

# THE GOLDEN FEATHER



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All Saint's Day	November 1st
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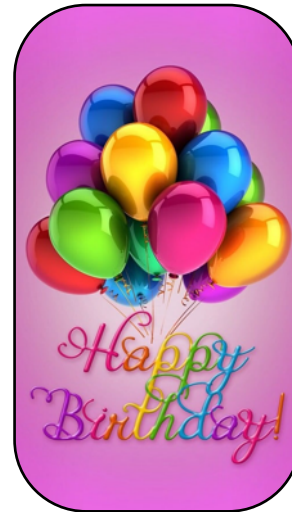
**Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño | District Superintendent Rev. Blake Busick**

**Pastor Cheng Yang**

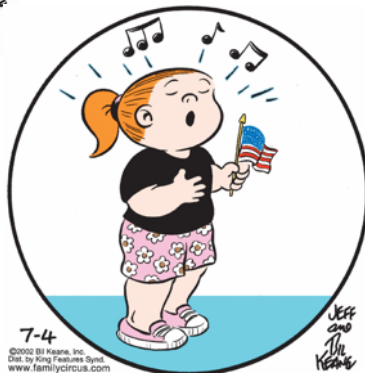
# July Birthdays

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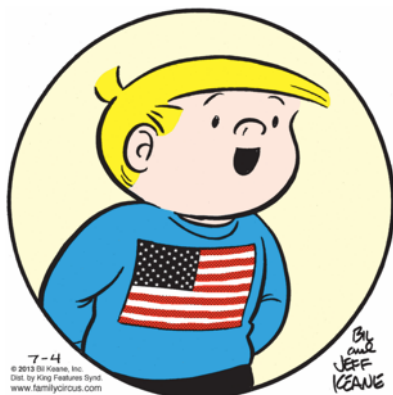
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"You can open your eyes, P.J.  
Your eyes can't hear!"



"... The bombs bursting in air ...  
gave fruit through the night ..."



"This is my favorite shirt 'cause  
it has our country's logo on it."



My granddaughter, Marlena Jacobsen, Timothy's daughter, just received her Masters in Public Health, Epidemiology. In August she will move to Minneapolis, Minnesota where she has been given a full scholarship to begin her PHD in Epidemiology. "Oh the places we will go."  
Alma Short



# RECYCLE

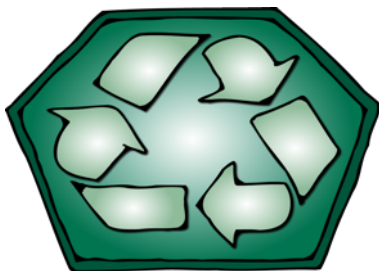


1. We need to take the caps off the plastic bottles
2. We need to bag plastic, aluminum, and glass separately.
3. **Glass can not include wine bottles.**
4. Everything must have the recycle brand on the bottom (or CA CRV on it).
5. Take it to Nonie and Micah's house until the church opens again. Then we can put them in the plastic bins as we used to do
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 or wine bottles. Micah and family*



**May Recycling  
\$58.27**

*2022 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year  
Since 2010*

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Have any of you come across a teacher or employee at your child's school that you felt went above and beyond their job? If you have, here is your chance to give them a sign that they are respected and deserving of some extra applause. First United Methodist Church has held a dinner called the Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year Dinner for the last 12 years. At that dinner we applaud and respond positively to the nominations from the school districts in our Butte County area. The schools are those from Palermo, Bangor, Oroville, Thermalito., Stream Cherted and Hearthstone. The nominations come from the parents, staff at the schools, and community members. You too can nominate someone who you want to be honored for what they are doing at the school. They can be teachers, counselors, bus drivers, and custodians. Anyone who works at the school. Could even be a principal or vice principal. Listen to your child, or think about who you would like to honor and call Noni Buis or go to Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year on the internet. We would love to receive a nomination from you as parents and your children.

Please take the time and stop by <https://ross-harmon.org> fill out the online form so that deserving people will receive recognition for their efforts. The deadline for submission of nominations is Friday, March 25, 2022.

Which event would you like to see return this year, if it is safe?

- \* Dinner at six?
- \* Turkey dinner?
- \* Christmas baskets?
- \* Italian dinner and auction?
- \* Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year?
- \* Mother's Day Brunch?
- \* Promotion Sunday for Sunday School ?

How can you help make this happen?

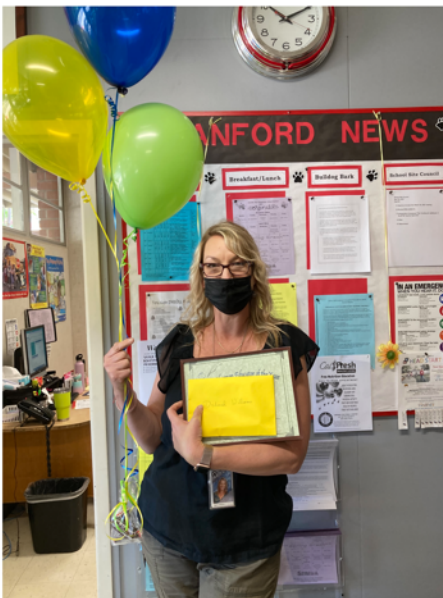


**Jaymie Martinez**  
Las Plumas High School



**Lena Miller**  
Las Plumas High School

*2021 Ross-Harmon  
Educator of the Year  
Honorees*



**Deborah Williams**  
Stanford Ave School



**Toby and Leanne Erickson**  
STREAM Charter School



**Lori Stapleton**  
Sierra Ave School

Not Pictured

**Christian Bruce**  
Las Plumas High School

**Jonathon Smith**  
Palermo School

**James Knapp**  
Las Plumas High School

*2021 Ross-Harmon  
Educator of the Year Honorees*

***Christian Bruce***

***Teacher***

Las Plumas High School

***Deborah Williams***

***Teacher***

Stanford Avenue School

***Toby and Leanne Erickson***

***Teachers***

Stream Charter School

***James Knapp,***

***Agriculture Teacher***

Las Plumas High School

***Jaymie Martinez***

***Administrative Secretary II***

Las Plumas High School

***Jonathan Smith***

***Computer Maintenance Technician***

Palermo Elementary School

***Lena Miller Amazing Para Educator***

Las Plumas High School

***Lori Stapleton***

***Secretary***

Sierra Ave School



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE WORKDAY CREW!

Joey Yang  
Tracy Yang  
Kham Vang  
Xeng Lee  
Ye Vang  
Hlee Vang  
Jordan Vang  
Jacob Vang  
Jonarthan Vang  
Maiv Lee  
Genevieve Vang  
Koen Vang  
Aria Vang  
Goua Yang  
Ka Vang  
Bill Cheek  
Stacey (Bill Cheek's daughter)  
Alma Short  
Janet Short  
Ginger Ewalt  
Doug Bell  
Patty Bell  
Micah Buis  
Susan Sharon

Your work is appreciated,  
Jeremy Buis





Thankful for the  
goats!

Thankful for the  
volunteers who  
trimmed what the  
goats left!

Thankful for the  
neighbors who  
called the fire  
department!

Thankful for  
Oroville Fire  
Department's  
quick response!

Photos by Jeremy Buis

# POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR COFFEE HOUR

## Policy:

1. A coffee hour is provided after the 10:30 AM service by volunteers of the church.
2. The church will provide coffee, tea, creamer, and sweeteners.
3. The church will provide cups, plates, napkins, and silverware.
4. The church will provide drink concentrate(?) and ice.
5. Those who volunteer for running the coffee hour will provide snacks.
6. Volunteers will make the coffee, tea, and punch and set it out on the table provided along with snacks. Please make both Reg & Decaf (Some members can't have the caffeine).
7. Volunteers will remove all items, clean up the dishes and table, and place items used in their normal storage areas.
8. They will also wash towels used and bring them back to the church towel drawer.

