

# The Messenger



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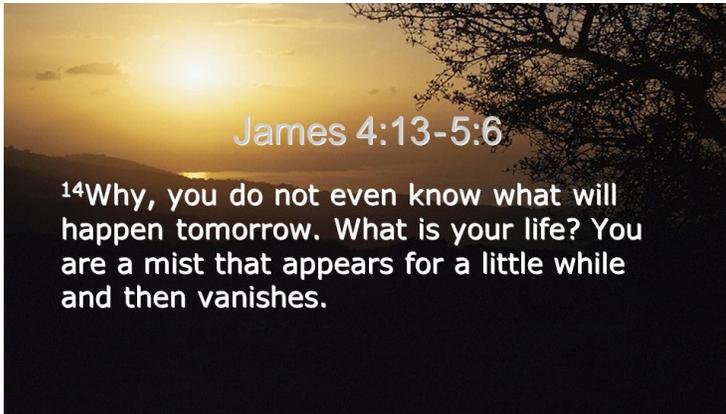
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## From Pastor Kathryn...



*Dear Ones,*

*These words from James remind us of the unknown future we all have on this earth in our physical bodies. Two persons dear to many of us passed into God's eternal embrace on the same day, September 23, and both deaths caught many of us by surprise. Art Lewis, who would have been 85 on September 27, has been in declining health for several years, but when his heart gave out and he peacefully died in his McKinleyville home early Monday morning his daughter Lisa, who has been his caregiver, was not expecting it. They had just returned from a weekend visit to friends and family in Oregon and were looking forward to visits from more family members in a couple of weeks.*

*Reverend Charles Smith, pastor here at Eureka First UMC from 1996 to 2006, was the picture of robust physical health in January when many of us last saw him. He was diagnosed with cancer in April, preached his last sermon on Sunday, August 18 at Turlock United Methodist Church where he has been appointed for the past two years, and returned to his Eureka home just a little over a week before his death. Late Monday night he breathed his last physical breath at the relatively young age of 64, leaving family, friends, the Turlock church and many persons from the several churches he has served shocked at the news of his quick decline and death.*

*As I have been thinking of the sudden passing of Art and Pastor Charles, words from a song keep coming into my head: "the moment at hand is the only thing we really own." ("On the Wings of a Dream," John Denver) As the author of James said, we "do not even know what tomorrow will bring." This truth should encourage us to make*

*the best of every moment we have, to live our lives in fullness and joy, to not put off improving a relationship, following a dream, responding to the spirit of God present in every one of us. Here are more words from John Denver's song: "So I listen to the voices inside me, for I know they are there just to guide me. And my faith will proclaim it is so, we are never alone." We are indeed never alone. Our loving God is present in, through and all around us beckoning us in every moment that we have to receive love, joy and peace and to share that love, joy and peace with all with whom we come in contact.*

*In Love,  
Pastor Kathryn*



## An Invitation to BELONG

Today we live in an increasingly polarized world. We are divided within our nation, our communities, our churches and even our families. This is not the world that persons of faith believe we are called to. Paul wrote these words to the church at Rome: "so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." (Romans 12:5) Do we always feel this way, do we always feel like we belong? PICO California, of which *True North Organizing Network* is an affiliate, has launched a Belong Movement which is an opportunity to meet the polarization and racial anxiety so prevalent in today's world in a positive way by building relationships with one another in Belong Circles.

A Belong Circle is a gathering of persons who share a belief in a world of equity and dignity for each of us. Belong Circles are a response to a narrative that tells us it is either us or them, dividing us and making us believe there is not enough for all to thrive. Belong Circles provide spaces for us to build relationships of trust, connect across our differences, imagine what our communities should be and create opportunities to turn this vision into reality.

Pastor Kathryn will be leading two Belong Circles for three weeks in October and invites all of you and others from our community to be a part of one of these circles. They will take place on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Belong Circles will skip one week and meet again on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Refreshments will be provided at each meeting and child care will be available on Tuesday evenings. For more information, please contact Pastor Kathryn.



