



First United Methodist Church of Oroville

Golden Feather

***Following Jesus
Thriving in Community
Healing the World***

**Bishop Sandra K. Olewin | District Superintendent Rev. Blake Busick
Pastor Yeu Vang**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Caleb Xiong
- 3 Lor Pao Vang
- 3 Sharon Cheek
- 4 Alie Cha Yang
- 6 Yee Khang Yang
- 6 Tong Ge Xiong
- 9 Paul Xiong
- 10 Keith Felice
- 13 Randy Fowler
- 13 Michelle Vang
- 16 Alma Short
- 16 Joseph Yang
- 16 Janet Short
- 18 David Dewey
- 18 Penny Xiong
- 19 Neng Vang
- 20 Linda Dewey



Co-operating Christian Churches News

Here are the upcoming events:

The pulpit exchange will be held on January 19th.

The pancake breakfast (all funds raised will be given to the hunger walk) will be held on Saturday, February 15th from 8 to 10 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Janet Short will have tickets or you can pay at the event.

Please consider attending to support the hunger walk and also enjoy the fellowship.

The annual Hunger Walk is tentatively scheduled for March 15th. The details will be announced later.

Good Friday Service will be held on Friday, April 18th. The details will be announced later.

Ascension Day Service will be held on May 29th

If you have any questions regarding these events, please contact me.

Janet Short

Co-operating Christian Church representative



EASTER LILIES

Signups for Easter lilies will begin on March 30th and will continue to palm Sunday, April 13th.

As has been done in the past, you are asked to purchase your own lily and bring to church the Saturday before Easter. If you can't bring it to church, please contact me and I will pick it up from you.

Additionally, please bring fresh flowers for the cross on Easter Sunday.

Thank you for making our church lovely for Easter Sunday.

Janet Short

530 589-1483

2024 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year of the Year



2024 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year Honorees

Sandy Smith Oroville High (not pictured)

Lisa Ross Las Plumas High (Charlotte Ross' daughter in law)

Rebecca Howard Las Plumas High

Martina Johnson Oakdale Heights

Alise Kubecki Palermo School District

Sean Fetters Las Plumas High

Kristen Boling Golden Hills

Bill Cash Oroville Union High School District



 **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 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 accidentally 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.
4. Looking for people to give the sermon on Sundays. Check signup sheet in Social Hall for Available dates



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship Committee Minutes July 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Pastor Yeu.

Those present were: Pastor Yeu, Joline Hibbert, Taylor, Micah, Jeremy and Erin Buis, Patty Bell and Janet Short

Pastor Yeu opened with prayer

Jeremy moved to approve the agenda and Joline seconded. The agenda was approved.

There were no minutes to be approved.

New Business:

Worship Chair:

There was discussion regarding the chair for the worship committee.

Janet moved to appoint Pastor Yeu as chair and Joline seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

Worship Service:

Pastor Yeu shared that he doesn't always have an old and new testament reading. The Bible readings depend on his sermon. He does not follow the lectionary for worship.

The duties of the liturgist was discussed.

Pastor Yeu said more duties will be asked of the liturgist. He said the liturgist is like a "master of ceremonies." The liturgist will be responsible to announce the passing of the peace, conduct the welcome and announcements, call to worship and announce the hymns. Pastor Yeu said he will write a script for the liturgist to assist with the change of duties.

It was agreed Pastor Yeu will do the prayer for the offering.

Pastor Yeu shared that his sermon is 20 minutes at the most. If there are circumstances when it goes longer he will let the congregation know.

Communion was discussed and Pastor Yeu would like the communion committee to find people to assist with serving communion. Pastor Yeu asked the communion steward to alternate responsibilities monthly: buy the bread and juice and set up communion. The church will reimburse the cost of the bread and juice if necessary. It was decided the bread will be cut up but he would like a small loaf to use when conducting the communion service. There

will be some special Sundays when he would like to use a whole loaf of bread. He will let the committee know when that happens.

