

# The Messenger

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## From Pastor Kathryn...

*"O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all..."*

Psalm 104:24

### Dear Ones,

I write this letter on Pentecost Sunday, May 20. We are nearing the end of our vacation as we prepare to leave Cyprus for Prague early tomorrow morning. This vacation has been centered on spending time with family: our son Scott and his wife Kristy in the Washington D.C area and our daughter Sheila, her husband Joern and 5 of their children: Jacob, Lukas, Katie, Helen, and Elizabeth. Family time has included many board games, attendance at grandchildren's theatrical performances and trips to the ice cream parlor. On our journey and visit with family we have experienced much of the diversity of God's "manifold works." We spent a day sailing on the Chesapeake Bay, visited the verdant green landscape of Central Bohemia, have swum in the Mediterranean Sea, hiked along the Salt Lake nature trail in Larnaca, driven over a mountain range in the Turkish occupied northern region of Cyprus, climbed many steps into an ancient castle, hiked a thousand feet up to the Stavrovouni Monastery (one of the oldest monasteries in the world, founded around 327-329 AD), visited a Receiving Center for asylum seekers from many areas of the Middle East and Africa, attended worship in two churches and heard many languages spoken in the communities we have visited.

In last month's newsletter I shared that this vacation would include my first time to be on "ancestral" land, and I wondered, will any part of it feel like home? On our brief layover in Prague some 10 days ago we visited Central Bohemia, just south of Prague, where tour guide, Katarina, took us to villages where my great grandmother, her mother and her grandmother were born. As we drove through the beautiful green countryside Katarina shared with us the history and customs of the Czech Republic. She said something like, "The people of Czech love to be outside, hiking and spending time in nature." Sound like anybody you know? A real serendipity was to see lots of lilacs, my favorite domestic flower that I shared on the altar the Sunday before we embarked on our vacation, and I learned that they originated in Eastern Europe. It was a joy to experience those connections, but much of our experience on this trip has been with persons who, just like me and you, do not live on "ancestral" lands and are evidence of the great movement of people all over the earth. What a fitting way to spend Pentecost, the time when the Holy Spirit was experienced by the early Christians as a unifying force. It causes me to long for that day when we will all accept and experience God's promise to "pour out my Spirit upon ALL flesh." Acts 2:17.

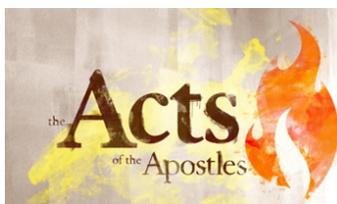
I sit here at the computer just after returning from worship in St. Helena's Anglican Church in Larnaca, Cyprus, where I knew I would hear the familiar scriptures of

Pentecost read - the same ones read at EFUMC on Sunday, May 20. The preacher, a man from Wales, began his sermon by telling the story of Mary Jones, born in 1784 in Wales, who at the age of 15 walked 26 miles to the nearest place where a Bible in her language could be purchased. Tradition says that her act is what inspired the founding of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Mary Jones' long walk for literacy over 200 years ago reminds me of the long bicycle ride for literacy that Michael Davies-Hughes, a Welsh man, will embark on next month. And I am thinking of him and you in the hours before he preaches on May 20 - May you all experience God's spirit on this and every day! See you soon!

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. 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.

## Celebrate Our Graduates



Graduation Sunday will be June 3 when we celebrate all those transitioning from one level of education to another. Please get names of graduates to the church office so that we can acknowledge them. Please include the name of the school they are graduating from and what school or next direction they are taking!

## BBQ Together with Ebenezer and Samoan Churches



For several years two other churches have rented facilities from us for their worship. The Samoan Church uses the Fireside Room in Christie Hall and Ebenezer has worship in Spanish in our Sanctuary. For the first time this year we will worship together on Sunday, June 10, and then eat together at a hamburger and hot dog barbecue in our playground area. Please plan to come and enjoy some cross-cultural worship and get to know our brothers and sisters who share our facility. There will be a sign-up sheet to help with the barbecue a couple of weeks ahead of the event.

## Annual Conference

The California-Nevada Annual Conference will meet June 20-23 at the Hyatt Double Tree Hotel in Modesto, California. Attending from Eureka First UMC will be Pastor Kathryn and Rob Dunning and Lay Members Dan and Linda Dionne. This meeting is where the business of our UMC Conference takes place including: persons are elected to various boards and agencies, an annual budget is adopted, reports are heard, a memorial service for pastors and spouses who have died during the previous year is held, much worship is shared, new pastors are commissioned and ordained, and appointments of pastors to local churches are "fixed." Any persons interested are welcome to attend the worship services and meetings during Annual Conference. Our Annual Conference covers a large geographical area ranging from Bakersfield in the south to the Oregon border of California in the north, the Pacific Ocean in the west and the Utah border of Nevada in the east.

# Tintabulations

Handbell Ensemble

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018, AT  
7:00 PM  
EUREKA FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

We are delighted to announce an exciting handbell concert from Tintabulations Handbell Ensemble, one of the premier handbell groups in the West! Under the direction of Barb Walsh, Tintabulations Handbell Ensemble has grown into diverse group of ringers committed to the art of English Handbell ringing. A quick glance at Tintab's roster begins to tell the tale of the groups diversity, with members ranging in age from 18 to 60. The group performs music ranging from classic church hymns to jazz and showtunes, proving that bell ringers from any age or background can turn a simple set of bells into an impressive music making force.

