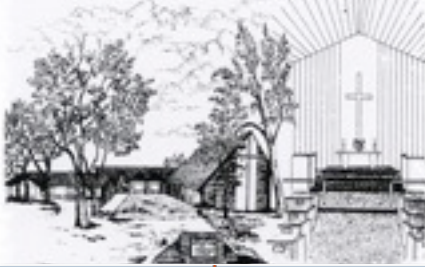


# The Golden Feather



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## **December Dinner at 6** **\$7.00 Donation**

### **December 7th**

Corn Chip Tamale Pie, Taco  
Salad, Chips & Salsa, Dessert  
Chef Randy Fowler

### **December 14th**

Baked Parmesan Chicken,  
Mashed Potatoes, Country  
Gravy, Vegetable, Salad,  
Bread, Dessert  
Chef: Randy Fowler/Finance

### **December 21st**

No Dinner  
Merry Christmas

### **December 28th**

No Dinner  
Happy New Year

***See you in January!***

## Save the Date

### **December 4**

Pledge Consecration Sunday.  
Potluck

### **December 7**

Retired Teacher's Lunch  
December 4  
Charge Conference and

### **December 24**

Christmas Eve Service. 7 pm.  
Candles and Carols.

### **December 25**

Christmas Day service.

### **January 1**

New Years Day Service

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

## Pastor's Message

Cheng Yang

Church Office: (530) 534-9455 / Cell Phone: (530) 415-9289 / email: cyang32@hotmail.com



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Wow! Time sure flies by. Seems like it was only yesterday when 2016 started and here we are. It's December already. As the Christmas season rolls around, we can feel the "magic" and love in the air as families travel across the country to spend time with each other. Gifts are being exchanged from loved ones. Stories are being shared between siblings around the fireplace. Fathers and mothers are expressing their love and joy for their children. The children are trying very hard to do the same towards their parents (that was suppose to be funny). We get to see our aunts, uncles, cousins and everyone else that we haven't seen for a whole year. In our neighborhoods, homes are being decorated with beautiful lights. Through their windows, we see the Christmas trees being lit up. In each home presents are scattered throughout under the trees. As Andy Williams proclaimed in his song, "it's the most wonderful time of the year."

So as we're celebrating our joyful moments, I would like to wish everyone to stay safe throughout the holidays. And as we gather with our families, I would like to encourage us to share our testimony of Christ with each other. Let us not forget that Jesus is what Christmas is all about. He was and is the greatest gift that was ever given. Also, let us not forget to pray for those families and children across the globe, including those living in the United States, who are in need of our warmth and love this Christmas. The orphans. The widows. Let them be in our prayers on this day of hope and joy. Let us hand out a blanket to a homeless person. Let us remember those who are being persecuted for their faith. Let us pray for those who are living in countries that are being torn apart by war. There's so much hardship that I cannot list them all. But, I encourage us all. Let us pray for the day that peace will be found in all parts of the earth. Let us pray for the day that no child will ever have to go to sleep hungry again. Let us pray earnestly because of the hope we have in Jesus Christ whom Christmas is all about!

In Christ,

Pastor Cheng Yang  
(Xh. Txawj Tsheej Yaj)  
First United Methodist Church of Oroville



# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

for updates please give the information to Erin or Jeremy Buis or  
send to: [umc@1stunitedmethodist.org](mailto:umc@1stunitedmethodist.org)

1 Nan Vang  
3 Nou Yang  
3 See Muas Moua  
6 Billy Yang  
11 Betty Ledford  
12 Heloise Martin  
13 Mason Vang  
14 Elaine Klein  
14 Douglas Krause  
15 Gladeen Lebeouf  
18 Cathy Weitze



21 Allison Erwin  
25 Chounburi Vang  
26 Vivian Grainger  
27 Wyatt Weitze  
27 Eve Yang  
28 Karen Green  
31 Shor Vang  
31 Ya Kue  
31 Xai Chur Kue  
31 Ying Xiong Kue  
31 Mai Kue Vang  
31 Ka Vang

