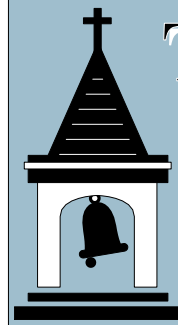
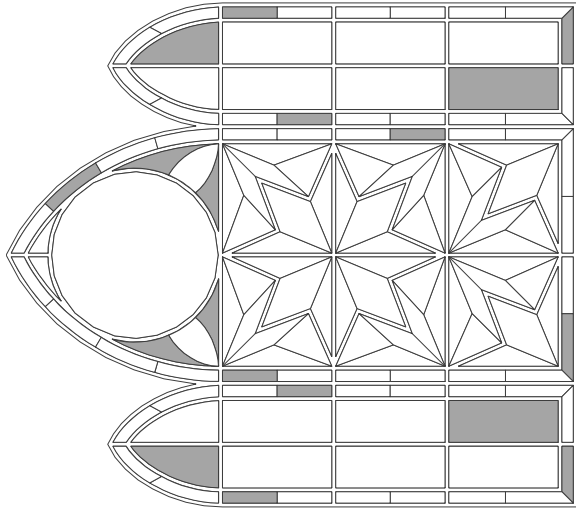




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# The CHIMES

June 2017

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
**First Congregational Church of Oroville, California**  
Informing you of our Ministry - Inviting you to Worship with us - Welcoming you always



*June Wild Flowers*

**Sunday Morning Schedule**  
Choir Practice 9:00 -- Worship 10:00  
Coffee Hour at 11:00

**First Congregational Church of Oroville**

1715 Bird Street, Oroville, California

*A great place to grow in Faith, Hope, and Love.*

**Worship Leaders**

Jerry Hambleton — Pastor

John Zenor — Organist

Regina Jensen—Choir Director

**Our Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am	Choir Practice	Chapel
10:00 am	Sunday Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship	Social Hall

**First Tuesday of the month**

9:30 am Women's Fellowship Social Hall

**Every Tuesday**

1:00 pm Sewing Group Youth Room

**Every Thursday**

5:00 pm Choir Practice Chapel

**Administrative Asst./Bookkeeper**

Sandy Bolt

**Church Office Hours**

Monday thru Friday 8:00-12:00

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Website [www.fccoroville.org](http://www.fccoroville.org)



**WORDS FROM THE PASTOR**

**G**reetings to all for this June Chimes issue. Summer is almost here and life will change for people from the routines of life. But life for the church continues on. I look forward to being with you this summer as we worship together and do other activities in church life.

We had a good Annual Meeting this past Sunday. I thank all involved who provided reports, budget and leadership and all the work of the church.

We are approaching a time of change for our church in my coming retirement at the end of the year. As I reported at the Annual Meeting the Church Council will appoint a Search Committee and the Committee will contact the UCC Conference. Then the Conference can put their resources to work to assist you in finding new pastoral leadership. This will necessarily take time as you need to evaluate where you are and who you are. The Conference will guide you through this. You have the advantage of all those months of Courageous Conversations; You have already accomplished much of the hard work.

God bless you all in these and all endeavors.

Pastor Jerry Hambleton

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However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

## REPORTS

### Council...

May 22, 2017

Our annual meeting went well with unanimous approval of all items including budget and election of officers. The meeting was climaxed with a spectacular luncheon prepared by Carolyn Lindsay, Kathy Hardy, and others. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office and social hall. Be sure to get your copy, because there are numerous committee items of interest and inspiration.

It is remarkable how many things our congregation has been able to handle this past year, and we look forward to a fresh new season with faith, hope, love, and joy. Let us continue to pray for one another, our community, and our nation. May we continue to appreciate our vibrant legacy and look forward to a bright future with many more years of service to come.

Jim Lenhoff,  
Moderator

### Trustees...

May 10, 2017

It was reported that the two old sheds have not been removed as yet due to the weather.

PG&E has replaced the gas lines under the driveway.

The YMCA is working on the possible lease of the Sunday School (Annex) building. They would like to expand their children's and other programs. Currently they rent some of the rooms at different dates. We do not make a profit but cover costs.

The pest control company has been giving our buildings a good once-over. It has been a busy rodent season all over town due to excessive rain.

It was noted that Cal-Water has requested a 1.9% rate increase. We don't need that!

