

The Messenger

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From Pastor Kathryn...

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Ones,

Happy New Year! I write this five days into 2015, the beginning of another calendar year. The beginning of a new year is a time when we often reflect on what has gone before, take an assessment of where we are now and make plans, often in the form of resolutions, for the future.

Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations at the time of his death in an airplane crash in 1961, gave his whole life to public service and was considered by many to be one of the world's greatest leaders. He left behind a diary that became a spiritual classic after it was published under the name of *Markings*. On New Year's Day 1953 he wrote, "For all that has been – Thanks! To all that shall be – Yes!"¹ After he was re-elected to be Secretary-General he wrote, "Yes to God: yes to Fate: yes to yourself."² And on Pentecost Sunday, 1961, he wrote, "I don't know Who – or what – put the question, I don't know when it was put. I don't even remember answering. But at some moment I did answer *Yes* to Someone – or Something – and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that, therefore, my life, in self-surrender, had a goal."³

What if you and I and our congregation made just one resolution; to just say, *Yes*? I don't mean say *Yes* to everything anyone or even the church asks you to do, but to say *Yes* to God, *Yes* to God's promise "...to give you a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). I encourage us in this new year to say *Yes* to practices and habits that we know bring us closer to God, and to say *Yes* to new ways of being and doing that will help shape, conform, and form us to be all that God has created us to be as individuals and as this body we call Church.
Happy New Year!

In Love,
Pastor Kathryn



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 \$2,442. Keep the contributions flowing if you don't want a bald pastor!

Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark

Pastor Kathryn Dunning is leading a study on the Gospel of Mark for seven weeks in January and February. The Introductory session is Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 PM or Wednesday, January 7 at 10:00 AM in the church library in Christie Hall. All interested persons are invited to participate in this class that will cover the shortest Gospel in our New Testament and the Gospel that will be read from in worship on most Sundays in 2015. Please feel welcome to join this class for any or all sessions. All reading assignments are from the Gospel of Mark as follows: January 13/14 – Chapters 1-3, January 20/21 – Chapters 4-6, January 27-28 – Chapters 7-9, February 3/4 - Chapters 10-12, February 10/11 – Chapters 13-15, February 17/18 – Chapter 16.

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

¹ Dag Hammarskjöld, *Markings*, trans. Leif Sjöberg and W.H. Auden (New York: Ballantine, 1993), p. 74.

² Hammarskjöld, *Markings*, p. 136.

³ Hammarskjöld, *Markings*, p. 180.

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.

Groups and events



Women's Book Club

—The Book Club will meet Monday January 12, 2015 at 3 p.m. in the Library. The January book is "City of God" by Sara Miles. Call the church office for 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 (January 18th) from 1:00 to 5:00 pm in Room 17, Christie Hall. For more information contact Margie O'Keefe – 834-2597.

Christian Singles

A group of single folks here at Eureka First United Methodist Church is planning for a *Christian Singles Meet* event on Friday, February 13 at 7:00 PM in our church fellowship hall. The purpose of this gathering is to meet other unattached Christians in our community. The evening will include refreshments and get acquainted activities. Invitations have been sent to the other churches in Eureka and it is hoped that many of our own single folks will attend. 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

Prayer concerns:

Wayne Palmrose is feeling much better following a mild concussion he suffered in early December - he expects to be 100% before February!

Carolyn Johnson is dealing with some heart issues and awaiting a procedure later this month.

Tom Newton, who has been hospitalized and in rehabilitation since Thanksgiving, is finally home, but still has a long road of recovery ahead of him.

Ralph Davis' mother, LaVerne Davis passed away December 20 at the age of 89. Ralph has been in Texas for the past couple of weeks for his mother's service and to help settle her estate.

Jean Ogimachi had major abdominal surgery on December 19 and is now making good progress at Almaden Rehabilitation Center in San Jose near her daughter April. **Ella Larson** is now a resident at Frye's Care Home in Cutten.

We rejoice:

in the baptisms of **Lucca Joel Spangler** and **Jude Christian Desteucq** on December 21 in our church sanctuary. Lucca is the son of Chris and Chloe Spangler and Jude is the son of Victor and Jasmine Desteucq. Lucca and Jude are the grandsons of Tim and Kerra Lindow.

in the birth of **Kellan Michael Scott Churchill** on December 31, 2014 at 8:03 AM. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Kellan joins parents Cheryl and Rich, big sister Clover and grandparents Catherine and Michael Moore.

Financial Summary

December 2014

General Fund Revenue: \$18,311
General Fund Expense: \$26,843

2014 Year-to-Date

2014 General Fund Revenue: \$186,891
2014 General Fund Expense: \$186,891
Shortage \$ 0

All our commitments paid, we were able to pay 100% of our Annual Conference tithe and 100% of our District giving. In addition we put a surplus of \$3338 into our reserve fund. Thank you for your generous giving to God through the church.

DECEMBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

DEC. 7TH	8:30-- 29	10:00 83	TOTAL 112
DEC. 14TH	8:30-- 31	10:00- 87	TOTAL 118
DEC. 21ST	9:30-- 173		TOTAL 173
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE			TOTAL 184
DEC. 28TH	8:30- -23	10:00 81	TOTAL 104

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
5 Bobbie Thode	20 Catherine Moore
10 Dean Wallace	21 Jill Kimura
10 Gwen Bellairs	22 Nikolas Drumm
10 Camellia Span	25 Irene Hedgecock
11 Linda Palmrose	26 Shirley LaPorta
12 Jean Ogimachi	27 Shirley Peterson
14 Heidi Kerr	30 Rachael Green
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 11th

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

Welcome Gary!

