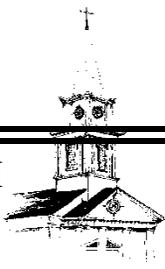


The Messenger

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From Pastor Kathryn...

*"Wither shall I go from your spirit? Or whither shall I flee
from your presence?"*
Psalm 139:7

Dear Ones,

I am convinced, as was Paul in his letter to the Romans nearly 2000 years ago, "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." But I also know that we don't always feel that presence of God with us. I hope that there are times in worship, in study and prayer, in fellowship, in serving or being served through the life of this church that you do experience that felt presence. As we approach the ending of the season of Lent and the grand celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday there are several opportunities to participate in special services and times of prayer and meditation, and I hope that you will take advantage of these occasions to share in faith with the gathered community. I also hope that you are finding ways to spend quiet time in your homes and in the natural world to experience God's presence there.



In these spring time days of new life all around and in the days leading up to and entering into the season of Easter I invite you to try something new in the way of Christian Spiritual practice. Maybe it could be to walk the Labyrinth at the Congregational/Christian Church on Good Friday, attend a special Holy Week service you've never been to before, begin or extend a practice of daily Bible and/or devotional reading, sign-up for the new book study beginning in late April, make an appointment to see me for pastoral counseling or spiritual direction, sit in silence for an extended period of time simply contemplating being in the presence of God, or go for a walk in the forest or on the beach. I agree with Paul and with the Psalmist that God is ALWAYS present, but the question becomes, am I?

In Love,
Pastor Kathryn

P.S. I had my first sighting of trilliums blooming in Sequoia Park in 2015 on Wednesday, March 18. Thank you to those who have shared their trillium sightings with me.

Lay Speaker

Michael Davies-Hughes will preach on Sunday April 12th while Pastor Kathryn travels to Mexico. She will return to the pulpit on Sunday, April 19th.

Reception of New Members

Are you interested in being a member of Eureka United Methodist Church? New members will be received on Sunday May 5. If you would like more information about what it means to be an "official" member of the church, would like to transfer your membership from another church, or have any questions about baptism and membership please contact Pastor Kathryn Dunning.

"Come Into Quiet"

Pastor Kathryn has been leading a series of meditations during the season of Lent called "Come Into Quiet." Included in these meditations are reading of scripture and time for reflection. Participants can choose Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM each week prior to Easter. "Come Into Quiet" takes place in Room 12, our Meditation Room, in the south west corner of Christie Hall. The last meetings of this series are March 31 and April 1.

New Pastor Led Book Study to Begin in April

Pastor Kathryn Dunning will lead a seven week study of the book, *The Shattered Lantern: Rediscovering a Felt Presence of God*, by Ronald Rolheiser beginning April 21 and 22. Week 2 of the study will be the first week in May and the last study session will take place June 9 and 10. From the back of the book: "In *Shattered Lantern*, Ronald Rolheiser looks at how atheism and disbelief have crept into our world and how, in the face of it, we can restore the shattered lantern and bring back the light of God. He shows that the way to overcome self-involvement and an obsession with achievement is not by learning more or trying harder, but by living in a different way. Contemplative living can lead all of us to be overwhelmed again with the divine light."

It will be helpful for all participants to have a copy of the book by Ronald Rolheiser, so please let the church office know by Easter Sunday (April 5) if you plan to participate in this study so there will be ample time to order the books. As with all of the classes led by Pastor Kathryn, persons have a choice of attending class on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM or Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM.

True North Organizing Network Research to Begin

True North Organizing Network will host Research training and strategizing for Eureka area folks on Thursday, April 9 at Eureka First UMC from 7:00-8:30 PM. *True North Organizing Network* met and exceeded its goals at a Regional Assembly held February 28 at the Orick Community Center. There were 216 adults present and 42 children in child care. Stories were heard, traditions were shared, relationships were formed and themes were selected

to research in the coming months. The themes selected on February 28 involved housing, immigration, traditional environmental practices, and police abuse. The *True North Community Organizing Network* (PICO) is a group of people with common values united across Tribal Lands, Del Norte, and Humboldt Counties – families, elders, youth, and individuals of diverse faith traditions, races, cultures, and economic capacities. This organization supports everyday people working together, using the power of relationships and a disciplined community organizing model to courageously address the most pressing problems affecting our communities.

Please contact Pastor Kathryn, Herb Pierce, Sharon Warren, Linda Lewis, or Erin Powers-Taylor for more information.



Alas, it appears that those of you who were looking forward to a bald pastor may be disappointed. Eureka First's official goal for the campaign is \$1,770, but pastor Kathryn has said she will shave her head if we don't double that contribution to \$3,540. Right now, we are at \$3,480. But don't despair! The Messenger is working on a depiction of what our pastor would look like shorn like a sheep!

On a far more serious note, this level of contribution shows the deep caring and compassion of this church, for which we are all truly grateful. And we're not done yet!

