

The Messenger



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From Pastor Kathryn...

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

Dear Ones,

Most often when we think of the beginning of a new year we consider it to be January 1 when we change from one calendar year to the next. The first Sunday of Advent, the first of the four Sundays immediately preceding Christmas, is the beginning of the Christian liturgical year. In the United Methodist Church the beginning of a new "appointment" year is July 1. In our denomination pastors are appointed by the Bishop for 1 year at a time, from July 1 through June 30. Elders in the United Methodist Church are ordained to an "itinerant" ministry, meaning that we are committed to go and serve wherever the Bishop sends us.

Appointments of pastors to local churches are made based on the needs of the congregation and the gifts and graces of the pastor in consultation with the Staff Parish Relations Committee (the personnel committee of the local church). Appointments are announced and "fixed" at Annual Conference, the regional gathering of clergy and lay members held in June of each year. Prior to the Annual Conference gathering in June it is customary to announce in local churches the Bishop's intention for appointment if there is to be a pastoral change. For instance, it was announced several weeks ago in Crescent City UMC that our Bishop intends to appoint Charles Smith to Turlock UMC effective July 1. And it was announced just a couple of weeks ago that the Bishop intends to appoint Dana Gill Port to Crescent City UMC effective July 1.

I write this letter just before leaving for the gathering of the California - Nevada Annual Conference in Burlingame, June 21 - 24. During this Annual Conference approximately 1,000 members, half clergy and half lay persons, will share communion, hear reports, remember clergy members and their spouses who have died during the past year, vote on recommendations and legislation, approve a Conference budget, participate in the commissioning and ordaining of new pastors, and participate in the "fixing" of the appointments for the 2017-18 appointment year. The "fixing" of the appointments is a highlight for many of us who attend Annual Conference when the name of the church and the pastor appointed

are read by the District Superintendent and the Bishop. As pastors names are read we stand and, following the official announcements of all of the appointments in one district, other persons in the room are invited to move near the standing pastors and to lay hands on them as the Bishop prays. I look forward to Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño calling my name to be appointed to Eureka First United Methodist Church to begin a new year as your pastor on July 1, 2017. I remember when I first met with your SPRC committee in March of 2012 in anticipation of being appointed your pastor July 1, 2012 that when someone asked the District Superintendent, Jerry Smith, how long I would be serving as your pastor his reply was, "Appointments are for one year at a time, but generally we like to see appointments last at least 5 years." June 30, 2017 will be the end of my fifth year as your pastor, and so the words written by Isaiah, "I am about to do a new thing..." seem very appropriate as we all anticipate a new year together.

I invite you to be in prayer for pastors and congregations experiencing pastoral changes this summer, and for Eureka First UMC as we work with God, "to do a new thing."

*In Love,
Pastor Kathryn*

Eureka First UMC Walkers

Pastor Kathryn invites all interested people to join her on another Saturday morning walk on July 15. We will meet at 8:00 AM to carpool, this time to the Headwater Forest Reserve, and return to the church by 10:00 AM. It is best to let Pastor Kathryn or the church office know if you are planning to walk with us on Saturday, July 15 at 8:00 AM so you won't be left in the church parking lot.

Christie Hall to Get a New Roof in September

The roof on Christie Hall is scheduled to be replaced the week of September 11. There will be some minor inconvenience while work is taking place (no one can be in the building while workers are on top), but next winter we will no longer have the major inconvenience of messy leaks! Thank you to those who have already given generously to this project. To date over \$4,000 has been received towards this major need. We are hopeful that through the generous giving of this congregation the loan of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 will be quickly paid off!



Lay Servant Class in September

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 your 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.

A leadership team from Arcata, McKinleyville and Eureka will lead the 10 hour *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course* on Saturday, September 9 (@ Eureka First UMC) and Saturday, September 16 (@ Church of the Joyful Healer UMC, McKinleyville) from 9:30 to 3:00. Both sessions are required to complete this course. This basic course is the foundation for other courses on a variety of ministry topics including ministry of visitation, small group leadership and preaching. There is a participant's book available and there are assignments to be completed before the first session. Please let the church office know if you are interested in participating in this class or if you would like more information.