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## December WORSHIP

### **December 4th**

Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler

**Greeters:** Pat Gray & Emily Fancher

**Coffee Hour:** Betty Ledford

**Lockup:** Sem Xiong

### **December 11th**

Pastor Cheng Yang

**Greeters:** Pat Gray & Emily Fancher

**Coffee Hour:** Janet Short

**Lockup:** Gladeen Leboeuf

### **December 18th**

Pastor Cheng Yang

**Greeters:** John Fowler

**Coffee Hour:** Gerry Miller

**Lockup:** Susan Sharon

### **December 24th**

Pastor Cheng Yang

### **December 25th**

Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler

**Greeters:** Rod Clay

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

**Lockup:** Jeremy Buis

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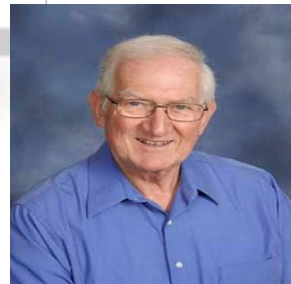
**First United Methodist Church of Oroville**

45 Acacia Ave., Oroville, Ca 95966  
Church Office: (530) 534-9455  
*One Church - Two Languages*

**English Worship Service**  
*Sunday @ 10:30am*



Pastor Cheng Yang



Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler  
(Guest Pastor)

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Preaching Schedule

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler	Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup> (Pledge Consecration Sunday)
Pastor Cheng Yang	Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>
Pastor Cheng Yang	Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>
Pastor Cheng Yang	Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve @ 7pm)
Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler	Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)



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**Dinner @ 6 Schedule  
2016 - 2017**

**September**

7th Randy  
14th Trustees  
21st Randy/SPRC  
28th Hmong Ladies

**October**

5th Randy  
12th Randy/Finance  
19th Randy/Outreach  
26th Hmong Ladies

**November**

2nd Randy  
9th Randy/SPRC  
16th Trustees  
23rd No Dinner  
30th Outreach/Disci

**December**

**7th Randy**  
**14th Randy/Finance**  
**21st No Dinner**  
**28th No Dinner**

**January**

4th Randy  
11th Trustees  
18th Randy  
25th Hmong Ladies

**February**

1st Randy  
8th Randy/Finance  
15th Outreach/Disc  
22nd Hmong Ladies

**March**

7th Randy  
14th Trustees  
21st Randy/SPRC  
28th Hmong Ladies

**April**

5th Randy  
12th No Dinner  
19th Randy/Finance  
26th Hmong Ladies

**May**

3rd Randy  
10th Randy/SPEC  
17th Randy  
24th Hmong Ladies

**If anyone needs any help with  
your dinner or advice please call  
Randy 533-5921**

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7th Annual

*Ross-Harmon  
Educator of the Year*

Monday, April 25, 2017  
Nominations deadline March 24, 2017

Nomination forms are online:  
<http://ross-harmon.org/>

2016 Award Honorees

**Andree Earley & Sandra Dysart** – Oroville Union High School District  
**Catherine Diaz & Tabitha Vangunda** – Oroville City Elementary School District  
**Sara Smock & Diana Noyer** – Palermo Union School District  
**Ed Gregorio** – Thermalito Union School District

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

**Contact:**  
**Emily Fancher**  
**to sign up for a Sunday**

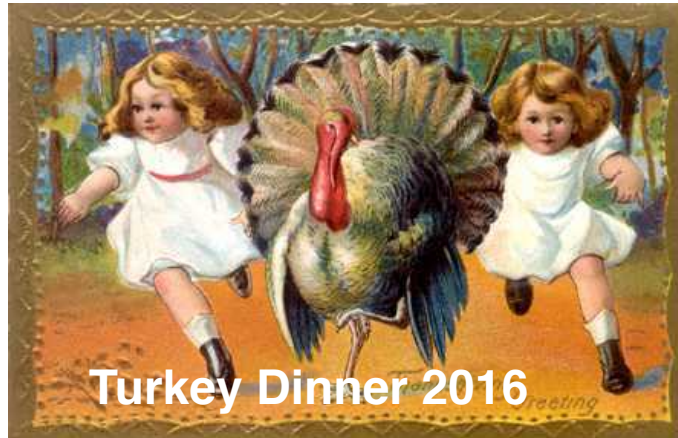


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## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE



The Turkey Dinner went well this year. I was so thankful for all the help I had. The dinner made \$1200 and after expenses made a profit of \$429.53. The pre-sale tickets sold really well and I will be doing that again year . Thank you to all that cooked turkeys and made sides for me. I appreciate that you all are willing to do it for me. The Las Plumas Key Club served the dinner again this year and they did an amazing job. I look forward to next year and making bigger and better.

