



The Messenger

Eureka First United Methodist Church

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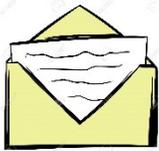
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From Pastor Kathryn...

“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:6

Dear Ones,



As I wrote my letter to you for the March newsletter I remember thinking that after that letter I would only have 3 more letters to write: one each for the April, May and June Messengers. I have found writing these monthly letters to be one of the most challenging things I do as a pastor. Perhaps I find it difficult because there is something that seems so permanent about putting something in writing, and the fear of the written word being misunderstood because we're not in dialogue and there is no room for further explanation. What if what you understand is not what I meant? I was relieved in March to think of only having to write three more letters, and this letter for the June letter would be my last. Lately I keep thinking about an expression that doesn't come from our scriptures, and I don't know the origin of it, but we've all probably heard it at some time: "If you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans." Since my March newsletter letter I have written two letters for the newsletter and 19 emailed letters (2 a week) since Shelter in Place began. God must be laughing!

This letter for the June newsletter was to be my last letter to you, but if I continue the practice I began in March of writing to you twice weekly, I still have about 10 more letters to write. The scripture I chose for this letter begins with the words, "Do not worry about anything," and I think we all need to be

reminded of that. I admit that in March when we knew we would have to close our church buildings, I worried. I worried about how to keep in contact with all of you, how the church could continue to be the church if we couldn't meet. One answer to "prayers of supplication" I made at that time was to keep us all connected through those frequent letters. I hope they have been helpful to you, for they have surprised me in helping me to process all that we are in the midst of. My last letter to you is still a few weeks away.

There is a familiar Sunday School Song with the words, "The church is not a building...the church is a people, and you have demonstrated in countless ways the truth of those words. My hope and prayer is that in the weeks ahead that include the transition to a new pastor and at some time resuming in person worship, that you will continue in all the ways you have been faithful with your participation, your prayers, your gifts, your service and your witness. And "Do not worry about anything."



*In Love,
Pastor Kathryn*

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 (firststumceureka.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.

Bible Study in June



Pastor Kathryn leads a Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Wednesdays at 10:00 AM via ZOOM, an online meeting platform. The group reads and discusses the lectionary scriptures for the upcoming Sunday under the theme of "Stay in Love With God." This study will conclude June 23 & 24.

Labor Day Weekend at Grizzly Creek State Park



Please stay tuned for information in regard to our annual campout at Grizzly Creek Redwoods State Park on Labor Day Weekend. Due to current state park campground closures it is unclear whether Grizzly Creek State Park will be open on Labor Day Weekend, and reservations are not yet able to be made.



Pastor Kathryn and Rob are greatly reducing their libraries before their move. They have placed hundreds of books on tables in the Fireside Room and the halls of Christie Hall. Please contact Pastor Kathryn (599-2295) anytime to schedule a time to "shop" for some reading material. You can also contact the church office (442-3025) during office hours. Rob's collection includes most of the books written by the following authors: David Baldacci, Larry Bond, Dale Brown, Lee Child, Tom Clancy, Stephen Coonts, Harold Coyle, Clive Cussler, Vince Flynn, Ken Follett, Frederick Forsyth, W.E.B. Griffin, John Grisham, Jack Higgins, James Patterson, John Sandford, and Brad Thor. Pastor Kathryn's books include devotionals, spiritual formation, inter-religious studies, church growth, Biblical commentaries, theology, history and reference, and several novels from a wide range of authors. There are also coffee table type books on a variety of topics, some cassette tapes, board games and jigsaw puzzles. Please come take as many books as you like, and invite your friends to do the same.



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!

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: <http://firststumceureka.org> and then selecting "Support." Thank you for your past support, your ongoing support and your future support.

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.

