First United Methodist Church of Oroville

Following Jesus

Thriving in Community

Healing the World

Bishop Sandra K. Olewin | *District Superintendent* Rev. Mike Harrell

Pastor Tom Cota

Pastor's Corner

A word from Pastor Tom.....

Greetings Church Family

Summer is upon us and thankfully God, Jeremy, and our faithful Trustees and Treasury committees will be blessing us with some much-needed A/C for our sanctuary. The money has been allocated and work will soon begin. We will need to pay the portion of those funds borrowed from the roof fund back through monthly fund raisers, consisting primarily of delicious after church meals. Ev and I go out to lunch a couple times a month after church anyway, and so replacing one of those dining experiences with a nice meal with our church family, giving what we would normally spend at a restaurant, will be a joy without breaking the bank.

Since my last letter to you, Jeremy has revamped our website and set up secure online giving for our members and attendees so that we can give online from anywhere internet is available.

Tony Bearden is in Wisconsin for the summer. May our Lord and Savior watch over him and others who will be traveling and bring them safely home to us.
I thank our heavenly father every day for our young families and beautiful children. They are the future of our Church. We'll be hosting VBS to be put on by Jordan Crossing in July and our kids are naturally invited and encouraged to attend.

Jeremy, Erin, and Taylor are still struggling to find a permanent housing solution after the fire devastated their lives. Thanks to all those who have helped with that need. As stated last month we started a collection for those who want to go the extra mile by giving through a monthly donation over and above their tithe to the church. There's $200.00 in monthly commitments so far and some one time gifts have been given through that process as well. Again, thanks to those who have contributed. Please remember that any amount will go a long way, especially via monthly commitment, with enough participation of our members.
Continued prayers are needed, not only for Jeremy, Erin, and Taylor, but also for Larry and Glenda Ott as Larry is now in hospice care and Linda Herrick recently had hip surgery.

Thank you all for your faithful service to your beloved Church.
Always remember that Hebrews 10:25 says:

Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer. GNT

God Bless you and yours,
Pastor Tom and Evelyn Cota

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

9 Michio Vang

15 Chao Thao

15 Her Xiong

15 Mai Vang

15 Zoua Yang

15 Chia Xiong Vang

23 Chong Vang

23 Bee Thao

23 Thai Vang

23 Jill Farris

28 Bev Smith

28 Pat Gray

May Birthdays

14 Micah Buis

May Finance Report

01 GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF MAY 2026	**$7051.61**
DEPOSITS THRU MAY 2026	$11578.63
EXPENDITURES THRU MAY 2026	-$7793.89
BALANCE AT END OF MAY 2026	**$10836.35**
03 DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT	
BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF MAY 2026	**$23206.53**
DEPOSITS THRU MAY 2026	$766.00
EXPENDITURES THRU MAY 2026	-$400.00
BALANCE AT END OF MAY 2026	**$23572.53**

Betty Ledford
Finance Chair

GRADUATION SUPPLEMENT
GOT A GRAD IN THE FAMILY FROM TK, ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL, OR COLLEGE? WE'D LOVE TO CELEBRATE THEM! SHOOT THEIR INFO AND A PHOTO TO OROVILLEUMC45@GMAIL.COM OR HAND IT OVER TO ERIN OR JEREMY BUIS BY JULY 6TH. 🎓✨

Co-operating Christan Churches News

CCCO NEWS

The Cooperating Christian Churches are winding down for this year. We will be on a break from June through August. Our next meeting will be in September.

Our last event will be the Ascension Day Service on Thursday, May 14th. The service will be held at St Paul's Episcopal Church at 7 PM. All are invited to attend. At this service we will be giving out the funds we received from the pancake breakfast, hunger walk and membership dues from churches to the designated organizations in our community. The organizations that will receive funds are: The Oroville Rescue Mission, The Salvation Army and the Kingdom Table. All will receive $775. Thank you for supporting the Cooperating Christian Churches so we are able to give back to our community.

If you have questions regarding the Cooperating Christian Churches, please talk to me. As I've mentioned before, we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at various churches. Anyone is welcome to attend!

Janet Short

UMC representative for the CCCC

Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School sponsored by Jordan's Crossings and various churches will be held on the following dates:

June 15th to 19th at First Congregational Church 5 tp 8 pm

July 13 to 17 at First United Methodist 5 to 8 pm

The Bible School is open to children from 3 years to 6th grade. There is a limit of 40 children. Please contact Pastor Andrew McHenry at pastorandrew70@yahoo.com if you have children interested in attending.

