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From Pastor Kathryn...

"What a wildly wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful creations."
Psalm 104:24 *The Message*

Dear Ones,

This is my seventh Trillium season with you. I always delight in walking and hiking in various places, delighting in the diversity and wonder of God's beautiful creation, and this time of year I



especially delight in seeing the Trilliums bloom. During my first spring on the north coast I became captivated by the simple,

white flower with three petals blooming from the center of three large green leaves that is commonly found amongst our redwood trees. They are not unique to the north coast of California, but it is here that I first came to notice them, and it has been fun looking for the first of their blooms in a variety of places and to walk amongst them for the couple of months that they continue to bloom. There were no Trilliums in places I have previously lived, though there were other wondrous evidences of God's "wonderful creations." Living in a place one has not lived before helps one notice things in new ways.

Something else I noticed in a new way after moving here was how recent, and how painful, was the settlement of this region. Indigenous people lived here for eons of time prior to European Americans' "discovery" of Humboldt Bay as a way of getting supplies to the inland gold fields in 1849, and it is really mind boggling how quickly towns were established around the bay with even our own church beginning in 1850 on Wiyot land. Something that is unique in this region is the number of Native Americans living on their ancestral lands. Through this church and my work with True North Organizing Network I have come to know Tolowa, Karuk, Yurok, Hupa and Wiyot people. I have heard them tell stories they heard from their ancestors and the challenges they continue to face in the understanding and

maintaining of their cultural identity. Their stories have helped me learn and celebrate in new ways God's "wildly, wonderful world," and I long for us all to learn even more from those whose roots go deep in this wondrous part of God's creation. For this reason I have invited a number of people whose ancestors lived here in the mid 19th century to share some of their stories and experiences during worship in the weeks following Easter. To learn more about this, please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter inviting you to be part of my Doctor of Ministry Project.

Enjoy spring time blooming all around you, including the Trilliums, and celebrate how God has "made earth [including Humboldt County] overflow with . . . wonderful creations."

*In Love,
Pastor Kathryn*

Special Opportunities to Celebrate the Lent and Easter Season

In the midst of the 40-day season of Lent all are invited to renewed devotion and commitment to Christ as we prepare for the commemoration of Christ's Crucifixion on Good Friday and his Resurrection on Easter. Following are the special events planned at Eureka First UMC and beyond during this season.

Lenten Bible Study



Pastor Kathryn is leading a Lenten Bible Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Wednesdays at 10:00 AM concluding during Holy Week (April 23rd and 24th).

Come Into Quiet Thursdays



Each Thursday preceding Easter our sanctuary will be heated and open for silent prayer between 3 and 7 PM. Take advantage of this mid week opportunity to

experience prayer in our quiet sanctuary.

Music at Christ Episcopal Church

Each Friday at noon during Lent Christ Episcopal Church (corner of 15th and H Streets) invite all to a free concert in their sanctuary.



Block Good Friday Service



Eureka First United Methodist, Eureka First Baptist and Eureka First Nazarene pastors, Kathryn, Cassie and Steve will lead a joint Good Friday service on Good Friday, April 19, at 6:00 PM in the Baptist Church across the

street. Please plan to join with others for this meaningful, solemn service of decreasing light as we contemplate the event of the Crucifixion of Jesus the Christ.



Easter Sunrise Service

A Community Sunrise Service lead by the "Churches on the Block" (Methodist, Baptist, Nazarene) will take place at 6:30 AM, Easter Sunday morning, April 21 at the Sacco Amphitheater adjacent to the Adorni Center.



Easter Service

Celebration of Christ's Resurrection will take place in our sanctuary at our regular

worship time of 9:30 AM on Easter Sunday, April 21.

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño Visit

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño has scheduled a series of Post-General Conference Episcopal Visits to inform our clergy and congregations about the actions of the General Conference and the implications for our conference and denomination. These visits will also be times of prayer and seeking God's way forward for our ministry in the California-Nevada Conference. She will be at Eureka First UMC on Monday, April 29th from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

UMCOR SUNDAY (FORMERLY ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING) MARCH 31



UMCOR Sunday is one of six United Methodist Special Sundays with offerings. Special "second mile" offerings received on the fourth Sunday of Lent

(March 11, 2018), are used by the UMC to provide the operating costs for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief). Because of this one special offering a year UMCOR is able to keep its promise that 100% of gifts designated for specific causes are used for those causes. UMCOR is the avenue through which United Methodists can give to help people suffering all over the world. UMCOR is playing a vital role in the recovery work for the devastating California fires. Please consider a generous gift to support this vital mission arm of the UMC! Special envelopes will be available in the worship bulletins.

