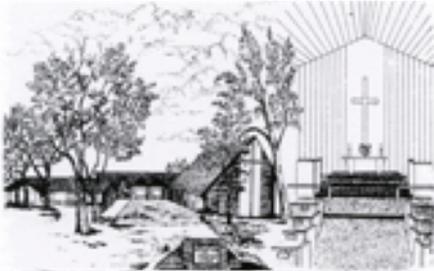


# THE GOLDEN FEATHER



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**God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.**

**Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño | District Superintendent Rev. Blake Busick  
Pastor Cheng Yang**

# *December Birthdays*

for updates please give the information to Erin or Jeremy Buis or  
send to: [orovilleumc45@gmail.com](mailto:orovilleumc45@gmail.com)

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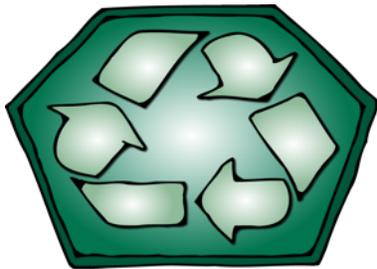


1. We need to take the caps off the plastic bottles
2. We need to bag plastic, aluminum, and glass separately.
3. **Glass can not include wine bottles.**
4. Everything must have the recycle brand on the bottom (or CA CRV on it).
5. Take it to Nonie and Micah's house until the church opens again. Then we can put them in the plastic bins as we used to do
6. Call Micah at (530) 533-1868 and he will meet you in his driveway when you arrive.

I am so glad not to lose this project that we have been supporting for so many years. How exciting it always was to find out how much money we had collected for the year and then what animal we could buy for a family overseas. Thank you Jeremy and Micah for taking it on.

Alma

*If we don't answer when you call just place your recycling next to our garbage bins. Please no milk jugs or wine bottles. Micah and family*



**October Recycling**  
**\$43.00**



## ***Would you like to be part of a Visitation Team?***

There are many members of our congregation who can no longer make it to church for various reasons. However, one of our Methodist traditions is to care for our members and we may be letting them down. All it would take would be visits to their place of residence to let them know we still care. Pastor Cheng needs our help. Anyone who would enjoy visiting with our homebound members please contact the church office and let us know. The visits will enrich your life.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study  
For more information you can call or  
speak to  
Joan Azevedo, 589-5509.**



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Randall Edwards

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# God grades on the cross, not the curve.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE  
INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT  
August 2020

Checking Balance August 1, 2020	\$ 16,476.80
Income Deposits during August 2020	9,651.83
Checking Expenses during August 2020	9,296.47
Checking Balance August 31, 2020	16,832.16

Liabilities

Parsonage Loan	\$ 9,677.27
Pension 2011	4,981.70
Pension 2013	3,712.67

Our finances were better in August than they were in July. We received \$355.36 more income than we spent. All of our bills were paid on time. We have cut back on a couple of items that we were paying extra on each month to reduce our debt. The loss from our fundraisers is substantial. As I reported last month Jordan Crossing Ministries will no longer be using our facilities. The last payment was in August. We received a check from the preschool in September. I don't know if the preschool is back or not. In September the Finance committee approved a revised budget for the rest of 2020. We should see less in our checking account as the year goes on.

Thanks for your help with our church finances.

Thank you

John S. Fowler

Church Treasurer

# NEW MAILBOX

INSTALLERS:  
JEREMY, TAYLOR & MICAH BUIS



# POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR COFFEE HOUR

## Policy:

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

## Procedure:

A person from the Randy Fowler purchase the church provided items listed above and place these supplies in their appropriate areas for coffee hour access.

Alma Short will set up a sign up sheet for volunteers to run the coffee hour on each Sunday throughout the year, remind volunteers of their designated coffee hour Sunday, and orient new volunteers on the policies and procedures regarding coffee hour responsibilities including where supplies are kept.

Volunteers on their designated coffee hour Sunday will:

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



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

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



## ***Staples***

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

# Wesley hymn devotions for Advent and Christmas

Music is a wonderful part of the Christmas and Advent seasons. Charles Wesley, one of Methodism's founders, wrote several hymns for Advent and Christmas. Some we know and others are less familiar.

