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# The Golden Feather



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## **Grace and peace to you—FUMC Family**

### **First of all—**

Praise God for the 2010's year. This year was also very much the same as any other past years, in which our church have been struggled with some of the Bad News, but also been blessed with the Good News. The Bad News was that some of our members were struggled with the unstable physical, and emotional life threatening and as well as the financial issued which pushed us all the ways down, and for the most painful of all was that, we have lost some of our FUMC family's member who have gone to be with the Lord, my heartfelt, love and pray be with you.

The Good News is that, this year our church got closer to one another, I mean the friendship between our two languages Ministry were so wonderful, in the term of we the pastors working closely side by side. The same was to our leaders and members as well. "God have upgraded us with our understanding and love for each others in this beautiful Ministry".

Dear FUMC Family, as your associate pastor, I am so proud of you and so grateful for the things you have done. Our two languages had brought this church an accomplishment that got closer to the point which, I've called it's "a Multicultural UMC—with two languages". Overall, I can see the differences such as, understanding, caring, helping, supporting and loving one another with kindness. Especially to our English speaking brothers and sisters who was willing to listened to and were trying to understood each other's tradition and culture, and on the same page to spreading out the Kingdom of God through one vision and mission. As I say this I remember how God's created human being at the first time ever, God said, "we're going to created man in our image." (*Genesis 1:27.*)

What my understand is that, we're both English and Hmong speaking; we were created in the same image of God. The only difference is the languages, which was God's planed to have man serve and help one another better from a different angle, this is all it's about. Therefore, my friends, I am personally encouraging us, both languages speaking, to continue our mission as a model or an "example" as a multicultural church in town to show the community and the world beyond about how God had created man's languages for a purpose. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we will reach our goal and be successful. Finally, as the old year is about to over and the New Year will be here soon, I pray and wishing you all the best 2011. Amen.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to you all,

*Pastor Chuckua Yang*



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone of you for the care and love you have given me in these last few week before and after Jim's death. No one could have asked for more. The prayers, the phone calls, the offers of help, the cards were all more than I can fathom. To Donna for being there when I needed her and for doing such a beautiful service for our family; to all the men and women in the kitchen or who volunteered food, thank you; to the Hmong ladies and their beautiful music; to those who set up the church and the social hall and passed out bulletins or did any other little job that needed doing, I thank you. My brother-in-law from San Jose called me the next day to comment on the beautiful service and told me how he could feel the love of all the people he saw working to make the day special. Jim is looking down on all of you and thanking you for your love and your care.

Bless you all.

Joline

## Stained Glass Window in Social Hall

We have received a bid to repair the Stained Glass window in the Social Hall and have sent the paper work to our Insurance carrier. Work to repair the window will be happening very soon. **Needham Studios** in Chico will be doing the work. Included in the bid is a stronger covering similar to plexiglass that will provide more protection.

Donations are needed to meet the \$1,000 deductible. We are about \$600.00 short of the deductible.

We would like to replace the covering on our other windows and will have the cost to do that in the near future.



# December Birthdays

12/2 Emily Heffernan

12/3 See Muas Moua

12/5 Jim Henneker

12/11 Betty Ledford

12/12 Heloise Martin

12/14 Elaine Klein

12/14 Douglas Krause

12/15 Gladeen Lebeouf

12/19 Beverly Bailey

12/26 Vivian Grainger

12/28 Karen Green

12/31 Shor Vang

12/31 Ya Kue

12/31 Xai Chur Kue

12/31 Ying Xiong Kue

12/31 Mai Kue Vang





## Daffodil Hill

We are collecting daffodil bulbs to plant in front of the church to the street. We would like to create our own Daffodil Hill. This will take a few years for us to accomplish and will be an ongoing project. If you have bulbs that you are dividing and would like to donate part of them to the church we will have a basket in the Narthex for that purpose. If you would like to purchase new bulbs that would also be fine. The youth in Children's church will be planting the bulbs this fall.



### Check out the budget stretching items at the church pantry!!

A special box labeled “**coupons**” is on the shelf in the pantry. There are various coupons for cents off food and some household items.

Coupons for unhealthy items such as candy or alcohol will not be found in the box.

I will be going thru the box once a month to clean out expired coupons.

Please encourage those who utilize the Pantry to take the opportunity to stretch their household budgets.

