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Dear Ones of First United Methodist Church,

I join Paul who wrote to the people of Philippi, "I thank my God every time I remember you , constantly praying with joy in everyone of my prayers for you all..." It continues to be a joy to be your pastor.

I have joy each time a prayer request comes on the phone or over the internet because I know we are praying for each other. It is a joy when a need is made known in the community and you are there to meet that need. I celebrate when you come and tell me what you are learning from the Bible in worship, in one of our study groups or on your own.

It was an amazing privilege yesterday to be a part of a service where two women (long lost relatives of Xf Chuckua) gave their lives to Jesus Christ and made a commitment to live for Jesus. Pray for them as they grow in the faith. There is so much to experience and learn. Pray for them also because they are looking for a way to make a living and for a way to be allowed to remain in the United States. They are here legally but they must go through the process of becoming permanent residents. It would be dangerous for them to back to Laos. Their names are Ka Faith Yang and Npib (pronounced Bea!) Yang.

While Pastor Laura is no longer on paid staff she continues to work with the finances (she is trying to work herself out of a job) and with the children. What a blessing! She also helps keep me organized. Whew!

It is always a joy to work along side of Xf Chuckua. His faith and commitment shine brightly. He is a great pastor and a man of God. Thank you Xf. Chuckua!

Through first Sunday of March I am preaching on the book of Revelation. Bring your Bibles to worship and join us. As always, if you need a Bible we have one for you.

Keep walking with Jesus and live for his glory!!!

Love You All,

Pastor Donna

TREASURER REPORT 01/31/11

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2011	588.51
DEPOSITS THRU 1/31/11	+ 14395.44
TRANSFERS FROM MONEY MKT ACCT 1/12&1/26	+4298.92
CHECKS THRU 1/31/11	<u>- 18168.62</u>
BALANCE AS OF 01/31/11	1114.25

SOME BILLS DUE IN JANUARY WERE NOT PAID. I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY THEM UNTIL AFTER SUNDAY, FEB. 6TH. THEY INCLUDE: PG&E (GAS PORTION) \$318.00; TRUSTEES \$239.19; RECOLOGY (PARSONAGE) \$75.45; LOAN \$200; AT&T \$184.11; DESIGNATED FUNDS TO MONEY MKT \$991.33 FOR A TOTAL OF \$2008.08 THAT WE SHOULD HAVE PAID IN JANUARY. THIS DEFICIT CAUSES THE BILLS DUE IN FEBRUARY TO BE PAID LATE. OUT OF THE \$1114.25, I WILL PAY ON FEB. 1ST, THE PAYROLL TAXES OF \$290.44 & THE PG&E (ELECT. PORTION) OF \$684.65. THIS WILL LEAVE A BALANCE OF \$139.16. PLEASE PRAY ABOUT OUR CHURCH FINANCES, SPECIFICALLY, THAT WE CAN HAVE ENOUGH COME IN EACH MONTH TO PAY THE CURRENT BILLS THAT ARE DUE THAT MONTH.

BETTY LEDFORD

TREASURER

Joys & Concerns:



Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:

Vivian Grainger - recently ill with pneumonia & in Oroville Hospital, but home now & better; **Shor Vang** recently in Oroville Hospital with pneumonia; **David Jacobsen** - recently in Oroville Hospital with an infected leg, but home now & recovering; **Gladeen LeBoeuf** - ill last month with a bad chest cold; **Pastor Donna** - ill last month with a chest cold & strep throat; prayer request from **Jinx Diliberti** - please keep **Jeff**, who was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer, & his family, in your prayers; from **Carol Kitchen** - pray for **John Camacho**, victim of motorcycle accident & was in intensive care, also he is caring for his wife, who has cancer; from **Elaine Klein** - prayers for **Charles Graves**, who has been deployed to South Korea; **Dan from St. Paul's Episcopal Church** - needs prayers, undergoing chemo; **Anita Messerschmidt** - latest test results have been good & she is doing better, continue to pray for **her & Olav**; **Christl Yates** - **Wally Yates** is doing better & will be undergoing chemo; **Doris Henneker** - has been improving & is thankful for all your prayers; **Glenda Ott** - pray for **Shannon** & that he will be brought back to Christ; **Pastor Chuckua** - experiencing some chest pains, needs prayers; **Harriett Steiger** - her daughter **Denise** in Arkansas is having a hard time; **Pat Larkey Brakke** - **Elaine Larkey** has been hospitalized with a bladder infection, she is 98 & not doing well & needs prayers, and **Pat** is ill with the flu, so cannot be with Elaine; from **Linda Perry** - keep her daughter-in-law **Yen** in your prayers; **Susan's Aunt Tina** - has started undergoing chemo; **Robin Rich** - prayers for **her daughter**, as she is celebrating a birthday & **Robin can't be with her**; **Erik Pieper** - struggling to pay for medical costs; **Bruce Harmon** - caregiver for Bruce & Troy & needs prayers; **Darby Miller** - continue to pray for his recovery; **Bruce Barton** - continues to have problems with his heart and needs prayers; **Pat Foster** - doing great now, continue to pray for her recovery; **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; **Linda Perry** - has chronic back problems & nerve damage; **John & Katie Voos's son-in-law Larry** - diagnosed with a brain tumor & undergoing chemo; **Vivian Grainger** - her friend **Sue** in Berry Creek has cancer; **Sue Fredericksen** - pray for **Maryann**, who has heart failure; **Susan Sharon** - is home sick; **Robin Rich** - facing another move in the future; **Joan Smith** - she is attending Trinity Methodist Church in Chico, but misses her church family here; and remember **Phylliss Oddo** in your prayers, as she now lives in Yuba City.

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 & Sue 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; Linda Dewey; Rich Roath; Pat Foster; Newt & Karen Green and Darby Miller.

Those suffering loss of a loved one:

Christl Yates - her friend Diane lost her brother due to brain problems; Helen Parker, long-time member of this church, passed away on January 1st, at the age of 103; and the passing of Hmong Leader General Vang Pao on January 6th, left the Hmong community all over the nation in mourning. Please pray for the Hmong community & General Pao's family.

Joys:

Joline Hibbert had asked for prayers for her daughter's Kristin's UM church in Charles Town West Virginia. The church was sued by a neighboring home owners association, claiming the church was using their land in a wrongful way. There was a jury trial on January 18th, and it has been reported by Joline that the church has had a favorable outcome.

Thanks:

Vivian Grainger wishes to thank everyone for all their prayers & cards during her recent illness; Doris Henneker wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards & help with food during her illness.

Italian Dinner and Auction

The Stewardship Team is once again doing a dinner and auction on March 5th at 6 pm. This year we are doing an Italian Dinner featuring antipasto, spaghetti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, dessert, sparkling cider, coffee, punch and water. Tickets are \$10.

The auction is to benefit church programs open to the Oroville Community.

Please contact Randy, 533-5921, for tickets, reservations, & information.

Thank you.

Stewardship Team



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**

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.

SAVE THE DATE

 Dinner & Silent Auction March 5

 Hunger Walk March 12

 Stewardship Sunday March 13



February Worship

February 6th

Greeters: Christl Yates Robin Rich

Coffee Hour: Emily Fancher Richard Fancher

Liturgist: Communion Sunday

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Sem Xiong

February 13th

Greeters: Emily Fancher Richard Fancher

Coffee Hour: Denny Ludolph Doris Ludolph

Liturgist: Richard Fancher

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Richard Fancher

February 20th

Greeters: Tyler Yang Nan Vang

Coffee Hour: Jeremy, Erin & Micah Buis

Liturgist: Cathy Weitze

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Susan Sharon

February 27th

Greeters: Lynn Shaner Stu Shaner

Coffee Hour: Carol Anderson Betty Ledford

Liturgist: Janet Short

Nursery Volunteer:

Lockup: Jeremy/Kyle Buis



February Dinner @ Six

Adults \$6.00

Children 6 - 12 years \$3.00

Children under 5 free

Feb 2nd: Tuscan Baked Chicken & beans, Salad, Bread & Dessert.

Chefs: Worship committee

Feb 9th: Pork shoulder, Baked Potatoe, Gravy, Vegetable, Bread & Dessert.

Chefs: Trustee Committee

Feb 16th : Rigatoni with French bread, Salad and Dessert.

Chefs: Finance Committee

Feb 23: Pastor Chuckua and the ladies will be cooking.