These devotions draw on the hymns of Charles Wesley to help us reflect upon the miracle of Christmas, when "the Word became flesh and lived among us" ([John 1:14](#), NRSV).

## Born to Set Thy People Free: A Christmas hymn devotion

*Editor's note: This is the first in a [series of 4 weekly devotions](#) based on the hymns of Charles Wesley.*

A UMC.org feature by Joe Lovino Lines! They're everywhere this time of year. There is a line of traffic to get into the parking lot to do our Christmas shopping, and a line of people to make our purchases before we leave. Our kids wait in line to see Santa, and we wait longer than usual to treat ourselves to that special holiday latte. In our 21st century celebration of Christmas, we get a lot of practice in waiting.

In a strange way all of this waiting fits the [Christian calendar](#). The Church sets aside the four weeks before Christmas as a time to prepare for the coming of our long-expected Messiah. This season called [Advent](#) is an opportunity to focus on how God came to us in history in the person of Jesus, comes to us in the present, and will come again in the future.

In December 1745, [Charles Wesley](#) published a two-verse prayer in [Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord](#) that helps us enter into the [season of Advent](#). "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" appears in the *United Methodist Hymnal* with only minor changes from the original.

### Come

As we [sing Wesley's words](#), we enter into an ancient prayer. For hundreds of years, our ancestors in the faith prayed for the Messiah to come. God had blessed them to be a blessing to all the nations (Genesis 12:1-3), but it was difficult to feel blessed in the pain of defeat, exile, and occupation. They longed for the Messiah to come and reestablish the kingdom.

We understand those feelings of distance from God. While we have experienced times when God feels near, there are others seasons of [struggle and doubt](#). Some of us have spent time wondering if God is still with us. So, we join this prayer today, "Come, thou long-expected Jesus."

We also know this on a much larger scale. We see the brokenness of our world and its systems. We long for [justice for all people](#) regardless of race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation. We await the day when Jesus will return to usher in the new creation and heal our broken world. We join this prayer for our future also, "Come, thou long-expected Jesus."

Free music download

[“Christmas medley: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing / Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”](#)

arranged and performed by JT Iovino.

Merry Christmas!

### **Release us**

As we keep singing, Charles Wesley continues to lead us in a prayer for liberation. For Wesley, Jesus was born for this purpose.

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free,  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in thee.*

The Rev. Paul Chilcote, Professor of Historical Theology and Wesleyan Studies at Ashland (Ohio) Theological Seminary, talks about this in an [episode of the Get Your Spirit in Shape podcast](#). “For Charles, in particular,” he shares, “our redemption is all about being liberated from those powers, those forces in our lives that keep us from being the children of God that God has created us to be.”

In verse two, Wesley shows us what that looks like.

*By thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone,  
By thine all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Seeking to have Christ as the sole ruler of our hearts was the drive of the early Methodist movement.

“By Methodists,” John Wesley wrote, “I mean...one who has ‘the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him’” ([“The Character of a Methodist”](#) ¶15). In another place he writes about Methodists being those who pursue “universal love filling the heart, and governing the life” ([“Advice to a People Called Methodist”](#)).

“What is it that’s binding you up?” Chilcote encourages us to ask ourselves during this time of preparation. “What is it that’s keeping you from being the loving, caring, compassionate person that God has created all of us to be? What are those barriers that stand in the way of that?”

### **Living the prayer**

When standing in line threatens to steal your joy this Christmas, hum this hymn as a reminder that waiting is essential to the season. [During Advent](#), we wait for the coming of Christ into history, into our lives, and into our world.

Let Charles Wesley’s words be your prayer in this season. Come, thou long-expected Jesus. Release us from our fears and sins. Rule in our hearts. Let us live in freedom, sharing your love with all whom we meet.

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# "And God himself is born:" A Christmas hymn devotion

**Editor's note: This is the second in a series of [4 weekly devotions for Advent](#) based on the hymns of Charles Wesley.**

We begin life remarkably vulnerable. Infants have no ability to care for themselves, but need loving adults to nurture them, keep them warm, protect them, and show them that the world is a safe, loving place.

This was also true of the baby Jesus. He came into the world much like you and I did. He needed Mary, Joseph and others to feed, hold, change, and teach him.