Our church has been asked to provide dinner one evening for each of the two sessions. Janet is coordinating the dinner in June and Alma in July. If you are able to help with the food or make a financial contribution to help with the cost of the meal please let Janet know. The women from Jordan's Crossings will assist with the meal preparations so help is not needed.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sanctuary HVAC System Shenanigans

Get ready, folks! De Air is gearing up to demolish our old HVAC dinosaur during the week of June 22nd. Once the dust settles, they'll roll in the shiny new equipment!

Big applause for Tony Bearden and the church crew, who hustled up $539 in our yard sale for the HVAC swap. We've snagged a no-interest loan to cover the rest, which we'll tackle with fundraisers and donations. Feeling generous? Just mark your contribution as "HVAC Loan Fund" and help us zap that loan! Post-installation, we'll need to build a vandal-proof fortress around the new unit.

Jordan Crossing's Heroic Hijinks

Our pals at Jordan Crossing have been working their magic to keep the church grounds looking fabulous. They've popped in new downspouts and patched up critter-made chaos around the building.

What's next on the agenda? With Jordan Crossing's handy hands, we're planning to:

- ***Add ceiling fans in the social hall for breezy goodness***
- ***Fix up the floors in the social hall and kitchen***

Jordan Crossing provides the muscle, and we bring the materials. Our dynamic duo of liaisons, Tracy Yang and Jeremy Buis, along with Pastor Tom, are our trusty guides. Tracy is the classroom whiz, while Jeremy juggles landscaping and maintenance with contract oversight.

Alarming Info

Just a friendly little nudge! If you accidentally trigger the alarm at church, make sure to ring the number on that handy paper next to the alarm panel and give Accularm a heads-up that you're at church and hit the panic button. If the alarm goes off and no one calls, Accularm starts dialing up our church crew to spread the alarm news. Lately, our heroes Jim Webster or Micah Buis have been on the scene to save the day and check things out, so we don't end up footing the bill for a police visit to a non-emergency. Let's keep it smooth and simple!

2026 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year

2026 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year Honorees

Christy Allsup

Seth Bidlack

Tyler Brandt

Blake Friese

Dave Gnesda

Joel Jenkins

Lisa Kittle

Tom Post

Elizabeth Szloch

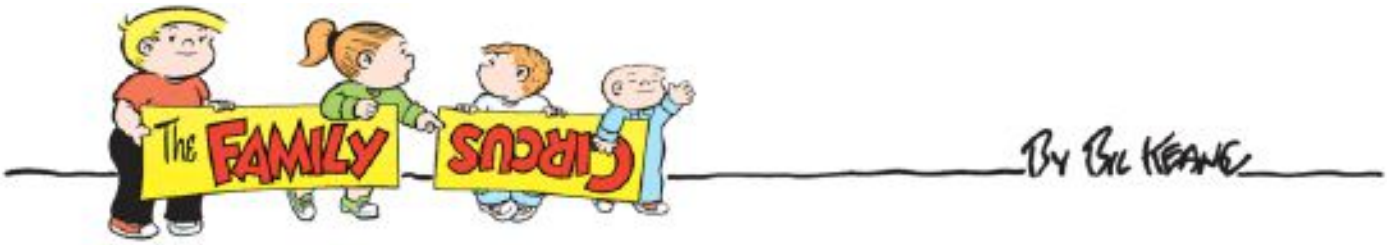
News and Announcements

1.We are looking for people to help serve during coffee hour or greet people entering our church. There is a sign up sheet in the back that you can sign up with or you can see Alma Short for more information.

2. We are still collecting recyclables for the Heifer project. You can bring them to church and give to Micah or Jeremy Buis. See the Golden Feather for more info on the recycling.

3. Church alarm if you accidently set off the alarm please call Accularm right away to notify them that it was an accidental alarm. The number to call is next to each alarm panel.

4. When turning on the thermostats in the Social Hall make sure “fan” is set to “auto” and not “on”. Also if the heater or air conditioner is on please do leave exterior doors open. We do not have the finances to cool the outside world in the summer or heat it in the winter. Let’s stick to just keeping the social hall cool or warm when it’s being used.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

WORSHIP COUNCIL MEETING, March 26, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Pastor Tom started our meeting with Prayer.

PRESENT at the meeting were: Janet Short, Micah Buis, Jeremy Buis, Erin Buis, Alma Short, Pastor Tom Cota and Evelyn Cota.

