

Golden Feather

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

January Worship

Jan 4th

Greeters: Pat Foster

Coffee Hour: Emily Fancher

Lockup: Sem Xiong

Jan 11th

Greeters: Helen Beall

Coffee Hour: Janet Short & Glenda Ott

Lockup: Gladeen Lebeouf, Sem Xiong, Susan Sharon

Jan 18th

Greeters: Helen Beall

Coffee Hour: Buis Family

Lockup: Susan Sharon

Jan 25th

Greeters: John & Randy Fowler

Coffee Hour: Stu & Lynn Shaner

Lockup: Jeremy Buis

Save the Date

Dinner & Auction

March

Ash Wednesday

February 18

Palm Sunday

March 29

Maundy Thursday

April 2

Easter

April 5

Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year

Dinner

April 27

80th Annual Turkey Dinner

November 7

JANUARY Dinner @ Six \$7.00 Donation

Jan 7th: Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, French Bread, Dessert
Chef: Randy Fowler

Jan 14th: Artichoke hearts, Cheese and noodle casserole with turkey kibasa, salad, lemon cake
Chefs: Trustees

Jan 21st: Meat Loaf, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad French Bread, Dessert
Chef: Randy Fowler

Jan 28th: Hmong Cuisine

Chef: Pastor Chuckua

PASTOR'S CORNER



January brings an opportunity for new beginnings. We often do this through resolutions, but the end result of most of our New Year's Resolutions is a few hectic weeks of trying, but eventually giving up and going back to our old patterns, habits and results.

This January I am going to challenge you in a way that I have never challenged a church before. I attended a seminar recently about the three largest barriers to church growth. The first is the size of the facility. We do not have that problem. We have more than enough room to grow, double and even triple before that becomes a problem. The second barrier to church growth is a pastor that is not growing. I have been a part of the Renegade Pastors Network for the last year and have recently invested both time and money to grow by joining the Senior Pastor's Network. This will provide education and mentoring that will help me grow as a pastor and you to grow as a church. The third barrier to church growth is sharing. A growing church must be a church that is sharing their faith in Christ with those around them.

It is this third barrier that we are going to attack with great vigor. In January I will be sharing from the pulpit a series of sermons on **Sharing Your Faith Made Simple**. We will be exploring the following topics: Getting Over Your Fear of Sharing Your Faith; Laying a Foundation for Sharing Your Faith; Writing Your Story (How to Share What Christ Has Done In Your Life); and Lifestyle Evangelism.

Please pray with me as I continue to grow as your pastor and pray that we may become a church that reaches out to people with the good news that God desires a relationship with them and love them with a love that is everlasting.

I want to close with a quote from the Rev. Dr. Bener Agtarap, Conference Superintendent of Church Vitality. He said this at the Kingdom Conference this weekend in Marysville. "Christ love you and there is nothing you can do about it!" Let's meditate on that for a while and see what a difference it makes in our lives.

Yours Because I'm HIS

Pastor Dave

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Chou Houa Vang
4 Cynthia Slattery
5 Doua Vang
8 Shisha Yang
9 Larry Shaner
9 Roger Sherman
9 Hlee Vang



15 Derrald Buis
16 Carol Anderson
17 Erin Buis
19 Gerry Miller
20 Emily Fancher
27 Thao Xiong
28 Suzanne Mayeda

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ARTICLES FOR

FEBRUARY FEATHER

DUE SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

UMCmarket Shopping Move Provides Improved Functionality

As you may have recently heard, the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) announced that the UMCmarket shopping/donation program has moved to UMCmarket.net. Any churches that previously signed up for the program will be automatically enrolled at the new address. Even if you enter UMCmarket.org in your browser, you will automatically be redirected to UMCmarket.net. There's nothing new for you to do.

The new site, <http://click.esp.umcom.org/?qs=b68970d3015f1261dd81087880930d8e3a74300a9ce21777a018ccb2102ed73a>, offers enhanced features for users including:

- **New browser applications with improved functionality that works with all browsers.**
- **Automatic handling of Amazon orders. No more manual verification.**
- **Improved customer service with faster response time.**
- **A new team and marketing staff that will help educate churches on how to benefit from the program.**

We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion this change may cause. However, working with our trusted service provider Zebraplace, we are confident that donations made through the old web address, UMCmarket.org, have reached or will reach their intended United Methodist church or organization. We believe this change to UMCmarket.net will better meet the needs of our constituents and we thank the people of The United Methodist Church for their continued support of innovative donation opportunities that enable ministry in their local churches.

