ultimate love my Father invested on me will continue to live on as long as I will live.

On June 20th we have an opportunity to celebrate Father's Day. This is a unique chance to give thanks to all our father figures – Dads, Uncles, Grandpas, and Brothers; for their life-giving experience, and unselfish love.

It's amazing how each culture and tradition has its own way of showing appreciation to their patriarchs, varying from gifts or a simple I love you. However, one thing that is universal on this day is that we honor them with appreciation and thanks.

As we reflect on how we might honor our fathers, remember that Jesus was showing us the best way to honor God, our Heavenly Father. As shared in Ephesians 6:1-3, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother" which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy a long life on the earth."

My hope for us all is that we continue to pray, give thanks and honor all of our fathers. This could either be your biological father or special men who have played a pivotal part in shaping you into the person you are today. On this Father's Day, may we build our lives in ways that serve as tributes to God the Father and the father figures in our lives today.

Blessings,
Rev. Martin Niponi Finau

June Birthdays

June 5th ~ Sally Wilhite
 June 5th ~ Holly Mateaki
 June 7th ~ Marisela Ramirez
 June 12th ~ Tim Caszatt
 June 12th ~ Charles Blankson
 June 15th ~ Charity Njopera
 June 15th ~ Anna Finau
 June 15th ~ Tupou Paea

June 16th ~ Noma Fifita
 June 18th ~ Shingi Njopera
 June 22nd ~ Moahengi Fifita
 June 22nd ~ Bill Heeres
 June 22nd ~ Bob Wosczyk
 June 23rd ~ Jackie Wosczyk
 June 24th ~ Alisa Castro



June Anniversaries



June 6th ~ Bob and Jackie Wosczyk
 June 24th ~ Johnny & Rene Bender
 June 26th ~ Al & Mindy Wagner
 June 27th ~ Mila & Kathy Maefau
 June 30th ~ John & Karin Richards

Save The Date

Celebration of Life for Georgia Brown: Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Workday: Saturday, June 26, 2021 8:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

Finance Meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

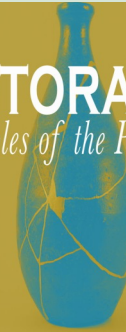
Board of Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM on Zoom

Wednesday Night's Bible Study: During the month's of June and July, Wednesday Night Bible Study will not be in session for the summer months. We will resume again in August.



RESTORATION

Parables of the Pandemic



37th Annual Session of the California-Pacific Conference of the United Methodist Church: June 17—19, 2021

Virtual Conference

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

<http://www.calpacumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2021-AC-Schedule-Overview-2021.04.28.pdf>

Theme - Restoration: Parables of the Pandemic

Theme Scriptures: Luke 15:11-32

		Thursday 17th	Friday 18th	Saturday 19th
PDT	HST			
10:00am	7:00am		Morning Worship	Conversations
10:30am	7:30am		Session 2	
11:00am	8:00am		Break	break
11:30am	8:30am	Clergy Orders		Commissioning and Ordination Service
12:00pm	9:00am	Zoom Webinar Orientation		
12:30pm	9:30am			
1:00pm	10:00am	Break	Break	Break
1:30pm	10:30am			
2:00pm	11:00am			
2:30pm	11:30am	Opening Worship		Bishop's Awards
3:00pm	12:00pm	Session 1	Session 3	break
3:30pm	12:30pm			Session 4
4:00pm	1:00pm	Break		
4:30pm	1:30pm	Video Presentations (Retirement & Reports)	Break	
5:00pm	2:00pm			Worship Service
5:30pm	2:30pm			Break
6:00pm	3:00pm	Break	Break	
6:30pm	3:30pm			
7:00pm	4:00pm	Clergy Exec. Session & Laity Session	Retirement Service	Memorial Service
7:30pm	4:30pm			
8:00pm	5:00pm			
		Date Modified: 04/23/2021		AC COMPLETED

Riverside Wesley - "A College Student Ministry"

Join us for weekly Reflection & Prayer Zoom meetings Saturdays at 3PM. We are reading the Book of Daniel and discovering the power of God in times of trouble and God's plans for the future. (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5821136975>)



Congratulations Pastor Can on your Retirement



“But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” [Acts 20:24]

Pastor Can ~ Began serving as a local Pastor and has been a faithful and devoted member of Grace UMC and the Vietnamese Ministry. He is a devoted husband to his wife Ly Le and a devoted father to his five daughters and one son. Pastor Can will be retiring at the age of 68 beginning July 1, 2021 but he will continue to be involved and participate in the ministry of the church. We wish Pastor Can all of God’s Blessings as he begins his retirement.

Congratulations Class of 2021

Prayer for All Graduates

May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments, always confident in the support of those who love you.
May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you will live deep within your heart.
May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.
May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.
May God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.
May your integrity be a gift to the world and may the Spirit of God be with you always.
Amen



