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A Journey to Hope Part-5

Story by: Chuckua Yang

A New Life in the New World USA—1981-1985

My wife Poyee, our first four month old son, my siblings, a sister, and four brothers, and I arrived at San Francisco International Airport in the evening of March 25, 1981. We took a bus across the Golden Gate Bridge to a single six stories building on a hillside somewhere in the San Francisco areas. We stayed there for two days and two nights waiting for the next flight schedule, I assumed. In the early morning of March 26, 1981, Poyee and I stood at the parking lot struggling with the breeze and freeze cold air and trying to catch our breaths while we looked over to the other hillside, village and hilltops of the Bay area. There we saw some tall buildings, trees, and animals such as, sheep and cows feeding on grass, but saw no people anywhere. ***That was a very emotional moment for us, we were holding each other's hands and crying; "Is this Heaven; how did we get here; is this a dream or reality?"*** Then came a lady from the building. She said something to us but we didn't understand, then she reached her hands out to us and cheered us with comfort, and took us inside for breakfast.

On the afternoon of March 27, 1981, we were sent back to the airport by a bus to catch our flight to an unknown destiny. We arrived in Denver International Airport that late evening. There we met with a cousin whom we'd never met before, alone with a stranger and an interpreter, (the stranger who we learned later on that she was our sponsor), we talked for a few minutes and collected our belongings at the bagging area. Then our cousin and the interpreter just disappeared and left us behind to the sponsor. We rode with the sponsor in a big SUV to our final destiny. About an hour and a half later, we got to our new home; a very nice and furnished home—a home which we'd never lived in before compared to our home back in Thailand and Laos which was a structure covered with palm leaves surrounded by bamboo walls. In the morning of March 28, 1981, we woke up and found a big pile of snow around the house and elsewhere. It was the first time we had ever seen snow. Later that morning, our sponsor came. Her name was Ginger Guthrie, her husband Dave, her parents Chester and Ruby, her son Dwight, and her daughters Shirley

and Kathy. They led us to play with snows and showed us how to make our first snowman ever in our front yard. They also taught us how to use the stove, sink, bathroom; how to do bedding, washing, cooking, and more. The next day our Grandpa Chester came, he took us to a shoe store and bought us each a pair of shoe and socks. On Sunday, Ginger picked us up with her SUV and took us to church for the first time. There we met so many people (all strangers) and was introduced to the church. A few months later we learned that the church sponsored our family. They assigned our family each with a different kind of assistant, care, help, etc, to each family member of the congregation. Each Saturday and some weekdays, someone (a family) came and took us to his/her place, or somewhere for a day to have fun following with lunch and dinner. We did have language barriers which was hard for the both of us, but that was not an issue because we can still understand each other by the sight language. We have been in this friendship routinely for two years until March 1983, when my family moved to Boulder, Colorado where our cousins lived. The reason we moved was because we wanted to get close to our uncle who was in his old age with some health issues. During these two years—without the Love, Help, Care, and Support from the church, (the sponsors) my family's life wasn't easy, but harder. Since we moved, our connections with the church were lost as of today. Because some of them were at their old age, now I don't really know how they've been doing and where they are. My family and I may never be able to repay them for what they have done for us. If the clock can be turned back once again, I will do so that my family and I will stand in front of them and to say thank you.

In Loveland, Colorado, two months after my family arrived home, I went to work at a part time job for a restaurant as a janitor for six months; then changed to another Job at a Factory Company which made potteries for another six months. I was riding a bicycle to work for those years. April 1983, I purchased my first car, Plymouth Dodge Station Wagon, and got my first license ever to drive. Later, I moved on to a better job at the Hewlett—Packard Company (HP) and worked as an electronic assembler. Finally I worked as a technician for a company called Life Product which made Ventilators for hospitals and personal use. Beside the jobs, I was attending an ESL class once a week to help my English,

and went to a Vocational Tech Center during the night, four days a week, to earn my welding skill. In two years, I graduated with a diploma; sadly, due to eyesight problem I had to quit that kind of job. As for my wife Poyee, she had a big job to do at home. She took care of my younger brothers and our son who have not been to school yet, and prepared foods and others for the siblings. ***“SHE WAS, SHE IS, AND SHE WILL ALWAYS BE MY BLESSED WIFE.”***

