



*First United Methodist
Church of Oroville*



***Following Jesus
Thriving in Community
Healing the World***

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

Pastor Tom Cota



Pastor's Corner

A word from Pastor Tom.....

Greetings Church Family,

Ev and I sincerely hope that you had a joyful Thanksgiving holiday. As we reflect on the past month, it is clear that November was a particularly active and significant time for our congregation. The Charge Conference required a great deal of dedication and effort from many individuals within our church community.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this important event. Thank you to those who worked diligently to complete and submit the necessary reports by the required deadlines. We also appreciate those who took the time to attend the meeting in Chico, representing our congregation with commitment and care.

We are pleased to share that Ev has just received official confirmation from our Conference, indicating that all Church and Charge Conference forms have been received and are in good order. Your collective efforts and attention to detail have ensured that our responsibilities were met efficiently and effectively.

Some great women with deep ties to our church family went home to be with the Lord in November. Emily, Joan, and Ginger will be missed and fondly remembered. May our Heavenly Father give their families comfort and strength.

We also had a wonderful Blessing Party for Jadon Philip Vang. He was presented by his parents, Hlee and Mai and grandparents, Shor, Ka, Dang and Neng. Jadon is truly blessed with a wonderful family who will guide him and direct him in the ways of our Lord.

As we move forward this Advent Season, may we push past the commercial influence of Christmas and remember the real reason for the season.

Luke 2: 11 GNT says, regarding Christmas day...

"This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord!"

This wonderful gift from God to humanity outshines all else in this world.

For all those who are ill or incapacitated, we pray for God's touch and healing. May He watch over our church family and keep us safe. Amen

**God Bless you and yours,
Pastor Tom and Evelyn Cota**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Nan Vang*
- 3 Bob Weitze*
- 4 Reidun McGrath*
- 4 Irene Vang*
- 5 Billy Yang*
- 11 Betty Ledford*
- 31 Shor Vang*
- 31 Mai Kue Vang*
- 31 Ka Vang*



November Birthdays

Genevieve Vang Louise Weitze
Wayne Smith Marissa Vang

The United Methodist Advent Quiz

Test your knowledge on the history and traditions of the season of Advent.

1 Do you know how the Advent calendar began?

- A) Chalk lines were drawn on the door to mark the days.
- B) Religious families hung pictures on the wall, one for each day.
- C) A candle was lit for each of the 24 days in December.
- D) All of the above

2 Why are the Advent candles arranged in the shape of a circle?

- A) They make a wreath, and wreaths are Christmassy.
- B) It is the easiest way to see all four candles.
- C) It takes up the least space.
- D) Circles symbolize eternity.

3 Which of these Advent hymns was written by Charles Wesley?

- A) "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
- B) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
- C) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
- D) "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

4 True or false: Like the 40 days of Lent, Advent is a fixed number of days before Christmas.

- A) True
- B) False

5 According to tradition, approximately how far did Mary travel to visit Elizabeth?

- A) 10 Miles
- B) 50 Miles
- C) 100 Miles
- D) 500 Miles

6 What is a Jesse Tree?

- A) Another name for a Christmas tree
- B) The tree decorated with Chrismons
- C) A tree that blossoms at Christmas time
- D) A representation of Jesus' family tree

7 What does the word Advent (from the Latin adventus) mean?

- A) Before Christmas
- B) Arrival or coming
- C) To go on an adventure
- D) All of the above

8 On the third Sunday in Advent, some churches light a pink candle in the Advent wreath. Why?

- A) Pink (or rose) is a color of joy.
- B) Pink signifies Mary.
- C) It represents the positive outlook we have in Christ.
- D) The rose color symbolizes Jesus' childhood.

9 Who originated Watch Night services?

- A) Martin Luther
- B) John Wesley
- C) President William McKinley
- D) Henry VIII

10 What is the meaning of the Hebrew word "Emmanuel"?

- A) Mighty king
- B) Christ child
- C) God with us
- D) All of the above

Answer page located somewhere in the December Feather. Let Jeremy know your score!

