



The Messenger

Eureka First United Methodist Church

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From Pastor Kathryn...

*"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day will bring."
 Proverbs 27:1*

Dear Ones,

I've been giving some thought lately to how we make plans for the future. I do think we are



supposed to make plans. Jesus certainly supported the idea that planning is an important thing to do: "For which of you, intending to

build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?" (Luke 14:28) But as the words of Proverbs remind us, we really don't know what will happen in the future. Because we do not know what "a day will bring" does not mean we should not make plans, but it is our attachment to those plans that we need to be flexible with. Certainly we at Eureka First UMC have had to be flexible with our plans for how we do worship, Bible Study, meetings, and how we keep in touch with all of you. It took a few weeks, but we have found a new rhythm to how we do things, but we dare not "boast" in newfound routines, for things will certainly change again.

One plan for the future that I have "boasted" about was the securing of a campground reservation at Wright's Lake, a long-time vacation destination for the Drumm

and Cameron families. I'd heard so much about this pristine Sierra location that Rob and I wanted to begin our time of wandering this country in our RV there. Wright's Lake is a very popular outdoor adventure destination and very difficult to get reservations for. I had to plan



and prepare for securing a camping spot for July 3 when reservations opened on January 3. I did it! I boasted that I worked hard for it,

that I got the coveted reservation. Now, at the beginning of May we don't know if that or any campground will be open by July 3. We might not get to fulfill our plans, but we never would have been able to camp there if we hadn't planned ahead. So we do plan ahead, but we also know that we "don't know what a day will bring."

As I write this letter the future of how and when the restrictions related to "Shelter in Place" will loosen is unclear. Some of us are growing impatient with restricted activity, others of us continue to fear for our own and our loved ones potential of contracting Covid-19. It is not easy, but I invite us all to make plans without being so attached to those plans that we are devastated when they cannot be fulfilled. And always remember that in the planning, in the doing, or not doing, in the good times and the not so good times, God is present with us.

*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 have held meetings using this technology. We will continue with online activities as long as necessary.

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.



Thank you for your generous giving!

Thank you to all who have continued to give your tithes and gifts to the church during this altered way of holding worship. And thank you to those who have been able to increase their generosity at this time when there are others who are suffering financial set back. The financial needs of the church continue during this time of unused buildings, so please continue to prayerfully consider how you will financially support Eureka First UMC.

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.

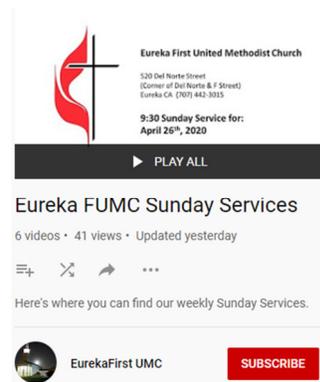
Screwtape Letters study continues



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 April 28th group will begin with letter 28 and the April 29th group will begin with letter 29.

Live Stream Worship Sundays



at 9:30 AM

"Attendance" at our live stream worship services on the church Facebook page (Eureka First United Methodist Church) has been very good, and it is now easier to get connected to

the service than at the beginning of our efforts. You can find links to the Facebook site and to the church's YouTube Channel on the front page of our church website (firstumceureka.org) The YouTube Channel is not a live broadcast, but you can view services there later on Sunday. You can view past services on both platforms. We plan to continue live stream worship even after we return to regular worship in the sanctuary.



Dorothy Weber and Brad Johnson enjoying the live stream service at home!

Women's Book Club



The Sisters of Charlotte Literary & Teatime Society will meet Tuesday, May 19 at 3:00 PM via ZOOM, if necessary. The book is *Erotic*

Stories for Punjabi Widows by Balli Kaur Jaswari and the hostess is

Children's Trust Fund Scholarship Available

We are now accepting applications for our 22nd 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 2020**

Applications must be submitted by June 15th 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.



Do you need assistance during this time?

Perhaps we can help. Call the church office to see what is available 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.



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.



