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[A Word From Pastor Donna](#)

To paraphrase a song, “The Feather River is chilly and cold, Alleluia! Chills the body but not the soul, Alleluia!” What a beautiful day, April 11, when we gathered at the river and baptized 17 people and called one to remember her baptism. They said, “yes” to belonging to Jesus Christ and to the body of Christ, the church. What a privilege it was for our pastoral team to bless and welcome these all into membership in First United Methodist Church of Oroville on Easter Sunday!



We are alive! God is moving among us. In this time of economic uncertainty and struggle we have the word people need for today. “The joy of the Lord is our strength!” (Nehemiah 8:10) Joy comes from walking with God and is not dependent on outward circumstances. We have a message of hope and salvation and God always provides the way for us to share that message. The joy of the Lord calls us to joyful discipleship. The joy of the Lord allows us to let the light of Christ shine through our lives to folk right in our daily paths who need a way through a dark time.

Our new Bishop Warner Brown challenges us that we’re charged with communicating the reality of the transformational power of Jesus Christ to provide healing, pardon, and recovery for a world in desperate need of it. God, he says, is shaping us to be his Holy witness to that pardon, and also to be a part of the processes of healing and recovery, “That our world, bruised and battered as it might be, might know that this year – right now – our God is able, and willing, and, in fact, is active – that the world might be whole, and made free!”

What a difference we make as we work together to witness to the people right around us. I dare you to invite new people to church with you on Sunday. Invite your neighbor and say, “come find the joy with me.” Challenge members of your family who usually don’t go to worship to join you for one Sunday. Pray as you prepare to invite folk and let God do a work in their lives before you ask. We just might be surprised at what God can do.

I DARE YOU! ☺

BECAUSE JESUS LIVES!!!

Pastor Donna

The Youth Schedule is Changing

1st and 3rd Fridays 5:30pm

Bible Study @ Pastor Donna's House
Nothing Boring Allowed

2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays 5:30pm

Youth Meeting @ Church
Includes Music Practice

3rd Fridays 5:30pm

Practice for Praise Band

Join Us!!!!

GREETING my Oroville FUMC Families,

There has been two month that you have not seen me here at the Feather.

Here is some recap from the month of March and April which I have been absent from and May as well. In this past two months there were quite works to do and many things has happened.

During March, a relative in Santa Ana funeral was held in Sacramento on the 1st, and 2nd; took the women group to visited, sung and pray for a family who were seeking God on the 4th; counseling for a couple who had marriage problem on the 8th; a member went to ER on the 10th; took a family to INS in Sacramento on the 11th; a family reunion was took place on the 14th; hospital visitations on the 16th, and, 17th; home visitation and pray for a family in Chico on the 18th; meeting with the District Committee On Ordain Ministry on the 19; took some youth and adult for a trip to the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco on the 20th, and 21st; went to the Hmong Pastors Academy on the 22nd to the 26th; led training, workshop and preach for Clovis Hmong on the 28th and 29th; a Grandma funeral on the night of 29th, and 30th in Sacramento.

During April, on the 4th, took the women and men groups to Clovis Hmong UMC, to help, preach for the funeral of their member, because of the Hmong tradition and of the small Hmong UMC community in Ca/Nev Conference; a member went to ER on the 6th; hospital visitations to a Chico man on the 7th and 8th; Dr. Office translation on the 8th; meeting with the Hmong Community Leaders about how to support one another for today economies crisis, and the relationship between parent and children and to the wider community on the 9th; of course the wonderful and spiritual church baptism at the Bedrock Feather River on the 11th, along with the Easter celebration on the 12th; visitations, counseling, supported to a Chico member who had some legal issue, on the 14th, and 16th; Dr. Office translation on the 16th; Hmong caucus meeting on the 18th has been cancel because of another Clovis Hmong UMC member's funeral—took some youth and adult to Fresno on the 18th; counseling, supported the Chico's man and family on the 20th, and plug the all time regular services, community pray and activities that was kept busy.

For May, the Conference Committee on Hmong Ministry will be meeting here at our FUMC on the 6th from 9:30 am. To 2:30 pm. with our Hmong brother and sisters will cooking lunch for the meeting; Hmong pastor meeting on the 15th at 9:30 am. to 3:30 pm at Marysville FUMC; and there will be the Hmong Women National UMC revival on the 22nd and 23rd in Sacramento Trinity UMC, instead of hold in our church, the change was because there will be a graduation commencement for the many of our children from Chico State University on the 23rd; and to conclude this, I'm personally heartfelt to those who had lost a love one, and we had went through so many hardship, and stay busy, but with God on our side many thing was achieved, finally, I would like to say thank you to all the leaders and members who had worked tirelessly to supported our church and the ministry, and for the many good feed backs, may the Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless this beautiful multicultural church (two language ministry) here at Oroville FUMC, so that we can be the good Samaritan as an example to the community and to the world beyond.

