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A warm greeting to you all,

November is the harvest month, especially in Laos. Rice harvest is the most important of all because rice is the main dish for anyone in Southeast Asian. Here in the US, there is no problem about harvesting and storing, because everything is done by machine. However; in Laos things are different; everything was done by man powers such, hands, feet, head, back and strengths. Also, a farmer's family would those children as young as six years old, as long as she or he is able to walk and carry a small bucket on the back. Man powers used so much energy that everyone is involved. No matter how hard and how much the rice field needed to be finished on time, usually it had to be done by the end of November because December is the time to get things ready such as, cutting firewood, grinding rice and purchasing clothes. Everything needed to be finished by the third week of December in order to get everything ready for the New Year Celebration with the community. The Hmong New Year Celebration is the most important because it comes only one time a year. The young people are counting on it because this is the only special time for any young boys and girls to have fun, and to choose a partner for their future marriage. Of course it is also for the elder and elderly to meet their old friends of one another and to rest for their long labors of the year. The true Hmong New Year is always hold on December 31, and run for about two weeks.

As I have said this, I remember when Jesus had told his disciples about the harvest and the laborers. Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Go your ways; behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. *(Luke 10:2-4 KJV)*

Friends, we are the church (the laborers), the field is the community and beyond, it is always plenty and ready for harvest, but, there are very limited laborers so the harvesting will never be accomplished. Therefore, I would like to encourage our FUMC family to send our laborers to the fields to help with the harvesting. In doing so, the community and the world beyond will be bless by the Good New of our Lord Jesus Christ. The question for you is, the field is large, the harvest is plenty and ready, would you be willing to sacrifice yourself to become a laborer as a lamb among wolves and to do the harvesting? Amen.

Happy thanksgiving to all,

Pastor Chuckua Yang

\$\$ CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE \$\$

On June 4th and 5th 2010 our annual summer rummage sale was held in the church Fellowship Hall. \$1,156.25 was made at the rummage sale to help our church budget and to help pay our bills. We have a special thank you to Ken Slattery and Bobby Hobbs for working so hard on the rummage sale and for putting on the rummage sale for the church and doing such a terrific job. The Finance Committee wants to thank Ken and Bobby and everyone that helped on the rummage sale to make it such a successful fundraiser for the church.

Thank you everyone
John S. Fowler
Chairman Finance Committee

Church Council

This is a reminder that the Church Council meets on the fourth (4th) 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.

UPDATE!!!

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 is in progress now. **Needham Studios** in Chico is 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.



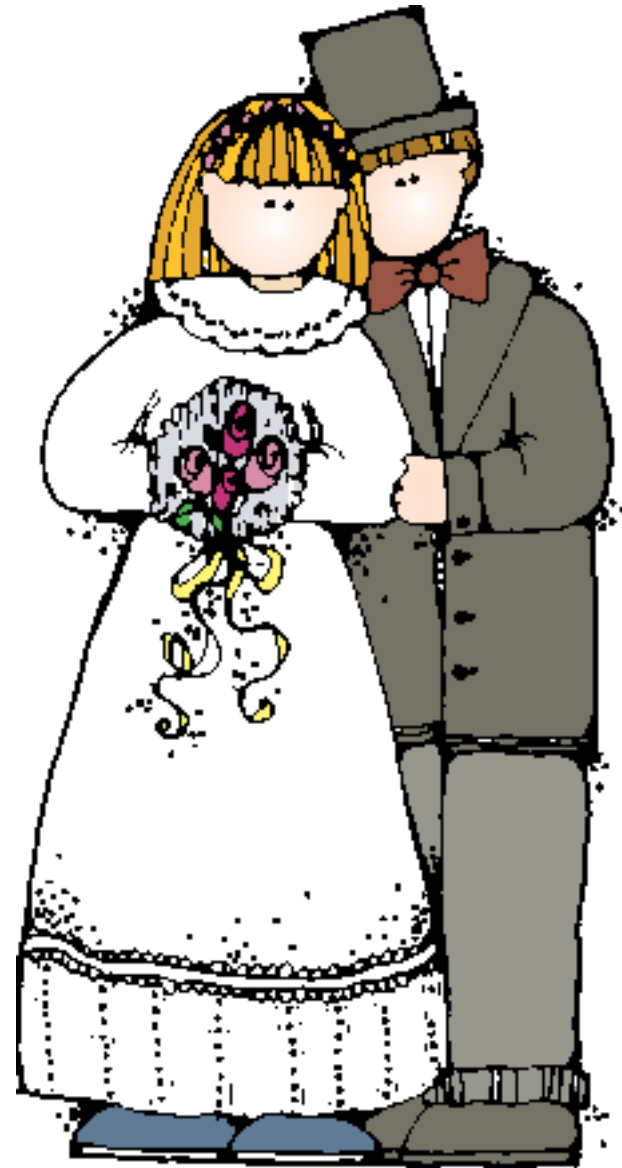
Happy
Anniversary

Gordon and Sue Fredericksen's 40th Anniversary

Sunday, Nov. 7th, at 12:15 pm all are invited to a
luncheon to celebrate
Gordon and Sue Fredericksen's 40th anniversary.

