

Golden Feather

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

December Worship

Dec. 7th

Greeters: Ginger Ewält & Carol Anderson

Coffee Hour: Kham Vang & Shisha Yang

Lockup: Sem Xiong

Dec. 14th

Greeters: Ginger

Coffee Hour: Lynn & Stu Shaner

Lockup: Gladeen Lebeouf

Dec. 21st

Greeters: Sem Xiong & Chet, Angel & Maddy

Coffee Hour: Alma Short & Tim Jacobsen

Lockup: Susan Sharon

Dec. 28th

Greeters: Pat Foster & Georgia

Coffee Hour: Sharon & Bill Cheek

Lockup: Jeremy Buis



Save the Date

Dec 7th Charge Conference & Potluck Sunday

Dec. 21st: Christmas Program

Dec.24th: Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

DECEMBER Dinner @ Six \$7.00 Donation

Dec 3rd: Tacos, Rice, Beans, Warm Tortillas, Chips & Salsa, Dessert

Chef: Randy Fowler

Dec 10th: Tuscan Chicken, Salad, Corn Muffins and Pumpkin Dessert

Chefs: Janet Short & Elaine Klein

Dec 17th: Spaghetti, Bread, Salad & Dessert

Chef: Som

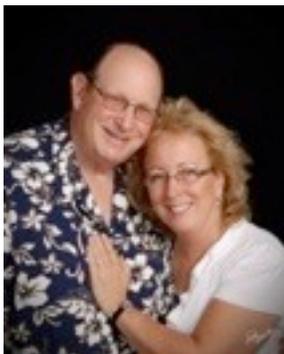
Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve No Dinner

Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve No Dinner

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

PASTOR'S CORNER

This Sunday we begin one of the two most holy seasons of the church. This is the beginning of Advent when we prepare for the coming of the Lord. There is a dual meaning for the coming. The first meaning is the coming of Jesus as a baby in the manger. The second is the coming of Jesus for us in the last days. This is all an opportunity for us to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. We spend hours, days and great expense to prepare for Christmas through shopping, Christmas letters, baking, wrapping presents and writing Christmas cards. Perhaps we could spend some of that time preparing our hearts for the coming of the baby Jesus and the second coming of Jesus. God asks us to be ready when Jesus comes again. How ready are we?



I have a special sermon series prepared for this season I would like to share with you. November 30 - **Drowsy Disciples** based on Isaiah 64:1-9; I Corinthians 1:3-9 and Mark 13:24-37 December 7 - **Changing Times** based on Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15 and Mark 1:1-8

December 14 - **We Are Not the Light** based on Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 and John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 21 - The Choir and Children will present a Cantata entitled **Bethlehem's Child** December 24 - Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:00 p.m. and will feature a special guest

sharing the meaning of all the symbols of Christmas in our everyday Christmas decorations.

December 28 - **Still Surprised After Christmas** based on Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7 and Luke 2:22-40

I am eagerly awaiting news from the Youth Group as to when we will have our Christmas Caroling Party so please keep your ear to the ground and your eyes on your email to participate in this fun and worthy time when we bless those who are shut-in.

Two other special things will happen this month. First, on November 30th we will take up the Methodist Student Day offering to help with scholarships for Methodist students going to college. Several youth from our church have received these scholarships, so it is important that we support this offering.

Second, our Annual Charge Conference will be on December 7th after church. There will be a potluck after church and then Rev. Dr. Bob Biehler will lead us through our annual process and official meeting. I hope to see you all for church that morning and for the meeting afterwards.

I would also like to give you a special heads up on an event in January. We will be sponsoring a two-day event called **Lay Servant Training**. January 23rd and 24th Larry Ducommun will come and train our Lay Servants. The registration forms will be available next week. The registration cost is \$20.00 and will include all materials. Books with study materials will be given out by January 15th so the pre-work can be done. All Lay Servants in our church that wish to be certified must attend the classes. Pastor Dave (me) will be cooking a special lunch on Saturday for all involved.

Have a Blessed and Glorious Christmas, Yours Because I'm HIS, Pastor Dave

79TH ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

Our 79th annual turkey dinner was held at the church on Saturday November 1st, 2014. We had a very good turn out again this year as we usually do. Many take out dinners were served to people that wanted to take dinners home and we even delivered one dinner to a person that couldn't come. We served many dinners in our fellowship hall. After the advance was paid back we made \$452.72 on our dinner this year.