### Bible Study on James

A Bible Study on the book of James will begin the last week of October and continue through November. Come be inspired by this short, 5 chapter, book in our Bible and learn why it's inclusion in our New Testament has been controversial. This study will take place Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM beginning October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The class will meet in the Library, Room 16 in Christie Hall.



### World Communion Sunday

music for our annual Bridge Across F Street celebration of World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of sharing the sacrament of communion. We will meet in the parking lot of the Baptist Church at the corner of E and Del Norte Street we take our Ecumenical cooperation literally and share with First Baptist, First Nazarene and others in this Holy meal. Please join with us following our 9:30 worship service when we gather at 10:45.

### Bridge Across F Street! (in the Baptist Church parking lot)

On Sunday, October 6, the music team from the Baptist Church will provide the

### Pumpkin Carving and Potluck



*Our annual Pumpkin Carving event for the whole church family will be Saturday, October 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Bring a pumpkin, newspapers to cover the table, carving tools and a potluck dish to share. This is always a fun time of creativity, some games and good food.*

## THANK YOU! To all the work day (plus) volunteers in September



Thank you to those who volunteered on our Second Saturday Work Day (plus before and after by Bill and Barb O'Brien) in September: Connie Wilson, Marie Granshaw, Wayne Palmrose, Rob Dunning, Pastor Kathryn, Brian Hansen, Joan Brady, Carol Dianich, and Tim Lindow. And look at all they accomplished outside and inside our buildings: pulled weeds, did weed eating, shortened hedge by office, trimmed trees and rhododendrons, hauled two trailers filled with green waste, mowed the lawn, internet trouble shooting, tidied up memorial garden, picked up trash, touched up paint in hall, cleaned mold off upper shelf in narthex and other surfaces, caulked rain down spout drain by the office, returned borrowed items to the Baptist Church, prepped for painting outside office and on east sanctuary wall, took abandoned items to a thrift store and fed the workers. THANK YOU!

### 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.



### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Second Sunday Breakfast Volunteers Needed

Our Second Sunday Breakfast will continue in September with a ham/egg/potato menu. The kitchen crew will be working hard to be sure that you can all enjoy a filling breakfast and some fellowship before service.

#### Kitchen Team

The kitchen crew would also like to seek and find a few more volunteers to help serve and clean up on our breakfast days. Please contact the church office or Pam Coen (707-496-4424) if you are being led to serve in this way..

Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>

## Church Family News - Continued

### 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

### Second Saturday Work Days



the workers at noon.

On Saturday, October 12, 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

Reverend Charles Smith, pastor at Eureka First UMC from 1996 to 2006 and the current pastor of Turlock UMC, passed into God's loving eternal embrace on the evening of September 23 at Hospice House here in Eureka. Pastor Charles was diagnosed with cancer in April. After unsuccessful treatment for the cancer Charles and his wife Cathy ("Nikki") had just returned to their Eureka home on September 13. A Celebration of Life for Pastor Charles will be held at Eureka First UMC on Saturday, November 2 at 1:00 PM. Condolences may be sent to Cathy ("Nikki") at 602 Martin Way, Eureka, CA 95503.

Please hold the following persons in prayer:

- Don Quintrell facing hip surgery
- Michele Montgomery
- Cookie Mahler
- Hollie Klingel and her daughter Stephanie
- Galeladi Runningbrook
- Sadiki Koo's
- Herb and Sally Pierce
- Sharon Warren
- Neal Sligh
- Shirley Peterson
- Gail Johnson
- Silas Morrison
- Jane Nelson's 4 year old grandnephew, Rhett
- Cory Cassevah, son of Sedona Bowser
- Joshua Ruch, a young man dealing with depression.
- Diane Mettam
- Ralph Nelson
- Aaron White and family
- Bev Strubinger
- Nancy Quintrell
- Vis Upatisringa
- Marty Johnson
- Jonathan O'Keefe
- The O'Keefe family
- Wayne Palmrose
- Mark McKinney
- Irene Hedgecock

### Church Supper



### Third Saturday Supper!

On Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 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, October 15

at 3:30 p.m. in the Library. The book is *What Happened* by Hilary Clinton. The hostess is Bev Strubinger.



