

# The Messenger

## Eureka First UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## From Pastor Kathryn...

*"Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off."* Proverbs 23:18

Dear Ones,

Here we are at the beginning of a new year, a time when we may make resolutions, plan events for the coming months and set goals. It feels like a time of a clean slate, a time to begin again. The old year, with its good and bad memories is past and we long for the new one to be positive and good. And the writer of Proverbs promises that "there is a future," and that our "hope will not be cut off." Those are words we can affirm when things are going well and the future looks bright, but for those dealing with personal challenges and losses they may be hard to hear.

Many of us are still reeling from the news of the tragic and violent death of Father Eric Freed of St. Bernard's Catholic Church on the morning of New Years Day, and it may seem that hope has been "cut off." I just met Father Eric in November when we were setting up our bell tables for the Interfaith Community Sing. I only had a brief conversation with him, but I felt his warmth, his loving spirit, his sense of humor, his pastor's heart. I looked forward to getting to know him better and to future times of working with him in this community, but that is not to be. I feel a personal loss with the news of his death, and my heart breaks for those who knew him as their priest, their professor, their friend, their family member. My heart is also heavy with sorrow for the man who has been arrested and for his family. It is my firm belief that all persons are created and loved by God and that God grieves for those who die, for those who mourn, and for those who fall short of being who they were created to be. And it is my firm belief that Father Eric is at peace and now in the eternal embrace of God.

I have read many words about Father Eric and his tragic death, but the ones that I want to stay with me, and I hope you will all hear and take to heart are ones that his friend and fellow priest, Father Ron Serban of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Arcata, feels Father Eric would say at this time: "Do not lose hope, even with something as terrible as

this, do not lose hope in God, in faith and in each other. Instead, seek healing and forgive."

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In Love,

Pastor Kathryn

### What is P.I.C.O.?

PICO stands for "People Improving Communities Through Organizing." Pastor Kathryn is attending the weeklong 2014 Winter PICO National Training in Atlanta, Georgia with 135 other leaders, clergy, staff and allies from across the country January 6 through 12. She is a member of the Sponsoring Committee for a new regional PICO entity forming in Del Norte and Humboldt Counties. As a leader in this effort she was asked to attend the national training with all expenses paid and was happy to accept the invitation. 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. A Local Organizing Committee will be forming soon in Eureka, with a community organizer meeting with individuals in our congregation, other congregations and the community at large.

# Financial Summary

## December 2013

General Fund Revenue: \$21,289  
 General Fund Expense: \$14,488

## 2013 Year-to-Date

2013 General Fund Revenue: \$177,088  
 2013 General Fund Expense: \$177,088  
 Shortage \$ 0

*With strong giving in December we finish the year in the black – with all our commitments paid, we were able to pay 100% of our annual conference apportionments. Thank you for your generous giving to God through the church.*

## DECEMBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DEC. 1ST	9:30--127	TOTAL	127
DEC. 8 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30-- 25    10:00-- 94	TOTAL	119
DEC. 15 <sup>TH</sup> H	8:30-- 31    10:00-- 96	TOTAL	127
DEC. 22 <sup>ND</sup>	9:30--146	TOTAL	146
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE	7:30 .M. 165		
DEC 29 <sup>TH</sup>	9:30 86	TOTAL	86

## January Birthdays

2 Seren Davies-Hughes	16 Helen Buck
3 Michael Bresnahan	18 Carrol Newquist
3 Jasmine Hogue-Freemon	19 Fabiola Drumm
4 Todd Flanders	20 Lyn Howell
6 Emmett Aseltine	21 Jill Kimura
10 Dean Wallace	22 Nikolas Drumm
10 Gwen Bellairs	25 Irene Hedgecock
10 Camellia Span	27 Shirley Peterson
11 Linda Palmrose	28 Louise Branson
12 Jean Ogimachi	30 Rachael Green
14 Heidi Kerr	31 Charlotte O'Keefe
15 April Barnhart	31 Pat Patterson
16 Bob Lorensen	

## and anniversaries.....

17 Dan & Linda Dionne  
 19 Don & Nancy Quintrell

*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 January 12<sup>th</sup>

## SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

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

In Fellowship Hall

Everyone's welcome!

