

The Messenger



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From Pastor Kathryn...

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Dear Ones,

The Apostle Paul gave instructions to the Thessalonian Church in how Jesus wanted the people to live. These instructions included the admonitions to rejoice, pray and offer thanks always, in every circumstance. These are high expectations and may seem daunting at times to fulfill. It is easy to rejoice at good news, at a good medical report, at the birth of a healthy baby, when we or our children or our grandchildren graduate from one level of education to the next. But when the news is bad, when the diagnosis is daunting, when a loved one dies, when we or the ones we love meet failure or sorrow, how then do we rejoice, continue our prayers and offer thanksgiving? The truth is we tend to think of ceaseless prayer as something that accompanies bad news and rejoicing and thanksgiving being the result of good news, but what if we were to cultivate these practices in any and all circumstances?

As many of you know I have been involved in a study of the history of settlement in this region and the horrible stories of abuse, oppression and genocide of the Indigenous people who inhabited this north coast of California for thousands of years before European settlers found gold, lumber and fish to extract without concern for the people who already lived here or the ongoing health of the natural environment. That history is nothing to celebrate or offer thanksgiving for, but today I do have reason to rejoice, pray and give thanks in relation to it.

We have recently completed a "Season of Stories" shared by descendants of that time and I rejoice in the willingness of Wiyot Chairman Ted Hernandez, Karuk Tribal Member Terry Supahan, Tolowa Woman Sharon Sligh, Karuk Woman Mitzi Beck and Settler descendant Steve Peacock to share the stories of their ancestors. It was hard to hear some of the tales of atrocities done in the past, but rather than drag me down to a place of despair, their stories evoked strong feelings of thanksgiving for the privilege of being in their audience as they



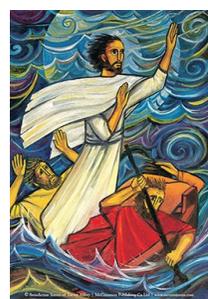
recounted difficult memories, and for their grace filled words of hospitality and hope for a future that is different from the past. I am grateful that many of you were present to hear the stories and I hope that they stirred in you a desire to live forward into a future where we all can listen, learn and grow. (For those of you who missed them I have transcriptions available to share, and soon the recordings of these presentations will be available on our church website.)

In all the circumstances of our lives, let us cultivate attitudes of thanksgiving, rejoicing in the midst of all that surrounds us and continuously keep the lines of communication open between us and our God so that we might live forward in Christ's Way of love and care for all God created.

*In Love,
Pastor Kathryn*

Annual Conference

The California-Nevada Annual Conference met June 19-22 in Modesto, California. Attending from Eureka First UMC were Pastor Kathryn and Rob Dunning and Lay Members Dan and



*With
Jesus
in the
Boat*

-Matthew 8:23-27-

Linda Dionne. The theme of this year's conference was "With Jesus in the Boat." What does that mean? Read Matthew 8:23-27 and find out! As always, the conference included many business items, especially the election of new delegates

for next year's General Conference. It also included powerful preaching and witness. Many of our LGBTQIA+ members spoke about their pain and frustration at the decisions reached by the Special General Conference in February. But all speakers emphasized that we in our conference and the wider Western Jurisdiction stand together in resistance against those decisions. For more about Annual Conference, see our website:

<https://firstumceureka.org/articles/annual-conference-2019-2/>.



Spring Into Summer Bible Study

Pastor Kathryn continues a Bible study on Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Wednesdays at 10:00 AM except for July 23rd and 24th when Pastor Kathryn will be on vacation. All are invited to this Bible study in the library in Christie Hall.

Endowment Fund

Several years ago an Endowment Fund was established at Eureka First United Methodist Church for the purpose of ongoing funding for special church needs. Contributions can be made at any time to increase the principle of the Endowment Fund. These contributions can be in the form of special gifts, bequests, and in memory of others. Gifts to the Endowment Fund leave a lasting legacy to Eureka First UMC. Each year funds are made available from this endowment for a variety of special church projects.