Note received from Tracy Yang that she was sick and she was unable to be at the meeting. There were no previous Minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:
PALM SUNDAY: 4/13. Janet has the Plastic Palm branches that she will hand out to the kids and adults for a procession down the middle aisle of the church. Pastor will choose some procession songs that he likes and will get in touch with Joline and Patty.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 4/17. There will not be a service that night.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: 4/18, is at the Congregational Church at noon, and is done by CCCO pastors. Pastor Tom will attend and will be part of the Service if they need him.

EASTER SUNDAY: 4/20. there will not be a Sunrise Service. Janet will coordinate the flowers for the cross. Each person can go to the cross and add a flower and then go to the back of the line for the next flower. This procedure will make the flowering much faster.

FLOWERING THE CROSS FOR EASTER: Members shall bring flowers from church to cover the cross. There will be receptacles for the flowers up by the cross.

EASTER EGG HUNT: the Easter Egg Hunt will be as usual after the Service. Please bring plastic or real eggs before that morning to be used when the eggs are hidden for the Hunt.

COMMUNION SUNDAY: There have been requests to move Communion back to the first Sunday of the Month. Decision made by this committee to have Communion on the first Sunday of each month. The second Sunday will be our Potluck after Church Service.

COFFEE HOUR AND GREETERS: there is no problem getting Greeters but the Coffee Hour is getting too expensive. A decision was made that we just offer coffee, punch, water, and cookies. Patty Bell, Jim Webster, and Linda Herrick have offered to bring cookies for Sundays. Just let them know. They are unable to do the set up and clean up but will bring what is needed as food.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: If you would like to do a Children's Message. Let Chamee know. We are all pleased that this is back in our Service

Pastor Tom is loving the translations being done by our Hmong members during the Service. He would like to change our response during the prayer time from the congregation. To make that time smoother we will say "God is Good all the time", only one time at the end of all of our Prayers.

We talked about Bible School. CCCO is talking about one with our cooperating churches. We may be part of it. Wait and see.

There was not another meeting date set. If you feel a need of one let Pastor Tom know.
Respectfully Submitted by Alma Short

Cochran Memorial Scholarship

Each year a scholarship will be awarded to a member of the First United Methodist Church of Oroville who has graduated high school. The deadline is March 31st.

For the scholarship form go to the website below or scan the qr code to take you straight to the page.

http://1stunitedmethodist.org/Scholarship_App.html

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
1 World Avenue • Little Rock, AR 72202
888.548.6437 • info@heifer.org
Learn more at Heifer.org

THANK YOU!

Donor ID:	00046118I
Receipt Number:	16541186
Date Received:	12/30/2025
Amount:	$160.00

Purchase: Flock of Chicks (20.00), Ducks (20.00), Sheep (120.00)

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Oroville First United Methodist Church
45 Acacia Ave
Oroville, CA 95966-3673

January 8, 2026

Dear Friend:

I'm truly fortunate to witness every day how the giving spirit of groups like yours can change the world. No matter how much circumstances change, one thing remains the same: people continue to show generosity and dedication to the families we serve.

Which is why I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your group's recent contribution of $160.00 to Heifer. Your compassion makes a permanent difference in so many lives. I'm reminded of the quote by Mr. Fred Rogers: "All of us, at some time or other, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors—in our own way, each one of us is a giver and a receiver." **And to magnify the joy of your gift, an additional group of generous donors has matched your donation, doubling the impact of your gift!**

Each day, we witness the need of families in the poorest corners of the world, who are simply trying to figure out how to get by. Hardworking parents wonder if they'll have enough food to feed their children at the end of the day … if they can afford school or medication … if their home can withstand natural disasters.

Thanks to your group of Heifer donors, moms are building businesses and earning steady income to feed their children … dads are running their own family farms instead of having to find work far away … you are providing nutritious food, education and hope for the next generation.

I hope you know how much we, and the families who are touched by your generosity, appreciate you all. Our work would not be possible without you by our side.