Free will offering to cover expenses

## Women's Book Club –

Monday January 20 at 3 p.m. in the Library. The book for January is "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" by Adam Hamilton Call the church office if you would like



more information.



## Church Family News

We rejoice in the good reports of improved health for:

**Jenny Coleman**, daughter of Herb and Sally Pierce  
**Jen Pierce**, daughter-in-law of Herb and Sally Pierce  
**Bridgett, Aedan and Justin Cataldo** following an automobile accident

Please keep them and the following persons in your prayers for healing: **Tom Newton, Rodney VanDerSluis, Bob Thomas, Darryl Gillette, Mason Allen-Cook** (15 month old nephew of Linda Lewis)

As followers of Christ we trust that the following persons are now in the eternal and loving embrace of our God, and offer prayers of comfort for their families and friends as they grieve their deaths.

**Silas Mark Morrison**, son of Silas and Joyce Morrison  
**Duane Johnson**, brother of Shirley Peterson

**Edward Steinhardt**, great nephew of Irene Hedgecock  
**Ellen Silberstein**, widow of Charles Silberstien who was pastor of Eureka First UMC in the early 1970s.

**Jim Forman**, father of Kris Flanders and Jeremiah Forman  
**Aloha Roberts-Sanford** long time member and active in the United Methodist Women. She had been living in Oregon for several years.

**Father Eric Freed**, priest at St. Bernard's Catholic Church

Our Christmas Season was filled with wonderful music. We are grateful for the many talented people in th congregation who so willingly shared their gifts.

**Sonia Samelson, Stacy Young, Julie Benson, Anisha Mae Rechelluul, The Joyful Noisemakers, The Chancel Choir, The Bella Norte Bells, The Praise Band, Heidi & Adrienne Kerr, Sara Lundstrom, Carrol Newquist, Katie & Sara Quintrell.** And, all the solists and narrators who contributed to the special all Church Christmas Program – "Appalachian Winter" directed by **Stacy Young and Sonia Samelson.**

We had a wonderful 53rd Annual Advent Tea, with great music by Eureka High's "Limited Edition" directed by **Charles Young**, and our own musicians and vocalists – **Sonia Samelson, Stacy Young, Julie Benson, Sara Lundstrom, Jamie Cameron, Heidi Kerr, Linda Lewis, Diane Mettam, Anisha Mae Rechelluul** and a memorable Christmas story from Pastor Kathryn. The offering from the Tea generated \$1993 for Alice Birney School.

Our church friends who can't get out much were surprised by cookies and carolers over the Advent Season. We have received many thank you notes that have been passed on to the cookie bakers.

Welcome to **Pat Patterson and Don & Nancy Quintrell** who were received into membership on December 8. Don and Nancy's great grandson **Logan Quintrell** was baptized on December 8 – a very special day for his family and for our church family.

Congratulations to **Helen Buck** and her grandson **Eric Collins.** Eric graduated with honors from Sacramento State University on December 21st. He received degrees in Engineering and Mathematics.

# Missions

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

In February (President's week for our local schools) we will drive to Mexico and build a house for a Mexican Family, in conjunction with Amor Ministries. At last count we have about 20 people planning to participate. If you are interested in being a part of the Mexico House-Building Mission Team – contact Ken Blackshear 442-8556 or the church office 442-3015. A team meeting is planned for January 12 in the library following the 10:00 worship service Fund-Raising. 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.. Last Sunday we received \$1300 -- we are almost half-way to our goal. Thank you!

To contribute to this project mark your checks to the church "Mexico Mission" or use the enclosed offering envelope. Note: In addition to the fund-raising participants pay a registration fee that covers about half the cost.



## Dinner and Devotions at the Women's Shelter January 11, 2014.

We will be serving spaghetti and we will need:

- Green Salads
- A Fruit Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Ice Cream
- Ice Cream Cones

Call Sharon Warren (443-1625) if you would like to help with this ministry.

## 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. In December Louise Fredrickson, Mike Wallace, Pam Coen and Marie Granshaw served lunches and distributed the mountains of warm clothing that we received in our Misison Barrel. We will continue to collect warm clothing through the end of January.

