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**New Bible Study
The Gospel of Luke
Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Fireside Room**

Pastor Laura will facilitate a new short-term Bible Study each Thursday beginning January 7. Come join the discussion. Let Pastor Laura know if you will be joining the study so your study guide can be purchased.

Nursery



We continue to need helpers in the Nursery. We need two adults in the Nursery at all times, even if there are no children. Please sign up for a Sunday to help Suaida.

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.

New Endowment

We have a new Endowment to help support First United Methodist Church of Oroville in the future. This endowment can be added to by anyone. No amount is too small or too large. All giving to the Endowment is tax deductible. The church will receive the income off the principal.

Thank you to Joan Smith for helping us to begin the First United Methodist Church of Oroville Peacher Endowment. This will be a great asset for our ministry in future years.

Thank You, Thank You

Blessings on all of you who gave our family so much love and support in 2009. Your Christmas gifts were very welcome and delicious. May you all have a blessed 2010 as we minister together in Jesus' name.

Pastors Donna and Laura



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

🎵 Assistive listening

Have a need for additional media for a Sunday Service or special occasion?

Please contact Jeremy Buis by leaving a message at the church or email at the above address.

Please have a list of media items you will need and the date(s) and time(s) you will have a need for this service.

If you are not sure what you will need, he or an associate will meet and go over it with you.

We need at least one week's notice to prepare and set up the equipment .

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3 Sunday Service Schedule	4 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting	5 6:00 pm SPRC meets with DS Ben Silva-Netto	6 Wednesday Service Schedule	7 Thursday Service Schedule 5:30 pm Worship Committee	8 Friday Service Schedule	9 9:00 am Church Planning Day
10 Sunday Service Schedule	11 5:30 pm Finance Meeting	12	13 Wednesday Service Schedule Pastor Laura's Birthday 	14 Thursday Service Schedule	15 Friday Service Schedule	16 10:30 am Emery Field Memorial
17 Sunday Service Schedule Pulpit Exchange-- Trinity Bible at FUMC Donna at Trinity Presbyterian	18 Martin Luther King Day Church Office Closed 	19 12:00 pm CCCO at Oroville FUMC	20 Wednesday Service Schedule 7:00 pm CCCO Unity Service @ Oroville FUMC	21 Thursday Service Schedule	22 Friday Service Schedule	23
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Planning Meeting

Mark your calendars for ***Saturday, January 9th***. We will have a church planning meeting starting at **9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. We will review our progress since our last planning meeting and set new goals for the coming year. There will be potluck snacks and finger food starting at 8:45 am with coffee. Please plan on attending as you are able.

Memorial for Emery Field

Memorial for Emery Field will be on Saturday, January 16th @ 10:30 am followed by a light lunch.

Please bring a plate of sandwiches, salad, finger food or a dessert. We will need volunteers to help with set up and clean up.



Contact:

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



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 _____

Contact person and phone number _____

Email this information to: umc@1stunitedmethodist.org

January Worship

January 3rd

Greeters: Robin Rich & Glenda Ott
Coffee Hour: Cathy & Valarie Weitze
Liturgist: Rev. Laura Heffernan
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Sem Xiong

January 10th

Greeters: John & Margaret Brown
Coffee Hour: Pat Foster & Janet Short
Liturgist: Alma Short
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Richard Fancher

January 17th

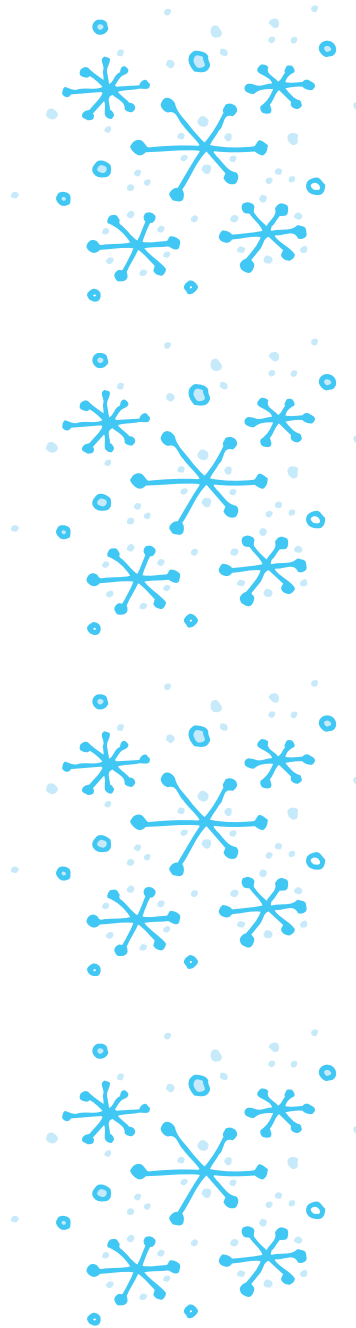
Greeters: Emma Spencer & Janet Short
Coffee Hour: Darby & Gerry Miller
Liturgist: Richard Fancher
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Susan Sharon

January 24th

Greeters: Stu & Lynn Shaner
Coffee Hour: Richard & Emily Fancher
Liturgist: Cari Erwin
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Kyle Buis

January 31st

Greeters: Cathy & Valarie Weitze
Coffee Hour: Stu & Lynn Shaner
Liturgist: Richard Fancher
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Stu Shaner



Dinner @ Six

January 6: Oven Fried Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn Casserole, Salad, Bread & Dessert.