2025 Charge Conference



Back row: Pastor Tom cota Evelyn Cota Tracy Yang Janet Short Chamee Yang Davi Yang

Front row: Alma Short Betty Ledford District Superintdent Rev. MikeHarrell Linda Dewey David Dewey



<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-are-chrismons>

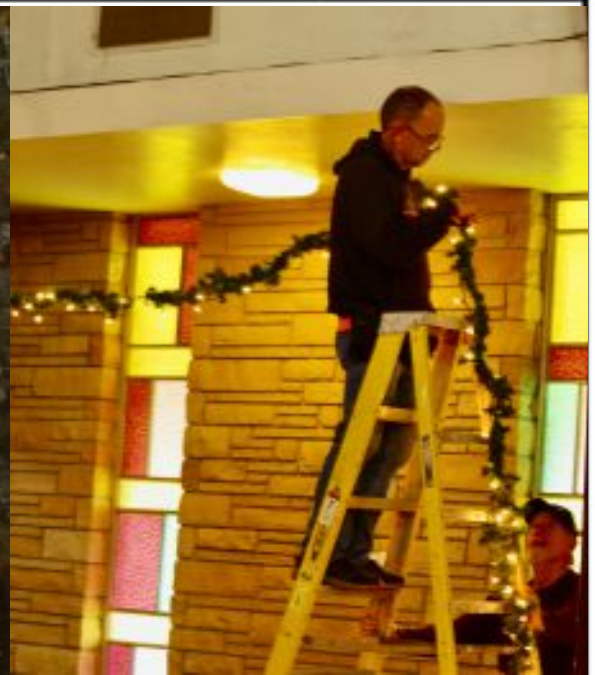
Chrismons, meaning "Christ monograms," traditionally are white and gold designs made from Christian symbols that signify Christ. Often displayed on an evergreen tree during the Christmas season, symbols such as stars, crosses, fish, crowns, and the alpha and omega remind us of Christ's identity, his story, and of the Holy Trinity.

Chrismons were first developed in 1957 by Frances Spencer and the women of the [Ascension Lutheran Church](#) in Danville, VA.

Many churches today display a Chrismon tree during the Advent and Christmas season decorated with handmade ornaments.

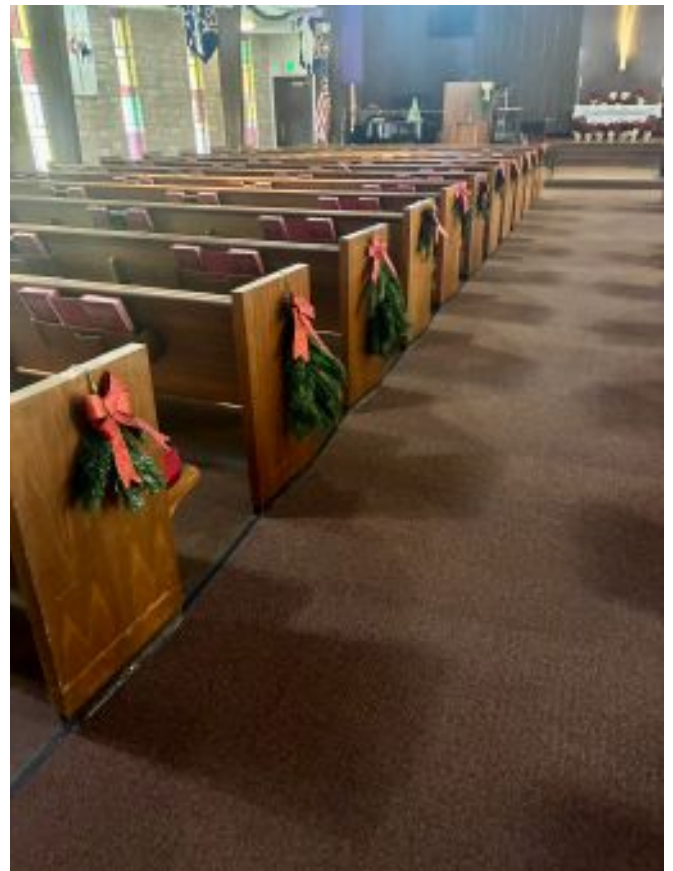


Barbara Thompson and her husband Harley with the help of others made the chrismons that are placed on the tree in the sanctuary each year.



GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Thank you Janet Short, David and Linda Dewey, Patty and Doug Bell, Jeremy, Erin, Taylor and Micah Buis



Photos by Taylor and Micah Buis

2025 WINTER SUPPLEMENT WILL INCLUDE MORE PHOTOS FROM:

- Joline's Farewell
- Pastor Appreciation Day
- Turkey Dinner
- Hmong New Year Festival
- Parking lot project
- Christmas baskets

If you have photos from the following events and would like to share them,
send them to the Church email(orovilleumc45@gmail.com) or give the to
Jeremy

WATCH FOR IT NEXT MONTH!!!!!!



Here is Joline and her son, Bobby and his wife. They were visiting and got to play Christmas carols with Joline.



Christmas Baskets

The Stewardship Team will be doing Christmas Baskets for the Christmas Season once again this year. This will be a fundraiser for the Church. The Christmas Basket Drawing will be held on Sunday December 21st after Church at 12PM. See Randy Fowler for tickets.

Thank you
Stewardship Team

Co-operating Christian Churches News

CCCO NEWS

The Cooperative Christian Churches have begun meeting for the 2025 to 2026 year.

The scheduled activities are as follows:

Pulpit Exchange is scheduled for January 18th.

Pancake Breakfast (to benefit the hunger walk) Feb 7th or 21st at Trinity Presbyterian \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Hunger Walk is scheduled for March 14, 2026

Good Friday Service will be April 3, 2026 from 12 to 2 at First Congregational Church

Unity Service May 14, 2026. The place and time to be determined.

Please remember the cooperating Christian churches meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 (Sept to April) at various churches.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Janet Short

UMC representative for the CCCO



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!



16th Annual Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year



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THE CATEGORIES FOR NOMINATION ARE:

* CURRENT CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

* CURRENT CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

THE DEADLINE
FOR NOMINATIONS
IS FRIDAY
MARCH 27th 2026

We rely on community members, school
staff, and parents to identify those
individuals who deserve recognition.

Teachers • Administrators • Paraprofessionals (aides) • Bus drivers •
Custodians • Cafeteria workers • Secretaries. They must be
currently employed in the Oroville City Elementary, Oroville Union
High School, Palermo Union School and the Thermalito Union
School Districts along with Hearthstone & Stream Charter Schools.
Recognition could be for innovative programs, years of volunteer
service, some other outstanding achievement an individual who
has added to the quality of life of students.



2025 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year



2025 Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year Honorees and those who took the time to nominate them.

2025 Honorees

Oroville Union High School District

Keely Fraizer Mary Lynch
Sammy Burnett Angelina Navarro

Oroville City Elementary School District

Carlota Diaz Brianna Stanley

Palermo Union Elementary School District

Tami Wood

Stream Charter School

Kelly Thao

Special Honorees

Gail Leonard April Boling (not pictured)

CHURCH WINDOW

Recently Doug Krause shared a bit of history with John and I that we want to pass on to all of you. It is in regards to the beautiful stained glass window that is in the north end of the social hall. This is a verbatim account of what Doug stated in writing.

The following is word for word from the history of George C. Perkins: Perkins gave the inspiring Christ window to the Methodist congregation when its members built a new church at the corner of Robinson and Lincoln Streets in 1910.

A portion of the window is now ensconced in the social hall of the new church which is located on Acacia Avenue.

I asked Doug about the reference to a “portion of the window”. He said he believed it had been wider with more scenery. We speculated that, perhaps, part of the window had gotten damaged or broken in the moving process.

We truly appreciate Doug sharing this information with us. If anyone can shed further light on the matter, please let us know.