**In Christ Services,
Pastor Chuckua Yang**

Children's Church

The children are studying the 3 Simple Rules: Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God. They "did good" in their community by filling an Easter Basket for an Oroville family who needed a little extra for Easter. They "did good" at church by making stepping stones for the Children's Garden. Thank you to everyone who helped with these projects. We will begin looking at the 3rd Simple Rule: Stay in Love with God.

Nursery Update



All of the toys have been put away in the Nursery, so the Nursery is ready for children. The Kindergarten-1st Grade Sunday School class has moved to Room E, which was beautifully cleaned by Thai and resourced by Susan.

Now all we need is 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.

Vacation Bible School Is Coming



Look for further details as the Youth Group puts together VBS for our children and the children of our community.

One-Room Summer Sunday School Planning Meeting Sunday, May 3 after Worship



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 for a planning meeting in the Fireside Room. Grab your coffee and join the discussion. We will need help with crafts, story time, and drama.

TRUSTEES



Trustees want to recognize two “newer church member” project managers, Richard Francher and Chuck Bailey (Trustee chair and vice-chair). They are Trustees with constructively willing hearts. Each Wed. they meet with the men’s Bible study group then work alternately at the church or at the parsonage. As Stu Shaner and Darby Miller always have, Chuck and Richard see things and tend to them. Susan Sharon is also one of those who recognize work needed at the church. Susan is a new Trustee doing stevedore effort. We’ve known for years that there are others who automatically work whenever needed. There is always room for more. Tell Chuck or Richard if you have talents they could tap into...construction, painting, gardening, electrical, plumbing. labor...all those things that keep our buildings humming. Language should not be a barrier. There are plenty of bi-language interpreters who also volunteer. Trustees are grateful, and give thanks for these blessed people.



Trustees Report

- ❖ First off we would like to thank the Hmong men who have been working to mow the grassy weeds around the church grounds. **Applause please.**
- ❖ Second, two roofing companies have looked at our roof so far and are preparing written bids/ estimates. There are suggestions circulating that we should install solar shingle panels, however both roofers stated that our roof does not have the structural strength necessary to support the weight of solar collection panels.
- ❖ Third, Chuck and Richard have repainted the ladies restroom, and have replaced the light fixtures. Thank you for job well done.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Fancher,
Trustees President

Prayers and Concerns

Glenda reports her friend Enola Phillips had her surgery postponed; Pat Foster - surgery on Friday April 24th; Harriet Steiger - had surgery, is home & doing great; Ruth Irwin - not doing well, on oxygen; Ginger Ewalt - her sister-in-law had surgery on her pancreas & not successful; Gordon & Sue Frederickson's son Kelly - suffered the loss of a friend in prison; Doris Miller - surgery to have a lump removed; Emery & Virginia Field - may need to go into a care facility; Susan Sharon - her friend Chet is in the hospital; Betty Ball - her friend Darlene is in a coma & not improving; Gwen Howard - having chemo; Helen Beall - her friend Ray is in the hospital; Robin Rich - prayers for moving.

Robin Rich's friend Joyce passed away recently, please pray for Robin & Joyce's family.

Pastor Laura,

Thank you so very much for the robes. The choir even sang better.
JoAn Lighthill

Here is a photo of Etna's choir in our "new" robes. Thank you so much for your help!
Sylvia



Dinner @6 May Menu



May 6th -Chicken Ceasar Salad, Fruit Medley, Bread & Dessert.
Staff Parrish Committee will be cooking.

May 13th -Tri Tip, Roasted Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Salad, Bread & Dessert.
Finance Committee will be cooking.

May 20th -Stew, Salad with Feta, Bread & Fruit Cocktail Cake.
Trustee Committee will be cooking.

May 27th -Pastor Chuckua and the Hmong Congregation will be cooking our last meal for this year.

Come and join us for some very good meals and wonderful fellowship.

May Birthdays

- 5 Toua Yang
- 5 Paterra Yang
- 6 Ma Yang Maua
- 9 Lee Yang
- 10 Sarina Yates
- 14 Micah Buis
- 15 Vaseng Vang
- 24 Cher Vang
- 25 Denise Tye
- 27 Yeng K Hang
- 30 John Brown

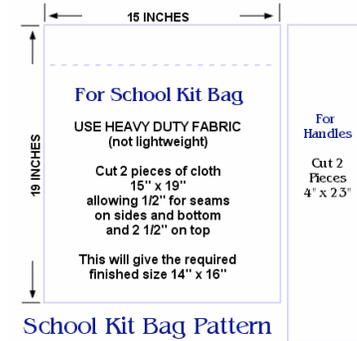


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School Kit Bag



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.

Make the Bag: USE HEAVY DUTY FABRIC (not lightweight). Cut 2 pieces of cloth 15" x 19" allowing 1/2" for seams on sides and bottom and 2 1/2" hem at the top. This will give the required finished size 14" x 16".

Place the two 15" x 19" pieces of cloth together, right sides together, and sew a 1/2" seam down one side across the bottom and up the other side, leaving the top open.

Turn the bag so the seam is inside the bag.

Turn under 1/2" of the top edge and stitch.

