

# The Messenger

## Eureka First

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## From Pastor Kathryn...

*"Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."*

1 John 3:18

Dear Ones,

I celebrate with you that Eureka First UMC is a church of love in action – showing our love in so many tangible ways to members of our congregation, others in this community and countless others in places near and far. 17 of us (plus 1 from Montague UMC) have recently returned from building a house in Mexico and if you were in worship on Sunday, April 26 to hear the report of the mission team, you know that what we received as we gave touched the hearts and lives of far more than the 18 members of the team and Graciella and Karan for whom we built a house.

Paula and Ken Blackshear shared about the three teams involved in all of our Mission Team efforts – the team that sends, the team that goes and the team that receives. The team that goes is an easy number to calculate (18 on EFUMC's 2015 Mexico Mission Team), but it is much harder to determine just how many were involved in the sending and receiving. We can name some of you who sent us by providing dollars, a quilt, special "palanca" gifts and cookies, but how many more prayed for us and wished us safety and had questions and maybe a longing to go themselves? And the team that received our "action" of building a house? Perhaps we think of the two, Graciella and her daughter Karan, who received a new home, but Graciella's sister also thanked us because now she has more room in her own home where Graciella and Karan have lived for the past 3 ½ years. And during our time of constructing a new home, a woman in the house next door began improving her own home by painting it, and neighbors gathered round to see what was happening, including one woman who has not had a home for herself for 17 years and following her inquiries she will be put in touch with one of the *Amor* pastors who will determine if she may qualify for a house to be built for her. And there were the neighbor children who made friends with our youth who spoke a different language, but who brought joy, friendship (and cookies from you) for a few days. Other members of the receiving team were the staff, pastors, cooks and camp guards of *Amor Ministries*.

I am reminded of words from a song I learned long ago in Sunday School, "Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more!" Let us continue in our way of "Love in Action."

In Love,  
Pastor Kathryn



It is estimated that for every \$10 given to the Imagine No Malaria campaign the life of one child is saved. The entire United Methodist Church is seeking to raise \$75 million in this effort. As a part of this goal the California Nevada Annual Conference has pledged \$2 million. Now each of our four districts have been challenged to raise \$100,000 by our Annual Conference in June of 2015.

Eureka First's official goal for this campaign was \$1,770 set by the Conference, but Pastor Kathryn said she would shave her head if we didn't double that contribution to \$3,540 by June. Congratulations to Eureka First UMC, as of April 28<sup>th</sup> we have \$3,621. You are all remarkable!

Our North Coast Circuit has a little more to go to meets its Circuit goal of \$6,795. As of April 16<sup>th</sup> the contributions were \$5,224.

## Pastor Led Book Study Continues

Pastor Kathryn Dunning is in the midst of leading a seven week study of the book, *The Shattered Lantern: Rediscovering a Felt Presence of God*, by Ronald Rolheiser. Week 2 (Chapter 2) of the study will be the first week in May and the last study session will take place June 9 and 10. From the back of the book: "In *Shattered Lantern*, Ronald Rolheiser looks at how atheism and disbelief have crept into our world and how, in the face of it, we can restore the shattered lantern and bring back the light of God. He shows that the way to overcome self-involvement and an obsession with achievement is not by learning more or trying harder, but by living in a different way. Contemplative living can lead all of us to be overwhelmed again with the divine light."

Participants have a choice of attending class on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM or Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM.

## Church Kitchen

As most of you are aware, our kitchen is currently not available for food preparation due to health and safety concerns. The Board of Trustees is actively engaged in consultation with a professional kitchen designer and will be recommending a plan of renovation and improvements going forward. Plans should be available soon for congregational members to look at and comment on. The Trustees will make a recommendation to Church Council on May 28 to proceed with the accepted plans. You will be kept informed of the process, plans and ways you can contribute through volunteer labor and financial contributions.



## The Endowment Fund

We had a total of \$9,025.00 in earnings based on our formula that we could dispense for worthwhile projects. The Endowment Committee and Church Council agreed to the following dispensation of funds. The funds have been allocated as follows:

1. (\$3,431.00) Three Thousand four hundred thirty one dollars for Five Mounted flat screen TV with DVD players for Christie Hall
2. (\$2,000) Two Thousand for the purchase of additional hand bells to extend the range of the current bell Choir
3. (\$1,000) One Thousand to fund the cost of installing hot water heater(s) in the Sanctuary Bathrooms
4. (\$1,000) One Thousand to help Fund the Mission Team traveling to Mexico to build a home
5. (\$1,594) One Thousand Five Hundred and ninety four dollars allotted for funding the remaining requests with a progress report due quarterly from board of Trustees. Additional requests were received for the Kitchen remodel, new speakers and amplifier for sanctuary, carpet and alternate heating system in the nursery.