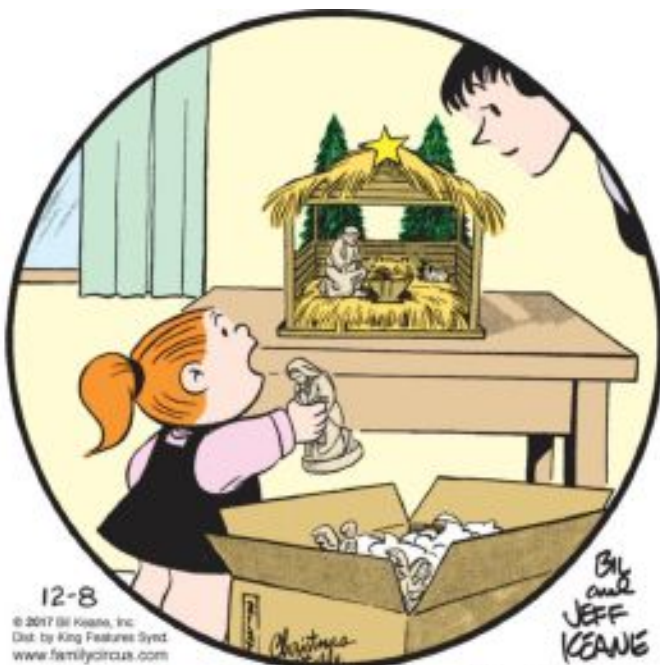
Margaret Brown





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 accidentally 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.



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**"We should make Mary lie down
in the straw. She's 'specting
a baby, you know."**



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**"Mommy! It's some trick-or-
treaters — and they're SINGIN'!"**

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

WORSHIP COUNCIL MEETING, March 26, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Pastor Tom started our meeting with Prayer.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cochran Memorial Scholarship

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

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

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





1. We need to take the caps off the plastic bottles
2. We need to bag plastic, aluminum, and glass separately.
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



***August Recycling
\$61.00***



RECYCLING MISCONCEPTIONS

STYROFOAM PRODUCTS are **not** recyclable in curbside recycling 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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Oroville, CA 95965

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recology.com

OTHER RESOURCES

cityoforoville.org
calrecycle.ca.gov

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OROVILLE TRANSFER STATION

2720 S Fifth Ave,
Orville

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**



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

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



MAINTAINING YOUR ORGANICS CONTAINERS

KEEPING YOUR GREEN CART CLEAN

Maggots are fly larvae and occur when flies lay eggs on organic materials. This can occur in any cart where organic materials are placed (garbage or organics cart).

Maggots typically have a seven-day life cycle with fluctuations depending on temperatures and other conditions such as moisture.

To prevent maggots from occurring, eliminate odors, and reduce their access to the cart follow these tips:

- Wrap your meat food scraps and bones in a sheet of newspaper before placing them in your green organics cart.
- Freeze your seafood or meat scraps until the day prior to your collection day.
- Put a layer of yard trimmings, food-soiled paper (napkins or paper towels), or baking soda on top of your food scraps.
- Rinse your organics cart with a mild detergent and water.
- Keep the cart lid closed.
- Spray the rim of the cart with bleach, ammonia, or bug spray weekly.



MAGGOTS IN YOUR GREEN ORGANICS CART?

If you end up with maggots in your green organics cart, the following can help:

- Spray the top and inside of the cart with vinegar.
- Cover the maggots with lime, salt, or vinegar.



HOW TO MINIMIZE ODORS

If you would like to minimize odors from your green cart, the following can help:

- Mix food scraps with materials that are dry and absorbent (and also organic) such as plant debris, shredded bills and sensitive documents, and paper napkins or towels. Sprinkling baking soda in the cart can help for smaller amounts of food scraps too.
- Store your cart in a cooler, shady area so the heat doesn't increase the decomposition (and smell) of the contents of the cart.



HOW TO CLEAN YOUR GREEN ORGANICS CART

If you need to clean your green organics cart, do not use soap and other "cleaners" that could damage local ecosystems. Instead use natural methods and ingredients such as:

- Leave the cart lid open on a rainy day or rinse out the cart with a hose. Make sure to dump the used water and organics debris in landscaping (not into the storm drain).
- Try lime or lemon, baking soda, and vinegar inside the cart to clean and scrub away odors.

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OTHER RESOURCES

CityOfOroville.org
CalRecycle.ca.gov

HWY 99/101 501 334-017801 0002-0003

DO NOT RECYCLE OR COMPOST THESE ITEMS

These items are often mistakenly put in the recycling bin. Placing them in the compost or recycling container is a contamination violation.

