



First United Methodist  
Church of Oroville



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

**Bishop Sandra K. Olewin | District Superintendent Rev. Mike Harrell**

**Pastor Tom Cota**



# Pastor's Corner

## A word from Pastor Tom.....

**Greetings Church Family,**

Ev and I sincerely hope that you had a joyful Advent season. As we reflect on the past month it is clear that December was a particularly active and significant time for our congregation.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this important season. Thank you, to those who worked diligently to make it a great success.

We are pleased to share that Jordan Crossing has begun using our facilities to encourage the children of our community to follow Jesus.

Bob Weitze went home to be with the Lord last month while we were still reeling from the loss of Emily, Joan, and Ginger. All will be missed and fondly remembered. May our Heavenly Father give their families comfort and strength.

Jim Webster is being moved into Comfort Care as I write this note of encouragement to you all. Ev and I were able to pray with him and his family yesterday.

In the short time we have been with you, Jim has been a wonderful friend and inspiration, not only to us, but the entire church community. May our Heavenly Father be with him and his family in his final hours.

As we move forward in this new year, may we push past our challenges and keep our eyes on Jesus, who promises never to leave or forsake us in good times or bad.

Philippians 4:13 in the Good News Translation (GNT) says, "I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me".

It emphasizes finding inner contentment and resilience through Christ's enabling power, giving believers strength and courage to handle life's ups and downs, scarcity or abundance, rather than promising unlimited ability for any personal goal.

For Larry Ott and all those who are ill or incapacitated, we pray for God's touch and healing. May He watch over our church family and keep us safe.

**God Bless you and yours,  
Pastor Tom and Evelyn Cota**

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 *Cynthia Slattery*

15 *Derrald Buis*

16 *Linda Herrick*

16 *Carol Anderson*

17 *Erin Buis*

18 *Sidney Vang*

19 *Gerry Miller*

20 *Maribelle Vang*

24 *Jordan Vang*

28 *Jacob Vang*

28 *Suzanne Mayeda*

29 *Thao Xiong*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



December Birthdays

Louise for Bob Weitze

Reidun McGrath

Betty Ledford

Ka Vang

Nan Vang

Irene Vang

# Multimedia Fundraiser Update.



A gigantic thank you to everyone who pitched in for the Sanctuary media upgrade fundraiser! Your amazing generosity catapulted us to our goal. Praise God! A special shout-out to our top-secret superheroes—our mega donors—whose identities will remain under wraps unless they choose to reveal their secret identities.

We're gearing up to start shopping and setting up the shiny new gear. Once more, a colossal thanks to all for backing this project!

*Jeremy Buis*  
Audio/Visual Supervisor  
Chair of Trustees

# Co-operating Christian Churches News

## CCCO NEWS

The Cooperative Christian Churches have begun meeting for the 2025 to 2026 year.

The scheduled activities are as follows:

Pulpit Exchange is scheduled for January 18th.

Pancake Breakfast (to benefit the hunger walk) Feb 7th or 21st at Trinity Presbyterian \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Hunger Walk is scheduled for March 14, 2026

Good Friday Service will be April 3, 2026 from 12 to 2 at First Congregational Church

Unity Service May 14, 2026. The place and time to be determined.

Please remember the cooperating Christian churches meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 (Sept to April) at various churches.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Janet Short

UMC representative for the CCCO



## Heifer Vote Results

The Sunday School class voted for the Church to donate: One Sheep, One Flock of Chicks and One Flock of Ducks. Thank you to the following voters.

Donovan Vang, Zuri Vang, Sidney Vang, Aiden Vang, Michico Vang, Benjamin Yang, Zyna Vang, Johnathan Vanf, Leila Xiong, Apollo Vang, Dominic Vang, Manson Vang, Meeon Vang, & Henry Yang.

The animals were purchased with the money raised by recycling. The more cans and bottles recycled allows us to donate more animals through the Heifer International Project.



### SHEEP

**\$120**

For families that live in harsh climates, sheep's wool can be woven to make warm clothing or sold.



### FLOCK OF DUCKS **\$--**

Give a starter flock of ducklings. Duck eggs contribute to a healthy diet and families can sell extra eggs for additional income.



