

# The Messenger

## Eureka First UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## From Pastor Kathryn...

*"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..."*  
Hebrews 10:24-25

Dear Ones,

We at Eureka First UMC are involving ourselves in community organizing under the auspices of the newly forming *True North Organizing Network*. Currently we are in a "season of listening" as we share the joys and concerns of our community with one another. You have been naming concerns around issues of economics, the natural environment, safety, homelessness, drugs and mental illness. It is no surprise that one of the most common concerns named is mental illness and its painful affects on our families and community. It is a complex issue that raises more questions than answers, but we, as a community of faith, are and can be an integral part of good mental health.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is partnering with *Mental Health America* to raise awareness of the role mental health plays in our lives and has recently distributed a list of **"Ten Ways to Improve Your Mental Health."** They are:

- Stay Connected
- Stay Positive
- Get Physically Active
- Help Others
- Get Enough Sleep
- Create Joy and Satisfaction
- Eat Well
- Take Care of Your Spirit
- Seek Help During Hard Times
- Get Professional Help If You Need It.

*I am struck by how at least 6 of these "tools" are a part of what we as the church provide for those who participate*

*in this Christian faith community. I encourage us all, as the author of Hebrews does, to "consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds," and to regularly "meet together" in worship, study and fellowship. I invite your input as to how we, the people of Eureka First UMC, can do an even better job of nurturing and improving the mental health of all persons with whom we come in contact.*

*In Love, Pastor Kathryn*

## BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

"Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" (Acts 8:27) Baptism is the sacrament that officially initiates persons into the universal Christian Church. In the United Methodist Church it can take place at any age, at any time, amongst the people of the congregation. Water is always used, but by different methods of application (sprinkling, pouring, immersion) depending on the desire of the recipient. For infants and young children the parents and sponsors of the children make vows of trust in Jesus Christ and commit to raising the child baptized in the Christian faith. Youth and adults make vows for themselves. Pastor Kathryn invites all persons interested in discussing baptism to contact her, and for those ready and desiring baptism to request it at any time. There are two dates coming up soon when water will be readily available for baptism: Sunday, June 8 at Eureka First UMC and in the Van Duzen River at the Church Campout and Worship at Grizzly Creek, Sunday, August 31. Other dates can also be arranged by contacting the pastor. Membership in the United Methodist Church involves baptized person making vows of commitment to support the United Methodist Church in a particular congregation. These vows are to support the church in five areas: presence, prayers, gifts, service and witness. The worship service on Sunday, June 8 will include the reception of new members into Eureka First UMC. Please contact Pastor Kathryn for more information if you are interested in becoming an "official" member of Eureka First UMC on that Sunday or at another time.

## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Cindy Patton and Lori Green for their faithful and long time service in Eureka First UMC's Sunday School! Both Cindy and Lori have taught in our Sunday School for many years and for the past several years Cindy has also served as our Sunday School Superintendent. Both have decided that is now time to "retire" from working in our Sunday School, and we are deeply grateful for their long time commitment to the children of our church. Cindy and

Lori will be missed by our children and families, but other persons have and will step forward to continue to provide loving nurture and Christian education at Eureka First UMC.

## NEW STUDY COMING: SOCIAL PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

From the beginning of Methodism, under the leadership of John and Charles Wesley, Methodists have understood the gospel of Jesus Christ to be both social and personal. The *Social Principles* of the United Methodist Church are a unique response to the social concerns of our world. The predecessor document to the *Social Principles* was written in 1908 in the form of a Social Creed. Today the *Social Principles* of the United Methodist Church address six areas of social concern: Natural World, Nurturing Community, Social Community, Economic Community, Political Community and World Community. As United Methodists we can be proud of our long tradition of concern for social justice and the forthright positions we have taken on controversial issues such as opposition to the slave trade, to smuggling, and the cruel treatment of prisoners.

During the summer months Pastor Kathryn Dunning will lead a study on the *Social Principles* of the United Methodist Church. This is an opportunity to become familiar with the official position the United Methodist Church articulates in regards to the social issues of our day, to study the Biblical foundations for the principles and to prayerfully discern our personal response to these issues. This study will begin June 24 and 25, with choice of a Tuesday night session from 7:00 to 8:30 PM or Wednesday morning session from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. There will be a total of 8 sessions during the months of June, July and August. It will be necessary for all participants to have copies of the *Social Principles*, which are available in the church office.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Logan Alto	18 Tony Kimura
2 Clover Churchill	21 Adrienne Kerr
5 Sharon Warren	22 Jeremiah Forman
5 Patricia Vance	23 Marlaine Rechelluul
6 Isaac Pittman	23 Joyce Reid
7 Tom Newton	27 David Samelson
11 Steve Peacock	28 Isaac Young
16 Sally Upatisinga	28 David Hayes
17 Bruce Thulien	28 Lisa McAllister
17 Bert Reid	29 Kathleen Tillinghast
18 Richard Strubinger	30 Craig Benson

