



News and Announcements

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.

3. Church alarm if you accidentlt set off the alarm please call Accularm right away to notify them that it was an accidental alarm. The number to call is next to each alarm panel.



April Birthdays

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

- 2 John Vang
- 4 Nou Sene Vang
- 4 Sem Xai Xiong
- 13 Helen Beall
- 16 Mai Yang

- 17 John Fowler
- 18 Patricia Bell
- 21 Kyle Buis
- 23 Vernon Reinhardt



April 2024 OROVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GOLDEN FEATHER



Dear Valued Customer,

We hope this message finds you well. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your commitment to Zero Waste and responsible waste management. We have some exciting news to share with you regarding an upcoming change to your recycling services at no cost to you!

Service Enhancement:

As a valued customer with Recology, you are currently subscribed to our cardboard service. Your dedication to reducing waste has not gone unnoticed, and we are pleased to inform you that your cardboard bin has been transformed into a versatile Mixed Recycling bin.

What Does This Mean?

This change will allow you to combine all your recyclable materials into a single bin. Yes, you read that right! You no longer need to separate different recyclables – now they can all go into one bin. This upgrade in service is fantastic news, as it simplifies your recycling efforts and opens up new possibilities for reducing waste.

Comprehensive Information:

To help you navigate this transition smoothly, we have enclosed a pamphlet detailing the list of appropriate materials for the new Mixed Recycling service. This pamphlet will serve as a handy reference guide to ensure you know exactly what can be placed in the bin.

Get in Touch:

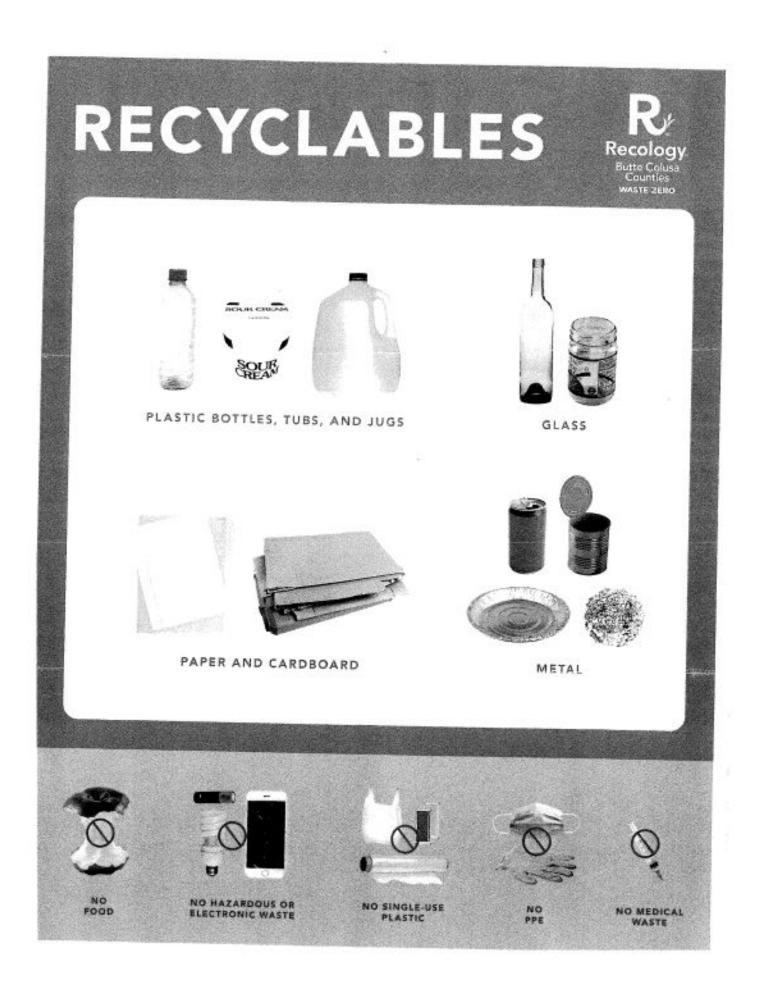
We understand that you may have questions or concerns about this service enhancement. Whether you're seeking clarification on the changes or considering adjustments to your current service levels, we encourage you to reach out to our office. Our dedicated team is here to assist you in any way we can.

Your commitment to sustainability is truly commendable, and we're excited to continue supporting your journey toward a greener future. Thank you for being a valued member of our recycling community.

Warm regards,

Recology Butte Colusa Counties

(530)533-4783



We now have a mobile app for our local church. There are still items being added to it and suggestions are welcome (there's a spot on the app for suggestions). One thing about this app is you have to close it after use to be able to see any new info on the app. iPhone's you swipe up from the bottom then swipe the app screen towards the top. I believe the other phones are similar in closing apps. You can also access the online church directory from this app.

