



# First United Methodist Church of Oroville

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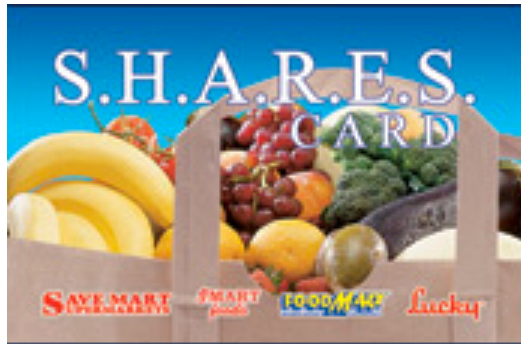
**ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE  
MAY 15TH**

**Berry Creek Property**

Mike & Karen Murrish from Chico who are cousins to Bruce Barton & the Buis boys, Jeremy, Derrald, Kyle & Micah have given a piece of property located in Berry Creek, California on Simpson Ranch Rd. to our church. AP #062-750-030-000. This is a bare piece of property bordered by Simpson Ranch Rd. with an easement for the road and is .64 acre.

It is the intention of the church to sell this property in the near future. We have an offer to purchase the property from the person that borders to the south. There will be an all church conference on Sunday, May 15, 2011 following worship service. Superintendent of The Great Northern District, Rev. Jerry Smith will preside over the conference. Please plan on attending church and the conference, everyone has a voice regarding selling this piece of property.





## ***\$\$ Update on Share Cards \$\$***

I want to give you an update on how our share cards are doing with Raley's and Food Maxx. In 2010 the church received \$414.28 from Food Maxx and \$522.43 from Raley's. So far in 2011 we have received \$156.76 from Food Maxx and \$282.59 from Raley's.

So remember to use your share cards whenever you go shopping at Raley's and Food Maxx. Some of what you spend will come back and will help our church budget.

***John S. Fowler***

***Chairman Finance Committee***

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Ross-Harmon  
Educator of the Year  
Award Dinner*

Honoring educators from  
Oroville City Elementary School District  
and Oroville Union High School District  
Dinner tickets \$15.00 per person  
available at  
First United Methodist Church Office

**Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**6:00 pm**

First United Methodist Church Social Hall  
45 Acacia Ave

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# MAY BIRTHDAYS

14 Micah Buis

18 Duane Diver



25 Denise Tye

30 John Brown



Friends like you  
are special hugs from God

**Combined Worship  
Promotion Sunday and Heifer International  
May 29th**

Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a combined worship at 10:30. Bill Beck, former president of Heifer will be preaching.

Sunday School is working on worship decorations.

## ***ITALIAN DINNER & AUCTION***

The Italian Dinner & Auction was held at the church on Saturday March 5, 2011 and the fundraiser was a great success and I am so happy. Money taken in at the dinner was \$1,007.00. After total expenses of \$621.45 the profit on the dinner was \$385.55. The live auction made \$1,305.00, silent auction \$1132.00 and the raffle \$425.00 for a total profit on the dinner and auction of \$3,247.55. The profit will remain in the general fund and will be used to pay church expenses and programs in the church.

The Finance Committee would like to thank Randy Fowler for cooking the delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner. We thank everyone that helped to cook and prepare the dinner in the kitchen. We have a special thank you to all of the youth that did such a great job serving all of the dinners. The Fellowship Hall was full and we must have served about 150 dinners that evening. We even had to set up extra tables to seat everyone that turned out for the dinner.

We want to thank Cynthia Slattery for taking care of the auction again this year. Cynthia goes all over town getting donations of items for the auction. This takes a great deal of her time and Cynthia always does a great job. Cynthia always gets great items for the auction. And then Cynthia and the other people that helped her did such a great job setting up the auction items in the Fellowship Hall. We thank the members of the church and the community for donating items for the live and silent auction. Without the auction items we could have no auction.

Kevin Benedict was our auctioneer again this year and we want to thank Kevin for donating his time for the auction. He makes the auction so much fun to watch. And we want to thank Lisa Benedict and her daughters for doing such a great job selling the raffle tickets and helping the raffle to do so well.