Our life in the U.S., with the sponsors, it was a life transformation. It was like we've been reborn once again to another parent. They gave us a new life, encouragement, love, help, care, and support. Without them we may not have been here in the U.S., and enjoying the life we have now. Most importantly, if we were not blessed into the U.S., we may not have the chance to know Christ and to become a Christian and to serve the Lord. Therefore, a big thank you to my sponsors, those still there today, and to those Saint who have gone before us. May the Grace and Mercy of our Lord bless on all of them and the souls of those Saint. My family was fully converted and baptized into Christianity in September 1983, while we lived in Boulder, Colorado.

While in Colorado, Poyee and I worked for about five years until September 1985, when our family finally moved to Oroville, California. The reason we moved to Oroville was because Poyee was sensitive to the cold winters so we had to find a warmer country to live in. To be continued...

Blessing and have a happy summer,

Xf. Chuckua Yang

Shasta District Superintendent

Rev. Benoni Silva-Netto

Retiring in August

Starting in November Ben will be teaching at

Union Theological Seminary

(UTS) Philippines

**A Smart room will be set up in honor of Shasta District to facilitate
distance learning for those who live far from UTS.**

There are 7000 islands in the Philippines

You have the opportunity to contribute to make this Smart Room happen

Send your check to:

DCOM Treasurer Maggie Kennedy

P. O. Box 1315

Paradise, CA 95967

Payable to: Shasta District DCOM

Questions: David Haynes dajhaynes@sbcglobal.net

Or 530-342-7117

**Report of Nominations Committee
2010 Slate of Leaders**

Church Council meets on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month @ 6:00 pm. If you are the chairperson of a committee you are a member of the Church Council and should attend these meetings to ensure that the needs of the church are being met.

Council

Chair
Secretary
Lay Leaders
Lay Speaker
Lay Members
Alt. Lay Member
Membership Secretary
SPRC Chair
Finance Chair
Treasurer
Financial Secretary
Stewardship Team
Worship Chair
Discipleship Chair
Historian
Outreach & Witness Chair
Youth President
Trustee President
Enduring Gifts Comm.
Hmong Men's Chair
Hmong Women's Chair
Hmong Choir Director

2010 Leaders

Elaine Klein
Louise Weitze
David Jacobsen & Thai Tyler Yang
Kyle Buis
Gladeen LeBoeuf & Tracy X. Yang
Thai Tyler Yang
Virginia Ewalt
Christl Yates
John Fowler
Betty Ledford
Gerry Miller
Randy Fowler, Cynthia Slattery, Georgia Nelson
Beverley Bailey
Glenda Ott
Linda Perry
Janet Short
Pao Vang
Richard Fancher
Alma Short, Karen Green Beverley Bailey
Neng Vang
Penny X. Vang
Tracy X. Yang

Trustee Committee meets on the first (1st) Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. This committee has nine (9) members divided in classes by year. Each committee member serves three (3) years. Richard Fancher is the Chairperson of this committee. Concerns regarding the facility of the church or Parsonage should be shared with anyone of the Trustee's. Lay Leaders & Church Council Chair would also attend this meeting.

2012	2011	2010
Gladeen LeBoeuf	Alma Short	Chuck Bailey
Thai Tyler Yang	Richard Fancher	Jeremy Buis
Zongchang Yang	Susan Sharon	Sem Xiong

Staff Parrish Relations Committee meets on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. This committee has nine (9) members divided in classes by year. Each committee member serves three (3) years. Christl Yates is the chairperson of this committee. Concerns of the Pastors or staff should be shared with anyone of this committee. Lay Leaders and Church Council Chair also attend this meeting.