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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 nonemergency.





- 1. We need to take the caps off the plastic bottles
- 2. We need to bag plastic, aluminum, and glass separetly.
- 3. Glass can include wine bottles.
- 4. Everything must have the recycle brand on the bottom (or CA CRV on it).
- 5. You can drop them off at church or at Nonie & Micah's house on the carport.

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. <u>Please no milk jugs or wine bottles</u>. Micah and family



Decenber Recycling \$40.00 April 2024 OROVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GOLDEN FEATHER





Our Christmas gift to the Heifer Project this year is **One pig** A flock of ducks **Honey bees**

Thank you to Tracy and Michelle for assisting the following voters.

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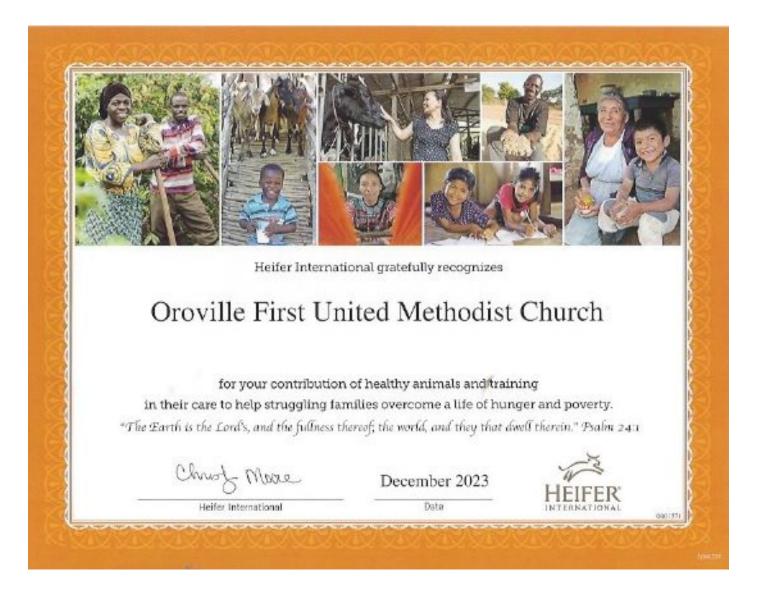
Jordan Vang Jacob Vang Donovan Vang Zayna Vang Jonathan Vang Maribelle Vang

Sidney Vang Mairissa Vang

And a special thank you to all that bring their recyclables either to Church or to the Buis' home. Photos by Tracy Yang



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THANK YOU!

Donor ID;	00046118I
Receipt Number:	15856738
Date Received:	12/12/2023
Amount:	\$170.00

Purchase: Flock of Chicks (20.00), Honeybees (30.00), Pig (120.00)

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Dear Friend:

December 19, 2023

I'm truly fortunate to witness every day how the giving spirit of groups like yours can change the world. No matter how much circomstances change, one thing remains the same: people continue to show generosity and dedication to the families we serve.

Which is why I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your group's recent contribution of \$170.00 to Heifer. Your compassion makes a permanent difference in so many lives. I'm reminded of the quote by Mr. Fred Rogers: 'All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors—in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver.'' And to magnify the joy of your gift, an additional group of generous denors has matched your donation, doubling the impact of your gift?

Each day, we witness the need of families in the poorest corners of the world, who are simply trying to figure out how to get by. Hardworking parents wunder if they'll have enough food to feed their children at the end of the day ... if they can afford school or medication ... if their home can withstand natural disasters.

Thanks to your group of Heifer donors, moms are building businesses and earning steady income to feed their children ... dads are running their own family forms instead of having to find work far away ... you are providing nutritious food, education and hope for the next generation.

I hope you know how much we, and the families who are touched by your generosity, appreciate you all. Our work would not be possible without you by our side.

With appreciation,

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Christy Moore Senior Vice President of Markoting

*Thank you again for your contribution. No people or surfaces were previded in exchange for your gift. Heffer international is a 303(c)(2) was profil organization engoide to receive tax deducadée donations. Our EIN to 35-101,9477.

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CIFT GO? Your gift is on its way to one of the 19 countries where we work, where a family annously awaits, not even fully knowing the transformational change it will bring. Your generosity gives a family the resources, education and opportunity to forge a new future — one filled with hope and possibility.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU ...

We are committed to ensuring your gift takes us one step closer to our shared vision of a world without hunger and poverty

- We want you to know how your gift makes an impact Find stones about people your gift will help at Helfer org/Blog.
- If you have any questions about Heiter or your gift, you can reach us by phone at 888.5HUNGER • 888.548.6437 or visit Heiter.org/Support for 24/7 live chat.
- . We publish our financial statements each year at Heiter.org/Pinancials.

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.

