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Dear First Church Family,

Front page of the Mercury-Register! Not bad! What a joy it has been to see a new roof appear on Pastor Chuckua's house; board by board, nail by nail, shingle by shingle. So many people working so hard in a labor of love!

The work on our beloved pastor's house has begun and we will not quit until the work is done. We are so grateful for all who volunteered – from Oroville, Salinas, Eureka, Danville, Sacramento, Davis and Sonoma. Thank you, Pastor Chuckua for letting us begin this great project.

This is what church is! I look forward to seeing where God leads us in the months and years to come as we participate in a ministry of meeting the needs of people. I believe God will use what we are learning in this project and lead us to other places where there are needs we can meet.

I am grateful to the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission as they have provided expertise, helped with funding and assisted with organization. We could not have done it without them. Thanks go to Sue King for her leadership.

Congratulations go to all of our graduates from High School, University, College and Graduate School. We look forward to honoring you as we worship together the first Sunday of June. Please put this on your calendar! We want to show you our love and our pride in your accomplishments.

What a joy it is to me to be a part of this great faith community. I look forward to our summer together as we continue to grow in discipleship and ministry.

God bless you all! I love you!

Pastor Donna



Greetings

Dear UMC family,

First of all, I wish I could be here to speak personally to you. I apologize for that because I have to preach for the Clovis Hmong today as planned.

From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of my family, I would like to express my sincerely thanks to the team Volunteer In Mission of the Ca/Nev Conference (VIM) for the project of my house (roofing and fixing). It is a blessing to my family.

Special thanks to volunteers: Sue King. Phd, present VIM director from Sacramento; Phil Bandy, who will be the new VIM director after July 2009 from Sacramento; Haati Nai, volunteer professional roofer from Solida; Kent Blackshear a volunteer who worked tirelessly from Eureka; The professional plumbers, Ron Rowan, Rob Green from Sacramento, Gordon Metzger from Sonola; Cindy Jackson from Sacramento; Rev. Donna Van Maanen our senior pastor, Rev. Laura Heffernan the associate pastor who coordinated the project; Richard our trustee chair, Chuck Bailey our member who ran every where to get everything ready; Thai Yang our custodian, Shor Vang a member, Zongchang Yang our Hmong lay leader who worked hard; Alma Short our member who coordinated the hospitality and foods for the volunteers; English and Hmong speaking women who prepared every day foods; the youth, there to assisted; Rev. Paul Joseph T. Khamdy Yang, the Hmong Caucus and Conference Community on Hmong Ministry chair who first shared the project; and to all of our English and Hmong speaking brother and sisters, Butte County, CA/NEV Conference and the Shasta District for your love, contribution, and support to this project. Without you this project may not have happened. Again, thank you so much.

Go, then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age. *Matthew 28:19-20.* (GNT)

Dear brother and sisters in Christ, through the Volunteer In Mission (VIM) we'll make disciples for Jesus, In Christ Jesus, VIM will be stay strong In Mission. Amen.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Chuckua Yang

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to see the volunteers at work.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers & Concerns: Emery & Virginia Field - Emery has pain in his hands & Virginia is also dealing with pain issues; Sue Fredericksen - recently hospitalized; Joan Azevedo's 3 week old nephew - having heart surgery; Kenneth Reimers - suffered a stroke & is in critical condition; Max Smith - in the hospital for chest pains, he is much better now; Mary Ruth Heffernan (Pastor Laura's mother) - suffering from health problems; Gladeen LeBeouf - doing really well now; Robin Rich - prayers needed; Margaret & John Brown's grandson - has a staph infection; Cynthia Slattery's son-in-law Kevin & his brother Patrick - both are suffering from serious skin problems following a job at a former AFB.

A joy to celebrate: Gerry Miller reports her son Scott's fiancée has received her visa to come to the US & they have arrived from the Philippines.

Deaths -- Please keep the family & friends of Peter Gibson-Hudson in your prayers, as Peter passed away May 19th, 2009. Peter had been our organist for many years & was instrumental in the improvements & upgrading of our organ over the years. He will be missed greatly.

Memorial Service



Memorial services for Dr. Peter Gardner Gibson-Hudson will be on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Oroville. Father David Englund of St. Paul's Episcopal Church along with Rev. Donna Van Maanen will conduct the service.

There will be a meal served following the service.

OUTREACH & WITNESS

One of the goals of Outreach and Witness this year is to create more awareness within our congregation of the UMC mission efforts and our apportionments many of which have not been paid in a number of years. Beginning in June there will be articles in the Golden Feather featuring several different apportionment funds each month. We are inviting the congregation to consider supporting the apportionments outside of their regular pledge to the church. In addition to the Golden Feather articles, displays explaining the apportionments will be in the narthex or social hall. Tags designating different monetary amounts will be placed on the displays. Any amount will be gratefully accepted. If you are able to pledge toward an apportionment, please remove a tag and put it with your contribution in the offering. If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members.

