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The words of 2011

I'm greeting you with the fresh 2011 New Year,

The Hmong religious—there are two very important things which need to be done by each Hmong unbeliever's family before the end of each old year or before the New Year is arrived such as, souls calling and the other is animals sacrificing. The Hmong believes that during the year round the souls of the family member(s) may wander and strayed elsewhere to the wilderness, or captured by the devils and its spirits. Therefore, shamanist should be called to performs some heavy spiritual ritual ceremonials to seeks for the lost soul(s) and to used the proper papers money, and animals such as chicken, pig, sheep, goats, etc... to sacrificed the satisfied (to paid) of any debt which owed to the devils in order for the devils' to relieved the soul(s) to the shaman, so that she/he can brought back the lost soul(s) to the family's member(s) in order for the family to stay healthy and have good lucks for the coming year.

By looking back, I am so proud and grateful that my family was lucky to find and converted to Christ 30 years ago, to escaped from those horrible slaying things of the devils. Ever since my family had never called for a shamanist to do the souls calling and using animals for sacrificed, but we were, we're and we'll be healthy and nothing will harms us, because we've believed, faith and had God in our side, I praise that Jesus himself had paid for our sins and protected us. Now, I am so proud to say that, all of us are the New Creature of God, because the old have gone and all things are become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17) (Should we help those unbelievers?)

My FUMC family, as the old year was faded away and the New Year just arrived, I am encourage all of you to join me and Pastor Donna Van Maanen for a another journey to the Kingdom of God, by doing ministry together here in Oroville to continue to share and spreads the Good News of the Gospels to our community and beyond. By doing so, we will bring more people to know Christ and abandoned the horrible things of the devils, especially, there are still many Hmong population here at Butte County who are still practicing the calling souls, and animal sacrifice under the control of the devils which routinely blocked the eyes of those people, so that they will not be able to seek and sees God's grace and peace. Together we will make the differences and to overcome the devils for Christ's sake, Amen.

With the loves, wishes and prays from my family to all of you this New Year 2011.

Blessing and Happy New Year,

Pastor. Chuckua Yang

Show the community and the world beyond about how God had created man's languages for a purpose. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we will reach our goal and be successful. Finally, as the old year is about to over and the New Year will be here soon, I pray and wishing you all the best 2011. Amen.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to you all,

Hmong translation

Nyob zoo xyoo tshab 2011 rua mej txhuatug,

Hmoob txuj kevntseeg—muaj obyaam tseemceeb heev kws txhua yim Hmoob tsis tau ntseeg Vaajtswv yuavtsum tau ua kuas tav uantej lub xyoo laug taag, losyog uantej lub xyoo tshab lug txug xwsle, kev huplig hab muab tsaj theejtxhoj. Hmoob ntseeg tas ib lub xyoos puagncig mas tsev tuabneeg tej ntsujplig yuav tsiv moog poob rua toojroob hauvhaav, losyog dlaab ntxwngnyoog muab tau tej ntsuj lawm. Yog lentawm, yuav tau hu tej txivneeb tuaj huplig, ua neeb moog nrhav saib tej ntsujplig moog poob rua qhovtwg losyog dlaab coj moog ruatwg lawm?, yuavtsum tau muab nyajtxag xyaantaw hab tsajtxhu xwsle, qab, npua, yaaj, tshis, hab lwm yaam coj moog theejtxhoj (them) rua dlaab ntxwngnyoog, mas dlaab txhaj yuav tso tej ntsujplig rua tug txivneeb coj rovqaab lug rua tug tuabneeg ntawm losyog tsevneeg, mas puab txhaj ua neej nojqaab nyobzoo los yog tau lubneej zoo rua lub xyoo yuav lug tomntej.