## Procedure:

A person from the Randy Fowler purchase the church 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. Turn on the coffee maker to warm the water.
- B. Make a pot of hot water with the coffee maker for tea, and place it on an activated warmer plate.
- C. Make a pot of regular and decaf coffee and put them on an activated warmer plate.
- D. Make the punch in a punch bowl with water and ice, and place it on the serving table.
- E. Place the plates, cups, napkins, silverware, creamer, and sweeteners on the serving table.
- F. Place their snacks on plates on the serving table with appropriate serving utensils.
- G. Monitor the table as people come through the serving line and assist as needed.
- H. 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.
- I. Turn off the coffee maker and warmer plates.
- J. Clean the Serving table and counters used.
- K. Notify person in charge of purchasing what coffee hour supplies need to be replenished.



**Communion Sunday**  
**June 6, 2021**  
**Photos by Erin & Jeremy Buis**

# CORNER STONE OF NEW CHURCH WILL BE LAID THIS EVENING

## PROGRAM IS PREPARED FOR THE CEREMONIES ON LAND DEDICATED FIFTY YEARS AGO TO ITS PRESENT USE

Arrangements are complete for the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new **Methodist** Church, that is scheduled to take place at 7 o'clock this evening. Assisting the church in the exercises of laying the corner-stone will be the officers and members of Oroville Lodge, Number 103, Free and Accepted Masons. After the stone has been put in place by the latter organization, Rev. H. E. Beeks, presiding elder of the district and a former pastor of the church, will deliver an address at the Court-house lawn.

R. Blackwood, E. C. Binet, C. L. Green.  
Secretary—V. B. Howe.  
Treasurer—A. Vaughan.  
Building Committee—The Rev. G. M. Richmond, F. H. Gray, F. J. Higgins, E. C. Binet, W. W. Gingles, O. P. Ormsby, C. S. Cline.  
Financé Committee—A. Vaughan, F. F. Ford, E. C. Binet, V. B. Howe, F. J. Higgins, F. H. Gray, Clark Standiford.  
Superintendent of Construction—C. S. Cline.  
The pioneer member of the church is G. W. Sovereign.

diagonally across from the site of the new church. This address will begin at 8 o'clock.

The program for the services to-night is as follows:

- Hymn.
- Invocation.
- Scripture Reading.
- Hymn.
- Ritual Service.
- Depositing Matter in the Stone.
- Laying the Stone by Masons.
- History of Church—Rev. G. M. Richmond.

Address by Dr. H. E. Beeks, District Superintendent.

The new church is being built upon land purchased in the fifties as a site for a **Methodist** church. Financial difficulties prevented the plan thus formed from reaching a consummation. Over fifty years after the land was first dedicated to Methodism, it will to-night see the laying of the corner-stone for a tabernacle now be-

The following committees have had charge of the work of planning and preparing for the new church building:

- Pastor—The Rev. G. M. Richmond.
- Trustees—F. H. Gray, F. J. Higgins, V. B. Howe, Clark Standiford, George



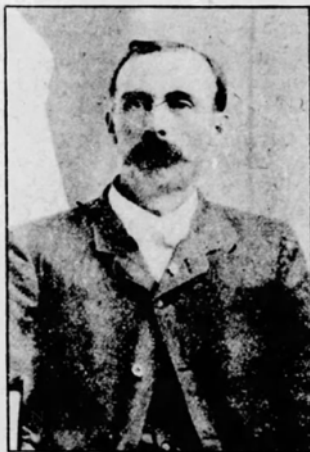
FRANK F. FORD



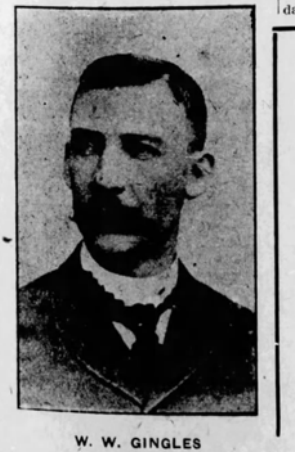
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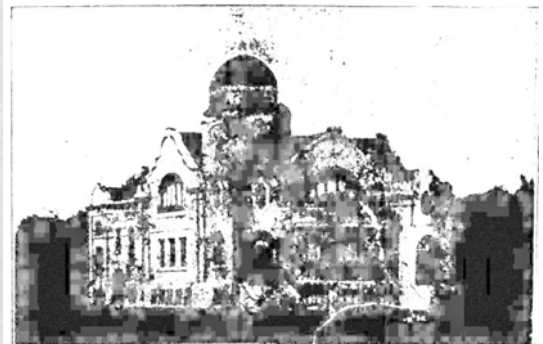
REV. G. M. RICHMOND



G. W. SOVEREIGN



O. P. ORMSBY



OROVILLE'S NEW **METHODIST** CHURCH

# CHURCH CORNER STONE LAID WITH RITUALISTIC SERVICES

HISTORY OF CHURCH RECALLS INTERESTING PERIODS OF EARLY  
DAYS OF OROVILLE

With the impressive ritualistic services of the church and of the Masonic fraternity, the corner-stone of the new **Methodist** Church was laid in its place last evening. The program that had been prepared for the occasion was listened to with close attention. The program was substantially the same as that published yesterday.

Following the exercises at the church site, an adjournment was taken to the Court-house Square, where the Rev. Dr. Beeks delivered a strong and earnest address.

One of the most interesting features of the service was the reading of the church history by the Rev. G. M. Richmond. This history recalled much of the earlier history of Oroville, and was of particular interest to the older residents.

### History of Church.

The history of the church has been as follows:

In writing a history of the **Methodist** Episcopal Church of Oroville, it is very evident that the facts of the very early history must be somewhat mingled with tradition.

Up to this period we have sought out every available avenue of authentic record open to us, and offer this brief record as free from errors as possible. We think that all errors hereafter discoverable will not be of a serious nature.

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On December 23, 1858, these same trustees mortgaged the property to John J. Buckeris for \$600 at 2½% per month interest.

We note that on October 13, 1860, the trustees gave a mortgage to Randall Hobart for \$450 at 2½% per month interest. This mortgage was satisfied March 13, 1862.

At this time the trustees consisted of John R. Wells, L. A. Goodhead and G. W. Sovereign.

It appears from the record that these trustees deeded the property to John J. Buckeris, March 13, 1862, for a consideration of \$1,136.

From reliable sources we are assured that this must have been the satisfaction of a mortgage held by John J.

Buckeris.

About this time the Frazer River mining excitement broke out and many of our people left the city, and the depleted, struggling society finding it impossible to carry the mortgage, succumbed to the inevitable and the **Methodist** Society lost their property and largely their foothold in the city of Oroville.

With the passing of the lot heretofore described went also the **Methodist** parsonage. When and by whom this parsonage was built is a matter of conjecture largely. The oldest residents of the city at this present date remember its existence from their earliest residence in the city. It was a one-story brick structure of four rooms, but those who occupied it latterly had made additions, which materially changed its appearance, and thus the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it fell not, because of its superior construction of our early builders, until April, 1910, when modern builders razed it for the 20,000 brick which it contained to erect within a few feet of the ancient location the new, modern and more beautiful and more convenient structure.

However fascinating is this early history, we must leave it, so the annals have a sudden and abrupt termination.

From 1857 to 1863 we can trace a tolerably correct record, but from 1863 until 1878 our history is all but silent. We doubt not that during this period of fifteen years between 1863 and 1878 some labor was bestowed by the **Methodists**, but it must have been scattering, unsystematic and incoherent.