The decorations were beautiful and the hall looked so very nice that evening. We thank everyone that helped set up the fellowship hall and did the decorating. We want to thank the youth for washing the dishes, cleaning up the kitchen, and cleaning the hall after the dinner and auction.

We thank those that worked on the sound, prepared the program for the auction items, took pictures of the auction, and those that collected the money for the auction items that were purchased. And thank you to Joan Keller for helping me with the money at the door.

Thank you so very much to everyone that helped in any way and made the 5th annual dinner & auction such a great success.

Thank you everyone

John S. Fowler

Chairman Finance Committee

# Save the Date

May 7

Feather Fiesta Days

May 13 & 14

Butte Circuit Youth Event

May 14

Children's Faire

May 15

Church Conference

May 29

Promotion Sunday

May 31

2nd Annual Ross-Harmon  
Educator of the Year Dinner

June 15 to 18

California/Nevada Church  
Conference in Sacramento

# Joys & Concerns



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

**John & Margaret Brown-** Margaret needs prayers for a possible lung transplant; **Robin Rich** - facing a hysterectomy; **Helen Beall's friend Marge** - has terminal pancreatic cancer; **Tong Xiong** - has a serious infection in his mouth; **Pastor Chuckua & Poyee** - Poyee's brother & sister-in-law are experiencing some family problems; **Pastor Donna** - recent bout with asthma & severe acid reflux; **Jim Henneker** - recent knee replacement surgery; ; **Chuck Bailey** - hospitalized for heat related problem & dehydration; **Ginger Ewalt** - still recovering from hip replacement surgery, doing well; **Selena Heffernan** - issues with her health & managing her pain;

**Karen Green** - her husband **Newt** has been diagnosed with a rare blood disease & is on dialysis; **Elaine Klein** - recovering from foot surgery; Pastor Donna - requests prayers for **Malena Pieper** - recently hospitalized & may be in hospital for a couple of weeks, pray for **Erik, Violet & Rose**; **Pastor Rochelle Frazier** -diagnosed with a severe case of Valley Fever, and is slowly improving, pray for her and her church Pittsburg UMC in Pittsburg CA; **Pastor Chuckua** - experiencing some chest pains caused by stress, needs prayers; **Bruce Barton** - ongoing health issues; **Jeremy Buis** - healing prayers for Epstein Bar Syndrome; **John & Katie Voos's son-in-law Larry** - diagnosed with a brain tumor & undergoing chemo.

**Those with ongoing concerns: Kenneth Felice; 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 & Troy; Chris Barnes; Jeff Felice; Scott Wirths; Richard & Emily Fancher; Joan Smith; 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; Ka Vang; Nou Seng Vang; Linda Dewey; Rich Roath; Pat Foster; Newt & Karen Green.**

**Continue to pray for all of the people in Japan following the disastrous earthquake and subsequent tsunami that occurred last month. Many people lost their lives & others lost their homes & livelihoods. Prayers for some of our loved ones in Japan: Janet's son, Greg Short, and friends of Pastor Donna, missionaries Daniel & Keiko Sexton.**

# May

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>2</b> WORSHIP 10:30am TRUSTEES 7:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>5</b> <b>THURSDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>6</b> <b>FRIDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b> 	<b>9</b> 5:30 pm Finance	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>12</b> <b>THURSDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>13</b> <b>FRIDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b> Butte Circuit Youth Event 13th &14th	<b>14</b> <b>Children's Faire</b> 
<b>15</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b> <b>ALL CHURCH</b> <b>CONFERENCE</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b> <i>CCCO - 7pm FIRST</i> <i>CONGREGATIONAL</i> <i>CHURCH</i>	<b>19</b> <b>THURSDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>20</b> <b>FRIDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> CHURCH COUNCIL	<b>25</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>26</b> <b>THURSDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>27</b> <b>FRIDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> Combined Service Promotion Sunday	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>2</b> <b>THURSDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>3</b> <b>FRIDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>4</b>
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# TRUSTEES CORNER

The Trustees have been working on a few major projects:

1. We have received a bid for work on the parking lot along with a bid for laying gravel on the back road to Sanford Chapel. Both jobs are going to be quite costly. We are continuing to research ways of completing this project.

