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# The Golden Feather



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## **Chuckua's Corner:**

The huge dragon was thrown out—that ancient serpent, named the Devil, or Satan, that deceived the whole world. He was thrown down to earth, and all his angels with him. We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. (*Rev 12:9; 1John 5:19*)

What a world we've live? Be prepare, think about today, the words of the scriptures, the world crisis is starving to death, bad economics, unemployment rate is up, wars, nuke issue, and the exited of terrorists to any corners of the world. We're not safe because of under the control of the evil, devil one.

Dear fellow Christian, as we're get closer to the budgeting, planning and getting ready everything for the charge conference, be caution sometime down the road we may get stuck, or mess up with the evil, devil one. But, be ready to resist and defend our (CHRIST) missions against that huge dragon, the old ancient serpent, the Devil, and Satan. By the strong relationship, courage, support, faithfulness, and loving to one another of the church, with the Lord Jesus Christ in our side, we will win and stay safe under the supervision of God. May God Bless, Amen.

**“Have a Happy Thanksgiving to All”**

## **Hmong Translation:**

Luas muab tug zaajtxwg zaajlaug hab nwg cov timtswv pov rua huv nplajteb. Tug zaaj ntawm yog tug naabtxwj naablaug thaus-u suavdlawg hu-ua dlaab Ntxwngnyoog lossis hu-ua Xataas kws dlaagntxag tuabneeg nplajteb. Peb paub hastas peb yog Vaajtswv cov mivnyuas, hab paub hastas dlaab Ntxwngnyoog tub kaav cov tuabneeg kws nyob huv nplajteb nuav lawm. (*Tshwmsim 12:9; 1Yuhaa 5:19*)

Uacaag peb yuav nyob lub nplajteb zoo le ntawm? Yuav tau npaaj, xaavtxug najnub nua, tej lug kws has huv Vaajlugkub, lub nplajteb tej kevntxhuv, kevntshaib nqhes, kev laagluam tsis zoo, poob dlejnum ntau zujzug, kev tsuvrog, teebmeem kev tsim foobpob, hab tej tuabneeg phem kws tua tuabneeg tshwmsim rua txhua cegkaum huv nplajteb. Peb yeej uaneej tuavplig cog xwb vim dlaab ntxwngnyoog yog tug tswj lub nplajteb nuav.

Covntseeg suavdlawg, tub txug lub sibhawm kws peb pawgntseg lug npaaj tej nyajtxag, npaaj homphaj rua lub xyoo tshab, hab npaaj txhuayaam kuas tav rua rooj saablaaj txwmxyoo. Peb yuavtau ceevfaaj thaus peb taugkev moog, muaj ntauzag peb yuavkhuab moog tsis tau, vim yuav muaj dlaab ntxwngnyoog lug cuamtshuam. Tabsis, npaaj kuastxhij lug tivthaiv peb (Yexus) lub homphaj, tawmtsaam tug zaajtxwg zaajlaug kws thaus-u hu-ua dlaab Ntxwngnyoog losyog Xataas. Lugntawm kev phoojywg khov, kev txhawbzug, kev sibpaab, muaj kevntseeg zoo, hab ibleeg hlub ibleeg ntawm peb pawgntseeg, nrug rua tug Tswv Yexus Khetos tuaj peb tog, peb yuavtsum yeej hab tau nyob huvqaab Vaajtswv kev tswjfw. Thov Vaajtswv Foom Koobmoov Zoo rua mej. Amen.

**PASTOR CHUCKUA YANG**



**Church Conference & Potluck  
Sunday, November 22, 2009  
1:30 p.m.**



Bring a dish to share to church November 22 and then stay to vote on our leadership for 2010 and express your feelings about how things are going at First United Methodist Church of Oroville. See you there.

**If you chair a committee, please turn in your yearly report to the office by November 15. If you need to know what that is, ask Pastor Laura.**

## **Nursery**

The Nursery is open!!!! Suaida needs help. To keep our church compliant with "Safe Sanctuaries," there must always be two **adults** in the nursery. There is a sign up sheet available after worship each Sunday to sign up to serve in this capacity. Children love grandparents, so don't let age stop you from serving in this loving ministry.