Jesus, however, was far from ordinary. We profess this child, whose birth we are preparing to celebrate, is God in the flesh.

How can this be?

In the [December 2016 Get Your Spirit in Shape podcast episode](#), the Rev. Paul Chilcote, United Methodist author of [Come Thou Long-expected Jesus: Advent and Christmas with Charles Wesley](#), calls this “a central paradox of the Christian faith. How do we conceive that God, who is eternal and not bounded by time or space or any of those kind of limitations, how do we conceive that *that* God becomes a human being?”

Theologians call this paradox the incarnation. Somehow, Jesus is both fully God and fully human.

## **A poetic response**

As one might expect from the poet-theologian of the early Methodist movement, [Charles Wesley's](#) descriptions of this paradox are biblical, beautiful and poetic.

For example, hymn 6 of his [Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord](#) reads:

*Whom all the angels worship,*

*Lies hid in human nature;*

*Incarnate see*

*The deity,*

*The infinite Creator!*

*See the stupendous blessing*

*Which God to us hath given!*

*A child of man,*

*In length a span,*

*Who fills both earth and heaven.(verse 4)*

Theologians through the centuries have tried to explain how this works. For the most part, they have limited success in describing it well. You can learn more about our United Methodist understanding of the incarnation [here](#) and [here](#).

While it may be tempting to assign this doctrine to the areas of our faith that we cannot understand or describe, Chilcote encourages us to look to Wesley.

“I don’t want to simply escape into mystery here, because Charles does everything he can to try and explain it,” Chilcote shares, “to try and make some sense of this mystery in our lives.”

Wesley’s key to understanding the incarnation lies in [Philippians 2:5-11](#), which many scholars believe is one of the earliest hymns of the Christian church.

It shouldn’t be a surprise that one great hymn writer was inspired by another.

In this Bible passage, the Apostle Paul describes the miracle of Jesus emptying himself of his God-traits to become a human being.

For example, Jesus emptied himself of his omnipresence, being everywhere all the time. Instead, he was confined to time and space. He gave up his omniscience, being all-knowing. While he could see into people’s lives and hearts better than anyone, he had limited, human knowledge. He also surrendered his omnipotence, being all-powerful. He performed miracles, healings and exorcisms, but there were human limits he accepted.

Jesus emptied himself and became vulnerable for us.

Wesley echoes this understanding in other *Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord*. He writes:

*Lo! He lays his glory by,*

***Emptied of his majesty!***

*See the God who all things made,*

*Humbly in a manger laid.*

*(Hymn 12, verse 2, bold added)*

In another hymn from the same collection we read:

***Emptied of his majesty,***

*Of his dazzling glories shorn,*

*Being’s source begins to be,*

***And God himself is BORN!***

*(Hymn 4, verse 2, bold added)*

There is one God-trait, however, that Wesley believed Jesus kept: love.

One of the more famous places in the hymnody of Charles Wesley where we hear this idea is in a hymn we don’t normally sing at Christmas. Published under the title “*Free Grace*” in 1739’s *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, we know this hymn better by its first line, “*And Can It Be that I Should Gain,*” *United Methodist Hymnal* #363. Wesley writes,

*He left his Father’s throne above,*

*(So free, so infinite his grace!)*

***Empty’d himself of all but love,***

*And bled for Adam’s helpless race. (verse 3, bold added)*

Chilcote helps us understand Wesley’s point.

“In Jesus God empties God’s self of those divine qualities, [except for love](#), which if you think about that for a moment,” he continues, “is the essence of God.”

“So you can say Jesus is fully divine because he’s fully love. But he’s also fully human because he’s born into this world as a human being.”

God coming to us so completely and yet so vulnerably is the miracle of the incarnation. At Christmas, we celebrate God coming to dwell among us.

Living the song

Many feel vulnerable this Christmas. Some live in far away places. Others are right next door. Some don't have enough to eat, struggle to find clean water, don't feel safe in their own homes or neighborhoods, feel rejected by others, and so much more.

Through these hymns, we remember that God did not wait for us to find our way to heaven. Instead, God emptied God's self of all but love to come in the person of Jesus for the sake of us all. Jesus became vulnerable to share love with the vulnerable.