Special Opportunities to Celebrate Lent and Easter

The season of Lent, the 40 days preceding Easter not counting Sundays, is almost over, but there are still many ways to experience this Holy season. A Procession with Palms (Ferns) will take place at the beginning of our Palm Sunday worship on May 29 at 9:30 AM (Fifth Sunday so just one service). The Congregational Christian Church on Hodgson St. will host a Labyrinth walk from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, April 3. An Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be held in our sanctuary at 6:30 PM on Friday, April 3. All are invited to take part in a community Easter Sunrise service at the Adorni Center amphitheater at 6:30 AM, Sunday April 5. And don't miss special music and celebration of Easter Sunday, April 5 in our sanctuary at 8:30 and 10:00 AM.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Bud Tillinghast	17 Isaac Cameron
3 Bertha Moore	17 George Peacock
6 Mary Scott	18 Sarah Quintrell
6 Tim Lindow	19 Brenning Davies-Hughes
7 Justin Cataldo	20 Dean Boyd
8 Chery Jefcoat	21 Lucas Brisichella
9 Paul Samelson	21 Chloe Lindow
9 Rick French	24 Holly Furen
10 Mitzi Beck	24 Kaia Caldwell
11 Carol Miller	25 Paul Gosselin
11 Reagan Weyer	25 Don Dearing
14 John Lundstrom	28 Carolyn Winston-Doble
14 David Suchar	28 Randee Pittman
	29 Pat Reimonenq

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

6	Paul and Fabiola Drumm
13	Michael and Natalie Bresnahan
18	Art and Pat Lewis
19	Chad and Marlaine Rechelluul
25	Tim and Kerra Lindow

Congratulations! -- If we missed your special day or have the incorrect date, please call the church office so we can get it right next year.

March WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

MAR 1 ST	8:30 – 28;	10:00 – 92	TOTAL – 120
MAR 8 TH	8:30 – 25;	10:00 – 52	TOTAL – 77
MAR 15 TH	8:30 – 16;	10:00 – 70	TOTAL – 86
MAR 22 ND	8:30 – 23;	10:00 – 82	TOTAL – 105
MAR 29 TH	9:30 SINGLE SERVICE(AFTER PRINTING)		



Women's Book Club –

Monday April 20th at 3 p.m. in the Library. The book for April is "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson. Call the church office if you would like more information.

Save the Date!

We are in for a special treat on Monday, June 8, when 20 youth from Boise First United Methodist Church, The Cathedral of the Rockies, will be on tour in our area and share a concert of song and handbells with us at 7:00 PM. More details will follow, but put the date on your calendar now, plan to share a pot-luck meal with these youth, attend the concert and possibly host 2 or 3 of them in your home that evening. Let the office know if there is any way you would like to help host this wonderful group of young persons.

Spring Cursillo

Thursday Evening through Sunday
April 9th - 12th

Church Family News



Prayers of Thanksgiving for:

- ◆The baptism of Ava Glover on March 15
- ◆The reception of Yvonna Wheeler as an "official" member of our church just prior to her birthday on March 20. Yvonna is now the oldest member of our congregation.
- ◆Jean Ogimachi in worship each Sunday and regaining strength.

Prayers of healing and comfort for:

- ◆Delores Johnson, being treated for a severe heart attack suffered on March 15.
- ◆Karen Newton who recently had knee surgery, and for Tom Newton in the ups and downs of his recovery.
- ◆Sharon Warren recovering from surgery.
- ◆Pat Lewis who is being treated for cancer.
- ◆Ella Larson who has moved to Kingman, Arizona to be closer to her daughter.
- ◆Joyce Morrison recently hospitalized at St. Joseph's.

**Community
Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 3 6:30 pm
HOSTED BY EUREKA FIRST UMC
520 DEL NORTE STREET, EUREKA



**Easter
Sunday
April 5th**

**6:30 a.m. Community Easter
Sunrise Service**
Sam Sacco Amphitheater

**Two Easter Worship Services at
Eureka First**
8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to donate an Easter lily "In Honor" or "In Memory" of a loved one, or to "The Glory of God" please fill out the slip below and place in the offering plate or send it to the office (442-3015). You can bring a lily or we can purchase one for you. The cost is \$9.00 per lily and you are welcome to take them at the conclusion of the 10:00 Easter service.

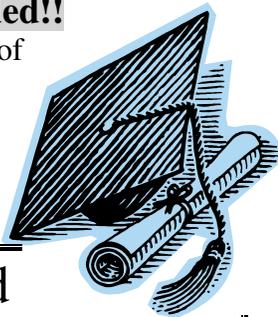
Your Name: _____

Circle One:
In Memory Of In Honor of To the glory of God

Name of Person(s): _____

Names of GRADUATES needed!!

We will soon be honoring graduates of elementary school through college. Please let the church office know the names of those who are graduating.



**Children's Trust Fund
Scholarship Available**

We are now accepting applications for our 18th Annual College Scholarship.

