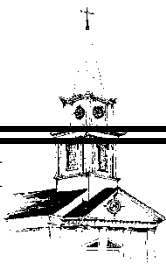


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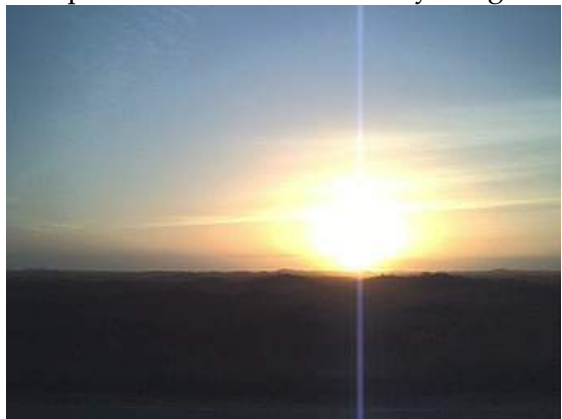
From Pastor Kathryn...

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies
proclaim the work of [God's] hands."*

Psalm 19:1

Dear Ones,

At a recent meeting of the "Elders' Caucus" of True North Organizing Network we were asked to introduce ourselves by name, faith tradition and to share an image that represented our spiritual roots in some way. We were a diverse group of folks from various Christian denominations, a Unitarian Universalist, Native American followers of indigenous spirituality and persons who didn't identify with any particular faith tradition. Some shared images of a river, a sunset, and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. I shared sunrise as my image. I'm not sure I



could have explained at that moment why I shared that image, but perhaps it was

because I often walk at sunrise, rain or shine, and the sky in its infinite variety of presentations, is strong evidence to me of God's presence and grandeur. Sunrise is also a powerful image of new beginnings, and a life lived as a follower of Christ is certainly about new beginnings.

Since that meeting I have been giving more thought to sunrise as an image for my and our Christian faith and have been reminded that it was at sunrise on the Sunday morning following Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday that the empty tomb was discovered and the reality that death could not hold Jesus was realized for the first time. We, Christians, are a "sunrise people," living in the refreshing renewal of God's love every day, knowing that no matter how dark the night, how deep the despair, God never gives up on us and there is always hope for a future and a way forward. In the words of Lamentations 3:22-23 "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

I invite you in this spring season of new life all around us to contemplate what image represents for you, the path of faith you are on as a "Follower of the Way" of Jesus the Christ.

In Love, Pastor Kathryn

The Global United Methodist Church Gathers



General Conference, the top policy-making body of the United Methodist Church, meets once every four years. The *General Conference* can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. Clergy and Lay Delegates in equal numbers will gather in Portland, Oregon at the Oregon Convention Center May 10-20, 2016. Attending from Eureka First United Methodist Church will be Rob Dunning, as a reserve lay delegate from the California-Nevada Annual Conference and Pastor Kathryn Dunning who will attend as a volunteer Spiritual Director. Please hold the work of the 2016 *General Conference* in your prayers.



New Members!

We were blessed on Easter Sunday to welcome new members to Eureka First United Methodist Church. Coming to us from a variety of church backgrounds are **Louis and Paula Amato, Ari Valdez Vincent, Galeladi Runningbrook** and **Sadiki Koos**. All of these folks are relatively new to our church, and if you have not met them yet, please make a point of introducing yourself and getting to know them.

Three Simple Rules – New Pastor-Led Study in April and May

Pastor Kathryn will lead a study based on Rueben Job's book, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*. Pastor Kathryn has scheduled this study about the central tenants of what it means to be a United Methodist Christian to coincide with the 2016 *General Conference* of the United Methodist Church. This study has 5 sessions with 3 taking place prior to the *General Conference* and two following it. The three rules are 1) Do No Harm, 2) Do Good and 3) Stay in Love With God.