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.)

## 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. 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. . In December we collected **119** pounds of food! Remember to bring non-perishable food items on **February 2** for the hungry people in our community.

## Box Tops for Alice Birney

As we begin a new year many of us will be volunteering at Alice Birney School. Another way in which we can help is to collect boxtops and labels. 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

## The Poinsettia Project

Our Poinsettia Project honored loved ones, decorated our sanctuary and we have \$391 for the Montague United Methodist Church Building Project. Thank you!

## The Drumm Beat

News from Fabiola Drumm:

December, as it is almost everywhere, is a busy month. At the beginning of the month I planned my monthly chores. It was a good idea to start the early preparations for Christmas such as making cookies and getting our Christmas tree ready. The boys including Paul had to stay home most of the time since they were sick. In December I made quite a few trips to the doctor. One time I went to the Lab with Tobias. While waiting for the results I noticed that a mouse was coming out of one of the many piles of boxes next to the table where they were running the blood test machine and ran under the refrigerator. I was so worried about Tobias's health that the little creature didn't bother me much. The service is not the best but the prices are not bad. A private doctor's appt. cost around \$ 8.00. A dentist appt. for just cleaning is \$12-14. A few months ago I went to the dentist to get one of my molars fixed. It was a crown and the cost was less then \$50.00 and on top of that I got two times local anesthesia though it took the whole morning in order to finish the process in one day. Our Christmas celebration was really nice. We had a mild rain all night. We got a few things for our little ones. Paul made a crane out of wood and bamboo. It is one of Tobias's favorite toys. Tobias and Nikolas got a pair of jeans, yellow t-shirts (to wear on New Year's since it is a Peruvian tradition to wear something yellow) and suspenders. We had our Drumm tradition of reading the story about Jesus birth around the Christmas tree and singing some songs. Our helper was with us but around 11 pm she went to visit with her family. Her tradition is to wait until the middle of the night to celebrate Christmas. Our family went to bed around 11. All of us were tired but still in a good mood. Our New Year celebration was quite noisy. It was more like a Peruvian and South East Asian celebration. We had stuffed chicken with fried cassava. I also was able to make the traditional Peruvian drink "chocolatada" After dinner we watched a nice movie with the children and a friend. Around 11 we started the fireworks. We made our stuffed doll out of cardboard, newspapers and a balloon. We used Nikolas' old t-shirt and called it Ridiculous just because. We were awake until 1 a.m. It was very noisy and cheerful. It seems like most of the families got firecrackers. Other people took pieces of tin roof and dragged them on the street riding their motorcycle while others were honking their cars and motorcycles. Next day it was so nice and quiet. We stayed in the house eating leftovers and burning garbage. Anyway, this is how we celebrated Christmas and New Year. We are so thankful for all the blessings. It is sometimes hard to be far away from friends and family but very thankful for walking this path. We are always asking prayers especially for Tobias and Nikolas for good health. Tobias is much better now though with a few episodes of diarrhea. Nikolas got a pink eye on top of a cold. He is feeling better at times but today was having a headache. Most of the time he is in a good spirit and very proud that he is getting eye drops for his eyes. Since pink eye is highly contagious, the rest of us are using the eye drops prophylactically.

## DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 1/19

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



# Eureka First United Methodist Church Officers and Committees for 2014

## Church Council

Chairperson	Michael Davies-Hughes	
Vice-Chairperson	Ken Blackshear	
Church Council, Secretary.	Catherine Moore	
Lay Leader	Sally Pierce and Herb Pierce	
Finance Chair:	Marge Custis	
Staff-Parish Relations Chair:	Bill O'Brien	
Treasurer:	Paula Blackshear	
Financial Secretary:	Jeanette Thulien	
Endowment Committee Chair:	Jeanette Thulien	
Annual Conference Lay Members:	Dan & Linda Dionne	
Alternates:	Herb & Sally Pierce	
Commissions:		
Missions	Louise Frederickson & Sharon Warren	
Worship	Ted Flanders	
Sacristan/Altar Guild	Kris Flanders	
Sunday School Superintendent	Cindy Patton	
Youth Director	Sally Hansen	
Kitchen	Dona Wright, Ted & Kris Flanders	
Coffee Hour Coordinators	Sally Pierce and Margie O'Keefe	
Church Council Members at Large:		
Barbara O'Brien,	Ken Blackshear	Jill Kimura
Gail Johnson	Charles Young	