Questions regarding the use of UMCMarket.net can be forwarded to info@umcmarket.net or blsmith@gcfa.org.

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6th Annual

*Ross-Harmon
Educator of the Year*

Monday, April 27, 2015
Nominations deadline March 27, 2015

Nomination forms are online:

<http://ross-harmon.org/>

2014 Award Honorees

Tim Harrison & Tim Chew – Oroville Union High School District
Elisa Huru & Ramona Lacativo – Oroville City Elementary School District
Harold McCoy & Jim Babb – Palermo Union School District
Bob Christensen & Kathy Kongle – Thermalito Union School District

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



Contact:

**Pat Foster &
Emily Fancher**



TUNA CASSEROLE

Merriam Nussbaum

- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, peeled, chopped and sautéed
- 2 C chicken stock thickened with 2 Tbsp flour
- 1/4 C shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 C shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 C frozen peas, thawed
- 1/2 C corn kernels
- 1 can (16 oz) water packed tuna
- 1/4 C seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1 C noodles, cut into 2" lengths

Mix all ingredients and put into casserole. Bake at 350° for 1/2 hour.

ALMA'S TOMATO BASIL SOUP

Alma Short

- 1 can Del Monte Stewed tomatoes with garlic, basil, etc.
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1/4 C fresh chopped basil
- 1 1/2 C heavy cream (could use 1/2 & 1/2)

Heat stewed tomatoes, condensed soup and basil thoroughly to a boil. Reduce heat and add heavy cream until heated through, but DO NOT BOIL. Serve immediately.

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Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:



Chet Ainsworth – having back problems and has been very sick lately; Joline Hibbert reports that **Joan Smith** is doing ok & is very happy, but misses her church family. Also **Emma Spencer** is living with her sister in Chico & is doing well; Janet Short heard from **Virginia Field** and she has been confined to her room due to a flu epidemic at her facility, although she is not sick. Pray for the recovery of those who are; **Gail Leonard** requests prayers for the safe delivery of **her grandson Dallas**. The delivery was imminent at the time of her prayer request; **Chuck Bailey** – he has pancreatic cancer and is starting chemo soon; Elaine Klein – keep my sister **Valarie Cavello** in your prayers;

Ellen Felice's son Jeffery has cancer and is very ill; **Pastor Dave's mother Clair** is in a care home in Virginia; **Tyler's father Zong Hur Yang** - he has throat cancer, needs prayers; **Mee Xiong** - has a tumor in her head & is starting radiation; **Pastor Chukua & Poyee** - **Poyee's younger sister Lee Khang**, she is getting her voice back now & still recovering, pray for all the family, including **Poyee's brother Nha Sou Khang**, as he lives with their sister.

Pray for those with ongoing concerns: Mee Lee & Tong Xiong; Emma Spencer; Gary Azevedo; Bruce Barton; Jeremy Buis; Pastor Chukua & Poyee Yang; Luisa Shaner; Buz Manwell; Chris Barnes; Steve Ewalt; Norman Rieck; Chris Christian; Barbara Thompson; Jeffery Felice; Roger Byrd; Lee Dunlap; Fitch Family; Sandy Johnson; Joan & Doug Jacobsen; Chet's Grandchildren; Adrienne Hoke; Hayden Wyman; Joshua Springsteen; and Chet Ainsworth.

DEATHS: Pray for the friends & family of **Barbara Painter**, who recently passed away; pray for the family of **Wally Yates**, who passed away recently. He leaves behind his wife Twila Yates, and son & daughter-in-law, Gordon & Christl Yates, and several grandchildren; pray for Larry Fitch & family upon the recent death of **Larry's son Nathan**.

Pray for our military at home & abroad and for the families of our missing ones, our POW's & MIA's who never came home. They serve, so we can be free.

Pray for our church finances. Continue to pray for cheerful and thoughtful giving to help our church thrive.