### FLOCK OF CHICKS > **\$20**

Your gift of a flock of chicks will provide a family in need with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks and training to empower them to turn your donation into a lifetime of opportunity.

# Copper Pipe Thief

He was interrupted in progress due to being observed on the cameras! When approached he ran off leaving the pipe and his hat! All items were turned over to the Oroville Police Department including the camera footage. The trustees are dealing with the situation



# 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!



# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year



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for nomination  
form



## Save the Date

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MONTH

DAY

YEAR

### THE CATEGORIES FOR NOMINATION ARE:

- \* CURRENT CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES
- \* CURRENT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

We rely on community members, school staff, and parents to identify those individuals who deserve recognition.

Teachers • Administrators • Paraprofessionals (aides) • Bus drivers • Custodians • Cafeteria workers • Secretaries. They must be currently employed in the Oroville City Elementary, Oroville Union High School, Palermo Union School and the Thermalito Union School Districts along with Hearthstone & Stream Charter Schools. Recognition could be for innovative programs, years of volunteer service, some other outstanding achievement an individual who has added to the quality of life of students.



# 2025 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year



2025 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year Honorees and those who took the time to nominate them.

## 2025 Honorees

### Oroville Union High School District

**Keely Fraizer    Mary Lynch**

**Sammy Burnett    Angelina Navarro**

### Oroville City Elementary School District

**Carlota Diaz    Brianna Stanley**

### Palermo Union Elementary School District

**Tami Wood**

### Stream Charter School

**Kelly Thao**

### Special Honorees

**Gail Leonard    April Boling (not pictured)**

## CHURCH WINDOW

Recently Doug Krause shared a bit of history with John and I that we want to pass on to all of you. It is in regards to the beautiful stained glass window that is in the north end of the social hall. This is a verbatim account of what Doug stated in writing.

The following is word for word from the history of George C. Perkins: Perkins gave the inspiring Christ window to the Methodist congregation when its members built a new church at the corner of Robinson and Lincoln Streets in 1910.

A portion of the window is now ensconced in the social hall of the new church which is located on Acacia Avenue.

I asked Doug about the reference to a “portion of the window”. He said he believed it had been wider with more scenery. We speculated that, perhaps, part of the window had gotten damaged or broken in the moving process.

We truly appreciate Doug sharing this information with us. If anyone can shed further light on the matter, please let us know.