Philippians 2 not only describes how this happens, it is also a call to each of us to empty ourselves for others as Christ has emptied himself for us. This Christmas we can give thanks for the gift of a vulnerable baby by emptying ourselves of all but love for someone in need.

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# "Glory to the newborn King!"

## A Christmas hymn devotion

*Editor's note: This is the third in a series of [four weekly devotions for Advent](#) based on the hymns of Charles Wesley.*

For some of us, it just doesn't feel like Christmas until we hear, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing."

Written by the Methodist movement's poet-theologian [Charles Wesley](#), and sung by congregations of almost every denomination, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" is one of the most popular Christmas songs of all-time.

We hear it while shopping in December, will almost certainly sing it during Christmas Eve worship, and have been listening to Charlie Brown and the *Peanuts* gang sing it to close their Christmas special since 1965.

Oddly, however, the song almost went relatively unnoticed.

### An edit

When Wesley originally published "Hymn for Christmas Day" in 1739 as part of a collection called [Hymns and Sacred Poems](#), the opening lines were different. It is difficult to imagine the song being as popular if we still sang his original words,

*Hark how all the welkin rings,  
"Glory to the King of kings."*

This may have you wondering, what in the world is a welkin?

*Welkin* is an archaic word used to describe the dome people believed separated heaven and earth. The King James Version of the Bible uses the more familiar word *firmament* in Genesis 1. *Welkin* was the choice of poets.

Even in 1739, however, use of the word was rare. Shakespeare used it a handful of times. Chaucer only once. While people may have known what it meant, it was not a word spoken in casual conversation over tea.

Enter George Whitefield, an old friend of the Wesley brothers from their Oxford days, a fellow priest of the Church of England and a Methodist preacher. When he published the hymn as part of *A Collection of Hymns for Social Worship* in 1753, he edited the opening lines to those with which we are now familiar:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"*

Rumor has it that Charles accepted the edit, but [his brother](#) was not pleased.

Years later, in the preface to another collection of hymns, John wrote about those who edited him and Charles. "None of them is able to mend either the sense or the verse," he vented. He may well have had Whitefield in mind.

While the edit added to the popularity of the hymn, John had a point.

Free music download

["Christmas medley: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing / Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"](#)  
arranged and performed by JT Iovino.

Merry Christmas!

## **A welkin-ringing even**

First, the angels in the Bible don't sing. They "say."

An angel appears to the shepherds and says that the savior is born. Other angels then appear and join in to say, "Glory to God."

I know. I didn't believe it either until I [looked it up](#).

Additionally, Charles was trying to convey something theological with his word choice. The announcement of the birth of Jesus, [God-in-the-flesh](#), is an event worthy of welkin ringing.

In the *Get Your Spirit in Shape* podcast episode "[Singing Our Faith at Christmas](#)," United Methodist Wesley Scholar the Rev. Paul Chilcote explains, "The birth of Jesus in human history has a cosmic dimension, not just here in this world in our lives, but there's something much larger happening in this. It is something that leads all of heaven to celebrate in song."

## **For all**

Whitefield's edit did not remove that understanding completely. The herald angels may sing only to a handful of shepherds, but the message is for everyone.

*Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
join the triumph of the skies...*

*Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.*

The love and grace of God are available to all nations whom the angels invite to join the song.

"The Wesleys were really concerned that all people realize that God's love, grace and mercy are intended for everyone," Chilcote says. "No one is excluded from the love of God."

This is a central theme of John and Charles Wesley's teaching. In Jesus, [God's love is available to everyone](#).

This is the song of the angels. This is the welkin-ringing event. This is what we celebrate at Christmas.

## **Living the song**

It can be tempting to make Christmas small: family gathered around the tree, moments with your significant other in front of the fire, quiet nights looking at the Christmas lights in your neighborhood. All are wonderful parts of the season, and a needed respite from the crowds and parties.

In addition to celebrating with those closest to us at this time of year, we should also pause to remember how this blessed event is for the benefit of the whole world. We are called to share the good news with everyone.

We might not want to talk a lot about a ringing welkin, but we can do our part to promote, *Peace on earth, and mercy mild,*

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# “Peace upon earth be restored!”