Rueben Job, who was a United Methodist Bishop and the author of this study, wrote, "The rules are simple, but the way is not easy. Only those with great courage will attempt it, and only those with great faith will be able to walk this exciting and demanding way." Three Simple Rules will be offered Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. Dates for the study are April 19/20, April 26/27, May 3/4, May 24/25, May 31/June 1. Books will be available for those who want them, so please let the church office know if you would like a book

Understanding Islam



All interested persons are invited to an educational program about Islam on Sunday, May 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Congregational Christian Church on Hodgson Street in Eureka. This event is being co-

sponsored by the Eureka Interfaith Fellowship and Humboldt State University's Religious Studies faculty. This program will involve 5 speakers in a panel discussion with time for Question and Answers. This is a free event and all are encouraged to attend. Please save the date and time: May 1, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

RENEW OUR KITCHEN PROJECT!

The thermometer shows we are over the 80% mark! That's great progress, but we would like to target finishing the campaign this year, so look forward to new opportunities to contribute. Meanwhile, the kitchen is in full operation! Thanks to all who have contributed so far in many ways!

New Custodian Needed

Chad Rechelluul finds it necessary to step down as custodian for Eureka First UMC after April 8. If you or someone you know is interested in this position that requires 8 to 10 hours a week of work, please submit a resume to the church office by April 30. Until a new janitor is hired we will be utilizing substitutes – please let the church office know if you would be able and willing to serve as a substitute. Following is a brief summary of the Job Description for Eureka First UMC Custodian: On a weekly basis the custodian cleans all bathrooms, floors in both church buildings and offices, empties trash, replenishes paper products and soap, dusts, cleans spider webs as needed, monitors supplies, and keeps outside entries and walkways clean.

Spring Cursillo

Thursday Evening through Sunday
May 26th - May 29th



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Bud Tillinghast	18 Sarah Quintrell
5 Paula Amoto	19 Brenning Davies-Hughes
6 Mary Scott	20 Dean Boyd
6 Tim Lindow	21 Jan Trask
7 Justin Cataldo	21 Chloe Lindow
8 Chery Jefcoat	21 Lucas Brisichella
9 Paul Samelson	22 Nyssa Collins
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
17 Isaac Cameron	29 Pat Reimonenq
17 George Peacock	

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 6 TH	8:30 – 28;	10:00 – 82	TOTAL – 110
MAR 13 TH	8:30 – 29;	10:00 – 79	TOTAL – 108
MAR 20 TH	8:30 – 27;	10:00 – 84	TOTAL – 111
MAR 27 TH	8:30 – 48;	10:00 – 140	TOTAL – 188



Women's Book Club - The Sisters of Charlotte Literary & Teatime Society

Tuesday, April 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library. The book is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, and the hostess is Marie Granshaw

Thank you Work Day Volunteers!

Thank you to the following volunteers at the March 12 All Church Work Day: Wayne Palmrose, Rob and Kathryn Dunning, Bill and Barb O'Brien, Connie Wilson, Chad Rechelluul, Carrol Newquist, Judy Taylor, Shirley LaPorta, Kris Flanders, Sylvie and Craig Benson, Paula Amato, Jamie Cameron, Neil Ogimachi, Gary Quintrell and Joan Brady.

Some of the tasks completed were: Painting Preparation in the Fellowship Hall, Remote Light Switch Installed in the Kitchen, Emergency Light Replaced in Fellowship Hall, Linen Closet Sorted and Cleaned, Locked Cabinet in Fellowship Hall Sorted and Cleaned, Help Run Wire for Wi-Fi, Janitor's Closet Cleaned and Organized, Smoke Detectors Replaced, Old Tables Donated to Rescue Mission, Detailed Refinish Work to Communion Altar, Pressure Washing Outside, Touch Paint on Pews, and the workers got fed lunch.



Church Family News

Dona Wright attended worship on Sunday, March 6, and died suddenly the next day, March 7 from a ruptured aneurysm. We grieve her death, but rejoice that she is at peace in the arms of our loving God. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Please hold her daughters Dottie Reynolds and Dona Pomeroy in your prayers and all of Dona's family.

Please hold the following persons in prayer for health concerns:

Helen Buck who is under Hospice Care at Timber Ridge in Eureka.