Blessings,  
Erin Buis

## Honda Accord for sale:

Year: 1992

Five speed shift.

Air Conditioning, Heating, Power Windows

If driven gently it will get you 27 - 30 MPG around town and up to 34 MPG on the highway.

I would like \$2000 for it, but am willing **bargain**.

**Joline 533 5577**

## Church Council

This is a reminder that the Church Council meets on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. If you are a chairperson on a committee, a Lay Leader or Lay person to Annual Conference you are a voting member of Church Council and it is very important that you attend this meeting each month.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOARD

TIME HAS FLOWN SINCE OUR LAST CHRISTMAS BOARD BUT THE NEEDS REMAIN THE SAME AND HAVE EVEN WORSENERED. WITH THE ECONOMY ALL GODS CREATURES ARE IN NEED AND SO WE TAKE CARE OF THOSE WHOM WE ARE CLOSEST TO. THAT WOULD BE OUR OWN STATE PRE SCHOOL HERE AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. IT IS ALWAYS SUCH FUN TO STEP OUT OF OUR OWN LIVES TO BENEFIT OTHERS. GOING INTO THE CHILDREN'S AISLE AT THE LOCAL STORE GIVES US A BIRDS EYE VIEW OF WHAT IS FUN FOR A CHILD IN THIS DAY AND AGE. WE NEED NOT LOOK AT THE MOST EXPENSIVE TOYS BUT THE ONES THAT WILL BENEFIT THE CHILD MOST. YOU WILL FIND OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOARD COVERED WITH LITTLE GREEN PAPERS THAT WILL HAVE A GIFT OR FOOD ITEM ON IT. TAKE A FEW OF THESE LITTLE GREEN PAPERS AND BRING BACK THE GIFT OR FOOD ITEM TO OUR BOXES SET BEFORE THE BOARD. WE WILL NEED THE ITEMS BACK AT THE CHURCH BY **DECEMBER 15TH** SO THAT WE CAN DISTRIBUTE TO THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY OUR PRE SCHOOL STAFF. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU SHARE HIS BOUNTIFUL GIFTS WITH OTHERS DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON OF GIVING. **NONIE BUIS (533-1868)** OR **ALMA SHORT (589-5568)** WILL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.



# AU Graduate Tackles Food Security, Climate Change



David Mwangi

*Jallah as intern in Northern Uganda*

## **Ciona D. Rouse**

The Rev. Tolbert Jallah, a 2006 graduate of Africa University (AU), is calling for churches in West Africa and around the world to create strategic plans to address food security.

Jallah recently led a five-day workshop for the Fellowship of Christian Councils and

Churches in West Africa (FECCIWA), in Accra, Ghana, that drew representatives from 13 West African countries, and addressed the devastating impact of agricultural, energy and financial crises on the poor and on the capacity to produce enough food.

Jallah also heads the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, where he stresses that climate change threatens the continent of Africa the hardest. "If we turn a blind eye to climate change . . . it's declaring one side of the world a graveyard," Jallah said.

Being a world-changer is nothing new to Jallah.

A native of Liberia, Jallah graduated from AU's master's

program in peace, leadership and governance, and later interned at the Christian Counseling Fellowship (CCF) center in Uganda, where he worked in the Pader Town Council camp for internally displaced persons (IDP).

Having lived some of his youth in an IDP camp himself because of Liberia's long civil war, Jallah brings a unique viewpoint to the work at CCF. He has helped to mentor children and counsel women and staff in Uganda, and worked with women's groups who were creating nonviolent strategies to end Liberia's civil war.

Jallah has also been an adviser for President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf of Liberia.

If you're considering alternative giving for Christmas, please consider supporting one of our United Methodist apportionments. The article above is about a graduate of Africa University which apportionment giving supports. Information on five apportionments and giving cards in various amounts are located on the bulletin board in the social hall.

Thank you for considering supporting apportionments outside of your regular offering to our church.