## Local Faith Leaders Support Student Efforts to End Gun Violence

Following March for Our Lives, the student-organized rally in Arcata on March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Eureka Interfaith Fellowship is planning a community forum on ending gun violence, bringing together students, educators, members of faith communities, law enforcement and wellness professionals for an afternoon of workshops, presentations and discussion on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please save the date, and together we may be able to save lives.



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.



Calling all children going into grades 4 through 8 to a mountain top experience at Shasta Camp 2018 (June 26-29)! Applications are available in the church office. Camp costs are \$150 for campers who register and pay by June 16th (\$160 after), and there are scholarships available. 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.

## Church Steeple Repair



Alves Construction completed repairs on our Church Steeple. We were happy to learn that there was evidence of water pouring in through boards that needed to be secured and sealed. We are looking forward to the next heavy rainstorm to see if this has curtailed the leaking in our balcony area. Thank you to Wayne Palmrose for generously paying for this costly repair.

## Children's Trust Fund Scholarship Available

We are now accepting applications for our 20th Annual College Scholarship.

Criteria:

- **Active in Eureka First United Methodist Church**
- **Accepted into an accredited trade or technical school or college or university for Fall 2018**

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.

## 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 moving along!



Morse Media has now submitted a design for the Outreach Committee to review! Once the review is done, then it will be time to start putting in our content and getting the web site live. Stay tuned for more exciting developments!

## 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 Aug. 31-Sept. 3 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. 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 be made at [reservecalifornia.com](http://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.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

12 Joann & Carrol Newquist
18 Teddie & Jon Lyons
21 Louise & Leo Fredrickson
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.**

Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>

### SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

In Fellowship Hall

Everyone's welcome!

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

## Financial Summary

### April 2018

General Fund Revenue: \$16,080.60  
General Fund Expense: \$17,515.19

### 2018 YTD

2018 General Fund Revenue: \$55,404.11  
2018 General Fund Expense: \$62,851.86  
+/- --\$7,447.75

Thank you for your generous giving to God through the church.

## MAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

MAY 6 TOTAL - 81  
MAY 13 TOTAL - 55  
MAY 20 TOTAL - 70  
MAY 27 TOTAL - 70

## Third Saturday Supper



On Saturday, June 16 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!

## Women's Book Club



The Sisters of Charlotte Literary & Teatime Society will meet Tuesday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the Library. The book is *An Hour Before Daylight* by Jimmy Carter, and the hostess is Sally Upatisringa.

## Church Family News

We rejoice with the Newquist family at the news that Carrol and JoAnn's daughter Deborah Newquist Kuehner has been declared cancer free following surgery and several months of Chemotherapy.

Michael Davies-Hughes' big bicycle Race Across America takes place starting June 12! Go to <http://michaelsraam.com/> for more information about the race and the causes Team Red Dragon is sponsoring.

Please hold the following persons in prayer for health concerns:

Galeladi Runningbrook, waiting for the scheduling of major surgery

Diane Mettam and Michele Montgomery, undergoing chemotherapy.

Shirley Peterson

Sally Upatisringa

Art Lewis

Bob Lorenson, now settled at Timber Ridge and welcoming your calls (443-1269)

Marty Johnson

Jonathan O'Keefe

Silas Morrison

Wayne Palmrose

Rodney VanderSluis

Mark McKinney

Neal Sligh

Irene Hedgecock

## A letter from Diane Mettam

Dear Church Family,

When one is undergoing chemotherapy it can be easy to feel alone. Fatigue and avoiding exposure to germs keep you at home most of the time. But I am blessed to have family members like you. Your cards, calls, gifts, prayers, visits, and wonderful meals have fed my heart and soul as well as my body. Your help means so much to Brad, as well.

I am on a schedule of weekly chemo sessions right now, which are scheduled to drop to once every three weeks toward the end of June. At that time, I pray I will be able to join you again in worship. I miss Sunday services so much, especially seeing all of you, singing with the congregation, "dancing" with Bentley, sharing Hannah kisses with Conner, and just lifting my heart to the Lord with all of you.

I keep you all in my prayers, and smile as I think of you each day. God bless you, dear ones.

Diane Mettam

## MUSIC AT EUREKA FIRST



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 Sanctuary. 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.



## Music Team

Would you like to sing or play an instrument with the worship team? Join us for rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

# Missions

## Sue Peacock talks about Mexico

A team of 49 built single and double houses for two families. One family of 15 had 3 generations living under one roof, the other had 5. There were several challenges: The sites were on a heavily built up area of Tijuana on a very busy street; we had to pour the slab to have a space to construct the walls and roof; the commute from camp to the sites was an hour and a half each way. With all of these challenges, God was faithful and gave us strength every day to do the task set before us.

Sue Peacock

## Community forum on gun laws and access

Tuesday June 12 • 7 to 9 PM

Eureka location to be shared with participants

If you're ready to honestly share your views about gun rights—and listen respectfully to those who disagree with you—please join us.

Facilitated by Humboldt County residents Jim Hight and Jessica Pettitt.

To attend, you must pre-register and take a short survey. Text 202-670-4262 or email [engage@goodenoughnow.com](mailto:engage@goodenoughnow.com)

## Food Donations

### for May—100

### pounds!

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 6/17

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!



## 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](mailto: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!