It was noted that we do not have flood insurance. The cost would be very

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high and over budget. We are trusting in past history and do I dare say, "The government fixing the spillway?"

Pastor Jerry Hambleton will be retiring the end of this year. Replacement procedure was discussed. The Council will chose a search committee.

The proposed 2017-18 budget was discussed. At present, we do not have enough pledges to cover our expenses.

Please consider the church in your wills if possible or other donations. If we can build our investments, the income would help make up for our dwindling membership. Unfortunately, we have lost many of our members due to their moving away or deaths. We miss those lost very much and want to keep our historical church open to all.

Sincerely,  
Jane Warmack  
Trustee Chairperson

### Diaconate...

The Diaconate Committee is getting smaller and smaller but still we are required to do the same amount of work assisting the pastor in having the best possible services.

Several members have had to resign and some have moved away. We are now working with 3 members and part time help now and then from other members and of course Fred Grant who helps us every Sunday in all the ways he can. If anyone can help us by becoming a member or are willing to volunteer their services on some Sundays, please come talk to me and I will be happy to work with you. It is a very rewarding job and as you realize most of our members also have other positions in the church that we are responsible for.

The Diaconate will not meet in July and August but will continue doing their duties. We are here for all of you to help this church continue to be a very special place to worship.

Give this some thought and let me know if you have any questions regarding the duties required. Would love to hear from some of you. I will be gone the next several weeks so think about what you feel you could give to

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the church in the name of the service.

Shirley Quackenbush, Chairperson

## Women's Fellowship...

Women's Fellowship is having it's final spring meeting on June 6, at 9:30. We will finalize our plans for the Ice Cream Social to be held on July 4th. We will approve the budget for the next term and then adjourn to Jane Warrmack's house for our annual salad luncheon.

Don't forget your salad for the 6th and 2 pies for the 4th of July.

We will meet again in September.

Kathy Hardy

## Music Committee...

The music committee will be planning special music for some summer Sundays. If you have any songs you would like in our services, please let me know.

We are looking at a new choir director and building our choir.

We may be back in September.

Kathy Hardy



**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY**



**Sunday, June 18, 2017**



*Coming July 4<sup>th</sup>.*

## **THE GREAT AMERICAN ICE CREAM SOCIAL**



**J**oin your neighbors for an old fashioned celebration of our nations founding.

Enjoy homemade Pie with Ice Cream plus Lemonade, Iced Tea or Coffee.

Bask in the air conditioned luxury of the church social hall while you enjoy a leisurely afternoon socializing with old friends and making new acquaintances.

**SEE YOU THERE.**



*God took the strength of a mountain,  
 The majesty of a tree,  
 The warmth of a summer sun,  
 The calm of a quiet sea,  
 The generous soul of nature,  
 The comforting arm of night,  
 The wisdom of the ages,  
 The power of the eagle's flight,  
 The joy of a morning in spring,  
 The faith of a mustard seed,  
 The patience of eternity,  
 The depth of a family need,  
 Then God combined these qualities,  
 When there was nothing more to add,  
 He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
 And so, He called it...  
 Dad*

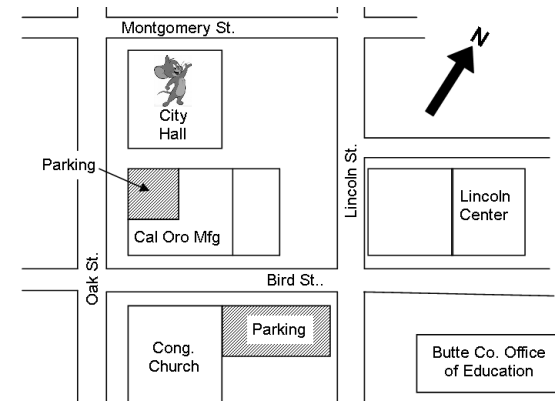
*~Anonymous*

## PARKING

Sunday and evening parking for church attendees is available at the following locations by agreement between the Church and the owners of the lots.

Lot behind the Cal Oro Manufacturing building on the NE corner of Bird and Oak Streets.

Department of Education lot on the SW corner of Lincoln & Bird.