Janet Short, chair

Outreach and Witness

## TREASURER REPORT

11/30/10

BEGINNING BALANCE NOVEMBER 1, 2010	105.13
NOVEMBER DEPOSITS	+ 15758.17
NOVEMBER CHECKS	- <u>15407.55</u>
BALANCE 11/30/10	455.75

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I WAS UNABLE TO PAY ALL THE BILLS IN NOVEMBER THAT WERE DUE. WE STILL HAVE THE PAYROLL TAXES TO PAY OF \$442.75, WHICH WILL BE PAID BY DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, LEAVING A BALANCE OF \$13.00. I WAS ABLE TO PAY EVERYTHING IN NOVEMBER EXCEPT PG&E AND THE ORGANIST BILL. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO PAY THESE AFTER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE CONTINUE TO DONATE WHAT YOU CAN TO THE PASTOR'S HEALTH INSURANCE, AS WE WILL HAVE A BIG BILL DUE IN JANUARY. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING, BOTH BY REGULAR PLEDGE GIVING & DESIGNATED GIVING, AND CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR FINANCES. WITH PRAYER WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH!!!

BETTY LEDFORD

TREASURER

### Finance Reports for All

The monthly financial reports and quarterly endowment statements are posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall next to the Fireside Room. We want you to know what is happening with your giving. If you have questions, talk to John Fowler, Betty Ledford, or Pastor Laura.

## Joys & Concerns:



Here are the joys & concerns:

**Doris & Jim Henneker** - Doris is continuing to heal from surgery; **Emily & Richard Fancher** - Emily is continuing to heal from her back surgery; **Bruce Barton** - continues to have problems with his heart and needs prayers; **Pat Foster** - had surgery, November 30 on her heart valve; **Selena Heffernan** - has ongoing issues with her health & medications; **Jeremy Buis** - healing prayers for health problems; **Scott Wirths** - healing prayers; **Betty Ball** - home now & recovering; **Joan Smith** - living in The Terraces in Chico now & is lonely & in need of phone calls and/or cards; **Sue Fredericksen - Gordon** is still recovering from an appendectomy & their son **Kelly** is in prison & needs prayers; **Christl Yates** - her father-in-law **Wally Yates**, has a pacemaker now and her aunt in Holland fell & broke her jaw; **Helen Parker** - she is in Country Hearts & is suffering from some memory loss; **David Dewey** - his aunt is going into a care home due to memory loss; **Virginia Field's** daughter **Jeanne Long** - has cancer in her shoulder; **Linda Perry's** cousin **Judy** - has breast cancer and also her cousin **Loretta** & her husband **Al Smith** - their son died November 18th; **Erik Pieper's** mom **Beverly Busby** - has leukemia; **Chuck** is ill & trying to recover; **Harriett Steiger's** daughter **Miranda** - struggling with custody issues for her daughter **Bella**; **Barbara & Harley Thompson** - **Harley** has advanced Alzheimer's; **Helen Beall** - had a recent heart procedure; **Virginia Bias** & her son **Rich Roath** - **Rich** had surgery recently & is having a difficult time; **Poyee Yang** - had a bout with stomach flu; **Pastor Donna** - suffering from migraines; **David Jacobsen** - recent bout with pneumonia; **Darby Miller** - in hospital in Rancho Cordova - stomach infection; **Linda Perry** - has chronic back problems & nerve damage; **John & Katie Voos's** son-in-law **Larry** - diagnosed with a brain tumor & undergoing chemo; prayers for the **people of Haiti** who are dealing with an outbreak of cholera.

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

Those with ongoing concerns: **Kenneth Felice; Elaine Larkey; Theresa Abernathy; Tim Witzche; Wang & Yer Vang; Kathleen Sharkey; Alice Pittman; Roy Stai; Sara Green; Spencer Bateman; Gordon Fredericksen; Darin Petty; John & Margaret Brown; Tracy Hayes; Katie & John Voos; Haley Warren; David Jacobsen; Michael Grainger; Bobby Ludolf; Ross & Wendi Ewalt; Bruce Barton; Chris Barnes; Jeff Felice; Scott Wirths; Richard & Emily Fancher; Joan Smith; Gladeen LeBoeuf; Helen Beall; Joline Hibbert; Charlene Bidwell Parker; Ka's mom Khou; Mee Lee & Tong Xiong; Rachel Brown & family & Tristan Brown; Jeremy Buis; Doris Henneker; Emma Spencer; Jarred Bunn; Gladys James; Sue Fredericksen; Betty Ball; Bruce Harmon; Ka Vang; Nou Seng Vang; Family of Skip Shelton; Rich Roath; Pat Foster; family of Jim Hibbert.**

**Those suffering loss of a loved one:**

**Joline Hibbert & family** upon the loss of **Jim Hibbert** on November 2nd; **Ginger Ewalt & the Shelton family** upon the loss of Ginger's friend **Skip Shelton** on November 12th; **Patti Blissenbach** upon the recent loss of her good friend **Cathy Hodges**.

