

The Messenger

**Eureka First
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From Pastor Kathryn...

*"Be perfect, therefore as your heavenly Father is perfect."
(Matthew 5:48)*

Dear Ones,

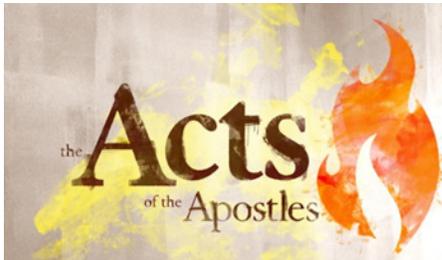
I have just returned from the 170th session of the California Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church held this year in Modesto, California. Included in the activities and business of this annual meeting is the "fixing of the appointments," when pastors are officially appointed and assigned to local churches to serve another year. I am happy to be reappointed to Eureka First UMC to begin my 7th year with you on July 1.

The Annual Conference gathering has been for me a place of hearing, responding to and renewing the call to ministry I have felt for most of my life. When pastors are ordained they are asked a series of historic questions. This year, as in every year since my ordination, I listen to those questions as they are asked of those to be ordained and I reaffirm my answers to them. One of those questions is: "Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?" It's one of the questions that I, like most of my clergy colleagues, pause a bit before we answer. Do I truly expect to be made perfect in love in this life? As I walked one early morning in Modesto I was contemplating this question and I felt myself answer a resounding, "YES!" No, I am not perfect, and never will be if it means doing everything perfectly right, never making a mistake. However, I believe we are all, clergy and laity, as followers of Jesus Christ called to fulfill what Jesus said was the greatest commandment: "the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength . . . you shall love your neighbor as your self. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31) I do believe that in this life I will eventually live into the fullness of this great commandment to love God with all that I am, and to love all that the One has created, nurtured and loves.

In this new appointment year, beginning Sunday, July 1, 2018, I challenge us all to consider whom we would rather not consider our neighbor and get to know something more about that person or persons' story. I believe the neighbor Jesus told us to love as our self is meant to include every person on the earth. Do I honestly love all? Not yet, but I'm moving in that direction, being "made perfect in love in this life," are you?

In Love,
Pastor Kathryn

Bible Study on Acts



A Bible Study on the book of Acts continues on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM, but will not meet July 3rd and 4th. The

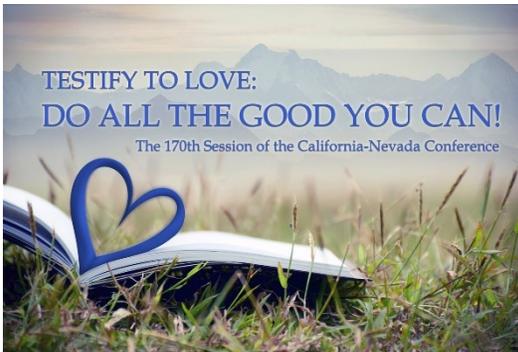
class meets in the Library, Room 16 in Christie Hall. The book of Acts tells the story of the early Christian church and includes many important stories and lessons. The only required text is a Bible in any translation you desire.

Annual Conference

The California-Nevada Annual Conference met June 20-23 at the Hyatt Double Tree Hotel in Modesto, California.

Attending from Eureka First UMC were Pastor Kathryn and

Rob Dunning and Lay Members Dan and Linda Dionne. Some observations from your friendly editor:



1. Modesto was blazing hot, but the venue was excellent. The Conference will be back next year and probably for years to come.
2. As you know, there is a special session of General Conference to be held February 23-26, 2019 to find a "Way Forward" through the divisive issues of sexuality and gender in the UMC. We prayed every day from 2:23 to 2:26, shared in holy conferencing over the issues, and re-elected our representatives to that conference. In the next couple of weeks, the full descriptions of the proposals to be discussed will be released to all United Methodists so you can read for yourself.

3. Our keynote speaker was Marlon Hall. He is the cultural architect and spiritual leader of The Awakenings Movement, a grassroots community of social visionaries and culture shapers in Houston, Detroit, and Nairobi. He was funny, inspiring, and deeply profound, focusing on the critical issues of how we move church out of its traditional roles and into our communities. For



more about Marlon, including his films, take a look at
<http://www.theworkofthepeople.com/person/marlon-hall>

4. You have perhaps heard about issues surrounding Glide Memorial UMC in San Francisco. The issues are complex, but for clarification, read Bishop Carcano's open letter to the conference at
<https://www.cnumc.org/blogposts/open-letter-to-cal-nev-concerning-glide-memorial-umc-11525170>. The Conference is firmly with the Bishop in this matter, and grateful for her calm leadership.