Pastor Yeu was told that the congregation normally stays seated during the postlude.

It was decided that the pianist chooses the songs (opening, center and closing). It's not necessary that the songs match the sermon theme. The pastor will send the pianist the sermon title, prayer and scripture. The pianist will choose the songs based on those themes. After the pianist chooses the songs, she sends them back to the pastor.

Janet asked about beginning the passing of the peace again and having a children's moment. Pastor Yeu was agreeable to both. We will start the passing of the peace and see how it goes. A children's moment will be done on the 2nd Sunday of the month for now.

There will be one combined service on the first Sunday of the month. The remaining Sundays will be 2 services. There was a general agreement that we would like to move toward both congregations worshipping together.

Anointing Stations:

Jeremy moved to start the anointing stations again and Patty seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Pastor Yeu will ask Glenda Ott and Tracy Yang if they would conduct the anointing.

This will begin next month.

Monthly Event/Traditions:

July through September: No events

October: Oct 20th is laity Sunday. Pastor Yeu is off that Sunday. The Worship Committee is asked to find laity to conduct the service.

November: The annual turkey dinner is held. The basket fundraiser begins with the drawing in December.

December: Christmas Eve service. Pastor Yeu will not be here so there will be no Christmas Eve service.

January: The annual pulpit exchange with the cooperation Christian churches.

February: Ash Wed is on February 5th. Discussion was held to have the time of the service at 4:30.

March: No events

April: Easter Sunday April 20, Maundy Thursday on the 17. There was discussion as to whether to have a meal before the service. No decision was made.

Cooperating Christian Churches hold a Good Friday service from noon to 2:00 PM

Annual Educator of the Year dinner is held.

May: Cooperating Christian Churches hold a unity service

June: No events

Pastor Yeu said he will be out of the country from December 19, 2024 to January 9, 2025. He will be on a mission trip to Laos. Lay servants will need to fill in for worship on Dec 22, Dec 29 and January 5.

Patty suggested honoring our volunteers during worship,
Patty made a motion to have a volunteer appreciation time during worship.
Jeremy seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
It was discussed to have the volunteer appreciation on the 5th Sunday of the month.

Jeremy brought up honoring our graduates in June. This has not been done in awhile.

Jeremy motioned to honor our graduates during the worship service
Erin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Pastor Yeu said the Worship Committee will hold 2 meetings a year. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday January 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM

Joline closed the meeting with prayer at noon.

Janet Short

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





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 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. Micah and family



A GIFT FROM HEIFER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

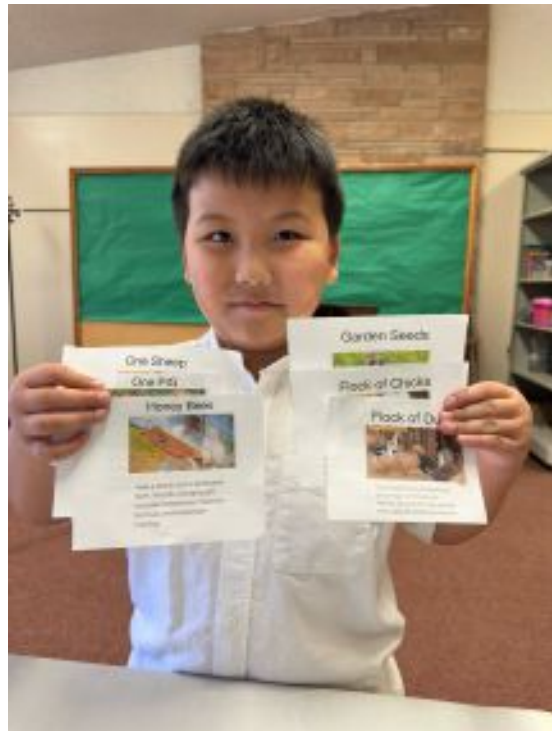
***December Recycling
\$65.00***

Heifer Voters

Zayna Donovan Zuri Dominic Sidney
Apollo Aiden Andrew Michelle Alex
Mairissa Evelyn Maribelle Leila Michio
Henry JR
Thank you voters!