True North Organizing Network invites YOU



A Local Organizing Committee of *True North Organizing Network* meets regularly in Christie Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend the next LOC meeting on Thursday, April 11 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in Room 15. Contact Pastor

Kathryn Dunning or Eve Robinson for more information.

Spring Cursillo

Thursday Evening through Sunday

May 16 - 19

At Humboldt County Fairgrounds in Ferndale



The weekend is an opportunity to meet with other Christians, men and women, from various denominations who are seeking to strengthen their faith. It provides an opportunity through shared prayer, worship, study, fellowship, laughter, tears, and love to experience the reality of the gift of God's love freely and unconditionally given. There is no cost to first time candidates. Contact Pastor Kathryn or the church office.

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. If you are interested in seeing what this is all about, please leave a message with the church office.

Sunday April 14th

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



Third Saturday Supper

On Saturday, April 20th at 5:30 PM you are all invited to *Third Saturday Supper* at Eureka First UMC. Dinner will be served at 5:30. The meal will conclude by 6:30 and be followed by cleanup 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, April 16th at 3:30 p.m. in the Library.

The book is *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren and the hostess is Sara Lundstrom.

AN INVITATION FROM PASTOR KATHRYN

I, Pastor Kathryn, am in the midst of a three year Doctor of Ministry Program at Claremont School of Theology in the area of *Spiritual Renewal, Contemplative Practice and Strategic Leadership*. Most of my course work is done through online classes with one week a year in residence at the Claremont School of Theology with other pastors and lay persons from a variety of Christian and other faith backgrounds. Part of the work of a Doctor of Ministry Program is the conducting of a project in the context of one's work or ministry. I have written a proposal for a project that has been approved and that I have been widely researching and planning for. The title of my project is "Nurturing Compassion in Eureka First United Methodist Church in Regards to the History of Settlement of a Region Inhabited by Indigenous People." I have been motivated to choose this topic for a variety of reasons:

- More Indigenous people live on their ancestral lands in the Humboldt and Del Norte area than in any other place in California.
- The history of settlement in Eureka is relatively recent (1850) and there are people still living in this region who have heard first hand accounts from their ancestors in regards to the early years of settlement.
- The history of settlement in this region includes much violence and is the source of historic trauma.
- The sin of racism is involved in the discounting of Indigenous history and continued marginalization of Indigenous people.
- The people of Eureka First United Methodist Church are compassionate and take seriously Jesus command to love others as we love ourselves.



An important step in growing in compassion is to listen to the stories and experience of others. I have arranged for a number of speakers who are descendants of persons living in the northwest region of California in the mid 19th Century to share part of their family history and their own experience. Speakers will share with us in the context of worship at Eureka First United Methodist Church. These presentations will begin following



presentations will begin following Easter Sunday and occur during worship services through May and June (April 28, May 5 and 12, June 2, 9 and 16). Following each presentation there will be an opportunity in Wesley Chapel to share in discussion with the presenter.

I invite all of you to be a part of this project by participating in the worship services where invited presenters speak and in the follow up discussions. I also invite those who would like to be a part of the research to volunteer to be interviewed prior to and following the presentations. It is understood that not all of you can be present for all presentations. Your participation is intended to help assess whether hearing stories from Indigenous tribal members and engaging in conversation with them will increase compassion for this population.

Please contact me for more information about this project and to volunteer to be interviewed for my research. (kitdunning@hotmail.com, (707) 599-2295)

Church Family News

Please hold the



following persons in prayer:

Neal Sligh, who recently hurt his knee and is having difficulty walking

Jane Nelson's 3 year old grandnephew, Rhett Michele Montgomery continuing chemotherapy treatments.

Cory Cassevah, son of Sedona Bowser, who is facing a very difficult situation

Diane Mettam recovering from shoulder surgery and undergoing chemotherapy

Joshua Ruch, a young man struggling to find a job and dealing with depression.

Ralph Nelson who is having severe hip pain

Sadiki Koo's

Tim Lindow recovering from cancer surgery

Aaron White and family

Bev Strubinger

Nancy Quintrell

Shirley Peterson

Galeladi Runningbrook

Sally and Vis Upatisinga

Art Lewis

Marty Johnson

Jonathan O'Keefe

The O'Keefe family

Silas Morrison

Wayne Palmrose

Mark McKinney

Irene Hedgecock

Need a House Sitter this summer for a couple of weeks?