## A hymn devotion

*Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of [four weekly devotions for Advent](#) based on the hymns of Charles Wesley.*

There's something peaceful about Christmas.

That can be hard to remember in the [bustle of our preparations](#). Days of shopping, baking, and traffic can become more stressful than peaceful. Yet in the midst of all we are doing, we sense that things should be quieter and slower. We try to hold onto glimpses of stillness: a moment in front of the tree while decorating, the solitude of the drive home from the late [Christmas Eve](#) service, or a quiet cup of coffee after the kids have [opened their gifts](#) early Christmas morning. Peace, however, is elusive—not just at Christmas, but all through the year. [Weary from discord](#) in our nations, communities, relationships and church, we welcome the words of the angels as they announce Jesus' birth.

“Glory to God in heaven,” they say to the [shepherds](#), “and on earth peace among those whom he favors” ([Luke 2:14](#) CEB).

"All Glory to God in the Sky"

All glory to God in the sky,  
And peace upon earth be restor'd!  
O Jesus, exalted on high,  
Appear our omnipotent Lord:  
Who meanly in Bethlehem born,  
Didst stoop to redeem a lost race,  
Once more to thy creature return,  
And reign in thy kingdom of grace.

When thou in our flesh didst appear,  
All nature acknowledg'd thy birth;  
Arose the acceptable year,  
And heaven was open'd on earth:  
Receiving its Lord from above,  
The world was united to bless  
The giver of concord and love,  
The Prince and the author of peace.

O wouldst thou again be made known,  
Again in thy Spirit descend,  
And set up in each of thine own,  
A kingdom that never shall end!  
Thou only art able to bless,  
And make the glad nations obey,

And bid the dire enmity cease,  
And bow the whole world to thy sway.

Come then to thy servants again,  
Who long thy appearing to know,  
Thy quiet and peaceable reign  
In mercy establish below:  
All sorrow before thee shall fly,  
And anger and hatred be o'er,  
And envy and malice shall die,  
And discord afflict us no more.

No horrid alarm of war  
Shall break our eternal repose;  
No sound of the trumpet is there,  
Where Jesus's Spirit o'erflows:  
Appeas'd by the charms of thy grace  
We all shall in amity join,  
And kindly each other embrace,  
And love with a passion like thine.

### **A song of peace**

[Charles Wesley](#) wrote about the peace of Christmas in the final song of his collection [Hymns for the Nativity of our Lord](#). The song opens with an echo of the angels' words, *All glory to God in the sky,*  
*And peace upon earth be restor'd!*  
*O Jesus, exalted on high,*  
*Appear our omnipotent Lord.*

For Wesley, the peace of Christmas is not something only for a day in the past or some time in the future. It is something we can experience in our lives every day.

Peace begins in our hearts

We sometimes think peace is outside of our control. We long for our national leaders to work toward world peace. We hope our bosses will be good at managing conflict in our work places. We pray for those in power to treat us, and others, fairly.

We think when peace is achieved out there, then we will find peace in our lives.

In this hymn, Wesley teaches that peace flows in the opposite direction. Rather than waiting for peace, he invites us to pray for Jesus, "The Prince and author of peace," to set up "Thy quiet and peaceable reign" in each of our hearts and lives.

The [Rev. Paul Chilcote](#), United Methodist author and scholar, writes in [Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus: Advent and Christmas with Charles Wesley](#), "The Christ is not only an ambassador of peace, he is Peace. God calls us to live into the peaceable vision revealed and manifest in the person of Jesus."

As we surrender control of our lives and allow the love of Christ to rule in our hearts, peace is born in us. Wesley writes,

*All sorrow before thee shall fly,  
And anger and hatred be o'er,  
And envy and malice shall die,  
And discord afflict us no more.*

We then become [ambassadors of peace](#) in our relationships, our work, and our world.

### **Living the song**

One can see why [John Wesley](#) called this song, “the very best hymn of the collection.” These few verses not only express our longing for the peace of Christmas, they invite us to participate in it today.

Experiencing peace is not in the hands of the authorities in our world. Nor will we attain it through a purchase, promotion, or change in relationship status.

