

The 
Messenger
Eureka First United
Methodist Church
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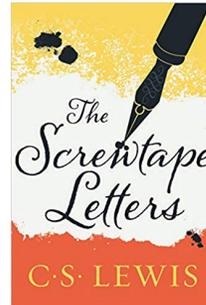
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I gave 13 children and their Moms in many cases TBI, demonstrating with a larger brush and some chattering teeth. The little guy in the picture wanted to keep the teeth.

Sister Denise's husband accompanied me on my return, making certain I was safe and paid for the taxi ride. Jamaicans are kindly people. Quite

LOVELY 😊

--Joan Brady

Food Donations for March—143 pounds!



We have, for many years, collected non-perishable food to be distributed to the Food Bank, the Rescue Mission or kept in the church office for people who fall between the cracks of services available. During this time of "Shelter in Place" we

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From your friendly editor

Remember to go the church website at <https://firstumceureka.org/> for news and links to the worship service videos!

Submissions to the Messenger

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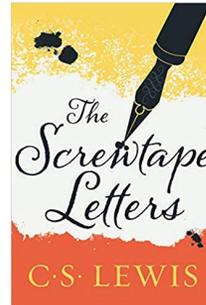
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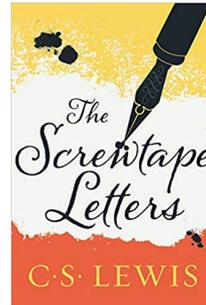
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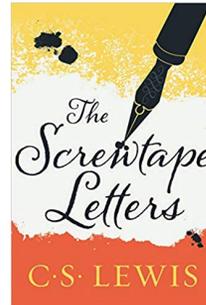
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From Pastor Kathryn...

*"My soul waits for the Lord, more than those
who watch for the morning."*

Psalm 130:6

Dear Ones,

We are in the midst of trillium season, my 8th and final trillium season as your pastor. By now most of you know that I have a thing about trilliums, the lily like white flower with 3 petals blooming from the center of three green leaves, growing amongst our north coast redwood forests. My love affair with these flowers began in my first year as pastor here at Eureka First UMC when near the end of the winter Paula Blackshear said she'd seen the first trillium of the season on a hike. What's a trillium? I wanted to know. After a brief description I started looking for them in Sequoia Park and was delighted to discover one. Every late winter since that first year I look for the trilliums and am always delighted when I find them. But I admit, that every year some doubt



always will.

In Psalm 130 the psalmist begins by crying out to the Lord from a place of despair, "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord." (Psalm 130:1) By verse 6 the writer's tone has changed

creeps in until I spot the first one. Maybe this year, I think, the trilliums won't bloom, but they always do and they

with words that express the expectation that as his "soul waits" he recognizes others who have waited, like the night watchman who waits for morning – the night may be long, but morning will eventually come. During this time of "shelter in place" to protect ourselves and others from the effects of this new coronavirus and the Covid 19 disease that it causes we resemble the psalmist crying out to God, or the night watchman waiting for dawn, or me seeking to see a harbinger of spring in the first trillium bloom of the season. Though doubts creep in, though the wait seems long, our trust is in the Lord, "For with the Lord there is steadfast love..." Psalm 130.

In the midst of our waiting, I invite you to turn to God, trusting in God's presence, love and guidance. Turn to one another – through a phone call, a note, an email, a smile or wave from a distance. And go outside and look for the trilliums that will keep blooming through April and into May.

*In Love,
Pastor Kathryn*

EFUMC's Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and "Shelter in Place"

Our church is complying with all directives from Humboldt County and the Bishop's office of the California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church. Bishop Minerva Carcaño directed that all church buildings in our conference be closed to the gathering of folks for worship, small groups and meetings. This directive is consistent with the

Shelter in Place order of our county and means that no groups, including those who rent our facilities on a regular basis may congregate here. Because holding televised worship with a small worship team is considered “essential work” by government guidelines we are able to assemble some of our musicians and produce a live stream version of worship on Sunday mornings. Pastor Kathryn is leading the weekly study groups using ZOOM, an online platform designed for such purposes. We plan to hold meetings and other small groups using this technology. No one knows how long these restrictions will be in place, but it is almost certain they will last through the month of April.