The Endowment committee and Church Council are grateful to the folks that have left and designated funds to our Church. These gifts to our Church truly enable us to expand the mission of our Faith.

Endowment Chair; Bill O'Brien

## Choral and Bell Choir Concert

We are in for a special treat on Monday, June 8, when 20 youth from Boise First United Methodist Church, The Cathedral of the Rockies, will be on tour in our area and share a concert of song and bells with us at 7:00 PM. The Epworth Chorale (vocal ensemble of youth age 13-19), Reflections (auditioned vocal ensemble) and Cathedral Bell Choir will share a 90 minute concert in our sanctuary. If you would like to help plan and share a pot-luck meal with these youth, or possibly host 2 or 3 of them in your home that evening please let the church office know.



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 Ezra Samelson	16 Tobias Drumm
4 Michelle Faulk	17 Jeff Faulk
6 Jana Faulk	21 Jan Tucker
7 Kris Flanders	21 Kerra Lindow
11 Timothy Hansen	26 Jon Lyons
11 Sara Lundstrom	26 Dona Wright
14 Avery Kerr	27 Evan Max Green
14 Leo Fredrickson	28 Paul Drumm
15 Michele Montgomery	28 Joan Brady
16 Rich Yerton	31 Tadesse Samelson

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

8	Herb & Sally Pierce
12	Craig & Julie Benson
14	John & Carolyn Johnson
18	Bob & Erin Powers-Taylor
18	Gary & Heidi Quintrell
23	Brian & Sally Hansen

**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.**

## Financial Summary

### April 2015

General Fund Revenue:	\$15,355.00
General Fund Expense:	\$18,491.36

### 2015

2015 General Fund Revenue:	\$60,394.00
2015 General Fund Expense:	\$62,890.00
Shortage	(\$2,496)

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

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

APR 5 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 – 47;	10:00 – 133	TOTAL – 180
APR 12 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 – 24;	10:00 – 55	TOTAL – 79
APR 19 <sup>TH</sup>	8:30 – 26;	10:00 – 84	TOTAL – 110
APR 26 <sup>RD</sup>	8:30 – 44;	10:00 – 78	TOTAL – 122

## Celebrate the transition from spring to summer!

Following worship on Sunday, June 7, all are invited to an all church BBQ on the church grounds.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided for the BBQ. Please plan to bring a dish to share and to join in the fun activities planned by our Sunday School and Youth.



## Groups and events

## Shasta Camp

August 5<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</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

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.

## 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.

## Women's Book Club –



The Woman's book club will meet in the Library, Monday, May 18th at 3:00p.m. This month's book is *The Art of Happiness* by Dalai Lama

## YOUTH GROUP

Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 pm in the youth room, Christie Hall. All youth in 7th to 12th grade are invited. For more information contact Eric Hale at 499-4060.

**Sewing Fellowship** The Sewing Fellowship group invites you to join them for fun, fellowship, and sewing. We will gather on the third Sunday of the month (May 17<sup>th</sup>) from 1:00 to 5:00 pm in Room 17, Christie Hall. For more information contact Margie O'Keefe – 834-2597.

## Christian Singles

*Christian Singles Meet* meets on the second Friday of each month (May 8) at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room in Christie Hall. The purpose of this gathering is to meet other unattached Christians in our community. Each evening will include refreshments and get acquainted activities. Invitations have been sent to other churches in Eureka and it is hoped that many of our own single folks will attend. Please contact Dorothy Weber (707) 502-4445 ([dorothyw2008@gmail.com](mailto:dorothyw2008@gmail.com)) if you would like more information, or if you would like to help with the planning and hosting of these gatherings.



## Church Family News

### We rejoice in:

Welcoming Nakiah Taylor as a full member of Eureka First UMC at her Confirmation on Easter Sunday.  
The news that the cancerous tumor in Pat Lewis' lung is gone following medical treatment.  
Improvement in walking for Leo Fredrickson following surgery at UCSF Medical Center.

**We grieve** the deaths of Delores Johnson on April 5 and Joyce Morrison on April 19, but **we rejoice** in their lives lived full in our midst and of the promise of eternity in the arms of our loving God.

A Celebration of Life for Delores Johnson will take place in our sanctuary on Saturday, May 2 at 1:00 PM.

A Celebration of Life for Joyce Morrison will take place in our sanctuary on Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 PM.

### Please pray for healing for:

Janice LaFlesh  
Bert and Joyce Reid  
Yvonna Wheeler fell and bruised her hip. She is at Mad River Hospital and is alert and doing well.  
Others in our congregation facing medical diagnoses, treatment and surgeries.

## Youth Travel

Two of our youth, Adrienne Kerr and Justin Cataldo are traveling to Europe with a student group from Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy. They will experience a new culture and participate in a play performance while there. The group is conducting some fund raising to help make the trip affordable.