However, that period is wrapped in too deep silence for much more than conjecture.

On June 16, 1910, the corner-stone of the old church was removed and opened and contents noted. Several interesting relics were found enclosed, among which were copies of the county papers, a copy of the California Christian Advocate, a Bible, a **Methodist** Hymnal, a photo of Rev. J. W. Kuykendall, a list of the subscribers to the then new church, and a history of the church up to that period. From that period we shall make free use of the record left by him in the corner-stone.

From the county records we find that the church society was incorporated as "The First **Methodist** Church of Oroville" on the 14th of May, 1878.

From the records of J. W. Kuykendall we quote the following:

"First **Methodist** Episcopal Church, Oroville, Butte County, California. William Dunstone, G. W. Sovereign, and Gardner Osgood, trustees. John Wesley Kuykendall, pastor; Rev. A. J. Nelson, presiding elder, Sacramento District, California Conference. (Box sealed and deposited in corner-stone, April 7, 1879.)

"A brief account of the Oroville charge, Sacramento District, California Conference:

"Efforts have been made at several different times in the past to establish Methodism in Oroville, but nothing permanent was accomplished until about a year ago. Brother S. Jones, whose pastorate on this charge closed in September, 1874, was the last pastor appointed by the conference until the present one, John W. Kuykendall, who was appointed September 30, 1878. Brother J. W. Sheehan, who was laboring on the Chico circuit, visited Oroville in December, 1877, and preached a few times and arranged to hold reg-

ular services.

"In February, 1878, he organized a class here, with the following names: G. W. Sovereign, William Dunstone (full members from old record); Mrs. Virginia Welch (by letter); William Edmonds, Mrs. Edmonds, Charles Gummow, Laura Gummow, John Moler, Caroline Moler, Caroline Gummow, Elizabeth Smith (joined on trial).

"Only a few days after the organization of this class Brother Sheehan was drowned in Butte Creek while on his way from Oroville to his home at Durham. Brother Sheehan was very much beloved by the people of this place, and they felt his loss keenly. He did much good during his short pastorate. About a month after his death, Rev. John Tamblyn, a local preacher of the M. E. Church, was employed by the presiding elder of this district (Rev. A. J. Nelson) to take charge for the remainder of the year.

He filled the place very acceptably, and added a few names to the membership, but on account of ill-health had to leave the work a month before conference.

"During Brother Tamblyn's pastorate a lot was secured on which to build a church, and mostly paid for, but no effort was made to secure subscriptions to build.

"On reaching the charge I found but a very small membership and all limited in means. Also found the town and surrounding country in a financial depression, and it was only by earnest and persistent effort that we could secure by subscription enough to make a beginning.

"On the evening of the 4th day of April, 1879, we laid the corner-stone in which this document is found. The congregation assembled at the Courthouse, and Rev. W. S. Urmy, of Chico, delivered a very interesting and appropriate sermon from Deut. 32 : 31, after which about \$75 was added to the subscription list and a plate collection of \$14 taken. The congregation then repaired to the church lot, where Brother Urmy conducted the services and laid the corner-stone, assisted by Rev. Jesse Wood, of the Congregational Church of Oroville, and the pastor of the M. E. Church.

"At the close of the service the pastor stated that the names of all the subscribers for the building would be placed in the corner-stone, and that it would be a few days before the box would be sealed up.

"The next morning Brother Urmy and myself and Brother Osgood went

to work to secure subscriptions, and succeeded, as the list enclosed in this box will show.

"Brother Army's visits and labors have greatly assisted us in our effort. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon him and may he be abundantly rewarded.

"As pastor, I wish to record a word of thanks to the good people of Oroville for their uniform kindness to myself and wife. I am especially grateful to all who have aided us in this work by their contributions and their words of encouragement and their sympathy, which have cheered our hearts and sustained our hands amid the many discouragements we have passed through in the past few months.

"We feel confident of success in this good work.

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit ever rest upon us all. Amen.

"J. W. Kuykendall,"

"Preacher in Charge."

Thus reads the history of the laying of the corner-stone of what is now known as the old church.

We feel at this date that we are enabled to record a correct succession of the various pastorates, giving names of pastors, dates, and years of service, beginning with 1857 down to 1910. As before stated, the work of the Methodists began at Oroville under J. R. Tansey in 1857.

According to the records, he served the charge one year. He is classed among the pioneer preachers of Methodism in the State. (Deceased, June 20, 1876.)

While there is some uncertainty regarding it, it appears that the charge was occupied in 1858 by R. B. Stratton. Little is known of this pastorate beyond the fact that Mr. Stratton returned to New York during this same year. (Deceased, January 25, 1875.)

From the record we are assured that the charge was occupied in 1860 by Randall Hobart. As there was not another appointment made to the charge until 1863, it is presumed that he may have served the charge during this entire period, for it is known that he was county judge when the county-seat was located at Bidwell's Bar. The fact that he took a superannuate relation in 1861 warrants the presumption. (Deceased, February 7, 1870.)

Philetus Grove was appointed to the charge in 1863. Very little is known of the work during this pastorate. At this period Oroville and Forbestown were together, but for some reason the work was abandoned during this

year and was not revived until some years later. How long Mr. Grove remained pastor is not known. (Deceased, December 30, 1869.)

Although omitted by some of our records, it is quite certain that the charge was served by Seneca Jones during the years 1874-5. Little is known of the accomplishments during this period. Seneca Jones is still in pastoral service, in the Congregational Church.

W. J. Sheehan, who was laboring on the Chico circuit, visited Oroville in December, 1877. In February, 1878, he organized a class consisting of G. W. Sovereign, William Dunstone, Mrs. Virginia Welch, William Edmonds and wife, Charles Gummow, Laura Gummow, Caroline Gummow, John Moler and wife, and Elizabeth Smith. He was drowned soon after while attempting to ford Butte Creek in discharge of his-circuit duties.

About a month after his death, John Tamblin, a local preacher of the M. E. Church, was employed. Filled out the year acceptably, but on account of ill-health left the charge about a month before conference. During his pastorate a lot was secured on which to build a church and was mostly paid for, but no subscriptions secured toward a new church.

At the conference of 1878, on the 30th of September, J. W. Kuykendall was appointed as pastor. The splendid work of this pastorate has already been noted, as to how a few months later, April 4, 1879, the corner-stone of a new church was laid, and that the building then planned for has served the society to the present date.

J. Gregory was sent to the charge in the fall of 1879, and served the church one year. Little is known of his work beyond the fact of his term of service, and nothing about his later movements.

At the September conference of 1880, John Appleton was sent to the charge, and served it three years, during which time the church was finished and a lot on the corner of Montgomery Street and Second Avenue purchased, upon which a parsonage was built.

In 1883, Jess Smith was appointed, but for some reason served the charge but six months. The remainder of the year was supplied by Brother Warren.

Richard Rodda was sent to the charge at the conference of 1884, and served the society for three years. During this pastorate the belfry was

finished and a bell purchased and hung.

In 1886, John Kirby was appointed, and served a pastorate of two years. During this period the church was relieved of its debt and dedicated. We feel that special mention should be made of the fact that largely through the earnest and untiring efforts of Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Samuel Gummow (who later became Mrs. J. C. Weldon) in raising funds, this indebtedness was discharged.

C. H. Beechgood was appointed to the charge in 1888. He remained one year. Little is known concerning this pastorate beyond the fact that the pastor and people worked on in peace and harmony.

According to the records, the charge was supplied by J. P. Morris during the year 1889. Further records seem unavailable.

F. E. McCallum was the appointee in the fall of 1890. But like the pastorate preceding it, data regarding conditions and accomplishments are very scant.