## Board of Trustees

Class of 2014:	Wayne Palmrose, Marge Custis, Judy Taylor	
Class of 2015:	Brian Hansen, Barbara O'Brien, Paul Gosselin	
Class of 2016:	Tom Newton, Rich Strubinger, Rob Dunning	

## Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Class of 2014:	Angela Cameron, Ted Flanders, Cheryl Sanford	
Class of 2015:	Bill O'Brien, Craig Benson, Marlaine Florencio	
Class of 2016:	Marge Custis, Bob Lorensen, Ken Stumpf	
Lay Leader:	Sally Pierce and Herb Pierce	
Lay Member:	Dan Dionne	

## Committee on Lay Leadership

(Nominations Committee)		
Class of 2014:	Craig Benson, Bill O'Brien, Melanie Gosselin, Kris Flanders	
Class of 2015:	Stacy Young, Janice LaFlesh	
Class of 2016:	Carol Goodwyn, John Lundstrom, Herb Pierce	
Lay Leader:	Sally Pierce	
Pastor:	Kathryn Dunning	

## Endowment Committee

Class of 2015	Jeanette Thulien (Chair)
Class of 2017	Bill O'Brien
Class of 2019	John Lundstrom

## Finance Committee

2014:	- Tony Kimura
2015:	- Marge Custis
2016:	- Gary Quintrell

## Other Officers

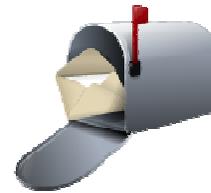
Treasurer, Memorial Funds:	Delores Johnson & Minerva French
Communion Stewards:	Ted & Kris Flanders, Dolores & Gail Johnson
Church Historian:	Pat Lewis
Chairperson, Auditing Committee:	Greg Goodwyn
Counting Committee:	Delores Johnson, Judy Taylor, Paula Blackshear, Jeanette Thulien, Joann Brekke, Marge Custis, Minerva French, Catherine Moore, Ralph Nelson, Karen Newton, Tom Newton

## Human Relations Day, – January 19

*"How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 36:7*

**Human Relations Day** is one of the opportunities for United Methodist Churches to celebrate our connectional work. This day of social action and raising awareness aims to heal social ills at the national level. The *United Methodist Book of Discipline* describes the purpose of Human Relations Day as a call to "the Church to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with each other."

Your gifts to Human Relations Day provide avenues to restored relationships through ministries like Youth Offender Rehabilitation, Community Developers self-improvement programs and United Methodist



## Mail Box

From Linda & Lucas Lewis:

*Our dear church family..*

*We are having the final inspection on Lucas' Room soon. As we near completion of this project I want to express our deepest thanks for all you have done. Thank you seems so small for all the time, finances, and labor you have put into this project. All of you who have given your talents, time, labor, have given up time with your family and have brought food for the workers – your gifts have not gone unnoticed and are greatly appreciated.*

*Lucas loves his room and as he moves into being a teen-ager he feels the love of his church family.*

*The ripples of what you have given are far reaching and we probably will never know all of them. Here are a few I am aware of: My neighbors are amazed and surprised and have commented they "didn't know churches and Christians actually did this kind of thing, maybe Christians are different than I thought" Lucas' friends and their families were amazed and took a different look at churches and Christians. I have had strangers approach me and ask if I was the lady who had my church building a room for my son. People have noticed and we don't know where the ripples will lead.*

*So you have not only made a difference for Lucas & me but for many we may never see or know about.*

*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You have made a young man and his mother feel very blessed and loved. We pray for continued blessings for all of you.*

*Love Linda & Lucas*

From Ted Flanders:

*Thanks for all your prayers for Kris & Jeremiah family and friends. Their father was 89 and passed on at home as he wished, all his 8 children got to be with before passing on to a better place. LOVE AND PRAYERS TED FLANDERS*