Erin Buis was in charge of this fundraiser this year. The Finance Committee wishes to thank Erin for being chairman of this annual event this year. I know this is a big dinner and a great deal of work. The Finance Committee wishes to thank everybody that helped on this dinner. Some roasted turkeys while others prepared the different parts of the food for the dinner. The decorations in the hall were beautiful. Others set tables while others cleared tables and others worked on the cleanup afterward. Some sold tickets and others attended the dinner. Whatever you did to help on this dinner thank you so much. Erin put all of this together so thank you to Erin.

Next year we will celebrate having our 80th Turkey Dinner. This dinner has been going on for 79 years now.

Thank you to everyone that helped on our dinner this year.

Thank you everyone.

John S. Fowler
Chairman

Finance Committee

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 See Muas Moua

11 Betty Ledford

12 Heloise Martin

14 Elaine Klein

14 Douglas Krause

15 Gladeen Lebeouf

18 Cathy Weitze

21 Allison Erwin



26 Vivian Grainger

27 Wyatt Weitze

28 Karen Green

31 Shor Vang

31 Ya Kue

31 Xai Chur Kue

31 Ying Xiong Kue

31 Mai Kue Vang

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ARTICLES FOR

JANUARY FEATHER

DUE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

**UMCmarket Shopping
Move Provides Improved Functionality**

As you may have recently heard, the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) announced that the UMCmarket shopping/donation program has moved to UMCmarket.net. Any churches that previously signed up for the program will be automatically enrolled at the new address. Even if you enter UMCmarket.org in your browser, you will automatically be redirected to UMCmarket.net. There's nothing new for you to do.

The new site, <http://click.esp.umcom.org/?qs=b68970d3015f1261dd81087880930d8e3a74300a9ce21777a018ccb2102ed73a>, offers enhanced features for users including:

- **New browser applications with improved functionality that works with all browsers.**
- **Automatic handling of Amazon orders. No more manual verification.**
- **Improved customer service with faster response time.**
- **A new team and marketing staff that will help educate churches on how to benefit from the program.**

We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion this change may cause. However, working with our trusted service provider Zebraplace, we are confident that donations made through the old web address, UMCmarket.org, have reached or will reach their intended United Methodist church or organization. We believe this change to UMCmarket.net will better meet the needs of our constituents and we thank the people of The United Methodist Church for their continued support of innovative donation opportunities that enable ministry in their local churches.

Questions regarding the use of UMCMarket.net can be forwarded to info@umcmarket.net or blsmith@gcfa.org.

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6th Annual

*Ross-Harmon
Educator of the Year*

Monday, April 27, 2015
Nominations deadline March 27, 2015

Nomination forms are online:

<http://ross-harmon.org/>

2014 Award Honorees

Tim Harrison & Tim Chew – Oroville Union High School District
Elisa Huru & Ramona Lacativo – Oroville City Elementary School District
Harold McCoy & Jim Babb – Palermo Union School District
Bob Christensen & Kathy Kongle – Thermalito Union School District

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR



Contact:

**Pat Foster &
Emily Fancher**



Grandma Murphy's Famous Lemon Bars

Elaine Klein

1 Cup Butter
1/2 Cup Powdered Sugar
Mix together and pat into 9 x 13 x 2" pan and bake at 350 for 15 minutes.
2 Cups Sugar
1 tsp. Baking Powder
6 Tbs. Lemon Juice (fresh squeezed)

1 3/4 Cup Sifted Flour
4 Tbs. Flour
4 Eggs
Rind from one lemon

Sift together sugar, flour and baking soda. Beat together eggs, lemon juice and lemon rind then mix into dry ingredients. Pour mixture over crust and bake 25 minutes longer. Remove from oven, allow to cool, sprinkle with powdered sugar and cut into bars.

After removing from oven sprinkle with powdered sugar and let cool before cutting into bars.

The girls grandmother always made lemon bars every year, this is her recipe. Alice Murphy, she lived in Berry Creek and passed away some years ago.

