

The Messenger

Eureka First

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From Pastor Kathryn...

"Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."
Romans 14:19

Dear Ones,

I write this letter as I prepare to leave for international adventures in Cyprus, Israel and Mexico. From January 27 to February 13 Rob and I will be on vacation visiting our daughter Sheila and her family in the country of Cyprus and our son Shawn and his family in Israel. I will be here to preach and lead worship on Sunday, February 16, before we leave to join our Mexico mission team for several days building a house with Amor Ministry in Mexico, returning in time for worship on February 23.

The main focus of our vacation trip is of course to spend time with family, but we travel to two countries that experience great division, and so the challenges to world peace and accord will never be far from our minds. During our absence I invite you

prayers that progress might be made towards a unified country where Turkish and Greek Cypriots can live together in peace. And pray for the Israelis and Palestinians, so similar in culture, to make progress toward sharing their region in peaceful accord. Pray for the family whose home we will build in Mexico, that it will be a place where they can experience new security and well-being. And pray for our whole Mexico Mission team that as we go to serve, we will also receive blessing.

The need for "peace and mutual upbuilding" is certainly needed in Cyprus, Israel and Mexico. But it is also needed right here in Humboldt County, and I invite us all to prayerfully consider how God calls us as individuals, the church and the community to "pursue what makes for peace" in our families, our neighborhoods and our whole region.

*In Love,
Pastor Kathryn*

New Bible Study

Pastor Kathryn will lead an eight-week study on the New Testament beginning the last week in February and running through the week before Easter. In this study participants will explore the writings of the New Testament using the story of Jesus as the starting point. All participants are encouraged to obtain a book for the study prior to the first class (available in the church office), to read the material in the book prior to the week's discussion, and to do the daily Bible readings as outlined in the book. Class time will consist of discussion of the material read and weekly video segments featuring Bible scholars sharing information that will open participants to new understanding and enlightenment. Please let the church office know if you would like to participate in this new class. There is a choice of two times for the study: Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30. This New Testament Study begins February 25 and 26 and will conclude April 15 and 16.

Confirmation Class

All youth fifth grade and older who would like to learn more about what it means to be a Christian and a member of the United Methodist Church are invited to participate in a confirmation class lead by Pastor Kathryn on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30. Class time will include a simple dinner, discussion and activities designed to invite questions and explore answers around topics including baptism, the story of faith from creation to Christianity, the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church, and living as followers of Jesus. Participants in the class will be invited to consider making vows of commitment to Christ and the church on Easter Sunday, April 20. This class is open to all youth sixth grade and older who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, whether or not they have been previously baptized and/or confirmed and whether or not they think they will make confirmation vows at this time. Come explore and learn!

Financial Summary

January 2014

General Fund Revenue: \$13,225
General Fund Expense: \$15,300

2014

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Shortage --2045

Thank you for your generous giving to God through the church.

JANUARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

JAN 5 ^H	8:30 – 31;	10:00 – 96	TOTAL – 127
JAN 13 TH	8:30 – 28;	10:00 – 95	TOTAL – 123
JAN 20 TH	8:30 – 22;	10:00 – 80	TOTAL – 102
JAN 27 TH	8:30 – 26;	10:00 – 96	TOTAL – 122

Sunday February 9th



Second Sunday Breakfast
Served from 8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!
Free will offering to cover expenses.

February Birthdays

2 Gerhard Drumm	13 Nia Davies-Hughes
3 Janice La Flesh	14 Anisha Mae Rechelluul
6 Sally Moulton	14 Valerie Samelson
6 Casey Taylor	15 Claire Olmstead
6 Katie Peacock	18 Wayne Palmrose
7 Sam Winston	19 Gary Quintrell
8 Cheryl Sanford	24 Tori Reynolds
11 Chad Rechelluul	26 Carolyn Johnson

and anniversaries.....

9 Gail & Delores Johnson
12 Lisa & Brett McAllister
29 Bob & Lori Green

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.

Community Organizing has begun!

Several of you have probably already had a conversation with Renee Saucedo, the community organizer working in Eureka to learn of the visions, hopes and challenges in our community. Others will be hearing from her soon. The conversations Renee is inviting us all to be part of the work of the regional community organizing entity being formed in relationship with PICO (People Improving Communities Through Organizing). PICO is a national organization founded in 1972 under the leadership of Father John Baumann, a Jesuit priest who had learned community organizing in Chicago. Faith-Based Community Organizing is a method of working with faith communities to address the problems and concerns of their communities, and in turn, vitalize and strengthen the life of congregations. Community organizing is a systematic approach to addressing the root causes of social problems. It is a process by which people investigate and act together to change their communities and society. Through community organizing people meet others who share similar values and interests. Together they identify common goals and learn tools to build organizations and participate in public life. The regional entity being formed will oversee local Organizing Committees, some of which have already formed in Del Norte County, McKinleyville and Loleta, and which is being formed in Eureka.