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

2 Garry & Jan Tucker
12 Joann & Carrol Newquist
17 Sam & Mary Winston
18 Teddie & Jon Lyons
21 Louise & LeoFredrickson
21 Bill & Barbara O'Brien
27 Jamie & Angela Cameron
27 Marjorie & Larry Johnson
28 Ken & Paula Blackshear

**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.**

## CHANGES COMING TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

After more than 20 years of being the Office Manager Extraordinaire of Eureka First UMC, Paula Blackshear is planning to scale back the professional hours she shares with our church. Beginning in January 2015, Paula will continue

as our treasurer and bookkeeper, but another person will be hired to fill the day to day responsibilities of answering the phone, managing building use, preparing bulletins, and other administrative tasks. Some of the changes you may notice over the next several months are some remodeling in the office space to better accommodate our administrative needs and the use of paid substitutes when Paula is on vacation. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is working proactively to make this transition as smooth as possible. If you have any questions please direct them to Pastor Kathryn or the SPRC committee.

## Children's Trust Fund Scholarship Available

We are now accepting applications for our 17th Annual College Scholarship.

Criteria:

- **Active in First United Methodist Church, Eureka**
- **Accepted into an accredited trade or technical school or college or university for Fall 2014**

Applications must be submitted by July 1st and are now available in the church office.

For more information on this and other scholarship opportunities contact the church office

To contribute to the fund mark checks CTF and (if you wish) note the name of the person to be honored or remembered.

## Church Family News



Bob Lorensen's granddaughter Genevieve Lorensen Courtney graduates June 23 from Bastyr University in Seattle as a Naturopathic Doctor. She will begin her residency in September at the Bastyr Center for Natural Health in Seattle.

Art & Pat Lewis's grandson Steven Michael Lewis graduated from Arizona State University with degrees in math and economics.

Craig and Sylvie Benson are appearing in the North Coast Repertory Theater production of *Les Miserables*. Don't miss it!

North Coast Dance will present **Ballet Heritage**, featuring *Rodeo*, *Les Sylphides*, and *Stars & Stripes*, from June 6-8 at the Arkley Center.

A recent production of "The Road to Oz" by Cutten/Ridgewood School featured Marina & Sylvie Benson and Stasia & Isaac Young.

Paula and Ken Blackshear are happy to announce the arrival on May 5 in San Francisco of a new grandson. Weston Louis was born to Jake and Lauren Blackshear. He weighed 8 lb. 11 oz., and joins 3 year old big brother Cooper.

Congratulations to Judy Taylor on the arrival of a new grandson! Xavier Christopher Lamoreaux, 8lbs 10 oz, was born May 24.

Great Grandmother -- Shirley La Porta  
Parents -- Matt & Becky Lamoreaux  
Cousins -- Nakiah & Ava

## SPEAKERS FOR MAY

Thank you to Cheryl Seidner for speaking on Native America Ministries Sunday.

Thank you to Rev. Diane Mettam for filling the pulpit while Pastor was at Cursillo.

Thank you to Craig Benson for bringing the message "Les Miserables; An Easter Story?" on May 25.

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Last month the Endowment Committee announced \$7780 in income on the endowment for 2013. These funds are available for projects and the Endowment Committee requested proposals. Four proposals were received -- one was tabled and will be considered later this year as the project is developed.

At the Church Council meeting on Thurs May 22 the following projects were approved:

- \$2,000 for new electrical outlets for the speaker system
- \$2000. to help with training cost of substitute office personnel and to help pay salaries during the office personnel transition
- \$375. to upgrade the office software
- 2100 to remodel the storage room in the office for a work station to accommodate counters, treasurer and financial secretary. This space would provide privacy and security for the handling of money/donations



## Graduation Sunday June 1

Congratulations to our graduates!

Tim Hansen- from CR to OIT in Oregon- major mechanical engineering/materials science

Chasen Dillon from College of the Redwoods

Rachael Green from Arcata High to Berkeley

Sarah Cameron from Academy of the Redwoods

Oceanna Dillon from Eureka High School

Going into high school: Katie Quintrell, Lucas Brisichella,

Evan Max Green, Claire Taylor & Ceilidh Powers

Stasia Young - from Cutten to Zane or South Bay

Nakiah Taylor- from Alice Birney to Winship

Marina Benson- from Cutten to Zane

### Trustees Work Day May 31

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

*We will be painting, weeding, and cleaning.*

*Don't worry—we will have something for everyone to do! Lunch will be provided So come out and pitch in!*

## Shasta Camp

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> (Wed – Sat)

At Shasta Methodist Camp

For those going into 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> grades

Cost \$140 -- Scholarship Funds Available

**Remember that we will have ONE service at 9:30 on June 29**

## Women's Book Club –

Monday June 16 at 3 p.m. in the Library.

