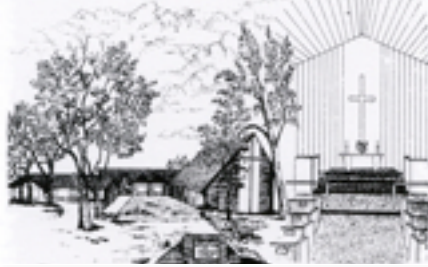


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Dinner at Six December Menu

December 6th

Corn Chip Tamale Pie, Warm
Tortillas, Salad, Dessert

Chef: Randy Fowler

December 13th

Parmesan Baked Chicken,
Mashed Potatoes, Country
Gravy, Vegetable, Bread,
Dessert

Chefs: Randy Fowler/
Finance

December 20th

No Dinner



December 27th

**No Dinner
Happy New Year**



**Dinners will resume on
January 3rd**

Save the Date

December 17

Christmas Basket Drawing

December 24th

Christmas Eve Service

December 31st

Hmong New Year Gathering

March 20

Ross-Harmon Educator of the
Year Nominations Due

April 30

Ross-Harmon Educator of the
Year Dinner
6:00 pm

Pastor's Message

Cheng Yang

Church Office: (530) 534-9455 / Cell Phone: (530) 415-9289 / email: cyang32@hotmail.com



Greetings to all,

December is indeed a very busy month for the church and for all of us personally as I'm sure many will be enjoying time with their friends and families. I just want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May the Lord keep all of us safe through this holiday season.

Here are some of the upcoming events for our church:

- Hmong Ministry Committee Meeting, Dec. 2, 2017 at 10am in the L&M room
- Church Conference Meeting, Dec. 3, 2017 after Sunday Worship Service
- FUMC Youth Caroling, Dec. 16, 2017
- Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24, 2017 (time TBD)
- Hmong New Year Gathering, Dec. 31, 2017

In Christ,

Pastor Cheng Yang

(Xh. Txawj Tsheej Yaj)

First United Methodist Church of Oroville

December Birthdays

for updates please give the information to Erin or Jeremy Buis or
send to: umc@1stunitedmethodist.org

1 Nan Vang
3 Nou Yang
3 See Muas Moua
6 Billy Yang
11 Betty Ledford
12 Heloise Martin
13 Mason Vang
14 Douglas Krause
15 Gladeen Lebeouf
18 Cathy Weitze
21 Allison Erwin



25 Chounburi Vang
26 Vivian Grainger
27 Wyatt Weitze
27 Eve Yang
28 Karen Green
31 Shor Vang
31 Ya Kue
31 Xai Chur Kue
31 Ying Xiong Kue
31 Mai Kue Vang
31 Ka Vang

DECEMBER WORSHIP

Dec 3rd

Pastor: Pastor Cheng Yang
Greeters: Emily Fancher
Coffee Hour: Emily Fancher
Lockup: Sem Xiong

Dec. 10th

Pastor: Pastor Bob Biehler
Greeters: Bill & Sharon
Coffee Hour: Janet Short
Lockup: Jeremy Buis

Dec. 17th

Pastor: Pastor Bob Biehler
Greeters: Wayne & Bev
Coffee Hour: Derek & Tammy
Lockup: Trustee

Dec. 24th

Pastor: Pastor Cheng Yang
Greeters: Georgia
Coffee Hour: Carol Anderson
Lockup: Susan Sharon

Dec. 31st

Pastor: Pastor Bob Biehler
Greeters:
Coffee Hour:
Lockup: Trustee

If you'd like to host a coffee hour or greet people as they come to church please contact Pastor Cheng or email umc@1stunitedmethodist.org



UPDATE ON HOW OUR SHARE CARDS ARE DOING AS A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR CHURCH BUDGET

I want to give you an update on how our Food Maxx Share Cards are doing as a fundraiser for our church general fund. We receive an automatic bank deposit from Food Maxx each month. In September 2017 we received \$64.59 Year to date \$715.12. Remember to put in the church phone number when you pay for your groceries at Food Maxx. When the clerk starts to scan your groceries put in the church phone number (530) 534-9455 and touch the green button. The amount you spend will appear on your grocery receipt. It will show how much you have spent in the current month. Money will come back to the church general fund. There is no card to use any longer. If you have any problem ask the clerk to help you. Once in awhile the place you put in the church phone number will not come up and you need to ask the clerk to help you. Most of the time it works just fine. What an easy way to help our church general fund.

Keep helping the church general fund when you purchase your groceries at Food Maxx.

