

The Messenger



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From Pastor Kathryn...

"By God's great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"
1 Peter 1:3

Dear Ones,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!



The proclamation of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ following his death by crucifixion is the

central tenant of the Christian faith. The message of the Resurrection, however literally or figuratively we understand it, is that there is always new life coming out of the dead and dying places that we may find ourselves surrounded by or in the midst of. 1 Peter calls this "a living hope" (1:3). I love David Steindl-Rast's definition of hope in his book Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer: "Hope is openness for surprise."

We are surrounded by circumstances, events and news that can cause us to feel despair, the opposite of hope. The newspaper headline this morning, Sunday, April 28, is about yet another shooting in the midst of people at worship; this time in a synagogue in San Diego. We hear dire warnings about climate change, and family members and some of us may be in the midst of life threatening health issues. There are refugees at our borders desperate for a chance to live and raise their families in peace. As Christians we follow Jesus who taught us to love God and love others, but sometimes our words and actions toward fellow Christians do not reflect the love we are called to. In the midst of despair it is hard to imagine new life, but hope is about being open to the unimaginable, even in the midst of what appears hopeless. The Resurrection is proof of hope, of being "open to surprise."

Though it would be easy to dwell on the evidence of despair, there is also news that fuels our hope in new life. The City of Eureka is in the midst of an "unimaginable" and precedent setting action as it returns land to the Wiyot people. The Yurok tribe in Klamath is set to be partner to the return of the once almost extinct California Condors to the north coast. Dams are scheduled to

be removed from the Klamath River so that the salmon can pursue their natural life cycle. True North Organizing Network, Humboldt Interfaith Fellowship and the three pastors on the "Block" are involved in work of sharing and building up faith values in the midst of differences.

The natural world is a wonderful place to look for the "new birth" promised us. We live in a region where there is much greenery and flowers blooming year round, but spring still brings new life emerging out of what appeared dead and gone - bulbs long buried in the ground shoot up new life in blossoming trilliums, dead looking branches bare beautiful fragrant lilacs. Driving around Humboldt County one can see new-born sheep and cattle. On this morning on our customary Sunday



walk to the bay we saw a mother seal followed by a baby seal. Yes, we are indeed surrounded by "new birth!" Let that new birth ignite your openness for the surprises that God

has in store for us all.

*In Love,
Pastor Kathryn*

The Bishop: "Now is the time for resistance."



Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño addressed members of all the local United Methodist congregations Monday night on the subject of General Conference 2019 and what the decisions mean to for our local churches and our Annual Conference. She summarized the steps along the way that led to the adoption of the Traditional Plan, highlighting that it was not the plan favored by the Bishops and that she considered the plan a step backwards, not forwards.

As for what happens next, the Bishop emphasized that we in the California-Nevada Annual Conference will continue to live a policy of full inclusion. That means that we will stand in resistance to the Traditional Plan policies, not in a spirit of division, but in a spirit of love and Christian fellowship. During the extensive question and answer period, attendees shared their stories, their concerns, and their hopes. The Bishop addressed each speaker with compassion and understanding.

The evening concluded with a Communion service conducted by the Bishop, District Superintendent Blake Busick, Kathryn Dunning, and April Sousa. We then adjourned for fellowship and snacks. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event as meaningful as it was, especially the Praise Band, the kitchen crew, and all the other volunteers.

Spring Into Summer Bible Study



Pastor Kathryn begins a new Bible study on Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, May 8 at

10:00 AM. All are invited to this Bible study that will meet for several weeks during late spring and early summer. The class will meet every week in May and June following the first session except the weeks of May 28/29, June 18/19 and June 25/26 when Pastor Kathryn will be out of town.

firstumceureka.org



Our new web site is now up and running! It's at the same url firstumceureka.org. But there are many, many changes. Besides our "Welcome" greeting, the site includes all of this:

- Our address and a Google map to get folks here
- Our pastor's letters
- A schedule of upcoming events
- Group and mission descriptions and schedules
- Articles on issues of interest, such as General Conference 2019
- A contact form (still getting hammered on, so not working quite yet)

for our members to keep up with what's happening. There's still a lot of work to do, but this is a big step forward. Thanks in particular to the Outreach Committee for taking on this project, especially Dan Dionne!