With appreciation,

Christy Moore

Christy Moore
Senior Vice President of Marketing

**Thank you again for your contribution. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift. Heifer International is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization eligible to receive tax deductible donations. Our EIN is 35-1019472.*

WITH HEARTFELT APPRECIATION,
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL RECOGNIZES

Oroville First United Methodist Church

for your unwavering dedication and support that inspires us all.
Your faith-filled generosity changes lives and brings hope to families around the world.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11

Christy Moore
Heifer International

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

January 2026
Date

PASS ON THE GIFT
HEIFER®
INTERNATIONAL

1. We need to take the caps off the plastic bottles
2. We need to bag plastic, aluminum, and glass separetly.
3. ***Glass can include wine bottles.***
4. Everything must have CA CRV on it.
5. You can drop them off at church or at Nonie & Micah's house on the carport.
6. Call Micah at (530) 533-1868 and he will meet you in his driveway when you arrive.

I am so glad not to lose this project that we have been supporting for so many years. How exciting it always was to find out how much money we had collected for the year and then what animal we could buy for a family overseas. Thank you Jeremy and Micah for taking it on.
Alma
If we don't answer when you call just place your recycling next to our garbage bins. Please no milk jugs. Micah and family

March Recycling
$65.00

Recology
Butte Colusa Counties
WASTE ZERO

City of Oroville

RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER

2025 FALL NEWSLETTER

RECYCLING MISCONCEPTIONS

STYROFOAM PRODUCTS are not recyclable in curbside programs. Foam products can be bulky, lightweight, and easily contaminated with food, tape, and other residues that don't belong in recycling carts.

PLASTIC BAGS AND FILM are not accepted in most curbside recycling programs. This is because they can tangle sorting machinery and are made with materials that cannot be easily separated. Instead, take these items to designated drop-off points at grocery stores or reuse them whenever possible to reduce waste.

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS, also known as disposable plastics, **are not accepted in your recycling cart.** When possible, swap them for reusable options.

2025-26 Holiday Collection Schedule

If your regular collection day falls on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day, your service will be delayed by one day.

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11/27 No Service Thanksgiving, Office Closed	11/28 Service for Thursday Customers	11/29 Service for Friday Customers
12/25 No Service Christmas Day, Office Closed	12/26 Service for Thursday Customers	12/27 Service for Friday Customers
1/1 No Service New Year's Day, Office Closed	1/2 Service for Thursday Customers	1/3 Service for Friday Customers

SUSTAINABLE CHEER

Holiday composting tips

PUMPKIN POWER: Nearly 1 billion pounds of pumpkins are tossed in landfills each year. Put your jack-o'-lantern into your green organics cart after removing any candles, wax, glitter, or paint.

LEFTOVERS WITH A PURPOSE: Over 200 million pounds of turkey are thrown out after Thanksgiving. Toss turkey bones, plate scrapings, and meat past its prime in the green cart.

CORNUCOPIA OF COMPOST: Corn cobs, pie crust trimmings, coffee grounds, used paper napkins, and all sorts of kitchen scraps can go into your organics cart — talk about a second helping!

PERFECT MIX: Putting yard trimmings and fallen leaves into your organics cart creates a great seasonal compost recipe.

CONTACT US!

Recology Butte Colusa
3990 South Fifth Avenue
Oroville, CA 95965

530.533.5868
recology.com

OTHER RESOURCES

cityoforoville.org
calrecycle.ca.gov

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OROVILLE TRANSFER STATION

2720 S Fifth Ave,
Oroville

8 AM – 4 PM
Monday – Friday

8:30 AM – 4 PM
Saturday

530.533.5868

https://bit.ly/4nkp7fN

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Appliances, refrigerators, ovens, stoves

Concrete, broken sidewalks, driveways, foundations

Construction and demolition debris

Recyclables, cardboard, plastic, paper

Metal, cans, pipes, metal scraps

Organics, food scraps, grass clippings, leaves

Tires, passenger vehicle tires, truck tires

Green and wood waste, tree branches, untreated lumber, yard trimmings

E-Waste, computers, televisions, cell phones

Carpet and padding

Mattresses and box springs

Sharps

Landfill

Treated wood

HHW ACCEPTED

Drop off items between 9 AM – 2 PM on the first and third Fridays of the month.

Automotive products: Antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, oil filters

Garden and pest control: Pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers, poisons

Household chemicals: Bleach, solvents, pool chemicals, household cleaning supplies

Paint and related products: Latex and oil-based paints, thinners, stains, varnishes, lacquers

E-waste: Small electronics, computer monitors, televisions fluorescent light tubes

Aerosols

Batteries

Garbage cart know-how

What CAN go in your gray cart:

- ✓ Plastic shopping bags
- ✓ Plastic utensils
- ✓ Straws
- ✓ Broken glass & dishware
- ✓ Wrappers, chip bags, plastic film
- ✓ Styrofoam

TIP: If you're not sure how to dispose of an item, visit whatbin.com to find out.