2012	2011	2010
Cathy Weitze	Karen Green	Louise Weitze
Christl Yates	Penny Xiong	Joan Azevedo
Ka T. Vang	Tracy Yang	Beverley Bailey

Nominations Committee meets as needed to fill vacancies on committees and they meet before Annual Charge Conference to fill the coming year slate of leaders for the coming year. The Senior Pastor is the Chairperson of this committee. Each committee member serves three (3) years. Lay Leaders also attend this meeting.

2012	2011	2010
John Fowler	Robin Rich	Carol Anderson
Janet Short	Vivian Grainger	Virginia Ewalt
Tong Ge Xiong		Margaret Brown
		Elaine Klein

Committees

Discipleship

Chair	Glenda Ott
Sunday School Superintendent	Joline Hibbert
Youth Group Leader	Pao Vang
Adult Education Superintendent	David Jacobsen
Member Visitation Team	Joan Azevedo
Coffee hour Rep.	Doris Henneker

The Discipleship Committee meets as needed. They do not have a set day of the month to meet. If you have a concern please share with a committee member.

Worship

Chair	Beverley Bailey
Sound & Visual Director	Jeremy Buis
Ushers' Coordinator	Barbara Thompson
Greeters' Coordinator	Doris Henneker
Organist	Patty Blissenbach
Chancel Choir Director	Jim Henneker
Altar Guild Chair	Doris Henneker
Liturgist Coordinator	Harriet Stieger
Altar Flowers	Pat Foster & Emily Fancher
Wedding Coordinator	Beverley Bailey
Communion Stewards	Virginia Ewalt
Anointing Coordinator	Pat Foster
Paraments & Altar ware	Helen Beall

This committee meets on the fourth (4th) Monday of each month at 9:30 am. If you have a concern regarding our worship share it with any of the members of this committee. Lay Leaders & Church Council Chair would attend this meeting.

Outreach & Witness

Chair	Janet Short
Church & Society	Margaret Brown
Missions Coordinator	Emily Fancher
Food Pantry Coordinator	Janet Short
CCCO Representative	Elaine Klein
Publicity Director	Vacant
Guest Visitation Team	Vacant

This committee meets on as needed. If you have a concern please speak to any member of this committee.

Finance

Chair	John Fowler
Treasurer	Betty Ledford
Financial Secretary	Gerry Miller
Stewardship Team	Randy Fowler Cynthia Slattery, Georgia Nelson

Finance Committee meets on the second (2nd) Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. If you have a concern regarding finances please share it with a member of this committee. Lay Leaders & Church Council Chair would attend this committee. A Trustee Representative would also attend this committee.

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ARTICLES TO:
umc@1stunitedmethodist.org

Sermon Series

June 6 - Combined worship in the sanctuary Young adults & Youth lay Speakers

June 13-July 11 **The Acts 2 Church: What if Acts 2 42-47 Is the Norm for the Church?**

41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. 42 They committed themselves to *the apostles' teaching* and *fellowship*, to *the breaking of bread* and *the prayers*. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

July 4 Committed Themselves to the Prayers: How Important is Communication?

July 11 And the Lord Added to Their Number

July 18 Youth

GLADEEN'S CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hope for our future

Working in my session at the Methodist annual conference gave me new insight into how our church system works. My session discussed and voted to extend the life of the church in Dunsmuir one more year citing a new minister there with some proposed ideas to salvage the church rather than submitting to the recommendation of the DS to close it. The parsonage has already been sold. The proceeds went to the minister's salary and apportionments which kept the church running while looking for solutions to remain serving the community. The remaining 14 or less members aren't through grieving for their lost dreams there. They had worked out a proposal to join with the Presbyterian church in Dunsmuir but the Methodist hierarchy rejected that idea (without a reason, Dunsmuir said). There were at least 90 people in my session, (sessions are a breakout from the main body in order to discuss in depth issues). I felt very sad when, back with the main body, our vote was overturned. That body voted to close and sell the church now. Their new minister, or some other, will serve the three churches in that area...in mountainous terrain, through snow and shine, in some other place. That aging congregation is sad and upset. They have been trying to meet the requirements of Methodist membership for seven years but just can't meet the cost any more.