Turn under 2" at the top to form a hem and stitch.

Make the Handles: For handles cut 2 pieces 4" x 23". Fold in half the length of one of the 4" x 23" pieces with right sides together. Stitch with a 1/2" seam allowance and turn the seam to the inside. Repeat with the second piece of cloth.

Place one handle at the top of the bag, turning under 1/2" raw edge of the material and secure by stitching. Repeat with the other piece of cloth making the handle on the opposite side of the bag.

Optional Closure: Closures are optional and may be done with buttons, snaps or Velcro. When using Velcro, stitch small pieces of Velcro near the top center inside of the bag, Velcro loops on one side, Velcro hooks on the other.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On Sunday, May 17th a special offering will be taken. The monies collected will be for One Great Hour of Sharing. Traditionally this offering is held on the 4th Sunday in Lent. However, it can be taken at any time. Based on local needs, the 3rd Sunday in May was selected.

Separate from our regular offering the designated money collected during One Great Hour of Sharing will go to support the administration of UMCOR – the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR’s mission is to alleviate human suffering whether caused by war, conflict or natural disaster. Natural disasters that were aided by UMCOR in recent years include Indonesian’s 2004 tsunami, Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the Red River floods of 2009. The aid often continues for years as needed. Many other events have benefited from UMCOR’s assistance world-wide.

Established in 1940 this non-profit, charitable organization has grown in scope and efficiency. It does not receive money from apportionments but relies on gifts from concerned people like you and me.

Margaret Brown, Church & Society



A poem for those that live alone:

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side,
In all my daily need be my guide.
Grant me good health, for that I pray,
To carry on my work from day to day.

Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed.
Let me be kind and unselfish in my neighbor's need.

Spare me from fire, from flood and malicious tongues,
From thieves, from fear, and evil ones.

If sickness or an accident befall,
Then humbly, Lord, I pray hear my call.

And when I'm feeling low, or in despair,
Lift up my heart, and help me in my prayer.

I live alone, dear, Lord, yet have no fear
Because I feel Your presence ever near.



"Messy Sunday"

Introducing
Shel Silverstein's



Explore the art of **GIVING** through

WORSHIP

DRAMA

MUSIC

RESOURCE SPEAKERS

FELLOWSHIP

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Nestled in the pines within view of Mt. Shasta is Shasta Family Conference Camp, which has provided "mountaintop experiences" to campers of all ages for many years. This year the camp will begin the afternoon of Saturday, July 25, and end at noon Friday July 31.

Outside of the program of **GIVING**, the campers will experience the BEST food, the FUNNIEST skits, the "COOLEST" camp music, and the GREATEST activities for the week. Besides s'mores at campfires, a day hike to a glacial lake, an annual nerf baseball game, crafts, hand chime playing, ping pong, board games, whittling, nature walks, swimming, boating and fishing on local lakes, and meeting new friends, Shasta Camp offers a very special place to get away from the rush of time in our lives.

There are various campsites for tent or RV campers, and limited space in dormitory rooms in the lodge. Costs are \$160 for the week per family, plus \$30 a week per youth and adult for food - \$15 for children 5 - 10. Kids under 5 eat for free! Individual campers or family guests pay \$100 for a campsite and pay the same food prices as stated above.

For more information and registration forms please contact the camp directors:

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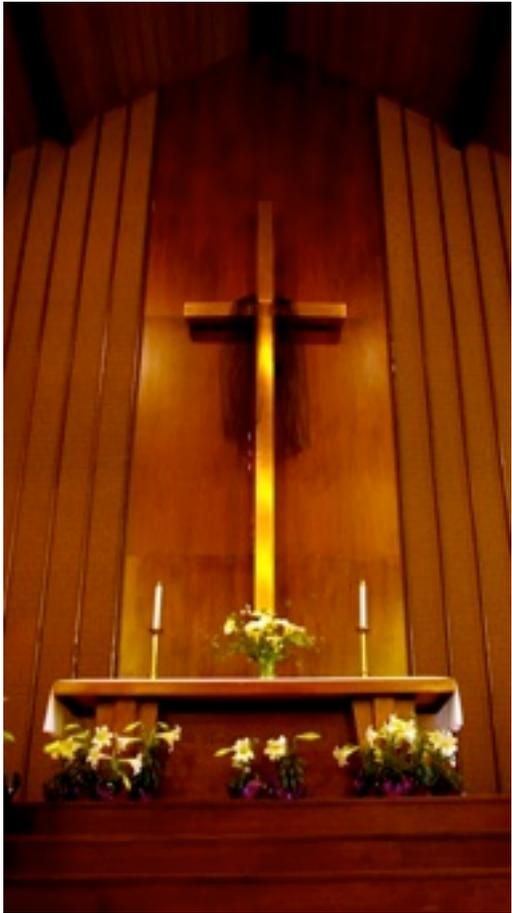
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DOWN BY THE RIVER



EASTER SUNDAY



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

Sonwalkers Youth Group Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Hmong Ladies Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.

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.