At the conference of 1891, A. C. Duncan was appointed to the charge, and served it but one year. Like some other pastorates, we must acknowledge inability to secure much regarding the accomplishments of the church during this period.

On August 19, 1891, this society purchased a property on Lincoln Street, between Miners Alley and the church (corner of Lincoln and Bird Streets), for a parsonage property. This, however, was not used as a parsonage until 1894. The parsonage on corner of Montgomery Street and Second Avenue being used until 1894, when it was sold.

Angelo Canoll was appointed in 1892 and served the charge two years. He was a preacher of exceptional mental power, as well as of religious fervor and eloquence. Even to the present day we hear of his marvelous pulpit ability, and it is not surprising that a volume of those remarkable discourses should be published. That work is now extant. (Deceased, March 22, 1895.)

In 1894, Daniel M. Birmingham was appointed, and served the charge two years. It was during this pastorate that the parsonage property on the corner of Montgomery Street and Second Avenue was sold and the new property occupied which was purchased in 1891, on the east side of Lincoln Street, lying between Miners Alley and the church lot on the corner of Bird and Lincoln Street. This building was occupied several years thereafter as a parsonage. This pastorate was one of reconstruction and reuniting the church forces. The pastor by his kindly manner greatly endeared himself to all. He is still in active service, in New York City.

G. H. Van Vliet received the appointment to this charge in 1896, and served the society for four years. His term of service was marked by a succession of successful revivals, resulting in a large ingathering of members. About \$500 was spent in renovating the church. The vacant lot adjoining the church on the east was also purchased during this pastorate. Brother Van Vliet still resides near the city, and we are frequently cheered by his presence and sympathetic advice.

In the year 1900, C. H. Beechgood was appointed to the charge for a second time. He served but eight months of this year, however, owing to failure of voice, and resigned. Fred Shelton was appointed by the presiding elder to supply for the remainder of the year.

D. W. Chilson was appointed to Oroville in the fall of 1901. His term of service lasted but one year. Our data are meager concerning this pastorate and little is known during this period, other than the ordinary course of pastoral service.

In 1902, Horace E. Beeks was appointed. He was returned in 1903, but owing to throat trouble served only a few months. He was succeeded by Fred Shelton, who supplied the remainder of the year. His incumbency was marked by additions to the church and a general feeling of good fellowship. During this pastorate the old parsonage building was torn down and a modern, nine-room dwelling erected in its stead, at a cost of \$2,500. A balance of \$1,100 of this debt was carried until 1906, when it was canceled. Dr. Beeks is now district superintendent of the Sacramento District.

At the conference of 1904, J. W. Phelps was appointed. He served the charge for three years. During his incumbency the remaining indebtedness on the parsonage was paid. We note that it was about this period when the agitation concerning a new church edifice began. It is known that a subscription list was started, but the matter was finally dropped. Mr. Phelps is still in active service in the conference.

James L. Case was the next incumbent. He was appointed in September, 1907, and served two years. The agitation relative to a new church continued more or less during this pasto-

rate also, but nothing other than the agitation was effected, though the idea was evidently brewing in the minds of the people. A notable revival took place on the charge during this pastorate, and the church was greatly quickened and many were added to the church. Mr. Case is actively engaged in the conference at the present writing.

We have finally reached the period of the present pastorate.

G. M. Richmond was appointed to Oroville, September 20, 1909. On arriving in the city we found the spirit of the entire city one of hopefulness and aggressiveness. This spirit was shared by the people in the church regarding spiritual things. Our little church, which had served the society so long, was often taxed to accommodate those who sought an entrance to the services on the Sabbath. It was also found that the cramped condition of this building was inadequate for the larger growth that promised, and accordingly on the evening of December 1, 1909, at a regular official board meeting, it was moved by V. B. Howe and seconded by Fred Irwin, that we build a new church.

The question soon arose as to location. Some still clung sympathetically to the location which had become famous as the "Methodist" corner, while others thought that a change might be made which would be advantageous both as to location and financially, as in the exchange of properties there would be a difference of several thousand dollars.

In a short time an option was secured on what was known as the Woolever lot. It was the southeast corner of Lincoln and Robinson Streets.

This option was to expire on March 15, 1910. The church took it up and arranged for its purchase at \$7,999. In this transaction the church secured a lot 66x128, and on this stood at the time of purchase a one-story brick house, which was bought in the purchase. Strange as it may seem, this house was the Methodist parsonage mentioned in the early period of this historical narrative, and the lot was the same as that lost through the foreclosure of a mortgage many years ago, with the addition of six feet.

Thus the old saying was true again, "God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

We are, then, located on the exact spot which our forefathers purchased and lost.

On April 16, 1910, the Methodists broke ground for their new church and parsonage, as they had sold out their church and parsonage on Bird and Lincoln Streets. An appropriate program was arranged for the occasion, and about this time the old brick house (formerly the parsonage) was razed and the brick used in the new



parsonage, which is just about completed at this writing. It is a two-story house of eight rooms, with every modern convenience. The first story is of brick and the second is frame, and the whole is covered with cement plaster. At this writing the cost of this building is approximately \$2,700.

The foundation of the new church is now laid. The building is 67x86, with a basement under the whole. The foundation walls are of concrete, 16 inches thick. The frame work on the basement walls is now being constructed, and we are ready for the laying of our corner-stone to-night at 7 o'clock.

This is July 8, 1910, and as we write, we can hear the sound of saws and hammers. This may not be as it was when Solomon built his temple, but that is the only way we can accomplish it.

We are using the old corner-stone in our new structure.

We found, by leaving an opening in the cement, we could double the capacity, hence we are inserting the material taken from the old stone and adding new material.

The newspapers within sealed will give you an idea of the men who shouldered the new enterprise.

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At this writing we feel that the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Oroville has a splendid future. We have a good, loyal membership and splendid attendance, which bids fair to become much larger.

We have a good growing Sunday-school. Brother F. H. Gray is the superintendent.

Our Ladies' Aid Society is strong and active. Mrs. E. L. Green is the president.

Our Epworth League is in good condition and full of good works. Mrs. C. A. Appel is president, also district president.

We have a promising Methodist Brotherhood. The president is A. Vaughan. There is a Home Missionary Society, in good condition. Mrs. C. L. Green is the president.

And now for the future! We see through a glass darkly. It is prophecy with us. The same will be history to

those who will come hereafter. We trust that when this corner-stone is removed, our church will be far in advance of what it is to-day. We are building for our dear brothers, sisters and friends who will be in active service when our poor lisping, stammering tongues lie silent in the grave.

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit abide with you all.

G. M. RICHMOND.

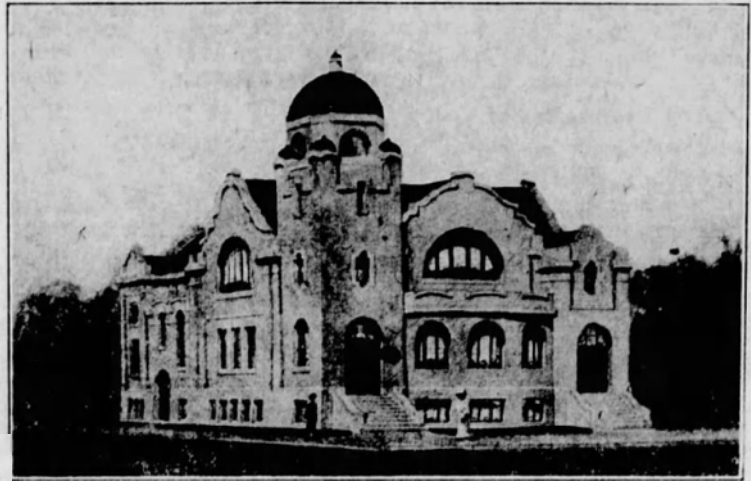
Pastor in Charge.