Corning Methodist will also be sold. Proceeds will transfer to the Shasta District Methodist Missions. Also closing: Hamilton UMC, San Francisco, an old, large Victorian building without

handicap facilities, to be discontinued as of June 30, 2010 as will Alameda Rising Hope UMC, and Faith UMC, San Leandro. Perhaps not scurrying to pay apportionments and other church costs will be some consolation to these communities. Low membership and aging populations, like Oroville UMC, are crippling. Even with high expectations for their communities, congregations are finding personal money difficulties damaging to their church staying solvent.

One of the talking points at the conference was that some successful churches zero in on something for which their church can be known. "In Oroville, the FUMC is known for.....?". People like to be part of a winner. What is your idea that FUMC is or can be known for...that other areas of our community could be part of...that would inspire our work and build our congregation? For it is abundantly apparent that this church must add members, cut costs and keep faith to grow and stay alive. We absolutely must make our apportionments, pastors insurances, etc. etc. If we stay as we are that is not possible. We are not, and perhaps cannot, meet pledges as budgeted. We barely make utility costs and do not meet apportionments, insurances, salary needs without supplement from our District - and they say "NO MORE". Hope is not enough. We must pray, work, give, think, plan and evaluate our future. Each one of us is needed to "rethink church"...our church.

Gladeen LeBoeuf

JULY BIRTHDAYS



7/1 Gladys James

7/5 Mary Lazano

7/6 Maurice Vang

7/7 La Verne

Battinich

7/9 Tou Yang

7/10 Gail Leonard

7/15 Joel Valder

7/19 Chuck Bailey

7/20 Macen Buis

7/20 Helen Parker

7/21 Doris Miller

7/22 Betty Diver

7/23 Zongchang Yang

7/23 Ye Vang

7/24 Chao Moua

7/24 Tsom Muas Moua



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Bruce Barton

8/2 Chou Ting Moua

8/2 Tsu Tub Mous Moua

8/4 Jim Webster

8/5 Nouchang Vang

8/11 Darol Valder

8/10 Charles Hogan

8/12 John Burrows



8/15 Wright Larkey

8/18 Denton Ludolf

8/24 Joan Azevedo

8/24 Eleanor Darlington

8/26 Doris Ludolf

8/28 Daniell Xiong

8/30 Fue Khang Yang

TREASURER REPORT 6/28/10

BEGINNING BALANCE MAY 1, 2010	10.50
MAY DEPOSITS	19592.74
MAY CHECKS	<u>19116.07</u>
BALANCE 5/31/10	487.17

BEGINNING BALANCE JUNE 1, 2010	487.17
JUNE DEPOSITS (THRU 6/28)	12429.24
JUNE CHECKS(THRU 6/28)	<u>8393.05</u>
BALANCE 6/28/10	4523.36

PAYROLL & PAYROLL TAXES OF APPROX. \$3200 WILL BE PAID 6/30, WHICH LEAVES APPROX. \$1300 TO PAY OTHER BILLS. THESE ARE THE BILLS FOR JUNE STILL TO PAY: PG&E \$1064, GARBAGE \$135, PEST CONTROL \$108, WORKMAN'S COMP \$95, COMSCO \$178, COPIER USAGE \$200. AS YOU CAN SEE, \$1300 IS NOT GOING TO COVER ALL OF THESE, SO SOME WILL HAVE TO WAIT.

BETTY LEDFORD

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Beginner's Bible Study - Study for adults who are new to Christianity. 4 weeks long beginning June 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Room D. Childcare will be provided.



Youth & Young Adult Bible Studies - Two Bible studies will be held each Friday night at 6:00 p.m. for our young people. The Youth will study in the Groom's Room and the Young Adults will study in the Choir Room. After study, they will come together for Choir Practice. Beanbag Chairs and large pillows are needed for sitting. Come join the fun!