Criteria:

- Active in Eureka First United Methodist Church
- Accepted into an accredited trade or technical school or college or university for Fall 2015

Applications must be submitted by July 1st and are now available in the church office. For more information on this and other scholarship opportunities contact the church office.

To contribute to the fund mark checks CTF and (if you wish) note the name of the person to be honored or remembered.

Shasta Camp

August 5th – August 8th
(Wed – Sat)

At Shasta Methodist Camp
For those going into 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th grades
Cost \$140 – Scholarship Funds Available

Calling all children going into grades 4 through 7 to a mountain top experience at Shasta Camp 2015 (August 5-8)! Applications are available in the church office. Camp costs are \$140 for campers who register and pay by July 15 (\$150 after), and there are scholarships available. Youth who have completed the 7th grade are eligible to come back for one more year as campers and high school youth are encouraged to apply to be Junior Counselors. Adults are needed to serve as Camp Moms and Dads and in other volunteer capacities. For more information and for Camp Applications contact the church office.

Sunday April 12th

Second Sunday Breakfast
Served from 8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!
Free will offering to cover expenses

**MUSIC AT EUREKA
FIRST**



Praise Band

Would you like to sing or play an instrument with the worship team? Join us for rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.—note the day change!

Special Music

Special music is sought for Sunday services. If you have ever wanted to play an instrument or sing for Sunday services, please talk to Sonia Samelson 442-3490.

Handbells

We rehearse at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays in the Christie Hall, Room 10. If you have questions or would like to participate, call Linda Dionne, director, at 497-6554. We'd love to see you!



Recorder group to meet

I've received enough interest to schedule a meeting for a bit of music and tea on Thursday afternoon, April 2, from 3:30 to 5:00 at the Dionne house (15 West Cedar Street, one block north of 14th between California and A). All who wish to play, or have an instrument but have never got around to learning, are very welcome. Contact Dan Dionne (dldionne@suddenlink.net, 408 497-6554) or just show up.

MISSIONS

Food Donations: 110 lbs. in March!



FOOD placed in the basket in the narthex is distributed to the Food Bank, the Rescue Mission or kept in the church office for people who fall between the cracks of services available. Food is weighed by our children on the first Sunday of each month. (2nd Sunday in April because of Easter) Our goal is to collect one hundred pounds of food

each month. **Food Donations will be weighed on Sunday, April 12th.**

DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 4/19

The Drums are in South Asia! As their home church we continue to raise funds to support their project. One Sunday a month we sell DRUMM STICKS (ice cream cones) -- \$2 each. So, treat yourself to ice cream and support this exciting project



The Drumbeat

They're back home after a trip outside the country to take care of visa requirements and meet with the new head of the Mission Society and Jim Ramsey, their field assignment coordinator. Their Visas are good to go for another year. They also had wonderful opportunities for fellowship and worship with colleagues.



THANK YOU TO WHOEVER DONATED THE SEWING MACHINE ! Hopefully Fabiola gets a lot of use out of it. I know she likes to sew, so she'll definitely enjoy having a chance to play with material.

Mission Teams

Each year Eureka First UMC sends a Mission Team to Mexico with AMOR ministries and a Mission Team to help with Disaster Relief in the United States.



Once again we are asking the church to help supply the building materials to create a new home for a family in Mexico. We are creating a "felt house" house in the sanctuary to represent the real thing. Donate money for building supplies and watch the house grow. This year we started with cement for the foundation. As of March of March 22, our felt house only consisted of two pieces; a cement foundation and one chunk of wall. We still have 19 pieces of house to add before the felt house is completed and we're ready to start the real thing. The total amount still needed to purchase all needed building materials is about \$1,900. Our Mexico team will supply the labor and love when they travel south April 11th-18th.

MEXICAN BRUNCH 3/29

Even if you can't go down to Mexico to swing a hammer or stir up batches of concrete, join us after church on Palm Sunday for a Mexican themed brunch. Brunch will be served from about 11:00-12:00. The food will be delicious and the company scintillating. Various members of the congregation will entertain you while you eat by sharing a talent. Come and join us for a little taste of life south of the border. There will be a free will offering to support the AMOR mission team. Tentative Menu: tortillas, black beans, green chili egg frittata, Mexican rice, tamales, fruit, coffee, tea & orange juice

Cookies for the Mexico Mission Team



Each year when we leave for Mexico our hearts are filled with your good wishes and prayers and our vehicles are carrying lots of delicious cookies that many of you have contributed to be used for our lunches. **If you would like to donate cookies please bring them to the church office by Tuesday, April 7th.**

Peanut Brittle

Carol Goodwyn is selling Peanut Brittle in support of the Mexico Mission Trip. \$5 for ½ pound and \$10 for a pound. For more information call the office at 442-3015.

Submissions to the Messenger



If you have anything you would like included in the Messenger, please sent submissions directly to your friendly editor, Dan Dionne, at dldionne@suddenlink.net. And not just contributions! If you have any suggestions for how we can make the Messenger serve our church better, we want to hear them!