



# *First United Methodist Church of Oroville*

# *Golden Feather*

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**Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño | District Superintendent Rev. Blake Busick**

**Pastor Cheng Yang**

# August Birthdays

for updates please give the information to Erin or Jeremy Buis or  
send to: [orvilleumc45@gmail.com](mailto:orvilleumc45@gmail.com)



3 Joshua Yang

15 Doug Bell

4 Jim Webster

22 Melissa Yang

5 Nouchang Vang

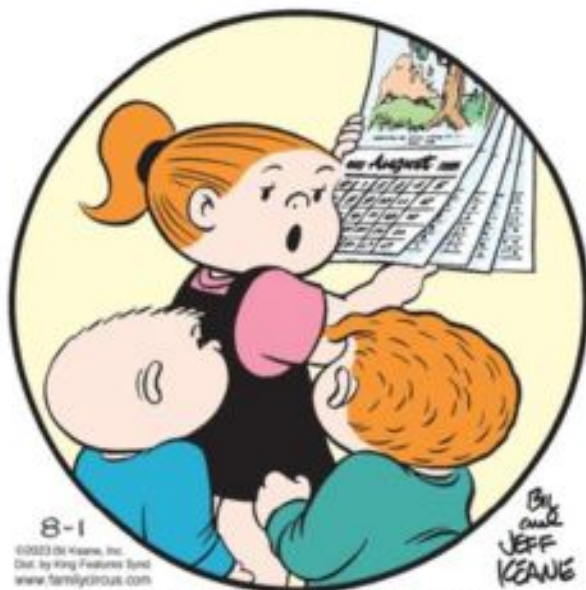
24 Joan Azevedo

7 Bill Cheek

26 Doris Ludolf

15 Mina Vang

30 Fue Khang Yang



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"Only four more pages  
'til Christmas!"



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"Churches are smart. They have  
pretty windows, but you hafta  
come inside to see them."



1. We are looking for people to help serve during coffee hour or greet people entering our church. There is a sign up sheet in the back that you can sign up with or you can see Alma Short or Shoua Kong-Yang for more information.
2. We are still collecting recyclables for the Heifer project. You can bring them to church and give to Micah or Jeremy Buis. See the Golden Feather for more info on the recycling..

Thank you to all for the contributions to the Salvation Army tis the season food drive. A wonderful assortment of non perishable food to restock their pantry. I was amazed at the amount of food donated in only a 2 week period. Thank you one and all!!  
Janet

# AUGUST

## FUN FACTS FROM THE FARMERS ALMANAC

<https://www.almanac.com/content/month-august-holidays-fun-facts>

**Who is August Named After?** August was named after a major figure of the ancient Roman World, Augustus Caesar (63 B.C.–A.D. 14). He was the first Roman emperor (though he never claimed the title) and grandnephew of the previous ruler Julius Caesar (who named July after himself).

August is the 8th month of the year in today's Gregorian calendar, but it was the sixth month (Sextilis) of the year in Roman times. Augustus had the month of Sextilius renamed after himself in 8 B.C. This was the month of some of his greatest military victories.

**August's birth flowers** are the gladiolus and the poppy.

The gladiolus symbolizes strength of character, sincerity, and generosity.

The poppy symbolizes eternal sleep, oblivion, and also imagination.

**August's primary birthstone** is peridot, which is said to symbolize strength and healing power, protecting its wearer from nightmares and evil, ensuring harmony and happiness. Babies born in August are lucky to be guarded by peridot's good fortune.

Peridot is the rare gem-quality form of the mineral olivine that appears in various shades of green, sometimes with a brown or yellow tinge. Called "evening emerald," the peridot was often mistaken for that other gem. Peridot is formed deep inside the earth's mantle and is brought to the surface by volcanoes. In Hawaii, peridot symbolizes the tears of Pele, the volcano goddess of fire who controls the flow of lava. A

A previous birthstone for this month was sardonyx, which is characterized by alternating bands of sard and onyx, both forms of chalcedony. Although it can appear in several colors, it is usually reddish and white. It is thought to bring courage, happiness, and eloquence.

Legend says that Queen Elizabeth I once gave the Earl of Essex a ring made of sardonyx, pledging her aid if he was ever in need. Later on, when accused of treason and scheduled for execution, he tried to send the ring to her but an enemy intercepted it. The queen learned of his plea only years later, after he had been beheaded.

### "Just for Fun" Days

Have fun with these strange celebrations!

