



## First United Methodist Church of Oroville

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# The Golden Feather



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## A WORD FROM PASTOR DONNA

What a blessing to be a part of a loving, praying congregation! I have felt the love and the prayers much in the last month and now I think I am really on the mend. Thank you!!!

“Holy Week.” Its what we call this week from Palm Sunday to Easter. It is the glorious climax to the Jesus story. It is the week that tells us who we are; loved, called, forgiven, changing, imperfect, accepted, foolish, wise, laughing, crying, growing children of the living God.

Without Jesus it would all be useless. That is what the apostle Paul said. “If Christ is not raised from the dead our faith is in vain.” I believe he is alive and he lives within, among and through us in a world that may hear of him through US. Whew! What an amazing call; to let Jesus, dead, buried and raised from death making his presence know through puny, glorious human beings.

He didn't fight with sword and shield to win my heart. He didn't come with pointing finger and berating words to a sorry sinner, he didn't strong-arm me into the Kingdom of God. He came in vulnerable strength, with words and actions which drew the worst of the lot into new life. He held children and taught folk how to resist oppression without violence. He took 12 men, lived with them for three years, died on a Roman cross because he appeared to be a threat to the status quo and rose again to live in our hearts. In reality his death was for us! He died for our sin and foibles and raised that we might live in the power of his resurrection. Now, he says, live like me and we will change the lives of those put in our path through his love and grace.

More than anything else I want to be a part of what God is doing in the world. So I am going to grab hold of Jesus and let him do his thing in me. I may not get it all right but I am not going to quit!

In Jesus' Love

*Pastor Donna*

## **Enduring Gifts Sunday April 26, 2009**



Susan Peters from the United Methodist Foundation and Betsy Schwarzentraub, the United Methodist Director of Faith & Generosity, will be at First United Methodist Church of Oroville to teach us all how to care for our personal financial futures and our church's financial future. Plan on being in church this Sunday and staying afterward for a potluck lunch and training. This is a training for the entire congregation.



### **Children's Church**

The children are studying the 3 Simple Rules: Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God. They are filling an Easter Basket for an Oroville family who needs a little extra for Easter. This is their way of Doing Good in their community. Please help us with:

Gas Cards  
Food Maxx Cards  
Gifts for older Teen Girls  
Gifts for 12 year old Girl

Walmart Cards  
Blockbuster Cards  
Gifts for 2 year old Boy

**Bring all gifts to church Palm Sunday, April 5.**



## Nursery Update

All of the toys have been put away in the Nursery, so the Nursery is ready for children. The Kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> Grade Sunday School class has moved to Room E, which was beautifully cleaned by Thai and resourced by Susan.

Now all we need is workers. We need two adults in the Nursery each Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We can take turns so that nobody misses worship more than once a month. Teens may assist, but there must be two adults. Please let Pastor Laura know if you are willing to help in the Nursery.



## Heifer Project



The Sunday School purchased 9 rabbits, 1 llama, 1 hive of bees, and 3 chickens, among other animals. These animals will be sent by Heifer to families where a form of work and/or food are needed. Good job Sunday School and thank you Joline for all your hard work!



## Vacation Bible School Is Coming

Look for further details as the Youth Group puts together VBS for our children and the children of our community.



The children of Children's Church will be working on School Kits for Sager-Brown this summer. They need bags made and they will have fundraisers and school-supply Sundays to collect for the Kits. These kits will go to children who do not have school supplies to begin school. Thank you ahead of time for helping our children learn to work to give. If you can help with making bags, please see Pastor Laura. We have a pattern provided by UMCOR.

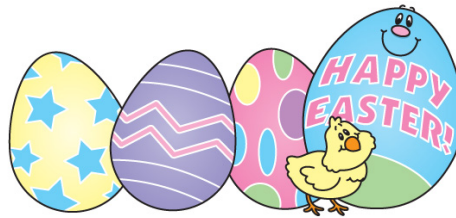
## One-Room Sunday School Beginning in June

We will be putting together a One-Room Sunday School for the children this summer. If you would be willing to help with this project, please talk to Pastor Laura. We will need help with crafts, story time, and drama.

# Easter Egg Hunt

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt after worship Easter Sunday. We will need hard boiled colored egg and, plastic eggs already full of candy. Please have the plastic eggs all ready to go so we don't have to fill them that morning.

