

# The Messenger

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## From Pastor Kathryn...

*"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8*

Dear Ones,

*The theme of our California-Nevada Annual Conference this year was "Engaging Faith in the Public Square," and our key-note speaker, Reverend Alexia Salvatierra, delivered a presentation titled, "Faith in the Public Square: Following the Jesus who Transforms the World." Her message was certainly timely in relation to the problems we see in our world today and very fitting with the mission of the United Methodist Church, "Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World." The prophet Micah long ago wrote that we are "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God." Salvatierra reminded us that as persons of faith we do a pretty good job of "loving kindness" and "walking humbly with our God," but we are more challenged in the area of "doing justice." Justice work involves the changing of systems that lead to the conditions and situations that break our hearts when we look at the world around us through the eyes of Jesus. It can feel overwhelming to imagine how we can impact the systems, the laws and the structures of our society that contribute to much of the heartbreaking conditions in our world, but as followers of Jesus, we are called to this work, together with other persons rooted in their faith.*

*Reverend Salvatierra is a community organizer and she gave us four kinds of opportunities to choose from to be involved in community organizing work; one was to "join a multi-issue and multi-sectoral organization." She lifted up PICO (People Improving Communities through Organizing) as one of the very best organizations of this*

*kind. True North Organizing Network is a PICO affiliate that Eureka First UMC is involved with, and I encourage you all to learn more about this organizing work, to accept invitations to participate in conversations and research, and to attend the next Local Organizing Committee meeting here at Eureka First UMC on Wednesday, July 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. so that together with others in our community we can grow ever more close to living in a world where none have too much while others do not have enough to live.*

*In Love,  
Pastor Kathryn*

## WE ARE RENEWING OUR KITCHEN!

At the May  
Church Council  
Meeting of Eureka

First UMC the Board of Trustees was given the go ahead to Renew our Church Kitchen and a committee was appointed to plan a capital fund campaign to pay for it. Removal of the old floor, ceiling and cabinets is almost complete, bids have been accepted for new stainless steel counters and storage areas, a floor contractor has been secured, Carrol Newquist has been contracted to build the wooden cabinets and we are getting close to the end of the demolition phase and the beginning of the renewing phase. Floor plans of the design that has been accepted are available for all to see. In summary the plans include repair of the subfloor and new commercial grade floor covering; high quality stainless steel counters and storage areas; new wooden cabinets on the west wall; upgraded plumbing, electrical, water heating; installation of a commercial dishwasher with a three sink cleaning area on the east wall; hand wash sinks; and a mop sink closet. The current commercial stove and hood in its current location and the commercial refrigerator will continue to be used. Placement of the refrigerator will change slightly to accommodate a counter workspace under the small window on the east wall.





As anyone who has been involved in a home remodel knows, it is hard to make an exact estimate as to final costs, but currently the Trustees feel that \$50,000 is a good figure to raise for making our kitchen a clean, safe and efficient food preparation area so that our church can extend hospitality to all for many years to come.

Contributions can be made at anytime towards this project. Invitation letters to participate in this capital fund campaign are being sent out with pledge cards offering options for a one time contribution or payments over time, up to three years, towards a pledged amount. Together we will Renew our Kitchen!



## \$100K Challenge as of Annual Conference Session

Two years ago, the annual conference session launched a [conference-wide Imagine No Malaria initiative](#) to raise \$2 million over a two-year period to conclude at the end of 2015. The annual conference session celebrated raising \$1.75 million towards the \$2 million goal. Last September, Bishop Brown, along with the four district superintendents, launched the [\\$100K District Challenge](#) in which each district attempted to raise \$100,000 by the annual conference session toward the goal. More than \$377,000 was raised resulting in two district superintendents taking pies to the face on the stage, and two district superintendents shaving their heads (Editor's note: see following story). The campaign continues until the end of 2015. Eureka First, as you know, has more than doubled our goal, but there is still an opportunity to contribute to this very worthwhile cause.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015

The focus of this year's annual conference was "Engaging Faith in the Public Square." As Bishop Warner Brown, Jr., emphasized in his opening address, we need to be "in the neighborhood every day," engaging in hard conversations about difficult issues and working actively toward making a better world. This need was brought home by the shootings in South Carolina and particularly the videos of groups gathering in the streets for spontaneous prayer. In his episcopal address, the Bishop declared, "We must face the race card" and learn to love one another whether we like each other or not.

This focus was ably carried forward by our featured guest speaker, the Rev. Alexia Salvatierra, a Lutheran Pastor with over 35 years of experience in community ministry. Rev. Salvatierra talked about community organizing and how, using both "serpent power" and "dove power," faith-rooted community groups can make a tremendous difference. She commented that we in the church often "turn into atheists in the public square" by our skepticism and cynicism. But God is very much alive and able to transform lives, and we need to combine our action with our faith. You can find out more about her work at [www.alexiasalvatierra.com](http://www.alexiasalvatierra.com).