1. All plastic bags, packaging, utensils, and straws are garbage. Even if they have a "recycling symbol" on them they are not recyclable.
2. Polystyrene packaging, cups, plates, block, or to-go containers are not allowed in the recycle or organic cart.
3. Clothes/textiles cannot be recycled in your recycling cart. They can be recycled/down-cycled by donating them to a non profit.

Batteries are hazardous waste and can cause a fire in our trucks and/or the processing facility if disposed of incorrectly. You can dispose of batteries at most home improvement stores or visit the Hazardous Waste Facility at the Recology Transfer Station at 2720 South Fifth Avenue, in Oroville, Monday to Friday 8 AM to 4 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 4:30 PM. For more information, please see our website, Recology.com.



FREE MATTRESS DROP OFF

Residents can drop off up to 3 mattresses and/or box springs free of charge all year long at the Recology Transfer Station at 2720 South Fifth Avenue, in Oroville, Monday to Friday 8 AM to 4 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING

Composting is nature's way of recycling and is one of the most powerful actions we can take to reduce landfill waste, combat climate change, and build healthy soil. It supports the environment by:

- **Reducing methane emissions:** Composting organic waste lowers methane output from landfills.
- **Decreasing waste:** Diverts organic material from landfills.
- **Recycling nutrients:** Compost transforms organic waste into nutrient-rich soil.

Using compost in your backyard, local farms, schools, parks, and other green spaces replenishes the soil with essential organic matter.

Scan the QR code to watch our 3-minute video "Back to the Core: A Compost Story".



Scan to watch:
"Back to the Core: A
Compost Story"

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HOW TO PREPARE FOOD SCRAPS FOR COLLECTION

1. Collect food scraps while preparing meals, scraping plates, and/or cleaning out the refrigerator of spoiled food. Include paper towels, napkins, paper plates, and pizza boxes (make sure to dispose of any plastic in the garbage).



2. Empty your kitchen compost pail, including soiled paper, and any vegetative waste into your green compost cart. No plastic bags are allowed in the green compost cart.



3. We'll take it from here! We haul your compost to a local facility and within 60 days, it is made into rich compost that is used throughout the community and beyond to help regenerate the soil.



FREE INDOOR FOOD SCRAP PAILS

Free indoor compost pails are available to Oroville residents (one per household) for the collection of food scraps in your kitchen. Please contact City of Oroville at recycle@cityoforoville.org to request a pail.





Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:

Prayers for **Darren Diver**,

Ginger Diver's son, who severely injured his face in a bicycle accident. He is at home recovering. Ginger attended church when living here before moving to Montana; Prayers for **Jim Webster** as he has been hospitalized recently with heart issues; Prayers for **Helen Beall** who was hospitalized but is home & back in church; Prayers for **Sharon Cheek** as she fell & broke her collarbone. She is recovering at home & doing well; Prayers for **Jim Webster's sister Faye & family** as she is in intensive care & on life support; Prayers for **Ka Vang** to recover completely from shingles; Continued prayers for **Bob & Louise Weitze**. **Bob** has suffered a stroke and was in **Country Crest**; Prayers for **Larry Ott** who has been recovering from a cold; Prayers for **Linda Perry** as she is moving into an apartment & leaving her house, and it is very stressful; **Zoua Yang** asking for prayers for her **sister & herself** for health concerns; **Sue Fredericksen** asking for prayers for a friend of her cousin named **Lettie**. She had a cancerous tumor removed from her brain & is starting chemo; **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; **Sue Fredericksen** is asking for prayers for the **daughter of a friend, Misty Miller**. **Keith Felice** asks for prayers for a **friend** who has a malignant growth. Pray for healing; **Sue Fredericksen** asks for prayers for the **brother of her friend**. His name is **Cleve Coulter** & has found out he has lung cancer; **Ka Vang** asks for prayers for her **sister** who had a heart attack & was in Enloe Hospital;

Sue Fredericksen asks for prayers for **baby Charlee Robin** who was born with an enlarged heart. **Helen Beall** asks for prayers for her 99-year-old friend who is on hospice care; Prayers for **Carol Anderson** as she cannot drive now due to her Parkinson's disease; Prayers for **Linda Herrick** as she is worried that her eyesight may get worse;

