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## The Golden Feather



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Dear Friends and Family of First UMC,

Do you ever marvel at how little we know about the characters of the Christmas story. Most of what we “know” is what people in the know have been able to help us understand from the history and culture of the time of the birth of Jesus.

Both Mary and Joseph may have only been of teen age when all this took

Mary, Joseph, shepherds, wise men, angels, Elisabeth, Zechariah... I marvel at how little we know about these people who play such important and crucial parts in the events surrounding the birth of Jesus the Savior, the Liberator of the world. Mary and Joseph were likely just teenagers when this all began, young people getting ready for a marriage arranged when they were children. Elisabeth and Zechariah, an ordinary couple, beyond child-bearing years who faithfully lived their lives as Zechariah took his turns at priestly responsibilities at the temple (there were several thousand of them).

Shepherds were a scruffy (and honestly smelly) lot who were looked down upon by other members of society. The wise men (magi) were from the east - that is all we know. We can conjecture they were some sort of astrologer philosopher religious men.

**All** of them were faithful to their part! They were so faithful their story will be acted out all over Oroville and the world as it has been for centuries for people to remember and enjoy. Mary said, “Yes,” to something that seemed impossible, conceive a child without having relations with a man. Joseph, who was kind enough not to want to have Mary stoned when he learned of her pregnancy, became willing to marry her and bear the shame so deeply ingrained in that society in such a situation.

The shepherds came running out of the hills to an animal shed and dared to believe the child they saw was the one a bunch of angels had told them about. Magi, visitors from another country were there to see this child of a peasant couple and they believed he was the one the stars had led them to. (I wonder if Joseph and Mary used some of the gifts to support them when they had to escape to Egypt for a few years?)

Amazing, true and living today. Are you willing to do your part in the story? Are you willing to make sure this is the story that is at the center of your Christmas? Will you dare to invite someone to share in the story with you in your home or by taking them to church? Have you given your life to the One who was born on that day so long ago? He is the One who came to deal with the reality of human sin and bring forgiveness; who came to deal with the reality of human suffering and bring hope; who came to deal with the reality of human oppression and bring justice.

Love to You All!  
pastor Donna

***Jesus, God Incarnate, Savior, Deliverer and Friend, come into my heart in a fresh new way this year and transform me as I dare to follow you. I don't want the same old hectic Christmas that is too busy to include you. I yearn for a Christmas fill with your life and hope and direction. Help me dare to invite another who may not know you to be a part of my Christmas this year so that they might know the joy of having You in their life as well. Amen***

# Joys & Concerns



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

**Sue Fredericksen** - recent medical procedure; **Vivian Grainger's granddaughter's husband Scott** - injured in Iraq, has shrapnel wounds to his face & body. His sergeant lost a leg trying to save Scott - pray for all involved; **David & Linda Dewey** - **David's father** is in failing health, pray for them & **David's mother**; **Poyee Yang** - recently has had pain & weakness in her body, finding it hard to walk & stand; Mike & Cari Irwin request prayer for **Mike's aunt Muriel Daggett** - having open heart surgery to repair a damaged valve; **Jim & Doris Henneker** - **Doris** is experiencing water retention & swelling, needs prayers; **Pastor Rochelle Frazier** - continues to recover from Valley Fever at home; **Jackson Vang** - at home now, recovering from surgery due to his cancer diagnosis, still faces liver cancer, that will need to be treated when he is stronger; **Jackson's father Nha Lue Vang** - diagnosed with lung cancer and facing chemo and/or radiation; **Virginia Field** - recent gall bladder surgery; **Joan Jacobsen** - receiving radiation treatments for breast cancer; **Jeremy Buis** - will be seeing his rheumatologist, and needs prayers; travel prayers for **Patty Blissenbach**; **Brad Ledford's mother-in-law Lorna Humphreys** - has been diagnosed with kidney cancer & will have surgery on December 9th; **Thai Vang's father** - ill with cancer, needs prayers for healing.