Nubua tig rov moog saib lubneej dlhau, kuv txaussab hab zoosab heev kws kuv tsev tuabneeg peb nrhav tau Vaajtswv, lawbdlaab hab ntseeg Yexus Khetos tau 30 xyoo lug lawm, kws yog tsivdlim ntawm txujkev ua dlaabtauj dlaabqhev. Txij nubntawm lug kuv tsev tuabneeg yeej tsis tau hu txivneeb tuaj huplig hab muab tsajtxhu theejtxhoj le, tabsis peb suavdlawg kuj tau txais kev nojqaab nyobzoo hab tsi muaj ibyaam dlaabtsi yuav ua tau lecaag rua peb, vim peb ntseeg, peb casab hab muaj Vaajtswv tuaj peb tog ua peb tug Tswv, kuv ua Vaajtswv tsaug kws Tswv Yexus muab Nwg tugkheej lug theej peb txujkev

txhum hab Nwg yog tug Tswv kws tivthaiv peb. Nubnua kuv txaussab has tej lug nuav tas, peb covntseeg yog Vaajtswv tsev tuabneeg tshab, vim lubneej qub tub pluj taag moog lawm hab txhuayaam yuav dlhau lug ua qhovtshab lawm xwb. (2 Kauleethus 5:17) (peb puas kaam paab cov tsis tau ntseg?)

Kuv tsevneeg FUMC, xwsle lub xyoo laug tub pluj moog hab xyoo tshab tub lug txug lawm, kuv thov nquahu mej txhuatug cale lug koomteg nrug kuv hab Kxf, Donna Van maanen peb taug dlua ib txujkev moog rua Vaajtswv lub Ntuj Ceebtsheej, kws yog sib koomteg ua Vaajtswv tej dlejnum nyob rua huv lub nroog Oroville nuav kws yog qee hab nthuav txug Vaajtswv txuj Moo Zoo moog rua lub zejzog hab tuabneeg nplajteb. Yog peb sib koomteg ua tej dlejnum nuav, peb yuav coj tau tuabneeg coobleej lug ntseeg Tswv Yexus hab puab yuav tso tej kevphem kws yog dlaab ntxwngnyoog teejtug povtseg, tshwjxeb, tseem muaj Hmoob coob nyob rua cheebtsaam tuamceeb nroog butte kws yog tseem ua-nee ua-yaig, muab tsaj theejtxhoj hab huplig kws yog nyob huvqaab dlaab ntxwngnyoog kev tswjfw m kws tseem thaiv puab lub qhovmuag kuas puab txhob nrhav tau losyog pum Vaajtswv txuj kevhlub, kev zoo. Yog peb suavdlawg sib koomteg uake, peb yuav ua tau Vaajtswv teg dlejnum tav hab yuav tawmtsaam yeej dlaab ntxwngnyoog rua peb tug Tswv Yexus tau koobmeej, Amees.

Nrug rua txujkev hlub, kev vaam zoo hab kev thov Vaajtswv ntawm peb tsevneeg tuaj rua mej txhualeej txhuatug hab muaj kev zoo sab rua lub xyoo tshab 2011.

Thov Vaajtswv foom koobmoov hab Zoosab Xyoo Tshab,

Xf. Chuckua Yang



THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our friends at First United Methodist Church of Oroville. All of the Christmas gifts and goodies were fabulous. Selena even got her own chocolate cake. (We made her share.) We pray that you are all blessed generously through 2011 just as you have blessed us in 2010.

Pastor Donna and Pastor Laura



Report on Window Vandalism

I know that most of you are aware of the vandalism that happened at our church this past summer. We had three windows broken. That included the window in the Fireside Room, (twice), a large window in the Fellowship Hall, and the stained glass window at the front of the Fellowship Hall.

On July 18, 2010 we discovered that the large window in the Fireside Room had been broken. The cost to repair the window was \$120.64 below the \$1000 deductible for our hazard insurance. This bill was paid by Trustee's.

On July 27, 2010 it was again discovered that the large window in the Fireside Room had been broken. The cost to repair the window was again \$120.64 below the \$1000 deductible for our hazard insurance.

On July 29, 2010 it was discovered that a large window in the Social Hall was broken as well as a small glass in the window in the narthex by where the church bell sits. A report was filed with the Oroville Police Department. We then discovered that the Stained Glass window in the Social Hall had three holes in it. The Oroville Police was summoned back to the church. Because we determined that this window was broken at the same time as the Social Hall and the narthex windows were broken in was included in that police report.

