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# Joys & Concerns



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

**Joan & Gary Azevedo** - Gary is undergoing chemo for cancer in his lymph nodes; **Peggy** - son, **Michael**, has cancer; **Pastor Donna** - pray for my friend **Gloria Rodriguez**, has a possible brain tumor & **Poyee Yang**, continues to need prayers; **Tyler Vang** - in auto accident Dec. 16th & was sore & **his cousin Hue** was also injured; **Doris Henneker** - good news, she is now disease free and recovering from treatment; **Louise Weitze** -recently hospitalized, better now; **Bill Short's mom** needs prayers, she had atrial fibrillation; **Gordon Fredericksen's brother** - has stage 4 cancer & has spread to his stomach; **Pastor Donna** has been diagnosed with bronchitis & now pneumonia; **Emily Heffernan** - also home sick; **Pastor Laura** - will need to see a surgeon regarding some issues with her pancreas, please pray; **Cathy VanMaanen (Donna's sister)** - my friend's son, **Kendall**, was attacked & beaten for being gay, please pray for him & his mom **Terri**; **Mike & Cari Irwin** request prayer for **Mike's aunt Muriel Daggett** - having open heart surgery to repair a damaged valve; **Pastor Rochelle Frazier** - continues to recover from Valley Fever at home; **Jackson Vang** - at home now, recovering from surgery due to his cancer diagnosis, still faces liver cancer, that will need to be treated when he is stronger; **Jackson's father Nha Lue Vang** - diagnosed with untreatable lung cancer; **Joan Jacobsen** - receiving radiation treatments for breast cancer; **Brad Ledford's mother-in-law Lorna Humphreys** - recovering from successful surgery to remove a tumor that turned out not to be cancer; **Thai Vang's father** - ill with cancer, needs prayers for healing; **Carol Anderson** - family members: her brother need prayers, and her mom is suffering from dementia; **Harriet Steiger's daughter Denise & family** - dealing with anger issues within the family; **Gladys James** - in hospital for shortness of breath; **Jim** - bone infection in his foot.

**Pray for those with ongoing concerns:**

**John & Margaret Brown; Michael Grainger; Jim & Doris Henneker; Betty Ball; Mee Lee & Tong Xiong; Emma Spencer; David Jacobsen; Gladys James; Lisa Benedict; Karen & Newt Green; Gary Azevedo; Nha Lue Vang & family; Jeremy Buis.**

**Nha Lue Vang (Jackson Vang's father)** is having a hard time coping with his diagnosis & if you wish to send him a card, here is his address: 3604 Hwy 32, Chico, CA 95926.

**Pray for those at Prestige Assisted Living:**

**John & Katie Voos & Garnet Bessey.**

**Those suffering loss of a loved one:**

**Sue Sinkey and children Nancy & Darren** are grieving the loss of their husband & father, resp., Dale Sinkey, who passed away on December 29th. Please pray for the Sinkey family and their family friends, Elaine Klein & family.

**JOYS:**

**Congratulations!! to Rob & Jill Prendergast upon the birth of their first child, Ryan Robert, on December 31st. Ryan weighed 10 lb. & was 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Bob & Linda Prendergast & proud aunt & uncle is Erin & Jeremy Buis, and Taylor is happy to have a new cousin.**

**9:30am, SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 14, 2012**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**All Church Planning Day**

**Come, Pray, Plan**

**Where is God taking Us in 2012?**

**All are Invited**

**All Leaders Urged to be There**

## TREASURER REPORT 01/02/2012

BEGINNING DECEMBER 1st 2011		209.48
DEPOSITS THRU 12/31/11	+	14889.66
CHECKS THRU 12/31/11	-	14909.24
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/11		189.90

I WAS ABLE TO PAY MOST BILLS IN DECEMBER, INCLUDING THE COUNTY SEWER TAX PAYMENTS ON BOTH THE CHURCH & PARSONAGE. I STILL NEED TO PAY THE CHURCH PG&E ELECTRIC BILL AND THE DIRECT BILL PENSION PAYMENT FOR DECEMBER. THEY WILL BE PAID AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. WE HAVE A LARGE PAYMENT DUE JANUARY 5TH FOR THE PASTOR'S HEALTH INSURANCE. WE HAVE SET ASIDE \$1900, BUT THE BILL IS \$4200, SO WILL NEED TO FIND AN EXTRA \$2300. PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FINANCES IN 2012. THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE FAITHFULLY CONTRIBUTED DURING 2011.