Women's Book Club –



Monday February 24 at 3 p.m. in the Library. The book for February is "Elsewhere" by Richard Russo. Call the church office if you would like more information.

DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 2/16

The Drums are serving Christ 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 occasionally and support this exciting project



Church Family News

Several of our community are recovering from surgery or dealing with health issues. Please keep **Chris Thomas' husband Bob, Joyce Morrison, Tom Newton, Darrell Gillette, Rodney VanderSluis, Louise Branson, Diane Mettam, Bette Clayton, Kevin Richards, Vis Upatisringa and Helen Buck** in your prayers

We have received word that three of our members have moved to Frye's care home: **Doug and Bette Clayton** and **Dean Wallace**. Please keep these friends in your prayers.

Thi Samelson has been accepted into the American Ballet Theatre's Summer Workshop for Young Dancers. Thi traveled to San Jose to audition with over 200 9-12 year olds. The program will take place from June 16-27 at Ballet San Jose! Congratulations Thi!

We have had some interest in the use of our available classrooms by non-profit organizations. Some of those rooms are still in need of a new coat of paint. Thanks to **Linda Palmrose and Wayne Palmrose, Dave Samelson** and **Ken Blackshear** Room #10 was painted this week.

Did you know that we have a team of visitors that call on our folks who are not able to get out of the house much anymore? Thanks to Elisabeth Drumm, Gerhard Drumm, Marge Custis, Herb Pierce, Carrol Newquist, Teresa Gillette and Gail Johnson who are giving their time to this vital ministry. And, Thanks to those who helped with this project last year: John Lundstrom, Jim Snow, Linda Lewis, Linda Dionne, Carol Miller, Judy Taylor, Julie Benson and Louise Branson. Contact Elisabeth Drumm if you would like to be a visitor or if you know of someone who would like a visit.

Missions

Food Donations:

119 lbs. in January!

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 February 2.**



MISSION PENNIES FOR 2014

Coins collected from our birthdays, anniversaries and other coin donations will support the work of Squatter's Hill in Nakuru, Kenya. The program provides education and meals for impoverished children.



SERVING AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On the fourth Sunday of each month Eureka First UMC helps serve the free meal at St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like to help with this project see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Marie Granshaw (444-9150) or Catherine Moore (443-8270.)

Box Tops for Alice Birney

Watch for Box Tops for Education or Labels for Education on your groceries. Clip the box top or the UPC label and bring to church. If you have any questions contact the church office and we will see if we can find the answers for you. Thank you

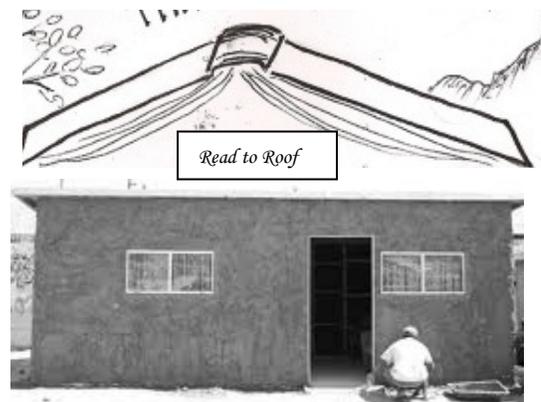
House Building Mission Trip to Mexico -- February 15-22, 2014

Our team will be crossing the border into Tijuana on Monday February 17. We will work Tuesday through Friday, dedicating the new house on Friday before we leave for home.

There will be 20 of us: **Kathryn Dunning, Rob Dunning, Todd Flanders, Kris Flanders, Laurie Dutra, Raven McAdams, Jewel Klemp, Sally Hansen, Brooke Hansen, Bob Powers, Kieran Powers, Sue Peacock, Steve Peacock, Paula Blackshear, Ken Blackshear** and 5 from Montague Untied Methodist Church. The team will be dedicated on Sunday Feb. 9. We are so grateful to go with your prayers supporting us.

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 by February 13.**

Fund-Rasing



The Children's Summer Reading Program brought in enough money to pay for the roof of our house leaving a goal of \$3000 to complete the house.. In January we received \$2525 -- Thank you VERY much!

To contribute to this project mark your checks to the church "Mexico Mission" or use the offering envelopes in the pew racks.. Note: Participants pay a registration fee in addition to our fund-raising.