CHRISTMAS CAKE

Joan Smith

3 C	flour	2	tsp	baking powder	
2	tsp	cinnamon	1/2	tsp	allspice
1/2	tsp	cloves	1/2	tsp	nutmeg
4		eggs, beaten	1 3/4	C	brown sugar, packed
1/3	C	molasses	3/4	C	butter, softened
1	C	milk	1	C	candied orange or lemon peel
1	lb	candied cherries	1	lb	raisins
1 1/2	C	chopped dates	2	C	nuts
1	lb	currants			

Sift together into a large bowl the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, allspice, cloves and nutmeg. Add brown sugar. Melt butter and add molasses. Mix milk and eggs. Into the flour mixture, add milk mixture and molasses mixture, either by hand or in electric mixer. Stir in candied orange or lemon peel, cherries, raisins, dates, nuts and currants. Pour mixture into pans lined with both brown paper and greased waxed paper. Bake slowly at 275° for 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

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79th ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

The 79th Annual Turkey Dinner was a great success. The dinner made a profit of \$452.72. What a great profit!

God blessed me again with outstanding helpers that made this years dinner a success.

A great big thank you to everyone who helped me keep this wonderful tradition going. Alma did an amazing job with her decorations. Joline and Gladeen expertly carved turkey's that were not carved. A big thank you to all the cooks of the dinner. I received many compliments on how good the food was cooked. The Las Plumas Key Club served the dinner this year and they were awesome. Thanks also go out to the Doris/ Marlys circle for providing and served the pumpkin pies for the dinner. They were very tasty.

God Bless you all!

Erin Buis



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Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:

Carol Anderson's friend **Greg** – having additional surgery for gall bladder; Cynthia Slattery's mom **Chris**



Barnes – recently hospitalized & had surgery; Erin Buis – prayers for **Jessie Baker** who

was in a motorcycle accident & suffered a broken neck, broken foot & broken toe. Had surgery on his foot & will be in a head collar for 3 months for his neck; Chet Ainsworth –

may need extensive back surgery and is also in need of a car; **Chuck Bailey** – he has

pancreatic cancer and is starting chemo soon; Elaine Klein – keep my sister **Valarie**

Cavello in your prayers; Joline Hibbert's friend **Barbara Painter** is dying of cancer,

please pray for her & her family; Georgia Nelson's son **Chris** lost his job & is looking for a

new job; Glenda Ott's 10 month old great-granddaughter fell & cracked her head, pray for

her healing; Christl Yates – prayers for her father-in-law **Wally Yates**, his health is

declining; Ellen Felice's son **Jeffery** has cancer and is very ill; Pastor Dave's mother **Clair** is in a care home

in Virginia; Tyler's father **Zong Hur Yang** - he has throat cancer, needs prayers; **Mee Xiong** - has a

tumor in her head & is starting radiation; Pastor Chukua & Poyee - Poyee's younger sister **Lee Khang**, she

is getting her voice back now & still recovering, pray for all the family, including Poyee's brother **Nha Sou**

Khang, as he lives with their sister.

Pray for those with ongoing concerns: Mee Lee & Tong Xiong; Emma Spencer; Gary Azevedo; Bruce Barton; Jeremy Buis; Pastor Chuckua & Poyee Yang; Luisa Shaner; Buz Manwell; Chris Barnes; Steve Ewalt; Norman Rieck; Chris Christian; Barbara Thompson; Jeffery Felice; Roger Byrd; Lee Dunlap; Fitch Family; Sandy Johnson; Joan & Doug Jacobsen; Chet's Grandchildren; Adrienne Hoke; Hayden Wyman; Joshua Springsteen; Wally Yates; and Chet Ainsworth.

DEATHS: Please pray for the family of The Reverend Wayne Williams, who passed away recently at the age of 93. He leaves his wife Elizabeth, daughters Deborah & husband Chris, and Karen & husband Bill, and 5 grandchildren & 6 great grandchildren. Reverend Williams was our pastor at this church in the 1960's & early 70's. Many of our long-time members remember him & his family fondly.

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.

Pray for our church finances. Continue to pray for cheerful and thoughtful giving to help our church thrive.

JOYS: Louise Weitze reports that, following tests, she no longer has any sign of a tumor. Jobs: Cathy Weitze reports a joy in that Valarie has gotten a job at the local Hof Brau restaurant; and Alma Short reports that her grandson Alexander was laid off, but has also gotten another job. Hallelujah!! for the many joys in our lives, big & small!!! GOD IS GREAT!!

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"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!"