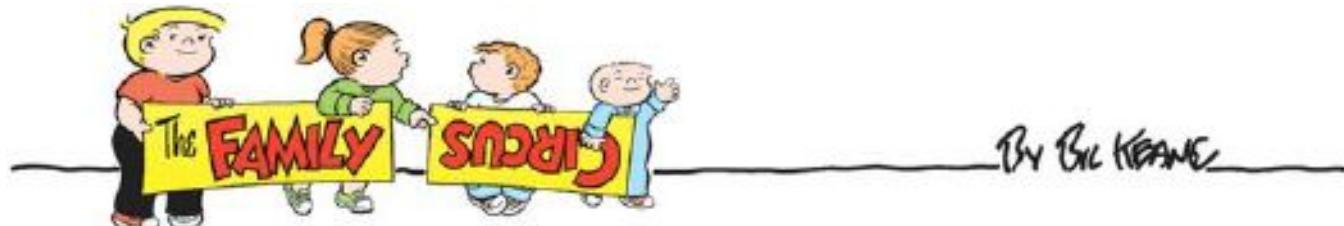
Margaret Brown



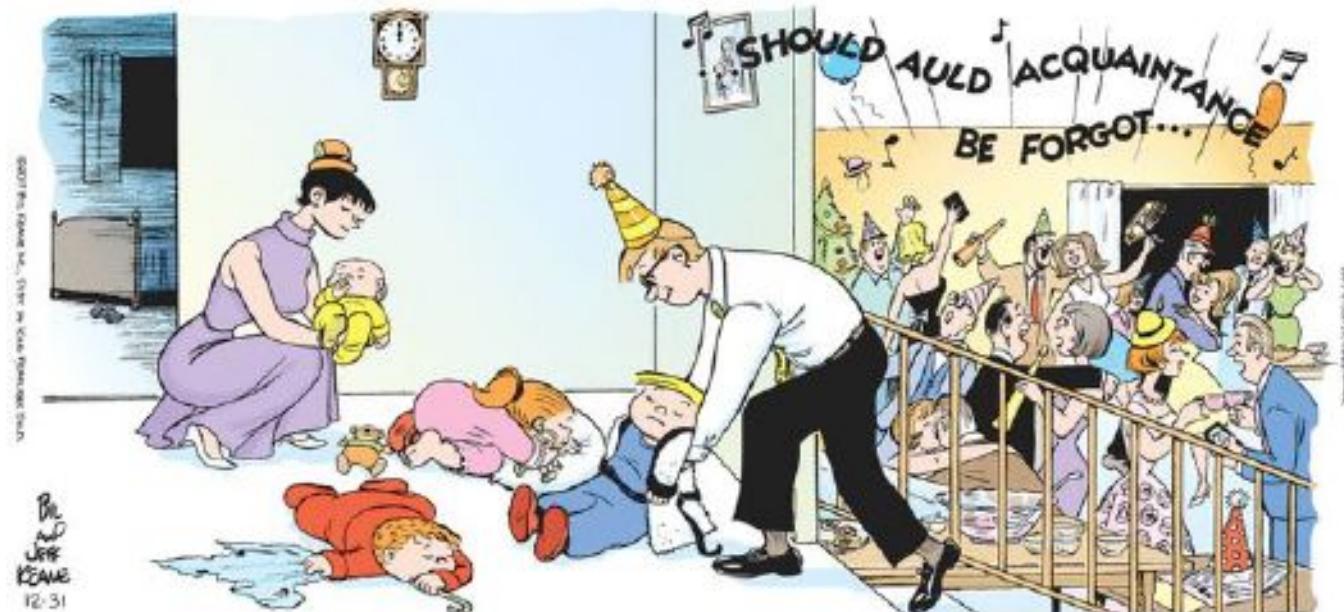


## News and Announcements

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. When turning on the thermostats in the Social Hall make sure "fan" is set to "auto" and not "on". Also if the heater or air conditioner is on please do leave exterior doors open. We do not have the finances to cool the outside world in the summer or heat it in the winter. Let's stick to just keeping the social hall cool or warm when it's being used.



By Bill Keane



# WORSHIP COMMITTEE

**WORSHIP COUNCIL MEETING, March 26, 2025 at 5:30 pm**  
Pastor Tom started our meeting with Prayer.

PRESENT at the meeting were: Janet Short, Micah Buis, Jeremy Buis, Erin Buis, Alma Short, Pastor Tom Cota and Evelyn Cota.

Note received from Tracy Yang that she was sick and she was unable to be at the meeting. There were no previous Minutes.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**PALM SUNDAY: 4/13.** Janet has the Plastic Palm branches that she will hand out to the kids and adults for a procession down the middle aisle of the church. Pastor will choose some procession songs that he likes and will get in touch with Joline and Patty.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: 4/17.** There will not be a service that night.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: 4/18,** is at the Congregational Church at noon, and is done by CCCO pastors. Pastor Tom will attend and will be part of the Service if they need him.

**EASTER SUNDAY: 4/20.** there will not be a Sunrise Service. Janet will coordinate the flowers for the cross. Each person can go to the cross and add a flower and then go to the back of the line for the next flower. This procedure will make the flowering much faster.

**FLOWERING THE CROSS FOR EASTER:** Members shall bring flowers from church to cover the cross. There will be receptacles for the flowers up by the cross.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** the Easter Egg Hunt will be as usual after the Service. Please bring plastic or real eggs before that morning to be used when the eggs are hidden for the Hunt.

**COMMUNION SUNDAY:** There have been requests to move Communion back to the first Sunday of the Month. Decision made by this committee to have Communion on the first Sunday of each month. The second Sunday will be our Potluck after Church Service.