The legislative work of the conference was largely taken up with elections—because General Conference is next year in Portland, Oregon! There were plenty of jokes as the delegates struggled with new voting devices and procedures, and many rounds of voting, but finally, as the very last act of the conference before adjournment, we succeeded in electing 3 clergy and 3 lay delegates to General Conference and additional clergy and delegates to the upcoming Western Regional Jurisdictional Conference—one of the lay delegates being our own Rob Dunning!



If you're interested in seeing what General Conference is really like, consider volunteering. You can find out more about General Conference, including a volunteer form, at <http://www.umc.org/who-we-are/general-conference-2016>.

Annual Conference is a very serious time, with no opportunity for levity. But when the results of the Imagine No Malaria campaign were announced, our District Superintendents had to pay up on their pledges. (There was a motion on the floor to absolve



them of their obligations, but Dan and others stood up to put a stop to that—United Methodists keep our word!) On the serious vein, the Imagine No Malaria campaign has been so successful that we can now talk about eliminating malaria completely within the next 5 years!

Other highlights of the conference included the announcement of three new churches (hurray!), the memorial service for pastors and spouses who have passed away, and the sight of hordes of Methodists crowding into a bar at the hotel—because it was the only place to get afternoon coffee, and Methodism would perish without coffee!

--Dan and Linda Dionne

### Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a method of Christian Meditation that has roots that go back to the prayer practices of Jesus and the early Hebrew people. Pastor Kathryn leads a time of Centering Prayer on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 6:45 PM (except July 7) in the Meditation Room (Room 12) in Christie Hall. This time of prayer is not a replacement for the Tuesday evening study time but will precede study sessions when they are scheduled at 7:00 PM. The Centering Prayer time will include an introduction and orientation and time to practice this simple, but vital method of time with God.

### Bible Study on the Book of Revelation

The last book of the New Testament, Revelation, has been interpreted and misinterpreted, understood and misunderstood, revered and derided in a multitude of ways over the centuries. Join Pastor Kathryn and other folks for a seven-week introductory study of this book, written in an apocalyptic (involving the unveiling of future events) style. This study will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 AM

beginning July 14 and 15 and continuing through September 8 and 9. There will be two weeks off for Vacation Bible School (July 21 and 22) and Shasta Camp (August 4 and 5). Come have fun exploring a text that many have avoided or been intimidated by. Before the first meeting participants should read chapters 1 through 3 of Revelation.

## Annual District Men's Retreat

The Great Northern District UMC will hold its annual Men's Retreat August 14-16, 2015 at Shasta Camp north of Redding. All men are invited to attend this event that is sponsored by the Aldersgate United Methodist Church. For more details and an application, please talk to Gary in the Church Office.

## We are Invited

Naomi Steinberg, Rabbi at Temple Beth El, invites all interested persons to two concerts in July. The first, "An Afternoon of Beautiful Song," will be Sunday, July 5th at 3:00 PM at Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. The cost for this event is \$15.

On Sunday July 19th at 3:00 PM we are invited to "A Concert of Hebrew Sacred Song" at Temple Beth El, Hodgson and T Streets, Eureka. This concert is Free, but donations are appreciated.



## Church Family News

We grieve the death of Elisabeth Drumm on June 24, but rejoice that she is at home in the eternal embrace of our God. A memorial service will take place in our church sanctuary on Saturday, July 18 at 10:30 AM.



We have received word that Richard Yerton, a member of our church but inactive for some time, passed into the eternal embrace of our loving God on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Please hold his family and friends in your prayers. Plans are pending for a service.

Please hold in your prayers Yvonna Wheeler, a resident at Seaview Care Home in Humboldt Hill who appears to be nearing her journey on earth.

From Catherine Moore: "Thank you everyone for cards and prayers. I will be starting six weeks of radiation soon." Please pray for healing for 7 year old Liam Taylor who fell out of a tree on a family camping trip. X-rays and CT scans show no broken bones, but Liam is badly bruised and having difficulty walking.

The Samelsons have moved! And we got this message: We made it safely to Granite Bay! We so appreciated the hard-working crew of

volunteers from the church who helped us load the U-Haul: Tim Lindow, Todd Flanders, Wayne & Linda Palmrose, Rob Dunning, John & Sara Lundstrom, Joan Brady, Bridget & Aedan Cataldo. We also want to thank everyone for the farewell reception, cards, and prayers. With deep appreciation and much love, David, Sonia & Thi Samelson

The Samelsons' new address: 9675 Swan Lake Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Leonard Agnew	17	Crystal Johnson
3	Joyce Hayes	18	Oceanna Dillon
4	Crystal Mayberry	18	Daniel Dawson
4	Teddie Lyons	19	Nancy Culbert
4	Ann Boyd	19	Rob Dunning
6	Barbara Welsh	20	Janis Schleunes
6	Grace Kimura	21	Marilyn Cesaretti
7	Eula Wilson	21	Sarah Cameron
8	Marci Cooke	22	Annie Breen
9	Paige Olmstead	22	Bill O'Brien
10	Jim Warren	23	Ava Glover
11	Jerry Faulk	24	Dan Dionne
12	Sally Endsley	24	Greg Goodwyn
13	Rosey Hoch	24	Christopher Kerr
16	Brian Hansen	25	Julie Benson
17	Cindy Patton	25	Barbara Breen
17	Sue MacMillan	27	Heather Shelton
		28	Jeanette Thulien
		29	Julianna Strubinger