The dollars available to spend are based on a formula described in the Endowment Fund policy, and never include any of the invested principle. The Market Value of the EFUMC Endowment Fund was \$251,776.44 as of December 31, 2018. At the most recent Church Council the following disbursement of \$12,600 was approved:

Pay off part of debt for 2017 Office Remodel	\$3,450
Second Sunday Breakfast (past and future)	\$2,000
Mission Teams (for Puerto Rico Mission)	\$1,700
Paint for Parsonage	\$1,250
Parsonage Fence	\$1,000
New Wi-Fi Equipment	\$700
Music Program	\$1,000
Finance System Conversion	\$1,500

Worship in the Redwoods



Join Us for Worship on
Sunday Sep. 1
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

For many years Eureka First United Methodist Church has camped out at Grizzly Creek Redwoods State Park on Labor Day Weekend. Participants choose to come for all or a portion of the weekend. Some folks camp from Friday to Monday, but others for shorter periods of time. Grizzly Creek State Park has miles of hiking trails and the Van Duzen River provides a place for relaxing, wading, swimming, skipping rocks and Sunday morning baptisms. Organized activities include a potluck dinner on Saturday evening followed by singing around the campfire and Sunday morning worship at 10:00 AM followed by a potluck lunch. (There is also a 9:30 AM worship service in Eureka at the church)

Camping is in your own tent or RV and this year Eureka FUMC has again 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 reservcalifornia.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.

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

On Saturday, July 13, from 9:00 to 1:00, the Board of



Trustees invites the whole church to come together 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 July 14th

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

8:00 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, July 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, July 16th at

3:30 p.m. in the Library. The book is *God, a Human History* by Reza Aslan. The hostess is Cookie Mahler.



Church Family News



Congratulations on the birth of Gabriella Royce Beyene Williams, 7 lbs. 9 ounces, born June 22, 2019 to Sara And Darrell Beyene Williams! Proud grandparents are Ken and Paula Grandchild.

We received news of the death of Eureka First UMC member Shelle Abernathy on May 21, 2019 at her home in Dorris, California. Shelle joined the church with her mother Bobbie Thode in 2013 and moved to Dorris shortly after to work as a nurse practitioner.

Please hold Greg and Carol Goodwyn in your prayers as they grieve the death of Greg's 98 year old mother Jean who passed from this physical plane with family surrounding her on June 10, 2019.

Please hold Bill and Barb O'Brien in your prayers as they grieve the death of Bill's brother Gary Neil O'Brien at St. Joseph's Hospital in Eureka on June 17, 2019 with Bill and Barb at his side.

Long time member and leader of Eureka First UMC, Sally Upatisringa, passed into the eternal embrace of our God on June 17, 2019, one day after her 76th birthday. A Celebration of her life will be held in our sanctuary on Friday, June 28, at 2:00 PM with a reception following.

Please hold the following persons in prayer:

Gail Johnson
 Silas Morrison at Frye's Care Home in Cutten
 Neal Sligh
 Jane Nelson's 3 year old grandnephew, Rhett
 Michele Montgomery
 Cory Cassevah, son of Sedona Bowser
 Joshua Ruch, a young man dealing with depression.
 Art Lewis
 Diane Mettam
 Ralph Nelson
 Sadiki Koo's
 Aaron White and family
 Bev Strubinger
 Nancy Quiintrell
 Shirley Peterson
 Galeladi Runningbrook
 Vis Upatisringa
 Marty Johnson
 Jonathan O'Keefe
 The O'Keefe family
 Wayne Palmrose
 Mark McKinney
 Irene Hedgecock

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank each and every one of you for all the support and care you have bestowed on me over the past year and four months. Being diagnosed with cancer is never easy, but knowing God is holding your hand, and your church family is circling you with love, makes it infinitely better.

It was a bumpy road at times, with a DVT, cellulitis, and shoulder surgery thrown into the mix. All of the cards, the calls, the meals, the rides to radiation and physical therapy, the hugs, the prayers, each one means so much. I'm happy to share that my mammogram and ultrasound were normal, and I am now officially cancer-free. I'll continue on oral medication for another four years or so, and it will take time to get my energy back, but I am so blessed to be on the road to recovery. I couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you all! Diane

Good By to Charlie McClung



For the past couple of years we have been blessed by the piano playing of Charlie McClung while he completed his music studies at Humboldt State University and waited to select a graduate school to continue studying music composition. Charlie has been accepted in a Master's program at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado and played his last Sunday with us on June 23. We will miss him,

but we rejoice in his continuing education.