Heifer Items Purchased with Recycling

One Goat
One Pig
One Flock of Chicks
One Flock of Ducks
One Hope Basket
Seeds
Bees

Thank you Micah and Jeremy for dealing with the recycling items.

Heifer Project Certificate Ceremony

Thanking the children for helping others.



RECYCLABLES

RECICLABLES



PLASTIC BOTTLES, TUBS, AND JUGS
BOTELLAS, BALDES Y JARRAS DE PLÁSTICO



GLASS
VIDRIO



PAPER AND CARDBOARD
PAPEL Y CARTÓN



METAL
METAL



NO
FOOD
COMIDA
NO



NO HAZARDOUS OR
ELECTRONIC WASTE
DESECHOS PELIGROSOS
O ELECTRÓNICOS NO



NO SINGLE-USE
PLASTIC
PLÁSTICO DE
UN SOLO USO NO



NO
PPE
EPP
NO



NO MEDICAL
WASTE
DESECHOS
MÉDICOS NO



MAINTAINING YOUR ORGANICS CONTAINERS

KEEPING YOUR GREEN CART CLEAN

Maggots are fly larvae and occur when flies lay eggs on organic materials. This can occur in any cart where organic materials are placed (garbage or organics cart).

Maggots typically have a seven-day life cycle with fluctuations depending on temperatures and other conditions such as moisture.

To prevent maggots from occurring, eliminate odors, and reduce their access to the cart follow these tips:

- Wrap your meat food scraps and bones in a sheet of newspaper before placing them in your green organics cart.
- Freeze your seafood or meat scraps until the day prior to your collection day.
- Put a layer of yard trimmings, food-soiled paper (napkins or paper towels), or baking soda on top of your food scraps.
- Rinse your organics cart with a mild detergent and water.
- Keep the cart lid closed.
- Spray the rim of the cart with bleach, ammonia, or bug spray weekly.



MAGGOTS IN YOUR GREEN ORGANICS CART?

If you end up with maggots in your green organics cart, the following can help:

- Spray the top and inside of the cart with vinegar.
- Cover the maggots with lime, salt, or vinegar.



HOW TO MINIMIZE ODORS

If you would like to minimize odors from your green cart, the following can help:

- Mix food scraps with materials that are dry and absorbent (and also organic) such as plant debris, shredded bills and sensitive documents, and paper napkins or towels. Sprinkling baking soda in the cart can help for smaller amounts of food scraps too.
- Store your cart in a cooler, shady area so the heat doesn't increase the decomposition (and smell) of the contents of the cart.



HOW TO CLEAN YOUR GREEN ORGANICS CART

If you need to clean your green organics cart, do not use soap and other "cleaners" that could damage local ecosystems. Instead use natural methods and ingredients such as:

- Leave the cart lid open on a rainy day or rinse out the cart with a hose. Make sure to dump the used water and organics debris in landscaping (not into the storm drain).
- Try lime or lemon, baking soda, and vinegar inside the cart to clean and scrub away odors.

CONTACT US

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 Oroville, CA 95965

OTHER RESOURCES

CityOfOroville.org
 CalRecycle.ca.gov

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DO NOT RECYCLE OR COMPOST THESE ITEMS

These items are often mistakenly put in the recycling bin. Placing them in the compost or recycling container is a contamination violation.

1. All plastic bags, packaging, utensils, and straws are garbage. Even if they have a "recycling symbol" on them they are not recyclable.
2. Polystyrene packaging, cups, plates, block, or to-go containers are not allowed in the recycle or organic cart.
3. Clothes/textiles cannot be recycled in your recycling cart. They can be recycled/down-cycled by donating them to a non profit.

