



First United Methodist Church of Oroville



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Pastor Cheng Yang

November Birthdays

for updates please give the information to Erin or Jeremy Buis or
send to: orovilleumc45@gmail.com

- 8 Gary Azevedo
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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..





Just a reminder if you set the alarm off at church to call the number on the paper next to the alarm panel and let Accularm know that you are at church and set the alarm off. When the alarm goes off and no one calls Accularm they call a list of church members to let them know the alarm is going off and lately either Jim Webster or Micah Buis has had to go down to the church to check out the alarm so we aren't charged for the police going out to a non-emergency.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY ELLEN!





Christmas Basket Drawing

Sunday

December 17, 2023

12 PM

Following Potluck Lunch

Please bring food to share!

This is a fundraiser for the Church

We need the baskets by
November 3rd

Thank you

Stewardship Team

Here is the latest in Bishop Minerva Carcaño's case:

United Methodist Bishop Minerva Carcaño was exonerated of all charges by a jury of 13 North Central Jurisdiction United Methodist clergy on Sept. 22 in Chicago.

The denomination's first Latina bishop has been on leave since March 9, 2022 while complaints against her were under review.

All four charges, which included 26 specifications, received votes of 13-0. The trial began at 8 a.m. on Sept. 18. The jury started deliberations at 4 p.m. Sept. 21. They made their unanimous verdict at 8:32 p.m. The verdict was read when the trial started again at 8 a.m. Sept. 22.

"I am grateful for the jury for the time and faithfulness they have displayed in their task. Now I am eager to return to the work of ministry in the California-Nevada Conference and The United Methodist Church and the process of healing for all and the ministry of the church," Bishop Carcaño said at the end of the proceedings. The Rev. Scott Campbell was counsel for Bishop Carcaño.

"For me, it was an honor to be trusted by Bishop Carcaño and to be invited to participate in this search for justice," he said. "I was heartened by the decision and at the same time aware of the long road that lies ahead. My prayers are for everyone who has been and who will be involved in this process."

Retired Judge Jon R. Gray, attorney at Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. in Kansas City, Missouri, served as assistant counsel without voice.

"My involvement in Bishop Carcaño's defense team was a matter of justice and pushing the church to do the right thing. I am grateful for the jury verdict. I empathized with the people involved who saw things differently. I pray for healing for all."

Gray, who was also a part of the trial of [Bishop W. Earl Bledsoe](#), said he saw some inequitable measures applied in that case he saw also applied here.

"The church has always had a racial dilemma and the dilemma remains."

Retired Bishop Alfred W. Gwinn was the presiding officer. At the end of reading the verdicts Gwinn said, "Trials wound as much as they help. This is not the way for the church."

The four charges were "disobedience to the order and discipline of The United Methodist Church," under ¶2702.1(d) of the 2016 Book of Discipline; "relationships and/or behavior that undermines the ministry of another pastor under ¶2702.1(f) of the 2016 Book of Discipline;" "harassment, including, but not limited to racial and/or sexual harassment," under ¶2702.1(j) of the 2016 Book of Discipline; fiscal malfeasance" under Par. 2702.1(l) of the 2016 Book of Discipline."

Here is the latest in Bishop Minerva Carcaño's case: Continued

Gwinn said, “We must repair harm. We are not witnessing to the secular world with this process.”

Carcaño has served in ordained ministry for 47 years. She was elected bishop by delegates in Western Jurisdiction in 2004.

As bishop, she has led three episcopal areas in succession — Desert Southwest, California-Pacific and, since 2016, California-Nevada.

The Western Jurisdiction includes the 12 westernmost U.S. states and the territories of Guam and Saipan.

Bishop Carcaño gives thanks to the outpouring of support and prayers she has received from around the denomination from all parts of the world. Those prayers have helped support her through these past 18 months.

She is also so thankful for the outpouring of support that has come from ecumenical and interfaith colleagues and from leaders she has been privileged to serve with in the areas of community organizing, philanthropy and global migration.

She especially thanks the congregation she was birthed into and that continues to be her home church, El Buen Pastor UMC of Edinburg, Texas. Those prayers and unconditional love have sustained her throughout her life and discipleship.

She also gives thanks for the hospitality of the North Central Jurisdiction and Wespeth.

GOODBYE GERRI



Photos by Erin and Nonie 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



September Recycling
\$35.00

November 2023

OROVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GOLDEN FEATHER

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

First United Methodist Church of Oroville
Minutes of Church Council Meeting
August 13, 2023

Minutes taken by Glenda Ott and prepared by Gail Leonard

The meeting was called to order by Lay Leader, Gail Leonard at 11:40am. The opening prayer was given by Pastor Cheng.

Reports:

Pastor Cheng did not have a report but thanked the Lay Servants for covering the first Sunday service for the next year and for the good work they have done so far.

Finance Committee: John Fowler reported that the Church is spending more money than it is bringing in. However, April and July were good months. But the balance in the General Fund, which is from fund raising, is going down.