What CANNOT go in your gray cart:

- ✗ **Recyclables** – plastic tubs, jugs, and containers, glass bottles, metal, cardboard, and paper
- ✗ **Organics** – grass clippings, tree/brush trimmings, and branches
- ✗ **Electronic waste** – TVs, computers, cell phones, batteries, printers, fluorescent light bulbs, thermometers
- ✗ **Hazardous waste** – paint, aerosol or solvent cans, cleaners, pesticides/herbicides, flammables, poisons, fuel canisters/tanks, motor oil
- ✗ **Building and automotive waste** – asbestos, treated wood, antifreeze, tires
- ✗ **Medical waste** – needles, sharps, medicines, biohazardous materials

NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR LANDFILL BIN

- Sharps and Medication
- Fluorescent Bulbs
- Flammables, Pesticides, or Herbicides
- Electronic Waste

Hazardous waste disposal drop-off!
Recology Butte Colusa Counties
2720 South Fifth Avenue, Oroville 95965
9 AM – 2 PM first & third Fridays of the month

Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:

Prayers for **Louise Weitze** as she fell & has bandages on her arms & has lymphoma; Prayers for **Carol Anderson** as she deals with Parkinson's and never knowing from day to day how she will be feeling; Prayers for **Betty Ledford's friend Allison** as she is going through Chemo treatments for breast cancer; Prayers for **Linda Herrick** as she fell & had to have surgery on her hip. She was doing well following surgery; Prayers for **Tony Bearden** as he leaves for an internship in Milwaukee for concrete management for 3 months. He will be missed !! Prayers for **Patty Bell** as she has some medical issues; Prayers for **Keith Felice** as his knee is hurting him & will be seeing his knee doctor soon; **Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers for **Katie Rodriguez & her husband Dave** as he is being treated for cancer. And asking for prayers for her foster father's wife **Helen Smith Carter** as her cancer has returned. She will start radiation treatments.; Prayers for **Daisy Frazier & her daughter Sarah** as they need to find an affordable place as they have had to move from their home. See Sue Fredericksen if you can help with a donation as Sue has been helping them out; Prayers for **Larry & Glenda Ott**. They have moved to Country Crest so they can have help nearby if needed. **Alma** asks for prayers for friends **Emmett & Jackie Pogue** as **Emmett** has been diagnosed with Lymphoma & facing surgery. Prayers for healing; **Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers for her **birth sister Jo's friend Oakie**. He is elderly with diabetes & heart issues & in hospital with double pneumonia. **Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers for **Tammy Flicker & her husband**;

Sue Fredericksen asks for prayers for **Susan Sharon** as she can no longer drive due to bad eyesight. **Janet Short** asks for prayers for her friend **Mary Pulaski's husband** who was hit by a car. Also, **Janet's son Greg's mother-in-law** is having memory issues**;** Prayers for **Elaine Klein**, a former member & who comes to Circle, is having knee surgery June 17th; **Chamee Yang** asks for prayers for her grandma as she is having dialysis; **Chamee Yang** asks for prayers for **Shor Vang her father-in law**; Continued prayers for **Bill & Sharon Cheek** as they are now living in Chico. Other than a couple of issues, they are doing well. Daughter Stacey is living nearby; **Glenda Ott** asks for prayers for **Larry's sister-in-law**, who is having surgery and for **his brother Ron** who has dementia. **Tyler Yang** asks for prayers for his **sister 's health** in Minnesota; **Reidun McGrath** asks for prayers for her 85-year-old sister; Pa**stor Tom** asks for prayers for his friend who had a stroke & is not in good shape; **Keith Felice** asks for prayers for **his brother Jerry**; Prayers for **Doug Bell's friend in Willows** who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer; **Gail** asks for prayers for her niece **Nicole** who was recently diagnosed with uterine cancer and is facing surgery; **Carol Anderson** asks for prayers for **her brother Steve; Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers for her **niece Serenity Deliz** who has long Covid and pulmonary hypertension. Prayers for a friend of **Doug Bell's**, **Roge**r, who has terminal cancer & is in hospice care at home; **Sue Fredericksen's friend Rick** is battling cancer & is having chemo. S**ue F** asks for prayers for **Brandi Marshall, her daughter-in-law** who has MS; Keep **Erin & Jeremy Buis** in your prayers as they deal with **Jeremy's** fibromyalgia and **Erin's recovery from back surgery** and multiple out of town doctor's visits; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her **sister-in-law Cynthia Gonzalez** who is in end stage liver disease and is in Hospice Care;