### October Birthdays

1	Sara Beyene Williams	16	Minerva French
1	Angela Cameron	19	Sally Hansen
1	Chasen Dillon	20	Neil Ogimachi
3	Ralph Nelson	20	Marina Benson
5	Nancy Quintrell	23	Hailey Chase
7	Louise Fredrickson	24	Linnea Agnew
13	Erin Woodburn	27	Diane Mettam
15	Abigail Olmstead	30	Stacy Young

### October Anniversaries

1	Darryl & Sara Beyene-Williams
16	Diane & Brad Mettam
18	Paul & Melanie Gosselin
25	Jerry & Michelle Faulk
26	Ted & Kris Flanders

**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 Family News

We are saddened by the deaths of Art Lewis and Reverend Charles Smith.

Art Lewis passed into the loving, eternal embrace of our God on Monday morning, September 23 at his home in McKinleyville. He and daughter Lisa had just returned from a trip to Oregon where Art enjoyed visiting with family and friends. A Celebration of Life for Art will take place at Eureka First UMC on Saturday, October 5 at 1:00 PM. Condolences may be sent to Art's daughter Lisa at 1090 Murray Rd. #138, McKinleyville, CA 95519.



# Financial Summary

## August 2019

General Fund Revenue:	\$12,069.97
General Fund Expense:	\$14,818.76

## YTD 2019 (as of August 31)

2019 General Fund Revenue:	\$114,302.36
2019 General Fund Expense:	\$124,436.09
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Thank you for your generous giving to God through the church.

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 1	TOTAL – 60
SEPTEMBER 8	TOTAL – 68
SEPTEMBER 15	TOTAL – 67
SEPTEMBER 22	TOTAL – 58
SEPTEMBER 29	TOTAL – 61

## 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



Redding Handbell Festival Concert October 5,

2019 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
CrossPointe Community Church, 2960 Hartnell Ave, Redding, CA 96002, USA  
Handbell choirs from California, Nevada and Oregon will come together at the end of the Redding Handbell Festival to present a variety of musical selections in concert. Guest conductor is Barbara Meinke.

The Bella Norte Bells are on their way to Redding for the annual Redding Handbell Festival on October 5. Why not drive across the mountains to hear many handbell groups from across Northern California? The concert is free!

After Redding, we will of course begin planning and rehearsing for the holiday season. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7. Why not join us? If you read music a bit and love music a lot, this is the group for you!

# MISSIONS

## Disaster Recovery Mission Team to Lake County



Our disaster relief team heads to Middletown, Lake County October 6-11 to work in conjunction with Hope City to rebuild homes that were lost as a result of devastating wild fires. In all our

Mission Team projects there are actually three teams involved: The team that sends, the team that goes and the team that receives.

All of you are a part of *the team that sends* as you support this effort with your prayers, financial contributions designated for mission teams, and your home made cookies. (Please get the cookies to the office my Sunday morning, October 6.)

The 2019 Disaster Recovery Missions *Team that goes* is comprised of persons from at least four churches. From Eureka First UMC: Pastor Kathryn and Rob Dunning, Pam Coen, Marie Granshaw and Steve and Sue Peacock (The Peacocks also claim Smith River UMC and other churches as their home). From Arcata UMC: Kevin and Kathy O'Shea. From Vallejo First UMC: Paula and Ken Blackshear. There may also be some persons joining us from Roseville First UMC.

The *team that receives* is made up of the members of Lake County communities and the staff of Hope City who coordinate this vital rebuilding work and provide a beautiful facility for volunteers to live and eat in while doing the construction work.

## DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 10/20



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.

## Upcoming Mission Events

African Handcraft Sale Nov 10 and Nov 17

Christmas Prison Ministry gifts for children who have an incarcerated parents

## 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 September—103 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 October 6.