Prayers for **Sue Fredericksen** as she seems to be having more problems; **Reidun McGrath** asks for prayers for her 85-year-old sister & also her brother as they are both 100 lbs. or less & not well; **Gail Leonard** asks for prayers for her **sister Rachel's husband William**. William was diagnosed with skin cancer. Please include prayers for **Phinnize & Garret**, their disabled adult children who depend on them for their care; **Pastor 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. She recently found out she is stage 8 of heart failure at age 47. Pray for healing; Prayers for a friend of **Doug Bell's, Roger**, who has terminal cancer & is in hospice care at home;

Sue Fredericksen's friend Rick is battling cancer & is having chemo. **Sue 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



Sue Fredericksen asks for prayers for **family friend**

Chuck Kraft who has pancreatic cancer; **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 our **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. An update on **Pastor Yeu** from John Fowler: He is now walking with the help of a walker but still is not speaking . Continue to pray for a complete recovery for **Pastor Yeu**. We miss them both!! So please continue to pray for a miracle!

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.

December 2025

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.

Pray for Peace in the Middle East & all of our service personnel who are there to help with peacekeeping.

Continue to pray for our overall church finances. We are having a tough time paying our bills. Please continue to help the church become debt free! "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: Hlee & Mai Yang held a blessing ceremony for their **son Jaden Yang** on November 22nd. What a joy to have these new babies in our church family!!; **Tony Beardon** shared a joy that his grandmother is doing well since his grandpa's passing; **Sue Fredericksen** is joyful and thankful for all the help from our church family to put on the Turkey Dinner. Thanks to many church members, especially the Buis family, and the youth group for helping.

Zoua Yang is joyful about spending time with her grandchildren.

DEATHS: Prayers for **Carol Cervantes** and her family as her husband **Leo Cervantes** passed away on October 31st. **Carol & Leo** attended church in recent years when they were here. **Carol** sent a beautiful bouquet of red roses for the altar on November 23rd.



She said **Leo** loved coming to church when they were here;

Prayers for the family of **Joan Azevedo** who passed away mid-November. A service was held at the Gridley Cemetery on November 25th. **Joan** was a regular church attendee until **her & Gary** moved to Gridley. **Gary** passed away a few months ago. **Joan** continued to attend the Thursday Bible Study group. **Joan** was hospitalized recently with Covid but never came home;

Prayers for the family of **Ginger Ewalt** as Ginger passed away in Missouri while in a care facility near her son Ross. **Ginger** had suffered a major stroke and did not recover. Prayers for **Ross & all of Ginger's family & friends**; Sadly, another church family member just passed on November 28th. **Emily Fancher** had gone to visit her daughter in Alameda for Thanksgiving. While going into dialysis, she fell and broke some bones in her neck. She had surgery but passed the next day. We will all miss **Emily**, she was such a part of the church family, always willing to help with coffee hour, gave rides to other members, hosted the Circle meetings. We will miss her. Her son's address
Ross Ewalt 97 Avian Ct. Lake St. Louis. MO 63367

NEW ADDRESS: Joline Hibbert: 2500 Donovan Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225; email: jhibbert@shastaemail.com. New address for **Bill & Sharon Cheek:** Provincial Care, 2801 Cohasset Blvd #104, Chico, CA 95973. Their phone number is the same. They would love to receive cards from the congregation.

Sue Fredericksen's new email is

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

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

EMERGENCY EVACUATION – ITEMS TO GATHER

No. of vehicles _____ Drivers _____ Trailers _____ Motorcycles _____

15-minute warning:

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

30-minute warning:

(The above, plus):

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

1-hour warning:

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

2-hour+ warning:

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



1ST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

COFFEE HOUR

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A coffee hour is provided after the 10:30 AM service by volunteers of the church.

The church will provide coffee, tea, water, creamer, sweeteners, cups, plates, napkins, silverware, drink concentrate and ice.

Those who volunteer for running the coffee hour will provide snacks and those who volunteer on the first Sundays will provide cupcakes for that month's birthdays.

Those who volunteer on potluck Sunday only need 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 altar 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 altar so I hope you will consider bringing some for a special occasion.