"My Beloved World" by Sonia Sotomayor.

Call the church office for more information



## Financial Summary

May 2014

**General Fund Revenue: \$13,379**

**General Fund Expense: \$13,255**

2014 Year-To-Date

**2014 General Fund Revenue: \$69,984**

**2014 General Fund Expense: \$70,711**

**Shortage (727)**

## May Worship Attendance

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30--29	10:00—81	Total 110
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30--38	10:00-- 88	Total 126
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	8:30--26	10:00-- 67	Total 93
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	8:30--32	10:00-- 73	Total 105

## Youth Bell Choir Summer Camp



Have you wanted to try out the bells? Well, here's a chance to learn about bells and prepare a song to play in just one week!! If you are at least 8 years old and can read music, you are invited to join us for a week of ringing. We'll learn about bells, practice

technique, play some music games, and learn at least one piece of music to share with the congregation on the Sunday that follows our "camp."

"Camp" will meet from 9:00 to 11:30 am Monday through Friday July 21 to 25<sup>th</sup>, and then perform in church on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please email Linda Dionne by June 30 to let her know, or fill out the form below and drop it off at church. Linda's email address is ldionne@suddenlink.net.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Can you read music? \_\_\_\_\_

What instrument(s) have you played?

Also, parents who might be interested in checking out the bells are welcome, too.

## Annual Conference

Annual Conference will be June 18-21 in Burlingame. Dan and Linda Dionne will be our delegates again this year.

Look for a writeup after the conference! This year's annual conference giving campaign is once again for Imagine No Malaria, the campaign to eradicate this deadly disease that takes so many young lives.

# MISSIONS

## Food Donations for May – 138 pounds!

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 June 1.**



## SERVING AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On the fourth Saturday of each month Eureka First UMC helps serve the free meal at St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like to help with this project see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Marie Granshaw or Catherine Moore.

## DISASTER RELIEF

Our 2014 Disaster Relief Trip is scheduled for Sept. 6-13. We will be going to Colorado to help with recovery from extensive flooding last year. They are currently working on everything from cleaning out and repairing houses to new construction. While our specific site is not yet set, the flood waters devastated parts of three counties north of Denver and work is under way in all of them. For more information or if you are interested in joining the team please contact Ken Blackshear at 442-8556.

## AMOR

*Paula Blackshear: The AMOR theme for 2014 is "Go boldly into the world and disrupt." I don't recall when AMOR started having themes but I like the idea. I have gone to Mexico with AMOR ministries 9 times and each year I have given my experience a theme. Here are a few of them.*

1999 – COMMUNITY –

*Ken and I and our son David went to Tijuana with the newly formed McKinleyville Church of the Joyful Healer. I'm embarrassed to admit that I had not thought that we would be building a home for people who were part of a community – the kids went to school, parents worked, there was a makeshift church, there was a little store and they were getting utilities to their area the next week. I had just thought about the building and the giving, not about the recipient.*

2007 – KIDS

*We took a lot of kids with us and we were the big attraction for the neighborhood kids. They came and ate with us, built with us, played with us and got to know their new neighbors – the people whose house we were building.*

2012 – VISION

*This was the build that we envision when we sign up for mission work. We had a big team with people from many places and churches. The owners were very involved. The father came home from work every day and helped with the house, he told us of his plans for improvements on the house. On the last day the mother made a huge meal for us and they fabricated a huge table and benches in their new home and we all sat down to eat. As we left all of the kids in the neighborhood followed our vehicles waving good-by to us. (Just like in the movies!)*

2014 – DISRUPTION

*How does our presence disrupt the community – we bring more trash to a place without garbage service. We bring those plastic water bottles and hope that the families really do recycle them. We bring gifts and candy to their children and can't communicate well enough to know for sure if we are not over-stepping boundaries. Does the love and sharing and the new home balance out our blunders? I think so. I'm thinking that the "Go boldly into the world and disrupt" theme calls us to disrupt in ways that "scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts, put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalt those of low degree; fill the hungry with good things and send the rich empty away" (Luke 1:51-53)*

*2014 was also a year in which there were more women than men on the team – and we think it was our best effort (hmmm.)*

*Consider joining the 2015 AMOR team.*

## Point Arena Parsonage Cleanup

Some of us will be going to point Arena from June 6-8 to help clean up the parsonage for their new pastor. Call Ken at 442-8556 for more information

## DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 6/18



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

Our Annual Fundraising Event

For Paul and Fabiola Drumm's

Mission to South Asia.

An Elegant Dessert & Art Auction

Sunday June 1 following the

10:00 a.m. worship

Come and help us reach our church support goal of \$10,000 for 2014-15

## Peace with Justice Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday is June 15. When you give on Peace With Justice Sunday, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
- United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue
- Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad

These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give.