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A Word from Pastor Donna
I don't care if it rains or freezes,
'long as I have my plastic Jesus
sittin' on the dashboard of my car.
I can go 90 miles an hour,
'long as I have my plastic power
sittin' on the dashboard of my car.

A "Plastic Jesus." Someone gave me one once and it sat on the dashboard of the "Green Monster" until I got the new van. Somehow I don't think that is why I got over 235,000 miles out of that vehicle. In reality this is a time when we need a lot more than a "Plastic Jesus" to keep us going. The economy may be getting better for some yet many of us have yet to see that. We wonder where the grocery money is coming from and we use as little gas as we can. A recent poll conducted by the American Psychological Association found that 80% of Americans are stressed by their financial situation.

In Oroville the employment situation leaves something to be desired. We have frequent visitors for the food pantry and more than one family has sat crying in mine and Pastor Chuckua's office with serious struggles and a yearning for real help.

Somehow I don't believe 'real help' comes from a "Plastic Jesus." Real help doesn't come with easy 1-2-3 step answers. 'Real help' comes from a real Jesus living in and working through real people in real life. I need the Jesus of the Bible who says, "I have come that you may have LIFE, and have it to the full." (John 10:10b) Then he also challenges with life-giving life-altering discipleship where our first concern is not our personal welfare but of giving ourselves to whatever matters the most to God. When I try to live this way I find myself better able to deal with the realities of every day living.

I needed this when I lay in the hospital with Swine flu and pneumonia, lying in a really crummy bed trying to eat food that tasted terrible to me. It is when I discover the joy and the confidence that comes in the middle of real life through a better than "Plastic Jesus."

It is always my prayer that our life together here at First UMC reflects the strong, challenging, life-transforming Jesus of the Bible, not a "Plastic Jesus" without the love and power of the real Jesus.

Because Jesus is Alive!
Pastor Donna

Dear God's Children,

I am greeting you from the name of our Lord Jesus Christ the Savior.

Well! The time has gone so quick! A month had pass by while we haven't realize, and by looking back to our lives and the church, we may only recall some of the works that we had planed has been done so far. But the greatest of all, we must praise and sings to the Lord for those blessing that we had received as a monthly basis because God is so love to us.

October is here, there is time for our church to get together to budget, plans for the coming year, make report and get everything ready for the church charge conference.

Dear God's children, I am so grateful and thanks to all of you, I would like you to know that, the way our church is survived year to years was because of you who is very faithful to God and committed yourself and your lives to the church for Christ sake. Surely, the church is counting on you for the futures because each of you have a different and wonderful gifts from God, if we can combine those all together to support the church, I'm sure we will make a different and survivable. So that, we can continue our mission it is not just for the Hmong and English speaking only, but for the whole world in Christ.

Finally, my encouraging to you is to be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ with my pray is always for you, and look forward to see all of you in the month of October in the name of Tswv Yexus. Amen.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Chuckua Yang

Announcements:

- ★ The Community prayer night is changed from **Thursday** to Wednesday at 4:30 pm. at church.
- ★ Hmong Caucus meeting and election. **Saturday October 3, 2009, at Sacramento Trinity UMC from 9:00 am. To 3:00 pm.** All welcome...
- ★ Conference Committee on Hmong Ministry meeting. **Thursday October 15, 2009, at Marysville UMC From 10:00am. To 2:00pm.** All welcome...
- ★ Ca/Nev Conference Hmong Ministry REVIVAL. **Saturday October 24, 2009, at Oroville FUMC From 9:00am. To 4:00pm.** All welcome, lunch provide.
- ★ Oroville Hmong New Year. **Saturday and Sunday October 10, 11, 2009, at the Nelson Complex**

**Any question for the above please let me know-
Pastor Chuckua at (530) 680-7172.**



**We have an address for
Ann Reavis. She has been
in Sacramento at her
daughter Carol Reavis
and grandson Michael's
house. The address is**

Ann Reavis,

**8814 Somershire Way,
Sacramento, CA**

95828-5567 phone #

**916-682-6352. I am sure
she would enjoy hearing
from her Oroville church
family.**

Fall Sunday School For Children, Youth & Adults Has Begun Each Sunday

8:45 a.m.

Nursery	Suaida Yang/Helper
Preschool	Erin Buis/Barbara Thompson
Kindergarten/1st	Laura Heffernan/Cathy Weitze
2nd/3rd	Lynn Shaner/Elaine Klein
4th/5th	Doris Henneker/Elaine Schmidt/Susan Sharon
6th/7th/8th	Tracy Yang
9th-12th	Pastor Donna Van Maanen
Adults	David Jacobsen



10:30 a.m.

Nursery/Preschool	Suaida Yang/ Helper
Kindergarten-6th Children's Church	Pastor Laura Heffernan
6th-12th Hmong Language	Seng Yang
Adults Hmong Language	Pastor Chuckua Yang

Christmas in August Was So Fun

Thank you to everyone who helped and taught the music, **Glenda** who kept the stars and needed, and our helpers **Elaine, Elaine, Cathy,**



participated. Thank you especially to Jolene who angels going, **Susan** who found everything we and so many others.