**Joys:**

**Elaine Klein** is rejoicing over her granddaughter **Valerie's** 16th birthday on October 31st, and her grandson **Jarred** being home from boot camp. Also, **Jarred** was baptized in our church on Sunday, November 7th, 2010.

**Dan & Betty Ledford** wish to announce the arrival of their newest grandchild born on November 29th at 2:01am. His name is **Nathaniel Scott Ledford**, born to **Brad & Nicole Ledford**. He weighed in at 7lb 1oz. He joins his big sister Evelyn & big brother Pierce.






If you wish to contact **Joan Smith**, here is her new address: 2750 Sunrise Terrace #118, Chico CA 95928, Ph.# 342-8560

## **Publicity**

Randy Fowler has agreed to be our Publicity Chairperson. If you are having an event at the church that you would like to have publicized please complete a Publicity Form found in the Church Office and get it to Randy. You can also phone him at 533-5921 or email him at [randyfowler01@att.net](mailto:randyfowler01@att.net)

Thank You Randy.

## ***SAVE THE DATE***

-  **December 5 - Hanging of the Greens sandwich potluck after worship**
-  **December 5 - Grace Bible Study 5-6 pm childcare provided**
-  **December 19 - Children's Christmas Play**
-  **December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship 7 pm**
-  **December 31 - Hmong Congregation Watch Night 6 pm to 12 am**

# FOOD PANTRY SUNDAYS

<u>1st Sunday</u>	<u>2nd Sunday</u>	<u>3rd Sunday</u>	<u>4th Sunday</u>	<u>5th Sunday</u>
<p><b><i>Canned:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meat (ham, chicken etc)</li> <li>• Tuna</li> <li>• Vegetables</li> <li>• Fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macaroni and cheese</li> <li>• Dry pasta</li> <li>• Rice</li> <li>• Pasta sauces</li> <li>• Peanut butter</li> <li>• Jelly</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Canned:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soup</li> <li>• Stew</li> <li>• Chili</li> <li>• Pastas (spaghetti, ravioli etc)</li> <li>• Box of crackers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oatmeal</li> <li>• Pancake mix</li> <li>• Syrup</li> <li>• Dry cereal</li> <li>• Granola bars</li> <li>• Powdered milk</li> <li>• Juice</li> </ul>	<p>When there is one:</p> <p><b>YOUR CHOICE!</b></p>

Thanks to our wonderful congregation for supporting the food pantry and helping to feed the people of our church and community.

Pastor Donna reports the pantry is used frequently.

The Outreach and Witness committee would like to try a new approach to keeping the pantry stocked. Beginning in February we are asking that the congregation bring different food items each Sunday of the month. By doing this we hope to keep the pantry stocked with a variety of food. **NON PERISHABLES ONLY!** We don't expect you to bring everything on the list, just whatever you can.



## **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**



**Contact:**

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

# Fill the Ark



Barometers will be going up around the church to let us know what animals we will be able to purchase this spring. Bring in all bottles and cans that have the CA Redemption symbol.

Micah will recycle them for us and the proceeds go toward more animals.



## What is currently in the Beverage Container Recycling Program

- Beer and other malt beverages
- • Wine coolers and distilled spirit coolers
- • Carbonated water, including soda and carbonated mineral waters
- • Carbonated soft drinks
- • Non-carbonated waters
- • Non-carbonated soft drinks and “sport” drinks
- • Non-carbonated fruit drinks that contain any percentage of fruit juice (excluding 100% fruit juice in 46 oz. or larger containers)
- • Coffee and tea drinks•
- Carbonated fruit drinks
- • Vegetable juice in beverage containers of 16 ounces or less