- **Aug. 1–7:** International Clown Week
- **Aug. 3:** National Watermelon Day
- **Aug. 8:** National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day
- **Aug. 10:** National S'mores Day
- **Aug. 12:** Vinyl Record Day
- **Aug. 13:** International Left-Handers Day
- **Aug. 20:** International Geocaching Day
- **Aug. 20:** World Honeybee Day
- **Aug. 25:** Kiss-and-Make-Up Day



## ***NEW PARKNG LOT LIGHTS***

The parking lot lights at the church are LED and were placed by Williams Electric Co.

The lights were done in LED to save the Church money. Also we had two old ones were burned out.

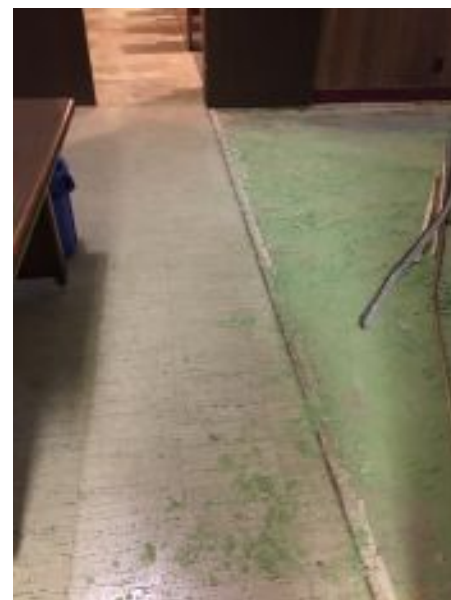
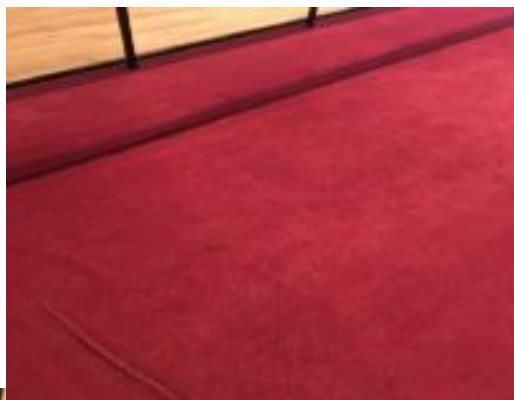
*Micah Bui*  
*Photos by Micah Buis*



## ***REPLACING CARPETT***

The carpet in the Nārthex and Sanctuary is being replaced with carpet squares. Below is the old carpet.

*Photos by Micah Buis & Jeremy Buis*





1. We need to take the caps off the plastic bottles
2. We need to bag plastic, aluminum, and glass separately.
3. **Glass can not include wine bottles.**
4. Everything must have the recycle brand on the bottom (or CA CRV on it).
5. Take it to Nonie and Micah's house until the church opens again. Then we can put them in the plastic bins as we used to do
6. Call Micah at (530) 533-1868 and he will meet you in his driveway when you arrive.

I am so glad not to lose this project that we have been supporting for so many years. How exciting it always was to find out how much money we had collected for the year and then what animal we could buy for a family overseas. Thank you Jeremy and Micah for taking it on.

Alma

*If we don't answer when you call just place your recycling next to our garbage bins. Please no milk jugs or wine bottles. Micah and family*



***July Recycling***  
***\$30.00***

***August 2023 OROVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GOLDEN FEATHER***

# POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR COFFEE HOUR

## Policy:

1. A coffee hour is provided after the 10:30 AM service by volunteers of the church.
2. The church will provide coffee, tea, creamer, and sweeteners.
3. The church will provide cups, plates, napkins, and silverware.
4. The church will provide drink concentrate(?) and ice.
5. Those who volunteer for running the coffee hour will provide snacks.
6. Volunteers will make the coffee, tea, and punch and set it out on the table provided along with snacks. Please make both Reg & Decaf (Some members can't have the caffeine).
7. Volunteers will remove all items, clean up the dishes and table, and place items used in their normal storage areas.
8. They will also wash towels used and bring them back to the church towel drawer.

## Procedure:

A person from the Randy Fowler purchase the church provided items listed above and place these supplies in their appropriate areas for coffee hour access.

Alma Short will set up a sign up sheet for volunteers to run the coffee hour on each Sunday throughout the year, remind volunteers of their designated coffee hour Sunday, and orient new volunteers on the policies and procedures regarding coffee hour responsibilities including where supplies are kept.