# Emergency Health Kits Needed

Over a year ago, we made health kits to send to UMCOR. Pastor Donna kept about 15 of them in the office to give to people who are homeless. Those kits have allowed people to get clean, comb their hair and to just feel human. We are down to our last bag. Please bring in supplies to fill more bags. The Confirmation Class will be over-seeing this project. Below are the pieces needed:

1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")

1 washcloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)

1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)

1 large tube of toothpaste (4.5 oz or larger)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

\$1 bill

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

*Save  
the  
Date*



January 8th  
Confirmation Class Begins

January 14th  
Church Planning Day

January 18<sup>th</sup>  
Unity Week Service  
7 pm  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
2350 Foothill Blvd

March 25<sup>th</sup>  
Hunger Walk

# UNITY WEEK

## Pulpit Exchange January 15<sup>th</sup>

Rev. Carl Bernel from First Congregational Church will be in our pulpit on Sunday January 15th. Pastor Donna will be at Trinity Bible Church.

## Unity Service Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm. Trinity Presbyterian Church 2350 Foothill Blvd

The Cooperating Christian Churches of Oroville will be having our Unity Week service on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm. at the Trinity Presbyterian Church on 2350 Foothill Blvd. The service will be followed with a social time in the church social hall. Please bring finger food to share. **Rev. Steve Terry** from the Rescue Mission will be the speaker during the service. Our Choir will perform as well as choirs from other churches. A free will offering will be collected and will go toward our annual Hunger Walk which is scheduled for March 24th.

## NO MORE TRIMMING PILES

There are now two yard waste containers for trimmings. The list at the right says what can and cannot be placed in the bins.

They will be collected every other week. Micah Buis will take the bins to the curb on Sunday.

## Yard Waste Container



**Acceptable Items:** *Collected Weekly  
Additional cost*

- Grass clippings and leaves
- Tree, weeds and bush prunings
- Scrap wood (nonpainted or nontreated,
- Pallets (broken down)

### **Unacceptable Items:**

- Palm trees or fronds, bamboo or pampas grass
- Plywood or particle board
- Painted or treated lumber
- Sod or dirt
- Concrete, rock, or asphalt
- Food waste
- Manure and animal waste
- Other household garbage

*Extra yard waste may be bundled and placed next to the container, but bundles must not exceed 4 ft. in length and 18 in. in diameter*

# January Worship

## January 1st

**Greeters:** Thao Xiong & Pao & Mong Vang

**Coffee Hour:** Doris Ludolf

**Liturgist:** Communion Sunday

**Lockup:** Sem Xiong

## January 8th

**Greeters:** Shisha Yang & Npib Sandy Yang

**Coffee Hour:** Louise Weitze & Bev Bailey

**Liturgist:**

**Lockup:** Richard Fancher

## January 15th

**Greeters:** Cathy Weitze & Bev Bailey

**Coffee Hour:** Jeremy & Erin Buis

**Liturgist:**

**Lockup:** Susan Sharon

## January 22nd

**Greeters:** Gerry Miller & Elaine Klein

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

**Liturgist:**

**Lockup:** Jeremy Buis

## January 29th

**Greeters:** Pat Foster & Helen Beall

**Coffee Hour:** Lynn & Stu Shaner

**Liturgist:**

**Lockup:** Stu Shaner



# January

## Dinner @ Six Menu

\$6.00 - 13 years to adult

\$3.00 - 6 years -12 years

Free - 5 years and under

## January 4th

Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Bread & Dessert.

**Chefs:** Trustees

## January 11th

Spaghetti & Meat Balls, Salad, Garlic Bread & Dessert.

**Chefs:** Finance

## January 18th

Italian chicken soup, Salad, Bread & Dessert.

**Chefs:** SPRC Committee

## January 25th

Soup, Steam Rice, Egg Roll, Vegetables, Chicken, Dessert

**Chefs:** XF. Chuckua Yang and Hmong Congregation

## CHRISTMAS THANK YOU



Thank you for the lovely bouquet of flowers. I should be sending bouquets to:

Tracy Yang. She was the most beautiful Mary along with her Joseph, husband Joey and baby Jesus, Hunter. (a special thank you to Hunter's momma for sharing her sweet baby). Tracy was also my very helpful assistant, and shared with me, the gift, the celebration of one congregation, two languages.

Erin and Taylor. Thank you Erin for reading the story so wonderfully. I hope everyone heard Taylor's exuberant "it's Jesus' birthday!"