Oroville, Cal., July 8, 1910.

# CORNERSTONE OF OLD CHURCH BUILDING TO BE LAID WITH DUE CEREMONIES IN THE NEW STRUCTURE

THURSDAY NEXT TO  
SEE OLD STONE  
OPENED

INTERESTING HISTORY OF EARLY  
DAYS WILL BE REVEALED



VIEW OF PLAN OF NEW METHODIST CHURCH, CONSTRUCTION  
WORK UPON WHICH WILL SOON START.

At a meeting of the trustees of the **Methodist** Church, arrangements were made for moving the **corner-stone** of the present church building. It is the purpose of the trustees to have this **corner-stone** moved on Thursday next, when Dr. H. E. Beeks, presiding elder for this district and a former pastor of the church, will be present, and will officiate at the services. A program will be arranged for the occasion, and at that time the date for laying the **corner-stone** of the new building will be selected.

The **corner-stone** of the present building will probably be utilized in the new structure. On Thursday evening, however, it will be opened, and it is expected that the contents will recall much interesting history of the earlier days of Oroville.

The date of the new structure will be carved into the corner-stone, and new records of the present day will be placed in it before it is sealed and put in place.

## **METHODISTS WILL INVESTIGATE CONTENTS IN HOPE OF LEARNING CHURCH HISTORY.**

At 7 o'clock this evening the **corner-stone** of the **Methodist** Church will be removed, the stone opened, and the contents examined. The ceremony attendant upon the removal of the stone will be conducted by the presiding elder, Dr. Beeks, who is himself a former pastor of this church. It is expected that much interesting matter relative to church history will be revealed when the stone is opened.

It is planned to install the same stone in the new structure.

The work of laying the foundation for the new edifice was started yesterday, and will be completed with all the expedition possible.

With the exception of painting, the parsonage is practically complete. Painters will start at work at once, and early in July it will be ready for occupancy.

# INTERESTING HISTORY REVEALED WHEN CORNER STONE IS OPENED

NUMBER PRESENT AT SERVICES  
AT METHODIST CHURCH  
LAST EVENING.

The **corner-stone** of the Methodist Church in this city was taken from the place that it has been resting for the past thirty-one years, last evening, and opened. The exercises were very simple and informal, and centered largely around an examination of the contents of the corner-stone. Many of the older residents of Oroville were present, and the documents exhibited and names read recalled earlier days with great vividness.

The stone was put in place on Friday, April 4, 1879. It is proposed to make the same stone the **corner-stone** of the new structure. According to present plans, it will be laid in its new place on Friday, July 8, 1910. The presiding elder, Rev. H. E. Beeks, will be present on that occasion. The members of Oroville Lodge, Number 103, F. and A. M., have also been invited to participate in the ceremonies.

### Contents of Stone.

Among the more interesting contents of the **corner-stone** were the local papers, a list of the persons who had contributed to build the church, and a brief history of the church by its then pastor, the Rev. Mr. Kuykendall.

The first paper taken out was the Butte County Register, now the Oroville Daily Register. At that time the paper was published in Biggs. Its editor was William Sharkey, the father of Mrs. M. S. Abrams and Walter J. Sharkey, of this city.

The Chico Enterprise was also a weekly paper. Ed Hoole was the editor. The only evening paper was the Chico Daily Evening Record, then a small four-page sheet, for which the modest sum of \$10 a year was asked. George H. Crossette edited the Record. The Weekly Mercury, published in Oroville, was the fourth local paper that the **corner-stone** contained. It was published by William DeMott.

The following history of the church will be read with interest:

First Methodist Episcopal Church, Oroville, Butte County, California. William Dunstone, G. W. Sovereign and Gardner Osgood, trustees; John Wesley Kuykendall, pastor; Rev. A. J. Nelson, presiding elder Sacramento District, California Conference. (Box sealed and deposited in corner-stone, April 7, 1879.)

A brief account of the Oroville charge, Sacramento District, California Conference:

Efforts have been made at several different times in the past to establish Methodism in Oroville, but nothing permanent was accomplished until about a year ago. Brother S. Jones, whose pastorate on this charge closed in September, 1874, was the last pastor appointed by the Conference until the present one, John W. Kuykendall, who was appointed September 30, 1878.

Brother W. J. Sheehan, who was laboring on the Chico circuit, visited Oroville in December, 1877, and preached a few times and arranged to hold regular services.

In February, 1878, he organized a class here, with the following names: G. W. Sovereign, William Dunstone (full members from old record), Mrs. Virginia Welch (by letter), William Edmonds, Mrs. Edmonds, Charles Gummow, Lauria Gummow, John Moler, Caroline Moler, Caroline Gummow, Elizabeth Smith (joined on trial).

Only a few days after the organization of this class, Brother Sheehan was drowned in Butte Creek while on his way from Oroville to his home at Durham. Brother Sheehan was very much beloved by the people of this place, and they felt his loss keenly. He did much good during his short pastorate.

About a month after his death, Rev. John Tamblin, a local preacher of the M. E. Church, was employed by the presiding elder of this district (Rev. A. J. Nelson) to take charge for the remainder of the year. He filled the place very acceptably and added a few names to the membership, but on account of ill health, had to leave the work a month before conference.

During Brother Tamblin's pastorate, a lot was secured on which to build a church and mostly paid for, but no effort made to secure subscriptions to build.

On reaching the charge I found but a very small membership, and they all

limited in means. Also found the town and surrounding country in a financial depression, and it was only by earnest and persistent effort that we could secure by subscription enough to make a beginning.

On the evening of the 4th day of April, 1879, we laid the **corner-stone** in which this document is found. The congregation assembled at the Court-house, and Rev. W. S. Urmy, of Chico, delivered a very interesting and appropriate sermon from Deut. 22:31, after which about \$75 was added to the subscription list, and a plate-collection of \$14 taken. The congregation then repaired to the church lot, where Brother Urmy conducted the services and laid the **corner-stone**, assisted by Rev. Jesse Wood, of the Congregational Church of Oroville, and the pastor of the M. E. Church.

At the close of the service the pastor stated that the names of all the subscribers for the building would be placed in the **corner-stone**, and that it would be a few days before the box would be sealed up. The next morning Brother Urmy and myself, Brother Osgood, went to work to secure subscriptions, and succeeded, as the list enclosed in this box will show.

Brother Urmy's visits and labors have greatly assisted us in our effort. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon him and may he be abundantly rewarded.

As pastor, I wish to record a word of thanks to the good people of Oroville for their uniform kindness to myself and wife. I am especially grateful to all who have aided us in this work by their contributions and their words of encouragement and their sympathy, which have cheered our hearts and sustained our hands amid the many discouragements we have passed through in the past few months.

We feel confident of success in this good work.

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and love of the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit ever rest upon us all. Amen.

J. W. KUYKENDALL,  
Preacher in Charge.

April 7, 1879.