Volunteers on their designated coffee hour Sunday will:

- A. Turn on the coffee maker to warm the water.
- B. Make a pot of hot water with the coffee maker for tea, and place it on an activated warmer plate.
- C. Make a pot of regular and decaf coffee and put them on an activated warmer plate.
- D. Make the punch in a punch bowl with water and ice, and place it on the serving table.
- E. Place the plates, cups, napkins, silverware, creamer, and sweeteners on the serving table.
- F. Place their snacks on plates on the serving table with appropriate serving utensils.
- G. Monitor the table as people come through the serving line and assist as needed.
- H. After serving is completed clean the coffee pots, punch bowl, and other utensils and dishes used for the coffee hour and return them to their storage areas.
- I. Turn off the coffee maker and warmer plates.
- J. Clean the Serving table and counters used.
- K. Notify person in charge of purchasing what coffee hour supplies need to be replenished.

# *Cochran Memorial Scholarship*

Each year a scholarship will be awarded to a member of the First United Methodist Church of Oroville who has graduated high school. The deadline is March 31st.

For the scholarship form go to the website below or scan the qr code to take you straight to the page.

[http://1stunitedmethodist.org/Scholarship\\_App.html](http://1stunitedmethodist.org/Scholarship_App.html)





## CCCO News

The annual unity service for the cooperating Christian churches was held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army church. We enjoyed wonderful music and inspirational messages. The organizations were awarded \$1,200 each from the proceeds from the Hunger Walk. The organizations that received funds were: The Rescue Mission, Salvation Army and Kingdom's Table.

There will be a summer break and meetings will resume in September.

Janet Short

CCCO Representative

*2024 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year  
Since 2010*

Have any of you come across a teacher or employee at your child's school that you felt went above and beyond their job? If you have, here is your chance to give them a sign that they are respected and deserving of some extra applause. First United Methodist Church has held a dinner called the Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year Dinner since 2010. At that dinner we applaud and respond positively to the nominations from the school districts in our Butte County area. The schools are those from Palermo, Oroville, Thermalito, Stream Charter and Hearthstone. The nominations come from the parents, staff at the schools, and community members. You too can nominate someone who you want to be honored for what they are doing at the school. They can be teachers, counselors, bus drivers, and custodians. Anyone who works at the school. Could even be a principal or vice principal. Listen to your child, or think about who you would like to honor and call Nonie Buis or go to Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year on the internet. We would love to receive a nomination from you as parents and your children.

Please take the time and stop by **<https://ross-harmon.org>** fill out the online form so that deserving people will receive recognition for their efforts. The deadline for submission of nominations is Friday, March 22, 2024

*2023 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year Honorees*



Oroville Union High School District

***Allie Bruce***

***Bret Lawson***

***Pa Houa Yang***

Oroville City Elementary School District

***Rachelle Linden***

***Tabitha VanGunda***

Palermo Union School District

***Dawn Merlo***

Thermalito Union School District

***Tiana Grap***

***Jenna Senna***



**SHOP AT YOUR FAVORITE ONLINE STORE  
AND DONATE FOR FREE**

**UMC Market Place** is a shopping market that is linked to the Methodist Church that rewards the local church for your online shopping. Go to [www.umcmarket.org](http://www.umcmarket.org) register for the site and register to **First United Methodist Church of Oroville, CA.** you then go to the list of stores and do your shopping. OverStock pays up to 75%, Macy's pays 4%. This time of year when people are shopping online for gifts is a time to also think of the church earning dollars. Please consider using this site to do your online shopping you just go into the site each time you begin your shopping.



***Staples***

Shopping at Staples? Use the Church's phone number 534-9455 and the Church will receive Staples Rewards credit.

## Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:



**Carol Anderson** asks for prayers for her **friend Kathleen Clark** as she was in the hospital with pneumonia; Prayers for **Ginger Ewalt** as she was recently in the hospital with kidney stones and an infection. Her family in St. Louis is taking very good care of her; **Reidun McGrath** asks for prayers for her family as her **brother Thor** is terminal & is going to hospice care; **David Dewey** asks for travel prayers as **he & Linda** are going to be gone on a road trip July 5th & will be gone a month; **Sue Fredericksen's daughter in-law Laurie** suffered a broken foot in a car accident; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her **sister Rachael** who fell and also for her **husband's aunt & uncle** who are not doing well; **Alma Short** asks for prayers for the **Homeless Coalition and Kingdom's Table** & all the people they serve. **Sue Fredericksen** asks for prayers for **family friend Chuck Kraft** who has pancreatic cancer; **Alma** asks for prayers for **Elaine Schmidt**, widow of our former **pastor John Schmidt**. **Elaine** has pneumonia and is in Roseville with **Shirley Valder**, also a former member; **Sue Fredericksen** asks for prayers for her **granddaughter Hailey's boyfriend Ben** who is in treatment for Lymphoma; Prayers for **Joe & Cathie Mooney** as **Cathie** was diagnosed with cancer in her eye. She will be having surgery;