Bring a salad or veggie plate to share if you wish,
it is not required. No gifts please, but notes and cards
are welcome though not required.

We will have cold cuts, rolls, and cake as well as
coffee, tea, iced tea, and soda.





Celebrate the marriage of Toua and Lei Yang Sunday, November 14th Social Hall following Church

You are invited to celebrate the marriage of Toua and Lei Yang here in our fellowship hall on Sunday, November 14th, right after church. Toua is the oldest son of Pastor Chuckua and PoYee. Most of us were unable to attend their wedding in Stockton during the summer. So we need to have an occasion to show how much we care for them. We all helped raise him right here in our church family. Now is your chance to show him how much we love him and welcome Lei into our church family. We will have a potluck and reception as soon as church is out. The Hmong congregation will be invited to share our time with Toua and Lei. Put the date on your calendar. We are especially blessed to have had Toua in our congregation as he is now working as a youth pastor for a church in Stockton. Join with me on Sunday, November 14th, to share their joy in their marriage.

Alma

SALMON FESTIVAL FOOD BOOTH FUNDRAISER

We had our food booth at the Fish hatchery on Saturday September 25,2010 during The Salmon Festival. We sold Tri Tip sandwiches, chips, corn dogs, cookies, popcorn, nachos, soda pop, and water. We were so busy all day long. We made sales of \$959.32. After paying total expenses of \$528.45 we show a profit of \$430.87. The profit made will remain in the general fund and will be used to pay church bills.

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone that helped us to make this church fundraiser such a success. You have to sell a great deal of our food to make the sales we made. We thank Randy Fowler for purchasing the food, barbecuing the Tri Tip, and running the booth so well.

We thank Darby Miller for getting everything down to the fish hatchery on his pickup and back again in the evening, Cynthia Slattery and Betty Ledford for helping me with the sales and cashiering in the booth, Alma Short, Gerry Miller, Emily Fancher, Sem Xiong, Pastor Donna, Linda Perry, and the youth for helping in the booth.

We sold out almost everything. The sandwiches were gone by 2:30, the water by 3:00, and the soda was almost all gone by the end of the day.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make this such a successful fundraiser. And we had fun working together. Thank you everyone.

John S. Fowler
Chairman Finance Committee

November Birthdays

11/8 Gary Azevedo

11/16 Louise Weitze

11/8 Joan Keller

11/24 Bill Short

11/8 John Vang

11/29 Don Pinney

11/8 Toua Yang

11/29 Xong Vang

11/9 Jackson Vang



ERIC PIEPER CONCERT

The Finance Committee would like to thank Eric Pieper for putting on the concert at the church in June 2010. \$136.00 was made at the concert and was used to help our church budget and to pay church bills during the summer months.

Thank you Eric

John S. Fowler
Chairman Finance Committee



Office Training

We will be having an Office Training on Tuesday, November 9th @ 10:30 am in room L&M. If you work in the church office, are a substitute in the church office or think you would like to work in the church office you should come to this training. We will cover, telephone, mail, filing, food closet, and many more subjects. We are in need of a person to work on Thursday mornings in the office.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

Church Conference

Celebration of Our Ministry

District Superintendent Rev. Jerry Smith

will be here to worship with us

Sunday November 14, 2010

10:30 am

We will be installing Lay Speakers

Plan on attending this important Conference

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.



MYSTERY DINNER AND PLAY

The Mystery Dinner and Play took place on October 2nd. We had a spaghetti dinner this year followed by the play Perry Mason and The Book of Worms. This was an original play written and directed by Eric Pieper. Money taken in at the door was \$515.00. After expenses of \$181.33 we had a profit on the dinner of \$333.67. The profit on the dinner will remain in the general fund and will be used for church expenses.

The spaghetti sauce was prepared by Pastor Donna and the dinner was cooked by Elaine Kline. The Finance Committee would like to thank Pastor Donna, Elaine Kline, and all the others that helped prepare the dinner, Alma Short for decorations, Jeremy Buis sound for the play, Erin Buis pictures, Eric Pieper for writing and directing the play, and all the actors in the play. We have a special thank you to all the youth for doing such a great job serving the dinners and cleaning the tables after the dinner. We thank those in the kitchen for the cleanup after the dinner. I want to thank Joan Keller for helping me with the cashiering at the door and we want to thank everyone that helped on the dinner and play.