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jim & Connie Ross
- 6 Dean & Ann Boyd
- 15 Joyce & Hubert Reid
- 18 Wayne and Linda Palmrose
- 23 Steve & Sue Peacock
- 24 Michael & Tami Davies-Hughes
- 27 Neil & Jean Ogimachi
- 29 Forrest and Patricia Vance

**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.**



## Successful Work Day

Thank you to the following volunteers for their hard work and good accomplishments at our All Church Work Day on May 30: Laurie Dutra, Rich Strubinger, Patrick Maciel, Aurealis, Issac, Jamie Cameron, Judy Taylor, Nakiah Taylor, Ava Glover, Gless Mahle, Gary Quintrell, Neil Ogimachi, Wayne Palmrose, Bill and Barb O'Brien, Ken Blackshear, Shirley LaPorta, Rob and Kathryn Dunning, Marylin Mahler,. Among the tasks accomplished were weeds pulled, drain pipes replaced, office entry power cleaned, Sunday school office shelves installed, carpet put on "legs" of pews in Wesley Chapel, window area cleaned and painted in nursery, kitchen sink and cupboards cleaned in Christie Hall, demolition work in main kitchen, and 880 pounds of debris hauled away! Thank you!

## Vacation Bible School 2015

The theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School at Eureka First UMC is *Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid*. Plan to bring your children and invite your friends and neighbors to participate in this fun, educational, faith building adventure July 21, 22, 23 from 9:00 AM to noon. If you would like to help plan and/or facilitate please let the office or VBS chair Michele Montgomery know, and please plan to come to a planning meeting in the library on Sunday, July 5 following the second service.

# Shasta Camp August 5-8 Early Registration Special

Calling all children going into grades 4 through 7 to a mountain top experience at Shasta Camp 2015 (August 5-8)! Applications are available in the church office. Camp costs are \$140 for campers who register and pay by July 15 (\$150 after), and there are scholarships available. Youth who have completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to come back for one more year as campers and high school youth are encouraged to apply to be Junior Counselors. Adults are needed to serve as Camp Moms and Dads and in other volunteer capacities. For more information and for Camp Applications contact the church office.

### Women's Book Club



Interested women are invited to discuss the book, *Saint Maybe* by Ann Tyler, in the library on Monday, July 20 at 3:00 PM. Pastor Kathryn is the July hostess.

## Financial Summary

June 2015

**General Fund Revenue: \$14,938**  
**General Fund Expense: \$14,567**

2015 Year-To-Date

**2015 General Fund Revenue: \$94,742**  
**2015 General Fund Expense: \$93,550**  
**Overage \$1,192**

### June Worship Attendance

June 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30--26	10:00--86	Total	112
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:30--40	10:00--76	Total	116
June 21 <sup>th</sup>	8:30--29	10:00--68	Total	97
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:30--19	10:00--64	Total	83

# MISSIONS

### Food Donations for June -137lbs!

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 July 5.**



## Disaster Recovery Mission Team to Weed

The Eureka First United Methodist Church is focusing on Weed, California, for our disaster relief mission trip this year. Dates of the trip are September 12th through 20. Travel will be by car, sharing rides where we can. Weed was devastated by wildfires last year. Recovery efforts are still in the beginning stages. We will work on projects with both the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Habitat for Humanity. We will be staying at the Mount Shasta United Methodist Church.

Please let Ken Blackshear know if you're interested in participating in this mission trip.

### True North Organizing Network work continues

All interested persons are invited to the next meeting of our *True North* Local Organizing Committee on Wednesday, July 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM right here at Eureka First UMC. The research phase of *True North Organizing Network* is under way in the Eureka area. Research is focused on themes of housing, immigration, traditional environmental practices, and police abuse. 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. Please contact Pastor Kathryn, Herb Pierce, Sharon Warren, Linda Lewis, or Erin Powers-Taylor for more information.

### DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 7/19



The Drums are in South Asia! As their home church we 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

## Scripture for the month:

John 1:14 from Eugene Peterson's paraphrase, *The Message*:

*The Word became flesh and blood,  
and moved into the neighborhood.*

**Reflection:** What does it mean for the Jesus and the church to "move into the neighborhood"? A challenging question asked at Annual Conference this year was, "If your church vanished, would anyone in the neighborhood even notice?" I believe the answer for Eureka First is a strong *Yes!*, but there's a lot more in the neighborhood we can do. For more challenges about what it means to truly be in the neighborhood, go to [rethinkchurch.org](http://rethinkchurch.org).