FAREWELL TO THE FLANDERS



On Sunday, June 23, 2019, we sent Kris, Ted, and Todd Flanders off with prayer as they prepared to drive cross-country with all their household possessions to settle in Virginia

near Kris and Ted's son Scott and not far from their daughter Nicky in Maryland. Scott and Nicky flew west to say good bye to the home they grew up in and to help make the move across the country. The Flanders have been members of Eureka First UMC for over 20 years and an integral part of all of church life and mission. They have managed the kitchen, Second Sunday Breakfasts, decorating of the sanctuary, providing communion elements each Sunday, greeting and ushering, participating in mission teams, and have served on a myriad of task forces and committees. They have also been active in leadership and support roles for the ecumenical Humboldt Redwoods Cursillo community. They leave a big hole in the life of our church and community and in our hearts as they respond to God's call to live closer to their whole family.

Volunteer Opportunities at Eureka First

With the departure of the Flanders there are many tasks to be coordinated, especially in the areas of Worship and Kitchen. It will take many more than three persons to accomplish all that Kris, Ted and Todd have been a part of, so please pay attention to where the Spirit may be calling you to serve and step up and offer what you can.

We will be having 2 meetings to go over the different ways folks can help.

First Meeting:

Worship Responsibilities
 Thursday, June 27th 10:00 a.m. in the Office

Second Meeting:

Kitchen Committee
 Saturday, June 29th 10:00 a.m. in the Kitchen

If you are interested in helping, but cannot make the meeting, please let Pastor Kathryn or the office know.

Financial Summary

May 2019

General Fund Revenue:	\$13,449.00
General Fund Expense:	\$15,255.18

2019 YTD (as of May 31)

2019 General Fund Revenue:	\$71,340.06
2019 General Fund Expense:	\$78,244.22
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Thank you for your generous giving to God through the church.

JUNE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

JUNE 2	TOTAL - 65
JUNE 9	TOTAL - 85
JUNE 16	TOTAL - 64
JUNE 23	TOTAL - 72



JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	Leonard Agnew	18	Oceanna Dillon
3	Joyce Hayes	19	Vickie Grammer
4	Crystal Mayberry	19	Rob Dunning
4	Teddie Lyons	20	Janis Schleunes
4	Ann Boyd	21	Dorothy Weber
6	Barbara Welsh	21	Sarah Cameron
6	Grace Kimura	21	Marilyn Cesaretti
9	Paige Olmstead	22	Bill O'Brien
10	Sadiki Koo's	22	Annie Breen
11	Jerry Faulk	23	Ava Glover
12	Louis Amato	24	Eve Robinson
12	Jonathan Hening	24	Greg Goodwyn
13	Rosey Hoch	24	Dan Dionne
16	Brian Hansen	24	Christopher Kerr
17	Sue MacMillan	25	Barbara Breen
17	Cindy Patton	25	Julie Benson
17	Crystal Johnson	27	Joshua Ruch
		27	Heather Shelton
		28	Jeanette Thulien

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jim & Connie Ross
- 6 Dean & Ann Boyd
- 18 Wayne and Linda Palmrose
- 23 Steve & Sue Peacock
- 24 Michael & Tami Davies-Hughes
- 27 Neil & Jean Ogimachi
- 29 Forrest and Patricia Vance

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.

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.



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

MISSIONS

DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 7/14

The Drums 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.

Disaster Recovery Mission Team to Lake County



The Clear Lake area has experienced several devastating wildfires over the past few years. In the fall of 2016 and again in 2018 Eureka First UMC sent a team to help in the recovery by working with

Hope City on new homes being constructed there. In 2019 the work is not yet finished and so we will return to Middletown this October to work on ongoing projects there. Team members need to be persons with a willingness to give of their time and effort to help others. No special skills are required. Dates of the trip are Sunday, October 6 through Friday, October 11. We will be staying in a dormitory in Middletown, but there are also spaces with hookups for RVs on site. The cost for registration, housing and food is \$150, but Eureka First UMC's Mission Committee will pay up to half of that, so we ask that each person provide their own transportation and at least \$75 toward the cost of the trip. There are also scholarships available for those who might need extra assistance. While we go to help others in need, those who participate in these disaster relief trips always receive many blessings. Please consider being a part of this 2019 Disaster Relief Mission Team to Lake County California. To get more information and to sign up to be a part of the team, please contact Pastor Kathryn (707) 599-2295 or Pam Coen (707) 496-4424.

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 June—169 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 July 7.

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 editor@firstumceureka.org. Note the new email address!