College Graduates

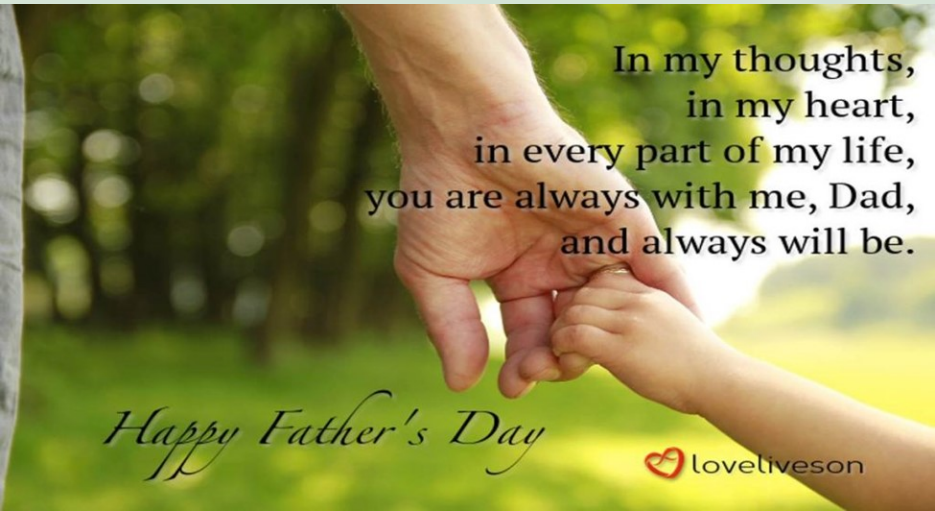
Anna Finau ~ UCI
BS Public Health

Nicole Fournier
UCR BS Neuroscience

High School Graduates

Fusi Fifta ~ Moreno Valley H.S.
Angela Ogbogu ~ North H.S.
Angel Isaiah Sanchez ~
Riverside County H.S.
Hotisa Mateaki ~
March Mountain H.S.
Izabella Rose ~ Valley View H.S.

Special Tribute to All Fathers!



Father's Day has long occupied an important place in American life. Celebrated on the third Sunday in June, it offers a chance to honor those fathers—or father figures—who have made a difference in your life.

A Sevenfold Blessing from Scripture:

May God be gracious to you.
May God bless you.
May God make his face shine upon you.
May you be strengthened with all power according to God's glorious might.
May you be filled with joy.
May God give you the desire of your heart,
and make all your plans succeed.

(Drawn from Psalm 67:1, Colossians 1:11, Psalm 20:4)

Congratulations *Two Brothers, Two Men of God* *Accepting "One Call"*

John will be Ordained to Full Connection, Elder Order

My full name is John Fe'ao- moe-Lotu Vaiosi Hatini Finau, I also go by Sione. I was born in Long Beach, California and I am the eldest of five (4 boys & 1 girl). In 2000, my family received the call to serve as missionaries to the island of Fiji. Which was a transformative experience as I become closer to my faith and my Polynesian roots. At the age of fifteen, I was enrolled into Methodist boarding school at Wesley College in New Zealand. It was while attending Wesley College, that I received my call into ministry. With a renewed sense of purpose, I applied and enrolled into Hawaii Pacific University at the age of 17. This blessing was gifted to me through the grace and love of a special mentor and friend – Rev. Dr. Frank Butterworth. In 2012, I graduated with a B.A in Communication. In that same year, I enrolled into Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia for a Masters in Divinity. My experience in Atlanta, not only enriched my spiritual life but also affirmed that I wanted to become a Pastor. In 2015, I graduated with my Masters in Divinity and was appointed to Keolumana United Methodist Church. My time at Keolumana, shaped me to be a better leader and servant for God. And after serving faithfully for five years, I am now excited to begin my new journey at Parker UMC.



Martin will be Commissioning as a Provisional Member

Pastor Martin Wesley Finau, also known as Matini, has been serving as a local pastor since 2018. He is currently serving as the Senior Pastor for Temple City First United Methodist Church but grew up as a missionary 'PK'. Pastor Martin was born in Long Beach, CA but was raised in different cities and countries. He has a rich cultural background that extends from the island of Fiji to West Texas and the inner city of Los Angeles. He studied at McMurry University for his Bachelor's Degree and while attaining his Master of Divinity at Emory – Candler School of Theology, he pursued with his calling to ministry. Prior to serving in the local church, he has served in extended ministries ranging from clinical chaplaincy, college campus ministry, and as a Sunday School teacher for youth. He comes from a lineage of family members serving the United Methodist Church as his older brother, father, grandfather, and other extended family members have or are currently serving as clergy. Pastor Martin has a passion for inviting and celebrating the gift of love towards our community and with God.



Ordination of John Finau and Commissioning of Martin Jr. will be held during the Annual Conference on June 19th from 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM. You can watch it live by clicking on the following link: <http://www.calpacumc.org/ac2021/>. Please join us for an indoor Service of Thanksgiving at 4:00 PM at Moreno Valley, followed by an outdoor reception.

~PRAY WITHOUT CEASING~

FOR COMFORT ~

Family of **Georgia Brown**, a long-time active member and friend of Moreno Valley United Methodist Church.

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



FOR GOOD HEALTH ~

Mickie Pecoraro (friend of the Wagner's), **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), **Carmela** (mother of Marlene, a co-worker of Steefeni Johnson), **Moses** (doctor caring for Carmela), **Martha Bayne** and family, **Dan** (brother of Tim Lowe), **husband & wife** (good friends of Mindy Wagner), **Tim** (brother of Denise Tomlinson), **Diana Hanson** (mother of Desiree Wagner), **Mindy Wager**, **Sissy Slater**, **Joan** (sister of Ruth Pemble), **Madison** (granddaughter of John & Shirley Morgan), **Rick Anderson** (brother of Mindy Wagner), **Sally Wilhite**, **Belen Apolinario**, **Mary** (sister of Ruth Van Hala), **Alexia Michels** (sister of Alicia Lowe), **Michelle Keeney** (niece of Karin Richards), **Cheryl Riggs** (wife of Roy Riggs, former Pastor of MVUMC 2006 ~ 2010), **Dana Lisalda**, **Patsy Seo** (former church member who sang in MVUMC Choir), **Luci Martin** (sister-in-law of one of our church members).

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 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), **Larry MacDonald**

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**