-Maya Angelou



***ADDRESSES FOR THOSE WHO WOULD
LIKE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH
THOSE WHO HAVE MOVED AWAY
FROM OUR AREA.***

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CHURCH SHARE CARDS



GOOD NEWS ON RALEY'S & FOOD MAXX SHARE CARDS

I have good news to report on our share cards as a fundraiser for our church budget. This past month we received a check from Raley's for \$71.47 for our Raley's Something Extra Cards. For the year to date we have received a total of \$390.98. And we received a check from Food Maxx for \$166.68 on our Food Maxx Share Cards. For the year to date we have received a total of \$730.95. Put the two cards together and we have made \$1121.93 for our church budget.

Just swipe your card when you pay for your groceries. A portion of what you spend for your groceries comes back to your church. If you don't have a Raley's Something Extra Card you just ask for one while you are shopping in Raley's. Raley's does require you to designate how much you want to come back to your church. Raley's requires you to do this on line on your own computer. If you don't have a computer or you have trouble setting this up see Elaine Kline. If you don't have a Food Maxx Share Card see Ginger Ewalt. I understand we just got some new Food Maxx Share Cards but your old card still works just fine.

What an easy way to help our church budget.

Keep using the cards and help our church budget.

Thank you
John S. Fowler
Chairman Finance Committee

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 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. Amazon pays 4.5%, OverStock pays up to 75%, Macy's pays 4%. When you order from Amazon you will be sent an email to approve the payment. 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.



Staples

Shopping at Staples? Use the Church's phone number 534-9455 and the Church will receive Staples Rewards credit.

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Food Pantry Update

The church food pantry continues to help provide emergency food assistance for people in our community. Our wonderful office staff & Pastor Dave are the individuals who primarily give out food. Pastor Dave has met with a number of people when they come to the church needing food. If anyone approaches you when you are at the church asking about food, unless you feel it's an emergency & have time to help them, the normal distribution days & hours are when office is open.

People often ask me what is needed in the pantry. This changes often but here are the items which are most often needed. We can always use peanut butter & meat or fish (canned chicken, tuna, spam etc). Other items are: canned soup, pasta, chili etc. Please remember the food pantry is for non perishable items & the food needs to be commercially prepared (not home made) and not out of date.

Thank you for continuing to support our pantry.

Janet Short

Outreach & Witness

Food Pantry Shopping List

- Canned:
 - chicken
 - tuna
 - Spam
 - other canned meats
 - soup
 - pasta
 - chili
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Jam/Jelly
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Other nonperishable items

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CHRISTMAS BOARD

Can you believe it? It is time for our Children's Board. That means that you will have the opportunity to make Christmas special for some of our PreSchool families. The history of our Children's Board reaches way back, over 20 years. It has been a wonderful part of our church family Christmas tradition. You all know the process. You pick a paper or papers off the board. On the paper will be something for their dinner, or a toy, or clothes for the children, or something for a sibling. We try to do something for every child in the family. Our State PreSchool teachers share the names of families that they see need a little extra help for the Christmas season. It is our privilege to be part of this happy tradition. Look for the Children's Board the weekend of Thanksgiving. You will have two weeks after that to bring in your gift, unwrapped, to put it in the boxes by the board. It will make your Christmas season so much more joyful. Thanks for all you do. Alma



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Oroville First United Methodist Church
Prayer Chain

Elaine Klein

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Barbara Thompson
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Gerry Miller
534-8469

Helen Beall
589-3149

Virginia Bias
534-8004

Susan Sharon
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Vivian Grainger
589-5440

Pat Foster
533-9213

Joan Keller
534-9493

Joan Azevedo
589-5509

Ellen Felice
533-8879

If you have a prayer request for the Prayer Chain you would call Elaine Klein. Elaine will send out an E-mail to those on the email list, she would then call the first person on each list and they would in turn call the next person on the list. If the person you call is not available please call the next person on the list.

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**Welcome to
First United Methodist Church of Oroville
Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving
the Oroville Community**

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	8:45 a.m.
Chancel Choir Practice	9:45 a.m.
Hmong Adult's Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Combined English/Hmong Communion Service 1 st Sunday	10:30 a.m.
English Service	10:30 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m.

Monday Schedule

Outreach Committee (First Monday)	4:30 p.m.
Finance Committee (Second Monday)	5:30 p.m.
Trustees (Second Monday)	7:00 p.m.
Church Council (Third Monday)	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Schedule

Bible Round Table & Prayer (June to Sept. 1)	11:00 a.m.
Community Prayer Service (room L/M)	6:00 p.m.
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.