

# The Messenger

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## From Pastor Kathryn...

*"And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him."*

Mark 1:17,18

Dear Ones,

If Jesus called you, like he called the first disciples, would you leave your "nets" and follow? I am convinced that we are all called by Jesus, but that does not mean that all of our following will be as dramatic as those fishermen who left their nets and even families behind. We are constantly being given choices and I believe God always makes it possible to make a choice that is following in the Way of Jesus, and if we choose wrong we are given other opportunities to choose and to follow. God never gives up on us.

We are called to follow in the Way of Jesus in every aspect of our lives: family, work, community, church. As I look over the many opportunities to learn, to serve and to fellowship in this newsletter and on our church calendar I am aware of how overwhelming all the opportunities in our lives may be. I am reminded of words said by Helen Keller, "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do." I invite you to take time to read slowly through this newsletter, paying attention to the things that cause you to ask questions, to feel empowered, connected or challenged. Prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to begin something new, or to let something go, so that you may walk ever closer to the One who loves and calls us all!

In Love,  
Pastor Kathryn

IMAGINE  MALARIA

It is estimated that for every \$10 given to the Imagine No Malaria campaign the life of one child is saved. The entire United Methodist Church is seeking to raise \$75 million in this effort. As a part of this goal the California Nevada Annual Conference has pledged \$2 million. Now each of our four districts have been challenged to raise \$100,000 by our Annual Conference in June of 2015.

District Superintendent Dave Samelson has said he will have his head shaved when our district meets this goal. Eureka

First UMC's share of this goal is \$1,770. Pastor Kathryn Dunning is so confident that we will double our share to \$3,540 that she has said she will shave her head if we don't. To date we have raised \$2,517. Keep the contributions flowing if you don't want a bald pastor! Keep an eye on the Messenger next month for a picture of what that might look like! On the serious note, thank you to all who have made contributions to this cause and especially to the entrepreneurial spirit of Barb O'Brien who sold books and Christmas mugs for this cause and to Carol Goodwyn who multiplied \$30 spent on supplies ten times by making and selling peanut brittle (and it was good!). Now Gerhardt Drumm is offering Dahlia bulbs (\$5 minimum donation). Do you have a creative idea to support this cause? Let us know.

### Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark

Pastor Kathryn continues to lead a Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark. New folks are welcome to this class that meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM or Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. Chapters to be covered in the final three weeks are: Chapters 10-12, February 3/4; Chapters 13-15, February 10/11; and Chapter 16 February 17/18. This class takes place in the library (Room 16) in Christie Hall.

### "Come Into Quiet"

Pastor Kathryn will lead a series of meditations during the season of Lent called "Come Into Quiet." This will be more of a worship and quiet prayer experience than a study. Participants can choose Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM each week prior to Easter, beginning February 24. "Come Into Quiet" will take place in Room 12 in the south west corner of Christie Hall.

### Confirmation Class

All youth sixth 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 in the weeks leading up to Easter. Class time will include 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 5. 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! Classes will take place at the church on the following dates and times: Saturday, February 14, 10:00 – 11:30 AM; Sundays February 15 and 22 from noon to 1:30 and Saturdays, March 14 and 21, 10:00 – 11:30 AM and Saturday, April 4, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

## Lent

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday (February 18<sup>th</sup> this year) and ending on the day before Easter (Easter is April 5<sup>th</sup> in 2015).

Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word, *lencten*, which means "spring." The season of Lent is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, it began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time of penance by all Christians. Some Christians choose to give up something during Lent as a way of fasting and allowing for more time or resources for contemplation or service. All Christians are invited to a Holy Lent of intentional prayer, study and worship. Plan now to observe a Holy Lent in 2015, intentionally deepening your understanding of and relationship with Jesus the Christ.

## Ash Wednesday

Eureka First UMC will observe Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent with a worship service on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The service will include the "imposition" of ashes as a way of reminding us of our mortality.

## Church Membership Orientation

Are you interested in finding out what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church? Do you want to learn more about baptism? Pastor Kathryn will lead an orientation meeting for those interested in church membership and/or baptism on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Please let the church office know if you would like to be a part of this orientation.

## Basic Lay Servant Ministry Course in February/March

United Methodists have a long history of identifying, equipping and utilizing volunteer lay persons in a great variety of leadership roles in ministries of leading, caring and communicating. Perhaps you have felt God calling you to become more involved in our church or community. Or perhaps you have discerned a need or desire to further develop your leadership skills. Lay Speaking courses, developed by the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, may help you in pursuing God's call to be a more faithful and better equipped disciple of Jesus Christ. These courses help participants prepare for a multitude of missions and ministries, improve teaching and leadership skills, improve their devotional time, become accountable disciples, and/or develop confidence in leading prayer.