**COFFEE HOUR AND GREETERS:** there is no problem getting Greeters but the Coffee Hour is getting too expensive. A decision was made that we just offer coffee, punch, water, and cookies. Patty Bell, Jim Webster, and Linda Herrick have offered to bring cookies for Sundays. Just let them know. They are unable to do the set up and clean up but will bring what is needed as food.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** If you would like to do a Children's Message. Let Chamee know. We are all pleased that this is back in our Service

Pastor Tom is loving the translations being done by our Hmong members during the Service. He would like to change our response during the prayer time from the congregation. To make that time smoother we will say "God is Good all the time", only one time at the end of all of our Prayers.

We talked about Bible School. CCCO is talking about one with our cooperating churches. We may be part of it. Wait and see.

There was not another meeting date set. If you feel a need of one let Pastor Tom know.  
Respectfully Submitted by Alma 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](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*



***August Recycling***  
***\$61.00***



## RECYCLING MISCONCEPTIONS

**STYROFOAM PRODUCTS** are not recyclable in curbside programs. Foam products can be bulky, lightweight, and easily contaminated with food, tape, and other residues that don't belong in recycling carts.

**PLASTIC BAGS AND FILM** are not accepted in most curbside recycling programs. This is because they can tangle sorting machinery and are made with materials that cannot be easily separated. Instead, take these items to designated drop-off points at grocery stores or reuse them whenever possible to reduce waste.

**SINGLE-USE PLASTICS**, also known as disposable plastics, are not accepted in your recycling cart. When possible, swap them for reusable options.



## 2025-26 Holiday Collection Schedule

If your regular collection day falls on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day, your service will be delayed by one day.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11/27 	11/28	11/29
No Service Thanksgiving, Office Closed	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers
12/25 	12/26	12/27
No Service Christmas Day, Office Closed	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers
1/1 	1/2	1/3
No Service New Year's Day, Office Closed	Service for Thursday Customers	Service for Friday Customers

## SUSTAINABLE CHEER Holiday composting tips

**PUMPKIN POWER:** Nearly 1 billion pounds of pumpkins are tossed in landfills each year. Put your jack o' lantern into your green organics cart after removing any candles, wax, glitter, or paint.

### LEFTOVERS WITH A PURPOSE:

Over 200 million pounds of turkey are thrown out after Thanksgiving. Toss turkey bones, plate scrapings, and meat past its prime in the green cart.



**CORNUCOPIA OF COMPOST:** Corn cobs, pie crust trimmings, coffee grounds, used paper napkins, and all sorts of kitchen scraps can go into your organics cart — talk about a second helping!

**PERFECT MIX:** Putting yard trimmings and fallen leaves into your organics cart creates a great seasonal compost recipe.

## CONTACT US!

Recology Butte County  
2920 South Fifth Avenue  
Oroville, CA 95965

530.533.5000  
[recology.com](http://recology.com)

## OTHER RESOURCES

[cityoforoville.org](http://cityoforoville.org)  
[calrecycle.ca.gov](http://calrecycle.ca.gov)

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## 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.

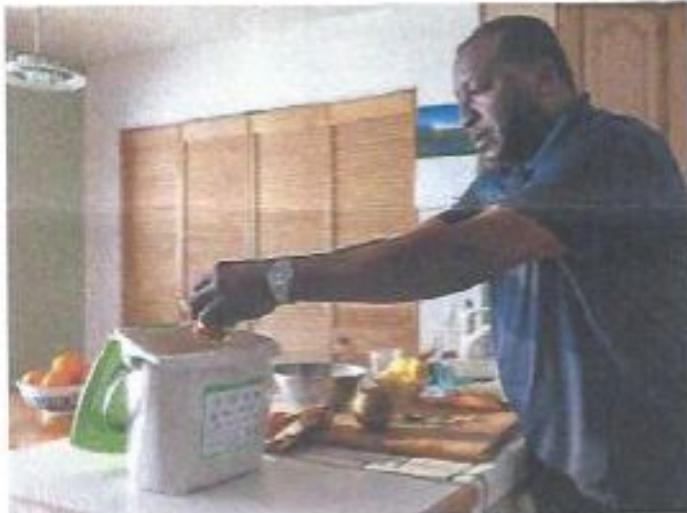
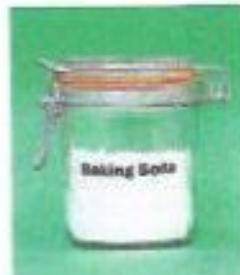
To prevent maggots from occurring, eliminate odors, and reduce their access to the cart follow these tips:

- 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.