Thank you Eric for such a great play. Thank you everyone.

John S. Fowler
Finance Committee Chairman

4TH OF JULY FOOD BOOTH ON THE TOP OF OROVILLE DAM

On the 4th of July the beautiful fireworks display returned over Lake Oroville. It was so nice to see them back after a one year absence.

We had our food booth once again on the top of Oroville Dam before the fireworks display. We sold tri tip sandwiches, nachos, corn dogs, cookies, popcorn, and plenty of soda and water. We made sales of \$331.00 at the booth. After deducting expenses we made a small profit to help our church budget and pay church bills during the summer months. We have made more on our booth in the past but this year there were no shuttle buses to bring people up to the dam. If you didn't have a car you had no way to get up there and people were probably afraid of the parking situation. The paper said about 10,000 people was there but that included Kelly Ridge, the lake, and the top of the dam. Anyway there were less people on the top of the dam but we were busy and we all had fun and the fireworks display was terrific .I hope they can find a way to bring the shuttle buses back for next year.

The Finance Committee would like to thank everyone that helped in the booth. Randy Fowler, Betty Ledford, Georgia Nelson, Gerry Miller, Sem Xiong, and Stu Shaner that was so much help taking down the booth and the tent. Robin Rich was up there as well. We want to thank Cynthia Slattery for letting us use her pickup to transport things for the booth. We thank Lynn Shaner for instructing us on how to take the tent down and I enjoyed doing the cashiering as usual.

Thank you everyone
John S. Fowler
Chairman Finance Committee



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



TREASURER REPORT 10/25/10

Beginning balance October 1, 2010	144.18
October deposits (thru 10/29)	+ 16540.79
October checks (thru 10/29)	- 16579.84
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Balance 10/29/10	105.13
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I was unable to pay all bills due in October. The bills unpaid total approximately \$3200 and will have to be paid after the first Sunday in November.

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 recent back surgery and Richard recently was hospitalized to have stints inserted; **Bruce Barton** - continues to have problems with his heart and needs prayers; **Pat Foster** - doing better now, but still recovering from heart problems; **Phyllis Oddo** - recently moved to Yuba City, continue to pray for her; **Selena Heffernan** - has ongoing issues with her health & medications; **Rev. Paul Clay** - prayers for him as he transitions into a new position as pastor at Hillcrest United Church of Christ in La Habra Heights, CA; **Jim & Joline Hibbert** - Jim has been diagnosed with cancer and has hospice care now; **Jeremy Buis** - healing prayers for health problems; **Scott Wirths** - healing prayers; **Betty Ball** - home now & recovering; **Joan Smith** - in Enloe with walking pneumonia; **Helen Beall** - home now but will be having a heart cauterization at Rideout Hosp. Nov. 11th; Pastor Chuckua requesting prayer for: **Mr. Xay Fong Vang** from Marysville UMC as he is starting treatments for cancer; **Pastor Laura** - has been diagnosed with diverticulitis; **Linda Perry** - has chronic back problems & nerve damage; **John & Katie Voos's son-in-law Larry** - diagnosed with a brain tumor & undergoing chemo; **Valerie Weitze** - prayers for **Thunder Vang** - hospitalized for pneumonia & a collapsed lung; **Thai & Nan** - prayers for having children; **Christina** - prayers for having another child; **Harriett Steiger** - her granddaughter **Miranda** is facing a rough time & needs prayers; **Ron Wolcott** - he is donating a kidney to a lady named **Ardell**, please pray for both of them; **Angelina Vinyard** - moving from Paradise to Oroville, pray for her & her daughter as they make the move; Linda Perry - requests prayers for **Mike Erikson**; **prayers for teens who are hurting & contemplating suicide**; **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; Skip Shelton; Tim Witzche; Wang & Yer Vang; Kathleen Sharkey; Alice Pittman; Roy Stai; Sara Green; Spencer Bateman; Ann Boudrot; Darin Petty; John & Margaret Brown; Tracy Hayes; Katie & John Voos; Haley Warren; David Jacobsen; Michael Grainger; Bobby Ludolf; Ross & Wendi Ewalt; Bruce Barton; Lynn Barnett; Chris Barnes; Jeff Felice; Scott Wirths; Richard & Emily Fancher; Joan Smith; Gladeen LeBoeuf; Helen Beall; Jim & Joline Hibbert; Charlene Bidwell Parker; Ka's mom - Khou; Mee Lee & Tong Xiong; Rachel Brown & family & Tristan Brown; Elaine Schmidt; Jeremy Buis; Doris Henneker; Emma Spencer; Jennifer; Gladys James; Sue Fredericksen; Betty Ball; Bruce Harmon; Cathy Hodges; Ka Vang; Nou Seng Vang; Pat Foster; family of Lee Yang.**

Those suffering loss of a loved one:

Pastor Chuckua's aunt Lee Yang passed away recently, please pray for her family.