### Those Who Built the Structure.

To build the present structure the sum of \$1,243 was raised. Following is the list of the contributors:

C. W. Clinton, Gardner Osgood; Perkins, Logan and Company; Floyd Taber, William Dunstone, Nick Zamblich; Pratt, Alley and Company; John J. Smith, Q. A. Clements, L. W. Hoops, J. M. Vanderhoof, John P. Leonard, E. W. Fogg, Candy Frank, A. McDermott, Adam Heckart, G. W. Sovereign, James C. Gray, C. N. Reed, James Green, Jacob Snow, Jesse Wood, J. M. Ward, Henry Rowe, James C. Welden, A. H. Keene, Thomas Welsh, William Danforth, D. G. Martin, L. H. Mead, A. Howard, N. Goldstein, S. Wagner, John J. Cordy, William Featherstone, William DeMott, P. R. Persons, Thomas Johnson, F. W. Lehn, J. N. Turner, M. Doon, John Byrne, Fred Hecker, P. B. Miller, B. A. Hubbs, F. J. Wilkinson; Adams and Kroeger; H. P. Downer, Max Brooks, Archie McNeil, C. C. Ward, George B. Springer; Hecht and Ephraim; N. Sorenson, P. O. Hundley, John M. Sparks, Charles St. Sure, J. C. Welch, H. C. Bell, Jacob Rebscher, M. Reyman, George C. Wilson, Ike Silverstein, Max Anthony, S. S. Boynton, S. H. Clapp, T. A. Atchison, J. W. Kuykendall, M. P. Kuykendall, W. S. Urmy, Mrs. J. J. Smith, F. A. Hendricks, Henry Rowe, Mrs. Fisher, Jas. C. Osgood, J. H. Achuff, C. W. Hallicks, John Guidery, Sam J. Datis, Leon D. Freer, J. M. Burt, Frank Lauer, G. F. Harris, Milton J. Green, D. K. Perkins, J. C. Logan, Charles F. Lott, John C. Gray, W. P. McDermott, P. Smith, George H. Cordy, G. W. Cummings, C. K. Catkins, C. D. Brandt, S. Mullen, F. W. Sibley, W. Z. Foley, John Bovey, J. H. Fininger, H. P. Lathrop Jr., H. Bird.

# SENATOR PERKINS GIVES NEW BELL TO METHODIST CHURCH

WRITES INTERESTING LETTER  
TELLING OF EARLY DAYS  
IN OROVILLE.

Senator George C. Perkins has written Mr. A. Vaughan, of the Finance Committee of the Methodist Church, a letter in which he offers to purchase a bell for the new church. In his letter Senator Perkins makes interesting references to the early days of Oroville. In view of the correspondence that Mr. Vaughan has had with the railroads for lower freight rates, and the agitation for a

freight rates, and the agitation for a Feather open to navigation from Oroville to the sea, the certain excerpts from the letter will be read with particular interest.

Senator Perkins' letter was written from his Oakland home. In part, he writes as follows:

"Oakland, July 21, 1910.

"Dear Mr. Vaughan:

"Your favor of recent date came duly to hand, and your remarks have my careful consideration in relation to the new Methodist Church which you are building in Oroville. I remember the site of the old parsonage, on the corner of Robinson and Lincoln Streets, which was a small house built for the Methodist minister who lived there at that time, I think in the year 1858. At that time I was driving a wagon for a grocery store in Oroville, then known as the town of Ophir.

"If, when your church is completed, you will write to me, I think I can afford to present it a bell similar to the one now in the Congregational

Church; providing you will advise me about the weight and size that would be suitable for the belfry which you propose erecting.

"It may be interesting for me to state that my first recollection of a churchman in Oroville was Rev. Mr. Seymore, a Congregational clergyman who used to preach in a little wooden shack on the west side of Montgomery Street, near Bird Street, under which Mr. Hendee had a photograph gallery, which was then called a daguerrean gallery. Later, Rev. Mr. Hiram Cummings, who lived at Garden Ranch, used to preach in Oroville every two weeks. His daughter was married to a Mr. A. S. Hart, who was at that time a very prominent mining man, engaged in fluming the Feather River.

"Few of the old residents now living in Oroville, if any, were there at that time. Judge Lott, I think, then lived at Bidwell's Bar, while Judge Gray was teaching school in the Wyandotte district, I think; and Colonel Batchelder was also a teacher in one of the public schools of the county, but this was in later years than the time of which I have been speaking. George Dyer, for whom I worked for a number of months, is yet living in Oro-

ville. I was paid \$2 a night for running a wheelbarrow, stripping off the top gravel at his mining claim on the Feather River.

"I noticed by the Oroville papers that you had a water carnival in Oroville some time since, which seemed to have been a gala occasion. It reminded me of the winter of 1869 and 1861, when I went down the river in a small boat and chartered the first river steamer that ever reached the town of Oroville, to bring up a cargo of supplies. As I say, this was the first steamer that ever reached the town of Ophir, and the last; although one a few years previously came up as far the Rancharia, a few miles below Oroville.

"I started down the river, I remember, with an old sailor, by the name of "Jim" Downs. We left early in the morning, and I was not aware that he had been imbibing too freely. As soon as we crossed the first riffle the boat half filled with water, and it then dawned upon me that Downs was half seas over. He begged me to put him ashore, as he did not want to be drowned in fresh water. I left him on a bluff near what was then known as Kent's ferry, which was the only dry spot of land that I saw, excepting the Buttes in Sutter County, which loomed up like an island in the sea. Every-

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS SHOULD BE ATTRACTIVE.**

The whole community will be benefited by the handsome new church that the Methodists are erecting. This is true of all buildings that are erected in a substantial manner and with due regard to architectural beauty. It is particularly true, however, in the case of public buildings. Such buildings become a standing advertisement for a community, and indicate either the progressive character of that community or its lack of progress.

It is to be hoped that the Board of Education will insist that the new Oro Vista school be built in such a manner that the beauty of the design and attractive appearance of the building will make it an advertisement of the spirit of progress that characterizes the people of Oroville.

**CORNER-STONE LAYING.**

The corner-stone of the new Methodist Church will be laid Friday evening, at the corner of Robinson and Lincoln Streets, at 7 o'clock.

After the stone is laid, Dr. H. E. Beeks, District Superintendent, will speak at the Court-house lawn.

The local Masonic order will assist in the laying of the stone.

**MEMORIAL WINDOWS ARE PROBABLE FOR NEW CHURCH**

Applications Made and Matter Referred to Building Committee.

It is expected that handsome memorial windows will be placed in the Methodist Church building. A number of parties have approached the trustees asking if memorial windows were to be placed there. The question has been referred back to the building committee with power to act.

At the last meeting of the committee, Mr. F. J. Higgins, who is soon to leave for Modesto, was given a vote of thanks for the very efficient manner in which he has assisted as a member of the committee in the work for the new church.

**NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS IN CHURCH CORNER-STONE**

Church Building Fund Still Open for Subscription.

In the corner-stone of the new Methodist Church, which is to be laid Friday evening, a box will be placed containing a list of the subscribers to the building fund. Chairman A. Vaughan of the Finance Committee, stated last evening that the subscription list is still in the hands of the members of the committee, and that any who desire to subscribe may do so before Friday evening. The members of the committee, to whom the subscriptions may be paid, are A. Vaughan, E. C. Binet, F. H. Gray, F. J. Higgins, F. F. Ford, V. B. Howe, and Clark Standiford.

**Hubert I. Townshends Back From Honeymoon**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hubert I. Townshend, whose marriage took place at a ceremony at the First Methodist church Wednesday night, June 12 are at home at 3046 New Montgomery street.  
 The bridal couple journeyed north on the wedding trip and visited Glacier and Yellowstone National parks and returned by way of Salt Lake City.

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**EXPERIENCE SOCIAL TO-NIGHT.**

The Experience Social of the Epworth League given for the benefit of the piano fund will take place to-night at the Methodist Church. Every member is expected to be present and deposit the dollar, together with the experience of earning it. A good program will be rendered, and refreshments will be served. All who are not members will be required to pay ten cents admission, but the members who bring their dollar will be admitted free.

Oroville Mercury Register (Oroville, California) • 09 Jul 1977, Sat •

## Mustard Seed Parable To Be Explored

"Ultraviolet Catastrophe" is the title of the Rev. Darol Valder's sermon in which he explores the parable of the mustard seed as the second in a series on the stories Jesus told.