TRUSTEES CORNER


1. Brown water at the sinks in the Parsonage have kept Trustees busy: Seng put new pipe under the kitchen sink. If that doesn't clear the problem, the church must repipe the house; \$ headaches.
2. Last weekend the Parsonage garage was broken into. Insurance for the church/parsonage is \$1,000 deductible so that doesn't help now. The door is twisted and probably needs to be replaced.
3. Trustees elected for 2015: Jeremy Buis (chair), Gladeen LeBoeuf, Zongchang Yang, Sem Xiong, Seng Vang, Larry Ott, Derek Cheek, Susan Sharon, Mai Y. Yang. Although this seems like many, there actually is a tremendous need for able bodied workers to clean gutters of the church and parsonage, mow and clean during the year and other group efforts.
3. So far, we are very pleased with our new custodian, Bo and hope he will stay with us.
4. The annual local Church conference was held December 7, 2014. This was the date for establishing salaries for Pastors and employees, and for approving committee members and heads of departments. All of the congregation needed to be there to agree on the procedures for this local church.
5. Please keep in mind that the church is the people who attend and support the effort to keep God's house alive. Current information is available to print you a copy of the conference report if you contact the church office.

GL 12/18/15

COMING ATTRACTION FOR YOUR FAVORITE PRESCHOOLERS

On January 11th, 2015, we will be offering songs and stories for your preschoolers in the church. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, in the Social Hall, on the stage rug. Bring your favorite preschooler to learn and enjoy the songs and stories of Jesus and his life. Parents are welcome to come and learn and listen right along with their child. See you on the rug.





***ADDRESSES FOR THOSE WHO WOULD
LIKE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH
THOSE WHO HAVE MOVED AWAY
FROM OUR AREA.***

Darol & Shirley Valder
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Joan Smith
Oakmont Retirement Residence
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Chico, CA 95973
Phone 342-8560

Ann Reavis
8814 Somershire Way
Sacramento, CA 95828

Emma Spencer
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Chico, CA 95928

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Concordia, KS 66901
785-243-1504

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CHURCH SHARE CARDS



GOOD NEWS ON RALEY'S & FOOD MAXX SHARE CARDS

I have good news to report on our share cards as a fundraiser for our church budget. This past month we received a check from Raley's for \$71.47 for our Raley's Something Extra Cards. For the year to date we have received a total of \$390.98. And we received a check from Food Maxx for \$166.68 on our Food Maxx Share Cards. For the year to date we have received a total of \$730.95. Put the two cards together and we have made \$1121.93 for our church budget.

Just swipe your card when you pay for your groceries. A portion of what you spend for your groceries comes back to your church. If you don't have a Raley's Something Extra Card you just ask for one while you are shopping in Raley's. Raley's does require you to designate how much you want to come back to your church. Raley's requires you to do this on line on your own computer. If you don't have a computer or you have trouble setting this up see Elaine Kline. If you don't have a Food Maxx Share Card see Ginger Ewalt. I understand we just got some new Food Maxx Share Cards but your old card still works just fine.

What an easy way to help our church budget.

Keep using the cards and help our church budget.

Thank you
John S. Fowler
Chairman Finance Committee

SHOP AT YOUR FAVORITE ONLINE STORE AND DONATE FOR FREE

UMC Market Place is a shopping market that is linked to the Methodist Church that rewards the local church for your online shopping. Go to

www.umcmarket.org register for the site and register to **First United Methodist Church of Oroville, CA.** you then go to the list of stores and do your shopping. Amazon pays 4.5%, OverStock pays up to 75%, Macy's pays 4%. When you order from Amazon you will be sent an email to approve the payment. This time of year when people are shopping online for gifts is a time to also think of the church earning dollars. Please consider using this site to do your online shopping you just go into the site each time you begin your shopping.



Staples

Shopping at Staples? Use the Church's phone number 534-9455 and the Church will receive Staples Rewards credit.

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Support Oroville Students

Business Partners for Education

A-1 Appliance
OF OROVILLE
2586 Olive Hwy
534-3436

Denny's
2470 Oro Dam
532-1624

MHW
MATTHEWS, HUTTON & WARREN
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
2227 Myers, Suite A
534-9047

KHP Radio
FM 97.1
403-7466

Show This "SOS Certificate"

10% of your purchase will help buy classroom supplies

Support Oroville Students (SOS), sponsored by Golden Values, is an effort to help buy classroom supplies for Oroville-area elementary students each month. When you show this "SOS Certificate" to the cashier at these participating restaurants on the 3rd Wednesday each month, 10% of your check (pre-tax) will be donated to buy paper, pencils, books, etc. The next schools to benefit will be:

- December 17 - benefiting Poplar Avenue Elementary
- January 21 - benefiting Plumas Avenue Elementary
- February 18 - benefiting Ophir Elementary
- March 18 - benefiting Oakdale Heights Elementary
- April 15 - benefiting Helen Wilcox Elementary and Honcut Elementary
- May 20 - benefiting Golden Hills Elementary
- June 17 - benefiting Brd Street Elementary

Participating Restaurants

THE CORNUCOPIA
OF OROVILLE
515 Montgomery
534-9025

GOLD CITY Grill
935 Oro Dam
533-9332

Italian Kitchen
2275 Myers
533-8880



116 Table Mtn Blvd
534-8503

Denny's
2470 Oro Dam
532-1624

Foster's
FREEZE
Owned & Operated by The Scorsback Family
970 Oro Dam
534-0485

MUGGERS
Drive Thru Coffee and More!
25 Feather River Blvd
534-8282

Shakey's
PIZZA PARLOR
2890 Olive Hwy
534-8844



By Big KEANE





Food Pantry Update

The church food pantry continues to help provide emergency food assistance for people in our community. Our wonderful office staff & Pastor Dave are the individuals who primarily give out food. Pastor Dave has met with a number of people when they come to the church needing food. If anyone approaches you when you are at the church asking about food, unless you feel it's an emergency & have time to help them, the normal distribution days & hours are when office is open.

People often ask me what is needed in the pantry. This changes often but here are the items which are most often needed. We can always use peanut butter & meat or fish (canned chicken, tuna, spam etc). Other items are: canned soup, pasta, chili etc. Please remember the food pantry is for non perishable items & the food needs to be commercially prepared (not home made) and not out of date.

Thank you for continuing to support our pantry.

Janet Short

Outreach & Witness

Food Pantry Shopping List

- Canned:
 - chicken
 - tuna
 - Spam
 - other canned meats
 - soup
 - pasta
 - chili
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Jam/Jelly
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Other nonperishable items

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CHRISTMAS BOARD

UPDATE: You should have seen the faces of our preschool teachers and April Boling, the director, when they saw all the wonderful gifts and foods that our congregation put together for the seven families in the preschool. You all outdid yourselves in your love and support for these families. Your hearts should be warm and fuzzy as you go through this Christmas season because you have all blessed someone who would not have had these special gifts otherwise. You do indeed go with the scripture "It is better to give than to receive". Of course, we do receive such wonderful feelings of joy to know someone is going to have a most wonderful Christmas because we were there for them. Blessings to all of you. Alma



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DECEMBER 21

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Oroville First United Methodist Church
Prayer Chain

Elaine Klein

589-1884

alnelaine@sbcglobal.net

Barbara Thompson
534-3193

Gerry Miller
534-8469

Helen Beall
589-3149

Virginia Bias
534-8004

Susan Sharon
532-0215

Vivian Grainger
589-5440

Pat Foster
533-9213

Joan Keller
534-9493

Joan Azevedo
589-5509

Ellen Felice
533-8879

If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain you would call Elaine Klein. Elaine will send out an E-mail to those on the email list, she would then call the first person on each list and they would in turn call the next person on the list. If the person you call is not available please call the next person on the list.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

2015 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Council

Co-Chair (Hmong)	Som Xiong
Co-Chair (English)	Bill Cheek
Secretary	Ginger Ewalt
Lay Leader (Hmong)	Ye Vang
Lay Leader (English)	Alma Short
Certified Lay Speaker	Kyle Buis
Lay Member to Annual Conf. (Hmong)	Mai T. Yang
Lay Member to An. Conf. (English)	Gladeen LeBoeuf
Membership Secretary	Ginger Ewalt
Asst. Membership Secretary	Cindy Cha Yang
SPRC Chair	Georgia Nelson
Finance Chair	John Fowler
Treasurer	_____ Financial
Secretary	Roderick Clay
Stewardship Chair	Randy Fowler
Worship Chair	Pastor Dave
Discipleship Chair	Glenda Ott
Historian	Linda Perry
Outreach & Witness Chair	Chet Ainsworth
Publicity Director	Randy Fowler
Youth President	Shisha Yang
Trustees President	_____
Enduring Gifts Committee	Alma Short
	Maiv Lee
	Ginger Ewalt
	Chao Thao
Hmong Men's Chair	Zoua T. Yang
Hmong Women's Chair	Cha Mee Yang
Hmong Choir Director	