Celebrate our bicycling hero!



Throughout the week before Annual Conference and during the conference itself, your editor and others were constantly scanning the michaelsraam.com website for news about Michael Davies-Hughes' epic attempt to race across America on his bicycle. We sweated with him in the heat, struggled for breath in the mountains, and raced madly across the plains.

Finally, he had to abandon the race, undone by time, thunderstorms, and flooded roads. But he rode over 2500 miles! Read more about his inspiring story on the website! As his team member Suzi put it so well, "People are what our world is about. People like Michael Davies-Hughes who is just crazy enough to take on a challenge enormous enough to make us all put the day to day aside and look beyond...and to hope! Always have hope!!!"



There is now a signup board in the Narthex for people to sign up for altar flowers. Sign up for a month, a week, or one day! Put your name in one of the boxes on the calendar. You can bring flowers for your day, week, month, etc. Or give a donation for flowers and the Altar Guild will do an arrangement for you. Your day will be announced in the bulletin. If you've ever wanted to do flowers for the Altar here's your opportunity! It's also a great way to share your bounty of God's gift of flowers from your garden. Let's fill our sanctuary with God's wonderful gift of flowers! Blessings, the Altar Guild.



Methodist Night at the Crabs Park

Church of the Joyful Healer
 United Methodist Church in
 McKinleyville has arranged for
 "Methodist Night" at the Crabs Baseball

Game in Arcata on Friday, July 20 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are just \$9, but need to be reserved by Friday, July 6. Please let Gary in our church office know by Thursday morning, July 5 if you want to be part of this fun time of gathering with other north coast United Methodists for a fun night at the ball park. We can bring in our own food to share. Joyful Healer will provide hot dogs and we still have time to decide what Eureka First UMC will provide.



Celebrate Our Graduates

From Elementary School:

Casey Taylor

Graduated from Alice Birney Elementary and going to Winship Middle School

From High School:

Lucas Brischella

Graduated from Lost Coast High School and going to College of the Redwoods studying Information Technology/Computer Engineering

Evan Green

Graduated from Arcata High School and going to San Diego State University majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

Kathryn Quintrell

Graduated from Academy of the Redwoods and going to College of the Redwoods then to HSU majoring in Psychology

Jade (Celidh) Powers

Graduated from Academy of the Redwoods and completing EMT Certification this summer then attending HSU majoring in Paramedics

Matthew Taylor

Graduated from Lost Coast High School while attending College of the Redwoods and transferring to HSU majoring in Journalism

From College:

Sarah Cameron

Graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a Degree in Community Development and Education

Rachael Green

Graduated from UC Berkeley with a Degree in Environmental Economic and Policy

Charlie McClung

Graduated from Humboldt State University with a Degree in Music

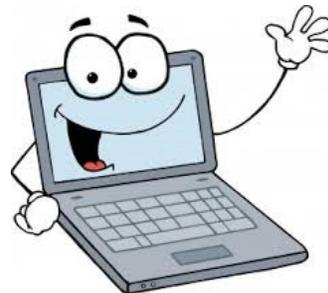
Sound and Video opportunity

Are you interested in learning something new? Do you want to have our own reserved seat in church? Do you want to give Brad a break from time to time? Consider becoming a part of the sound and video team. Advance training, tutoring and on-the-job training all cheerfully provided. If you are interested in seeing what this is all about, please leave a message with the church office.



Church website needs your help!

The Outreach Committee has reviewed and accepted Morse Media's design for the new website, and we are now at the point of populating the site with our content. What does that mean? We need all groups that want to be represented on the website to get us at least the following information:



1. Group name
2. When you meet
3. Where you meet
4. Who to contact for more information
5. (nice to have) A picture or logo to use to represent your group

Send all information to dldionne@suddenlink.net.

Worship in the Redwoods



Join Us for Worship on
 Sunday Sep. 2
 Grizzly Creek State Park
 Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Potluck Picnic Following
 Worship.

There will also be a 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at
Eureka First

Camping in the Redwoods 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 9:30 AM worship service in Eureka at the church)

Camping is in your own tent or RV and this year for the first time in many years Eureka FUMC has reserved the group site near the campground entrance. This group site will accommodate up to 40 persons and 8 vehicles. Cost per person to share the group site is \$5 per person per night (maximum \$15 per family per night) and includes 1 vehicle per family. Please let the church office (442-3015) know if you want to share the group site and how many of your family will be camping.

If you wish to have your own campsite, reservations need to me made at reservecalifornia.com.