July 29, 2010	\$	684.75	For Social Hall & Narthex
		<u>2710.00</u>	Stained Glass
		\$3394.75	
		<u>-1000.00</u>	Insurance Deductible
		\$2394.75	
		1350.00	Paid by Trustee's
		\$1360.00	to be paid by Trustee's

We had two bids from Needham Studios in Chico to repair the Stained Glass window and replace the plexiglass covering. It was voted on by Trustee's to go with the second bid of \$2710 using a stronger grade of covering that would be bullet proof. Our stained glass was moved from the previous church when our current facility was built in early 1960's. This being part of our heritage it is important to protect it to the best of our ability. At some point, when we have enough money, we will look into covering the picture [stained glass windows](#) with a protective barrier. In the meantime, enjoy the rays of sunshine as they come through our new and unbroken windows.

Note: the insurance considers each police report as a separate instance, therefore we can not lump all repairs together to apply the \$1000 deductible.

January Birthdays

4 Cynthia Slattery

9 Larry Shaner

15 Derrald Buis

16 Carole Anderson

17 Erin Buis

18 Bruce Harmon

19 Darby Miller

19 Gerry Miller

20 Emily Fancher





Daffodil Hill

Cathy Weitze had her youth Sunday School class out planting daffodils last Sunday. They will plant again this Sunday, January 2, with the younger children. Next spring our front lawn should be carpeted in yellow. Thank you Elaine Klein for pushing this project forward.



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



Huge thank you to Gladeen LeBeouf for putting in countless hours to get all the new lighting around the church. So far, the sanctuary, kitchen, and classrooms are shining bright. Soon, the social hall, fireside room, office, and cross will be glowing. Many of the ballasts had to be replaced while others were able to be retrofitted to use more energy-efficient bulbs. Even while we have more light, our electric bill should see a drop in usage. **Thank you, Gladeen.**

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.

CHRISTMAS BOARD

Sooooo you did it again. You all came through with flying colors. If you could have seen all the wonderful toys and Christmas meals for all ten families. There were even five hams going to these families. You were wonderful, as usual. But don't you all feel so good, kind of warm and fuzzy? That is what giving to others does for a person and you deserve all those good feelings. You all must remember that wonderful song, Magic Penny? Whenever we give we get so much back. Thank you so much for going that extra mile. I know that some of you gave as much as you could and just be comforted by the fact that those ten families were able to have a wonderful Christmas knowing that someone cared enough to give. Sort of reminds you of the Christmas story, right? He gave his only son to us. We can never give enough back.

Alma



An update on Ann Reavis from her grandson Michael.

Sorry I didn't get back to you sooner, but my Grandma did get discharged this past weekend from Sutter General Hospital. I don't know the reason why she was in there. I know she was having some stomach pains. But she is better now and she is back in her apartment in a senior living community in Elk Grove.

If you would like to write a note to Ann you can do so by sending it to her daughter Carol at this address:
8814 Somershire Way
Sacramento, CA 95828-5567

They take the mail to her each week.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

TREASURER REPORT

12/28/10

BEGINNING BALANCE DECEMBER 1, 2010		455.75
DECEMBER DEPOSITS (THRU 12/28/10)	+	13931.35
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DECEMBER CHEC KS (THRU 12/28/10)	-	13798.59
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BALANCE 12/28/10		588.51

THERE ARE SOME BILLS FROM DECEMBER THAT STILL NEED TO BE PAID AND THEY WILL BE PAID AFTER THE FIRST SUNDAY IN JANUARY. WE WILL ALSO HAVE THE HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENT DUE IN JANUARY & I AM STILL WAITING FOR THE AMENDED PROPERTY TAX BILL. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR FINANCES.