Batteries are hazardous waste and can cause a fire in our trucks and/or the processing facility if disposed of incorrectly. You can dispose of batteries at most home improvement stores or visit the Hazardous Waste Facility at the Recology Transfer Station at 2720 South Fifth Avenue, in Oroville, Monday to Friday 8 AM to 4 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 4:30 PM. For more information, please see our website, Recology.com.



FREE MATTRESS DROP OFF

Residents can drop off up to 3 mattresses and/or box springs free of charge all year long at the Recology Transfer Station at 2720 South Fifth Avenue, in Oroville, Monday to Friday 8 AM to 4 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING

Composting is nature's way of recycling and is one of the most powerful actions we can take to reduce landfill waste, combat climate change, and build healthy soil. It supports the environment by:

- **Reducing methane emissions:** Composting organic waste lowers methane output from landfills.
- **Decreasing waste:** Diverts organic material from landfills.
- **Recycling nutrients:** Compost transforms organic waste into nutrient-rich soil.

Using compost in your backyard, local farms, schools, parks, and other green spaces replenishes the soil with essential organic matter.

Scan the QR code to watch our 3-minute video "Back to the Core: A Compost Story".



Scan to watch:
"Back to the Core: A
Compost Story"

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HOW TO PREPARE FOOD SCRAPS FOR COLLECTION

1. Collect food scraps while preparing meals, scraping plates, and/or cleaning out the refrigerator of spoiled food. Include paper towels, napkins, paper plates, and pizza boxes (make sure to dispose of any plastic in the garbage).



2. Empty your kitchen compost pail, including soiled paper, and any vegetative waste into your green compost cart. No plastic bags are allowed in the green compost cart.



3. We'll take it from here! We haul your compost to a local facility and within 60 days, it is made into rich compost that is used throughout the community and beyond to help regenerate the soil.



FREE INDOOR FOOD SCRAP PAILS

Free indoor compost pails are available to Oroville residents (one per household) for the collection of food scraps in your kitchen. Please contact City of Oroville at recycle@cityoforoville.org to request a pail.



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.



Alarming Info



Just a friendly little nudge! If you accidentally trigger the alarm at church, make sure to ring the number on that handy paper next to the alarm panel and give Accularm a heads-up that you're at church and hit the panic button. If the alarm goes off and no one calls, Accularm starts dialing up our church crew to spread the alarm news. Lately, our heroes Jim Webster or Micah Buis have been on the scene to save the day and check things out, so we don't end up footing the bill for a police visit to a non-emergency. Let's keep it smooth and simple!

Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:



Prayers for **Gail Leonard's grandson** as he recovers from surgery for appendicitis; Also, prayers for **Gail** as she is seeing a cardiologist for heart murmurs; Prayers for **Keith Felice's friend**

Tyler who dislocated his knee; Prayers for **Shor** as he is not feeling well; Prayers for **Gail Leonard's husband Troy** as he is struggling with depression, as he did not get placed on the transplant list. Pray for a better outcome next time they try; Prayers for **John Fowler** as he fell & injured his knee. He has a hematoma and needs prayers for recovery; **Gail** also asks for prayers for her **niece Nicole** who was recently diagnosed with uterine cancer and is facing surgery; **Gail** asks for prayers for her friend **Sue** who is having surgery after suffering a stroke and a severe leg infection. And for **Sue's husband Tom** who has cancer. Pray for healing for both; **Sue Fredericksen** asks for prayers for **Jesse Brown**, the father of her great grandson. Jesse has kidney cancer & is waiting to see a kidney cancer doctor. **Carol Anderson** asks for prayers for **her brother Steve**; **Ka Vang** is asking for prayers for her sisters – one has cancer & one is in Thailand & she hasn't seen her in years. Prayers for Ka and her family; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her **sister Rachel** who suffers from arthritis & fibromyalgia; **Glenda Ott** asks for prayers for her **daughter's MIL Sharon's sister** who has brain cancer. Prayers for healing; Prayers for **Reidun McGrath** as she was recently hospitalized with colitis; **Ellen & Keith Felice** request prayers for their **friend Cindy** and her **sister-in-law Lupe**. **Lupe** is not doing well with severe kidney problems & dialysis may be needed **Gail Leonard** asks for continued prayers for her **husband Troy** who has health issues, her youngest **son Zachary, his wife Michelle & their 3 kids** Prayers for **Reidun McGrath's brother & sister** who are both not

