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Pastor Tom Cota

Pastor's Corner

A word from Pastor Tom.....

Greetings Church Family,

HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY TO OUR GREAT NATION!!!!!
Summer is here and Praise be to God, our new A/C is coming soon. The money has been allocated and work has begun. As I said last month, 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.

Tony Bearden is in Wisconsin for the summer. May our Lord and Savior watch over him, Betty, 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 this month 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. Please remember that any amount will go a long way, especially via monthly commitments, with enough participation of our members.

Continued prayers are needed, not only for Jeremy, Erin, and Taylor, but also for Larry and Glenda Ott and Linda Herrick , as well as others dealing with trials and tribulations.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

6 Maurice Vang

9 Tou Yang

9 Evelyn Cota

10 Gail Leonard

14 Donovan Vang

19 Davi Vang

23 Zongchang Yang

23 Nou Ye Vang

28 Zoey Vang

31 Apollo Vang

May Birthdays

14 - Micah Buis

June Finance Report
06/01/2026

01 GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF JUNE 2026	**10836.35**
DEPOSITS THRU JUNE 2026	8404.11
EXPENDITURES THRU JUNE 2026	-7268.64
BALANCE AT END OF JUNE 2026	**11971.82**

03 DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT

BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF JUNE 2026	**23572.53**
DEPOSITS THRU JUNE 2026	440.00
EXPENDITURES THRU JUNE 2026	-500.00
BALANCE AT END OF JUNE 2026	**23512.53**

Betty Ledford

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.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Joline Hibbert

OCTOBER 24TH 1933 - FEBRUARY 16TH 2026

Saturday May 2nd 11am

1st United Methodist Church
45 Acacia Ave

Order of Service

SEATING OF FAMILY & FRIENDS		
PRELUDE	"BE STILL MY SOUL"	PATTY BELL
GREETING		PASTOR TOM COTA
BE THOU MY VISION - UMH #451		
OPENING PRAYER		PASTOR TOM COTA
SCRIPTURE READINGS: PSALM 23, JOHN 14:1-6		PASTOR TOM COTA
HOMILY		PASTOR TOM COTA
SCRIPTURE READINGS: ISAIAH 40:28-31, ISAIAH 41:8-10		JOLINE'S FAMILY
EULOGY		FAMILY
UMC ENGLISH & HMONG CHOIR	"NEARER MY GOD TO THEE"	
SHARING BY FRIENDS & FAMILY		
HYMN OF PROMISE - UMH #707		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		PASTOR TOM COTA
BENEDICTION		PASTOR TOM COTA
RECESSIONAL	"LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING"	PATTY BELL

You're invited to join the family in the Social Hall for lunch and to share more memories of Joline.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations in Joline's name may be made to First United Methodist Church of Oroville or Heifer International.

Joline Hibbert lived in Oroville, CA for 63 years. Born in Palo Alto, CA, October 1933. Her parents were Virginia and Ben Howard of Campbell, CA. Joline made her trip to heaven on February 16, 2026 at the age of 92.

Joline is survived by her children: Kristen Marshall, Robert Sweet, Melinda Sweet and Heidi Kerr, and her two sisters, Sandra Tamm and Heather Nougues. God blessed her with seven Grandchildren and two Great-Grandchildren. She married twice, to George Sweet and then was blessed to find and marry the love of her life, James Hibbert. She considered Jim's children and grandchildren as part of her family.

Joline raised four children, taught school for many years as a substitute and 1st Grade teacher in Thermalito Elementary School District. Her interests included traveling with her husband Jim or one of her many girlfriends, playing Bridge, and reading and discussing books. She was an active member of the 1st United Methodist Church from 1963. She played the old pipe organ and piano many of those years. She had a beautiful singing voice and directed the choir. Music from our piano was often heard at home.

The teacher inside was also active at church. When Oroville became the home of many from the Hmong community, Joline became the Sunday School teacher for their children. She welcomed and became good friends with the parents and the children, easing the transition into a new land, a new culture. Her parents encouraged her love for theater. As an adult, she acted in many plays at Birdcage, Theater on the Ridge, and the Chico Theater Company. She was presented with several awards from these theater companies for her acting ability. After giving up acting, she continued to attend local theaters until September 2025.