Tony & Jill Kimura are returning to Eureka for a visit this summer after moving to Texas. They are offering to house sit during their stay. If you are interested in taking a vacation and not worrying about finding someone to watch your house, this may be the perfect situation. Call the office for more information. 707-442-3015.

Endowment Fund Requests

The Eureka United Methodist Church Endowment Fund has approximately \$12,600 to expend in 2019 for Church projects, missions and objectives that you would like to achieve in 2019. The endowment committee is accepting requests for allocation of these funds for Church projects that are important to you. Requests need to be submitted to the Church Office before the April 18, 2019, deadline to be considered for funding. The Endowment Fund may only be used for purposes consistent with the mission of the Church.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Bud Tillinghast	17 Isaac Cameron
5 Paula Amato	17 Sarah Quintrell
6 Mary Scott	19 Brenning Davies-Hughes
6 Tim Lindow	20 Dean Boyd
7 Justin Cataldo	21 Lucas Brisichella
8 Chery Jefcoat	21 Chloe Lindow
9 Paul Samelson	22 Nyssa Collins
9 Rick French	24 Holly Furen
10 Mitzi Beck	24 Kaia Caldwell
11 Carol Miller	25 Paul Gosselin
11 Reagan Weyer	25 Don Dearing
11 George Thode	28 Carolyn Winston-Doble
14 John Lundstrom	28 Randee Pittman
14 David Suchar	29 Pat Reimonenq
16 Ralph Davis	

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

6 Paul and Fabiola Drumm
19 Chad and Marlaine Rechelluul
25 Tim and Kerra Lindow

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.

March Worship Attendance

March 3	Total – 66
March 10	Total – 62
March 17	Total – 70
March 24	Total – 58



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 6:30 p.m.

Handbells

We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7, working on new music for the upcoming year. Our next performance will be Palm Sunday.



Save the Date!
Summer Bell Camp
will return again this
year, during the week
of July 22-26. Lots
more later!

MISSIONS

Report on Puerto Rico Mission Team and Mexico Mission Team Fundraiser



On Sunday, April 7, following worship Pam Coen and Sue and Steve Peacock will share about their recent experience in Puerto Rico with a Volunteer in

Mission team. This will also be a taco bar

lunch with donations going to support our Mexico Mission team members. Three of our folks (Todd Flanders, and Sue and Steve Peacock) are teaming with Church of the Joyful Healer in McKinleyville to build a house with AMOR ministries in Mexico. the week of April 21 to 27.

Luci Lights to Gaza—making a difference

Your birthday and anniversary pennies are going to purchase Luci lights to help the people in Gaza during blackouts. And they are making a big difference in people's lives!

Food Donations for March—109 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 April 7.



Greetings from the Drumms!

Greetings to our church family! This month there has been a lot going on. We all climbed a nearby peak together (3,000 concrete steps, more or less) and spent the next few days walking like frankenstein thanks to soreness. Fabiola was the exception, as she has been trying to do this climb weekly with



various friends, with the goal of perhaps participating in this year's open race to the top. I applaud her ambition, while not feeling any desire to equal it. I(Paul) have renewed tutoring

sessions in one of the local languages with someone from our church, which is already proving to be helpful in the translation consulting that I am doing. The language I am studying is one which is not spoken a lot in our town, but is widely spoken in the areas our workers live.

At the moment I(Paul) can hear Tobias practicing one of his recital pieces on the piano. He and Nikolas are scheduled to perform some short pieces this Sunday along with the other students of their teacher. We had to go looking for some long pants that weren't jeans for them, since until now they haven't had need for anything formal. They are as excited to wear their new clothes as they are to play their pieces. Actually, maybe more. Fabiola is skypeing with one of her sisters in Peru at the moment, and as always, its like someone turned the "emotion" knob up two steps when she gets to talk with her family in Spanish. We got some good news this week that the daughter of one of our co-workers has come home from the hospital, where she was being treated for dengue. Since she had been a theme in our nightly prayers, that was special news, especially for the boys. It has been rewarding for me to dig into the stories which are being translated now, each of which are a reminder of God's patient justice and goodness with us. It is also gratifying to listen to our workers discuss the stories and get excited about the prospect of sharing them in their communities.

We think of you often and pray for God's blessings and protection in your lives.

Love, the Drumms

DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 3/21



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.

Submissions to the Messenger



If you have anything you would like included in the Messenger, please sent submissions directly to your friendly editor, Dan Dionne, at dldionne@suddenlink.net.