A New Study: See All the People

Do you remember this little rhyme: "Here's the church, here's the steeple, open the doors and see all the people?" Junius Dotson, General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church has written a curriculum for United Methodists called *See All the People*. Dotson says, "Jesus still looks out over our cities and villages and has compassion for all of the people...and so should we as his disciples." The mission of the United Methodist Church is "To make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Pastor Kathryn will lead a five week study using materials from *See All the People* to encourage participants to consider what it means personally and as a church to live out the mission of the United Methodist Church in Eureka, California in the 21st Century. Please plan to be a part of this study, even if you can only attend one or a few sessions. Choices of time for the study are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM beginning August 8th and 9th and concluding September 5th and 6th.



2017 California Nevada Annual Conference

The 2017 California-Nevada Annual Conference met June 21-24 in Burlingame. Attending from Eureka First UMC were

Pastor Kathryn and Rob Dunning, lay attendees Dan and Linda Dionne and Rev. Gerhard Drumm. The theme for this year's conference was *Testify to Love: Your Story Matters*, and the keynote speaker was Erin M. Hawkins, General Secretary for the General Commission on Religion and Race. Among the highlights of the conference were the decision to create a new Bay Area district. For us, the real highlights were the powerful preaching of Erin Hawkins, the welcome return to more traditional church music, and the many discussions in and out of session on the work of the Way Forward effort. As always, we found the conference challenging and exhilarating. For more information, go to <http://www.cnumc.org/acs17>

Praise Block Party - July 23



Praise the Lord

On Sunday, July 23, we are going to join together with our "Bridge Across F Street" buddies, First Baptist and First Nazarene Churches, for a *Praise Block Party*, a special time of music and worship together. We will each meet in our own churches first and then join together at the Nazarene Church about 10:40. There will be a hot dog lunch following our shared time of praise. Please plan to be a special part of this "Bridging the Summer" joint celebration.

Worship in the Redwoods



Join Us for Worship on Sunday Sep. 3rd

Grizzly Creek State Park
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Potluck Picnic Following
Worship.

There will also be a 10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Eureka First

Camping in the Redwoods Sept. 1st - Sept 4th GRIZZLY CREEK STATE PARK

For many years Eureka First United Methodist Church has camped out at Grizzly Creek Redwoods State Park on Labor Day Weekend. Participants choose to come for all or a portion of the weekend. Some folks camp from Friday to Monday, but others for shorter periods of time. Grizzly Creek State Park has miles of hiking trails and the Van Duzen River provides a place for relaxing, wading, swimming, skipping rocks and Sunday morning baptisms. Organized activities include a potluck dinner on Saturday evening followed by singing around the campfire and Sunday morning worship at 10:00 AM followed by a potluck lunch. (There is also a 10:00 AM worship service in Eureka at the church)

Camping is in your own tent or RV and requires making reservations at ReserveAmerica.com. Select any site (up to 8 persons per site) and pay for your own campsite. Reservations have already been made by Eureka First UMC folks for sites 2 and 4. If you plan to come for worship on Sunday morning, just let the Park Staff know when you enter the park that you are with the UMC and the church will pay your day use fee. Grizzly Creek State Park is located about 20 miles east of Hwy 101 on Hwy 36 and is about a 50 minute drive from Eureka. For more information, please contact the church office.

A VBS trip to Rome



Our Vacation Bible School this summer will be Tuesday through Thursday, July 25-27 from 9:30 AM to Noon for children ages 3 through 6th grade. The setting for this year's VBS is Rome at the time of Paul

and the Underground Church. Our VBS is always a wonderful time for child participants and the youth and adult helpers as we listen to Bible stories, participate in a "living history" experience, have great snacks, make crafts, sing songs, play games and share with one another. Whatever age you are, please don't miss this great summer activity.

Carol Goodwyn is once again using her extraordinary organizational skills to lead this effort. If you are available to help during VBS, to help promote, to set up and/or clean up, please let the church office know.



Church Family News

We were saddened to hear of the death of Shirley LaPorta in Florida on June 2, but we rejoice in the promise of everlasting life with our Lord. Judy and Nakiah Taylor will be here on Sunday, August 20 to scatter Shirley's ashes in our Memorial Garden following the 10:00 worship service.