<u>Finance Committee:</u> 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.

<u>SPRC</u>: 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.

<u>Trustee Committee:</u> 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.

<u>Outreach Committee</u>: 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

<u>Youth Committee:</u> 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.

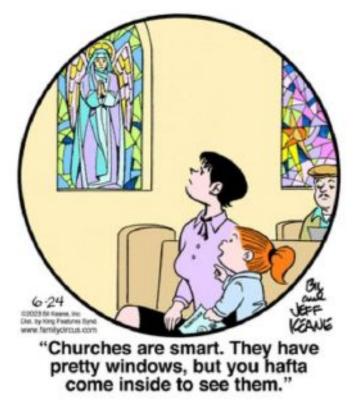
Tracy also spoke about Shoua working with the 5yrs and under class. And that volunteers are welcome with this age group, too.

<u>Yard Care Committee:</u> 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.

<u>New Business</u>: 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.



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 (Somne 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.

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 <u>Jeremy Buis</u>

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 <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/</u> <u>lstumcoro/</u> (Facebook group is a closed group so only members see postings)

Unsung Heroes of Methodism: Thomas Webb

https://www.umnews.org/en/category/church-history

We've all heard the names John and Charles Wesley, but there are a lot of other important names in the history of Methodism you may not know. The Unsung Heroes of Methodism series tells the stories of lesser-known figures whose lives and witness still impact The United Methodist Church today, even if their names aren't familiar to us.

What may be so fascinating about Captain Thomas Webb is how he seemed to appear on the pages of Methodist history out of nowhere. We know very little about his early life. He was born in England in the 1720s, served in the British army, and lost his eye in the Seven Years' War.[1]



Webb was first converted to Methodism in 1765. He was a very charismatic individual and his appearance gave him a commanding presence. He often preached in his uniform and would place his sword on the altar for dramatic effect. But it was Webb's powerful preaching that ultimately kept listeners' attention. Wesley was impressed by Webb and allowed him to become an iterant preacher in England.[2]

Still serving as an officer in the British Army, he was sent to New York in 1767. Wesley granted him permission to preach freely across the American Colonies. Methodism had been brought to North America some years before by Irish immigrants settling in Maryland and New York, but there was little-to-no regular contact between these groups. When not on duty, Webb spent every free moment traveling and preaching the Gospel. He would travel among the societies freely, assisting their leaders and helping create a sense of unity among them. Webb also is credited with spreading Methodism to Delaware.

New York was already home to one of the most successful Methodist societies in the American Colonies, founded by Barbara Heck and Philip Embury. Webb helped the society fund the building of its first official meeting house that would later become John Street UMC and preached there regularly.[3]

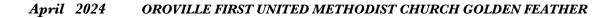
Webb could see the American societies needed more central organization and joined others in petitioning Wesley to send more preachers to North America. Wesley responded by sending of series of new overseers from Britain to administer the societies, including future MEC bishop Francis Asbury.

Webb continued to itinerate in America until the Revolution. Still serving in the British Army, he was arrested by the new patriot government and spent time as a prisoner of war. After being released he left America for good and lived the rest of his days quietly in Bristol.[4] Webb leaves the story of American Methodism as abruptly as he entered it, but he left behind a great legacy. His preaching had brought on many new conversions and his attempts to bring the scattered societies in the American Colonies together paved the way for future leaders like Francis Asbury. This is why we celebrate Captain Thomas Webb as an Unsung Hero of Methodism.

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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 alter 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 alter so I hope you will consider bringing some for a special occasion.

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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 February 2024

Checking Balance February 1, 2024	\$19,872.59
Income Deposits during February 2024	8,110.00
2 Checks voided February 2024	138.63
Checking Expenses during February 2024	9,294.21
Checking Balance February 29,, 2024	18,827.01
Liabilities:	

Pension 2011

\$3,381.70

February 2024 was a very bad month for our church finances. We spent \$1,045.58 more than income received. Our pledges and non pledges were down. We have our parsonage rented but the rental income was down \$400.00. The reason the hot water tank went out and had to be replaced. The tank was still under warranty and we did not have to purchase a new tank. The plumbing Co. charged \$400.00 to put in the new tank. The property management Co. paid for this but deducted from our rental income check. Altogether our income was down. I put off paying about \$1,500.00 in bills until after the first of March. The bills are all paid now but those same bills will need to be paid again in March. The Finance Committee has instructed me to pay all of our current bills in March. We will have the money to do that in our checking account but will leave less money in our general fund checking account.

Thank you for your help with our church finances.

Thank you John S. Fowler Church Treasurer

Oroville First United Methodist Church

Prayer Chain Team

Sue Fredericksen (530) 854-3599 You may also send an email to <u>oroumcprayer@gmail.com</u>

Joe Mooney (530)282-7730.