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:

Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:



Pastor Chuckua's sister recently in Oroville Hospital; **Ka Vang's father Chor** - in hospital with pneumonia; **Robin Rich - her brother** is going back to work following cancer treatments & continue to pray for **her mother**; **David Jacobsen** - recently in Oroville Hospital with an infection; Cathy Weitze asks for prayers for her friend **Beverly Skupowski** - undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma; **Ann Reavis** - recently hospitalized with stomach pains, but home now & doing better; Carol Kitchen requests prayers for baby **Aydihn & family - Aydihn** is in intensive care with pneumonia; Christl Yates father-in-law **Wally Yates** - had surgery for cancer & was in intensive care; Janet Short's neighbor **Valerie** - suffering from depression; Glenda Ott's daughter-in-law **Erica** - is pregnant & needs prayers; Margaret Brown's daughter's husband **Troy & her son Brendan** - in need of prayers; **Susan - prayers for her children, her Aunt Tina** who has cancer **& also for her mom**; **Bruce Harmon** - caregiver for Bruce & Troy & needs prayers; **Troy Barton** - having a difficult time right now & needs prayers; Sue Fredericksen's friend Marianne's daughter **Morgan** - pray for troubles she is going through; **Erin Buis** - injured her head & neck at work; **Gordon & Sue Fredericksen - Sue** recently in hospital with pleural infusion (fluid in the lining of the lung) & **Gordon's** incision is not healing properly; **Pastor Chuckua** - suffered from a cold and/or the flu; **Vivian Grainger** - had a bad fall & fractured her wrist & also suffering from allergies, needs prayers; **Darby Miller** - recently hospitalized with an infection & needs prayers; **Doris & Jim Henneker - Doris** has had a good report from her doctor, continue to pray for her recovery; **Emily & Richard Fancher - Emily** is continuing to heal from back surgery; **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.

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; Betty Ball; Bruce Harmon; Ka Vang; Nou Seng Vang; Vivian Grainger; Rich Roath; Pat Foster; Newt & Karen Green.

Those suffering loss of a loved one:

Tong, Mee & family need prayers upon the loss of their **daughter's father-in-law in Marysville on December 16th; friends of Suzanne Love: Don & Betty Armitage**, upon the loss of **Betty's** mom recently; **Rudi Messerschmidt's sister (and Christl's aunt)** recently passed away.

Joys: Harriett Steiger reports that her granddaughter **Miranda** has her daughter **Bella** back; Janet Short is happy that her son **Greg** came home from Japan for the holidays.

Addressess:

If you would like to send a correspondence to **Ann Reavis**, here is her daughter Carol's address: 8814 Somershire Way, Sacramento, CA 95828-5567. She delivers mail to Ann each week.

If you wish to contact **Joan Smith**, here is her address: 2750 Sunrise Terrace #118, Chico CA 95928, Ph.# 342-8560

January

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26 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	27	28	29 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	30 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	31 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	1
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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.

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.



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



Contact:

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

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

January Worship

January 2nd

Greeters: Mong Vang Helen Beall
Coffee Hour: Glenda Ott Gladeen LeBoeuf
Liturgist: Communion Sunday
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Sem Xiong

January 9th

Greeters: Christl Yates Suzanne Love
Coffee Hour: Lynn Shaner Stu Shaner
Liturgist: Jim Webster
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Richard Fancher

January 16th

Greeters: Bev Bailey Chuck Bailey
Coffee Hour: Cathy Weitze Valarie Weitze
Liturgist: Cathy Weitze
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Susan Sharon

January 23rd

Greeters: Elaine Klein Harriet Steiger
Coffee Hour: Chuck Bailey Bev Bailey
Liturgist: Helen Beall
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Jeremy/Kyle Buis

January 30th

Greeters: Randy Fowler John Fowler
Coffee Hour: Betty Ledford Louise Weitze
Liturgist: Helen Beall
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Stu Shaner



January Dinner @ Six

Adults \$6.00
Children 6 - 12 years \$3.00
Children under 5 free

Jan. 5th: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Bread & Dessert..
Chefs: Staff Parish

Jan. 12th: Tamale Pie, Green Salad, Bread & Dessert.
Chefs: Nurture & Outreach committee

Jan. 19th : Spaghetti, Meat Balls, Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert.
Chefs: Finance Committee

Jan. 26th: Pastor Chuckua and the ladies will be cooking.



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.



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER
\$47.71



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WHEN YOU SHOP



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



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.