The United Methodist Advent Quiz

Answers

- 1 The correct answer is **all of the above**. Advent calendars originated in Germany in the mid-19th century. The tradition began with families drawing a chalk line on the door for each day of December. An Advent Clock was one way people marked the time, as well as lighting Advent candles, one for each day. Families also hung up a new image every day before Christmas.
- 2 The correct answer is **circles symbolize eternity**. Circles, because they have no beginning and no end. The wreath, a circle of evergreens (another symbol of eternity), is a reminder during Advent of our waiting for the eternal to come into our midst.
- 3 The correct answer is **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus."** In this hymn, Charles Wesley captured the anticipation of the people of Israel who for hundreds of years longed for the coming of the Messiah.
- 4 The correct answer is **false**. The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "coming" or "visit," begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. When Christmas Day is on a Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent is on a Sunday, so there are four full weeks to the season. If Christmas is on any other day, the total number of Advent days will vary between 22 and 27.
- 5 The correct answer is approximately **100 miles**. The Gospel of Luke tells us that Gabriel visited Mary in Nazareth (Luke 1:26), telling her she would give birth to Jesus. Mary then traveled to the home of her relative Elizabeth, who Luke tells us lived in Judea (Luke 1:39). Tradition says that Elizabeth and Zechariah probably lived in Hebron, nearly 100 miles from Nazareth. It would have taken Mary about a week to make the journey on foot.
- 6 The correct answer is **a representation of Jesus' family tree**. The Jesse Tree takes its name from the prophecy of Isaiah 11:1, "A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse; a branch will sprout from his roots" (CEB). This prophecy links the messiah to King David whose father was Jesse. Jesse Trees are decorated with special symbols used to tell the stories of Jesus' ancestors from creation through Jesus' birth.
- 7 The correct answer is **arrival or coming**. The Latin word "adventus" means "coming." As the Book of Worship points out, the season proclaims the comings of the Christ - whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate.
- 8 The correct answer is **pink (or rose) is a color of joy**. The rose candle is a symbol of joy. Advent is traditionally a season of penitence and a time for preparing our hearts. The third Sunday of Advent focuses on the joy we find in Christ.
- 9 The correct answer is **John Wesley**, who started Watch Night services in 1740, presumably as an alternative to times of drunken revelry such as Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. It is included in the United Methodist Book of Worship. Wesley believed that Methodists and all Christians should reaffirm their covenant with God annually.
- 10 The correct answer is **God with us**. In Hebrew, the term "Emmanuel" means "God with us."

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

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2026 Church Officers & Committees

Church Administration Council

Pastor Tom Cota

Any corrections or
additions needed please
email
orovilleumc45@gmail.com

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	John Fowler
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

Jim Webster • 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

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SERVANT LEADER</u>
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 Stewards	Erin Buis, Sem Xiong, Tyler Yang
Funeral & Memorials	Erin & Micah Buis
Paraments & Altaware	Micah Buis & Janet Short
Anointing Coordinators	Som Xiong
Hmong Pianist	Tyler Yang
Children Moment Coordinator	Tony Beardon



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Finance Committee

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

Hmong Ministry Committee 2026-2027

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SERVANT LEADER</u>
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	Som Xiong
Youth Chair	TBD
Sunday School	Mai Yang



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Tellers:

Jeremy Buis

Jim Webster

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

<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
<i>Chamee Yang</i>	<i>Randy Fowler</i>	<i>Penny Xiong</i>
<i>Wendy Lee</i>	<i>Glenda Ott</i>	<i>Tracy Yang</i>
<i>Mai Yang</i>		

**Welcome to
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Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving
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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

Adults & Children's Sunday School.....8:45 a.m.
Chancel Choir Practice(Sept - May).....9:45 a.m.
Hmong Adult's Sunday School10:10 a.m.
Hmong Youth Sunday School.10:10 a.m.
Combined English/Hmong Service.....10:30 a.m.
Communion Service is the 2nd Sunday (All are welcome).....10:30 a.m.
English Service.....10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour & Fellowship.....Following Service
Trustees Meeting 4th Sunday of the monthFollowing Service

Wednesday Schedule

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

Thursday Schedule

Bible Study & Breakfast.....7:30 a.m.

Friday Schedule

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