United Methodist Volunteers in Mission will be working on Pastor Chuckua's house again this summer. We will be doing electrical work, and redoing the second bathroom and the kitchen. We need volunteers to coordinate food and housing, homes for volunteers to sleep, and able workers and supervisors (that means if you can't wield a hammer, you can stand around and tell someone else how it's done). We are looking at a series of events in the second half of June and the first half of July. Watch for further details.

JULY

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	28	29	30 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	1 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	2 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	3 UMVIM WORK AT PASTOR CH  DME <small>UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION Christian Love in Action!</small>
4 SUNDAY SCHEDULE  FOOD BOOTH ON THE DAM	5 Trustees 7:00 pm	6	7 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	8 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	9 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	10 CHUCKUA - REUNION
11 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	12 Finance 5:30 pm	13	14 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	15 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	16 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	17
18 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	19	20	21 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	22 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	23 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	24
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July Worship

July 4th

Greeters: Alma Short Janet Short

Coffee Hour: Alma Short Janet Short

Liturgist: Communion

Lockup: Sem Xiong

July 11th

BEDROCK PARK

Liturgist: Rachel Brown

Lockup: Richard Fancher

July 18th

Greeters: Pat Foster Helen Beall

Coffee Hour: Chuck & Bev Bailey

Liturgist: Elaine Schmidt

Lockup: Susan Sharon

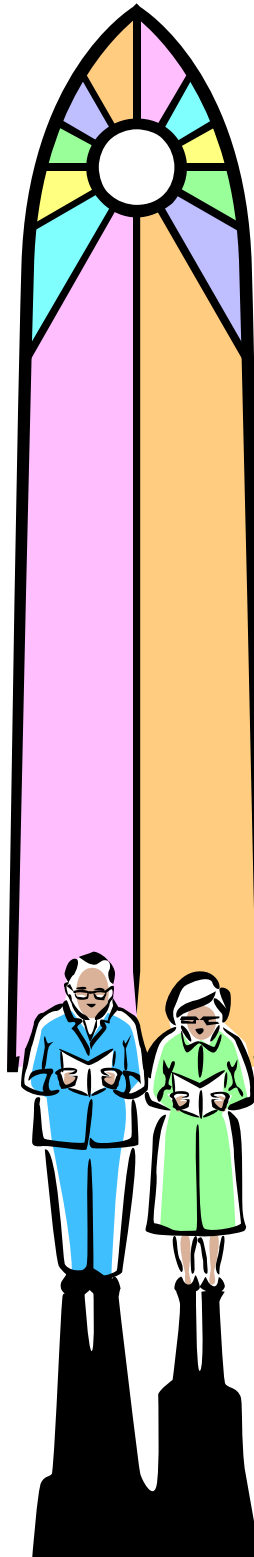
July 25th

Greeters: Betty Ledford Rachel Brown

Coffee Hour: Jeremy, Erin & Micah Buis

Liturgist: David Jacobsen

Lockup: Jeremy/Kyle Buis



August Worship

August 1

Greeters: Ellen Felice Georgia Nelson

Coffee Hour: Stu & Lynn Shaner

Liturgist: Communion

Lockup: Sem Xiong

August 8

Greeters: Darby & Gerry Miller

Coffee Hour: John & Elaine Schmidt

Liturgist: Rachel Brown

Lockup: Richard Fancher

August 15th

Greeters: Ginger Ewalt Suzanne Love

Coffee Hour: Betty Ledford Pat Foster

Liturgist: David Jacobsen

Lockup: Susan Sharon

August 22nd

Greeters: Chuck & Bev Bailey

Coffee Hour: Denny & Doris Ludolph

Liturgist: Valerie Weitze

Lockup: Jeremy/Kyle Buis

August 29th

Greeters: Jim & Doris Henneker



Coffee Hour: Joan Smith Gladeen LeBoeuf

Liturgist:

Lockup: Stu Shaner

AUGUST

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We need basketballs for our basketball court. If you have a used basketball that is still in good shape, donate to our basketball ministry. The Trustees are putting up nets on the basketball court. We would like to keep basketballs out for the kids in the community to use. New, inexpensive basketballs would also be great.



