

Golden Feather



Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

*Save
The
Date*

**Januray 13th
Pulpit Exchange**

**January 16th
Unity Service**

**April 29th
Educator of the Year**

January Worship

Jan 6th

Greeters: Pat Foster & Christl Yates

Coffee Hour: Seng & Cindy Yang

Lockup: Chuck Bailey

Jan 13th

Greeters: Gerry Miller & Betty Ledford

Coffee Hour: Lynn & Stu Shaner

Lockup: Richard Fancher

Jan 20th

Greeters: Helen Beall Virginia Bias

Coffee Hour: The Buis Family

Lockup: Susan Sharon

Jan 27th

Greeters: Tyler & Nan Yang

Coffee Hour: Louise Weitze & Betty Ledford

Lockup: Jeremy Buis

January

**Dinner @ Six Menu
Donation**

\$6.00 - 13 years to adult

\$3.00 - 6 years -12 years

Free - 5 years and under

January 2nd

no dinner

Happy New Year

January 9th: Meatloaf, Potatoes, Vegetable, French Bread, Salad & Dessert.

Chefs: Finance Committee

January 16th: Oven Baked Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salad & Dessert.

Chefs: Worship Committee

January 23rd: Pork or Chicken, Rice, Vegetable, Spring Rolls & Dessert.

Chef: Pastor Chuckua

January 30th: Salmon, Rice, Chinese Salad, & Dessert. Trustee Committee

Chefs: Trustee Committee

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Chou Houa Vang
4 Cynthia Slattery
5 Doua Vang
9 Larry Shaner
9 Roger Sherman
9 Hlee Vang
13 Laura Heffernan
15 Derrald Buis



16 Carol Anderson
17 Erin Buis
18 John Voos
19 Gerry Miller
20 Emily Fancher
27 Thao Xiong
28 Suzanne Mayeda

DO YOU NEED HELP BUYING FOOD? CalFresh makes it easier to get healthy food

CalFresh can help! CalFresh is a nutrition assistance program designed to help individuals and families to afford more healthy food each month. You can own a house, earn money from a job, have money in savings or retirement accounts and still be eligible to receive benefits. Money is placed on an EBT card each month, and can be used at groceries stores and farmer's markets throughout Butte County.

To find out if you are eligible, or to apply for CalFresh call:

Butte County Public Health

530-538-6455 or 530-538-6765 or visit C4yourself.com



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TREASURER REPORT

12/31/2012

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| BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1ST 2012 | 500.17 |
| DEPOSITS THRU 11/30/12 | + 16099.54 |
| CHECKS THRU 11/30/12 | - <u>16205.71</u> |
| ENDING BALANCE 11/30/12 | 394.00 |

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| BEGINNING DECEMBER 1ST 2012 | 394.00 |
| DEPOSITS THRU 12/30/12 | + 17184.37 |
| CHECKS THRU 12/30/12 | - <u>17294.58</u> |
| ENDING BALANCE 12/30/12 | 283.79 |

DECEMBER WAS A BETTER MONTH FINANCIALLY AND I WAS ABLE TO PAY MOST OF THE SR. PASTOR'S HEALTH INSURANCE. I WILL BE ABLE TO PAY THE BALANCE NEXT MONTH. HOWEVER, WE NOW HAVE THE PAYMENT DUE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF PASTOR HEALTH INSURANCE. ALSO, WE ARE STILL BEHIND ON PENSION PAYMENTS. CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR A MORE FINANCIALLY SOUND 2013.

BETTY LEDFORD

TREASURER

Hand Work and Conversation

A group will be forming in January, bring your knitting, crochet, quilting or needlepoint. We will have a devotion and conversation. Our first gathering will be at Linda Perry's home 180 Parson Lane on Tuesday January 8th at 10:00 am. For further information you can contact

Linda 532-1848 or
Elaine Klein at 589-1884.

Coffee &/or Tea will
be served.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE
OUR RALEY'S & FOOD MAXX SHARE CARDS



I want to give you an update on how our share cards are doing as a fundraiser for our church. In August we received \$100.50 on our Raley's share cards and \$208.60 on our Food Maxx share cards. We get a check on our share cards every three months. So we have made a total \$350.92 on the Raley's share cards and \$587.37 on the Food Maxx share cards this year. Remember to use your share cards when you shop at Raley's and Food Maxx. New Raley's share cards are not available at this time but if you need a share card for Food Maxx see Ginger Ewalt. Share cards are an easy way to help our church budget. It will not cost you anything and it is a great fundraiser for the church. So keep using your share cards.

Thank you so much
John S. Fowler
Chairman
Finance Committee



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.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

\$40.04

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My Christmas Miracle

On December 21 we had a rehearsal for the Christmas Program. At this rehearsal was Dr. Vang who was reading the Christmas Story, three of my faithful Sunday School girls, my faithful teachers and the Pastor. I had not set eyes on the Three Kings although they were promised to me by Pastor Chuckua so I believed in them and Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus were planned for, but I did understand the mother's concern in bringing a newborn out into the weather, the public, but the Pastor assured her that if the baby cried we would all love it. My three girls and the other faithful fourth would have to be the shepherds. We'd be all right. I kept telling myself that.