Staff Parish Committee will be cooking

January 9: Toscana Sausage Soup, Salad, Bread Sticks & Dessert.

Nurture Committee will be cooking.

January 20: Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert.

Finance Committee will be cooking.

January 27:

Pastor Chuckua & the Hmong Congregation will be cooking dinner.

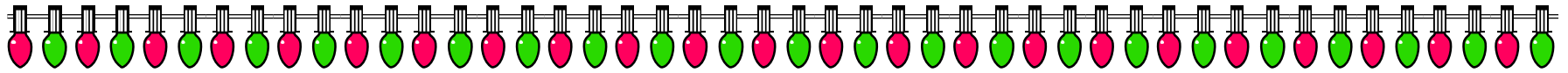


Joys and Concerns:

Remember those in our church family in need of prayers: Vivian Grainger's son Michael - is doing better now; Robin Rich's father - recently in the hospital; Bruce Barton - needs continued prayers for health concerns; Pastor Donna - recent surgery on her eyelids; Robin Rich's brother Gordon - has a rare cancer & is beginning chemo; Tong Xiong - recently in the hospital; Lee Gang - recently in hospital; Angelina - needs prayers; Michael - pray for God's will in his life; Jim Huston's son Justin - hit with an IED while serving in Afghanistan.

Those with ongoing concerns: Kenneth Felice; 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; Haley Warren; David Jacobsen; Michael Grainger; Bobby Ludolf; Loraine Hiett; Ross & Wendi Ewalt; Bruce Barton; Bruce Harmon; Lynn Barnett; Chris Barnes; Mary Ruth Heffernan; Betty Ball; Virginia Field; Gladeen LeBoeuf; Harriet Steiger; Doris Miller; Sue Fredericksen; Father of Tyler Yang; Jeff Felice; Pastor Donna's cousin Elizabeth; Gladys James; Ka's mom - Khou; Mee Lee & Tong Xiong; Rachel Brown & family & Tristan Brown; Margaret Brown; Suzanne Love; Emily Heffernan.

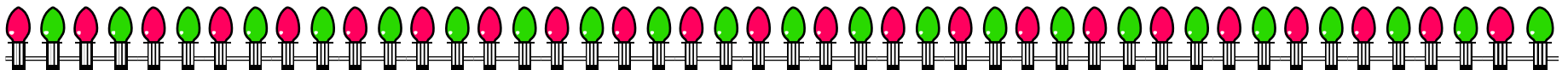
Those suffering loss of a loved one: remember Joan Smith & Patty (Max's daughter) upon the loss of Max Smith on Dec. 4th, 2009; Virginia Field & family upon the recent death of Emery Field in Alaska; Robin Rich's sister Donna - the recent loss of her fiance.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE FLOAT

The church had a float in the annual Christmas Light Parade in downtown Oroville on Saturday December 12, 2009. The Finance Committee would like to thank Randy Fowler for planning and being in charge of our float again this year. Everyone seemed to like the sleigh that Randy designed to add to our float this year. We want to thank everyone that turned out on that very cold day where it rained on and off all day to build the float. Building this float was an all day project. This was a great community outreach project as our float showed the Oroville community we were from The United Methodist Church and when we hold our church services and Sunday school classes each Sunday. Our float was beautiful as it came down the parade route with the pretty Christmas lights and was really something for us to be proud of. We thank our youth for helping on the float all day then running along the float handing out candy canes to people along the parade route. We have a special thank you to Mike Erwin for driving the float in the parade again this year just like he has been doing every year. We were lucky because we were in the beginning of the parade and it wasn't raining. Just after we finished the parade route it started to rain torrents and most of us got quite wet before we got back to our cars. We were the lucky ones because some in the parade were just starting in the parade when it started raining so hard. They must have gotten soaked before they finished the parade route. We want to thank everyone that helped on the float very much. We look forward to another float in the Christmas Light Parade again next year. Thank you everyone.