**Come and bring your children and grandchildren to the Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn.**



## Children's Handbells

The children will be playing their bells on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. They will be robed after bell practice at 10:00 a.m. All children are welcome. No previous practice required. Makes it all more fun.

# Baptism and Confirmation

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF JOY AND CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

11:00 AM

BEDROCK PARK

BAPTISM IN THE RIVER

PICNIC FOLLOWING

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

10:30 AM

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

CELEBRATION OF RESURRECTION

**In keeping with the ancient practices of Easter weekend, we are baptizing members of our Confirmation class and receiving into membership and into our family of faith. I urge all of you to come and celebrate with us!**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Prayers** are needed for the following church family members: Pastor Laura's mom Mary Ruth Heffernan - having tests for myeloma; Harriett - recently had tests & now facing open heart surgery; Pastor Donna - has been ill; Robin Rich - prayers for the possibility of moving & also for her mom who is having surgery & her friend Joyce is in a coma; David Jacobsen - having health problems; Emily's friend Shirley, who's mom died & also, her friend Phyllis; Alma's friend Luella Phillips - hip surgery; Elaine Schmidt - fell & injured her hip & ankle, but making progress; Ginger Ewalt's sister-in-law Rose - not doing well after surgery; Emily - doing exercises to strengthen her back; Pat Foster - her cancer has returned & is having chemo & radiation; Phyllis Oddo - recent cataract surgery; Helen Beall's friends Ray & Dolores Jamison - very ill; John & Elaine's - oldest son has lost his residence & looking for a new caretaking position; Ka & Shor Vang - recent death in the family.

**Prayers** for those with ongoing concerns: Kenneth Felice, Skip Shelton, Max Smith, Wright & Elaine Larkey, Theresa Abernathy, Tim Wizche, Por Yang, 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, Michael Grainger, Avinah Yang, Gwen Howard, Fugate Family, John Church, Mac McComas, Bobby Ludolf, Loraine Hiatt, Ross & Wendi Ewalt, Bruce Barton, Bruce Harmon, Lynn Barnett, Chris Barnes, Peter Gibson-Hudson, Betty Ball, Virginia & Emery Field, and Gladeen LeBoeuf.

**Prayers** are needed for all those who have been affected by the economy, either by losing a home or a job.

**Prayers** for our military, specifically: Bev & Chuck Bailey's friend Christina recently deployed to Afghanistan & John & Margaret Brown's grandson who has been recently discharged from the army. Our prayers go out to all those serving overseas, as they put their lives on the line for us every day.

**Prayers** for the family of Cecelia Harris, who recently passed away.

### A Celebration:

**Congratulations!! to Robert & Louise Weitze upon the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary!**

## Dinner @6 April Menu



**April 1st** - BBQ Baked Chicken, Baked Beans, Vegetable, Coleslaw & Dessert.  
Staff Parrish Committee is cooking.

**April 8th** -Pork Cutlet, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad & Dessert.  
Finance Committee will be cooking.

**April 15th** - Beef Stroganoff & Noodles, Vegetable, Salad, Bread & Dessert  
Trustee Committe is cooking.

**April 22nd** -Pastor Chuckua and Hmong  
Congregation will be cooking.

**April 29** - Donna's Daddy-O's Iowa Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Carrots with Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Throed Rolls & Dessert.  
Worship Committee is cooking.




## April Birthdays

- 2 Shirley Valder
- 6 Richard Fancher
- 10 Fang Vang
- 11 Nou Sene Vang
- 13 Sem Xai Xoing
- 16 Mai Yang
- 17 Pat Foster
- 17 John Fowler
- 18 Patricia Blissenback
- 19 Emma Spencer
- 21 Kyle Buis
- 23 Zoua Vang
- 30 Maureen Blair
- 30 David Jacobsen
- 30 Carolyn La Jeret