### 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.



### 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 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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[Recology.com](http://Recology.com)

### OTHER RESOURCES

[CityofOroville.org](http://CityofOroville.org)  
[CalRecycle.ca.gov](http://CalRecycle.ca.gov)

PERMIT NUMBER: 09-10-017301-0002-0001

## 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](http://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](mailto:recycle@cityoforoville.org) to request a pail.





## **Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:**

Sue Fredericksen asks for prayers for her friend's oldest daughter **Bettie Jo Grantham**, as she suffered seizures and was in a coma, but has since woken up, but now is blind. Pray that this is temporary and she will regain her sight; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for a friend **Doug Razee** as his **nephew Justin** was killed by a vehicle driven by his sister. Justin leaves a pregnant wife & two young children; **Glenda Ott** asks for prayers for her **daughter Lynn** as her father-in-law passed away recently. Prayers for those who have lost beloved pets – **Taylor Buis** lost her cat. Prayers for Taylor; Prayers for **Ka's** lower back pain to subside; **Zoua Yang** has good news about her health. Her blood pressure is down & her A1C is below 7; Prayers for a friend of **Patty Bell** who's granddaughter has suicidal tendencies; Prayers for **Randy Fowler** as he is healing from surgery for skin cancer on his nose; Prayers for **Joe Mooney** who was recently hospitalized but is doing okay; Prayers for **Jim Webster** as he has been hospitalized for a few weeks now & he isn't doing well; Prayers for **Sharon Cheek** as she fell & broke her collarbone. She is recovering at home; Prayers for **Jim Webster's sister Faye & family** as she is in intensive care & on life support; Prayers for **Larry Ott** who has not been feeling well; **Zoua Yang** asking for prayers for her **sister & herself** for health concerns; Sue Fredericksen asking for prayers for a friend of her cousin named **Lettie**. She had a cancerous tumor removed from her brain & is starting chemo; **Glenda Ott** asks for prayers for **Larry's sister-in-law**, who is having surgery and for his brother **Ron** who has dementia. **Tyler Yang** asks for prayers for his **sister 's health** in Minnesota; Sue

Fredericksen is asking for prayers for the daughter of a friend, **Misty Miller**. Keith Felice asks for prayers for a friend who has a malignant growth. Pray for healing; Sue Fredericksen asks for prayers for the brother of her friend. His name is **Cleve Coulter** & has found out he has lung cancer; **Ka Vang** asks for prayers for her **sister** who had a heart attack & was in Enloe Hospital; Sue Fredericksen asks for prayers for baby **Charlee Robin** who was born with an enlarged heart. **Helen Beall** asks for prayers for her 99-year-old friend who is on hospice care; Prayers for **Carol Anderson** as she cannot drive now due to her Parkinson's disease; Prayers for **Linda Herrick** as she is worried that her eyesight may get worse; Prayers for **Sue Fredericksen** as she seems to be having more problems; **Reidun McGrath** asks for prayers for her 85-year-old sister & also her brother as they are both 100 lbs. or less & not well; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her **sister Rachel's husband William**. William was diagnosed with skin cancer. Please include prayers for **Phinnize & Garret**, their disabled adult children who depend on them for their care; **Pastor Tom** asks for prayers for his friend who had a stroke & is not in good shape; **Keith Felice** asks for prayers for his brother **Jerry**; Prayers for **Doug Bell's friend in Willows** who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer; **Gail** asks for prayers for her niece **Nicole** who was recently diagnosed with uterine cancer and is facing surgery; **Carol Anderson** asks for prayers for her brother **Steve**; 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 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; **Keep Erin & Jeremy Buis** in your prayers as they deal with **Jeremy's fibromyalgia** and **Erin's recovery from back surgery** 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**; **Patty Bell** asks for prayers for **her friend Becky** who has lymphoma; 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 our **Pastor Yeu Vang & his wife Michelle** as **Pastor Yeu** suffered a stroke in October 2024. Pastor Yeu & Michelle have moved to Marysville to be close to family & his doctors. An update on **Pastor Yeu** from John Fowler: He is now walking with the help of a walker but still is not speaking. Continue to pray for a complete recovery for **Pastor Yeu**. 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; Jeremy & Erin 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, Derek Cheek, Joe & Cathie Mooney, Bill & Sharon Cheek and Gail & Troy Leonard.