Many Blessings,  
Erin Buis



### PARKING LOT SPACES

This is a reminder that the handicap spaces are reserved for people with a handicap plate or placard. If you do not have one please don't park there. It's against the law and it's not polite to the ones who really need the spot. Also our wonderful janitor has spent time keeping the lines painted in the parking lot. Please park only in designated parking spots.

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Thank you to all who  
joined us in  
celebrating KYLE's  
marriage to LACEY  
CARROLL

## **LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**

FEATHER RIVER SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

1335 MYERS ST

3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

11 AM TO NOON

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

PAT GRAY

530-712-1144

## **COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS**

Emily Fancher is now in charge of  
coffee hour and greeters.  
Please see her to sign up

## Ed Ewalt's recipe

### PARMESAN WINGS

- 4 lb (about 32) chicken wings
- ½ C butter or margarine
- 1 C flour
- 2 ½ tsp salt
- ½ C grated parmesan cheese
- ½ tsp paprika
- ½ tsp oregano
- 2/3 C buttermilk

Tuck tips of wings under main section. Melt butter in 1 large or 2 medium-sized foil lined baking pans in hot oven—(425°). Mix next 5 ingredients. Dip wings in buttermilk, roll in flour mixture, then in melted butter. Bake 1 hour, or until very brown and crisp. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

**Email or drop your favorite recipe with Erin or Jeremy Buis  
so it can be shared in the next Feather!**

### CRANBERRY HOLIDAY SALAD

**Alma Short**

- 1 pkg (6 oz) raspberry Jello
- 1 C hot water
- 1 can (16 oz) whole berry cranberry sauce
- 1 can (13 ¼ oz) crushed pineapple, undrained
- 2/3 C port wine or fruit juice
- ½ C chopped walnuts
- 2 pkg (3 oz ea) cream cheese, softened
- 1 C sour cream

Dissolve Jello in hot water; pour into 9" x 13" oblong dish. Stir in cranberry sauce, pineapple, wine and walnuts. Chill until firm. Make TOPPING by mixing cream cheese and sour cream until smooth. Spread on firmly set Jello. Chill another 30 minutes. Serves 12.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE  
CHURCH SHARE CARDS



**GOOD NEWS ON  
RALEY'S AND FOOD MAXX  
SHARE CARDS**

**During May 2016** we received a check for our Food Maxx Share Cards for \$196.05. Our Food Maxx Program has made \$434.97 year to date so far this year as a fundraiser for our church budget. We receive a check about once every three months We no longer can use the shares card. Just put in the church phone number(530)534-9455 in the keypad and touch the green button when you pay for your groceries. The Raley's Something Extra Card has made \$151.13 so far this year for our church budget. We receive a check about once every three months for the Raley's card. We received a check from Raley's just last month. We still have a card at Raley's. If you don't have a Raley's card ask for a card the next time you shop at Raley's. You are required to designate how much you want to come back to the church when we use our Raley's card. You can do this from your own computer. If you don't have a computer or if you are having trouble setting this up ask Jeremy Buis to help you. We get money from Food Maxx and Raley's every three months. The UMC Market has made \$23.10 so far this year for our church budget. The UMC Market is when you purchase things on the internet. Many stores participate. See the article of what stores in the feather.. You can read about the UMC Market in The Feather each month. Remember Food Maxx, Raley's and UMC Market when you shop. Put all three together and we have made \$609.20 so far this year for our church budget. What an easy to help our church budget.

Thank you

John S. Fowler

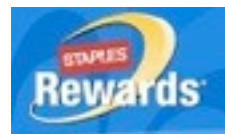
Chairman Finance Committee

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**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](http://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. OverStock pays up to 75%, Macy's pays 4%. 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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May/June	
July/Aug	
Sept	\$60.35
Oct.-Nov.	\$48.80
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<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$109.15</b>


***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](mailto: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 third Sunday of the month. 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 without 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.

**Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be put on the email or phone list to be informed of Prayer Chain requests for prayers please let Linda Perry know. [linlap@comcast.net](mailto:linlap@comcast.net) or 532-1298.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

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



**Cathy Santos** asks for prayers for a friend who had a stroke; **Pastor Bob Biehler** – was recently hospitalized for ulcers, pray for healing; **Nonie Buis** – hospitalized for a severe foot infection, and will be having surgery; **Daisy** – prayers for her & her daughters safety; **Shisha** – asks for prayers for two of her friends in the military; **Chet Ainsworth** – still dealing with cancer, may start radiation in January, pray for healing; **Mee Xiong** – has some TIA's recently, pray for healing; **Pat Gray** – prayers for her old church Antioch FUMC, as they are struggling with membership & finances; **Glenda Ott** – prayers for her daughter-in-law **Tonya**, recently had a baby & is now ill. Pray for healing; **Ginger Ewalt** ask for prayers for **Steve Ewalt** – he still has cancer, pray for healing; **Cathy Santos** – recent operation on her leg, and she has diabetes, so needs prayers for healing; **Virginia Bias' son, Rick Roth** – recent bypass surgery to repair on old bypass and is having a few problems; **Vivian Grainger's** daughter **Audrey Hoyle** – has been told that she has a rare auto-immune disease caused by two genes that are inherited. Others in the family are being tested. Her husband **Mike** is also battling health issues; **Jeremy Buis** – prayers for him as he has been suffering for over 2 months with cluster headaches. Will be seeing a neurologist in December; **Pat Gray** has asked for prayers for her granddaughter **Rosie** – has cirrhosis of the liver & is very sick; **Reidun** – prayers for **Florie Collins** who has cancer; **Stu & Lynn Shaner** – **Stu** is now at Larkspur Lodge out in Thermalito. Continue to pray for him to regain his mobility. **Georgia Nelson** – prayers for her friend **Truly**, who is in the end stages of cancer and is in hospice care; **Helen Beall** – prayers for **Ted's** general health.

### *Pray for those with ongoing concerns:*

**Emma Spencer; Gary Azevedo; Bruce Barton; Jeremy Buis; Pastor Chuckua & Poyee Yang; Luisa Shaner; Buz Manwell; Chris Barnes; Steve Ewalt; Norman Rieck; Chris Christian; Jeffery Felice; ; Joan & Doug Jacobsen; Adrienne Hoke; Chet Ainsworth, Joan Smith, Rick Roath, Dave & Nancy Jacobsen, Stephanie Couris, Debbie Mays, Cody Fredericksen, Rhylan Fredericksen, Jinx Diliberti, Tou Yang, Chuck & Marie Bailey, Haydon Wyman, Ted Beall, Diane Becerra, Phil Azevedo, Stu Shaner, Sandra Hays, Connie Longshore, Cathy Santos, Frank Johnson, Elaine Klein, Molly & Randy, Junior, Alice & Wayne, Noella Phillips, Josiah Hayden, Mitchell Kenneth, Nick Butrix, Connie Myers, Rudy Messerschmidt, Linda Perry, Emily Fancher, Claudia Barton, and Amber's mom.**

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE



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. Also, pray for all law enforcement and firefighters, who daily put their lives on the line just to keep us safe.

Our hearts & prayers go out to those in our church family who have lost a loved one in the recent weeks: Pastor Cheng's older cousin passed away recently. Pray for his family during this time of loss.

Pastor Chuckua's nephew Steven Vang died tragically on November 8th from a gunshot wound. He was living in New York and was stationed at the Naval base there. Steven's father is Nou Chang Vang and he is the younger brother of Dr. Kham Vang, Dr. Nyaj Hauvtsua & Dr. Udon Vang. Steven was a member of our church. Please pray for the Vang family as they go through the grieving process.

Continue to pray for our overall church finances. "Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7

JOYS -- Congratulations!! To Jeanette on the birth of her baby Anita Fay. Welcoming the baby is grandmother Marcy & great-grandparents Joe Mooney & Cathy Santos. together.

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

For more information  
you can call or speak to  
Joan Azevedo, 589-5509.



## Heifer Project



Our Sunday School class was comprised of very young children who made the decision on what animals we should buy for the Heifer Project. They did not go for the exotic animals available, such as llamas and bees, but they did decide on farm animals. They, of course, wanted a whole cow. Heifer cost \$500 so we couldn't buy a whole one. I didn't tell the children how we bought a part of a cow.