Prayers for **Sue Fredericksen** as she has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Sue reports it was caught early and should be treatable, but she has recently also suffered a cardiac episode and is seeing a cardiologist; Travel mercies for **Patty & Doug Bell** as they will be traveling all of June in their RV; Travel mercies for **Betty Ledford** as she will be traveling at the end of June through July 17<sup>th</sup>; **Sue Fredericksen** asks for prayers for her **friend's granddaughter Mariana Bell** as she is having surgery to drain fluid off her brain; Continue to pray for **Cathie Mooney** as she has multiple health issues; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her **sister-in-law Cynthia Gonzalez** who is in end stage liver disease and is in Hospice Care; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her **daughter Patricia**, who will be moving back home soon and for her **friend Shelly** who needs prayers; **Rachael Brown** asks for prayers for her **son Derek** as he is facing surgery & for her **oldest son** who also suffers from disabilities; **Carol Anderson** asks for prayers for her **friend Leanna Felardo**; **Louise Weitze** asks for prayers for **Susan Sharon** who is having trouble with her housing situation. Please pray for a home to become available for her; **Patty Bell** asks for prayers for her **friend Becky** who has lymphoma;



**Glenda Ott** asks for continued prayers for her **daughter Lynn** and for her **daughter's mother-in-law Sharon** who may have lymphoma; **Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers for her son's friend whose **stepson Tyler** (age 9) has a brain tumor and stage 4 brain cancer. The tumor is inoperable and they will be starting chemo to give him a little more time; Please pray for the family & Tyler; **Ka Vang** asking for prayers for her **mother-in-law** who is in kidney failure and going through dialysis;; Prayers for **Carol Anderson** as she is suffering from Parkinson's; Prayers for **Gail Leonard's son Brenden** as he has PTSD and is struggling right now; **Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers for her **daughter/friend Brandi Marshall**, Rhylan's grandma/mom. She is struggling with brain damage from strokes; Prayers also for **Sue F.** as she is tolerating her chronic pain and COPD and prayers are very much appreciated; **the Hmong Congregation** asks for prayer for all those who are ill & need healing; **Ka** asks for prayers for all to be healthy & happy; Prayers for **Joe & Cathy Mooney**, as they both have health issues; Continue to pray for **Jeremy & Erin Buis** for better health for Jeremy & less back pain for Erin; **Cynthia Slattery** requests prayers for her **cousin Stephanie Couris** – some improvement in her kidney function & Cynthia is seeing a change in her spiritually;

**Sue Fredericksen** asks for prayers for her son **Kelly**, who is in prison & having a difficult right now.

Pray for those with ongoing concerns: Jeannie Long, Pat Gray, Louise Weitze; Wayne Smith; Pastor Chuckua Vang; Gary Azevedo; Jeremy Buis; Steve Ewalt; Rick Roath, Nancy Jacobsen, Stephanie Couris, Cody Fredericksen, Rhylan Fredericksen, Chuck & Marie Bailey, Haydon Wyman, Diane Becerra, Phil Azevedo, Connie Longshore, Frank Johnson, Josiah Hayden, Mitchell Kenneth, Nick Butrix, Connie Myers, Linda Perry, Wang Her Vang, Pastor Joseph Vang, Erin Buis, Derek Cheek and Joan & Gary Azevedo.

**DEATHS: Continued prayers for the family of Ethan Severson as Ethan drowned in late May. Taylor Buis knew him from her Adult Transition Center and is having a hard time with this.**

Pray for our military at home & abroad and for the families of our missing ones, our POW's & MIA's who never came home and for those suffering from PTSD and are suicidal. They serve, so we can be free

**Continue to pray** for our overall church finances. We are doing much better financially now, paying off some of our debts. Please continue to help the church become debt free! “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in Thanksgiving to God.”  
2 Corinthians 9:11.

**JOYS: it was a Joy to have Jeannie Long in church on June 18<sup>th</sup> to sing and play her guitar. Alma Short sang with her, which is another wonderful joy.**

Sue Fredericksen’s new email is [suefredericksen@icloud.com](mailto:suefredericksen@icloud.com). You can email her any prayer requests that you want to put on the prayer chain or email directly to [oroumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:oroumcprayer@gmail.com) or text or call at 530-854-3599. You can leave a voice mail.

**NOTE:** As you read the above, please let us know if there is anyone who needs to be removed/ added to the prayer list or ongoing concerns, please email [orovilleumc45@gmail.com](mailto:orovilleumc45@gmail.com).

