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Greetings dear FUMC family,

Hope summer went well for all of you as another school year start again.

Same goes to our FUMC. In the first week of September, we begin with a huge rummage sale. We are also starting Sunday Schools, Dinner @ Six and many more activities. As the new fresh start begins, I pray God for you and encourage all to be strong and faithful to God.

As you know, I have been appointed quarter to the Marysville Hmong Ministry and half here in Oroville; therefore, my schedule has been changed. Beginning of September, I will be going to Marysville on Thursday. My office hour here in Oroville will be Monday and Tuesday from 10am-12noon. I've also changed my day off from Monday to Friday, but of course you can still call me anytime at my cell at (530) 680-7172. I've left some times to outreach, nurture, have home visitation, and pray for everyone that needs it.

Finally, I am truly blessed and will continue to work together with Rev. Donna and Laura and all of you – For the Lord. Has a wonderful month of September.

In Christ Love,

Pastor Chuckua



**Fall Sunday School
For Children & Adults
Begins September 13, 2009
8:45 a.m.**



**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 on October 4. This offering goes to the General Church for the purpose of providing scholarships to racial and ethnic minority students. Special envelopes will be available and checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church with Special Offering written in the Memo Line.



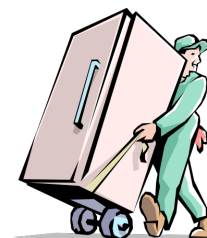
Heifer Project



We continued collecting recyclables for the Heifer Project over the summer. July brought in \$25.00 and \$24.40 was received in August.

There are bins located in the Social Hall next to the kitchen doors to place your items. Recyclables will be cashed in and the money will go toward the children's Heifer project. Thank you for your donations.

Marlys Circle



The Marlys Circle is raising money to purchase a new freezer for the church. They have collected \$360 and the goal is about \$800 for a 21 cubic foot Frost Free Freezer from A-1 Appliance here in Oroville. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the freezer you may do so by giving your contribution to Joline Hibbert or making a check payable to **FUMC** marked **Marlys Circle--Freezer** on the memo line. Thank you for helping us.

OUTREACH & WITNESS

Support for Missions

In the June Golden Feather, this committee brought to your attention our congregational need to support apportionments. The focus then was on Africa University and on the Shasta District Program Fund.

This time we want to point out to you the World Service Fund (Acts 1:8b). World Service is considered the essential core of United Methodist outreach. Giving to this Fund allows us to demonstrate our beliefs by supporting evangelism, Bible study, church growth, discipleship and helping people everywhere.

There are a variety of agencies under the World Service umbrella. For instance the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) is the global mission agency of the United Methodist Church. The GBGM provides support for eight program areas. One area that is very recognizable is UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief. According to the UMC Global Ministries website, UMCOR is working in more than 80 countries worldwide including the United States. Whether the need is in Indonesia, South America, Nevada or Louisiana UMCOR is there. The United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UNVIM) is also supported by the World Service Fund.

To completely fund our apportioned share of the World Service Fund we would need to provide an annual amount of \$2505.00. This translates into \$208.75 per month. Although these amounts may be out of an individual's reach to pledge on a regular basis, smaller amounts are cheerfully accepted. (Please see the display on apportionments; it is located in the Social Hall.) Monies donated for World Service or any other apportionment category will be used specifically for their designated purpose.

Thank you for your generosity.

Margaret Brown

Joys & Concerns:

Ellen Felice's cousins Jeanette & Dean in Minnesota - need prayers; Scott Wirth - having sinus problems; Robin Rich - prayers for improvement in her apartment air conditioning; Gordon Yates - chemical burn in his eye; Gladys James - in extended care due to an infection in her foot; Mee Xiong - having some tests; Larry Ott's grandpa - needs prayers; David Jacobsen's neighbor - near death & needs prayers; Michael Grainger - having eye surgery; Chuck & Beverly Bailey - prayers for Chuck's cousin Jim who is hiking the Pacific Coast Trail & also their neighbor needs prayers; Jeanne's daughter - not doing well; Emma Spencer - needs healing prayers; Patty Blissenbach - healing from oral surgery & also recovering from poison oak; Joan Azevedo's grandnephew Body - had surgery & is improving; Pastor Laura's mom Ruth - fell & broke her foot; Harriet Steiger - has pain issues; and Emily Heffernan's transition to high school.

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, Gwen Howard, Fugate Family, John Church, Mac McComas, Bobby Ludolf, Loraine Hiatt, Ross & Wendi Ewalt, Bruce Barton, Pat Foster, Lynn Barnett, Chris Barnes, Betty Ball, Gail Leonard, Virginia & Emery Field & daughter Arlene, Gladeen Leboeuf, Doris Miller, Sue Fredericksen, Father of Tyler Yang, Jeff Felice, Ka's Mom - Khou, Yong Xang Vang.

Remember those in our church family who have lost loved ones: the Hmong community recently lost 5 members in a weeks time; Pastor Donna & family upon the recent loss of Donna's young cousin; the family of David Hottinger, a local young man who recently died in a car accident.