When we allow “The Prince and author of peace” to set up his “quiet and peaceable reign” in our hearts and lives, we will find peace.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, may the peace of Christ be born in us, and may we share it with all the world. In the words of Charles Wesley,

*Appeas'd by the charms of thy grace  
We all shall in amity join,  
And kindly each other embrace,  
And love with a passion like thine.*

Merry Christmas.

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



Alma Short asks for prayers for the following:

**Wilma Stephens Hill, Thomas McAtee, and**

**Andrea Hogue** as they are all either in the hospital or recently in hospital; Prayers for Betty Ledford's grandson **Pierce** as he fell and broke a bone in his leg; Prayers for **Sharon Cheek** as she recently had back surgery and is recovering well at home; Prayers for **Annie Vang and her family** as they have been diagnosed with Covid-19; Prayers for **Joey & Tracy Yang** as they were in a car accident early November. They went to the hospital, but are doing fine; Helen Beall asks for prayers for her daughter-in-law **Elizabeth** as she has recently undergone vascular surgery and doctors say it was successful.; Prayers for **Seng Vang** as he suffered a minor heart attack on October 18th and was in the hospital getting tests; Prayers for **Pastor Dave Rieck** as he is recovering from knee surgery; Glenda Ott asks for prayers for a friend **Louise Nelson** who recently had back surgery, and is in the hospital and having a hard time; Prayers for Joe & **Cathy Mooney** as Cathy was recently hospitalized; Prayers for **Shirley Valder** as she recently underwent gallbladder surgery. Pray for a complete recovery; Sue Fredericksen asks for prayers for a friend of her son Kelly. Her name is **Kathy** and she is battling cancer of the kidney and liver; Prayers for **Gail Brown-Leonard and her family, her husband Troy, their son Brendan and her sister-in-law Cynthia Gonzales** as they all lost their homes & possessions on September 8th in the Bear fire. Gail is also asking for prayers for her faith journey as she struggles with her relationship with God and what she is to learn from this tragedy. .;

They are staying with friends now & will be moving into an RV soon. Continue to pray for all of them,; Prayers for **Larry Smith**, a cousin of Jeremy & Micah Buis. Larry fell in early September, and hit & cut open his head. He was in ICU early in September. Pray for a complete recovery; Prayers for **Neil Johnson**, Alma's friend, as he is undergoing treatment now for a form of kidney cancer that is affecting his lungs. Neil is now at home healing from a bout with failing kidneys.; Prayers for **Joan Jacobsen** as she needs peace in her soul; prayers for **Jim Webster** as he suffered a heart attack while at the rehab facility in Colusa. He is recovering at Enloe Hospital & may be going to Enloe Rehab. Prayers for a quick recovery and that he will be able to return home soon. Prayers for **Sue** as she is helping him.; Pray for **Helen Beall and Joan Jacobsen and all of the ones in care facilities** as they are not able to go out or be visited due to the virus; **Sue** is also asking for prayers for herself as she is dealing with Lupus flare ups; Prayers for **Joe & Cathy Mooney** as they both have health issues; Prayers for **Nora Paiva**, aunt of the Buis boys Derrald, Micha, Jeremy & Kyle. She has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Please keep her & her family in your prayers; Continue to pray for **Jeremy & Erin Buis** for better health for **Jeremy** & less back pain for **Erin**; Continue to pray for Carol Anderson's friend **Leanna**. Cynthia Slattery requests prayers for her cousin **Stephanie Couris** – some improvement in her kidney function & Cynthia is seeing a change in her spiritually; Sue Fredericksen asks for prayers for her son **Kelly**, who is in prison under lockdown due to another inmate coming down with Covid-19. Alma Short asks for prayers for **Joan Jacobson**, as she is now in Pacifica Country Crest, in the memory care unit.