**Pray for those with ongoing concerns:**

**John & Margaret Brown; Michael Grainger; Jim & Doris Henneker; Betty Ball; Mee Lee & Tong Xiong; Emma Spencer; David Jacobsen; Gladys James; Lisa Benedict; Karen & Newt Green; Ed & Diane Fesler.**

**Pray for those at Prestige Assisted Living:**

**John & Katie Voos & Garnet Bessey.**

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

**John & Katie Voos & their daughter Linda Bell due to the recent passing of Linda's husband Larry Bell due to a brain tumor. If you wish to send a card to Linda, her address is: Linda Bell, 100 Pomona St., Crockett Ca 94525.**

**Pray for all in our military who are coming home, that they will arrive home safely.**

**Pray for those who will not make it home this December & for their families as they await for the day of their loved ones homecoming.**

**JOYS:**

**It is a joy to be able to celebrate the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ, this December. Remember, He is the Reason for the Season!!**

**9:30am, SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 7, 2012**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**All Church Planning Day**

**Come, Pray, Plan**

**Where is God taking Us in 2012?**

**All are Invited**

**All Leaders Urged to be There**

TREASURER REPORT 11/30/11

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1ST 2011	40.34
DEPOSITS THRU 11/30/11	+16174.97
CHECKS THRU 11/30/11	<u>- 16005.83</u>
ENDING BALANCE 11/30/11	209.48

I WAS ABLE TO PAY MOST BILLS IN NOVEMBER. HOWEVER, ONCE AGAIN, I HAD TO GET AN EXTENSION ON THE PG&E BILL FOR THE CHURCH ELECTRIC BILL, IT IS \$900+ AND WILL NEED TO BE PAID BY DEC. 14TH. I ALSO WILL NEED TO PAY THE CHURCH PROPERTY/SEWER TAX BILLS BY DECEMBER 12TH. PLEASE PRAY THAT ENOUGH MONEY COMES IN AT THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER TO PAY THESE BILLS, PLUS THE PAYROLL THAT WILL BE DUE DECEMBER 15TH.