Pat and Art Lewis

Bert and Joyce Reid

Carolyn Johnson

Rodney Van Der Sluis who is now at Aguilar Manor Assisted Living

Ginny Hedgecock recovering from a broken foot

Irene Hedgecock

Jeremiah Forman

Nancy Collins

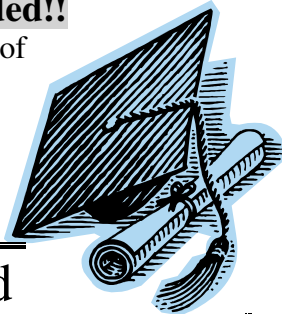
Tom Newton who is recovering from hernia surgery

Judy Taylor, her granddaughters **Nakiah** and **Ava**, and her mother **Shirley LaPorta** have moved to Florida to be near Judy's son Matt and his family. We will miss them, but wish them the best in their new place.

Peggy Kinzer is in the process of moving to the Veteran's home in Yountville, CA.

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 2016**

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.

Sunday April 10th

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.

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 the music team.

Handbells

The Bella Norte Bells are Eureka First's handbell choir. 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!

MISSIONS

Mexico House Building Mission

Thank you for your support for our church's mission to build a house in Mexico in conjunction with *AMOR Ministries*. Your generosity at our Taco Dinner on Ash Wednesday and your continued donations to this project help to off set the \$535 per participant cost. Our trip this year is scheduled for April 9-16, 2016 to coincide with the Eureka City Schools spring break. We will drive down, camp in a secure area and build a simple house for a family in the Tecate area. Please give our team your prayers and support—and cookies!—as they leave soon to begin this important work.

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 Thursday, April 7th.**

Homeless Bags Ministry

Many thanks to Catherine Moore for her generous donations to the Homeless Bags Ministry. Her crocheted hats are lovely, and add a touch of home and heart to the bags. We appreciate your dedication. Brad & Diane Mettam

Women's Shelter Dinner

The next women's shelter dinner is Saturday April 9th at 5pm. If you would like to help call Marie Granshaw at 444-9150

Banana Hut Fundraiser

Save those Sunday Bulletins! If you bring your bulletin into Banana Hut Restaurant in Eureka and present it to your server, 10% of your food and non-alcoholic purchases will be sent to our Church. This program will run until June 30, 2016.

Box Tops for Alice Birney

We continue to collect box tops for Alice Birney School, so remember to check your favorite foods to see if they have box tops for education!

Food Donations: 135 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. Our goal is to collect one hundred pounds of food each month. **Food Donations**

will be weighed on Sunday, April 13th.

UPDATE FROM THE DRUMM FAMILY—off to Peru!

Paul writes: We haven't been to Peru to see Fabiola's family for almost seven years, which has been way too long. This is our chance before we return to Southeast Asia. The last time we were in



Peru, we went to Macchu Picchu with Tobias, who was just 1, and Fabiola's mother. This time we hope to take her parents on an excursion again, since they have little opportunity for travel otherwise. But they are getting along in years, so we will see. Mostly we just hope to have some quality time with them, and to give the boys and them a chance to get to know each other.

DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 4/17

The Drums are back with us for a while, but their mission in Southeast Asia continues! 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.



Contemplations for the Month



Christian, Jew, Muslim, shaman, Zoroastrian, stone, ground, mountain, river, each has a secret way of being with the mystery, unique and not to be judged.

— **Rumi**, 13th century poet, theologian, and mystic



“Religion is like a pair of shoes....Find one that fits for you, but don't make me wear your shoes.”

— **George Carlin**

We live in a world with many, many faiths and variations of faiths. How do we find ways to live with each other in tolerance—or, better, with celebration of our differences?

Your Editor



Kiwanis Shoe Drive

Bring in your worn out shoes, they will be recycled to help train people in developing countries. This program will train individuals to repair shoes and make them available to those in need. Look for the blue barrel at the church to deposit your old, broken down shoes.

Eureka First UMC Walkers

Pastor Kathryn invites all interested persons to join her on another walk on Saturday, April 30th. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the church parking lot to carpool to the Headwaters Forest Reserve Trailhead. We will return to the church by 10:00 a.m. in time for the Rhododendron Parade. This walk will include the site of the former lumber town of Falk. It is best to let Pastor Kathryn or the office know if you are planning to walk with us on April 30th so you don't get left behind.

Submissions to the Messenger



If you have anything you would like included in the Messenger, please send 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!