8th GRADE

- ~~✂~~ Vicky Thao
- ~~✂~~ Emily Erwin

HIGH SCHOOL

- ~~✂~~ Jerry Yang,
- ~~✂~~ Noukoushua Yang
- ~~✂~~ Johnny Yang

COLLEGE

- ~~✂~~ Penny Xiong
- ~~✂~~ Lee Yang
- ~~✂~~ Mai Chu Yang
- ~~✂~~ Kia Lee
- ~~✂~~ Fou Yang.

Contact
Pat Foster
or
Emily
Francher
to
reserve
your
special
Sunday.



Flowers
for
the
Altar?

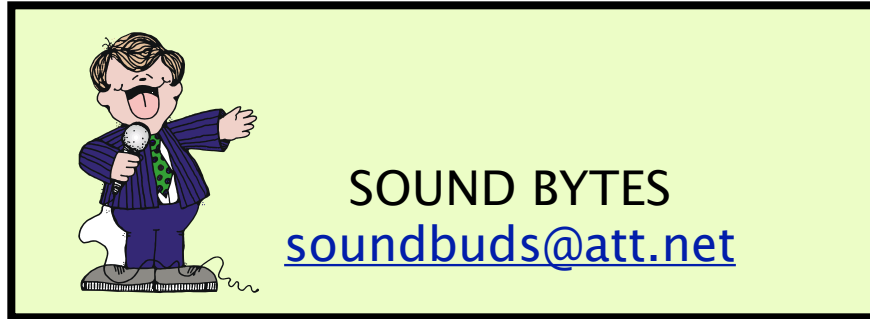
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAYS

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



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 .

Joys & Concerns:

Glenda Ott - recently in the hospital & needs healing prayers; **Bruce Barton** - recently in the hospital with a staph infection & needs healing prayers; **Ellen Felice's son Keith** - had a heart attack in May & is at home recovering with Ellen's help; **Ginger Ewalt's brother Buz Manwell & his wife Rose** - Buz has bladder cancer & Rose has pancreatic cancer; **Emma Spencer** - now at Country Crest & would like visitors; **Pastor Laura's cousin Chris** - going in for brain surgery to remove a benign tumor that is pressing on his eye; **baby Timothy** - was very sick, but is home from hospital now; **Robin Rich** - ongoing issues in her life; **Pastor Chuckua & the Lo family** as they deal with the loss of their mother & brother; **Sue Frederickson's nephew Jeffery Frederickson** - had an accident, but is home & back to work now and **Sue's son Kelly** - in prison & needs prayers of protection; **Gordon Yates** - injured his back; **Harriet Stieger's mother** - had a massive stroke, but is recovering at home now; **George**, a care home resident, needs prayers as he has chosen to end his treatments & let nature take it's course; **Chuck Bailey** - strained his wrist; **Frank Oddo** - briefly hospitalized with chest pains; **Doris Henneker** - having surgery on Fri. July 2nd to remove a large tumor on her abdomen, that is pressing on her internal organs; **Phyllis Oddo** - needs prayers for help at home and/or a transition into assisted living.



Remember those in our church family in need of prayers

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; Katie & John Voos; Haley Warren; David Jacobsen; Michael Grainger; Bobby Ludolf; Loraine Hiett; Ross & Wendi Ewalt; Bruce Barton; Lynn Barnett; Chris Barnes; Tyler Yang; Jeff Felice; Gladys James; Ka's mom - Khou; Mee Lee & Tong Xiong; Rachel Brown & family & Tristan Brown; Margaret Brown; Emily Heffernan, Jeremy Buis; Joan Keller; Emma Spencer; Glenda Ott; Jennifer; Chuck; Jim Hibbert; Jeffery Fredericksen.**