This month our focus is on Africa University and on Shasta District's Program Fund. Africa University is located in Zimbabwe. It opened for classes in 1992. Beginning with 40 students by 2001 it had an enrollment of 800 and it continues to grow. In a country faced with a very high rate of inflation, the University needs our ongoing support. A monthly contribution of \$6.50 (\$78.00 annually) would fulfill our obligation for this fund.

Our other focus area, Shasta District's Program Fund, provides for needs much closer to home. Shasta District covers a large area from Yuba/Sutter Counties in the south to Siskiyou and Del Norte Counties in the north. Providing program services to such a large area is challenging. Many programs are supported by this fund including a men's summer retreat, district camping programs and, in the recent past, it sponsored a Walk to Emmaus – a 3-day spiritual renewal program. A monthly contribution of \$40.92 would meet our obligation here; the annual fund here is \$491.00.

We hope you will give these requests your prayerful consideration. Sharing the cost with a friend or encouraging a small group to do so is another possibility.

Janet Short and Margaret Brown

Kids of Summer

First United Methodist Church

Christmas in August Sunday School

One Room Sunday School
Begins June 7 at 8:45 a.m.



We will end with a play in
worship on August 30.

Graduation Sunday

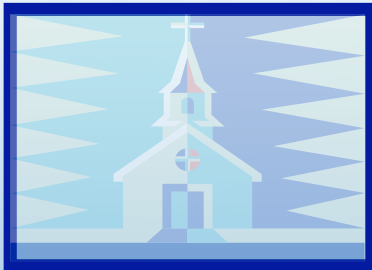
June 7 at 10:30 a.m.
The Children's Choir will sing



Vacation Bible School

July 13 - 17
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\$5.00/child
\$20.00/family
Scholarships Available



Children's Church

Each Sunday after the
Children's Sermon

Except the 1st Sunday
each Month

Children's Handbells

Practice
Each Sunday after
Sunday School
10:00 a.m.

All Children Preschool to
6th Grade Welcome





Promotion Sunday

June 7th will be our Promotion Sunday for our Sunday School Children. Those being promoted to new classes are as follows:



From Pre-School class to Kindergarten: David Thao

From 1st grade to 2nd grade: Taylor Buis, Jessica Rose-Shaner, Michelle Vang

From 5th Grade to 6th Grade: Eric Xiong, Angel Yang

From 8th Grade to High School: Emily Heffernan, Valarie Weitze, Joshua Yang

High School Graduates: Pao Vang, Yer Vang.

College Graduates: From Chico State University; Fue Yang, Chor Vang & Hlee Vang.
From U.C. Davis; Toua Yang.



SOUND NOTES

soundbuds@att.net

We are in the process of purchasing an additional assistive listening device for our congregation. The one we have now was purchased with a grant for the Hmong ministry for translation.

Still in the works:

- Completion of the sound booth
- Building a cabinet in the Social Hall for a permanent sound system setup,
- 2 more speakers in social hall,
- Rewire the speakers in the social hall,
- More microphones (both wired and wireless) for sanctuary and social hall

• The big speaker in the center of Sanctuary works. Thank you Derrald Buis!

• Two new microphones were purchased; one for the pulpit and one for the lectern. \$179.00 each. The pulpit mic was broken and had to be replaced.

 ***Have a need for additional media for a Sunday Service or special occasion?***

Please contact Jeremy Buis by leaving a message at the church or email at the above address.

Please have a list of media items you will need and the date(s) and time(s) you will have a need for this service. If you are not sure what you will need, he or an associate will meet and go over it with you.

We need at least one week's notice to prepare and set up the equipment .

June

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat
	1 5:30 pm Trustees	2	3 Wednesday Service Schedule 11:00 am Worship Committee	4 Thursday Service Schedule	5 Friday Service Schedule	6 10:00 -12:00 Sunday School work day 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service Peter Gibson-Hudson
7 Sunday Service Schedule Promotion Sunday	8	9	10 Wednesday Service Schedule	11 Thursday Service Schedule	12 Friday Service Schedule	13 8:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Nonchang Family Reunion
14 Sunday Service Schedule  Flag day	15 5:30 p.m. Finance	16	17 Wednesday Service Schedule	18 Thursday Service Schedule	19 Friday Service Schedule	20
21 Sunday Service Schedule  12:00 p.m. Fathers Day Lunch	22	23	24 Wednesday Service Schedule	25 Thursday Service Schedule	26 Friday Service Schedule	27 Hmong Graduation Celebration
28 Sunday Service Schedule	29	30				

Happy Birthday Celebration



On June 21, 2009 Merle Caborn, a former member of FUMC, will be celebrating her **100th** birthday. Merle was an active member of FUMC for more than 80 years and is now a Paradise UMC member.