Carol Anderson asks for prayers for her **friend Leanna Felardo;** **Patty Bell** asks for prayers for **her friend Becky** who has lymphoma; Prayers also for **Sue F.** as she is tolerating her chronic pain and COPD and prayers are very much appreciated; **the Hmong Congregation** asks for prayer for all those who are ill & need healing; **Ka** asks for prayers for all to be healthy & happy. Prayers for **Jeremy, Erin & Taylor Buis** as they had a house fire on January 29th; and they cannot live in their home. They received a generous donation from an anonymous angel that will help them start demolition. Continue to pray & donate as they will still need help to rebuild. Blessings for **Doug & Patty Bell** temporarily housing them until they could find another housing situation. **Evelyn Cota** has created a Go Fund Me page for them. Please ask Evelyn about it or if you can help them directly, please see Jeremy.

Prayers for **Pastor Yeu Vang & his wife Michelle** as **Pastor Yeu** suffered a stroke in October 2024. Pastor Yeu & Michelle have moved to Marysville to be close to family & his doctors. Pastor Yeu continues to recover from his stroke. Prayers for healing.

Pray for those with ongoing concerns: Jeannie Long, Pat Gray, Louise Weitze; Wayne Smith; Pastor Chuckua Vang; Jeremy & Erin Buis; Steve Ewalt; Nancy Jacobsen, Stephanie Couris, Cody Fredericksen, Rhylan Fredericksen, Chuck & Marie Bailey, Haydon Wyman, Diane Becerra, Phil Azevedo, Connie Longshore, Frank Johnson, Josiah Hayden, Mitchell Kenneth, Nick Butrix, Connie Myers, Linda Perry, Wang Her Vang, Pastor Joseph Vang, Derek Cheek, Joe & Cathie Mooney, Bill & Sharon Cheek and Gail & Troy

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

Continue to pray for our overall church finances. "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in Thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11. Prayers that we can somehow pay for a new HVAC system, as vandals have destroyed the old system. Some good news on the HVAC. After submitting paperwork to the insurance company showing that we decided to replace the unit instead of trying to fix a 30-year-old unit, the insurance company closed out the claim & sent a check for recoverable depreciation of about $20,000. This will help with a down payment towards the cost of a new unit, which is around $68,000. With donations and an earlier check, we have about $23,000 to put down for a new unit. We will have to finance the balance.

NEW ADDRESS: New address for **Bill & Sharon Cheek**: Provincial Care, 2801 Cohasset Blvd #104, Chico, CA 95973. Their phone number is the same. They would love to receive cards from the congregation.

Sue Fredericksen's new email is . You can email her any prayer requests that you want to put on the prayer chain or email directly to oroumcprayer@gmail.com or text or call at 530-854-3599. You can leave a voice mail.

NOTE: As you read the above, please let us know if there is anyone who needs to be removed/added to the prayer list or ongoing concerns, please email

EMERGENCY EVACUATION – ITEMS TO GATHER

No. of vehicles _____ Drivers _____ Trailers _____ Motorcycles _____

15-minute warning:

1. Wallet, purse, keys, glasses
2. Cell phone(s), charger(s)
3. Emergency cash, credit card
4. Pets, carriers, leashes, meds
5. Clothes, shoes, hats for season
6. Hearing aids, medications
7. Flashlights, extra batteries
8. Safety deposit box key(s)
9. Checkbooks, bills to pay
10. _____
11. _____

30-minute warning:

(The above, plus):

1. Pillows, sleeping bags, blankets
2. Address book, phone list
3. Jewelry & most-valuable personal possessions
4. Personal hygiene items
5. Other meds, supplements
6. First aid kit, medical items
7. Pet food, dishes, bedding, litter
8. Children's items, toys, books
9. Battery radio, extra batteries
10. Toilet paper, hand wipes, soap
11. Clothing for 3 days, shoes
12. Computer, monitor, laptop
13. Gal. jugs of drinking water
14. _____
15. _____

1-hour warning:

1. Take or safeguard guns, ammo
2. Ice cooler w/ice, food, drinks
3. Genealogy records, files
4. 3 days food, special diet items
5. Gloves, dust mask for smoke
6. Paper plates, cups, utensils
7. School items, homework, pen, pencil, books, calculator, paper
8. Licenses, vehicle titles, deeds
9. Insurance, financial, medical data; Wills, Powers of Atty.
10. Personal property list, photos & appraisals, documentation
11. _____
12. _____

2-hour+ warning:

1. Albums, photos, home videos
2. Albums, photos, home videos
3. Family photos on display
4. Military decorations, records, mementoes, plaques
5. Luggage (packed)
6. Valuable items, cameras
7. Heirlooms, art, collections
8. Primary cosmetics
9. Secondary vehicles, RV
10. Camping equipment, tent
11. Journals, diaries, letters
12. _____

1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

COFFEE HOUR

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A coffee hour is provided after the 10:30 AM service by volunteers of the church.
The church will provide coffee, tea, water, creamer, sweeteners, cups, plates, napkins, silverware, drink concentrate and ice.

Those who volunteer for running the coffee hour will provide snacks and those who volunteer on the first Sundays will provide cupcakes for that months birthdays

Those who volunteer on potluck Sunday only needs to provide the beverages but are welcome to bring snacks to add to the potluck.

Volunteers will make the coffee, tea, and punch and set it out on the table provided along with snacks.

Please make both Reg(Black coffee maker) & Decaf (gray coffee maker) Some members can't have the caffeine. Coffee maker instructions on cabinet above coffee makers.

Volunteers will remove all items, clean up the dishes and table, and place items used in their normal storage areas. They will also wash towels used and bring them back to the church towel drawer.

Procedure:

Randy Fowler will purchase the provided items listed above and place these supplies in their appropriate areas for coffee hour access.

Alma Short will set up a sign up sheet for volunteers to run the coffee hour on each Sunday throughout the year, remind volunteers of their designated coffee hour Sunday, and orient new volunteers on the policies and procedures regarding coffee hour responsibilities including where supplies are kept.

Volunteers on their designated coffee hour Sunday will:

A. Make a pot of regular and decaf coffee and put them on an activated warmer plate.
B. Make the punch in a punch bowl or glass pitchers (whichever is easier for you) with water and ice, and place it on the serving table.
C. Place the plates, cups, napkins, silverware, creamer, and sweeteners on the serving table.
D. Place their snacks on plates on the serving table with appropriate serving utensils.
E. Monitor the table as people come through the serving line and assist as needed.
F. After serving is completed clean the coffee pots, punch bowl, and other utensils and dishes used for the coffee hour and return them to their storage areas.
G. Turn off the coffee maker. Unplug and put away warmer plates (once cooled down).
H. Clean the Serving table and counters used.
I. Notify person in charge of purchasing what coffee hour supplies need to be replenished after checking the cabinets in the janitorial room, pantry by the handicap bathroom or the cabinets in the handicap bathroom hallway.

Mobile App for our Church

We now have a mobile app for our local church. There are still items being added to it and suggestions are welcome (there's a spot on the app for suggestions). One thing about this app is you have to close it after use to be able to see any new info on the app. iPhone's you swipe up from the bottom then swipe the app screen towards the top. I believe the other phones are similar in closing apps. You can also access the online church directory from this app.

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 orovilleumc45@gmail.com 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. Go to cvli.com to see the list of movies available.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS!!

Please let Jeremy Buis or Tracy Yang know what days and times you would like movie nights.

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 Sue Fredericksen know (530) 854-3599.
You may also send an email to oroumcprayer@gmail.com
new additional prayer line
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1stumcoro/
(Facebook group is a closed group so only members see postings)

Flowers on the Altar

The flower calendar is located as you enter the church on the bulletin board. If you have a special event or someone you would like to honor or remember by bringing flowers for the alter please sign up on the date and your name. The information regarding who or what you are bringing flowers for can be printed in the bulletin if you let Janet or Jeremy know prior to the Sunday you are bringing flowers. Remember you do not have to purchase flowers. Something from your yard is always nice. It's always lovely to see flowers on the alter so I hope you will consider bringing some for a special occasion.

HELLO

my name is

Please remember to wear your name tag on Sunday.

With new people attending our church name tags are the best way to help everyone remember names. If you're in need of a new name tag or need yours replaced see Jeremy Buis (guy in the sound booth).