# April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat
			<b>1</b> Wednesday Service Schedule  DINNER @ 6	<b>2</b> Thursday Service Schedule	<b>3</b> Friday Service Schedule	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Palm Sunday Sunday Service Schedule	<b>6</b> 11 a.m. Worship 5:30 pm Trustee's	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Wednesday Service Schedule  DINNER @ 6	<b>9</b> Thursday Service Schedule  6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Soup Meal 7:00 pm M T Service	<b>10</b> 12:00 to 2:00 pm Good Friday Service  Friday Service Schedule	<b>11</b> Confirmation Baptism @ Bedrock Park & Picnic
<b>12</b> Easter Day Sunday Service Schedule Easter Egg Hunt after church	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  3:00- 9:30 OLAN MILLS	<b>15</b> Wednesday Service Schedule  DINNER @ 6 3:00- 9:30 Olan Mills	<b>16</b> Thursday Service Schedule	<b>17</b> Friday Service Schedule	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 2nd Sunday of Easter  Sunday Service Schedule	<b>20</b> 5:30 pm Finance	<b>21</b> 12:00 pm CCCO	<b>22</b> Wednesday Service Schedule  DINNER @ 6	<b>23</b> Thursday Service Schedule	<b>24</b> Friday Service Schedule	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Sunday Service Schedule	<b>27</b> 7:00 pm Marlys Circle @ Ginger Ewalt's	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm Church Council	<b>29</b> Wednesday Service Schedule  DINNER @ 6	<b>30</b> Thursday Service Schedule		

## Heifer Project

<http://www.heifer.org/>

The Sunday School children with the help of our congregation collected \$669.74 for the Heifer Project. The children decided which animals they wanted to buy and I have sent in a donation of \$600.00 to Heifer International. We were able to purchase:

One LLama

One Sheep

One Goat

Three trios of Rabbits

Two hives of Bees



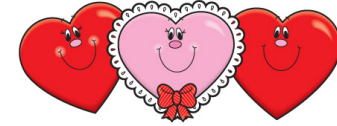
We want to thank the congregation for their help in this project. As you can see, we have \$69.74 to start our next years project.

## Leaky Roof

**TRUSTSEES** report that there have been leaks in our church roof recently. Many shingles are missing on the west side over the Fireside Room. Water dripped down that window. Water caused a bubble in the ceiling of the childrens' bathroom near the nursery. Chuck Bailey is getting bids for partial roof repair and for complete roof replacement. More about this later, but we need to plan a roofing campaign for next year.



## **Gourmet Dinner & Auction**



**The 3rd Annual Gourmet Dinner & Auction** on February 14, 2009 was a great success.

Dinner.

Income of \$1995.00 minus expenses of \$1154.19 gave a profit of \$840.81.

Silent Auction \$1340.00, Live Auction \$1056.00 and Raffle \$329.00. For a total profit of \$3565.81.

Church Council voted to open a Money Market Account, the profit from the dinner will be put in this account and be used for Youth Events and Adult Study Programs. The Council also voted to keep \$1000 aside to be used to cover expenses for future fund raisers.

Thank you to Randy Fowler, Georgia Nelson & Cynthia Slattery from the Stewardship Team for all of the planning and work for such a lovely evening.

Many thanks also go to the following people for helping on the preparations: Alma Short and her team for decorations, Barbara Thompson, Richard Fancher, Pat Foster, Sonwalkers Youth Group, Lisa & Kevin Benedict, Nonie Buis, Cathy Weitze, Cari Erwin, Sandy Hicketier & everyone who donated auction items.

### **Bell Choir**

Are you interested in making music with the Bell Choir? John & Elaine Schmidt would like to lead some of us in Ringing of The Bells. They will be forming a Bell Choir and are looking for interested persons who would like to join them. You can reach them at 533-5571.

## April Worship

April 5, 2009

**Greeters:** Pat Foster & Helen Beall

**Coffee Hour:** Pat Foster & Glenda Ott

**Liturgist:** Rev. Laura Heffernan & Children's Church

**Lockup:** Sem Vang

April 12, 2009

**Greeters:** Cari & Emily Erwin

**Coffee Hour:** Elaine Klein

**Liturgist:** Paterra Yang

**Lockup:** Richard Fancher

April 19, 2009

**Greeters:** Glenda & Larry Ott

**Coffee Hour:** Lynn & Stu Shaner

**Liturgist:** Paterra Yang

**Lockup:** Susan Shaner

April 26, 2009

**Greeters:** Margaret & John Brown

**Coffee Hour:** Cari Erwin & Elaine Klein

**Liturgist:** Carol Mutrux-Anderson

**Lockup:** Kyle Buis



# 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.
Confirmation Class	12:30 p.m.

## **Wednesday Schedule**

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

## **Thursday Schedule**

Bible Study & Breakfast @ Cassidy's	7:30 a.m.
Community Prayer Service	4:20 p.m.-5:20 p.m.

## **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.**