



# *First United Methodist Church of Oroville*

# *Golden Feather*

***Following Jesus***

***Thriving in Community***

***Healing the World***

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

**Pastor Cheng Yang**



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.

#### CCCO EVENTS

Jan. 21st - CCCO community-wide pulpit swap  
Feb. 17th - CCCO Pancake breakfast at Trinity Presbyterian  
Mar. 16th - CCCO Hunger Walk - begins at Riverbend Park  
Mar. 29th - CCCO Good Friday service at First Congregational  
May 9th - CCCO Ascension Day unity service (location tba)

*Thank you to the congregation for your participation in the Tri  
the Season food drive to benefit the Salvation Army.  
I delivered several boxes of non perishable food to Tri Counties  
bank.  
Wishing you a wonderful 2024  
Janet*

# February Birthdays

for updates please give the information to Erin or Jeremy Buis or  
send to: [orovilleumc45@gmail.com](mailto:orovilleumc45@gmail.com)

2	Por Yang	16	May Lor
4	Susan Sharon	19	Tony Moua
6	Cindy Cha Yang	21	Jeremy Buis
10	Joe Yang	21	Lynn Cha Yang
10	Sue Fredericksen	21	Chor Vang
12	Natalie Yang	23	Larry Ott
13	Maichou Yang	25	Leila Xiong
15	Zoua Vang		

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Church BBQ  
hosted by the Hmong  
Committee at church  
March 23, 2024 at 9am.  
Please bring something for BBQ.



## 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

# Vivian Rae Grainger



**Vivian Rae (Julian ) Grainger passed to be with the Lord on January 3, 2024 following a brief illness. Born December 26, 1928 in Alex, Ok, she moved with her family as a young woman to the Bay Area of California in 1937. She attended Cal Berkeley where she met Doris Miller her lifelong friend. Graduating from San Francisco State College. She met Jack T(Ted) Grainger to whom she was married for 58 years. They raised three children while exploring the world as a military family. They lived in Oroville, California for 30 years after retirement. Vivian was active in Eastern Star, the PEO sisterhood, the Grange, loved the United Methodist Church, and she was proud of her Choctaw heritage.**

**Vivian was preceded in death by her husband Jack Theodore (Ted ) Grainger, her brother Ted Julian, and her son Michael Grainger: she is survived by daughters Audrey Hoyle and Linda Gambill, her four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.**

**A Celebration of Life will be observed on January 14th, 2024, at 4pm, at the First United Methodist Church, 45 Acacia Avenue, Oroville.**

**In lieu of flowers; the family asks that you consider a donation to the First United Methodist Church of Oroville**

**Arrangements entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home. (530) 534-3877**

<https://ramseyfuneralhomes.com/tribute/details/4618/Vivian-Grainger/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Friends,

We are receiving reports of fraudulent text messages being sent to people affiliated with CANV. The most current one is falsely attributed to Bishop Carcaño. It is NOT from Bishop Carcaño and you should delete it. If you have already opened it, simply delete. Do not respond.

The text message will read something like:

***Hi (Name), Please return my text when you get it, I have a favor to ask.  
~Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño.***

### ***Grace and Peace***

If you respond to the text, you will most likely get a reply asking you to purchase gift cards on her behalf. Please remember that Bishop Carcaño has not, nor will she ever reach out to you with a request to send money, in any form or way directly to her.

Some general reminders about how you can spot these scams over email or text message:

- Before you open take a look at the sender address or phone number. If the sender address seems suspicious, or is different than the email address or phone number the person typically uses, then it probably is a scam.
- Take a look at the subject line. If the subject line seems strange, or irregular, that is also a red flag.
- Take a look at the content of the message. If the message is asking you to purchase gift cards or give money, it is probably a scam.
- If you go so far as to open the email or reply to the text, which we advise against, and the content asks you to reply by email or by phone because your assistance is needed with an unnamed situation, you should assume that it is a scam.

You can always reach out to the individual the text is purported to be from, using other contact information you have for them, and check to see if the text is legitimate.