Oroville First United Methodist Church

Prayer Chain Team

Sue Fredericksen
(530) 854-3599
You may also send an email to
oroumcprayer@gmail.com

Helen Beall
(530) 589-3149

Ellen Felice
(530) 533-8879

Susan Sharon
(530) 514-8436

**Please contact Sue Fredericksen if you would like your prayer request to go to the prayer chain.
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2026 Church Officers & Committees

Nominations & Leadership Development Committee

Chair: Pastor Tom Cota **Hmong Lay Leader: Tyler Yang**

2026	2027	2028
Sem Xiong	Ellen Felice	David Dewey
Mai Yang	Penny Xiong	Linda Dewey
Nan Yang		

Board of Trustees

Chair: Jeremy Buis **Vice Chair: Tyler Yang** **Secretary: Evelyn Cota**

Treasurer: Tony Bearden **Vice Treasurer:**

2026	2027	2028
Tyler Yang	Jeremy Buis	Tracy Yang
Evelyn Cota	Aaron Corona	Thao Xiong
	David Dewey	Tony Bearden

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Tellers:

Jeremy Buis Tracy Yang

Outreach Committee:

Randy Fowler Som Xiong Sem Xiong

Prayer & Visitation Team:

Chairperson: Sue Fredericksen

Glenda Ott Linda Dewey Helen Beall

Ellen Felice Zoua Thao-Yang Ka Vang

Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Chamee Yang Vice Chair: Mai Yang Secretary: Mai Yang

2026	2027	2028
Chamee Yang	Randy Fowler	Penny Xiong
Wendy Lee	Glenda Ott	Tracy Yang
Mai Yang		

Finance Committee

POSITION	SERVANT LEADER
Finance Chair	Betty Ledford
Finance Treasurer	Som Xiong
Secretary	John Fowler
Financial Secretary	Tracy Yang
Hmong Representative	Som Xiong
Stewardship Chair	Randy Fowler
Committee Member	David Dewey
Pastor	Tom Cota

Hmong Ministry Committee 2026-2027

POSITION	SERVANT LEADER
Pastor	Tom Cota
Chairperson	Tyler Yang
Secretary	Mai Yang
Treasurer	TBD
Men Chair	Davi Vang
Women Chair	Tracy Yang
Choir Director	Ka Vang
Youth Director	Thao Xiong
Youth Chair	Michio Vang
Sunday School	Mai Yang

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Church Administration Council

Pastor Tom Cota

Position	Servant Leader
Co-Chair/Lay Leader (English)	Betty Ledford
Co-Chair/Lay Leader (Hmong)	Tyler Yang
Secretary	Evelyn Cota
Membership Secretary	Jeremy Buis
Local Member to Annual Conference (English)	Evelyn Cota
Local Member at the Annual Conference (Hmong)	Tyler Yang
Trustee's Chair	Jeremy Buis
SPRC Chair	Chamee Yang
Finance Chair	Betty Ledford
Stewardship/Outreach Chair	Randy Fowler
Worship Chair	Pastor Tom Cota
Sunday School Director	Mai Yang
Youth President	Som Xiong

Recommendation for Pastoral Candidacy

Pastor Tom Cota

Certified Lay Servants

Tracy Yang • Chamee Yang

Davi Vang • Hlee Vang • Mai Yang

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Church Historian: TBD • Publicity Director: TBD

Enduring Gifts Director: Alma Short

Worship Committee

POSITION	SERVANT LEADER
Worship Chair	Pastor Tom Cota
Sound & Visual	Jeremy Buis
Usher Coordinator	Erin & Micah Buis
Greeter Coordinator	Alma Short
Organist	Patty Bell
Chancel Choir Director	Patty Bell
Liturgist Coordinator	Betty Ledford
Altar Flowers	Janet Short
Wedding Coordinator	Alma Short
Acolyte	Taylor Buis
Communion Steward	Erin Buis
Funeral & Memorials	Erin & Micah Buis
Paraments & Altaware	Micah Buis & Janet Short
Anointing Coordinator	Som Xiong
Hmong Pianist	Tyler Yang
Children Moment Coordinator	Tony Bearden

Welcome to
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Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving the Oroville Community

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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 Schedule

Combined English/Hmong Service..……10:30 a.m.
Communion Service is the 1st Sunday (All are welcome)…..…..…..……10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Fellowship…….Following Service
Trustees Meeting 4th Sunday of the month ……..……Following Service

Monday Schedule

Circle Group (Fourth Monday) location TBD ……..……1:00pm

Wednesday Schedule

Finance Meeting (Second Wednesday)……5:30 p.m.