The 10:30 a.m. worship service at the First United Methodist Church tomorrow will feature an illustrated song by the primary children led by Mrs. William Henneker and accompanied by Douglas Jacobsen, guitarist.

Church school classes are suspended for the summer. Nursery care is provided for children second grade and younger during family worship.

The First United Methodist Church is located one block south of Oro Dam Boulevard on Acacia Avenue at the intersection with Highlands Blvd. Summer visitors are invited to "come as you are."

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**FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**  
 Corner Bird and Lincoln Streets.  
 Regular services Sunday morning at the church at 11 a. m. The Pastor, Rev. G. M. Richmond, will speak on a patriotic subject, taking for his theme "The New Fourth of July."  
 Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Mr. E. H. Gray, Superintendent.  
 Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.  
 There will be a union service of the Congregational and Methodist Churches at the Court-house lawn at 8 o'clock in the evening. At the request of the Reform Bureau, there will be a union temperance service. Short addresses by a number of speakers.  
 The public is cordially invited to all these services.  
 G. M. RICHMOND, Minister.

### Services Were Largely Attended by the Residents of Wyandotte.

With the simple services of the Methodist Church, the remains of the late Jacob Mansfield were laid at rest last evening. The services were held at the family home in Wyandotte, the Rev. G. M. Richmond, of this city officiating, assisted by the Rev. G. H. Van Vliet, of Wyandotte.

The funeral was a largely attended one, and there were many beautiful floral pieces sent. A choir composed of Albert Dunstone, Ivey Dunstone and Jessie North, rendered selections at the home and in the cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: G. W. Miller, George Bean, Scott Whipple, W. Lang, W. F. Whipple, and R. D. Rutherford. Interment was in the Wyandotte Cemetery. Reynolds and McGinnis were in charge of the funeral.

## 'Name that Sermon' At 1st United Methodist

First United Methodist at Acacia Avenue and Highlands Boulevard is giving the congregation the chance to "name that sermon."  
 Using the texts Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1-20; and Luke 10:1-12, 16-20, as well as the themes of obedience, devotion, and love, the Rev. John Schmidt will be preaching a sermon that he will be asking the congregation to name.

The Rev. Jack Martinusen will assist in the liturgy of the morning worship service at 10:30 tomorrow. Phyllis Haines will sing a solo, "Prayer Perfect," which was written by Irving Stensen. Juanita Gray will be providing the music on the piano for the service.

This week's service will kick off the membership retreat that will be held at Bucks Lake. Us-

ing Ron Bishop's cabin, 13 people will be exploring the meaning of being a member of the United Methodist church, from July 14 through 19.  
 Following the worship service, the coffee hour hosted by Shawn Worman will be a send-off for those going on the retreat.

A special event will be happening during the morning service and between the two services. The youth of the church will serve a pancake breakfast. Pancakes, sausage and eggs will be served from 8 to 10 a.m.

After the services the fellowship coffee hour will be sponsored by Esther and Allan Risdon.

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## To Preach from Prophets

The Rev. Jack Martinusen will preach from the prophets tomorrow at the First United Methodist Church.  
 His text and theme will come from the Book of Amos. The services will begin with music and celebration at 8 a.m. in the Outdoor Chapel and at 10:30 a.m. in the covered sanctuary.

The musical accompaniment will be provided by Anise Blowers, organist, and Juanita Gray, pianist. A vocal trio including Gladys Clark, Anise Blowers and Esther Risdon, will sing "How Lovely Are Thy Messengers" by Felix Mendelssohn at the 10:30 worship.

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### JUDGE LOTT SHOULD BE ASKED TO WRITE HIS MEMOIRS TO PRESERVE EARLY BUTTE COUNTY HISTORY.

Much interesting old history of Oroville was recalled when the **corner**-stone of the **Methodist** Church was opened last night. The Register has previously called attention to the fact that the pioneers are passing away one by one, without an attempt being made to secure from them the written history of early California days. Take the instance of Butte County, around which many of the important events of early California history centered. Little effort is being made to secure in written form the history of this county, and yet, in a few years, the generation of men who made its history will have passed away.

A crowning benefaction for a long career of public service would be conferred by Judge C. F. Lott, of Oroville, if he would write or cause to be written, his memoirs. From the earliest days of the white man's occupancy of this Valley, Judge Lott has been intimately connected with its history and has played a prominent part in making its history. The story of his life would contain in it the story of Butte County, and would be a priceless store of early Butte County and early California history. With each succeeding year such memoirs would have an added interest and greater value.

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### **METHODIST** CHURCH IS TO MOVE FIRST OF AUGUST

SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN BASEMENT OF NEW EDIFICE.

At a meeting of the official board of the **Methodist** Church held last night, it was decided that the present church building should be vacated on August 1st. At that time services will be held in the basement of the new church, which will then be completed.

The matter of leasing the present church building as an armory for Company I is now under consideration.

## TWO CHURCHES PLAN SUMMER UNION SERVICES

Beginning tomorrow and continuing through Labor Day, the First **Methodist Church** and the First **Congregational Church** will participate in union worship services each Sunday.

The early service at 9 a.m. will be held in the **Methodist Church** on Acacia Avenue at Highlands Boulevard, and the 11 a.m. service in the **Congregational Church** building on the corner of Bird and Oak Streets.

The Rev. Wayne E. Williams, minister of the **Methodist Church**, will speak during July. He has chosen as his sermon theme tomorrow "Who is a Patriot?"

The Rev. Louis Landgrebe of the **Congregational Church** will conduct services during August and the first week in September.

## 'Mindwashing' Message Title

Sounding more like a science fiction novel than a sermon, the Rev. Jack Martinusen's Sunday sermon at **First United Methodist Church** titled, "Mindwashing."

"The Apostle Paul really wrote things that might be considered science fiction," Martinusen said. "Yet he meant for our lives to follow his words."

The sermon dealing with renewing the mind will precede Holy Communion. The church, located at 45 Acacia Ave., will begin its first service at 8 a.m. in the Outdoor Chapel. The second service will be in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Music will be provided by Juanita Gray. Special music will be by Karen Lightle singing "Everywhere I Go."

Frank and Betty Shipe will be the greeters as well as serving as hosts for the 11:30 a.m. coffee hour. The **United Methodist Youth Fellowship** will meet at 6 Sunday evening.

## W. H. Sanfords to Host Friday Family Party

Members and friends of the **First Methodist church** have been invited to spend Friday evening at Sanford Oaks, by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sanford. This will be a family night affair with a patriotic theme for the entertainment.

Mrs. Sanford said today that she hoped a good number of members and their friends would attend, with their families.

### Stare to speak at **Methodist church**

Members of the Oroville community can hear the Rev. David Stare preach at **First United Methodist Church** on Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. worship hour.

Stare served the **Congregational Church** of Oroville for several years and is presently planning a career in teaching.

At the 8:30 a.m. outdoor service, lay preacher Anise Blowers will focus her thought on prayer. This will be informal and celebrative.

Special music this week will be a quartet singing, "You'll Never Walk Alone."

### M. E. Calendar Club Will Have Meeting

The Calendar club of the **Methodist church** will meet Tuesday at 2 p. m. in the social hall.

Mrs. William Almendinger will be in charge of the afternoon.

### Lutheran youths plan fun night

The young people of **Calvary Lutheran Church** will join other youths of the **Cooperating Christian Churches of Oroville** at the **United First Methodist Church** for an evening of fun Sunday from 7 to 10 p.m.

The evening will include flashlight tag and a scavenger hunt to raise canned goods for local closets.

The next meeting will be "Friday at the Movies" on Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at the **Methodist Church**. All young people from the Christian churches group are invited to attend.