Joys:

Congratulations go to Gordon & Sue Fredericksen upon celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary!!

Baptisms: on October 10th, Vincent Thomas Brown was baptized along with Vincent & Rachel Brown's infant son Gabriel Timothy Brown.

 **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

75th ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

TAKE-OUT
4:30 p.m.

DINNER
5:00 p.m.
until
6:30 p.m.



ADULTS
\$8.00
CHILD
6-12 YRS
\$4.00
5 & UNDER
FREE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
45 ACACIA AVE
OROVILLE**

CONTACT
ELAINE KLEIN
534-9455

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

Thank You Randy.

Bible in a Day Study

Bible in a Day Study for all,
December 4, from 9:30 am to 3:00 p.m.
Bring sack lunches



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



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



Contact:

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

November Worship

November 7th

Greeters: Richard & Emily Fancher

Coffee Hour: Fredricksen 40th Anniversary

Liturgist:

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Sem Xiong

November 14th

Greeters: John & Randy Fowler

Coffee Hour: Richard & Emily Fancher

Liturgist: Richard Fancher

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Richard Fancher

November 21st

Greeters: Cathy Weitze & Elaine Klein

Coffee Hour: Potluck

Liturgist: Alma Short

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Susan Sharon

November 28th

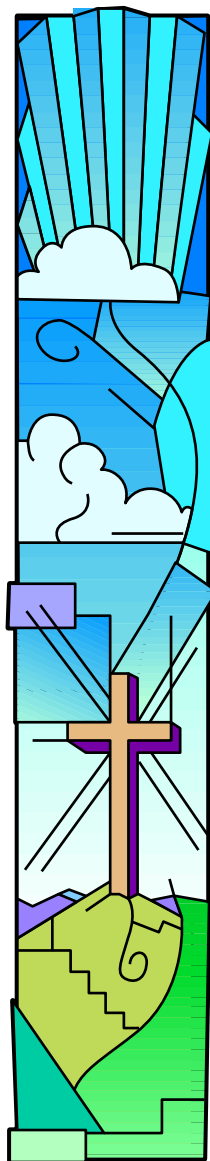
Greeters: Betty Ledford & Crystal Yates

Coffee Hour: Stu & Lynn Shaner

Liturgist: Betty Ledford

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Jeremy/Kyle Buis



November Dinner @ Six

Adults \$6.00

Children 6 - 12 years \$3.00

Children under 5 free

Nov. 3rd: Chicken Stew with biscuits on top, salad & cheese cake

Chefs: Trustee Committee

Nov 10: Lasagna, bread, salad & dessert

Chefs: Staff Parrish Committee

Nov 17: Chicken Cacciatore, salad, bread, & dessert

Chefs: Nurture Committee

Nov 24th: No dinner. HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	1	2	3 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	4 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	5 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	6 75th Annual Turkey Dinner
7 SUNDAY SCHEDULE GUEST VISITATION COMMITTEE DURING LUNCH	8 Finance 5:30 p.m. Trustees 7:00 PM	9 OFFICE TRAINING 10:30 AM	10 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE Dinner & 6 begins again	11 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	12 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	13
14 SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHURCH CONFERENCE 1 PM POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP	15	16	17 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	18 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	19 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	20
21 SUNDAY SCHEDULE POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP	22	23	24 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	25 THURSDAY SCHEDULE THANKSGIVING	26 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	27
28 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	29 Worship 9:30 a.m.	30	1 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	2 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	3 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	4 BIBLE STUDY IN A DAY 9:30-3:00 PM
5 SUNDAY SCHEDULE HANGING OF THE GREENS SANDWICH POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP	6	7	8 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	9 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	10 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	11



Heifer Project

Bring your CRV recyclables to church and place them in the boxes in the Social Hall. The Buis' carry 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.



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

WHEN YOU SHOP



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.

SAVE THE DATE

 **November 6 - 75th Annual Turkey Dinner**

 **November 7 - Gordon and Sue Fredericksen's 40th Anniversary Celebration**

 **November 9 - Office Staff Training (regular & subs) 10:30 am**

 **November 14 - Celebrate the marriage of Toua and Lei Yang**

 **November 14 - Church Council potluck after worship**

 **December 4 - Bible in a Day Study for All 9:30-3:00 pm bring sack lunch**

 **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**

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.