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.

Pray for Peace in the Middle East & all of our service personnel who are there to help with peacekeeping.

**Continue to pray** for our overall church finances. We are having a tough time paying our bills. 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. Prayers that we can somehow pay for a new HVAC system, as vandals have destroyed the old system. Hopefully, insurance will cover some of the cost.

**JOYS: Pastor Tom** reports it was a joy to have movie night at the church, and they had such a good time; **Alma Short** was joyful that her **son Timothy** was coming from Texas & **Janet Short** was joyful that her **son Greg** is coming from Japan for Christmas. **Glenda Ott** is happy that all of her children were going to be here for Christmas. **It was a joy to see all the beautiful decorations in the sanctuary.**

**DEATHS:** Tracy Yang asks for prayers for her family as her **cousin Rose lost her son Leon** a few weeks ago. Alma Short asks for prayers for the **family of Ethel Scholey** who passed away recently; Prayers for the **family of Bob Weitze, who leaves his wife Louise, & children Bill, Marty & Cathy.** Bob passed away on December 17<sup>th</sup>. No service date yet. We are still mourning the loss of **Emily Fancher**. A memorial service is planned for January 24<sup>th</sup>. Time to be determined.

**NEW ADDRESS:** **Joline Hibbert:** 2500 Donovan Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225; email: [jhibbert@shastaemail.com](mailto:jhibbert@shastaemail.com). New address for **Bill & Sharon Cheek:** Provincial Care, 2801 Cohasset Blvd #104, Chico, CA 95973. Their phone number is the same. They would love to receive cards from the congregation.

Sue Fredericksen's new email is [oroumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:oroumcprayer@gmail.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**

January 2006



## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

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12. \_\_\_\_\_

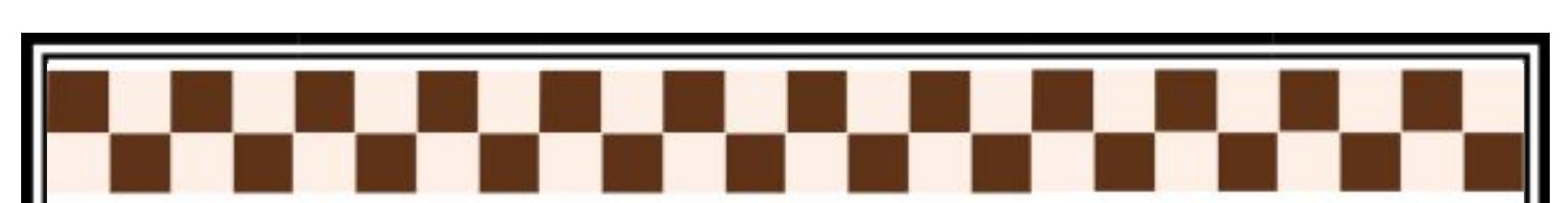
### 30-minute warning:

(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. \_\_\_\_\_

### 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. \_\_\_\_\_



# 1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

# COFFEE HOUR

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A coffee hour is provided after the 10:30 AM service by volunteers of the church. The church will provide coffee, tea, water, creamer, sweeteners, cups, plates, napkins, silverware, drink concentrate and ice.

Those who volunteer for running the coffee hour will provide snacks and those who volunteer on the first Sundays will provide cupcakes for that months birthdays

Those who volunteer on potluck Sunday only needs to provide the beverages but are welcome to bring snacks to add to the potluck.

Volunteers will make the coffee, tea, and punch and set it out on the table provided along with snacks.