Go take a look! And let us know if you find anything that should be changed!

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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.



Second Saturday Work Days



Beginning on Saturday, May 11, from 9:00 to 1:00, the Board of Trustees invites the whole church to come together every second Saturday of the month to do the varied tasks of cleaning, sorting, and fixing that keep our church buildings and grounds in good shape. There are inside and outside tasks for everyone to do. Lunch is served to all the workers at noon.

Sunday May 12th

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 break this month ☹️

Many of the people who provide food and program for our Third Saturday suppers will be working on the Cursillo weekend the third Saturday in May, so at this time we plan to take a break from the May Third Saturday Supper unless some folks volunteer to make it happen on May 18. If you are willing and able to do this, please let the church office know.

Cup/Mug Wall



The Cup/Mug Wall in the hall between Wesley Chapel and the Fellowship Hall is a good way to reduce the use of disposable cups. If you don't have a cup or mug there, please bring one from home with your name permanently marked on it. You may also recycle one of our "unnamed" cups and name them for yourself. If you do have a cup or mug on the wall, please make sure it is clearly labeled or it may end up donated to the Mission or a thrift store.



Women's Book Club

The Sisters of Charlotte Literary & Teatime Society will meet Tuesday, May 21st

at 3:30 p.m. in the Library. The book is *Nature Fix* by Florence Williams and the hostess is Pastor Kathryn.

A SEASON OF STORIES

As part of Pastor Kathryn's DMin Project that was announced in the April 2019 *Messenger* we are entering a "Season of Stories" from persons descended from people living in the northwest region of California in the mid 19th Century at the time of settlement by persons of European ancestry. The title of Pastor Kathryn's project is "Nurturing Compassion in Eureka First United Methodist Church in Regards to the History of Settlement of a Region Inhabited by Indigenous People." An important step in growing in compassion is to listen to the stories and experience of others. Speakers will share with us in the context of worship at Eureka First United Methodist Church. Following each presentation there will be an opportunity in Wesley Chapel to share in discussion with the presenter.

May 5th – Ted Hernandez, the Chair of the Wiyot Tribe

May 12th – Terry Supahan, a Karuk Spiritual Leader and Executive Director of *True North Organizing Network*

May 26th – Sharon Sligh and Mitzi Beck, members of EFUMC. Sharon is Tolowa, Karuk, Yurok and Tututni. Mizi is Karuk and Shasta.

June 2 – Steve Peacock, a member of EFUMC, is a descendent of settlers in the Smith River area.

Pastor Kathryn invites 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. She has also been interviewing volunteers who would like to be a part of the research, and will continue conducting interviews after the presentations are complete. 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 Pastor Kathryn for more information about this project and to volunteer to be interviewed for her research. , (707) 599-2295)



Church Family News

New Babies related to Eureka First UMC:

On Easter Sunday there were five generations of one family present in worship: Gail Johnson, Larry and Marjorie Johnson (Larry is Gail's son), April and Mark Barnhart (April is Larry and Marjorie's daughter), Chelsea and Kolby Jackson (Chelsea is April and Mark's daughter) and Lesliemae Jackson. Lesliemae, Gail Johnson's great great granddaughter, was born March 21 in Eureka.

Aviana Luna Green was born March 31, 6 lbs. 3 oz., in Eureka to parents Melysha Ngiraibiochel and Wess Green. Aviana is the granddaughter of Marlaine and Chad Rechelluul, and the niece of C.J. and Anisha Rechelluul.

Ofelia Anne Livingston was born April 2, 5 lbs. 4 oz., in San Francisco. She is home in Eureka now with parents Katie and Greg Livingston. Jane Nelson, Katie's mother, is the proud grandmother of Ofelia.

Congratulations to Eve Robinson who was recently awarded The Women in Science Award by Soroptimist International of Humboldt Bay. Eve is an ocean scientist who has dedicated her career to improving equity, diversity and the inclusion of women and minorities in the field of science. She mentors and advises students from middle school through undergraduate studies, is active in a support group for students and faculty teaching in science and actively participates in scholarship programs to encourage new students interested in science and technology. She chose *True North Organizing Network* as the charity to receive her financial award.