February

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	31	1	2 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE <i>Revelation Bible Study 5 pm</i> <i>Arthritis Exercise</i> <i>Class 1 pm</i>	3 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	4 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	5
6 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	7 Trustees 7:00 PM	8 <i>Gambler's Anon. 7 pm</i>	9 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE <i>Revelation Bible Study 5 pm</i> <i>Arthritis Exercise</i> <i>Class 1 pm</i>	10 THURSDAY SCHEDULE <i>Gambler's Anon. 7 pm</i>	11 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	12
13 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	14 	15 <i>Gambler's Anon. 7 pm</i>	16 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE <i>Revelation Bible Study 5 pm</i> <i>Arthritis Exercise</i> <i>Class 1 pm</i>	17 THURSDAY SCHEDULE <i>Gambler's Anon. 7 pm</i>	18 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	19
20 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	21 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	22 <i>Gambler's Anon. 7 pm</i>	23 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE <i>Revelation Bible Study 5 pm</i> <i>Arthritis Exercise</i> <i>Class 1 pm</i>	24 THURSDAY SCHEDULE <i>Gambler's Anon. 7 pm</i>	25	26
27 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	28	1 <i>Gambler's Anon. 7 pm</i>	2 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE <i>Revelation Bible Study 5 pm</i> <i>Arthritis Exercise Class</i> <i>1 pm</i>	3 THURSDAY SCHEDULE <i>Gambler's Anon. 7 pm</i>	4	5 <i>ITALIAN DINNER & SILENT AUCTION 6pm</i>
6 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	7	8 <i>Gambler's Anon. 7 pm</i>	9 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE Ash Wednesday <i>Revelation Bible Study 5 pm</i> <i>Arthritis Exercise Class 1 pm</i>	10 THURSDAY SCHEDULE <i>Gambler's Anon. 7 pm</i>	11 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	12 HUNGER WALK Randy's birthday 6 pm



ABRAHAM LINCOLN
1809-1865

February Birthdays



GEORGE WASHINGTON
1732-1799

4 Susan Sharon

10 Alice Pittman

10 Sue Fredericksen

12 Betty Ball

12 Kaity Voos

13 Jim Short

17 Janet Dyer



18 Connie Guererro

21 Jeremy Buis

22 Ann Reavis

23 Larry Ott

24 Adrine Hoke

28 Barbara Thompson

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
Thank You Randy.

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

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.



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HUNGER WALK
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HUNGER WALK TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS

Contributed by: **Chris Robbins**

In a country with so much abundance and riches, it's hard to believe that hunger is an issue. However, every day hunger takes its ugly toll on individuals and families across this vast country of ours, reaching into our own community. In an effort to raise awareness of an ongoing need and provide hunger relief in this community, the Cooperating Christian Churches of Oroville (CCCO) have organized the first Oroville Hunger Walk, scheduled for Sat., March 27, beginning at Riverbend Park.

Participants, sponsors and donations are needed to make this event a success. 100% of the money and food raised will go to organizations providing hunger relief for Oroville, including Feed the People Ministries, Oroville Rescue Mission, Oroville Salvation Army and The Hope Center. The CCCO hopes to collect all donations prior to the walk; however, donations will be gladly accepted the day of the walk. To make a donation or to get involved, call 534-0354 or 534-9455.

Sign ups for the Hunger Walk begin at 8:30am, and coffee and donuts will be served. The approximately 2-mile walk begins at 9:00am. There will be rest stations at churches along the way, and vans will cruise

the route to pick up those not able to complete the walk. Participants are encouraged to walk only as far as they are comfortable, whether that's two blocks or two miles. Refreshments will be served after the walk.

The CCCO may be comprised of faith-based Christian organizations, but the entire community is invited to get involved.

"For those that are Christians, this is a great way to put your faith into action," said Rev. Stan Henderson with Trinity Presbyterian Church. "But whatever you believe, this is an opportunity for people to come together and make a positive difference."

Members of the Cooperating Christian Churches of Oroville are First Congregational Church, First United Methodist Church, Raven Ministries, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Trinity Bible Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church.

For more information, call 534-0354 or 534-9455.





FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



Contact:

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



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.



**SEE NEXT MONTH'S
FEATHER**



USE YOU'RE

*RALEY'S & FOOD MAXX SHARE
CARDS*

WHEN YOU SHOP

*Please check your share cards to see
what other stores accept them.*



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.

Wednesday Schedule

Men's 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.
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	1:00 p.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.