Office Hours and Pastor Kathryn’s Availability

Office Manager Gary Quintrell is keeping regular office hours via telephone ((707) 442-3015) Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon. If you are in need of food from our food bank, please call the office during those hours and arrangements will be made to get food to you.

Pastor Kathryn welcomes your phone calls ((707) 599-2295) at any time. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions or concerns.



Offerings and the Financial Needs of our church

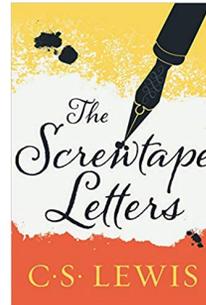
During this altered way of doing church, even though our building is not in use, the expenses of our church continue. The majority of

the financial support for this church comes from your regular gifts, most of them coming in on Sundays in the offering plate. Since we are currently not gathering on Sundays we ask that you prayerfully consider how you will continue to support the church financially. We recognize that some of you may have had your income reduced so it is understandable that your support will have to decrease. For those whose income continues we ask you to please continue your level of support for the church and to consider increasing the amount of your gifts if you are able. Remember that some persons are not able to give as they have in the past and fees for building use have ceased for the time being. Contributions from building use typically make up about 20% of the churches annual income.

There are a number of ways that you can get your gifts to the church: write a check and put it in the mail (520 Del Norte, 95501) or through the slot in the office door when you are out getting groceries, if you pay bills on line through your bank you can add the church as one of your payees, or you can pay online by going to the church website: firstumceureka.org

and then selecting “Support.” Thank you for your past support, your ongoing support and your future support.

Screwtape Letters study continues



Pastor Kathryn continues to lead a study on C.S. Lewis’ book *The Screwtape Letters* Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Wednesdays at 10:00 AM via ZOOM, an online meeting platform. The groups discuss from two to four letters each week. The March 31st and April 1st meetings will begin with the discussion of Letter 17.

If you have not received an email invitation to this study, and would like to, please contact Pastor Kathryn.

Holy Week is Coming!

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 10, at 6:00 PM on line on the Baptist Church’s website: eurekafirstbaptist.com and probably also on our church Facebook page. Please plan to log on to your computers 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 has traditionally been lead by the “Churches on the Block” (Methodist, Baptist, Nazarene) at 6:00

AM, Easter Sunday at the Sacco Amphitheater by the bay. This year that service will also take place on line April 12 at eurekafirstbaptist.com and hopefully also on our church Facebook page.



Easter Service

Celebration of Christ's Resurrection will take place at our regular worship time of 9:30 AM on Easter Sunday, April 12 via live stream on the church's Facebook Page. It will be hard to celebrate with all the grandeur we usually do on Easter morning without a gathered congregation, but the first Sunday we are able to come back together we plan to "pull out all the stops" for a grand celebration of the Risen Christ. Stay tuned for that date!



Do you need someone to go to the store for you?



If going out to the store is not a good option for you right now and you wish to limit your exposure. Perhaps we can help. Call the church office at 442-3015

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.

Women's Book Club



The Sisters of Charlotte Literary & Teatime Society will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 3:00 via ZOOM, an online meeting platform. The book

is *Still Life* by Louise Penny and the hostess is Pastor Kathryn.

EASTER SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST IS A GO!

On behalf of the Second Sunday Breakfast crew and Pastor Kathryn we would like to invite you to a special take out breakfast on Easter Sunday. Food will be prepared at home using all safety precautions and packaged to take out. One menu item will be Margaret Stumpf's hot cross buns. The rest of the menu will most likely be an egg casserole and fruit. Please contact Pam Coen (707)496-4424 or the church office if you would like to pick up breakfast for you and/or your family. We hope that we can celebrate the resurrection in a way that will allow us to serve each other. May you all be at peace.