**Rummage Sale.** Please consider donating items that you no longer need or are getting rid of to the NPA Euro-trip Rummage Sale. No electronics please. We have not yet set the exact date for the sale. (Possibly May 9 or June 6.) Please collect your rummage now and we will update you on the date we need it. The event will be held at the Arcata United Methodist Church. If you have items to donate and need help to deliver them, please contact Heidi Kerr at [hakerr@suddenlink.net](mailto:hakerr@suddenlink.net) or 407-8314 and she can arrange a pick up for them.

**Raffle.** The students are conducting a Raffle of some lovely items from local businesses. Please consider purchasing raffle tickets from either Adrienne, Justin, Heidi, Bridget. You can purchase them at church during coffee hour or call Heidi at 407-8314 or Bridget at 267-5300.

## An Evening With Betty Chinn:

On May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Bernard's High School Gymnasium there will be a fundraising event to raise funds for the operations of the Betty Kwan Chinn Day Center and Betty's Street Outreach. Learn about the programs that are offered at her Day Center, while enjoying a delicious dinner provided by Rita's. Tickets for this event are \$35 each, and are available at Picky, Picky, Picky in Eureka, The Betty Chinn Day Center or online at:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1358764>.

## MUSIC AT EUREKA FIRST



### Praise Band

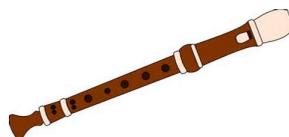
Would you like to sing or play an instrument with the worship team? Join us for rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.—note the day change!

### Special Music

Special music is sought for Sunday services. If you have ever wanted to play an instrument or sing for Sunday services, please talk to Sonia Samelson 442-3490.

## Handbells

We rehearse at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays in the Christie Hall, Room 10. If you have questions or would like to participate, call Linda Dionne, director, at 497-6554. We'd love to see you!



### Recorder group on hold

We've had trouble arranging a good time for folks to get together, and Dan is about to go on a major business trip, so we will see about setting up meetings and practice sessions starting in June.

# Missions

Having just celebrated our Mission trip to Mexico, we now turn our attention to helping in our own country. We are tentatively planning to go to Weed, Calif, to help with their rebuilding efforts. Last summer a major wildfire swept through the town destroying whole sections. The trip is set for Saturday, Sept. 12 through Sunday, Sept. 20. Join us for the whole week or any part of it that fits for you. Mark your calendars and we will keep you posted on the details of the project as they develop.

## Mexico Mission Trip



Eureka First UMC sent a team of 18 persons to Mexico April 11-15 to work with *Amor Ministries* to build a house in Tijuana. 61 year old Graciella and her 16 year old daughter Karan had been living for the past 3 1/2 years with Graciella's sister after their home on the same location where the team built the new house had burned. Graciella was joy and grace filled during the whole time of our work, and participated in every aspect of the build. She slept in her new home the first night after we worked when all that was complete was the framing.

Members of the 2015 Mexico Mission Team that went were: Ken and Paula Blackshear, Pastor Kathryn and Rob Dunning, Angela and Jamie Cameron, Matt Barber (from Montague UMC), Kris Flanders, Todd Flanders, Jen Carter, Judy Taylor, Nakiah Taylor, Laurie Dutra, Raven McAdams, Jewell Klemp, Sue Peacock, Sally Hansen and Brooke Hansen.

Thank you to all who were part of the sending team providing the Team that went with financial support, gifts, cookies and prayers. Without you a new home for Graciella and Karan, and hope for a whole neighborhood, would not have been possible.



Paula Blackshear and Sue Peacock presenting Graciella with a quilt made by Marie Granshaw.

## PICO True North Organizing Network

The research phase of True North Organizing Network has begun in the Eureka area. Research will focus on the themes selected at the February 28 Regional Assembly: 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.

## Banana Hut Fundraiser

Save those Sunday Bulletins! If you bring your bulletin into Banana Hut Restaurant in Eureka and present it to your server, 10% of your food and non-alcoholic purchases will be sent to our Church. This program will run until June 30, 2015. To date, we have received \$35.23 from this program.

## Box Tops for Alice Birney

We continue to collect box tops for Alice Birney School, so remember to check your favorite foods to see if they have box tops for education!

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 8th, and our annual Multi-Cultures' Faire for an evening that celebrates our rich diversity of culture through music, food and art. This is a special event for our school family and we hope you can join us, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

## Food Donations

... 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. Our goal is 100lbs per month on the first Sunday. We were a little short of our goal in April, coming in at 87lbs. Lets turn it around on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>!



## DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 5/17

As their home church we continue to raise funds for the Drumm Family who are serving Christ in South Asia. 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 [added link](mailto: added link). 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!