Birthday greetings from her Oroville friends would be welcome.

Her address is: Merle Caborn
5900 Canyon View Dr. #229
Paradise, CA 95969

Special Offerings

We have recently had two special offerings during worship. On Sunday, May 10th for the One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR) you gave \$269.

On Sunday, May 17th you gave \$485 for the repairs on Pastor Chuckua & Poyee's house. The Volunteers In Mission (VIM) volunteers as well as members of our church worked on Memorial Day weekend to re-roof and prepare for painting the house. VIM has \$2563.50 pledged for the project.

June Birthdays

- 10 Ted Beall
- 12 Chuckua Yang
- 13 Gordon Fredericksen
- 13 Glen Martin
- 14 Elizabeth Haist
- 15 Susan Neben
- 15 Chao Thao
- 15 Her Xoing Thao
- 15 Xnai Xion
- 15 Zoua Yang
- 15 Chia Xiong Vang
- 17 Phyllis Oddo
- 17 Dee Lee Uang
- 18 Joyce Hutchins
- 18 Rudi Messerschmidt
- 19 Doris Henneker
- 23 Bee Thao
- 23 Thai Vang
- 23 Jill Farris
- 23 Chong Vang
- 23 Scott Wirths
- 24 Louis Heinrichs
- 25 Joan Smith
- 26 Georgia Nelson



“IT HAS TO BE SHASTA”

Perhaps you have heard this advertisement for Shasta soda drinks. Instead of a soft drink, I am referring to a Shasta District camp site near the city of Mt. Shasta and with a view of the majestic mountain. This site is leased from the U.S. Department of Forestry, at an elevation of 4000 ft. The California/Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church began the camp. In 1949 a large barn like structure (in addition to rest rooms and nurses cabin) was soon constructed by volunteers. It had a large room with fireplace, complete kitchen and cooks quarters. I directed a children's camp there with 90 participants. The camp has two large meadows and a good water supply from springs and Camp Scott Creek runs near by through a grove of unique Port Orford Cedar Trees. Beautiful Castle Lake is a few miles up the paved road and a large (warmer) reservoir lake down the hill nearer the city of Mt. Shasta. Both lakes are excellent for canoeing, swimming and fishing. In 1971 a tragic fire completely destroyed the large building. The Annual Conference decided to give up the lease and just close the camp. Shasta District pastors who were active in the camping program said no to this and the lease was transferred to Shasta District Missions where it remains to this day. With the help of the fire insurance and much volunteer gifts and labor, Buckner Lodge was constructed. This smaller two story building still houses small groups. It has a wonderful kitchen from which campers are fed, eating out of doors. Sleeping is still under the stars, or in tents or travel trailers (no hook ups).

The need for a large rain shelter and indoor eating has led to a series of developments. First a log barn structure was proposed. This plan was replaced with a unique dome building. Unfortunately the snows destroyed that building. Interest then grew in a retreat center building that would have bedrooms with baths like a hotel and with an adequate inside dining hall for a larger group, usable all year around. This plan was approved and volunteers were found to build the basic structure before snow time. (I also helped). A new cabin was also built to house the caretaker of the camp. Unfortunately, the heavy snows that winter completely destroyed the unfinished structure but the cabin was O.k.. The Shasta Camp Committee decided to rebuild, preserve the donations but hire a contractor to rebuild the structure. An excellent contractor was found in Mt. Shasta. Even with the insurance money it was clear that additional funds would be needed.

Then this last spring, a gas leak caused the Host's cabin to explode. The Host woke up to the ceiling falling down. He managed to escape the burning building dressed only in his pajamas. Barefoot, he walked in the snow to his pick up down by the entrance road. By that time fire engines had already arrived. They called for an ambulance. Paul, our host, only suffered frost bite but lost every personal possession he possessed. Folks have very graciously helped with the cost of replacement but some things can't be replace like the pictures he had taken through the years. The camp only gives him a place to live and pays for extra expenses. He has chosen to continue as camp host for the present.

The present plan is to have the Host cabin rebuilt this summer and the water system restructured, the electrical system developed with solar power and a water turbine in operation. The rebuilding of the retreat center is scheduled for next year, hopefully with your help and mine. The camp needs more persons willing to invest by giving ten thousand dollar shares to the project. The Camp Committee has already given or pledged about fifteen shares. We need about 75 more persons to give a faith share as in investment in youth and families for many years to come. Yes, it is tax deductible. Elaine and I are working on giving a share. Would you join us? Call me for more information or to talk it over. John Schmidt 530-533-5571.