John S. Fowler Chairman Finance Committee



74TH ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

On Saturday November 7, 2009 we held our 74th annual turkey dinner at the church. This year \$1,924.07 was taken in on our dinner. After expenses of \$898.71 we show a profit on the dinner of \$1,025.36. The profit will remain in the general fund and will be used to pay church expenses. The Finance Committee would like to thank Elaine Kline for being in charge of this great fundraiser again this year. This was our best turnout and best profit on this fundraiser in a number of years. We want to thank Elaine for doing all of the shopping and being in charge of cooking this delicious turkey dinner. We thank everyone that helped Elaine on this dinner. If you cooked the food, served the food, cut desserts, decorated the fellowship hall, sold tickets, washed dishes, made coffee or punch or whatever you did to help it takes many people to put on a big dinner like that. We have a special thank you to our youth group that helped serve the food, helped in the kitchen, and the cleanup after the dinner. We look forward to a very special celebration next year when we hold our 75th annual turkey dinner. Thank you everyone



John S. Fowler
Chairman Finance Committee



Unity Service

The Unity Service for the Cooperating Christian Churches of Oroville will be on Wednesday, **January 20, 2010 at 7:00 pm** at Oroville First United Methodist Church. Ron LaGatta from Trinity Bible Church will be the speaker. There will be music from area churches. Please bring finger food to share at the reception following the service.

Food Closet

Thank you to everyone who has been keeping our Food Closet so well stocked. It is rewarding when people call in need of food and we are able to fill that need.

Please bring only non perishable food items and be mindful of expiration dates. We cannot give out food that has expired.

2009 CHURCH PICTURES

We are transitioning from scrapbooks to digital disks so that all our precious memories will continue for generations to come. We will be placing 2009 pictures of events on a disk. Please identify the events and date if not in 2009. If you have any pictures please leave the disk in the church office with your name and attention Jeremy.

Not on a disk?? Leave a copy of your pictures in the church office with your name and we can scan them in.



November/December \$29.01



BAGGED PICK UP CAN BE ARRANGED IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BRING THEM TO CHURCH. LEAVE MESSAGE AT CHURCH OFFICE.

January Birthdays

- 3 Chou Houa Vang
- 4 Cynthia Slattery
- 5 Doua Vang
- 9 Larry Shaner
- 9 Roger Sherman
- 9 Hlee Vang
- 13 Eloise Hensley
- 13 Laura Heffernan
- 15 Derrald Buis
- 16 Carol Anderson
- 17 Erin Buis
- 18 Timothy Jacobsen
- 18 John Voos
- 19 Gerry Miller
- 19 Darby Miller
- 27 Thao Xiong
- 28 Suzanne Mayeda



More plans from trustees

- 1) Major upgrading of church landscaping, starting with the area of our new marquee sign and expanding from there.
- 2) A “Memorial Rose Garden” and a “Memorial Grove” of western redbud trees (*Cercis occidentalis*).
- 3) Ground covers of perhaps star-jasmine close to the street and trailing gazania in the parking lot planting areas.
- 4) Everyone is invited to ponder the most appropriate location for the Memorial Rose Garden, perhaps in the un-named central courtyard, which could then be named “The Rose Court”.
- 5) There are also some very low growing varieties of crape myrtle and some lovely varieties of sage (*Salvia*) that can be used to break-up large areas of ground cover quite nicely. The spicy scent of the salvia can balance the sweetness of the star-jasmine. Rosemary smells wonderful too.
- 6) The back-lot area at the rear of the property can be done as vegetable garden beds.
- 7) Next autumn all the plantings of iris will need to be dug, divided, and replanted.
- 8) Four Ginkgo biloba trees are being donated for Arbor Day, (male trees only).
- 9) If you have, in your yard, some plants you love and would like to see in the church yard-scaping, please take and root some cuttings, (or other propagation) and then tell me about it, (in writing please). To set an example, I am rooting cuttings of gazania, and *Salvia microphylla* “Hot Lips”. I will also dig and divide my lemongrass, and my fortnight lilies.

More next month
Richard Fancher



THINGS FROM OUR ATTIC



YOUTHFUL CHEFS—Ready to cook the Dine-A-Dip dinner at the First United Methodist Church tomorrow from 5:30 to 7 p.m. are members of the Oroville Greater Parish Youth Fellowship from left, Ivan Miller, Karen Haymond and Randy Fricze. The second annual fund raising dinner will also be served by the O.G.P., an organization comprised of high school youth from Trinity Presbyterian, First United Methodist and Congregational, U.C.C., Churches. The group also has sponsored a walk for CROP, the hunger appeal arm of Church World Service, raising \$443.25 locally.

Feb. 25, '73



Before They Parted

Mercury Photo and Engraving

The Rev. W. S. Woodhull (left) talked it over with the Rev. Herbert Brooke just before the latter left for his charge at Ukiah. The new minister, who was introduced at the Methodist church service last Sunday morning, seems right at home already, judging from the picture.

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.
Bell Choir	4:30 - 6:00 pm
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.