Please bring any ideas for fund raisers to the Finance or Trustee Committee.

There was a problem at the Parsonage recently, a letter from the City of Oroville prompted the cutting of 5 trees on the property. Tree of Life completed the job for \$3000 and the money came from the Parsonage Reserves.

There was a discussion about the new carpet in the Sanctuary. It is costing the Church over \$14,000.

The funds came from the Cochran Improvement Foundation.

Jeremy spoke about the Church needing a new sound system. The current one is 15 years old and a new one will cost about \$2500-3000. No action was taken.

SPRC: There was a request from a community member to complete Probation ordered community service hours at the Church. This was tabled in order to gather additional information.

An evaluation of the custodian, Xeng Lee, was completed and it has been decided that a time clock will be used to track his hours and that Pastor Cheng and Jim Webster will supervise him.

It was also noted that the Church now has a lawn mower.

Trustee Committee: Jim Webster spoke about the new carpet and that it should be finished early this week. He also informed the Church that the LED lights have been installed in the parking lot and they are working great.

Next, he spoke about needing new lights above the Chancel in the Sanctuary. They would be stage lights that can change color and move where needed. They cost \$200 each and there are 12 of them. Pastor Cheng requested we get quotes for remote control stage lights, so no one has to climb a ladder to adjust the lights once they are placed.

Jim asked for volunteers to install the new lights, once they are selected. This would require climbing a tall ladder and completing the hookups.

Hmong Ministry: They had no report.

Outreach Committee: Randy reported the committee is hosting the basket raffle again. And requested that each committee provide a basket for the raffle, along with anyone else that would like to participate. He stated that Tri L Mandarins will be providing another basket this year. This is a great fund raiser for the Church.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

CONTINUED

Youth Committee: Michelle spoke about the success of their fund raisers and how they raised enough money to go to the water park; however, they did not have enough drivers, so they have not been able to go yet. Gail mentioned that maybe some Church members could volunteer to drive the youth.

Sunday school Committee: Tracy informed the Church that there is no Sunday school in the summer months, but it will be starting up again in September. And that volunteers are needed to help run the Sunday school classes.

Tracy also spoke about Shoua working with the 5yrs and under class. And that volunteers are welcome with this age group, too.

Yard Care Committee: Alma spoke about how the lawn needs to be managed better including watered on a regular basis. She informed the Church that April from State Preschool has been mowing the lawn. Carol suggested the Church get the sprinklers on a timer, so the lawn can be watered as often as it needs to be. Otherwise, someone would have to volunteer to come to the Church and water the lawn at least every other day.

New Business: Jeremy spoke about the annual Turkey Dinner, and that he and Erin will be over seeing it again this year. It will be on Saturday, November 4th.

Volunteers are needed to cook turkeys, make side dishes, set-up, serve the dinner and clean up. This is a good fundraiser for the Church.

Closing prayer offered by Gail Leonard.



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

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



Elaine Schmidt

10/20/2023

<https://www.cnumc.org/obituaries/elaine-schmidt-17888342>

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with deep sadness that we inform you that our sister, Elaine Schmidt, surviving spouse of Rev. John M. Schmidt, died on Friday October 20, 2023.

Elaine was born in Berkeley, CA. A committed church member, she participated in several church bell choirs and served on numerous church committees over the years. She was active with the United Methodist Women and the Clergy Spouse Association. Elaine was also a former secretary for the Grass Valley UMC and worked for a period in the former Shasta District Office, of the California-Nevada Conference.

Elaine was a faithful companion as her husband served the Oroville, First United Methodist Church, his final appointment, before retiring in 1984.

She is survived by her children, Melanie McCarthy of Minden NV, Rick Altenburg of Sparks NV, and Mary Kay Altenburg of Sparks NV, and her stepchildren John C. Schmidt of Davis CA, Paul N. Schmidt of Reno NV, Raymond A. Schmidt of Carson City NV, Louise N. Schmidt of Trinidad, and Rev. Carol Carter of Gooding, ID, and by 5 Grandchildren, 3 Great-Grandchildren, and one Great-Great-Grandchild. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of the Board of Pensions, 1337 Howe Avenue suite #200, Sacramento CA 95825.

A memorial service will be held on November 18, 2023, at 11am at Sparks United Methodist Church located at 1231 Pyramid Way in Sparks, Nevada.

Gifts in memory of Elaine may be sent to the Sparks United Methodist Church or to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada at <https://fbnn.org/>

Let us continue to give God thanks for Elaine's life and witness and hold her family close in prayer. In our living and in our dying, we belong to God! (Romans 14:8)



A new feature with the updating of our church directory is the ability to now access it digitally.

The printed version of the directory will be printed this week and distributed late October.