Our Mother lived a full and active life, with friends and activities, centered in Oroville.

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.

Walter Shaner Family

May 10, 1958

Oroville Mercury

'Mother' Theme Of Church Sermon

Rev. Robert G. Reis, minister of the First Methodist church, will speak on the theme "The Influence of a Christian Mother" at the Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock.

The Walter Shaners will be introduced as the "Methodist Family of the Year." This is sponsored by "Together"—a Methodist magazine. Qualifications: Parents under 50; two or more children; one a teenager; active in Sunday school and youth program; family emphasizes inspiring christian family living, family applies christian ethics daily; family is active in church and community life; family is warm and neighborly. Each church nominates, these are then screened on district, conference and jurisdictional levels. Those chosen will be guests of "Together" at the third National Conference on Family Life in Chicago this fall.

The Junior choir will sing "Faith of Our Mothers," under the direction of Mrs. Max P. Overley, and accompanied by Mrs. H. J. Coch[illegible]n, organist.

Copper Pipe Thief

He was interrupted in progress due to being obervered on the camerasl When approached he ran off leaving the pipe and his hat! All items were turned over to the Oroville Police Department including the camera footage, The trustees are dealing with the situation

UPDATE: Work has begun on the new unit.

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!

10 fascinating facts about John Wesley

SHARE

By Jeremy Steele

John Wesley is depicted as a young preacher in this sculpture by Adam Carr located in Melbourne, Australia. Public domain photo by Adam Carr/Wikipedia.

History is more than facts and figures. It is full of real people with real stories. Connecting with those people and stories helps us understand our lives and discern God's direction for our future. That is why it is important constantly to connect our teaching back to the i (http://www.umcom.org/learn/6-methodist-historical-figures-to-help-illustrate-your-next-lesson)mportant people in our church history. To help you do that, we have gathered some interesting, and maybe even surprising, facts about John Wesley to help you connect United Methodist history to your next lesson.

1. JOHN WESLEY WROTE ONE OF THE ALL-TIME BESTSELLING MEDICAL TEXTS.

Wesley was deeply convicted that God is concerned about our earthly life as well as our heavenly one. To that end, he wrote a medical text for the everyday person titled "Primitive Physick (http://thomber.net/medicine/html/primitive_printable.pdf)." The book detailed the current knowledge about home remedies and went through 32 editions, making it one of the most widely read books in England.

Many of Wesley's cures and tips on healthy living (https://www.umnews.org/en/news/wesleys-diet-exercise-tips-promote-health) remain widely accepted. While some of his advice was wishful thinking, the most important part of his philosophy was his insistence on continual observation to support hypotheses. Wesley boldly questioned modern doctors — how they sometimes treated humans like machines; that much of their "medicine" lacked merit and they lacked evidence to support its efficacy. By the same token, some of Wesley's beliefs certainly needed more supportive evidence. For instance, Wesley recommended holding a puppy against the stomach to cure stomach pain. He offered dried and powdered toad pills for asthma. He also enjoyed regular dips in cold bathwater, thought to be a near panacea. It sounds strange to us, but many leading minds during Wesley's time, espoused these sorts of folk remedies. And honestly, who doesn't feel better after holding a puppy? The point is, like David — who had the heart of God and still fell short — even the greatest leaders with the biggest hearts are fallible.

2. JOHN WESLEY COINED THE TERM "AGREE TO DISAGREE."

Over the years, Wesley had serious theological differences with another popular pastor named George Whitefield. Though they both argued passionately, Wesley reflected on these differences in a memorial sermon for Whitefield by saying: "There are many doctrines of a less essential nature. ... In these, we may think and let think; we may 'agree to disagree (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agree_to_disagree).' But, meantime, let us hold fast the essentials. ..." This appears to be the first recorded use of the term. It was a hallmark of Wesley's way of holding to his convictions while remaining in connection with those with whom he disagreed.