Joys: Harriett Steiger has her first great granddaughter; and Vivian Grainger's granddaughter Jackie is expecting a baby, making Vivian a great-grandmother.

September

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat
		1 8:00 am Rummage Sale Set Up	2 Wednesday Service Schedule 8:00 am Rummage Sale Set UP 5:00 pm Bell Practice	3 Thursday Service Schedule 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Rummage Sale	4 Friday Service Schedule 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Rummage Sale	5 8:00 am to 11:00 am Rummage Sale
6 Sunday Service Schedule	7 	8 11:00 am Worship Committee	9 Wednesday Service Schedule 5:00 pm Bell Practice 6:00 pm Dinner @ Six	10 Thursday Service Schedule	11 Friday Service Schedule	12 Building Bridges of Friendship Work Day
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DINNER @ SIX

September 9th : Lasagna,
Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert.
Worship Committee is cooking.

September 16th: Ham Dinner, Salad & Dessert. Trustee's
Committee is cooking.

September 23rd: Hmong Congregation
will be cooking dinner.

September 30th: Pork Roast
Dinner, Salad & Dessert. Staff
Parrish Committee will be cooking.

September Birthdays

- 2 Tracy Yang
- 3 Frank Oddo
- 4 Elaine Larkey
- 5 Taylor Buis
- 7 Mee Lee Xiong
- 9 Selena Heffernan
- 10 Suzanne Love
- 13 Garnett Bessey
- 14 Paula Fishkin
- 15 Emery Field
- 15 Moua Vang
- 17 Virginia Field
- 18 Betty Makinson
- 18 Marquintha Burton
- 21 Glenda Ott
- 24 Margaret Brown



Salmon Festival

September 26, 2009

Feather River Fish Hatchery

Barbequed Tri-tip sandwiches on a french roll

Barbequed Tri-tip/beans/french roll, plate

Nachos

Corn dogs

Chips

Drinks

Anyone interested in helping please contact Cynthia, Georgia or Randy. Please come by the booth for lunch and enjoy the Salmon Festival. It's a great day!

Perry Mason Days Mystery Dinner

October 3, 2009

Prime Rib Dinner / 6 PM

\$20

Original play written by Eric Pieper

Presented by the First United Methodist Church & The Pieper Players

The Case Of The Fatal Error

Please mark your calendars.

Anyone wishing to help the Stewardship Team please contact Cynthia, Georgia or Randy

TRI- TIP STEAK BARBECUE

On Saturday August 8, 2009 the church held the only barbecue of the summer. Money taken in was \$1,106.00. The raffle made \$131.00 for a total of \$1,237.00. After expenses of \$687.40 the profit was \$549.60. The profit will remain in the general fund and will be used to pay church bills. The Finance Committee wants to thank Randy Fowler for planning the menu and purchasing the food. We also want to thank Randy Fowler and Georgia Nelson for making the beautiful signs promoting our barbecue. We thank Randy Fowler and Sem Xiong for barbecuing the delicious tri-tip steak, Cynthia Slattery for decorating the Fellowship Hall, Georgia Nelson, Barbara Thompson, Gerry Miller, and Cynthia Slattery for helping in the kitchen, the youth for serving the food and the cleanup, the people that set up everything the day before the barbecue and Joan Keller for helping me with the money at the door. We thank everyone that donated items for the raffle and made it such a success. We also thank everyone that made cakes for dessert and the raffle. Thank you everyone.

John S. Fowler
Chairman Finance Committee

FATHER'S DAY LUNCH

On Sunday June 21, 2009 our Hmong Congregation put on their annual Father's Day Lunch. Money taken in was \$527.50. After expenses of \$207.74 the profit on the lunch was \$319.76. The profit remained in the general fund and was used to pay church bills during the summer when our income is down. The Finance Committee wants to say thank you to Pastor Chuckua Yang and the Hmong Congregation for putting on the delicious lunch. Thank You.

John S. Fowler
Chairman Finance Committee

Staff Parrish

Staff Parrish would like to welcome Saudia Yang as our new Nursery Attendant. She will be in the Nursery from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm each Sunday morning taking care of our youngest of the young. Children four (4) and under may be in the Nursery during Sunday School and English Worship hour. We are asking everyone to volunteer as a second person to ensure Safe Sanctuary. We have a sign up sheet that can be found on the table in the Narthex or in the Church office. Please sign up for the early hour, 8:45 am to 10:00 am or 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. If everyone takes a turn it will help keep our children safe. Saudia will be in charge of taking care of the children, the rest of us will be able to rock a baby, read stories or help with coloring pictures.

With the start of the School year for our United Methodist Preschool we have increased our Custodian's , Thia (Tyler) Yangs hours to 40 hours a week. Our Preschool opened on Monday August 24th with 62 children enrolled in the AM & PM sessions. They have capacity for 96 children. When you are at the church and see the teachers welcome them back. The Preschool has a new cook in the kitchen. Her name is Deann. If you need to go into the kitchen during the day please introduce yourself and do not encroach on their space during work hours.