CCCO News

Here are the upcoming CCCO activities for the year::

Pulpit Exchange: January 21st (3rd Sunday in January)

Hunger Walk pancake breakfast: February 17th at Trinity

Presbyterian Church

Hunger Walk: March 16

Easter Good Friday Service: March 29

Annual CCCO meeting and Unity Service:

Thursday, May 16

Janet Short

CCCO Representative

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 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:



Prayers for the family of **Elaine Schmidt** who recently passed away. She was the widow of our former pastor **John Schmidt** in the 1970's. Her **granddaughter Heather** needs prayers for an infection in her chemo port and is very ill. Please pray for Elaine's family & Heather; **Carol Anderson** asks for prayers for **her sister-in-law Debby Mutrux**. She has had a hard year with her mother dying and she has had severe back pain for months & then surgery to remove a large mass from her intestine. She may need chemo. Prayers for **Debby, Carol's brother Keith and niece Melissa** as they go through this with her; Keep **Erin & Jeremy Buis** in your prayers as they deal with Jeremy's fibromyalgia and Erin's chronic back issues and multiple out of town doctor's visits; **Sue Fredericksen** received a good report from her test on her lymph nodes, she is cancer free. Please continue to pray for her lung disease; **Gail Leonard** requests prayers for her grandson Jacoby. He is really struggling in school and having a difficult time; **David Dewey's friend Larry** had surgery for cancer, prayers needed; **Bob Weitze** had surgery on his face due to melanoma. The surgery went well and he doesn't need to go back because they got it all; **Gail Leonard** requests prayers for her nephew who had emergency surgery for an infection and for her **sister Rachel**, who has ongoing health issues; **Sue Fredericksen** asking for prayers for her daughter-in-law who is being tested for MS after having strokes and she is also raising her grandson; Pray for **Linda Perry** as she is having a hard time walking;

Reidun McGrath asks for prayers for her family as her **brother Thor** is terminal & is going to hospice care; **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; Prayers for **Joe & Cathie Mooney** as **Cathie** was diagnosed with cancer in her eye. She will be having surgery; 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; **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; **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; 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.

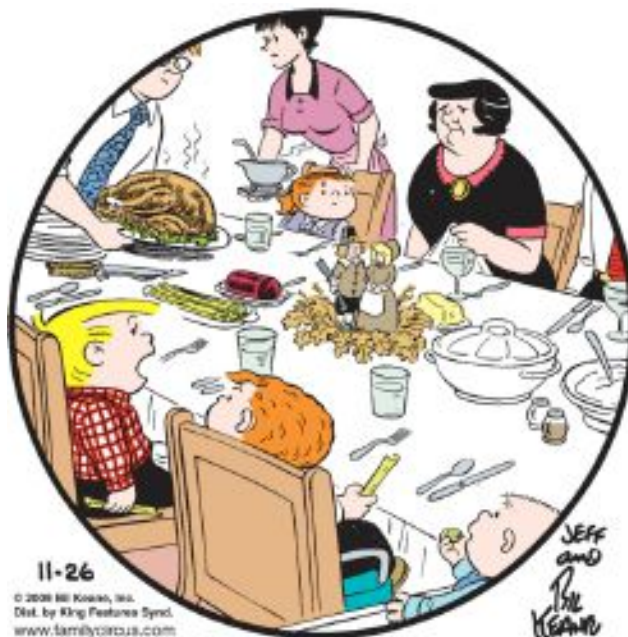
Prayers for hatred & distrust to somehow be transformed. Pray for Peace, and the removal of sources of evil & wickedness in this world. Pray for peace for Israel and for Ukraine and for peace between all the countries fighting each other. Prayers for Hmong speaking pastors, as there are only 4 in our Conference now.

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 celebrate two of our members birthdays this last month. Ellen Felice celebrated turning 95 and Joline Hibbert celebrated turning 90. Such a blessing these two women are to our church family!! Happy Birthday!!!

HONORING OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED



"I wish the Pilgrims had sent out for PIZZA on the first Thanksgiving 'stead of shootin' a turkey."



"Why are those men fighting over that flag?"

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

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

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
August 2023

Checking Balance August 1, 2023	\$ 23,625.09
Income Deposits during August 2023	10,989.17
Checking Expenses during August 2023	11,221.10
Checking Balance August 31,2023	23,393.16
Liabilities:	
Pension 2011	\$ 3,381.70

August 2023 was not a real bad month for our church finances. We spent \$231.93 more than income that was received. I was able to pay all of our bills on time. As I write this article it is almost the end of October. If you are donating a Christmas basket for our Christmas Basket drawing get your basket in by Nov. 4th remember this is a fundraiser for our church general fund. The Turkey Dinner is on Nov. 4th tickets are just \$15.00 this year. You can purchase your tickets from Jeremy and Erin and I will be selling tickets at the door same price \$15.00. This is a fundraiser for our general fund. Make the Turkey Dinner a great success and build up our general fund balance.

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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You may also send an email to

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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****

**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).....10:30 a.m.
English Service.....10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Fellowship.....Following Service

Monday Schedule

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.