The musicians. To Joline and Patti where would be without you? There are not enough superlatives for all that you did in the telling of the Christmas story.

The choirs. You both were beautiful music before the Lord. I know I will always remember the beautiful 'Silent Night' as sung by the Hmong choir, in Hmong. It was a special blessing. And to the Chancel choir, the heavenly hosts who sang the Gloria to God. Wonderful!

The children. The shepherds and the angels were never before so perfectly shown -unless it was the real ones. A very special thank you for the ones with the speaking parts Selena and GerJerry. And I must not forget Macen and Emily and their parts of herald and innkeeper. You were all wonderful.

The Kings. Pao, Ye, and Steven were very believable Men from the East. I hope that everyone saw your solemn vow before the Lord. In my humble imagination, I think that it was much the same at the real visit from the real kings.

Zoua. She made the king's crowns. Yes, she made those beautiful crowns. I am so grateful, and amazed at your talent.

Barbara - The keeper of the costumes. She knows where they are hidden. She is always there to support me in all of my endeavors. Thank you.

Lynn . My friend, my listener, my advisor, and the teacher behind the scenes who kept the art projects and order going while I was off running after other things.

Pastors. They are always here for us and are our loving counselors. My special thank you to Pastor Laura who leads our children in song and learning the lessons of the Bible.

All of the Congregation. There would be no program without the people to listen, help us sing, to cheer us on and to applaud our endeavors. And to Larry always there, always there for me.

Thank you to God and to our dear Lord Jesus Christ for this wonderful story and the love they brought to us on that wonderful day so many years ago.

My love and gratitude to all of you, Glenda day so many years ago.

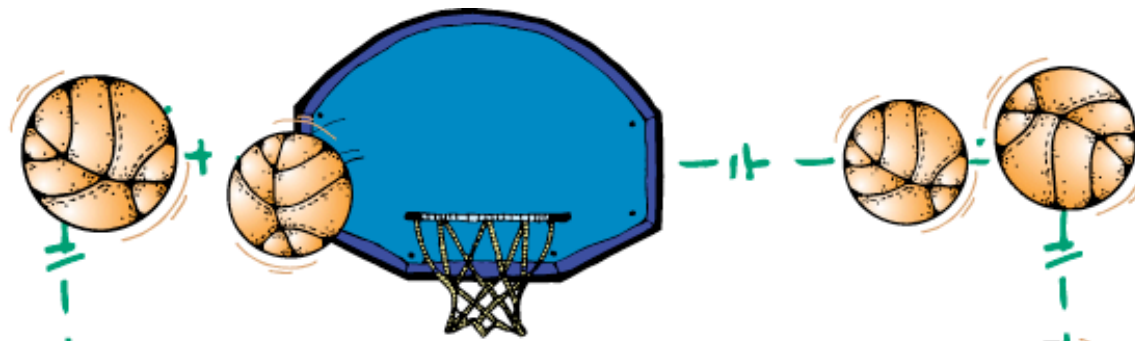




# January

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TO SEE SCHEDULE INFORMATION**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	2	3	4 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	5 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	6 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	7
8 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	9	10	11 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	12 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	13 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	14 9 AM CHURCH PLANNING
15 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE Unity Week Service 7 pm	19 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	20 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	21
22 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	23	24	25 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	26 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	27 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	28
29 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	30	31	1 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	2 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	3 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	4
5 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	6	7	8 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	9 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	10 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	11



## Thank you to Gridley United Methodist Church!

Gridley UMC sent us over \$50 to use for basketballs. On Black Friday (in the late afternoon after everyone else had had a chance), I cleared the shelf at Walmart of their \$4.75 basketballs. Pastor Donna has already given a couple away to homeless grandparents who were in tears because they now had a Christmas gift for their grandchild. The basketballs are in the office and available for kids to use or take.

# FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



**Contact:**

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



# 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>

## **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation Class Begins

January 8, Sunday. All youth interested in joining the church next

Easter are invited to join the

Confirmation Class each Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. in Room E.

We will be working through the Credo curriculum. You can look it up online at the Cokesbury website.

There will be at least two retreats during the class where we will look

at Christ's call on our lives and Prayer. Plan now to join us.

THANK YOU  
MACEN BUIS

Macen Buis donated his recycling money to the Heifer Project. The Heifer fund is now \$57.00 richer.

New Christmas Tree



The Buis Families  
have donated  
a Christmas tree  
for the  
sanctuary.