## SHOP AT YOUR FAVORITE ONLINE STORE AND DONATE FOR FREE

***UMC Market Place*** is a shopping market that is linked to the Methodist Church that rewards the local church for your online shopping. Go to [www.umcmarket.org](http://www.umcmarket.org) register for the site and register to **First United Methodist Church of Oroville, CA.** you then go to the list of stores and do your shopping. OverStock pays up to 75%, Macy's pays 4%. This time of year when people are shopping online for gifts is a time to also think of the church earning dollars. Please consider using this site to do your online shopping you just go into the site each time you begin your shopping.



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



**Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers her **friend Mariana's granddaughter Kenzee Barnett** who has been diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis. Also prayers for **all of Mariana's family** as they have experienced the loss of two family members in one day; Prayers for **Emily Fancher** as she has moved back to Chico & is looking for a permanent place; Prayers for a **friend of Daisy Frazier, Bill T.**, as he is dying. He is elderly and a member of the Jehovah's Witness Church; Prayers for **Joan & Gary Azevedo** and their family. **Gary** was hospitalized mid-June after collapsing at home; Prayers for **Sharon Cheek** as she is recovering from knee surgery and having a hard time with pain. **Bill & Sharon** are thankful their **daughter Stacy** is able to be with them to help out; Prayers for **Daisy & Sarah Frazier** as they have not found a place to live yet and have been served an eviction notice; **Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers for her **niece Serenity Deliz** as she is what the Dr. calls a "long hauler" due to having Covid-19. She now has COPD that she didn't have pre Covid. And pray for her sister, **Sue's niece Jordana Bartholomew** who is recovering from knee surgery; **Helen Beall** asks for prayers for her **son Scott & his wife Elizabeth** as she is recovering from knee surgery; **Patti Bell** requests prayers for her **brother George** as his cancer has returned & is now being treated with a new treatment that will hopefully extend his life; **Ginger Ewalt** said her **son Steve** has had a major turnaround by responding to a new treatment, but continue to pray for him & **his wife Ruth**

Prayers for **Jeannie Long (Virginia Field's daughter)** – **Jeannie's** radiation treatments did not go well & she has returned to Susanville for now. She would also like prayers for her **son Matthew** as he is battling Stage 4 Colon Cancer, and has been recently hospitalized. Prayers for her **friend Ed** who is having knee surgery and her **friend Pat** who is also having surgery; **Gail Leonard** requests prayers for her **son Brendan**, who is incarcerated in Boone Co. MO. Brendan is an honorably discharged disabled combat veteran who suffered a PTSD episode in January and has been incarcerated ever since. Prayers for **Wayne Smith and Beverly** as Wayne is dealing with heart issues; **Gerry Miller's niece** has breast cancer and needs prayers; **Alma** asks for prayers for her **granddaughter Elise** and for a good friend who lost his wife to cancer; Prayers for **Xeng Lee** who broke his arm in a bike accident and is still not 100%; **Jolene Hibbert** asks for prayers for her son-in-law **Bob Goodmundsen & his wife Melinda** as Bob has been diagnosed with AFIB & also is healing from a broken leg. **Reidun McGrath** asks for prayers for her **husband Tim** as he is on a new treatment plan for cancer & is having a hard time right now; **Ka** asks for prayers for all to be healthy & happy; **Alma** asks for prayers for her friend's husband **Dave Miller** as he is having a kidney transplant, and also, a friend's **Myles's grandson** had surgery recently & pray for successful recovery; **Carol Anderson** asks for prayers for her **friend Leanna Felardo**, as she is suffering from congestive heart failure. Pray for her children and husband as they go through this with her; Prayers for **Louise Weitze** as she is experiencing intermittent back pain; Prayers for **Joe & Cathy Mooney** as they both have health issues;



Prayers for **Nora Paiva**, aunt of **the Buis boys Derrald, Micha, Jeremy & Kyle**. She has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Please keep her & her family in your prayers; Continue to pray for **Jeremy & Erin Buis** for better health for **Jeremy** & less back pain for **Erin**; **Cynthia Slattery** requests prayers for her cousin **Stephanie Couris** – some improvement in her kidney function & Cynthia is seeing a change in her spiritually; **Sue Fredericksen** asks for prayers for her son **Kelly**, who is in prison; **Alma Short** asks for prayers for **Joan Jacobson**, as she is now in Pacifica Country Crest, in the memory care unit.

**Pray for those with ongoing concerns:**

Virginia Bias; Pastor Chuckua Vang; Gary Azevedo; Jeremy Buis; Buz Manwell; Chris Barnes; Steve Ewalt; Joan Jacobsen; Adrienne Hoke; Rick Roath, 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, Mee Xiong, Pastor Joseph Vang, Erin Buis, Derek Cheek and Tim McGrath.

**DEATHS:** Prayers for **Loren Ott's friends**, who recently lost their son Domino to suicide. Pray for all of Domino's family as they deal with this devastating loss. Prayers for the **Calloway family**, **Norman Calloway** was one of our former pastor's back in the early 70's and **his wife Ardith Calloway** recently passed away. She was preceded in death by **Norman**. Prayers for **David Dewey's friend Jean's family**, as **Jean** lost her battle and recently passed away. Prayers for David & Linda and all of her friends & family.

**Prayers for our Asian elders who are experiencing unprovoked attacks by rogue members of our society.** Pray for the healing of the hearts & minds of these people so they do not have the desire to lash out at innocent people because they are of a certain race.

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

**Continue to pray for our overall church finances.** Please remember to continue to give, even though we are not able to worship at church now, the church still has expenses. We are doing much better financially now, paying off some of our debts. Please continue to help the church become debt free! **“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously, will also reap generously” 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Corinthians 9:6; “Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Corinthians 9:7.**

**JOY:** It was a **“Joy”** to see **Emily Fancher** back in worship with us. Hopefully, we will see much more of Emily now that she has moved back to Chico.; **Helen Beall** has a joy to share that **her son Jock** is coming for a visit after not being able to see Helen for more than a year.

**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](mailto:orovilleumc45@gmail.com).



## **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

[orvilleumc45@gmail.com](mailto:orvilleumc45@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.

### **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 (530) 854-3599

You may also send an email to [oroumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:oroumcprayer@gmail.com)

new additional prayer line

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1stumcoro/>

*(Facebook group is a closed group so only members see postings)*

# 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).

***FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE  
INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT  
April 2021***

Checking Balance April 1, 2021	\$ 20,635.72
Income Deposits during April 2021	14,190.62
Transferred from Gen Funds Reserves	2,583.86
Acct. to pay Sewer & Property Taxes on Church & Parsonage 2ND Installment	
Checking Expenses during April 2021	\$11,689.40
Checking Balance April 30, 2021	25,720.80
Liabilities	
Parsonage Loan	\$ 5,853.03
Pension 2011	3,381.70
Pension 2013	2,112.67

April was a good month for our church finances. All of our bills were paid on time. In addition the second installment of our Sewer & Property Taxes were paid on our church and parsonage. We continue to reduce our debt each month on our parsonage loan and our past due pension. Summer is here if you are not in church remember our church during the summer months so I can continue to pay our bills each month.

Thank you for your help with our church finances

Thank you  
John S. Fowler  
Church Treasurer

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Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving  
the Oroville Community**

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

**Our mission is to know Christ and make Christ known: to nurture our relationship with God and our commitment to Jesus Christ, to invite others into the community of faith, to equip, send and support Christians for daily witness and service.**

**Sunday Service Schedule**

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

**Monday Schedule**

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

Chancel Choir Practice.....	6:45 p.m.
Dinner @ Six each Wed. Sept. to May.....	6:00 p.m.

**Thursday Schedule**

Bible Study & Breakfast.....	7:30 a.m.
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**Friday Schedule**

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