Please hold the following persons in prayer for health concerns:

Deborah Newquist Kuehner, daughter of Carrol and Joann Newquist
 Nancy Collins, to have surgery on July 10th
 Lisa McAllister, anticipating surgery on an ankle
 Joyce Reid in room 104 at Granada Rehabilitation Center

Wayne Palmrose
 Mark McKinney
 Neal Sligh
 Herb Pierce
 Silas Morrison
 Charlie Smith
 Jeremiah Forman
 Bob Lorensen
 Art Lewis
 Rodney Van Der Sluis
 Irene Hedgecock
 Gerhard Drumm

And all persons awaiting medical diagnoses and facing medical procedures

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Leonard Agnew	19	Vickie Grammer
3	Joyce Hayes	19	Rob Dunning
4	Crystal Mayberry	20	Janis Schleunes
4	Teddie Lyons	21	Dorothy Weber
4	Ann Boyd	21	Marilyn Cesaretti
6	Barbara Welsh	21	Sarah Cameron
6	Grace Kimura	22	Annie Breen
9	Paige Olmstead	22	Bill O'Brien
10	Sadiki Koo's	23	Ava Glover
11	Jerry Faulk	24	Dan Dionne
12	Louis Amato	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
17	Crystal Johnson	28	Jeanette Thulien
18	Oceanna Dillon	30	Ellie Payton
18	Daniel Dawson		

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Jim & Connie Ross
 6 Dean & Ann Boyd
 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.



Eureka First UMC Congratulates our 2017 Graduates

Anisha Mae Rechelluul

5th Grade at Alice Birney Elementary to Winship Middle School

Kieran Powers

5th Grade at Alice Birney Elementary to Winship Middle School

Isaac Young

6th Grade at Cutten Elementary to Zane Middle School

Acacia Belle Harvey

Graduating from Morris Elementary and going to McKinleyville Jr. High School

Sylvie Benson

8th Grade at Zane Middle School to Eureka High School

Nia Davies-Hughes

8th Grade at Zane Middle School to Eureka High School

Adrienne Kerr

Graduating from Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy and going to Humboldt State University majoring in Kinesiology with a minor in Dance.

Justin Cataldo

Graduating from Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy and going to UC Berkley.

Maddie Morey

Graduated from Mantevallo High School, Alabama. (Minerva French's Grand Daughter)

Cory Casevah

Graduating from High School in Redding (Sedona Bowser's son)

Olivia and Rachel Wilma

Graduating from Ferndale High School and going to College of the Redwoods. (Hollie Klingel's Grand Daughters)

Zachary Colin Holland-Bresnahan

Graduating from College of the Redwoods and going to UC San Diego studying pre-law.

Tim Hansen

Graduating from Oregon Institute of Technology with a BS in Electrical Engineering.

Alison Kimura

Graduating from University of Texas, Long School of Medicine, San Antonio and going to begin Pediatric Residency at University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas, TX.

Isaac Cameron

Graduating from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a Masters in Architectural Engineering.

Women's Book Club—Summer break in July



The Sisters of Charlotte Literary & Teatime Society will meet Tuesday, July 25, at 3:30 p.m. in the Library. The book is *How Strong Women Pray* by Bonnie St. John and the hostess is Sharon Warren.

Financial Summary

May 2017

General Fund Revenue: \$11,481.85
General Fund Expense: \$15,002.82

2017 Year-To-Date (May 31st)

2017 General Fund Revenue: \$73,432.62
2017 General Fund Expense: \$79,500.99
Shortage (\$6,068.37)

June Worship Attendance

June 4 th	8:30--24	10:00—56	Total 73
June 11 th	8:30--29	10:00-- 54	Total 77
June 18 th	8:30--25	10:00-- 55	Total 73
June 25 th	8:30--20	10:00-- 51	Total 65

*NOTE: THE TOTAL FOR A GIVEN SUNDAY REFLECTS INDIVIDUALS ONLY COUNTED ONCE. THE FIGURES FOR EACH SERVICE REFLECTS THE TOTAL PRESENT AT EACH SERVICE.