Endowment fund report

Despite the recent troubles on Wall Street, the Endowment Fund this year was able to make available a total of \$14,200. Only a few requests were received and granted in full:

\$1,500 for church paint (to cover the cost of painting, with the actual work done by our stupendous volunteers)

\$2,700 for Live Stream Worship equipment to enhance our online worship experience, which we intend to continue after the coronavirus crisis

After deliberation, the Church Council voted to allocate the remaining \$10,000 to cash reserves, which have been depleted as of late. With the current economic situation, rebuilding the reserves was seen as the most prudent measure.



Congratulations on the birth of Aurora Kay Dionne, born March 31st in La Jolla, California. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Proud

parents are Lee and Morgan Dionne and proud grandparents are Dan and Linda Dionne.

We rejoice with Pastor Kathryn as she "virtually" has the degree of Doctor of Ministry conferred by Claremont School of Theology on May 19. Her daughter Erin is looking forward to calling her "Reverend Doctor Mom."

Church Family News

Please hold the following persons in prayer:

Tami Davies-Hughes; recovering from serious injuries as a result of a bicycle accident and back surgery on Tuesday, April 28th.

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Irelan, recovering from a broken wrist, and preparing to move and transition to Eureka as the next pastor of Eureka First UMC.

All school children, especially graduating seniors

Dorothy Weber, recovering from a car accident

Joe Armstrong, nephew of Ralph Davis, who is working as a respiratory therapist

Irene Hedgecock

Sharon Sligh and Neal Sligh

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

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 and Don Quintrell

Vis Upatisringa

Marty Johnson

Jonathan O'Keefe

Margie O'Keefe's daughter Jenny and grandson Joel

Wayne Palmrose

Mark McKinney

the hard-boiled and candy varieties! For all of us who weren't able to get out and put together Easter goodies, this was a real treat. It was an unexpected delight!

Blessings – Diane Mettam

Note: 45 Breakfasts were given out!

Names of Graduates Needed



We will soon be honoring graduates of elementary school through college. If you have not already, please let us know the names of those who are graduating.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 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 |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 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.



A Special Thank You



Dear Pam Coen and Breakfast Crew:

Thank you all for the lovely Easter breakfast boxes! Not only did we feast on a wonderful egg casserole and delicious hot cross buns, we were treated to Easter eggs of

Finance News

March 2020

General Fund Revenue: \$19,327.24

General Fund Expense: \$21,900.85

YTD 2020(March 31, 2020)

2020 General Fund Revenue: \$52,972.86

2020 General Fund Expense: \$50,936.75

Total \$2,036.11

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

Worship Attendance – April Facebook Live Stream/Views

April 5	TOTAL – 79
April 12	TOTAL – 103
April 19	TOTAL – 73
April 26	TOTAL – 91

MUSIC AT EUREKA FIRST



Music Team

Music Team is on hiatus from Tuesday evening practice. Currently they incorporate practice before worship on Sunday.

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. We miss the bells almost as much as we miss all of you!

MISSIONS

DRUMM STICK SUNDAY 3/15

No Drumm-sticks until we can all meet again!

Food Donations to Be Weighed Sunday, May 3

Thank you for those who have left food donations at the church office. We will weigh them during our live stream worship on Sunday, May 3. If you have donations of non perishable food items for our food closet and Little Free Pantry, please arrange to deliver them to the church office during this week by calling the office (442-3015)

Thought for the month:



Matthew 5:3-9,
from *The
Message*

³“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

⁴“You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

⁵“You’re blessed when you’re content with just who you are—no more, no less. That’s the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can’t be bought.

⁶“You’re blessed when you’ve worked up a good appetite for God. He’s food and drink in the best meal you’ll ever eat.

⁷“You’re blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.

⁸“You’re blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

⁹“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.”

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

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

May 2020 *Online Meetings

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Weigh Food	4	5 *7:00pm Bible Study	6 *10:00am Bible Study	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 *7:00pm Bible Study	13 *10:00am Bible Study	14	15	16
17	18	19 *3:00pm Book Club *7:00pm Bible Study	20 *10:00am Bible Study	21 7:00pm Board of Trustees, Rm 17	22	23
24 Birthdays & Anniversaries 31	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 *7:00pm Bible Study	27 *10:00am Bible Study	28	29	30

May Word Find

Y G Y V G J R Q I Z J D K Y J W D C H F U D M Z X C Z L Q N
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FAMILY
MOTHERSDAY

FLOWERS
PEACE

LOVE
SMILE

MEMORIALDAY