BETTY LEDFORD



**You are invited to a  
Christmas Open House at  
the Parsonage**

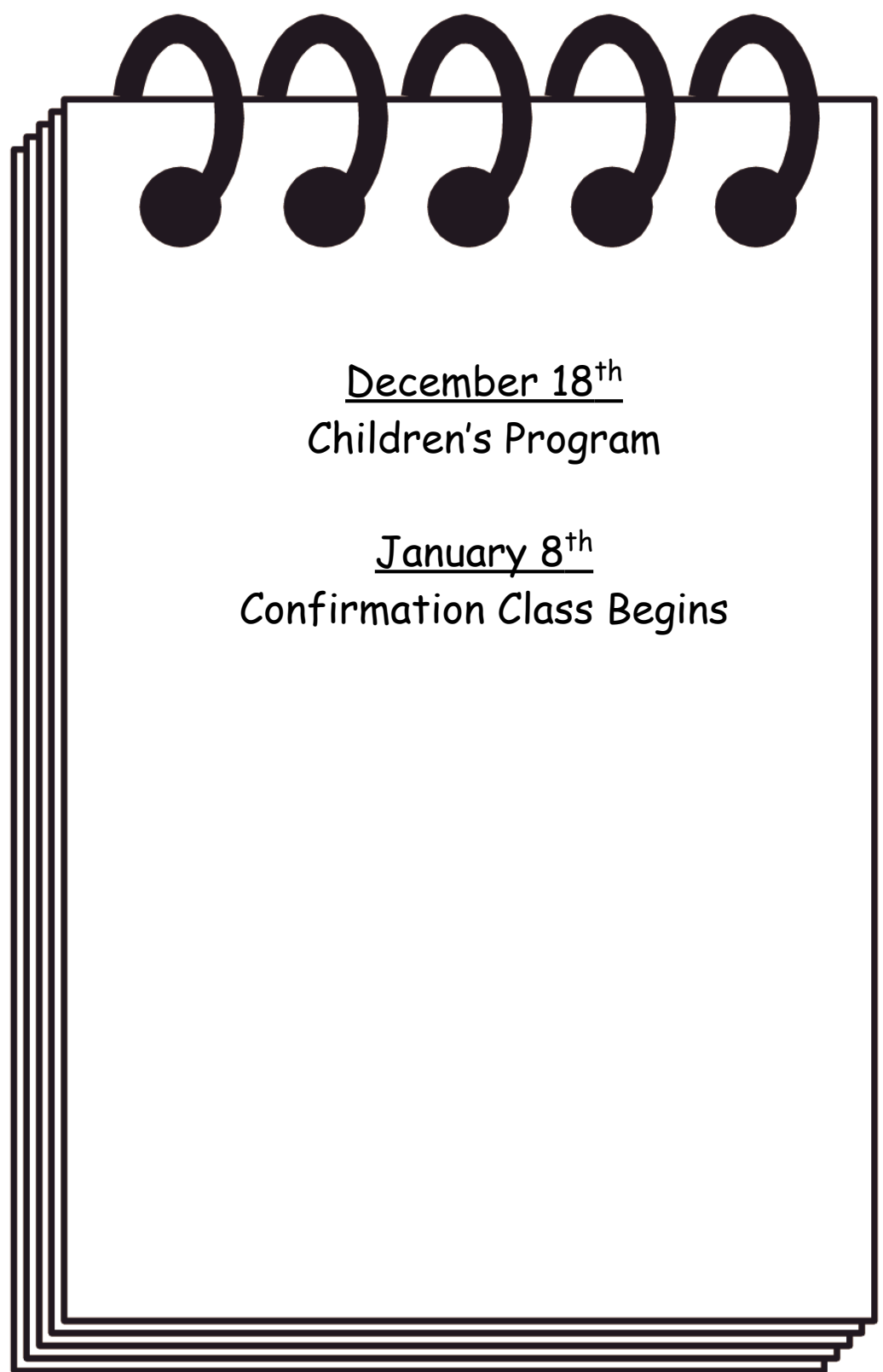
Date: Sunday, December 18

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m. Come and Go

Address: 10 Rockridge Rd., Oroville, CA

Donna, Laura, Emily & Selena

*Save  
the  
Date*



December 18<sup>th</sup>  
Children's Program

January 8<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmation Class Begins

## NO MORE TRIMMING PILES

There are now two yard waste containers for trimmings. The list at the right says what can and cannot be placed in the bins.

They will be collected every other week. Micah Buis will take the bins to the curb on Sunday.

## Yard Waste Container



**Acceptable Items:** *Collected Weekly  
Additional cost*

- Grass clippings and leaves
- Tree, weeds and bush prunings
- Scrap wood (nonpainted or nontreated,
- Pallets (broken down)

### **Unacceptable Items:**

- Palm trees or fronds, bamboo or pampas grass
- Plywood or particle board
- Painted or treated lumber
- Sod or dirt
- Concrete, rock, or asphalt
- Food waste
- Manure and animal waste
- Other household garbage

*Extra yard waste may be bundled and placed next to the container, but bundles must not exceed 4 ft. in length and 18 in. in diameter*

# December Worship

## December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Greeters:** Pat Foster Helen Beall  
**Coffee Hour:** Alma Short Linda Dewey  
**Liturgist:** Communion Sunday  
**Lockup:** Sem Xiong