**Parents:** Only children age 4 and under may be in the Nursery. No other children or youth may be in the room. Children and youth over 4 years of age should either be in a Sunday School class or in Church. Please do not allow them to run outside or through the buildings when no adult is available to watch them.



## Here are the joys & concerns for November:

Pastor Chuckua's aunt Mrs. Song Vue Yang (Rev. Shine Vang's sister) passed away October 6, 2009 in Sacramento. Please keep Pastor Chuckua & family in your prayers.

Remember those with ongoing concerns: Ken Felice, Max Smith, Wright & Elaine Larkey, Theresa Abernathy, Skip Shelton, Tim Witzche, Wang & Yer Vang, Kathleen Sharkey, Alice Pittman, Roy Stai, Sara Green, Spencer Bateman, Ann Boudrot, Darin Petty, John Brown, Tracy Hayes, Jeremy Buis, Katie & John Voos, Haleigh Warren, David Jacobsen, Ted Beall, Michael Grainger, Gwen Howard, Fugate family, John Church, Mac McComas, Bobby Ludolf, Loraine Hiett, Ross & Wendi Ewalt, Bruce Barton, Pat Foster, Lynn Barnett, Chris Barnes, Mary Ruth Heffernan, Betty Ball, Gail Leonard, Virginia & Emery Field, Gladeen LeBoeuf, Harriet Steiger, Doris Miller, Sue Fredericksen, Baby Bodie, Father of Tyler Yang, Jeff Felice, Pastor's Donna's cousin Elizabeth, Gladys James, Ka's mom - Khou, Mee Lee Xiong, Rachel Brown & family & Tristan Brown and Margaret Brown.

Ann Reavis is staying with her daughter Carol & grandson Michael. You can write her at: 8814 Somershire Way, Sacramento, CA 95828.

## **RALEY'S FOOD MAXX SHARE CARDS**

As of September 30, 2009 we have received \$471.78 this year from our Raley's share cards and \$262.68 this year from our Food Maxx share cards. These are the cards you can use when you do your shopping at either of those stores and the church gets the income. Just give the clerk your card and they will swipe the card. This is an easy way to help the church budget in these bad economic times. This is a good fundraiser for the church.

Thank you John S. Fowler Chairman Finance Committee

## **SALMON FESTIVAL FOOD BOOTH**

We had our food booth at the fish hatchery again this year on Saturday September 26, 2009 during The Salmon Festival. We had food sales of \$751.46. After expenses of \$441.00 we show a profit of \$310.46. The profit will be used by the general fund to pay church expenses. The Finance Committee would like to thank Randy Fowler for doing all the shopping and planning the menu for our booth. We want to thank Randy Fowler, Georgia Nelson, Betty Ledford, Gladeen Le Boeuf, Linda Perry Sem Xiong, Seng Yang, Alma Short, Charlie, the ladies of The Hmong Congregation for making the eggrolls and helping me to sell things, and all of the youth that helped in the booth, a special thank you to Darby Miller for helping to get all of our things down to the fish hatchery in his pick-up. It was a real hot day but we had fun working in the booth together. Thank you so much everyone that helped.