## HONORING OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SEREVED



We will be updating our Veteran’s tribute. If you have a veteran in your family and would like to include that person(s), we need the following information:

- Their name
- Their rank (if you know)
- What branch of service they served
- Years of service
- Where they served
- Please include any photo(s) if you have any

## **SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE GOLDEN FEATHER**

An article can be submitted to the Golden Feather in many ways.

Here are a few: in the body of an email and sent to

[orovilleumc45@gmail.com](mailto:orovilleumc45@gmail.com)

a picture in jpeg form and emailed to address above written on a piece of paper and left in the office for Jeremy Buis

if more information concerning your article please include the link.

All articles must be submitted on or before the third Sunday of the month. Any questions please check with Jeremy Buis. He will be happy to help you.

### ***SHOWING VIDEOS AT CHURCH***

There has been a form submitted so we will be able to show videos on the church site. If this form was not submitted there would be a strong fine for showing videos without the form.

By having this form, we could show family films during the summer with a BBQ or just popcorn. Admission would be by donation.

### **Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be put on the email or phone list to be informed of Prayer Chain requests for prayers please let Sue Fredericksen (530) 854-3599

You may also send an email to [oroumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:oroumcprayer@gmail.com)

new additional prayer line

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1stumcoro/>

*(Facebook group is a closed group so only members see postings)*



# Flowers on the Altar

**The flower calendar is located as you enter the church on the bulletin board. If you have a special event or someone you would like to honor or remember by bringing flowers for the altar please sign up on the date and your name. The information regarding who or what you are bringing flowers for can be printed in the bulletin if you let Janet or Jeremy know prior to the Sunday you are bringing flowers. Remember you do not have to purchase flowers. Something from your yard is always nice. It's always lovely to see flowers on the altar so I hope you will consider bringing some for a special occasion.**



# HELLO

my name is

Please  
remember to  
wear your name  
tag on Sunday.



With new people attending our church name tags are the best way to help everyone remember names. If you're in need of a new name tag or need yours replaced see Jeremy Buis (guy in the sound booth).

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE**  
**INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT**  
**May 2023**

Checking Balance May 1, 2023	\$ 22,120.75
Income Deposits during May 2023	9,559.00
Checking Expenses during May 2023	10,831.66
Checking Balance May 31,2023	20,848.09
Liabilities:	
Pension 2011	\$3,381.70

In May 2023 I was able to pay all of our bills on time but we spent \$1,272.66 more than income received. We still have a good balance in our checking account so we can do this. This year every month except April we are spending \$1,000.00 to 2,000.00 more than income received. If this continues our balance in our checking account will go down and one day we won't have the money to pay all of our bills. All of our bills are needed to operate our church. In another matter Jeremy Buis tells me that our sound system is old and needs to be upgraded. This will be expensive and we will discuss this at the next church council meeting in August. As I write this article it is mid June and summer is here. If you are on vacation or not in church during the summer months remember your church. I must still pay our bills.

Thank you for your help with our church finances

Thank you

John S. Fowler

Church Treasurer

# Oroville First United Methodist Church

## Prayer Chain Team

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**\*\*Please contact Sue Fredericksen if you would like your prayer request to go to the prayer chain. You may also send an email to [oroumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:oroumcprayer@gmail.com)\*\***

**Welcome to  
First United Methodist Church of Oroville  
Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving  
the Oroville Community**

45 Acacia Ave, Oroville, CA 530-534-9455 <http://www.1stunitedmethodist.org>

**Our mission is to know Christ and make Christ known: to nurture our relationship with God and our commitment to Jesus Christ, to invite others into the community of faith, to equip, send and support Christians for daily witness and service.**

**Sunday Service Schedule**

Adults & Children's Sunday School.....8:45 a.m.  
Hmong Service.....8:30 a.m.  
Chancel Choir Practice.....9:45 a.m.  
Hmong Adult's Sunday School.....10:10 a.m.  
Hmong Youth Sunday School.....10:10 a.m.  
Combined English/Hmong Service 1st & 2nd Sunday.....10:30 a.m.  
Communion Service is the 2nd Sunday (All are welcome).....10:30am  
English Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Coffee Hour & Fellowship.....Following Service

**Monday Schedule**

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Finance Committee (Second Monday).....5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Schedule**

Chancel Choir Practice.....6:45  
p.m.

**Thursday Schedule**

Bible Study & Breakfast.....7:30 a.m.

**Friday Schedule**

Sonwalkers Youth Group Meeting.....6:00 p.m.  
Young Adults.....6:00 p.m.  
Hmong Women's Choir.....6:00 p.m.