Thank you also to the Hand Bell Choir and the Youth Choir. You added such a joyful tone to the whole service.

A big thank you goes to Alma and Bill Short for hosting a swim party to celebrate the end of summer.

I think God smiled.

World Communion Sunday October 4, 2009

Bring your favorite bread or bread from another country. The breads will be used in Communion and then served during Fellowship with delicious spreads. Plan to bring bread and something like cream cheese, peanut butter, jam, butter, margarine, alfredo sauce, etc. to share.

There is also a Special Offering during worship Church for the purpose of providing scholarships envelopes will be available and checks should be Special Offering written in the Memo Line.



on October 4. This offering goes to the General to racial and ethnic minority students. Special made out to First United Methodist Church with



School Kits to Sager Brown

We made 26 school supply bags to send to children in need. Thank you children for your excitement, women for your sewing skills, and everybody for providing supplies, postage, and joy.

Nursery

The Nursery is open!!!! Thank you Suaida Yang for is now an employee of the church. She needs help Sanctuaries," there must always be two **adults** in worship each Sunday to sign up to serve in this age stop you from serving in this loving ministry.



accepting the Nursery Attendant's position. Suaida though. To keep our church compliant with "Safe the nursery. There is a sign up sheet available after capacity. Children love grandparents, so don't let

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

Church Pantry

Thank you all for the many donations of food for our church pantry! You are a generous congregation. Many people continue to utilize our pantry especially towards the end of the month.

Apportionment Bulletin Board

The apportionment bulletin board in the social hall has been updated with the information Margaret Brown provided in the September Feather on World Service. If you are able to support this apportionment outside of your regular church offering, notes with different contribution amounts are posted. Please follow the directions for giving on the bulletin board.

Membership Sunday

November 1, 2009 will be Membership Sunday. If you would like to become a member of Oroville First United Methodist Church or transfer your membership to the Oroville church please let Pastor Donna know.

**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.

Office Volunteer's



We would like to welcome our new office volunteers. **Harriet Stieger** has volunteered for Tuesday and **Elaine Schmidt** has volunteered for Wednesday. Harriet and Elaine have both worked as Methodist Church secretaries in the past, Harriet in Oakdale and Elaine in Grass Valley.

If you are interested in volunteering in the church office on an as needed basis please let Pastor Donna or Elaine Klein know and we will put you on our call as needed list.

RUMMAGE SALE

The annual church rummage sale was held at the church on September 3, 4. And 5th. Money taken in at the rummage sale was \$1,545.45. With no expenses that I know of the entire amount will be the profit and will remain in the church general fund to pay church expenses and bills. The Finance Committee would like to thank **Barbara Thompson** for heading up the rummage sale. We also want to thank everyone that helped on the rummage sale from set-up to the sale and the clean-up. Thank you for making the church rummage sale fundraiser such a great success. Thank you everyone.

John S. Fowler Chairman Finance Committee

Trustees

The floor in the Social Hall has been scrubbed clean and refinished. Arrangements were made by **Gladeen LeBoeuf**.

Chuck Bailey is working on the construction of a new sign at the front of the church property.

He has started with a masonry block build-up. Additional parts will be delivered mid October.

The project should be completed and ready for dedication by early November.

Planning ahead for Arbor Day, Friday, April 30, 2010, Trustees will be planting four Ginko Trees to honor **Ted Grainger, Peter Gibson-Hudson, Jeanne Ball, and Dorothy Wise**. Rather than clumping them together as a grove, they will be scattered about the front of the property. As they grow they can replace the scrub-oaks as they die.

Thank-you.

Richard Fancher

Sunday Liturgist

Would you like to be a Liturgist on Sunday morning? **Harriet Stieger** has taken over the duties of Liturgist Coordinator and may be coming to you with a calendar in hand to sign you up to read scripture on a Sunday morning. If you would like to volunteer you can reach her in the Church office on Tuesdays.

Outreach & Witness Committee



Here are the joys & concerns for October:

Mee Xiong - has a slow-growing tumor; **Robin Rich** - seeing a specialist & having an MRI; **Gladys James** - for healing & recovery; **Harriett Steiger's** daughter **Mary Beth** - needs prayers for hard times; **Rachel, Vincent, Kayla, Junior, & William** - going thru some difficult times; and **Gwen Howard** - continued prayers for her health.

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, Katie & John Voos, Haley Warren, David Jacobsen, Ted Beall, Fugate Family, John Church, Mac McComas, Bobby Ludolf, Loraine Hiett, Ross & Wendi Ewalt, Jeremy Buis, Bruce Barton, Bruce Harmon, Pat Foster, Lynn Barnett, Chris Barnes, Mary Ruth Heffernan, Betty Ball, Gladeen LeBoeuf, Harriet Steiger, Doris Miller, Sue Fredericksen, Baby Bodie, Father of Tyler Yang, Jeff Felice, Pastor Donna's cousin Elizabeth, Ka's Mom - Khou, Rachel Brown's brother Tristan Brown.