When you call the church office during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to Noon, the voice you will most likely hear is that of Gary Quintrell who officially became the Office Manager for Eureka First UMC on January 5, 2015. Gary, his wife Heidi, daughters Sarah and Katie, and parents Don and Nancy are all members of Eureka First UMC.

Gary graduated from Humboldt State University in 1990 with a degree in Business Administration, following graduation he went to work in Redding as a shift/department manager for a retail grocery store. While in Redding he also obtained his Insurance Brokers License and worked both jobs until becoming a stay at home dad in 1998. Since then, Gary has been active with his daughters in their sports and youth groups. He received the "Father of the Year" award from the Girl Scouts of Northern California in 2007. He has also served as a District Inspector for the Masons of California since 2009.

For the past 16 years Gary has been a stay at home dad, and we are blessed at Eureka First to have him choose to step back into the world of employment with us. Please welcome Gary to this new role.

YOU are invited to thank Paula Blackshear!

Paula Blackshear retired on December 31, 2014 from her position as Office Manager at Eureka First UMC. Paula served in this capacity for 22 years with four pastors. She has been an integral part of why Eureka First UMC is such a vital, mission-focused church. On Sunday, February 1, the Staff Parish Relations Committee invites all persons to attend an appreciation lunch for Paula in the church Fellowship Hall. Because this will be a catered lunch reservations are required. Details about the lunch are in an invitation that you should receive in the mail. Please call the church office to make reservations and talk with our new Office Manager Gary Quintrell or with Pastor Kathryn Dunning.

White Table Cloths Needed

Do you have a white table cloth that would fit our long tables that you could loan to the church for our February 1 Appreciation lunch for Paula? If you are able to loan a table cloth please let the church office know.

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 Wednesdays 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 Sonia Samelson 442-3490.

Handbells

You probably noticed members of Bella Norte Bells selling handmade notecards and ornaments during the Christmas season. This was part of our ongoing fundraising to get new covers for our bell tables. A member of our church even

offered to match our first \$200! We have now earned over \$500 toward our goal of \$800. We are already considering new craft projects, so stay tuned for more opportunities to help us achieve our goal.

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

Thinking about Mexico

With the waning of the holiday season we are looking forward to a new year with new challenges and opportunities. What better time to begin planning for the Mission to Mexico? Should this be part of your plan for 2015?

Our trip this year is scheduled for April 11-18 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 Tijuana or Tecate area. If you are thinking about going or would like more information about the trip, please contact Ken Blackshear (442-8556) or the church office. Of course, we all participate in this mission project- it only happens if we send them!

PICO True North Organizing Network Update

Pastor Kathryn and members of our church continue to work with *True North*, an affiliate of PICO (People Improving Communities through Organizing). To date most of our work has been in listening to the concerns and hopes of our community, and now it is time to embark on the research phase of community organizing. On Saturday, January 31, all interested persons are invited to a "Research Training" event in our church fellowship hall from 10:00 to 11:30. Thank You! to all who have been involved with this Community Organizing effort through conversations, meetings and leadership and Welcome! to all those who want to come and learn more.

Banana Hut Fundraiser

Aloha,

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. Here's a great picture of the Alice Birney School Library and the books they were able to purchase with the proceeds from our 2013 Advent Tea!

Knit for Kids



In December 15 sweaters and hats were sent to Knit for Kids care of World Vision. Six wool garments were sent to afghans for Afghans. Thank you to all our knitters, a small but mighty group, Elisabeth Drumm, Kathleen Tillinghast, Pat Reimonenq, and Marie Granshaw. Thank you also to the Flanders family who donated all of Bev Flander's yarn from which many of these garments were made.

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 for December: 109 lbs!

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.

Food Donations will be weighed on Sunday February 1.



DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 1/18

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 2015

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: Bill O'Brien
Annual Conference Lay Members:

Dan & Linda Dionne
Herb & Sally Pierce

Alternates:

Commissions:

Missions Louise Frederickson & Sharon Warren

Worship Ted Flanders

Sacristan/Altar Guild Kris Flanders

Sunday School Superintendent Monique Hale

Youth Director Eric Hale

Kitchen Ted & Kris Flanders

Coffee Hour Coordinator Margie O'Keefe

Church Council Members at Large: Barbara O'Brien,
Jill Kimura, Gail Johnson, Nancy Quintrell, Sean Woodburn,
Neal Sligh, Sharon Sligh

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Wayne Palmrose, Judy Taylor, Angela Cameron
Brian Hansen, Barbara O'Brien, Gary Quintrell
Tom Newton, Rich Strubinger, Rob Dunning

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Carol Goodwyn, Carol Miller, Brad Mettam
Bill O'Brien, Craig Benson, Marlaine Florencio
Marge Custis, Bob Lorensen, Ken Stumpf

Lay Leader: Sally Pierce

Lay Member: Dan Dionne

Committee on Lay Leadership

Judy Taylor, Michelle Woodburn, Dan Dionne
Stacy Young, Janice LaFlesh Carol Goodwyn
John Lundstrom, Herb Pierce

Lay Leader: Sally Pierce

Pastor: Kathryn Dunning

Endowment Committee

Jeanette Thulien
Bill O'Brien (Chair)
John Lundstrom

Finance Committee

Marge Custis (Chairperson)
Gary Quintrell
Ralph Davis

Other Officers

Treasurer, Memorial Funds: Minerva French
Communion Stewards: Kris Flanders

Dolores & Gail Johnson

Church Historian: Pat Lewis & Jerimaih Forman

Chairperson, Auditing Committee: Greg Goodwyn

Counting Committee: Delores Johnson, Judy Taylor,
Jeanette Thulien, Joann Brekke, Catherine Moore, Karen
Newton

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!