Our Humboldt County United Methodist Churches will host the 10 hour Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course on February 21 and March 7 at Arcata United Methodist Church. This basic course is the foundation for other courses on a variety of ministry topics including ministry of visitation, small group leadership and preaching. Please let Pastor Kathryn know if you might be interested in participating in this class or if you would like more information. Plans are being made to offer a Lay Preaching course later in the year.

## The Endowment Fund

The Eureka United Methodist Church Endowment Fund has approximately \$9,096.63 to expend in 2015 for Church projects, missions and objectives that you would like to achieve in 2015. The endowment committee is accepting requests for allocation of these funds for Church projects that are important to you. Requests need to be submitted to Church Office or Endowment Committee members (Jeanette Thulien, John Lundstrom, or Bill O'Brien-Chair) before February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, deadline to be considered for funding.

The Endowment Fund may only be used for purposes consistent with the mission of the Church, such as the following:

1. Needs of local church
2. Maintenance
3. Improvements of space or facilities
4. Programs or staff expansion for the benefit of children, youth, or adult ministries
5. Music Program
6. Scholarships

The Endowment committee will give serious consideration to any request that are made; The endowment funds are not to be used for the ongoing general expenses of the Church.

## Financial Summary

### January 2015

General Fund Revenue:	\$12,625
General Fund Expense:	\$11,315

### 2015

2015 General Fund Revenue:	\$12,625
2015 General Fund Expense:	\$11,315
Over	+\$1,310

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

## JANUARY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

JAN 4 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 – 33;	10:00 – 79	TOTAL – 112
JAN 11 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 – 43;	10:00 – 74	TOTAL – 117
JAN 18 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 – 20;	10:00 – 82	TOTAL – 102
JAN 25 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 – 35;	10:00 – 91	TOTAL – 126



## 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.*

## Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>

### SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

In Fellowship Hall

Everyone's welcome!

Free will offering (\$4 suggested donation)  
to cover expenses

## Groups and events

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### Women's Book Club –



Monday February 16 at 3 p.m. in the Library. The book for February is “The Milagro Beanfield War” by John Nichols. Call the church office if you would like more information.

### YOUTH GROUP

Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 pm in the youth room, Christie Hall. All youth in 7th to 12th grade are invited. For more information contact Eric Hale at 499-4060.

### 4th Day Group

Calling all Cursillistas who would like to get together for fellowship and sewing! We will gather on the third Sunday of the month (February 15th) from 1:00 to 5:00 pm in Room 17, Christie Hall. For more information contact Margie O’Keefe – 834-2597.

### Calling all Angels and Candidates to the Upcoming “All In All” Cursillo!

We had our very first “All In All” Cursillo team meeting on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. And what a great coming together it was! For the first time since I have been a Cursillista, it will be held at St. Bernard’s High School on April 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015! For those of you who want to find out more about Cursillo, I can tell you it is a 3 ½ day/overnight Ecumenical Christian Renewal Weekend (which will begin on Thursday evening and end late Sunday afternoon). The days and nights will be filled with small talks, called Rollos, worship, delicious food, music and singing, entertainment, more delicious food, laughter, for some, tears (most often from experiencing pure Joy), celebration, and the making of new friends. It is God realized in Christian Community and it is an experience like no other. For me, it was life changing and I would be glad to share my story with you.

The weekend is put on by individuals who have attended a past Cursillo and are now Cusillistas. Though not everyone who has attended a Cursillo chooses to work a team, many do, or they serve the team in other ways such as Angeling. We are always looking for Angels to help support the weekend in numerous ways. If you are a Cursillista and you would like to Angel, you may call Dave Robinson at 442-2800 to see where you could best serve.

If you are interested in finding out more about attending a Cursillo, you don’t have to go far. Our Eureka First United Methodist congregation is full of people who have attended. Any of these individuals can sponsor you for the weekend. All you need do is ask.

DeColores!  
Michele Montgomery

### Christian Singles

Single Christians Meet will have their first gathering on Friday February 13 at 7pm at our church. All unattached, 21 and over Christians are welcome! There is no admission fee, required to attend! So if your; single, please come help make this event a success! The March date will be announced at this event! Hope to see you then!

Please contact Dorothy Weber (707) 502-4445 (dorothyw2008@gmail.com) if you would like more information, or if you would like to help with the planning and hosting of this gathering.