Please make both Reg(Black coffee maker) & Decaf (gray coffee maker) Some members can't have the caffeine. Coffee maker instructions on cabinet above coffee makers.

Volunteers will remove all items, clean up the dishes and table, and place items used in their normal storage areas. They will also wash towels used and bring them back to the church towel drawer.

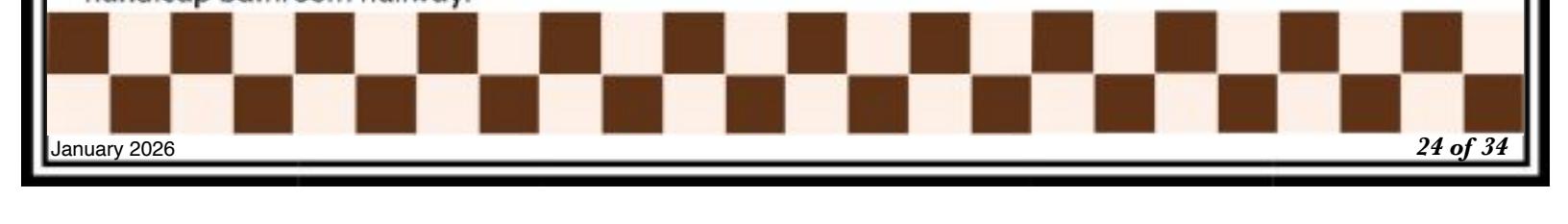
### Procedure:

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. Make a pot of regular and decaf coffee and put them on an activated warmer plate.
- B. Make the punch in a punch bowl or glass pitchers (whichever is easier for you) with water and ice, and place it on the serving table.
- C. Place the plates, cups, napkins, silverware, creamer, and sweeteners on the serving table.
- D. Place their snacks on plates on the serving table with appropriate serving utensils.
- E. Monitor the table as people come through the serving line and assist as needed.
- F. 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.
- G. Turn off the coffee maker. Unplug and put away warmer plates (once cooled down).
- H. Clean the Serving table and counters used.
- I. Notify person in charge of purchasing what coffee hour supplies need to be replenished after checking the cabinets in the janitorial room, pantry by the handicap bathroom or the cabinets in the handicap bathroom hallway.



# 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.



## **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. Go to [cvli.com](http://cvli.com) to see the list of movies available.

## **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS!!**

**Please let Jeremy Buis or Tracy Yang know what days and times you would like movie nights.**

## **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](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)*

# Flowers on the Alter

The flower calendar is located as you enter the church on the bulletin board. If you have a special event or someone you would like to honor or remember by bringing flowers for the alter please sign up on the date and your name. The information regarding who or what you are bringing flowers for can be printed in the bulletin if you let Janet or Jeremy know prior to the Sunday you are bringing flowers.

Remember you do not have to purchase flowers. Something from your yard is always nice. It's always lovely to see flowers on the alter so I hope you will consider bringing some for a special occasion.



# 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).

# Oroville First United Methodist Church

## Prayer Chain Team

Sue Fredericksen

(530) 854-3599

You may also send an email to

[oroumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:oroumcprayer@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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# 1st United Methodist Church of Oroville

## 2026 Church Officers & Committees

### Church Administration Council

**Pastor Tom Cota**

Any corrections or  
additions needed please  
email  
orovilleumc45@gmail.com

<b>Position</b>	<b>Servant Leader</b>
<b>Co-Chair/Lay Leader (English)</b>	<b>Betty Ledford</b>
<b>Co-Chair/Lay Leader (Hmong)</b>	<b>Tyler Yang</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Evelyn Cota</b>
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	<b>Jeremy Buis</b>
<b>Local Member to Annual Conference (English)</b>	<b>Evelyn Cota</b>
<b>Local Member at the Annual Conference (Hmong)</b>	<b>Tyler Yang</b>
<b>Trustee's Chair</b>	<b>Jeremy Buis</b>
<b>SPRC Chair</b>	<b>Chamee Yang</b>
<b>Finance Chair</b>	<b>John Fowler</b>
<b>Stewardship/Outreach Chair</b>	<b>Randy Fowler</b>
<b>Worship Chair</b>	<b>Pastor Tom Cota</b>
<b>Sunday School Director</b>	<b>Mai Yang</b>
<b>Youth President</b>	<b>Som Xiong</b>