Administrative Church Council

Church Council met on August 25th . It was voted on to construct and purchase a new sign for the front of our church. The Trustees have researched the project and a sign will be ordered from Stewart, America's Premier Sign Company. Trustee, Chuck Bailey, has completed a drawing and calculated costs of construction. Chuck will oversee and will complete the construction work to keep the cost down as much as possible. I am sure the finished product will be attractive. Thank you Chuck for your dedication on this project and sharing your talent with us. The next meeting for our Administrative Church Council will be on Tuesday, September 29th @ 6:00 pm.



THINGS FROM OUR ATTIC

Won't Be Long Before Y Camp Is Open



Mercury Photo and Engraving

Loaded for the trip of the advance guard to Gold Lake Y Camp, the truck was ready to leave Friday afternoon for the mountains. Will Chandler, YMCA secretary, and the boys forming the advance guard, waved goodbye to the Mercury photographer just

a half hour before they left. Everything's loaded, all is checked and the truck driver stands ready to hop in when Chandler gives the word to be off. They will prepare the grounds for the boys camp, first of three to be held there.

Mercury Photo and Engraving

WCTU 50th Annual County Meeting Here Saturday; Tree Dedication

The fiftieth annual convention of Butte County Women's Christian Temperance Union, to open at the Methodist church Saturday, May 11, in all-day session, will include dedication of a tree in the court house grounds following the noon luncheon.

The group will hear an address by the state president, Mrs. Louise J. Taft.

Mrs. Isabelle Lester of Gridley, county president, announces the convention program to follow the opening Salute to the Flag, as follows: A song, O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee; Devotional, Mrs. Selma Hinet; Reading of Declaration of Principals, Mrs. J. C. Davis; Introduction of guests; Welcome by Oroville, Response by Chico; naming of committees; roll call; report of officers, locals and directors; noon-time prayer, Mrs. Nikirk.

After the luncheon and tree dedication the program will be resumed at 2 p. m. with the opening song, Stand Loyal. Prayer or sentence prayer will be followed by the address of the state president.

Special music by Mrs. William Brewster, the offering, and election and installation of officers will bring the afternoon meeting to a close with the Benediction.

Evening song, prayer and a chorus of young people will be on the night meeting program.

There will be a speech contest, music by Virginia Palmer and a talk by Mrs. Taft. Benediction will end the county convention.

Methodist Church Officers Named For 1940-41 Term

The annual congregational meeting of the Methodist church was held Wednesday night at the church with the Rev. John R. Wilkins, superintendent of the Redwood-Shasta division, presiding.

Election for the 1940-41 officers was completed following the report of the nominating committee.

Elected for trustees were: Chester Deffenbaugh, Fred Irwin Sr., J. L. Fry, L. L. Winters and Ray Patterson. The board of stewards includes A. J. Dunstone, Mrs. W. J. Almendinger, Mrs. J. L. Fry, C. Pickett, Mrs. B. Hogan, W. W. Norton, F. Dealey, Mrs. Ray Patterson, Mrs. A. Liggett, Mrs. L. L. Winters, Mrs. E. E. Bell, A. P. Robbins, Mrs. M. C. Watkins, S. B. Dial, William Sanford, Albert Vaughan, the Rev. J. N. Roberts and Fred Gray.

Elected district steward was A. J. Dunstone, reserve, A. Vaughan; disbursing steward, Chester Deffenbaugh; Communion stewards, Mrs. E. Kingdon, Miss Betty Kingdon, recording steward, Mrs. Fred Irwin; financial secretary, Mrs. David Thomas.

The nominating committee con-

sisted of: Paul Stollar, Mrs. Fred Irwin, Chester Deffenbaugh, Mrs. Katherine Vaughan, Mrs. William Sanford and Miss Betty Jean Merritt.

A well-attended potluck dinner was held in connection with the

September Worship

September 6th

Greeters: Linda Perry & Helen Beall

Coffee Hour: Jeremy & Erin Buis

Liturgist: Rev. Laura Heffernan

Nursery Volunteer: Helen Beall & ?

Lockup: Sem Xiong

September 13th

Greeters: Larry & Glenda Ott

Coffee Hour: Betty Ledford & Carol Anderson

Liturgist: Cari Erwin

Nursery Volunteer: Elaine Schmidt & C. Weitze

Lockup: Richard Fancher

September 20th

Greeters: Pat Foster & Glenda Ott

Coffee Hour: Pat Foster & Glenda Ott

Liturgist: Christl Yates

Nursery Volunteer: Glenda Ott & Bev. Bailey

Lockup: Susan Sharon

September 27th

Greeters: John & Margaret Brown

Coffee Hour: Lynn & Stu Shaner

Liturgist: Christl Yates

Nursery Volunteer: ? & ?

Lockup: Kyle Buis

News from Virginia & Emery Field

Virginia called the church office on August 10th to report they are doing fine. Emery needed extended care and they have moved to a new facility, the other residents are all in their mid 80's so they have a lot in common.

There son Mark and his family will be here from Japan while Mark attends school this year. They will stay Virginia & Emery's house in Oroville and the girls will attend Bird Street School. Watch for them in church and welcome them.

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.
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.