Thank you
John S. Fowler
Chairman
Finance Committee

Church Treasurer



SHOP AT YOUR FAVORITE ONLINE STORE AND DONATE FOR FREE

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



Staples

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

Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year

Monday, April 30, 2018
Nominations deadline March 26, 2018

Nomination forms are online:
<http://ross-harmon.org/>

2017 Award Honorees

Susan Hoopes & Trina Morris – Oroville Union High School District
Liz Hoy & Thay Lee – Oroville City Elementary School District
Carol Brown & Heather Peterson – Palermo Union School District
Chip Frink & Wendi Ballard – Thermalito Union School District

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

There is a calendar in the Narthex on your left as you are going into the Social Hall to sign up for flowers for the altar. If you would like to have them in honor, memory etc. of someone or a special occasion, please note this in the space following the Sunday you signed up for. It will be announced in the church bulletin.

A plant, flowers from your yard etc. would be great. If you have questions, please contact Janet Short @ 589-1483



As I am sure you have noticed the Children's Board is up in the Narthex. This is one way for our congregation to connect with our State PreSchool families. This year we have 6 families with 13 children all together. We will be collecting foods for the holiday meals, clothes for our children and their siblings and toys for all the children in the

family. If you have felt disconnected from real life here is one way to get in touch with what is really happening out there in Oroville. You don't have to spend much money. Just take a few slips off the board and go to any store. Seeing what's new in children's toys and clothes is a real eye opener. It will be good for you. Please put the paper slip on the gift. No need to wrap. Parents get that pleasure. ***Have it back to the Children's Board by December 17.*** Live the real spirit of Christmas.

If you know a family with a 3 year old child or older please let them know of our State PreSchool at the church.

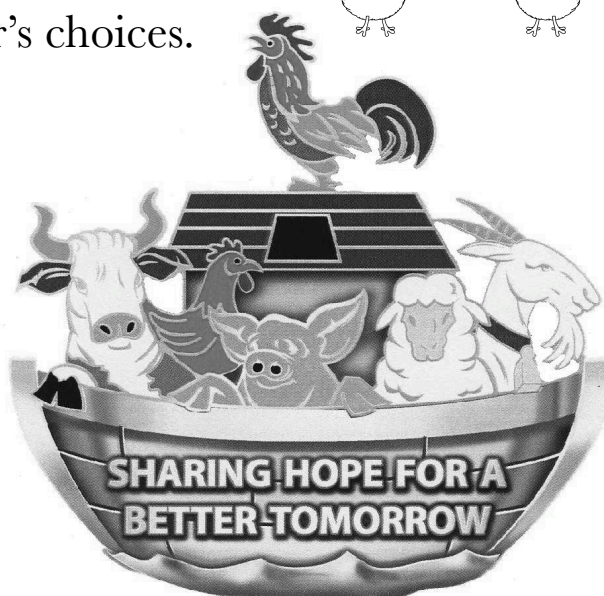
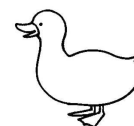
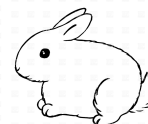
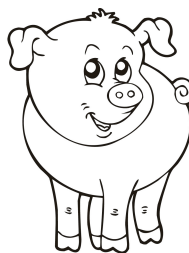
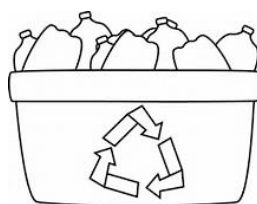
Our State PreSchool has begun it's year here at the church. This year the legislature has finally raised the income limit to allow more families and children the opportunity of learning in our PreSchool program. Last year our Director, April Boling, was unable to allow many families entrance into the program because the minimum wage had been raised but the income level for the classes had not been set higher. This summer, the State Legislator finally realized that they needed to make adjustments to the income entry qualifications. With this change we are hoping that both morning and afternoon classes will be full. The class enrollment sets the amount of money that the church receives each month. If you know a family with a 3 year old child or older please let them know of our State PreSchool at the church. It is a wonderful program and our director, April Boling, does an excellent job in preparing the children for kindergarten.

Recycling for Heifer

The children of the Sunday School have selected animals, etc with the proceeds from your recycled items. Micah, Taylor and Erin Buis take the items to the recycling center. The children had \$400.00 to work with, Susan Sharon met with the Sunday School classes and the following is what they chose:

- Eli Yang - a pig
- Genevieve - a flock of chicks
- Zuri Vang - rabbits
- Leila Xiong - honeybees
- Joseph Yang - a flock of ducks
- Michelle Vang - a hope basket
- Marissa Vang - rabbits
- Donovan Vang a flock of ducks
- Jordan Vang - a flock of chicks

Looking forward to next year's choices.