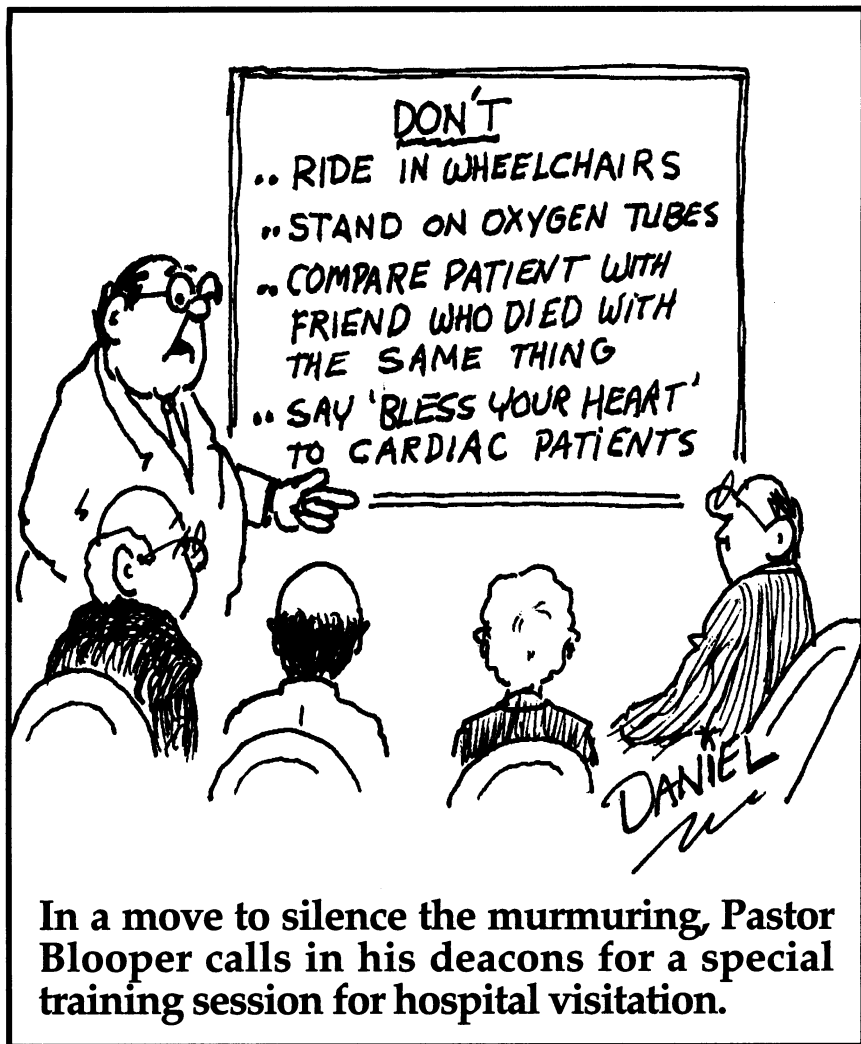


“For Father's Day I gave my father \$100 and said, “Buy yourself something that will make your life easier.”

So he went out and bought a present for my mother.”

### Where's Melvin?

Church mouse Melvin is hiding somewhere in the pages of the Chimes. Can you find him?



**In a move to silence the murmuring, Pastor Blooper calls in his deacons for a special training session for hospital visitation.**

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What other people think of you is none of your business.

**Monthly Financial Update**  
**For the Month of May**  
 Thru 5/21/17

<b>Approved annual budget for 2016–2017</b>	<b>\$ 94,712.00</b>
Budget needs for each week:	\$ 1,821.38
Budget needs each month:	\$ 7,892.66

<b>Income for the month:</b>	
Pledges, gifts & tithes:	\$ 4,090.00
Rental	\$ 475.00
Organ Maintenance	\$ 75.00
Gardening	\$ 10.00

**TOTAL INCOME FOR THE MONTH: \$ 4,650.00**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 Lori Vanhart Krumrei
- 5 Mary Grant
- 5 Bill Black
- 6 Rich Hodges
- 14 Jeannine Haymond
- 21 Cheris (Haymond) Rotter
- 23 Chris Parker

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 22 Gil and Marilyn Goodman
- 30 Rich and Melinda Scholten



**Chimes Deadline will be Tues. June 27**

Articles may be left in the Chimes box at the church office  
 or e-mail to [adevol@comcast.net](mailto:adevol@comcast.net)