Second Saturday Work Days temporarily suspended

Due to the "Shelter in Place" order we will not be hosting Second Saturday Work Days until we can once again gather in groups.



Church Family News

We have received word of the death of Rick French in November 2019. We trust that Rick is secure in the eternal embrace of our God. Rick was a member of this church, though inactive for the past several years. Please hold Rick's family in your prayers

We were saddened by the sudden death of Jerry Scott on March 7, but rejoice in a life lived full on this earth, and trust that he is now well and whole in God's eternal embrace. A celebration of Jerry's life was held in our sanctuary on March 14. Please continue to hold Jerry's wife Mary and their children in your prayers.

Please hold the following persons in prayer:
 Irene Hedgecock, recovering from pneumonia at home following a hospital stay.
 Sharon Sligh, beginning to get back on her feet after injuring them.
 Bev Strubinger
 Don Quintrell
 Faith, 8 year old granddaughter of Brad Johnson
 Shirley Peterson
 Cookie Mahler
 Hollie Klingel
 Galeladi Runningbrook
 Sadiki Koo's
 Herb and Sally Pierce and their daughter Jenny
 Sharon Warren
 Neal Sligh
 Gail Johnson
 Silas Morrison
 Jane Nelson's grandnephew, Rhett
 Cory Cassevah, son of Sedona Bowser
 Joshua Ruch, a young man dealing with depression.
 Diane Mettam
 Ralph Nelson
 Aaron White and family
 Nancy Quintrell
 Vis Upatisringa
 Marty Johnson
 Jonathan O'Keefe
 The O'Keefe family
 Wayne Palmrose
 Mark McKinney



Sunday, March 15 - last Sunday to congregate. We sang happy birthday to Connie and Gail who share March 17 as a birthday - Gail turned 95. He was the oldest person present and Baby Aubrey, 9 months, was the youngest present in worship. She is held by her mother Morgan Daly

Wedding Date Rescheduled

The Wedding of Dorothy Weber and Brad Johnson has been rescheduled from April 18, 2020 to September 12, 2020. Please make a note of the change.

A Special Thank You

Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for all my church family did to facilitate the beautiful service for our Dad and husband. We have found comfort in the outpouring of support, music, technology, ushers, program and Pastor Kathryn. You all helped make this difficult time so much easier.

Most sincerely, Mary Scott and family



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Bud Tillinghast | 17 Isaac Cameron |
| 3 Jasper | 17 Sarah Quintrell |
| 5 Paula Amato | 19 Brenning Davies- |
| 6 Mary Scott | 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 Reagan Weyer | 25 Paul Gosselin |
| 11 George Thode | 25 Don Dearing |
| 14 John Lundstrom | 28 Carolyn Winston- |
| - | Doble |
| 14 David Suchar | 28 Randee Pittman |
| 16 Ralph Davis | 29 Pat Reimonenq |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|------------------------------|
| 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.



Financial Summary

February 2020

General Fund Revenue:
\$18,637.42
General Fund Expense:
\$17,074.15

YTD 2020 (February 29, 2020)

2020 General Fund Revenue:
\$33,544.42
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Total +\$65.21

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

MARCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

MARCH 1 TOTAL - 66
MARCH 8 TOTAL - 50
MARCH 15 TOTAL - 41
MARCH 22 TOTAL - LIVE STREAM & VIEWS - 63
MARCH 29 TOTAL - .44 - LIVE VIEWERS

MUSIC AT EUREKA FIRST



as we can.

Praise Band

Praise Band is on hiatus,
but will resume as soon

Handbells

Like all of us, the Bella Norte Bells are quietly waiting for the dawn. We will resume rehearsals and performances when we are all able to come back together again.

MISSIONS

Mexico Mission Team



AMOR, the organization that we have partnered with for many years to

build a house in Mexico, has had to cancel all volunteer teams coming to Mexico to work during this time of travel restrictions. Church of the Joyful Healer was preparing to lead a north coast team again this year, but sadly the trip was canceled. Look forward to an opportunity to be part of this vital ministry next year.

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