Church Key Reconciliation

The Board of Trustees are doing a reconciliation of all the keys for the facility. Please let us know if you have any keys and what areas they are for. You can email Jeremy Buis at bidwell13@att.net or leave a note in the Trustees box in the office.

Board of Trustees



LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

FEATHER RIVER SENIOR CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION
1335 MYERS ST
3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
11 AM TO NOON
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
PAT GRAY
530-712-1144

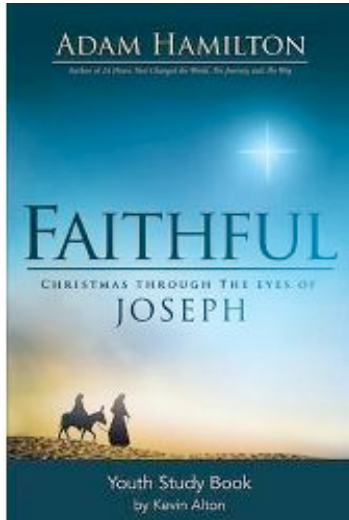
COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS

**Need to someone to step
up and take charge of
listing coffee hour and
greeters.**



Plastic water bottles
Plastic Soda bottles and aluminum cans
Plastic sports drinks bottles
Tea and coffee drinks
Juice cans and bottles (100% juice containers
need to be less than 46 ounces)
Vegetable juice (less than 16 ounces)
Glass wine coolers
Glass Beer and other malt bottles

**We have been asked to remove all
caps from containers.**

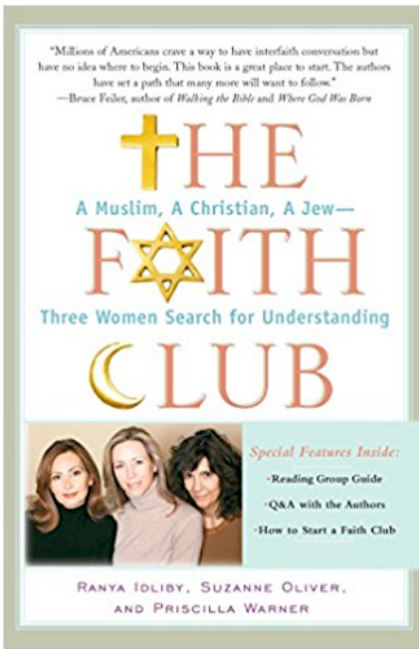


Preparing for Christmas

"A great way to prepare for Christmas, consider joining us for a four week Wednesday night study of Adam Hamilton's new book, Faithful: Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph. Beginning Wednesday,

November 15th, we will meet on Wednesday nights from 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the Fireside room. Sign up sheet is available in the Narthex."

Thursday Morning Bible Study
For more information you can call or speak to
Joan Azevedo, 589-5509.



The new book that we are reading in the Marlys/Doris Circle is The Faith Club. It is about three women, a Muslim, A Christian and a Jew and their search for understanding each other and their religion. I have ordered some from Amazon at a new paper book price of \$8. There are used ones available from Amazon at \$4 +shipping, if you wish to purchase your own. Kindle and audio tapes are also available from Amazon. I would like to personally invite all of you to our Circle meetings on the fourth Monday of each month. We meet in the homes. The women of this Circle are wonderful people. We wish worship, pray, and care for each other as well as read and discuss a book. Come join us. Glenda

Would you like to be part of a Visitation Team?

There are many members of our congregation who can no longer make it to church for various reasons. However, one of our Methodist traditions is to care for our members and we may be letting them down. All it would take would be visits to their place of residence to let them know we still care. Pastor Cheng needs our help. Anyone who would enjoy visiting with our homebound members please contact the church office and let us know. The visits will enrich your life.

H E I F E R P R O J E C T	Month	Recycling \$\$\$
	June	
	July/Aug.	
	Sept	
	Oct.	\$75.01
	Dec - Jan.	
	Apr/May	
	Year to Date	\$75.01


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.


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

umc@1stunitedmethodist.org

 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.