Remember those in our church family who have lost a loved one: Emma Spencer upon the recent loss of her cousin; and Larry Ott upon the recent death of his father in Kansas.

JOYS

Healing: Michael Grainger had surgery on his eye & can now see out of that eye. **Ginger Ewalt's** friend has recovered and is out playing golf after being sick for four years.

Birthdays: Emery & Virginia Field celebrated their 89th & 85th birthdays, resp., and are doing well in assisted care, per their son Mark.

Anniversary: Pat Foster's daughter & son-in-law celebrating 24 years of marriage.



OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat
				1 Thursday Service Schedule	2 Friday Service Schedule	3 Mystery Dinner
4 Sunday Service Schedule World Communion Day	5 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Trustee's	6	7 Wednesday Service Schedule	8 Thursday Service Schedule	9 Friday Service Schedule	10
11 Sunday Service Schedule	12	13	14 Wednesday Service Schedule	15 Thursday Service Schedule	16 Friday Service Schedule	17
18 Sunday Service Schedule	19 5:30 pm Finance	20 CCCO Meeting	21 Wednesday Service Schedule	22 Thursday Service Schedule	23 Friday Service Schedule	24 9:00 am - 4:00 pm CA/NV Hmong Ministry Revival
25 Sunday Service Schedule	26 7:00 pm Marlys Circle	27 6:00 pm Administrative Church Council	28 Wednesday Service Schedule	29	30	31 Halloween Youth Group Halloween Carnival

HALLOWEEN BASH

The Youth Group will have their Haunted House on Saturday, October 31st. Be sure to come by and be scared. There will be games in the Social Hall for those not brave enough to go through the Haunted Maze. If you can donate some candy for all those Goblins who will come by please bring it to the Church Office before the 31st.



October Birthdays

- 1 Linda Perry
- 4 Stewart Shaner
- 9 Yer Vang
- 9 Gillis Logan
- 10 Lo Pao Vang
- 11 Lynn Shaner
- 12 Maxine Dyer
- 12 Yeng Vang
- 15 Ellen Felice
- 19 Ellen Muas Moua
- 21 Chris Barnes
- 21 Jane Muas Moua
- 23 Patty Lewis
- 24 Joline Hibbert



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



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



SOUND BYTES

soundbuds@att.net



Still in the works:

- ♪ Completion of the sound booth
- ♪ Building a cabinet in the Social Hall for a permanent sound system setup,
- ♪ 2 more speakers in social hall,
- ♪ Rewire the speakers in the social hall,
- ♪ More microphones (both wired and wireless) for sanctuary and social hall

Donations: The sound system relies very heavily on donations. If there is an item you would like to donate towards please note it on your donation as well as let me know. *Jeremy Buis*

October Worship

October 4th

Greeters: Doris & Denny Ludolf

Coffee Hour: Lynn & Stu Shaner

Liturgist: Pastor's & Youth

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Sem Xiong

October 11th

Greeters: Gerry & Darby Miller

Coffee Hour: John & Margaret Brown

Liturgist: Elaine Schmidt

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Richard Fancher

October 18th

Greeters: Chuck & Beverley Bailey

Coffee Hour: Gerry & Darby Miller

Liturgist: Pat Foster

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Susan Sharon

October 25th

Greeters: Lynn & Stu Shaner

Coffee Hour: Shirley Valder & Louise Weitze

Liturgist: Elaine Klein

Nursery Volunteer: ? & ?

Lockup: Kyle Buis

Dinner at Six

DINNER @ SIX

October 7th: Baked Potato Bar with Chili, & fixings. Salad, Bread & Dessert.

Nature Committee will be cooking.

October 14th : Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert.

Finance Committee will be cooking.

October 21st: Chicken & Rice Casserole, Salad, Bread & Dessert.

Worship Committee will be Cooking.

October 28th: Pastor Chuckua & the Hmong Congregation will be cooking.



THINGS FROM OUR ATTIC



DISCUSSING THE HISTORY of the church bell which rang for the Oroville UMC for 80 years in several locations are Ella Messerschmidt, secretary, and the Reverend Norman G. Callaway. The bell was dedicated as a memorial to an 83 year member, the late Mary Cochran. *cast 1885 5/5/74*

CHURCH BELL IS A MEMORIAL



PRE-SCHOOL PREP — Margo Kantola, left, director of the First United Methodist Church State Pre-School, explains new student entrance guidelines to Alma Jacobsen. Changes now allow children from families with higher incomes, up to \$9,000 per year for a family of four, to attend the school. A child must be three years and nine months old as of Sept. 1, 1977 to be eligible.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Oroville

Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving The Oroville Community

Sunday Service Schedule

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.