doing well; **Tracy Yang** asks for prayers for her brother-in-law diagnosed with cancer & was hospitalized in early June; **Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers for her **niece Serenity Deliz** who has long Covid and pulmonary hypertension. She recently found out she is stage 8 of heart failure at age 47. Pray for healing; Prayers for **Joan Azevedo & Gary Azevedo** -- Gary has continuing difficulty with his health; **Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers for **her sister Tammy Flicker** who is having another thyroid surgery. She has had previous surgeries, but they didn't get it all & it is cancer; Prayers for **Susan Sharon** as she is having vision problems in one eye; **Davi Vang** asks for prayers for his uncle; Prayers for a friend of **Doug Bell's, Roger**, who has terminal cancer & is in hospice care at home; **Sue Fredericksen's friend Rick** is battling cancer & is having chemo. **Sue F** asks for prayers for **Brandi Marshall, her daughter-in-law** who has MS; **Ka Vang** asking for prayers for her mother-in-law **Mrs. Vang** needs prayers as she is going through dialysis; 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** asks for prayers for **family friend Chuck Kraft** who has pancreatic cancer; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her **sister-in-law Cynthia Gonzalez** who is in end stage liver disease and is in Hospice Care; **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; 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; Continue to pray for **Jeremy & Erin Buis** for better health for Jeremy & less back pain for Erin.

Prayers for our **Pastor Yeu Vang & his wife Michelle** as **Pastor Yeu** suffered a stroke in October.

Pastor Yeu & Michelle are now back in the parsonage. He needs a lot of rest & therapy. He has made some small improvements. **Alma Short** recently visited with him & Michelle. He was seated in a wheelchair & was smiling & shook her hand with his left hand. He is getting physical therapy 2 times a week, so is finally getting the help he needs. Michelle is his primary caregiver so prayers for her to be able to handle the complexities & challenges that goes along with caregiving. Continue to pray for a complete recovery so **Pastor Yeu** can come back to us as our pastor along with Michelle. We miss them both!! So please continue to pray for a miracle!

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, Joan & Gary Azevedo and Joe & Cathie Mooney.

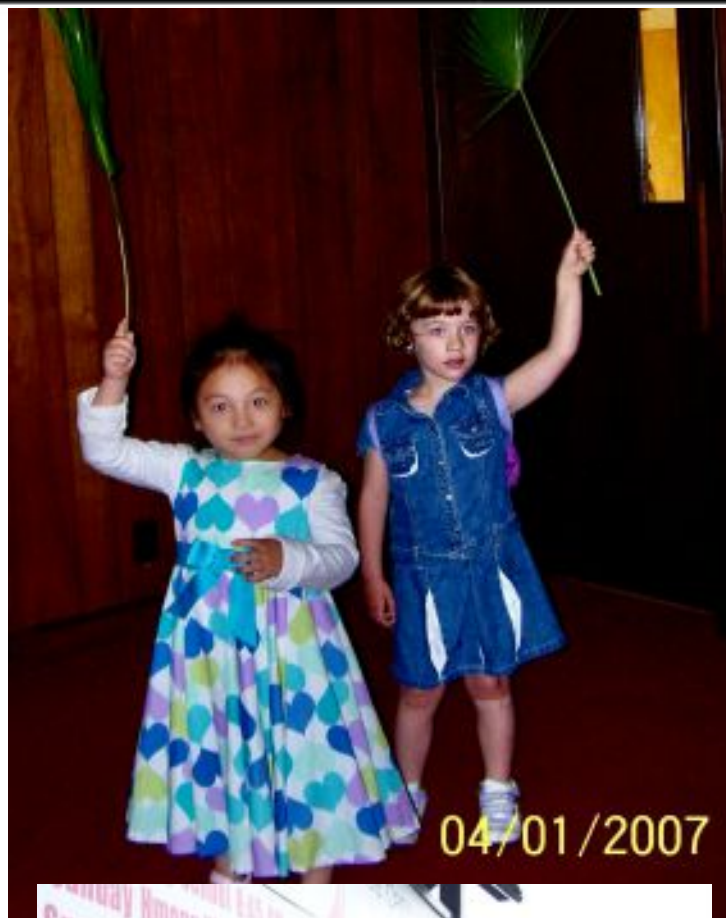
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Pray for our military at home & abroad and for the families of our missing ones, our POW's & MIA's who never came home and for those suffering from PTSD and are suicidal. They serve, so we can be free.