Congratulations to Marina Benson for being named to the 2019 Rhododendron Youth Ambassador Program.

It is good to have Tim Lindow back in worship and to celebrate his return to work following recent cancer surgery. We are happy to report that Diane Mettam has completed chemotherapy treatment. Please continue to hold her in prayer as she recovers energy and continues healing from shoulder surgery.

Please hold the following persons in prayer:

Silas Morrison who will be moving into Alder Bay Assisted Living this month

Neal Sligh, who continues to have 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

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

Art Lewis who is home following a recent medical scare.

Ralph Nelson
Aaron White and family
Nancy Quintrell
Galeladi Runningbrook
Sally and Vis Upatisinga
Jonathan O'Keefe
The O'Keefe family

Sadiki Koo's
Bev Strubinger
Shirley Peterson
Marty Johnson
Wayne Palmrose
Mark McKinney
Irene Hedgecock

Names of GRADUATES needed!!

We will soon be honoring graduates of elementary school through college. Please let the church office know the names of those who are graduating.



Children's Trust Fund Scholarship Available

We are now accepting applications for our 21st 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 2019**

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.

Financial Summary

March 2019

General Fund Revenue:	\$14,603.31
General Fund Expense:	\$13,856.96

YTD 2019 (as of March 31, 2019)

2019 General Fund Revenue:	\$40,218.04
2019 General Fund Expense:	\$43,448.40
+ -	--3,230.36

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

APRIL WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

APRIL 7	TOTAL – 79
APRIL 14	TOTAL – 82
APRIL 21	TOTAL – 121
APRIL 28	TOTAL – 71

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 Ezra Samelson	16 Tobias Drumm
4 Michelle Faulk	17 Jeff Faulk
6 Jana Faulk	21 Kerra Lindow
7 Kris Flanders	22 Mike Morgan
11 Timothy Hansen	26 Jon Lyons
11 Sara Lundstrom	27 Evan Max Green
14 Avery Kerr	28 Joan Brady
14 Leo Fredrickson	28 Paul Drumm
15 Michele Montgomery	

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

8	Herb & Sally Pierce
12	Craig & Julie Benson
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.

Church Membership

Are you interested in finding out what it means to be a member of the United Methodist Church? Do you want to learn more about baptism? Pastor Kathryn would love to meet with you and answer your questions. New members can be received into the church at any time, but we are scheduled to receive persons into the formal relationship of church membership in Eureka First United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 26. If membership is something you have been considering or would like more information about, please contact Pastor Kathryn through the church office.



MUSIC AT EUREKA FIRST

Praise Band

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

Handbells

We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7, working on new music for the upcoming year. Our next performances will be May 5 and June 9.



Save the Date!

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

MISSIONS

The Face of Transitional Housing: Moving Toward Solutions



True North Organizing Network invites YOU to join them for a town hall on transitional housing with community members and elected officials on May 18 from 2:30-4:30 PM at Christ Episcopal Church, 625 15th St., Eureka. This is an opportunity to better our

understanding of transitional housing needs in Eureka by hearing the experiences of those who are most impacted by the issue. Stories about the success of Betty Chinn's container village will be shared by persons who have been housed there, business owners in the neighborhood and the Eureka City Police. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the positive impact of transitional housing and the need for more and varied types of transitional housing in our area. *True North Organizing Network* is a values and faith-based network of community members living in Tribal Lands, Del Norte and Humboldt. It is a diverse group of individuals who hold common values and form a powerful multi-faith, multi-race, regional network that is developing solutions to community challenges. *True North* is an affiliate of PICO California and Faith in Action. A Local Organizing Committee of *True North Organizing Network* meets regularly in Christie Hall on the second Thursday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in Room 15. Contact Pastor Kathryn Dunning or Eve Robinson

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 April—194 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 May 5.



DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 5/19

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 send submissions directly to your friendly editor, Dan Dionne, at

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