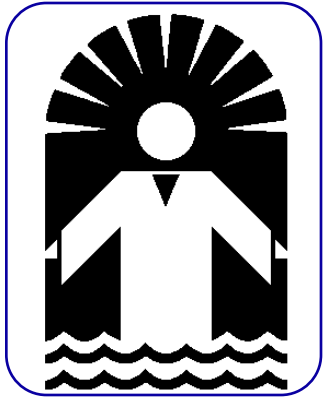


Those suffering loss of a loved one:

Elaine Klein's friends, the Robert Mapes family, upon the recent loss of his father

Joys:

Congratulations!! to all of our graduates: From 1st to 2nd grade: Michelle Vang & David Thao; from 3rd to 4th grade: Gary Thao & Kristen Eberly; from 8th grade to high school: Vicky Thao & Emily Erwin; from high school: Jerry Yang, Noukoushua Yang & Johnny Yang; from college: Penny Xiong, Lee Yang, Mai Chu Yang, Kia Lee & Fou Yang.



Baptism & Confirmation Sunday

10:00 a.m., Sunday, July 11, Bedrock Park. Following worship we will have a picnic to celebrate. If you wish to be baptized and/or to join the church, talk with Pastor Chuckua or Pastor Donna.

ENERGY SAVINGS IN ACTION



Upon entering some rooms at Church you may have noticed the light switches have had a change in appearance. The sensor switch will allow the light to turn on and off without your touch, just your motion. This will reduce energy wasted when lights are left on. Please let it do it's job by not turning the switch on or off. If the timer on the switch needs adjusting, contact Trustees.

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.

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SAVE THE DATE

Mark you calendars for the upcoming events.

- ◆ **July 3 & 4** - United Methodist Volunteers in Mission will be working on Pastor Chuckua's house again this summer
- ◆ **July 11** - Baptism & Confirmation Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Bedrock Park. Following worship we will have a picnic to celebrate. If you wish to be baptized and/or to join the church, talk with Pastor Chuckua or Pastor Donna.
- ◆ **July 26th** - Baby shower & potluck supper for Rachael Brown
- 6 pm - It's a boy.
- ◆ **August 29th** Freedom Fanatics



Recycling for Heifer Project

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

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 turn the proceeds in to be sent to Heifer Project. Bring them to church instead of putting them in your recycling can at home. Heifer and Haiti will thank you.

June's recycling: \$38.06



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

WHEN YOU SHOP



TODAY'S CULTURE

Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities? And no dropped calls!

When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!

Submitted to the Golden Feather by Gladeen LeBoeuf

Haiti Health Kits

We took 46 Health Kits to Redding to be shipped to the UMCOR warehouse in Salt Lake City. Another 15 kits are in the making. They will be mailed to UMCOR when ready. If you would like to add to them, please let Pastor Laura know.

Health Kits can be sent year around since they are used for all disasters when they arise. A health kit consists of: 1 hand towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 toothbrush, 1 bar of soap, 6 bandaids, 1 fingernail clipper, 1 large comb, and \$1 bill. All is placed into a gallon size Ziploc bag. Thank you everyone for all you gave to this project.



Children's Handbells

If your children, grandchild, or great-grandchild would like to play, bring them for practice at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Groom's Room.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Oroville

Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving The Oroville Community

Sunday Service Schedule

Adult's & Children's English Sunday School	8:30 a.m.
Hmong Language Service	8:30 a.m.
English Language Service	9:30 a.m.
Hmong Adult's & Youth Sunday School	9:40 a.m.
Children's Church	10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class (Until July 4th)	10:00 a.m.

Tuesday Schedule

Community Prayer Service	6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Schedule

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ Hofbrau	8:00 a.m.
Bible Round Table & Prayer	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thursday Schedule

Women's Bible Study & Breakfast @ Cassidy's	7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Discussion Bible Study	11:15 a.m.

Friday Schedule

Sonwalkers Youth Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Sonwalkers Young Adult Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Hmong Ladies Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
Adult Beginner's Bible Study (with childcare)	5:30 p.m.
Sonwalkers Band and Choir Practice	6:45 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.