Helen Beall (530) 589-3149

Ellen Felice (530) 533-8879

Susan Sharon (530) 353-5839

Please contact Sue Fredericksen if you would like your prayer request to go to the prayer chain. You may also send an email to <u>oroumcprayer@gmail.com</u>

First United Methodist Church of Oroville

2023 Church Officers & Committees

2023 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL

Pastor: Rev. Cheng Yang

Position	Servant Leader
Co-Chair/Lay Leader (English)	Gail Leonard
Co-Chair/Lay Leader (Hmong)	Tyler Yang
Secretary	TBD
Membership Secretary	Bill Cheek
Local Member to Annual Conference (English)	Gail Leonard
Local Member to Annual Conference (Hmong)	TBD
Trustees' Chairman	Jeremy Buis
SPRC Chair	Chamee Yang
Finance Chair/Treasurer	John Fowler
Stewardship/Outreach Chair	Randy Fowler
Worship Chair	Pastor Cheng Yang
Sunday School Director	Shoua Lor
Youth President	Michelle Vang

Recommendation for Pastoral Candidacy

Rev. Cheng Yang

Certified Lay Servants

Gail Leanord Davi Vang Mai Yang Jim Webster Shoua Kong-Yang

Tracy Xiong Sue Frederickson Chamee Vang Hlee Vang

Church Historian:

Publicity Director: TBD

Enduring Gifts Director: Alma Short

2023 COMMITTEES

Worship Committee

Position	Servant Leader	
Worship Chair	Pastor Cheng Yang	
Sound & Visual	Jeremy Buis	
Usher's Coordinator	Erin Buis & Micah Buis	
Greeter's Coordinator	Alma Short	
Organist	Patty Bell	
Chancel Choir Director	Jolin Hibbert	
Liturgist Coordinator	Bill Cheek & Sharon Cheek	
Altar Flowers	Janet Short & Sharon Cheek	
Wedding Coordinators	Alma Short	
Communion Stewards	Erin Buis, Sem Xiong, Tyler Yang	
Funeral & Memorials	Erin Buis and Micah Buis	
Paraments & Altaware	Micah Buis, Janet Short	
Anointing Coordinators	Som Xiong	

Hmong Ministry Committee (2024-2026)

Position	Servant Leader
Pastor	Pastor Cheng Yang
Chairperson	Tyler Yang
Secretary	Mai Yang
Treasurer	Jay Vang
Men's President	Davi Vang
Women's President	Tracy Yang
Youth Director	Penny Xiong
Youth President	Michelle Vang
Sunday School Director	Shoua Lor
Song Coordinator	Ka Vang (N. Vam Choj Vaaj)

Finance Committee

Position	Servant Leader
Finance Chair/Treasurer	John Fowler
Secretary	Betty Ledford
Financial Secretary	Sharon Cheek
Hmong Representative	Som Xiong
Stewardship Chair	Randy Fowler
Committee Member	Bill Cheek
Pastor	Cheng Yang

TELLERS

Jeremy Buis Jim Webster Bill Cheek

Outreach Committee

Chair: Randy Fowler

Bill Cheek	Sem Xiong
Sharon Cheek	Joe Mooney
Som Xiong	Xeng Lee

Prayers & Visitation Team

Chair: Sue Fredrickson

Helen Beal, Ellen Felice, Susan Sharon, Zoua Thao-Yang, Ka Vang

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Chamee Yang Vice-Chair: Mai Yang Secretary: Mai Yang

Pastor: Pastor Cheng Yang

Ex-officio member:

Gail Leonard, Tyler Yang

2024	2025	2026
Randy Fowler (2 nd term)	Joe Mooney	Glenda Ott
Mai Yang (2 nd term)	Chamee Yang	
	Wendy Lee	

Nominations & Leadership Development Committee

Chair: Pastor Cheng Yang Ex-officio member: Gail Leanord (Lay leader), Tyler Yang (Hmong Lay Leader)

2024	2025	2026
Bill Cheek (2 nd term)	Ellen Felice	Sem Xiong
David Dewey (2 nd term)	Penny Xiong	Mai Yang
Linda Dewey (2 nd term)		Nan Yang

Board of Trustees (Officers elected by Board of Trustees)

Chair: Jeremy Buis Vice-Chair: Gail Leonard Secretary: TBD Treasurer: Jim Webster

2024 Louise Weitze Seng Yang

2025 Jim Webster Doug Bell 2026 Gail Leonard Shoua Kong-Yang Jeremy Buis

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
Trustees Meeting (Second Sunday)	After 10:30 Service

Monday Schedule

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

Chancel Choir Practice	6:45 p.m.
<u>Thursday Schedule</u>	±
Bible Study & Breakfast	7:30 a.m.

Friday Schedule

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