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.

Financial Summary

May 2018

General Fund Revenue:	\$13,920.75
General Fund Expense:	\$15,620.88

YTD 2018

2018 General Fund Revenue:	\$69,324.85
2018 General Fund Expense:	\$78,272.74
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Thank you for your generous giving to God through the church.

JUNE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

JUNE 3	TOTAL - 71
JUNE 10	TOTAL - 95
JUNE 17	TOTAL - 59
JUNE 24	TOTAL - 51

JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Leonard Agnew	18	Oceanna Dillon
3	Joyce Hayes	19	Vickie Grammer
4	Crystal Mayberry	19	Rob Dunning
4	Teddie Lyons	20	Janis Schleunes
4	Ann Boyd	21	Dorothy Weber
6	Barbara Welsh	21	Sarah Cameron
6	Grace Kimura	21	Marilyn Cesaretti
9	Paige Olmstead	22	Bill O'Brien
10	Sadiki Koo's	22	Annie Breen
11	Jerry Faulk	23	Ava Glover
12	Louis Amato	24	Greg Goodwyn
12	Jonathan Hening	24	Dan Dionne
13	Rosey Hoch	24	Christopher Kerr
16	Brian Hansen	25	Barbara Breen
17	Cindy Patton	25	Julie Benson
17	Sue MacMillan	27	Heather Shelton
17	Crystal Johnson	28	Jeanette Thulien

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.



Endowment Fund

Several years ago an Endowment Fund was established at Eureka First United Methodist Church for the purpose of ongoing funding for special church needs. 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 leave a lasting legacy to Eureka First UMC. 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, and never include any of the invested principle. The Market Value of the EFUMC Endowment Fund was \$200,179.01 as of December 31, 2018. At the May 2018 Church Council the following disbursement of \$10,000 was approved:

- Development of new church website – up to \$3,000
- Cabinet for banners and other worship supplies – up to \$1,000
- Christie Hall Roof Replacement Loan reduction – at least \$6,000

(any unspent dollars for the website and cabinet will go toward the roof loan)

Sunday July 8th

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

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

In Fellowship Hall

Everyone's welcome!

Free will offering (\$5 suggested donation) to cover expenses

Third Saturday Supper

Church Supper



On Saturday, July 21 at 5:30 PM you are all invited to *Third Saturday Supper* at Eureka First UMC. A prepared meal will be served at 5:30. Dinner will include some time of devotion and sharing followed by dessert. The meal will

conclude by 6:30 and be followed by clean-up by volunteers present and board games or other fellowship activities for those who wish to stay until 8 or 8:30. This will be a good time of food, faith and fun for all!

**FRIDAY, JUNE
29, 2018, AT
7:00 PM
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By the time this newsletter goes to press, this very special musical event will have come and gone. We hope it went well! Thanks to Linda Dionne for organizing the event, and our redoubtable and ever cheerful kitchen staff of Kris and Ted Flanders for helping get the ringers fed!

Women's Book Club



The Sisters of Charlotte Literary & Teatime Society will meet Tuesday, July 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library. The book is *The Color of Water* by James McBride, and the hostess is Pastor Kathryn.



We are hosting a Bell Choir Summer Camp at Eureka First from Monday 7/30 through Friday 8/3. There will be two sessions. The morning session 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 8/3 in the Fireside room. The afternoon session will meet from 1-3 for more advanced ringers to explore new techniques and challenges. This fun experience is open to aspiring ringers aged 10 and up—all the way 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.

Church Family News

Please hold the following persons in prayer for health concerns:

- ◆ Bob Lorensen, now under Hospice care
- ◆ Galeladi Runningbrook, scheduled for major surgery July 3
- ◆ Michele Montgomery, scheduled for cancer surgery July 18
- ◆ Diane Mettam and Michele Montgomery, undergoing chemotherapy.

Shirley Peterson
Sally Upatisinga
Art Lewis
Marty Johnson
Jonathan O'Keefe
Silas Morrison
Wayne Palmrose
Rodney VanderSluis
Mark McKinney
Neal Sligh
Irene Hedgecock

Food Donations for June—110pounds!

Your generosity and faithfulness continue to amaze me. This food will be used to help provide for those in the community who are hungry and running out of food. Some will go to the Food Bank, and the Rescue Mission, and some will remain in the church office for special emergency requests. Well done good and faithful servants!



DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 7/15

As their home church we continue to raise funds for the Drumm Family who are serving Christ in South Asia (even though they are back for a while now). 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!



MUSIC AT EUREKA FIRST



Music Team

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