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Discipleship Chair
Sunday School Superintendent
Sunday School Teachers

Glenda Ott
Susan Sharon
Susan Sharon
Glenda Ott
Erin Buis
Lynn Shaner
Alma Short
Janet Short
Ginger Diver
Ginger Ewart
Ellen Felice
Sue Fredrickson
Elaine Klein
Louise Weitze
Cathy Weitze
Gail Leonard

Sunday School Superintendent(Hmong)
Sunday School Teachers

Pastor Dave
Tracy Yang
Seng Yang
Cindy Cha Yang
Ye Vang
Penny Xiong Vang
Tracy Yang
Joey Yang
Thai Yang

Children's Church Coordinator
Youth Group President
Adult Education Superintendent
Women's Bible Study
Member Visitation Team
Coffee Hour Representative

Susan Sharon
Shisha Yang
Chet Ainsworth
Joan Azevedo
Joan Azevedo
Carol Anderson

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OUTREACH AND WITNESS

Chair
Church & Society
Missions Coordinators

Food Pantry Coordinator
CCCO Representative
Publicity Director
Guest Visitation Team

Hmong Representative
Youth Group President

Chet Ainsworth
Joline Hibbert
Seng Yang
Emily Fancher
Janet Short
Elaine Klein
Randy Fowler
Ginger Ewalt
Alma Short
Cathy Weitze
Ka T. Vang
Shisha Yang

WORSHIP

Chair
Sound & Visual Director
Usher's Coordinator
Greeter's Coordinator
Organist
Chancel Choir Director
Liturgist Coordinator
Altar Flowers

Wedding Coordinators

Communion Stewards
Anointing Coordinator
Paraments & Alterware

Pastor Dave
Jeremy Buis
Barbara Thompson
Carol Anderson
Patty Blissenbach
Joline Hibbert
Ginger Ewalt
Pat Foster
Emily Fancher
Ginger Ewalt
Alma Short
Cari Erwin
Ginger Ewart
Pat Foster
Helen Beall

HMONG WORSHIP

Choir Director
Sound & Visual Coordinator
Usher's Coordinator
Organist

Cha Mee Yang
Seng Yang
Sem Xiong
Tong Ge Xiong

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FINANCE

Chair

John Fowler

Secretary

Betty Ledford

Treasurer

Financial Secretary

Roderick Clay

Stewardship Team

Chair

Randy Fowler

Members

Cynthia Slattery

Sem Xiong

Seng Yang

Cindy Cha Yang

Roderick Clay

Gerry Miller

Joan Keller

Virginia Bias

Bill Cheek

Janet Short

Tellers

TRUSTEES

Chair

Jeremy Buis_

Class of 2015

Sem Xiong

Seng Yang

Larry Ott

Class of 2016

Jeremy Buis

Gladeen LeBoeuf

Zonchang Yang

Class of 2017

Derek Cheek

Susan Sharon

Mai Y. Yang

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STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair	Georgia Nelson
Class of 2015	Kham Vang Zongchang Yang Christl Yates
Class of 2016	Georgia Nelson Carol Anderson Som Xiong
Class of 2017	Douglas Kraus Ellen Felice Tracy Yang

NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Chairs	Pastor Dave Pastor Chuckua
Class of 2015	Tracy Yang Tong Ge Xiong Zongchang Yang
Class of 2016	Ellen Felice Wa Vang Patty Blissenbach
Class of 2017	Ka Vang Linda Perry David Dewey

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**Welcome to
First United Methodist Church of Oroville
Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving
the Oroville Community**

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.

Sunday Service Schedule

Adults & Children's Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Hmong Service	8:45 a.m.
Chancel Choir Practice	9:45 a.m.
Hmong Adult's Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Combined English/Hmong Communion Service 1 st Sunday	10:30 a.m.
English Service	10:30 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m.

Monday Schedule

Outreach Committee (First Monday)	4:30 p.m.
Finance Committee (Second Monday)	5:30 p.m.
Trustees (Second Monday)	7:00 p.m.
Church Council (Third Monday)	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Schedule

Bible Round Table & Prayer (June to Sept. 1)	11:00 a.m.
Community Prayer Service (room L/M)	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	7:30 a.m.
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Friday Schedule

Sonwalkers Youth Group Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Young Adults	6:00 p.m.
Hmong Women's Choir	6:00 p.m.