## Church Family News

Jean Johnson, long time Eureka resident and member of EFUMC passed into the loving embrace of God on January 22, 2015. Her Memorial Service will be in our church on Saturday, February 14 at 1:00 PM.

### Prayers of healing for:

Tom Newton, now at home, but facing several months of recovery. But it was so wonderful to see him in church again!

Jean Ogimachi as she continues to regain her strength.

Pat Lewis who has been hospitalized twice in the past month for pneumonia.

Carolyn Johnson recovering from heart issues.

### A note from the Newtons:

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, support, and offers of help during Tom's illness. Blessings,  
Tom and Karen Newton  
and Raven

## MUSIC AT EUREKA FIRST



### Joyful Noisemaker's Children's Choir

practices every Sunday morning from 9 to 9:45, in the Children’s Library in Christie Hall. Singers ages 3 to 13 are welcome to come and join us!

### 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.



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!



### Do you play recorder?

If you play recorder, even a little, and you are interested in joining with like-minded tootlers to learn a bit, play some music together, and possibly (gulp) perform in church someday, contact Dan Dionne so we can see about arranging to get together. ([ddionne@suddenlink.net](mailto:ddionne@suddenlink.net), 408 497-6554).

# Missions

## Mission to Mexico

A team meeting for the group going to Mexico is set for March 1 after church. The trip is set for April 11-18. The cost for each participant is \$220 and scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Is this your year to go? Let Ken Blackshear (442-8556) or the church office know.

## PICO True North Organizing Network

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.

*True North* will convene a Regional Assembly on Saturday, February 28, 12-4 at the Orick Community Center. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Participation from Eureka and specifically Eureka First UMC is critical to the this event where regional themes will be chosen and a “season of research” region wide will begin. In preparation for this important gathering on February 28, two events are taking place at Eureka First UMC: Research Training on Saturday, January 31 from 10-11:30 and preparation for Eureka’s sharing with the region on Monday, February 9 from 7-8:30 PM. All are welcome at these important meetings. Please contact Pastor Kathryn, Herb Pierce, Sharon Warren, Linda Lewis, or Erin Powers-Taylor for more information.

## Thank You from Montague United Methodist Church

Eureka First UMC pledged \$1,000 to help support a building project at Montague United Methodist Church. We are funding this pledge through our “Poinsettia Project” where persons are remembered or honored through the purchase of a limited number of poinsettias to decorate our church at Advent and Christmas with the remaining dollars going to mission. Nola Rizzardo, Montague UMC treasurer sent the following thank-you: “Thank you for your prayers, presence, labor and gifts. Because of your generous gifts we have been able to keep up with mission work and help to build God’s kingdom in Montague and around the world”.

## Womens Shelter Dinner

Sat Feb 21st. On the menu will be Mexican food. Contact Sharon Warren if you are interested in helping. 443-1625

## Dahlia Tubers Ready

Did you purchase Dahlia tubers at the October Mission Auction? They are out of the ground and ready to be planted. If you did not purchase any then, but would like to now, there are more available for a minimum donation of \$5.00 each. Proceeds from these sales will go toward meeting the No More Malaria challenge.

## 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, 2015.

## 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!

## SERVING AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Until further notice we will not be serving on the 4th Sat. of the month as the dining hall is not serving meals on the weekends. If and when they hire a new food manager they hope to go back to serving 7 days a week. If you would like to serve during the week they always welcome drop-in volunteers. They like volunteers from 10:45 to 12:30. They are located at 35 W. 3rd St. The phone number is 445-9588.

## Food Donations

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. Our goal is 100 lb per month, January’s total was 87lb. Food is weighed by our children on the first Sunday of each month.

**Food Donations will be weighed on Sunday February 1.**



## DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 2/15

As their home church we continue to raise funds for the Drumm Family who are serving Christ in South Asia. 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



## Sisters of the Spirit

The Sisters of the Spirit meet on the First and Third Thursdays of the month at 3:00 p. m. They are beginning a study of the Book of Revelation at the home of Janice LaFlesh, 1112 E Street Apt. A2 Eureka.

## Member Request

Suzanne Vance is looking for a used computer or tablet to purchase. She would like help setting it up to get started. If anyone has a computer or tablet that they think would meet Suzanne’s request, give the office a call at 442-3015.

## The Messiah Family Ministries Choirs

The Messiah Family Ministries Choirs will begin rehearsing on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, this month. Their Spring concerts will be performed on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Church in McKinleyville. For more information and a complete schedule, please contact Rebecca Bertain at: [rebeccabertain@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccabertain@gmail.com) OR call 444-2602.

## 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 [ddionne@suddenlink.net](mailto:ddionne@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!