Continue to pray for our overall church finances. We are having a tough time paying our bills now that the preschool is gone, and we no longer receive any funds from them. 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: Lots of Joys this month: it was a joy to attend the **Valentine's Day Potluck Lunch** put on by the Hmong congregation. Thank you for all your hard work; **Janet Short** reports the **Potluck Soup Lunch** for the **Hunger Walk** made \$310. Thanks to Randy for heading this up and for all the wonderful soups that were brought in by the congregation. And, for the **Hunger Walk**, the pancake breakfast brought in more than \$600; **Som** ran into **Joe & Cathie Mooney** & they are happy with their new church; **Gail Leonard** is joyful about her **granddaughter Claire** celebrating her 7th birthday and that her **daughter** returned safely from her trip to Paris. **Jim Webster** is happy that his **daughter Jamie** has finally received permission to travel to the US with her daughters from Australia

DEATHS: **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her family as they mourn the loss of her **cousin Becky Brown**. She is survived by her husband Bobby Brown & their daughters Stacey & Susan. They were best friends with her mom & dad & Gail spent a lot of time with them while growing up. **David & Linda Dewey** are mourning the loss of their **friend Larry Cardoza** who passed away on February 20th. Prayers for Larry's wife Nancy & the rest of his family & friends; **Alma** asks for prayers for the family of her **young cousin Travis Scott**. He died in Texas from pancreatic cancer; **Sue Fredericksen** has a friend who lost her son at 40 years old to a heart attack. Prayers for Sue's friend. Prayers for **Zoua Yang & family** as they were traveling back to Illinois for Zoua's sister's funeral.



Sue Fredericksen's new email is . You can email her any prayer requests that you want to put on the prayer chain or email directly to 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



EMERGENCY EVACUATION – ITEMS TO GATHER

No. of vehicles _____ Drivers _____ Trailers _____ Motorcycles _____

15-minute warning:

1. Wallet, purse, keys, glasses
2. Cell phone(s), charger(s)
3. Emergency cash, credit card
4. Pets, carriers, leashes, meds
5. Clothes, shoes, hats for season
6. Hearing aids, medications
7. Flashlights, extra batteries
8. Safety deposit box key(s)
9. Checkbooks, bills to pay
10. _____
11. _____

30-minute warning:

(The above, plus):

1. Pillows, sleeping bags, blankets
2. Address book, phone list
3. Jewelry & most-valuable personal possessions
4. Personal hygiene items
5. Other meds, supplements
6. First aid kit, medical items
7. Pet food, dishes, bedding, litter
8. Children's items, toys, books
9. Battery radio, extra batteries
10. Toilet paper, hand wipes, soap
11. Clothing for 3 days, shoes
12. Computer, monitor, laptop
13. Gal. jugs of drinking water
14. _____
15. _____

1-hour warning:

1. Take or safeguard guns, ammo
2. Ice cooler w/ice, food, drinks
3. Genealogy records, files
4. 3 days food, special diet items
5. Gloves, dust mask for smoke
6. Paper plates, cups, utensils
7. School items, homework, pen, pencil, books, calculator, paper
8. Licenses, vehicle titles, deeds
9. Insurance, financial, medical data; Wills, Powers of Atty.
10. Personal property list, photos & appraisals, documentation
11. _____
12. _____

2-hour+ warning:

1. Albums, photos, home videos
2. Albums, photos, home videos
3. Family photos on display
4. Military decorations, records, mementoes, plaques
5. Luggage (packed)
6. Valuable items, cameras
7. Heirlooms, art, collections
8. Primary cosmetics
9. Secondary vehicles, RV
10. Camping equipment, tent
11. Journals, diaries, letters
12. _____

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

First United Methodist Church-Oroville Church Council Meeting Minutes Sunday, September 22, 2024

Opening Prayer – Given by Pastor Yeu

1. Committee Reports:

- a. **Church Leadership Report** – Pastor Yeu said he reviewed the Leadership information on the Church website. He provided a handout of the 2025 Church Leaders and asked everyone to confirm if their information is correct. Then he will make the necessary corrections to the website and with the Conference.
- b. **Finance Committee Report** – John Fowler reported on the following: August was not a good month for the Church, and we paid out more than we took in. He reviewed the Pastor's salary including the contribution from the Conference (\$4100 a month). He discussed the Parsonage repairs that have been completed so far. And that the money is coming out of the Parsonage reserve account and the repairs total \$11,000 currently. John explained that the property tax exemption ended when the Parsonage was rented, but Jim Webster is working on getting this reinstated. He discussed the financial problems that the Preschool is having because their 2022-2023 audit was late. The audit has been completed by a CPA, but the preschool's budget has not been approved by the State. The status of the preschool is unknown currently. The money the preschool pays to the Church is to reimburse the Church for utilities, insurance, etc. Pastor Yeu will be meeting with April soon to find out how the Church may help. Pastor asked for some members of the Church to attend the meeting. The meeting will be on a weekday at 12pm
- c. **Hmong Ministry Report** – Tyler reported that Hmong worship is at 8:30am and Sunday School is after service. He reported that everything is the same with the Hmong Ministry. Pastor Yeu spoke about the Hmong Worship training he held on Sept. 21 and the Hmong Leadership training he is holding on Sept. 28.
- d. **Membership Committee Report** – No report was given
- e. **Outreach Committee Report** – Randy Fowler reported that Stewardship is holding the basked raffle again and that the baskets are due on Nov 2. Outreach hopes to hold a soup lunch in February, as a fund raiser for the CCCO Hunger Walk. Pastor Yeu suggested the Church have a fundraiser where vendors can rent spaces to sell their wares. The Church could charge \$50 per space rented in the parking lot. Rachel Ford (Gail's sister) spoke on this and has some good ideas on how to improve this fundraiser. Tyler advised that the Hmong would like to have BBQ's, food trucks and maybe a yard sale at the event. And that the event should be on a Saturday. It was brought up that anyone selling food must have a food license issued by Public Health
- f. **SPRC Report** – No report was given

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES (CONTINUED)