## December 11<sup>th</sup>

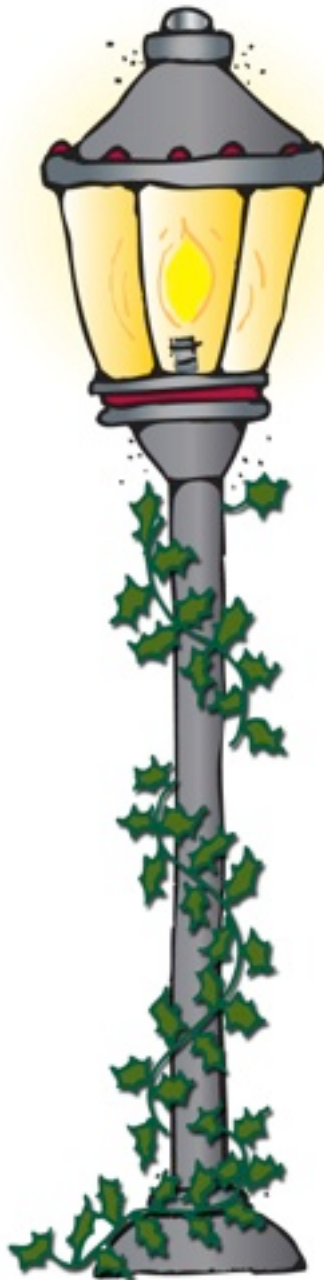
**Greeters:** Larry & Glenda Ott  
**Coffee Hour:** Pat Foster Emily Fancher  
**Liturgist:** David Jacobsen  
**Lockup:** Richard Fancher

## December 18<sup>th</sup>

**Greeters:** Betty Ledford Virginia Bias  
**Coffee Hour:** Stu & Lynn Shaner  
**Liturgist:** Children's Program  
**Lockup:** Susan Sharon

## December 25<sup>th</sup>

**Greeters:** Tyler Yang Nan Vang  
**Coffee Hour:** Cathy Weitze Vivian Granger  
**Liturgist:** Emily Heffernan  
**Lockup:** Jeremy Buis



# December

## Dinner @ Six Menu

\$6.00 - 13 years to adult  
\$3.00 - 6 years -12 years  
Free - 5 years and under

## December 7<sup>th</sup>

Beef stew, salad, bread and dessert  
**Chefs:** Outreach & Missions Committee

## December 14<sup>th</sup>

Lasagna, Salad, Bread & Dessert  
**Chefs:** SPRC Committee

## December 21<sup>st</sup> & December 28<sup>th</sup>

No Dinner - **Merry Christmas**

# FOOD PANTRY SUNDAYS

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.

<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>

# December

**GO TO THE LAST PAGE  
TO SEE SCHEDULE INFORMATION**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 <b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>	28	29	30 <b>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</b>	1 <b>THURSDAY SCHEDULE</b>	2 <b>FRIDAY SCHEDULE</b>	3
4 <b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>	5 <b>MARLY'S CIRCLE 7:00pm</b>	6	7 <b>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</b>	8 <b>THURSDAY SCHEDULE</b>	9 <b>FRIDAY SCHEDULE</b>	10
11 <b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>	12 <b>FINANCE 5:30pm</b>	13	14 <b>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</b>	15 <b>THURSDAY SCHEDULE</b>	16 <b>FRIDAY SCHEDULE</b>	17 <b>CCOHM KINGDOM CONFERENCE @ ROSEVILLE (YOUTH)</b>
18 <b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM</b>	19	20	21 <b>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</b>	22 <b>THURSDAY SCHEDULE</b>	23 <b>FRIDAY SCHEDULE</b>	24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7:00pm</b>
25 <b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 	26	27	28 <b>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</b>	29 <b>THURSDAY SCHEDULE</b>	30 <b>FRIDAY SCHEDULE</b>	31 <b>NIGHT WATCH</b>
1 <b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 	2	3	4 <b>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</b>	5 <b>THURSDAY SCHEDULE</b>	6 <b>FRIDAY SCHEDULE</b>	7

## **FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**



**Contact:**

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



## **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation Class Begins

January 8, Sunday. All youth interested in joining the church next Easter are invited to join the Confirmation Class each Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. in Room E. We will be working through the Credo curriculum. You can look it up online at the Cokesbury website. There will be at least two retreats during the class where we will look at Christ's call on our lives and Prayer. Plan now to join us.