3. JOHN WESLEY RODE FAR ENOUGH ON HORSEBACK TO CIRCLE THE EARTH 10 TIMES.

Wesley rode 250,000 miles! He was convinced that it was important for him personally to spread the gospel through relationships and continue to grow closer to God in those relationships. Asked if he would consider

walking instead of riding, he replied, "Nay."

4. WESLEY HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT HIS FAITH.

Questioning one's faith should not be disparaged. Doubts are essential to making any belief system one's own. They do not mean that one will let it go. In fact, even as Wesley struggled with deep doubts about faith (http://wesley.nnu.edu/?id=89), he followed the wise instruction of a mentor who told him to "preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith." Even as we struggle, we can maintain our hold on the truths we question until we can settle all of our doubts.

5. "METHODIST" WAS ORIGINALLY A DEROGATORY TERM.

Though the origins of the term "Methodist" (http://www.methodistheritage.org.uk/heritageofmethodism.htm) are in dispute, it is clear that it was originally used by outsiders to mock John Wesley (http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/why-the-wesleys-and-others-came-to-be-called-Methodists) and his early societies because of their dedication to following a method for growing closer to God. They ended up accepting the term, considering it a positive descriptor of their movement. Way to own it, Methodists!

6. WESLEY COUNSELED PEOPLE TO "EAT A LITTLE LESS THAN YOU DESIRE."

Staying slim was far from Wesley's goal (1), though he did weigh in around 128 pounds. This was not the result of dieting, but rather of a practice to ensure that people were not ruled by their natural desires, but exercising control over them.

7. WESLEY NEVER INTENDED TO SPLIT FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

However, when the revolution happened in the American colonies, most of the Anglican priests returned home. Faced with the fact that none of the Methodists in the colonies could receive the sacraments, Wesley ordained ministers whom he sent to do the same in America (he was practical even when it caused problems). That act was the beginning of the separation that formed the Methodist Church (2) in America. The Methodist Church in England did not officially form until after Wesley's death.

8. WESLEY NEVER SAID THIS FAMOUS QUOTE ATTRIBUTED TO HIM.

It has been on the back of more than one United Methodist youth camp T-shirt: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, as long as ever you can." Though the quote is often attributed to John Wesley and is consistent with his perspective (http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/general-rules-of-the-methodist-church) on life, many historians have confirmed (http://vitalpiety.com/2013/04/29/wesley-didnt-say-it-do-all-the-good-you-can-by-all-the-means-you-can/) there is no record of Wesley ever saying that.

9. WESLEY BELIEVED YOU COULD NOT BE A CHRISTIAN ON YOUR OWN.

He said that we needed to be involved in "social holiness." Though some often think this term is synonymous with "social justice," its meaning is quite different. Wesley believed we could only grow as Christians in community (http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/wesleys-small-group-model-for-today). In his preface to the 1739 hymnal, he was adamant that "the gospel of Christ knows of no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness."

10. METHODISM GREW FROM FOUR TO 132,000 MEMBERS IN WESLEY'S LIFETIME.

The beginning of Methodism (3) was a group of four who called themselves the "holy club" at Oxford. When Wesley died in 1791, he left behind a movement (http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/Methodism.aspx) with 72,000 members in the British Isles and 60,000 in America.

United Methodist Communications and the General Commission on Archives and History teamed to test your knowledge of more than 200 years (http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/formation-of-the-united-methodist-church) of our church's past. So after you study up, take the United Methodist Church History Quiz (https://www.umc.org/en/content/history-quiz) and share it with your friends and family!

WANT TO KNOW THE NAME OF JOHN WESLEY'S HORSE?

Actually, we don't know that one. But if you need help clarifying the denomination's position on baptism or if you're looking for mission opportunities, contact Ask The UMC (https://www.umc.org/en/ask-the-umc-form), a ministry of United Methodist Communications and the official information service of The United Methodist Church.

These facts will equip you with lots of great discussion starters you can use at your next dinner party or church gathering. Let's have some fun with history!