### Recommendation for Pastoral Candidacy

**Pastor Tom Cota**

### Certified Lay Servants

**Jim Webster • Tracy Yang • Chamee Yang  
Davi Vang • Hlee Vang • Mai Yang**



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**Church Historian: TBD • Publicity Director: TBD**

**Enduring Gifts Director: Alma Short**

### **Worship Committee**

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SERVANT LEADER</u></b>
<b>Worship Chair</b>	<b>Pastor Tom Cota</b>
<b>Sound &amp; Visual</b>	<b>Jeremy Buis</b>
<b>Usher Coordinator</b>	<b>Erin &amp; Micah Buis</b>
<b>Greeter Coordinator</b>	<b>Alma Short</b>
<b>Organist</b>	<b>Patty Bell</b>
<b>Chancel Choir Director</b>	<b>Patty Bell</b>
<b>Liturgist Coordinator</b>	<b>Betty Ledford</b>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>Janet Short</b>
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	<b>Alma Short</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Taylor Buis</b>
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	<b>Erin Buis, Sem Xiong, Tyler Yang</b>
<b>Funeral &amp; Memorials</b>	<b>Erin &amp; Micah Buis</b>
<b>Paraments &amp; Altaware</b>	<b>Micah Buis &amp; Janet Short</b>
<b>Anointing Coordinators</b>	<b>Som Xiong</b>
<b>Hmong Pianist</b>	<b>Tyler Yang</b>
<b>Children Moment Coordinator</b>	<b>Tony Beardon</b>



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### Finance Committee

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SERVANT LEADER</u></b>
<b>Finance Chair</b>	<b>John Fowler</b>
<b>Finance Treasurer</b>	<b>Jim Webster</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Betty Ledford</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Tracy Yang</b>
<b>Hmong Representative</b>	<b>Som Xiong</b>
<b>Stewardship Chair</b>	<b>Randy Fowler</b>
<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>David Dewey</b>
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Tom Cota</b>

### Hmong Ministry Committee 2026-2027

<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>SERVANT LEADER</u></b>
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Tom Cota</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Tyler Yang</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Mai Yang</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Men Chair</b>	<b>Davi Vang</b>
<b>Women Chair</b>	<b>Tracy Yang</b>
<b>Choir Director</b>	<b>Ka Vang</b>
<b>Youth Director</b>	<b>Som Xiong</b>
<b>Youth Chair</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Mai Yang</b>



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### **Tellers:**

***Jeremy Buis***

***Jim Webster***

***Tracy Yang***

### **Outreach Committee:**

***Randy Fowler***

***Som Xiong***

***Sem Xiong***

### **Prayer & Visitation Team:**

***Chairperson: Sue Fredericksen***

***Glenda Ott***

***Linda Dewey***

***Helen Beall***

***Ellen Felice***

***Zoua Thao-Yang***

***Ka Vang***

### **Staff/Parish Relations Committee**

***Chair: Chamee Yang***

***Vice Chair: Mai Yang***

***Secretary: Mai Yang***

<b><i>2026</i></b>	<b><i>2027</i></b>	<b><i>2028</i></b>
<b><i>Chamee Yang</i></b>	<b><i>Randy Fowler</i></b>	<b><i>Penny Xiong</i></b>
<b><i>Wendy Lee</i></b>	<b><i>Glenda Ott</i></b>	<b><i>Tracy Yang</i></b>
<b><i>Mai Yang</i></b>		

**Welcome to  
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orovilleumc45@gmail.com oroumc45events@gmail.com

**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.
Chancel Choir Practice(Sept - May).....	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.....	10:30 a.m.
Communion Service is the 2nd Sunday (All are welcome).....	10:30 a.m.
English Service.....	10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Fellowship.....	Following Service
Trustees Meeting 4th Sunday of the month .....	Following Service

**Wednesday Schedule**

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

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

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