## ***Hope Center***

Wish list for the Hope Center includes: Winter Clothing, Tents & Non Parishable Food. Please take your donations to the Hope Center on Kitrick Ave. behind the Ken's paint store building.



If you would like to purchase Christmas Poinsettias in memory of or in honor of a loved one we are taking orders. The Poinsettias will be on the Altar December 18<sup>th</sup> through New Years. Please make your check out to FUMC (First United Methodist Church) and mark Christmas Poinsettias in the Memo. You may also pay by cash. Please put in the collection plate or turn into the Church office by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Price of the Poinsettias is \$7.

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please print name of person.**

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please print name of person.**

Poinsettia placed by \_\_\_\_\_.

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_. How many plants ordered \_\_\_\_\_.

I will pick my plant Sunday, January 1st \_\_\_\_\_.

Please take to a shut in \_\_\_\_\_.



House to house  
prayer (caroling)  
will be December 26,  
to 30, 2011, lead by  
Pastor Chuckua  
Yang

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOARD



Here it is Halloween, then it will be Thanksgiving and sure enough that means that Christmas is just around the corner. Can you believe it? I am not going to even tell you how many days it will be to Christmas. But with Christmas so imminent that means that it is time to share our blessings with the children at our own State PreSchool. It is always such a pleasure to come by the church during the day and hear the joy radiating out of these children. While at school they receive meals and lots of love. They are little learning

machines. Sometimes when they leave the school they are going home to a situation that is not good for them. They may not have enough food and no toys or books to learn with. So..... our job as the CHURCH is to share whatever we have and give them some wonderful memories of Christmas 2011. Come Thanksgiving week you will find the Christmas Board up and running, waiting for you to take a few slips off the board and take with you to the stores. There will be food stuffs needed, toys for all ages, and clothing too. We have whole families that need to be given a good Christmas. So be looking for the Christmas decorated board with names of children on it. It is our joy to share whatever we have with those who do not. See you there. Alma



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



## **Heifer Project**



Bring your CRV recyclables to church and place them in the boxes in the Social Hall. The Buis Family take the bottles and cans to Fair Street 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.

**October/November**  
**\$60.50 Church recycling**

T H E F E R R E R P R O J E C T

October/November  
\$60.50  
Church recycling

September  
\$46.01  
Church recycling

August  
\$48.48  
Church recycling

July  
\$67.60  
Church recycling

July  
\$56.20  
Macen Buis donation  
from  
his home recycling

June  
\$68.00  
Church recycling

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12-19-1997

I'M SORRY GUY, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEALTH PLAN AND YOU GIVE OUT FREE GIFTS AND ALL, BUT JESUS REALLY DOES HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN

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12-26-1997

MY MOM MADE THIS FOR ME FOR THE CHRISTMAS PLAY AND NOW SHE IS SO PROUD OF IT THAT I AM NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE IT OFF



Mexico

Poyee and I (Pastor Chuckua) will be on Vacation from January 7, to January 17, 2012. This is our 32 years anniversary and the first ever Honey Moon. We will take the Cruise-ship Carnival Splendor from Long Beach, to the Mexican Riviera. Please keep us in your prays. Thank you. Pastor Chuckua Yang.

***The Youth Kingdom Conference will be on December 17, 2011, at Roseville First UMC.***

This is an spiritual Revival for the youth and young adults. (Youth and young adult's means anyone of any age and unmarried.) Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Janet Saavedra's the pastor of Clovis Memorial UMC. Please encourage and support your children and young adults to participate, it's will benefit them. Please let Pastor Donna or me know if you're going. Thank you.  
Pastor Chuckua Yang.

## 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.

## 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.

# 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

Adults & Children's Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Hmong Service	8:45 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.

## **Wednesday Schedule**

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ Hofbrau	8:00 a.m.
Bible Round Table & Prayer	1:30 p.m.
Community Prayer Service	6:00 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.
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## **Friday Schedule**

Sonwalkers Youth Group Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Young Adults	6:00 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.**