**Pray for those with ongoing concerns:**  
**Pastor Chuckua Vang; Gary Azevedo; Troy Barton; Jeremy Buis; Buz Manwell; Chris Barnes; Steve Ewalt; Norman Rieck;**

**Jeffery Felice; Joan**

**Jacobsen; Adrienne Hoke; Rick Roath, Nancy Jacobsen, Stephanie Couris, Cody Fredericksen, Rhylan Fredericksen, Chuck & Marie Bailey, Haydon Wyman, Diane Becerra, Phil Azevedo, Connie Longshore, Frank Johnson, Josiah Hayden, Mitchell Kenneth, Nick Butrix, Connie Myers, Linda Perry, Wang Her Vang, Mee Xiong, Pastor Joseph Vang, Erin Buis, Derek Cheek and Tim McGrath.**

**DEATHS:** None to report this month, and that's a blessing!!!

**Prayers for the entire world**, along with our own little world here in Oroville, as we deal with the effects of the Covid-19 virus. Pray for those who have the virus and are quarantined. Pray for those who have lost their jobs or income due to this virus. Pray for our leaders & our health care workers to come together to fight this virus and to help our people to get through all of this. **“Be Strong & Courageous, do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go”.** **Joshua 1:9.**

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

**Continue to pray for our overall church finances.** Please remember to continue to give, even though we are not able to worship at church now, the church still has expenses. We are doing much better financially now, paying off some of our debts. Please continue to help the church become debt free! “And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” 2 Corinthians 9:8-9.

**Joys: Celebrate the Joy of Christmas!**

Even though Christmas this year may not be the big entire family affair that some are used to, maybe this break in tradition will serve as a reminder that Christmas is not about programs, presents and family gatherings. It is really about the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And nothing can cancel or take away that Jesus was born in a lowly manger and came to be our Savior. **Jesus truly is the Reason for the Season. Merry Christmas!!**

**If you wish to call Jim Webster, his cell phone is (530)514-8523. Cards can be sent to Jim at PO Box 5551, Oroville, CA 95966.**

**NOTE:** As you read the above, please let us know if there is anyone who needs to be removed/added to the prayer list or ongoing concerns, please email [orovilleumc45@gmail.com](mailto:orovilleumc45@gmail.com).

## **SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE GOLDEN FEATHER**

An article can be submitted to the Golden Feather in many ways. Here are a few: in the body of an email and sent to [orovilleumc45@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### **Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be put on the email or phone list to be informed of Prayer Chain requests for prayers please let Sue Fredericksen (530) 854-3599

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

new additional prayer line

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

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

# HELLO

**my name is**

Please  
remember to  
wear your name  
tag on Sunday.



With new people attending our church name tags are the best way to help everyone remember names. If you're in need of a new name tag or need yours replaced see Jeremy Buis (guy in the sound booth).



**ANIMAL CHRISTMAS TREE** — Friends of the Animals has set up its Animal Christmas Tree at Albertson's Market to raise funds for the Northwest Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Helen Beall, above, and other volunteers organized by Margaret Phillips are staffing the table by the tree.

**SANTA'S VISIT** — Children in Oroville's only cooperative pre-school received a visit from Santa Claus last week. The children are Andy Shaw, Amy Powell, Cetina Sandoval, Paul Jones, Laura Jones, Holly Taylor, Eric Taylor, Stephen Bartz, Cody Richardson, Aleta Buford, David Keenan and Daniel Gardner.

The pre-school, held at the United Methodist Church, operates Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Nancy Shaw, one of the mothers who gives one morning a week, said there are openings in the pre-school. For more information call Mrs. Shaw at 533-8219.

Mercury Photo by Libby Lane

**PLAN LUNCHEON**—Conferring on plans for the annual December luncheon to be held Thursday by Women's Society of Christian Service of First Methodist Church are, from left, Mrs. Floyd Ball, chairman of decorations, Mrs. William Sanford, general chairman, and Mrs. Bryan Lane, chairman of the ticket sales.



Christmas 1994



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*Christmas through the years*



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE  
INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 2020

Checking Balance September 1, 2020	\$16,832.16
Income Deposits during September 2020	8,478.00
Checking Expenses during September 2020	9,133.21
Checking Balance September 30, 2020	16,176.95

Liabilities

Parsonage Loan	\$ 9,207.43
Pension 2011	4,581.70
Pension 2013	3,712.67

We spent \$655.21 more than income received in September but I was able to pay all of our bills on time. We still have a good balance in our checking account but the balance is falling a little each month.

Thanks for your help with our church finances.

Thank you

John S. Fowler  
Church Treasurer

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

**Monday Schedule**

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

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

**Thursday Schedule**

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

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