John S. Fowler Chairman Finance Committee

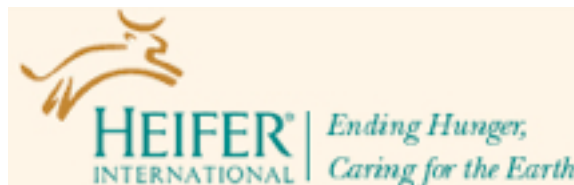
## MYSTERY DINNER

We had our annual Mystery Dinner and play on Saturday October 3, 2009. Money taken in at the dinner was \$1,128.50. After expenses of \$952.50 we show a profit of \$176.00. The turnout for the dinner was very low this year so the profit was not as good as we had hoped it would be. I have been told that the turnout for all of the Perry Mason events was down this year all over Oroville. The economy is to blame but I understand our dinner did better than the other events in town. The Finance Committee would like to thank Randy Fowler for planning the dinner, cooking the dinner, and doing all of the shopping. We want to say thank you to Georgia Nelson, Barbara Thompson, Gerry Miller, Pat Foster, Nonie Buis preparing the program for the play, Linda Perry kitchen help and taking pictures, Jeremy & Erin Buis sound and pictures, Erik Pieper and the other actors for the play, Alma Short for her decorations for the fellowship hall, Beverly Bailey and all the people that set up and decorated the fellowship hall and making it look so nice, Seng Yang for all his help to Randy, Sem Xiong for all of his help all day, Cathy and Valerie Weitze for putting the footsteps down the sidewalk to the door of the fellowship hall, the ladies of The Hmong Congregation for help in the kitchen, and a special thank you to all of the youth group for turning out to help in the kitchen, serving the dinners, and the clean up afterwards, Joan Keller for helping me with the tickets and the money at the door. Thank you everyone that helped.

John S. Fowler Chairman Finance Committee



September/October  
\$65.73



# Children's Christmas Play Schedule

## November 29 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Children practice music with Jolene

9:00 a.m. Sunday School classes

11:00 a.m. Play rehearsal with children in Children's Church

## December 4 - Youth Group

5:30 p.m. Jolene meet with Youth to practice music

## December 6 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Children practice music with Jolene

9:00 a.m. Handbells practice with Jolene in Room L&M

Substitutes take Sunday School classes for Elaine & Laura

11:00 a.m. Play rehearsal with children in Children's Church

## December 13 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Children practice music with Laura and Shirley

9:00 a.m. Handbells practice with Shirley in Room L&M

Substitutes take Sunday School classes for Elaine & Laura

11:00 a.m. Play rehearsal with children in Children's Church

Barbara prepare costumes

## Week of December 13

Men put crèche, wooden sheep, decorated bulletin boards in Room L&M

## December 18 - Youth Group

5:30 p.m. Jolene meet with Youth to practice music

## December 19 – Youth Group

5:00 p.m. Move crèche, wooden sheep, decorated bulletin boards into Sanctuary

## December 20 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Barbara dress children

9:15 a.m. Dress Rehearsal in Sanctuary -Children, youth, handbells

Jeremy – hand mike, stand mike up front



See Jolene or  
Laura for  
questions.  
Thank you all and  
Merry Christmas!

# Publicity

Our publicity is being handled by Jeremy Buis and Nonie Buis. If you have an event please let them know by completing the following form.

## PUBLICITY FORM

**This must be filled at least three weeks before the event.**

Name of event \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of event \_\_\_\_\_

Place of event \_\_\_\_\_

Start & Stop time of event \_\_\_\_\_

Special Information concerning event \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact person and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email this information to: [umc@1stunitedmethodist.org](mailto:umc@1stunitedmethodist.org)

# NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat
<b>1</b> Sunday Service Schedule  All Saints Day	<b>2</b> 11:00 Worship 7:00 pm Trustee's	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Wednesday Service Schedule	<b>5</b> Thursday Service Schedule	<b>6</b> Friday Service Schedule	<b>7</b> <b>TURKEY DINNER</b>  
<b>8</b> Sunday Service Schedule	<b>9</b> 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Trustee's	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Wednesday Service Schedule  	<b>12</b> Thursday Service Schedule	<b>13</b> Friday Service Schedule	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sunday Service Schedule	<b>16</b> 5:30 pm Finance	<b>17</b> CCCO Meeting	<b>18</b> Wednesday Service Schedule	<b>19</b> Thursday Service Schedule	<b>20</b> Friday Service Schedule	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Sunday Service Schedule  12:00 pm Potluck 1:00 pm Charge Conference	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm Marlys Circle	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Wednesday Service Schedule  NO DINNER @ 6	<b>26</b> Thursday Service Schedule   THANKSGIVING	<b>27</b> Friday Service Schedule	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Sunday Service Schedule  First Sunday of Advent	<b>30</b>					

## Family Camp



We are in the planning stages for a Family Camp for our church members to spend a weekend at Shasta Methodist Camp which is located by the town of Mt Shasta. Further information will be coming in the months to come. You can check out the camp at [www.shastacamp.org](http://www.shastacamp.org) we will also have camp brochures coming soon. If you have questions please see Elaine Schmidt, Elaine Klein or Pastor Donna.