If you open these kinds of text, DO NOT RESPOND. Simply delete the text message.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Selby Ewing, [selbye@calnevumc.org](mailto:selbye@calnevumc.org) or Hanna Widund, [johannaw@calnevumc.org](mailto:johannaw@calnevumc.org).

Thank you for keeping us aware of these scams!

CNUMC Communications Staff





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

# RECYCLABLES

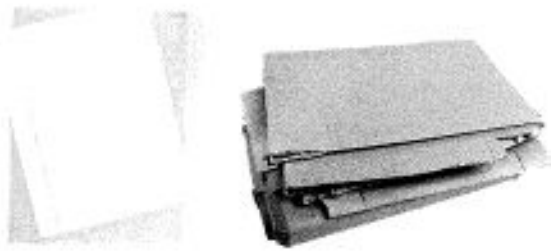
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Recology  
Butte Colusa  
Counties  
WASTE ZERO



PLASTIC BOTTLES, TUBS, AND JUGS



GLASS



PAPER AND CARDBOARD



METAL



NO  
FOOD



NO HAZARDOUS OR  
ELECTRONIC WASTE



NO SINGLE-USE  
PLASTIC



NO  
PPE



NO MEDICAL  
WASTE



# Mobile App for our Church

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.





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.

# Marvin Metzger Obituary

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Marvin Metzger of McCook, Nebraska, who passed away on December 4, 2023, at the age of 96, leaving to mourn family and friends. Leave a sympathy message to the family in the guestbook on this memorial page of Marvin Metzger to show support.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 13th 2023 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the Herrmann-Jones Funeral Chapel (607 Norris Ave, McCook, NE 69001). A funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 14th 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Culbertson Methodist Church (502 Colorado St, Culbertson, NE 69024).

<https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/ne/mccook/marvin-metzer-17307337>



1. We need to take the caps off the plastic bottles
2. We need to bag plastic, aluminum, and glass separately.
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. Please no milk jugs or wine bottles. Micah and family*



## ***December Recycling*** ***\$40.00***

***February 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.

Aiden Vang

Jordan Vang

Sidney Vang

Jacob Vang

Donovan Vang

Mairissa Vang

Zayna Vang

Jonathan Vang

Michio Vang

Maribelle Vang

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





Heifer International gratefully recognizes

## Oroville First United Methodist Church

for your contribution of healthy animals and training  
in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

*"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1*

*Christy Moore*

Heifer International

December 2023

Date



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 Heifer.org • info@heifer.org

# THANK YOU!

Donor ID:	000461181
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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 Oroville First United Methodist Church  
 43 Acacia Ave  
 Oroville, GA 29900-3693



December 19, 2023

Dear Friend:

I'm truly fortunate to witness every day how the giving spirit of groups like yours can change the world. No matter how much circumstances 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 donors 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 wonder 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 farms 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,

Christy Moore  
 Senior Vice President of Marketing

\*Thank you again for your contribution. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift. Heifer International is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization eligible to receive tax-deductible donations. Our EIN is 25-141,9477.

**WHERE DOES YOUR GIFT GO?** Your gift is on its way to one of the 19 countries where we work, where a family anxiously 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 stories about people your gift will help at [Heifer.org/Blog](https://Heifer.org/Blog).
- If you have any questions about Heifer or your gift, you can reach us by phone at 888.5HUNGER • 888.548.6437 or visit [Heifer.org/Support](https://Heifer.org/Support) for 24/7 live chat.
- We publish our financial statements each year at [Heifer.org/Financials](https://Heifer.org/Financials).

# 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://1stunitedmethodist.org/Scholarship_App.html)





*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:



**Sue Fredericksen's friend Rick** is battling cancer & is having chemo. Prayers for him to be able to handle the treatment and that it will be successful; **Chamee Vang** asking for prayers for her **Grandma Mai**. She had to call paramedics because she couldn't wake her, but she is ok now; Prayers for **Cathy Mooney** as she has cancer in her left eye. Prayers for her doctor's to decide how to treat her & for a good recovery; **Ka Vang** is asking for prayers for her **husband Shor**; Prayers for **Emily Fancher** as she is having issues with her kidneys; **Louise Weitze** asks for **prayers for peace** in our world, that wars will cease throughout our world; **Sue Fredericksen** asks for prayers for her **niece Jordana** as she has chronic pain in her lower back, knee and neck as well as stomach issues; **Helen Beall's daughter Connie** fell & injured her ankle, prayers for recovery; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her **husband Troy** for issues with his eye; **Sue Fredericksen** asks for prayers for her **niece Serenity Deliz** as she is in the hospital with sepsis & a kidney infection; **Sue Fredericksen** asks for prayers for her **foster sister Tammy Flicker** who had her thyroid removed & they found cancer in her thyroid. They will be testing to see if it has spread; **Alma** asks for prayers for **Nick Ista** who tore a muscle in his leg & is in a lot of pain. He is finally getting rehab; **Glenda Ott** asks for prayers for her **daughter Lynn** as they deal with the sentencing of her husband John's murderer. He was sentenced to incarceration in a mental facility; **Sue F** asks for prayers for **Brandi Marshall, her daughter-in-law** who has MS;

; **Carol Anderson** asks for prayers for **sister-in-law Debbie** as she is recovering from surgery; **Ka Vang** asking for prayers for her mother-in-law **Mrs. Vang** needs prayers as she is going through dialysis; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her **granddaughter Taya**. She is three years old and has RSV. Pray for a complete recovery; **Per Alma** -- Prayers for **Sherry & Mike** for health concerns; Prayers for the **family & especially Heather**, the **granddaughter of former pastor John Schmidt & his wife Elaine** (both now deceased). Heather needs prayers for an infection in her chemo port and is very ill.

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 F.**-- please continue to pray for her lung disease; **Gail Leonard** requests prayers for her **sister Rachel**, who has ongoing health issues;

Pray for **Linda Perry** as she is having a hard time walking; **Reidun McGrath** asks for prayers for her **brother Thor** who is terminal & is moving to an assisted living facility in Arizona. Reidun reports he arrived & is 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; 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; **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; Prayers for **Carol Anderson** as she is suffering from Parkinson's; 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; **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.

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**Pray for those with ongoing concerns:**

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: Gail & Troy Leonard** celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations!! **Emily Fancher** celebrated a birthday this month. Happy Birthday Emily!! **Tyler Yang** reports a joy for the help received for cleaning up the church on January 6<sup>th</sup> workday. Thanks to all who helped!! **Alma Short** shares a Joy of seeing her family over the Christmas holiday!! **Rachel Ford** shared a joy with the congregation to be here on January 7<sup>th</sup> worship service leading our congregation in service. Thank you, Rachel!!

**DEATHS:** Prayers for the family and friends of **Vivian Grainger** who passed away on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a Celebration of Life at our church on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for all the family who came from far & wide to remember & celebrate Vivian's life.



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).



## **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)*

## 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 itinerant 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 a 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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# 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**

October 2023

Checking Balance October 1, 2023	\$22,001.95
Income Deposits during October 2023	8,348.88
Transferred profit from Ed Yr. Dinner held in April 2023	169.74
Checking Expenses during during October 2023	9,959.44
Checking Balance October 31,,2023	20,561.13
Fundraiser:	
Christmas Basket Drawing	\$ 820.00
Special Offering:	
Christmas Eve Offering	\$ 192.00
Liabilities:	
Pension 2011	\$3,381.70

In October 2023 we spent \$1,440.82 more than income received. We need a little more income to cover all of our current bills. The fire extinguishers at the church had to be serviced. They had not been serviced since Covid. A few bills had to be put off until November.

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

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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](mailto:oroumcprayer@gmail.com)\*\***

# 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 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Joe Mooney	Glenda Ott
Mai Yang (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Chamee Yang	
	Wendy Lee	

**Nominations & Leadership Development Committee**

Chair:                              Pastor Cheng Yang

Ex-officio member:      Gail Leonard (Lay leader), Tyler Yang (Hmong Lay Leader)

2024	2025	2026
Bill Cheek (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Ellen Felice	Sem Xiong
David Dewey (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Penny Xiong	Mai Yang
Linda Dewey (2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	2025	2026
Louise Weitze	Jim Webster	Gail Leonard
Seng Yang	Doug Bell	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

**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.