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 Rod know. 782-0486. You can also send an email:

oroumcprayer@gmail.com or our new additional prayer line
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1stumcoro/>

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

Remember those in our church family in need of prayers: Pray for **Barbara**

Thompson and her family as she is now living with her sister-in-law Nancy in Santa Cruz. The last update on Barbara's condition is not good. She is very weak and the end is near. Sue Fredericksen asks for prayers for her friend **Julianne Bennett**. Julianne has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer & is only receiving comfort treatment; Patti Bell – asks for prayers for her friend **Karen** as she will be having multiple surgeries in November; Prayers for **Linda Perry** as



she continues to recover from hip surgery ; Pray for **Ted & Helen Beall** as Ted is now at Oroville Hospital's Post Acute Care. Pray for Helen as this is a very difficult time for her; Pray for **Beverly Smith** as she had a heart attack & a follow-up cardiac procedure. She is doing well according to her husband Wayne. Continue to pray for recovery; **Christy update** – she was able to spend Thanksgiving at home with her son & family; Pray for **Erin & Jeremy Buis** as they are going through some financial difficulties; Pat Gray asks for prayers for her son **Bob**, as he was hurt two years ago & can't work . He will

be needing surgery and is in terrible pain. Pat is also asking for prayers for her grandson **Cass & his wife Shona** – they are having marital issues; Pray for **Junior's oldest son** who had an infection in his blood, but is home recovering now; Continue to pray for **Chris Barnes** as she is home now following a hospital stay; Pray for **Zoua Yang**, Shisa's mom – Zoua gave a wonderful testimony in worship service as to how God has seen her through her breast cancer & an intestinal problem & many other things; Pray for healing for **John Fowler**, as he has a leak in the back of his heart; Pray for Patti Bell's brother as he had a stroke. Pray for recovery; Derek Cheek asks for prayers for his wife **Tammy Cheek** as she will be seeing a surgeon about a growth on her spine and also prayers for their 11 year old granddaughter for health issues; Joe Mooney asks for prayers for his wife **Cathy**, who broke her leg; Continue to pray for **Shor Vang** as he has been having trouble breathing due to Hepatitis B. Continue to pray for his recovery; Elaine Klein asks for prayers for **Lucas Voorhees**, Valarie's boyfriend. Lucas has been diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma, a very aggressive cancer. Please pray for a positive outcome with treatment; Georgia Nelson asks for prayers for her friend **Dan Mays**, who has cancer & is starting radiation; Sue Fredericksen asks for prayers for her son **Kelly**, who is in prison & has some medical issues; Sue Fredericksen – prayers for her mother **Chris Christian**, who is in the hospital again and the outcome does not look good. Sue asks for prayers for **Gordon** as he has two fractures in his spine . He is still able to walk but is in a lot of pain. Pray for healing;



Alma Short asks for prayers for **Joan Jacobson**, as she is now in Prestige Assisted Living; Reidun McGrath – prayers for both **Tim & Reidun** who was hospitalized in late October, but seems to be okay now. And Tim has been recently hospitalized with mild heart failure; **Chet Ainsworth** – still dealing with cancer, waiting for results soon, pray for healing; Ginger Ewalt asks for prayers for **Steve Ewalt** – he still has cancer, but is doing much better;

Pray for those with ongoing concerns: Emma Spencer; Gary Azevedo; Troy Barton; Jeremy Buis; Pastor Chuckua & Poyee Yang; Larry Shaner; Buz Manwell; Chris Barnes; Steve Ewalt; Norman Rieck; Chris Christian; Jeffery Felice; Joan Jacobsen; Adrienne Hoke; Chet Ainsworth, Rick Roath, Dave & Nancy Jacobsen, Stephanie Couris, Debbie Mays, Cody Fredericksen, Rhylan Fredericksen, Chuck & Marie Bailey, Haydon Wyman, Ted Beall, Diane Becerra, Phil Azevedo, Sandra Hays, Connie Longshore, Cathy Santos, Frank Johnson, Elaine Klein, Molly & Randy, Junior, Alice & Wayne, Noella Phillips, Josiah Hayden, Mitchell Kenneth, Nick Butrix, Connie Myers, Rudy Messerschmidt, Linda Perry, Emily Fancher, and Amber's mom.

Prayers for those who have lost a loved one recently: Pray for the Weitze family – Louise & Bob – upon the tragic death of their grandson Seth in a diving accident; Pray for Zoua Yang as she recently lost her best friend back in North Carolina.

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

Continue to pray for our overall church finances. "Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9: 6-

Barbara Thompson's address is: 615 Farmount, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

JOYS – Remember the joy of the Christmas miracle and that Jesus is the Reason for the Season!! Merry Christmas to One and All!