ATTEND SHASTA FAMILY CAMP THIS SUMMER July 25 - 31

If you are willing to camp either in a tent, a travel trailer or sleep under the stars, here is where you can do this as part of a Christian Community, meals furnished, and a program that allows room for special afternoon activity of your own choice as a family. Yes, there is a campfire every evening full of music and fun. There will be planned morning activities for all ages. Come alone or as a family and enjoy the coolness of the mountains, the beauty of nature, the fellowship of friends and feel a closeness to our Creator God.

The camp begins Saturday afternoon (July 25) and ends at noon on Friday, July 31. Registration forms are in the narthex. Cost? \$160.00 per family camp fee. Singles \$100. Food is \$30.00 for the week for adults children 5-10, \$15.00. This an experience you can not afford to miss.

No power boats in the lakes but canoes are wonderful and if you like to fish choose stream or lake. Bring your own boat or life raft. For more information talk to John or Elaine Schmidt. Get your registration in early. Applications in the narthex.

Trustees Report

I am writing this the morning that we will start stripping the old roof from Pastor Chuckua's home, as you read it, the new roof is on and everything cleaned-up.

The project was pushed forward by Pastor Donna, support came from Sue King, the coordinator for Volunteers In Mission. For our part Alma Short organized the people, and Chuck Bailey organized the permits, inspections, and material supplies. Many other credits were announced in church.

In other news, fundraising for the church roof continues quietly, and backstage. A new set of laundry machines has been purchased for our parsonage. Reconstruction of the church marquee sign is in planning, as is repaving of the parking lot, replacement of light fixtures in the social hall, and interior work at Pastor Chuckua's home. Your continued support of this is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Fancher

Finance News



So much is happening in our church. We are getting to participate in some great projects, and we are learning to trust God for the finances. What a great time we are having watching God work through us.

We are gradually getting on a stronger financial footing. The bills are paid each month and we are able to do mission and education. You are welcome at any time to see the financial report located in the office. It will be posted on the bulletin board.

Finance and Council have made a couple of changes in handling contributions. The purchase of lilies and poinsettias will no longer be tracked as tax deductible giving. For gifts to the church, other than cash, you will receive a receipt. Attach your backup information to the receipt and keep it with your tax records. Gifts in kind will no longer appear on yearly giving statements.

The children of Children's Church will be working on School Kits for Sager-Brown this summer. They need bags made and they will have fundraisers and school-supply Sundays to collect for the Kits. These kits will go to children who do not have school supplies to begin school. Thank you ahead of time for helping our children learn to work to give. If you can help with making bags, please see Pastor Laura. We have a pattern provided by UMCOR.



One-Room Summer Sunday School Organizing Meeting Saturday, June 6 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

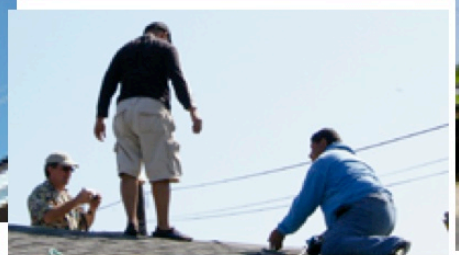
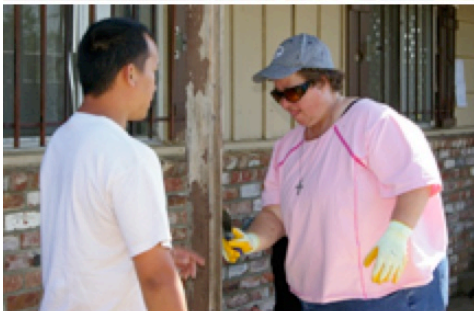
Nursery Update



We need nursery workers.

We need two adults in the Nursery each Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We can take turns so that nobody misses worship more than once a month. Teens may assist, but there must be two adults. Please let Pastor Laura know if you are willing to help in the Nursery.

We will be putting together a One-Room Sunday School for the children this summer. If you would be willing to help with this project, please join us in Rooms L & M. We will clean up from year-round Sunday School and put the room together for Summer Sunday School. This will be a great time for all prior Sunday School teachers to clean out your classrooms.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Oroville

Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving The Oroville Community

Sunday Service Schedule

Adult's & Children's Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Hmong Service	8:45 a.m.
Children's Bells	10:00 a.m.
Hmong Adult's & Youth Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
English Service	10:30 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Schedule

Bible Study & Breakfast @ Hofbrau	8:00 a.m.
Bible Round Table & Prayer	1:30 p.m.
Dinner @ Six each Wed. Sept. to May	6:00 p.m.

Thursday Schedule

Bible Study & Breakfast @ Cassidy's	7:30 a.m.
Community Prayer Service	4:20 p.m.-5:20 p.m

Friday Schedule

Youth Meeting Bible Study @ Pastor Donna's House 1st & 3rd Friday	5:30 p.m.
Youth Meeting Praise Band Practice @ the Church 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday	5:30 p.m.