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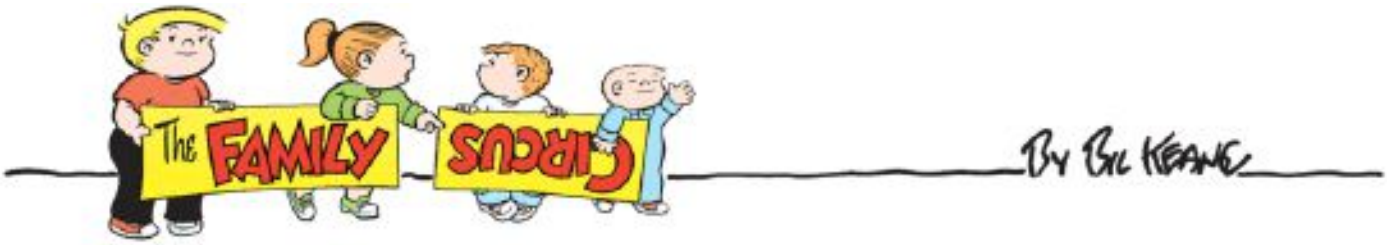
News and Announcements

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.



PASS ON THE GIFT
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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

July Recycling
$45.00

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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!

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OTHER RESOURCES

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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 travel for many of our members: **Doug & Patty Bell**, **Tony Bearden** who is in Wisconsin on an internship and **Betty Ledford** who is traveling to Italy with her two sons & grandson; Prayers for **Ellen & Keith Felice** as Ellen is not feeling well & Keith is still suffering from knee pain; **Tyler** asks for prayers for family members including his mom; Prayers for **Linda Herrick** as she is recovering from hip surgery; **Zoua** asks for prayers for her sister in Thailand who has shingles & it is very painful; **John & Randy** visited **Bill & Sharon Cheek** and they are doing well; Prayers for **a couple who are expecting their first baby**. They grew up in the Paradise Methodist Church and knew Pastor Bob Biehler & Pastor Dave Rieck. Pray for a healthy baby; **Gail Leonard** is asking for prayers for **Central Middle School students, families, and staff** due to the death of a student in an accidental shooting in early June. Gail's daughter Patricia is the principal of the school. The shooting happened off campus.; 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 **Patty Bell** as she has some medical issues; **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. **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 as she is recovering from knee surgery; **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. **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** as they gave them housing until they could find another living 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 Leonard.

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.

JOYS: Praise the Lord for the improvements in the parking lot that were done in June by **Tony Bearden, his father Ken, Jeremy and Micah Buis**. There are new signposts for handicap parking and additional signage and they repaired the mailbox post and painted parking lot lines. Thanks to these hard workers our property is looking better; **Zoua i**s happy for her family; It was a joy to have **Tyler** play the piano for us while **Patty** is gone; it's a joy to see **visitors** in our church this past month; **David Dewey** is joyful and thankful for **Jordan Crossing** for helping move the organ pipes to the attic; **Janet Short** says it is a joy to work with the Vacation Bible School at the Congregational Church; **Sue Fredericksen** is happy that she had family to spend time with recently and that she passed her driving test and got her license back;

Ka & Shor are happy to have had their youngest son & daughter-in-law in church on June 21st; **Glenda** was happy to be back in church and that **Larry** is doing okay. He needs to have someone with him, however.

DEATH: Prayers for **Joe Mooney and family as his wife Cathie Mooney** passed away on June 22nd**.** They were members of our church family at one time. Joe was very active in the church, and we grieve with him over Cathie's loss.

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 an**suefredericksen@icloud.com**y 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 orovilleumc45@gmail.com.

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
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You may also send an email to
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Helen Beall
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Ellen Felice
(530) 533-8879

Susan Sharon
(530) 514-8436

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2026 Church Officers & Committees

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

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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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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		

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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: Wendy Lee**

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

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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 Service 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 ……..……..……..1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Schedule

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

If you have monthly meeting you would like to post on this calender email orovilleumc45@gmail.com or give a note to Jeremy or Erin Buis.