- g. **Trustees Committee Report** – Jim Webster discussed the inside repairs are done at the Parsonage. Jim explained that more members are needed for the Trustee’s Committee and asked people to consider being part of the committee. Gail spoke about the possibility of ceiling fans being installed in the Social Hall and irrigation out front.
 - h. **Worship Committee Report** – Pastor Yeu requested that if anyone would like to make changes to the Worship service to please let him know. Patty Bell spoke about making the 5th Sunday of the month volunteer appreciation Sunday, starting next Sunday, Sept. 29th. She asked people to call her with nominees as soon as possible. Tyler advised that the Hmong Congregation holds a New Years Eve celebration each year, at the Church, and invited everyone to come.
 - i. **Youth Committee Report** – Tracy Yang advised that Penny and Shoua are the Youth Leaders, along with Michelle.
2. **Christmas Eve Service:** Pastor Yeu will be in town so there will be a Christmas Eve service. It is unknown if the Youth are going to perform a play. Gail will contact Penny or Shoua to confirm.
 3. **Pastor Yeu:** There were 23 people present at the meeting. And Pastor Yeu explained if each of us brought one person to Church, we would have 46 people, and so on. Pastor Yeu is forming a Vision Team to discuss what we have and won’t we don’t have. How we can reach out into the community. And how we can increase the membership of the Church. He would like at least 5 people to form the Vision Team. Rachel Ford spoke on visiting shut-ins, giving someone a ride, etc. Pastor asked people to come and see him if they would like to be on the Vision Team. Gail volunteered to be on the Vision Team.
 4. **Other:** Pastor discussed that changes need to be made to improve the membership and community Outreach. Gail reminded everyone that while they may not be able to do physical work for the Church, they can share their ideas and thoughts on how to improve the Church. She encouraged everyone to really give this some thought and to talk with her or Pastor Yeu about their ideas.
 5. **Closing Prayer:** Given by Gail Leonard

Minutes written by Betty Ledford and typed and submitted by Gail Leonard, Lay Leader.

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:

Randy Fowler will purchase the 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 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. Go to cvli.com to see the list of movies available.

Family Movie Night is a great idea for a church fundraiser. Snacks can be sold. A donation bucket can be placed for entry. Entry tickets can not be sold.

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 know (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

November 2024

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| Checking Balance November 1, 2024 | \$ 8,580.59 |
| Income Deposits during November 2024 | \$ 15,862.66 |
| Checking Expenses during November 2024 | \$ 15,278.47 |
| Checking Balance November 30, 2024 | \$ 9,164.78 |

Liabilities:

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| Pension 2011 | \$ 3,381.70 |
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Fundraisers:

Turkey Dinner \$511.00 Profit for Church General Fund
Christmas Basket Drawing December 2024 \$1,215.00

As I write this article for November 2024 you can see our finances were better in November 2024. We received \$584.19 more in income than our expenses. The reason for this is The State Preschool had not been able to pay the church for three months. Sept, Oct. and Nov. 2024. The reason the state of Ca. Had cut off their funds until an audit of the Preschool was completed. The audit was completed and the state Preschool received a small apportionment from The State of Ca. They were able to pay the church for Sept., Oct. And November. This allowed me to bring our bills up to date.

The Christmas Basket drawing did very well this year but the income will not show up until our December financial report.

Thank you for your help on the fundraisers for the church general fund.

Keep Pastor Yeu in your prayers every day for recovery from the severe stroke he suffered in October.

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

roumcprayer@gmail.com

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.**

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First United Methodist Church of Oroville

2023 Church Officers & Committees

2023 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL

Pastor Yeu Vang

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 | Pastor Yeu Vang |
| Worship Chair | Pastor Cheng Yang |
| Sunday School Director | Shoua Lor |
| Youth President | Michelle Vang |

Recommendation for Pastoral Candidacy

Pastor Yeu Vang

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

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Position | Pastor Yeu Vang |
| 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 |
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Hmong Ministry Committee (2024-2026)

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| Position | Pastor Yeu Vang |
| 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

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| 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 | Pastor Yeu Vang |
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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 Yeu Vang
 Pastor Cheng Yang

Ex-officio member: Gail Leonard, Tyler Yang

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

Nominations & Placement Committee

Chair: Pastor Yeu Vang
 Pastor Cheng Yang

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

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| 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

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| 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| Louise Weitze | Jim Webster | Gail Leonard |
| Seng Yang | Doug Bell | Shoua Kong-Yang |
| | | Jeremy Buis |

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Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving
the Oroville Community**

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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

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| 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 & 2ns Sundays..... | 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 |

Wednesday Schedule

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| Finance Meeting (Second Wednesday)..... | 5:30 p.m. |
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Thursday Schedule

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| Bible Study & Breakfast..... | 7:30 a.m. |
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Friday Schedule

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