# Update on church fundraisers from Finance Committee Chairman

I want to give you an update on our recent church fundraisers.

We had our food booth at The Salmon Festival on September 24, 2011. Money taken in at the booth was \$975.13. Expenses paid out were \$598.11. The profit on our food booth was \$377.02. The profit on the food booth went into the church general fund and was used for church expenses.

The Mystery Dinner & Play was held at the church on October 1, 2011. Money taken in was \$595.00. Expenses paid out were \$200.00. The profit on the dinner & play was \$395.00. The profit went into the general fund and was used for church expenses.

Our annual Turkey Dinner was on November 5, 2011. Money taken in at the dinner was \$1,413.94. After expenses of \$779.25 were paid we had a profit of \$634.69. The profit went into the general fund and was used for church expenses and bills.

Each year we have our Christmas baskets that are used to finance the Christmas Light Parade float. We do not use any money from the general fund to finance our float. Any profit goes to the church general fund. This is a community outreach project of our church to put a float in the Christmas Light Parade each December. This year the total raised on the Christmas Baskets was \$333.00. The Christmas Light Parade float expenses were \$213.46. The profit turned into the church general fund was \$120.00. The baskets are donated by the various church committees and they were beautiful baskets. Our float in the parade was very pretty as it came down the street.

The Finance Committee and The Stewardship Team want to thank everyone that helped us on the church fundraisers to make them so successful and helped us to pay our church expenses and bills.

Thank you,  
John S. Fowler  
Chairman  
Finance Committee



*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 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.

**DECEMBER**

**\$63.30 Church recycling \$57.00 Macen's recycling**

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible.

### **Through the eyes of a child:**

#### ***The Children's Bible in a Nutshell***

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one', but I think He must be a lot older than that.

Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did.

Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible.

**Through the eyes of a child:**

**The Children's Bible in a Nutshell** (cont'd)

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbour's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humour thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be King by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then got barfed up on the shore.

There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was!')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats.

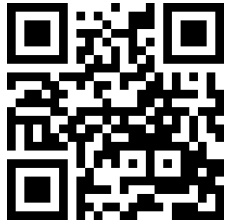
Jesus also had twelve opossums.

The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminium. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.



**What is this on the cover of the Feather?**

A **QR code** (abbreviated from **Quick Response code**) is a type of [matrix barcode](#) (or two-dimensional code) first designed for the automotive industry. More recently, the system has become popular outside of the industry due to its fast readability and comparatively large storage capacity. The code consists of black modules arranged in a square pattern on a white background.

**Jeremy has created a barcode that will take you directly to the Oroville FUMC website.**

# January Birthdays

3 Chou Houa Vang

4 Cynthia Slattery

5 Doua Vang

9 Larry Shaner

9 Roger Sherman

9 Hlee Vang

13 Eloise Hensley

13 Laura Heffernan



15 Derrald Buis

16 Carol Anderson

17 Erin Buis

18 Timothy Jacobsen

18 John Voos

19 Gerry Miller

27 Thao Xiong

28 Suzanne Mayeda

December  
\$63.30  
Church recycling

December  
\$57.00  
Macen Buis donation from  
his home recycling

October/November  
\$60.50  
Church recycling

September  
\$46.01  
Church recycling

August  
\$48.48  
Church recycling

July  
\$67.60  
Church recycling

July  
\$56.20  
Macen Buis donation from  
his home recycling

June  
\$68.00  
Church recycling

## Update on Raley's & Food Maxx Share Cards

Our **Raley's** and **Food Maxx Share Cards** are doing very well and are helping our church budget. In 2011 through the end of November **Raley's share** cards have made **\$609.42** and **Food Maxx** share cards have made **\$727.49**. For a total of **\$1,336.91** for both share cards. so remember to use your share cards when you go shopping at **Raley's and Food Maxx**. Everyone needs groceries and part of what you spend comes back to the church and helps our church budget at the same time. When you check out hand the clerk your share card and they will scan your card. We can't get any more share cards for **Raley's** but if you have one please use it when you shop at **Raley's**. We have share cards for **Food Maxx** in the church office so if you don't have one, you have lost yours, or if yours doesn't work any more ask for a new **Food Maxx** card in the office. What an easy way to help our church budget.

**John S. Fowler**

**Chairman Finance Committee**

## 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

Adults & Children's Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Hmong Service	8:45 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	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 @ Cassidy's	7:30 a.m.
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## **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.**