## November Birthdays

- 11/8 Gary Azevedo
- 11/8 Joan Keller
- 11/8 John Vang
- 11/8 Toua Yang
- 11/9 Jackson Vang
- 11/16 Louise Weitze
- 11/24 Bill Short
- 11/29 Don Pinney
- 11/29 Xong Vang



## FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



**Contact:  
Pat Foster  
& Emily  
Fancher to sign  
up for a  
Sunday.**

### **Food Maxx and Raleys Share Cards**

Thank you to everyone using your Food Maxx and Raleys Share Cards. As of the end of September, your grocery shopping has raised \$734.46 for our church. If you have cards you are not using, please let the office know, so that we can give them to others. Raleys Share Cards are no longer available, so please do not throw them away.

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FROM  
OUR  
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**NUMBER FORTY-SEVEN** — The Methodist Men will serve the group's 47th annual turkey dinner on Nov. 5. Among the chefs are, from left, Bill Leverton, Herman Cochran and Orville Cunningham. Cochran, chairman, has served on the committee every year since the event was first held.



**MEN TAKE OVER** — The men of the First United Methodist Church will take over the kitchen as they serve their annual turkey dinner tomorrow from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the church. Practicing their culinary talents are, from left, Phil Leverton, Herman Cochran and the Rev. Jack Martinussen. The dinner is open to the public. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

# Dinner at Six

**November 4th:** Pork Lion, Mashed Potatoes, Veg., Apple Sauce, Salad, Bread & Dessert. Trustee Committee is Cooking.

**November 11th:** Mediterranean Beef Stew, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Bread & Dessert. Staff Parish Committee is cooking.

**November 18th:** White Bean Chicken Chili, Corn Bread, Salad and Dessert. Nurture Committee will be Cooking.

**November 25th:** Thanksgiving Week we will not have a dinner this week.

# November Worship

## November 1st

**Greeters:** Glenda Ott

**Coffee Hour:** Emily &  
Richard Fancher

**Liturgist:** Pastor's & Youth

**Nursery Volunteer:** ? & ?

**Lockup:** Sem Xiong

## November 8th

**Greeters:** Pat Foster

**Coffee Hour:** Lynn & Stu Shaner

**Liturgist:** Ginger Ewalt

**Nursery Volunteer:** ? & Elaine Klein

**Lockup:** Richard Fancher

## November 15th

**Greeters:** Harriett Stieger

**Coffee Hour:** Cathy & Valarie  
Weitze

**Liturgist:** Pat Foster

**Nursery Volunteer:** ? & ?

**Lockup:** Susan Sharon

## November 22nd

**Greeters:** Chuck & Beverley Bailey

**Coffee Hour:** Charge Conf. Potluck

**Liturgist:** Beverley Bailey

**Nursery Volunteer:** ? & ?

**Lockup:** Kyle Buis

## November 29th

**Greeters:** Linda Perry & Gerry Miller

**Coffee Hour:** Chuck & Beverley Bailey

**Liturgist:** Cathy Weitze

**Nursery Volunteer:** ? & ?

**Lockup:** Stu Shaner

# Sunday Service Schedule

## Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Oroville

### Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving The Oroville Community

Adult's & Children's Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Hmong Service	8:45 a.m.
Children's Bells	10:00 a.m.
Hmong Adult's & Youth Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
English Service	10:30 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m.

### Wednesday Schedule

Bible Study & Breakfast @ Hofbrau	8:00 a.m.
Bible Round Table & Prayer	1:30 p.m.
Community Prayer Service	4:20 - 5:20 p.m.
Dinner @ Six each Wed. Sept. to May	6:00 p.m.

### Thursday Schedule

Bible Study & Breakfast @ Cassidy's	7:30 a.m.
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### Friday Schedule

Sonwalkers Youth Group Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Hmong Ladies Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.

**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.**