# December Worship

## December 5th

**Greeters:** Linda Perry & Elaine Klein

**Coffee Hour:** Carol Anderson & Alma Short

**Liturgist:**

**Nursery Volunteer:**

**Lockup:** Sem Xiong

## December 12th

**Greeters:** Darby & Jerry Miller

**Coffee Hour:** Jeremy, Erin & Mlcah Buis

**Liturgist:** Louise Weitze

**Nursery Volunteer:**

**Lockup:** Richard Fancher

## December 19th

**Greeters:** Tyler Yang & Nan Vang

**Coffee Hour:** Cathy & Valarie Weitze

**Liturgist:**

**Nursery Volunteer:**

**Lockup:** Susan Sharon

## December 26th

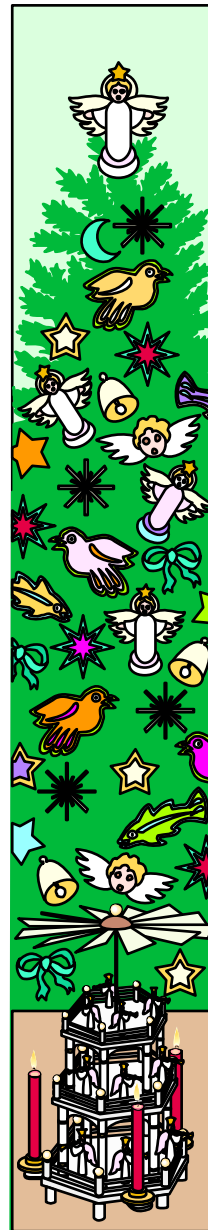
**Greeters:** Stu & Lynn Shaner

**Coffee Hour:** Betty Ledford & Louise Weitze

**Liturgist:** Cari Erwin

**Nursery Volunteer:**

**Lockup:** Jeremy/Kyle Buis



# December Dinner @ Six

**Adults \$6.00**

**Children 6 - 12 years \$3.00**

**Children under 5 free**

**Dec 1st:** MeatLoaf, Roasted Potatoes,  
Buttered Carrots, Salad, Bread &  
Dessert.

**Chefs:** Finance Committee

**Dec. 8th:** Coriander Pork over  
Couscous, Vegetable, Salad & Dessert.

**Chefs:** Trustee Committee

**Dec. 15th :** Chili Vede, Chili Relleno  
Casserole, Rice, warm Tortilla & Dessert.

**Chefs:** Worship Committee

**Dec. 22nd:** No dinner. MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

**Dec. 29th:** No dinner. HAPPY NEW  
YEAR

# December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	29	30	1 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	2 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	3 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	4 BIBLE IN A DAY 9:30-3 PM
5 SUNDAY SCHEDULE HANGING OF THE GREENS SANDWICH POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP	6 Trustees 7:00 PM	7	8 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	9 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	10 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	11
12 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	13 Finance 5:30 pm Marlys Circle 7:30 pm	14	15 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	16 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	17 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	18
19 SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY	20	21	22 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	23 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	24 Candlelight Service 7 PM	25 CHRISTMAS 
26 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 OFFICE CLOSED Hmong Congregation Watch Night 6 pm to 12 am	1 
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## Heifer Project

Bring your CRV recyclables to church and place them in the boxes in the Social Hall. The Buis' take the bottles and cans down for recycling and then in turn the proceeds in to be sent to Heifer Project. Bring them to church instead of putting them in your recycling can at home.



MACEN BUIS \$57.49

CHURCH - OCTOBER \$42.01



*USE YOU'RE  
RALEY'S & FOOD MAXX SHARE  
CARDS*

*WHEN YOU SHOP*





**PAT FOSTER**

**OROVILLE  
VETERAN'S DAY  
PARADE  
NOVEMBER 11, 2010**



**DARBY MILLER**

# Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Oroville

**Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving The Oroville Community**

## **Sunday Service Schedule**

1st Sunday of each month English/Hmong Communion Service

Adult's & Children's Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Hmong Service	8:45 a.m.
Children's Bells Practice	10:00 a.m.
Chancel Choir Practice	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	11:00 a.m.

## **Wednesday Schedule**

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ Hofbrau	8:00 a.m.
Bible Round Table & Prayer	1:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Community Prayer Service	4:20 - 5:20 p.m.
Chancel Choir Practice	6:45 p.m.
Dinner @ Six each Wed. Sept. to May	6:00 p.m.

## **Thursday Schedule**

Bible Study & Breakfast @ Cassidy's	7:30 a.m.
Discussion Bible Study	11:00 a.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.**