On December 22 I went to the store for the Sunday School treats. I bought 2 package of eight Little Debbie treats and drink packages. And for some unknown reason 15 Bible Activity books. Never in the days of this year have we ever had 15 kids in Sunday School; 7 maybe, but never 15. As I look back on it I don't why I did that. Someone else did.

Early morning, December 23, the program day, I awoke worried. I prayed, "God, I don't know what to ask you for. I want this beautiful story to be an honor to you and the Love you sent to us on that day. I guess I give it you and that you will make it what it's suppose to be." At some time before 9am I think I finally gave it to him. What will be, will be.

Between 9:30 and 10:30, people started coming. Children were coming. Some I didn't

even know. Ye and Penny and the baby, Marrison came. The three kings, not exactly regal, young men came. The choirs, Anglo and Hmong came. We practiced. We gave lines to say.

God blessed us with 15 children and then some wee ones with Sue Ida. Fifteen! Thank you God. The shepherds could not have been more convincing in their quiet attitude, especially when looking to the baby. Sue Ida, as head angel had her hands full with her cherubs. I wonder if that happens in heaven too. Selena, I am sure that the real innkeeper was there too. Wondering.

Those wonderful boys. I don't know their names, became convincing kings, with the royal march down the aisle and suddenly not quite sure what to do, bowing before a baby. I think the real kings may have been just the same way!

The choirs both of them overwhelm me with their beautiful voices. Silent Night sung in Hmong, makes me cry. It is so beautiful! And the Chancel choir and their angelic voices make me believe they are real angels. Gloria!

But the Love that was Mary and Joseph and the Baby was real. There was no acting there. As I write this I still weep over how beautiful, Ye, Penny and Marrison were.

God showed us how much He loves us so many years ago on that first Christmas. God showed us His love December 23 at First United Methodist Church in Oroville. God loves me and you!

I get to sign my name, but you all were so much as part of this. Glenda

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FOOD PANTRY SUNDAYS

Thanks to our wonderful congregation for supporting the food pantry and helping to feed the people of our church and community.

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> |
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| <u>Canned:</u> <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 | <u>Canned:</u> <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 | When there is one: YOUR CHOICE! |

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January 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 30 SUNDAY SCHEDULE | 31 | 1 | 2 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE | 3 THURSDAY SCHEDULE | 4 FRIDAY SCHEDULE | 5 |
| 6 SUNDAY SCHEDULE | 7 | 8 | 9 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE | 10 THURSDAY SCHEDULE | 11 FRIDAY SCHEDULE | 12 |
| 13 SUNDAY SCHEDULE <i>PULPIT EXCHANGE</i> | 14 | 15 | 16 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE <i>UNITY SERVICE AT SALVATION ARMY</i> | 17 THURSDAY SCHEDULE | 18 FRIDAY SCHEDULE | 19 |
| 20 SUNDAY SCHEDULE | 21 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> | 22 | 23 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE | 24 THURSDAY SCHEDULE | 25 FRIDAY SCHEDULE | 26 |
| 27 SUNDAY SCHEDULE | 28 | 29 | 30 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE | 31 | 1 FRIDAY SCHEDULE | 2 |
| 3 SUNDAY SCHEDULE | 4 | 5 | 6 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE | 7 THURSDAY SCHEDULE | 8 | 9 |

DAILY SCHEDULES ARE ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE GOLDEN FEATHER

 **Ross-Harmon**
Educator of the Year
Monday, April 29, 2013

This year something new is happening with the Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year award. We have expanded the award to include Palermo and Thermalito districts. This means an opportunity to honor more educators and another plaque in the social hall to show the recipients of the two districts. If you know of an exceptional educator; teacher (certificated) and/or a support staff (classified) person please nominate this person by going to the R-H Ed. of Yr. link on the church's website or obtain one from the church office, fill it out and send it in before March 29, 2013.

If you would like to be a part of the committee please join us after church on Sunday, January 27th.



- **One** Sunday in a Midwest city, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"
- **And** one particular four-year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."
- **One** student's prayer: "Now I lay me down to rest, and hope to pass tomorrow's test. If I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take."

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Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:

From **Rod Clay** - asking for prayers for the manager of the Farmers Market, her husband was killed in an accident; **Linda Dewey** - prayers for her brother **Lee**, recent brain surgery & in need of rehab; **Katie & John Voos** - continue prayers, they are not well, but hanging in there; **Robin Rich** - her tests came out well & her brother is doing well with his treatments; **Sue Frederickson** - prayers for custody battle for her greatgrandson **Jaden**; **Zoua Yang & family** - her father was hit by a car & was in intensive care; in Wisconsin; **David Jacobsen** - recently hospitalized with an infection; **Rod Clay** - recent gall bladder surgery; **Sean Taylor** - is doing okay at the Federal Correction Facility in Lompoc, & finding fellowship w/ other Christians; **Larry Ott** - recently hospitalized with an infection; **Jackson Vang** - has cancer & meeting with surgeons at UC Davis; **Alice Foster Mitchell** - prayers for her grand father-in-law **Marion Mitchell**; **Susan Williams** - battling cancer (she is a teacher at Hearthstone); **Kyle Buis** - broke the bone in his hand along his little finger, facing surgery; **Pastor Donna & Pastor Laura** - going through some emotional times as a family, please pray for them; **Virginia's sister - Florence Collins** - open heart surgery at the age of 82; **Christl Yates - Wally Yates** is much better now; **Lila** (7 month old niece of Hmong member) - facing open heart surgery; **Doris Henneker** - her current treatment is working; **Tracy** - travel prayers for her parents as they travel to Thailand & Laos; **Emily Heffernan** - continue to pray for Emily; **Gordon Frederickson** - suffering from burning mouth syndrome; **Sandy Yang** - requests prayers for an 80 year old man she met at work who is dying; the Huie family - their daughter **Alyssa** found a lump on her upper body & will be seeing a doctor; from Erin Buis - pray for **Marlin Silva-Netto**, wife of our former DS Ben Silva-Netto, as she has suffered a stroke; **Gladys James** - recovering from surgery nicely, in ext. care at Oroville Hosp. rm 609B; from Joline Hibbert: pray for her grandson **Thor Gudmundson** - was hit by a bus and suffered some broken bones; Harriet Steiger - pray for **Pastor Henry**, the assoc, pastor of a Baptist church in Thermalito. He is on life support, and also pray for Harriet, as she is dealing with some physical issues; **Eric Pieper - his mother** has leukemia & not expected to live very long; .

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Pray for those with ongoing concerns: John & Margaret Brown; Beverly Bailey; Kelly Frederickson; Xf. Chuckua & Poyee Yang; Rod Clay; Betty Ball; Sean Taylor; Gary Azevedo; Emily Heffernan; Jackson Yang; John Fowler; Leo Cervantes.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently:

The family of Scott Wirths, who passed away on Nov. 4th. Scott was a big part of our church congregation, and is greatly missed.; the family of Garnet Bessey who passed away on Nov. 8th; David Sanner's family and friends, as he passed away in late October; Alma & Bill Short, Doug & Joan Jacobsen, Timothy & Barbara and all the family as they deal with the sudden loss of their son & grandson Nicholas. Nick is Timothy & Barbara's son and only 17 at the time of his death. Please continue to pray for this family; the family of Ruby Moser, as she passed away recently at the age of 91. She leaves her 96 year old husband Chuck. They were friends of Darby Miller & attended Dinner at Six.

Pray for those at Prestige Assisted Living: John & Katie Voos.

Pray for all the victims of Hurricane Sandy. They are still recovering from this devastating storm. Pray for all the families of the victims of the shooting at the school in Connecticut.

Eric Pieper has moved & could use some basic cooking items. If you have anything for him contact Pastor Donna.

News from Gail Leonard: They have become grand-parents: their 3 month old grandson, Ryken Lane Leonard, parents are Brendan Leonard & Jessica Findlay. Their second grandson is due in January (Levi Leonard), proud parents-to-be are Zachary & Michelle Leonard. And their daughter Patricia is getting married in June. Mom & Dad are okay, please continue to pray for them.

More new babies: Ye Vang & Penny Xiong (sister of Melissa Vang) welcomed a new daughter **Marrissa Vang** on Nov. 29th at 4:08am & she weighed 8 lb. 7 oz. She was welcomed by her very proud sister Michelle Vang.





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| <p>November-December \$40.04 Church recycling</p> |
| <p>October \$41.52 Church recycling</p> |
| <p>September \$53.21 Church recycling</p> |
| <p>July August \$101.66 Church recycling</p> |

SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE GOLDEN FEATHER

An article can be submitted to the Golden Feather in many ways. Here are a few:

-  in the body of an email and sent to umc@1stunitedmethodist.org
-  a picture in jpeg form and emailed to address above
-  written on a piece of paper and left in the office for Jeremy Buis
-  if more information concerning your article please include the link.

All articles must be submitted on or before the 25th of the month previous to the next month. ie: February 25th for the March Feather.

Any questions please check with Jeremy Buis. He will be happy to help you.

SHOWING VIDEOS AT CHURCH

There has been a form submitted so we will be able to show videos on the church site. If this form was not submitted there would be a strong fine for showing videos with out the form.

By having this form, we could show family films during the summer with a BBQ or just popcorn. Admission would be by donation.

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

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| Adults & Children's Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| Hmong Service | 9:30 a.m. |
| Chancel Choir Practice | 10:30 a.m. |
| Hmong Adult's & Youth Sunday School | 10:45 a.m. |
| English Service | 11:00 a.m. |
| Children's Church | 11:30 a.m. |

Wednesday Schedule

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| 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. |

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Donna VanMaanen
XF. Chuckua Yang, Hmong Ministry

Great Northern District Superintendent

David Samelson

Bishop of Cal/Nevada Conference

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr.

Thursday Schedule

Bible Study & Breakfast @ Cassidy's 7:30 a.m.

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.



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