Endowment Fund

Several years ago an Endowment Fund was established at Eureka First United Methodist Church for the purpose of ongoing funding of special church needs. Each year funds are made available from this endowment for a variety of special church projects. The dollars available to spend are based on a formula described in the Endowment Fund policy, using interest only. The Endowment Committee recommended and the Board of Trustees and the Church Council approved a total disbursement of \$8,816.00.

The following disbursements will be made in 2017:

Christie Hall Roof Replacement - \$5000
Painting and Repair supplies - \$1000
Communications Outreach - \$1,000
Office Remodel - \$1000
Mexico Mission Team - \$816

Contributions can be made at any time to increase the principle of the Endowment Fund. These contributions can be in the form of special gifts, bequests, and in memory of others. Gifts to the Endowment Fund will leave a lasting legacy to Eureka First UMC.

MUSIC AT EUREKA FIRST



Praise Band

Would you like to sing or play an instrument with the worship team? Join us for rehearsals on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Handbells

Bell Camp!

We are hosting a Bell Choir Summer Camp at Eureka First from Monday 7/31 through Friday 8/4. We will meet from 9 am to noon, learning about bell ringing techniques and preparing music as part of a summer bell concert on Friday evening 8/4 in the Fireside room. This fun experience is open to aspiring ringers aged 10 and up. Due to the short prep time for our concert, we ask that "campers" have some ability to read music. For questions or to make a space reservation, please call Linda Dionne at 707.497.6554 or 408.406.3738.

MISSIONS

Interfaith Restoration Collaborative

The *Interfaith Restoration Collaborative*, under the leadership of Rev. Roger Williams, is a group of Eureka area faith leaders meeting monthly to work *neighbor through neighbor* to understand better and address unmet needs of the houseless members of our community. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM in Room 15 of Christie Hall. Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, July 5, as we consider how we can collaborate in response to a request from the City of Eureka for proposals for a Day Center for the Houseless in our community.

Fall Disaster Relief Trip to Weed

In September of 2014 a devastating wild fire swept through the small community of Weed, California. In September of 2015 Eureka First UMC sent a team to help in the recovery by working on new homes being constructed there. In 2017 the work is not yet finished and so we will return to Weed this September to work on ongoing projects there. We invite others from the North Coast UMC churches to join us. Team members need to be adults with a willingness to give of their time and effort to help others. No special skills are required. Dates of the trip are September 17 through 23. We will be staying at the Mt. Shasta United Methodist Church. While we go to help others in need, those who participate in these disaster relief trips always receive many blessings. Please consider being a part of this 2017 Disaster Relief Mission Team to Weed, California at the base of beautiful Mt. Shasta. To get more information and to sign up to be a part of the team, please contact Pastor Kathryn (707) 599-2295.

Women's Shelter Dinner

The June 17 Women's Shelter dinner was great! We served sixteen women and eight children. We plan to play bingo at August 12th dinner. If anyone has a bingo game they would like to donate or loan us it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to the following women who helped with June's dinner: Pam Coen, Louise Fredrickson, Minerva French, Hollie Klingel, Marie Granshaw, Catherine Moore, Eve Robinson, and Sharon Warren. Next dinner is August 12. Menu not decided at this time. All women are welcome.



Food Donations for June -97lbs!

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 2.

DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 7/16



The Drumms 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!

The story of a church: reflections on Annual Conference

The Annual Conference theme of Your Story Matters really came home to me with one particular story that was told this year. North Sacramento United Methodist Church was founded in 1915. The church thrived, growing to a peak of 450 members in 1968. But this week, the Conference was asked to vote to discontinue that church. Attendance was down to about 15, the building was in disrepair, and there is insufficient will and resource to continue the ministry. What happened to this once-thriving church? I don't really know, but this sad story is almost always repeated for one or two churches every year. There were other stories, to be sure, of growing churches. Those stories always seem to have the same theme—the churches growing ever more active in the communities in which they are found, becoming essential to the lives of their communities whether large or small. Where is Eureka First? And where will we be in 10, 20, or 30 years? Sobering questions we must ask ourselves. --Your editor