*Any donations for this project should be marked "for Parking Lot".*

2. New lights in the Social Hall

Due to modern advances, the old fixtures and the required high intensity lamps are not available now. PGE advised us to put more efficient lights in the Social Hall. An electrician is working out a plan and estimating costs for new overhead lights

When PGE came and replaced all the lights in the class rooms they were unable to retrofit the Social hall fixtures. There will be costs there which are not established yet. Trustees still need a plan. However, one bid last year was \$6,000 for new fixtures and bulbs, a price Trustees gauged to be more than the church could pay. So, delay and work for "plan B". There will be a reasonable rebate from PGE but not enough to cover our labor costs.

*Any donations for this project should be marked "for Social Hall Lights".*

3. Lights in the cross above the altar is a major concern too. The old fluorescents have been out for months. The plan is for new LED lights. A call has been put out for people to help take down the cross so that the electrician can make repairs

**This Saturday, 4/16/11.**

*Any donations for this project should be marked "for cross lights".*

4. Lights in the Fireside Room are burned out but should not be too expensive. They are thought to be an easy fix, needing new ballasts and PGE accepted modern lamps.

5. Rebuilding two bathrooms in the Parsonage. Thankfully, the bathrooms are **finished**. Mold, leaks, mushrooms have all been cleared out. The rooms were a mess.

Our own church men did the work which cut costs tremendously. The walls were stripped to the studs, the floors repaired, new fixtures and paint added, with materials from Home Depot. (bill will be paid monthly).

*Any donations for this project should be marked "for parsonage".*

Good news: the washing machine at the parsonage broke down last week, but there was an extended warranty, so the thing was repaired by "God's grace". Give thanks.

Gladeen Le Boeuf  
Trustee

# 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>

# FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



**Contact:**

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



# May Worship

## May 1st

**Greeters:** Cathy & Valerie Weitze

**Coffee Hour:** Jim & Doris Henneker

**Liturgist:** Communion Sunday

**Nursery Volunteer:**

**Lockup:** Sem Xiong

## May 8th

**Greeters:** Robin Rich & Susan Sharon

**Coffee Hour:** Louise Weitze & Carol Anderson

**Liturgist:**

**Nursery Volunteer:**

**Lockup:** Richard Fancher

## May 15th

**Greeters:** Bev & Chuck Bailey

**Coffee Hour:** Lynn & Stu Shaner

**Liturgist:**

**Nursery Volunteer:**

**Lockup:** Susan Sharon

## May 22nd

**Greeters:** Suzanne Love & Helen Beall

**Coffee Hour:** Bev & Chuck Bailey

**Liturgist:** Jim Webster Easter Sunday

**Nursery Volunteer:**

**Lockup:** Jeremy/Kyle Buis

## May 29th

**Greeters:** Pat Foster & Susan Sharon

**Coffee Hour:** Pat Foster & Emily Fancher

**Liturgist:** Macen Buis

**Nursery Volunteer:**

**Lockup:** Stu Shaner

# May Dinner @ Six

Adults \$6.00

Children 6 - 12 years \$3.00

Children under 5 free

**May 4th:** Tacos, Rice & Beans, Chips & Salsa, Dessert

**Chefs:** Finance Committee

**May 11th:** Daddy-O's Iowa Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable, Salad & Dessert.

**Chefs:** Worship Committee

**May 18th:** Pasta dinner, Peas, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

**Chefs:** Trustees

**May 25th:**

**Chefs:** Pastor Chuckua and the ladies will be cooking our last dinner this season.

**Cooperating Christian  
Churches of Oroville  
(CCCO)**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2011  
7:00 pm**

**First Congregational  
Church  
corner of Bird & Oak St**

Cooperating Christian Churches of Oroville (CCCO) will be having their annual meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the First Congregational Church on the corner of Bird & Oak St. Don Remley former Superintendent of Oroville Elementary School District & former interim of Feather River Park and Recreation Department will be the guest speaker. You are invited to join us.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.





***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' 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.

**April  
\$31.04**



*Many thanks to our church family for your contributions to the Wings of Eagles & Brad's Spring Basket program. When we delivered the basket to the family, the Mom was so appreciative! It was a wonderful outreach program which could not have been accomplished without your support. Thank you!*

*Janet & Alma*

# 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

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.
Revelation Bible Study	5:00 pm
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.**