They were happy to know that I had ordered (1/4 of a) cow, chickens and rabbits (called a basket of hope), a goat and a pig. In total your generous donation of \$400 made our children happy and some children across the world from us, happy too. Glenda



## The Children's Board

Oh My God. It is already November which means that we at First United Methodist Church have the privilege of sharing with our State PreSchool families. I know that you remember the excitement of Christmas morning when you got to open your Santa gifts. Now we get to help a few of our PreSchool families celebrate the holidays. The Children's Board will be set up and provide you with all sorts of options of gifts for our families. There will be tags for food, toys and clothes. Look for this opportunity the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

## Operation: Eggroll

With our church finances in dire need of help, the Hmong member officers came up with the idea of rolling out eggrolls into the community. We reached community members including county workers, Oroville Hospital staff, Enloe Medical Center staff, our very own church members as well as Far Northern Regional Center staff. With anticipated orders of 300-500 eggrolls, we wound up with an astonishing order amount of 1587 eggrolls! This quickly turned into an operation. The fundraiser generated \$1046.00 that will be deposited straight into the church general fund in order to pay bills.

Many put time in after work, others sacrificed time away from their young children to fulfill these orders. Special thanks to Maiv N. Lee Vang, Wendy Lee, Molly Lee, Zoua Yang, Ka Vang and the rest of the Hmong ladies for coming out and putting in overtime work to get this operation done; Susan Sharon for opening up the church at 5 AM and being attentive all day to our needs. Ingredients were donated by the Hmong member officers.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -2 Corinthians 9:7*



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE  
INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT**

**September 2016**

Checking Balance September 1, 2016	\$ 2,241.48
Income Deposits during September 2016	11,601.05
Checking Expenses during September 2016	12,734.65
Checking Balance September 30, 2016	1,107.88

**Liabilities**


Parsonage Loan	\$26,374.20
2010 Pension	7,285.70
2011 Pension	7,596.00
2013 Pension	6,512.67

**Fundraisers**

Salmon Festival Food Booth Profit	615.10
Food Max Share Cards Year to Date	536.94
Raley's Share Cards Year to Date	235.13
Dinner At Six Profit September 2016	560.22

September was a very good month as I was able to pay all of our bills. We are retiring our old debt very slowly but we are making steady progress each month. Our Salmon Festival Food Booth was very successful this year. We made a profit of about \$300.00 more than we did last year. Our share cards are doing well and our new pastor Cheng Yang is busy working for our church and our pledge drive for 2017 will be taking place in November and the very first part of December. You will receive details in church and in the mail.

Thanks for your help with our church finances  
John S. Fowler  
Church Treasurer



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

Rudi Messerschmidt  
8293 Lee Drive,  
Citrus Heights, CA  
95610

Darol & Shirley Valder  
1575 Delta Wind Ln  
Lincoln, CA 95648

Ann Reavis  
8814 Somershire Way  
Sacramento, CA 95828

Emma Spencer  
10 Stoney Point Way  
Chico, CA 95928

Genevieve Heath  
428 W 9th St.  
Concordia, KS 66901

Marvin Metzger  
1312 Norris Ave.,  
McCook NE  
69001-2612.

**Oroville First United Methodist Church**  
**Prayer Chain**

Linda Perry is Contact Person  
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Barbara Thompson  
534-3193

Gerry Miller  
534-8469

Helen Beall  
589-3149

Virginia Bias  
534-8004

Susan Sharon  
532-0215

Joan Keller  
534-9493

Joan Azevedo  
589-5509

Ellen Felice  
533-8879

Vivian Grainger  
589-5440

**If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain you would call Linda Perry. Linda 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



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

45 Acacia Ave, Oroville, CA 530-534-9455 <http://www.1stunitedmethodist.org>

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	8:30 a.m.
Chancel Choir Practice	9:45 a.m.
Hmong Adult’s Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Hmong Youth Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Combined English/Hmong Communion Service 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	10:30 a.m.
English Service	10:30 a.m.
Children’s Church (after Children’s Sermon)	11:00 a.m.
Church Council (First Sunday)	Following Service
Trustees (Second Sunday)	Following Service
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Following Service.

**Monday Schedule**

Finance Committee (Second Monday)	5:30 p.m.
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**Wednesday Schedule**

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**

Community Prayer Service (room L/M)	6:00 p.m.
Sonwalkers Youth Group Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Young Adults	6:00 p.m.
Hmong Women’s Choir	6:00 p.m.