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

Please let us know by email if someone needs to be removed from the Cares and Concern list. (Facebook group is a closed group so only members see postings)

CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR REMINDER

Members and Non-Members,

For all events that required the usage of church facilities, whether or not it is a church event, please fill out the facilities use form and turn it into the Trustees. They will then go over the form and place the event on the calendar if all information meets the facilities use criteria. A trustee will inform you if the event is approved. Please do not put the event on the church calendar yourself without approval from the trustees.

Thank you,
Trustees and Pastor Cheng Yang

Nyob zoo rau cov tswvcuab thiab cov tsis yog tswvcuab txhua tus:

Thov kom txhua lub sijhawm uas peb yuav los mus siv lub tuamtsev ua kev noj haus lossim tej yam kev zoo siab sib txoos uake, thov kom nej los mus ua daim ntawv siv tuamtsev thiab muab daim ntawv koj mus rau pab saib qub txeeg qub teg (Trustees) soj ntsuam ua ntev tso. Thaum lawv soj ntsuam daim ntawv tas lawm thiab lawv pom zoo tuamtsev rau nej siv lawm, lawv mam li qhia rau nej thiab muab nej lub npe cov mus sau rau daim calendar hauv pawg ntseeeg. Peb xav thov kom sawvdaws nyias tsis txhob ciali sau nyias npe rau daim calendar es tsis qhia pab trustees paub. Vam thiab cia siab hais tias sawvdaws yuav koom siab rau tes dejnum no.

Ua Tsaug,

Pab Trustees thiab Xh. Txawj Tsheej Yaj

Church Kitchen Shopping

Erin Buis is stepping in to do the shopping for the Church's kitchen. There will be a shopping list placed on the bulletin board in the kitchen near the door to the Fireside Room. Please check the item needed. If it is not on the list, please add a note, with a short description.

Shopping will be done at the first of each month

Parsonage Update

Progress has been made so far with getting the Parsonage ready for renting. There's still quite a bit needing to be done. We will not be able to rent it until work is completed. We still need to do landscaping (cleaning of yard & repairs), flooring installed in the second master bedroom, some minor cosmetic repairs need done along with some additional painting. The garage has a lot of organ stuff that needs to be relocated to another spot or sold off. There's really no place at church for them to be stored. Jordan Crossing has big a help lately helping me with repairs. If there are things you can help with or know someone who can help please let me know. I've been over there a lot getting items knocked out.

Jeremy Buis

Chair of Trustees

bidwell13@att.net

Pray Request Information



Call Rod at 782-0486

or

email, oroumcprayer@gmail.com

or our new additional prayer line

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

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



Barbara Thompson (December 30, 2017)
Nancy Jellison
615 Fairmount
Santa Cruz, CA 95062





Thank you to all who helped me for the Turkey Dinner. I couldn't have done without you . I was truly blessed. The Las Plumas Key Club served and did an amazing job. The Finance Committee has graciously voted to send the Key Club \$100 for their wonderful efforts.

The dinner did awesome financially this year. It made over \$1,000 !
What an incredible gift to our church.

Blessings ,
Erin Buis



Chrismons

Ornaments made from Christian symbols (or Chrismons, a contraction for 'Christ monograms') were first developed by Frances Spencer and the women of the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA. Many churches display a Chrismon tree during the Advent and Christmas season decorated with handmade ornaments.

These Chrismons were made by Harley and Barbara Thompson.



Thank you to all that stayed for the Greening of the Church. All the extra hands helped make the job go quickly and the Sanctuary looks beautiful.



Oroville First United Methodist Church
Prayer Chain

Rod: 782-0486.

You can also send an email: oroumcprayer@gmail.com

Gerry Miller
534-8469

Joan Keller
534-9493

Helen Beall
589-3149

Joan Azevedo
589-5509

Virginia Bias
534-8004

Ellen Felice
533-8879

Susan Sharon
532-0215

Vivian Grainger
589-5440

If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain you will call Rod. Rod will send out an E-mail to those on the email list, he would then call the first person on each list and they would in turn call the next person on the list. If the person you call is not available please call the next person on the list.

**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 Communion Service 1 st Sunday	10:30 a.m.
English Service	10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (after Children's Sermon)	11:00 a.m.
Church Council (First Sunday)	Following Service
Trustees (Second Sunday)	Following Service
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Following Service.

Monday Schedule

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

Chancel Choir Practice	6:45 p.m.
Dinner @ Six each Wed. Sept. to May	6:00 p.m.

Thursday Schedule

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

Community Prayer Service (room L/M)	6:00 p.m.
Sonwalkers Youth Group Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Young Adults	6:00 p.m.
Hmong Women's Choir	6:00 p.m.