Charge Conference votes to accept Federal Paycheck Protection Plan loan if approved by the lender

After prayerful consideration, the church Charge Conference voted to accept a Federal Paycheck Protection Plan loan if it is made available to us. Finance Chair Ralph Davis submitted a loan application as soon as the second round of applications was open, with the understanding that (1) receiving the loan isn't a guarantee, and (2) the church would have to vote to accept such a loan through a special Charge Conference. The loan request is for \$26,000 to cover 2 1/2 months of salaries. This was not an easy decision to make, and several church members expressed deep concerns about the legal and philosophical implications of accepting such a loan. Nevertheless, the majority voted to accept because of the very uncertain financial times we are in. If you have questions about this loan, contact the church office.

Live Stream

Worship to Continue

As Churches are being allowed to reopen, we are working diligently to establish the necessary procedures and protocols to assure the well-being of all. Please be assured our plans are to improve and continue our on-line service, even when we begin to meet in person. We recognize that not all persons will be comfortable gathering for worship for some time to come.

Women's Book Club



The Sisters of Charlotte Literary & Teatime Society will meet Tuesday, June 16 at 3:00 PM at Sequoia Park. The book is *White*

Awake by Daniel Hill and the hostess is Sara Lundstrom.



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 were saddened to learn of the death of Silas Morrison on May 1, 2020 at St. Joseph's hospital, but we rejoice in the assurance of his presence now in the eternal, loving embrace of God.

Please hold the following persons in prayer:

Tami Davies-Hughes as she continues to heal from a bicycle accident

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Irelan, as she prepares to move from Willow Glen UMC in San Jose to Eureka to be the next pastor of Eureka First UMC

Joshua Ruch, a young man dealing with depression

Faith, 8 year old granddaughter of Brad Johnson

Herb and Sally Pierce and their daughter Jenny

Margie O'Keefe's daughter Jenny and grandson Joel

Jane Nelson's grandnephew, Rhett

Cory Cassevah, son of Sedona Bowser

Aaron White and family

Nancy and Don Quintrell

Sharon Sligh and Neal Sligh

Irene Hedgecock Bev Strubinger

Mark McKinney Wayne Palmrose

Jonathan O'Keefe Marty Johnson

Sharon Warren Vis Upatisringa

Gail Johnson Diane Mettam

Galeladi Runningbrook Sadiki Koo's

Ralph Nelson Hollie Klingel

Shirley Peterson Connie Wilson

Cookie Mahler

A message from David Barnes

I loved being back with your congregation this past 6 months. I hate that this Shelter in place kept me from being there in person. I will continue to worship with you on line. I hope Pastor Kathryn makes it to an Appalachian Service Project

site while RVing the USA. ASP has been a life changing experience for me.

I will see you again on my next assignment to Humboldt Co.

Thanks, David



Worship Attendance - May

Attendance is live stream plus views

May	3	TOTAL - 58
May	10	TOTAL - 100
May	17	TOTAL - 109
May	24	TOTAL - 103
May	31	TOTAL - NA

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 Logan Alto	18 Tony Kimura
2 Clover Churchill	21 Adrienne Kerr
5 Sharon Warren	22 Jeremiah Forman
6 Patricia Vance	23 Marlaine Rechelluul
6 Isaac Pittman	27 David Samelson
7 Tom Newton	28 Isaac Young
11 Steve Peacock	28 David Hayes
17 Bruce Thulien	28 Lisa McAllister
18 Richard Strubinger	29 Kathleen Tillinghast
	30 Craig Benson

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Neal & Sharon Sligh
- 12 Joann & Carrol Newquist
- 18 Teddie & Jon Lyons
- 21 Louise & Leo Fredrickson
- 21 Bill & Barbara O'Brien
- 27 Jamie & Angela Cameron
- 27 Marjorie & Larry Johnson
- 28 Ken & Paula Blackshear

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.



Finance News

April 2020

General Fund Revenue: \$20,252.00

General Fund Expense: \$19,987.11

YTD 2020(April 30, 2020)

2020 General Fund Revenue: \$73,224.86

2020 General Fund Expense: \$69,942.86

Total +\$3,282.00

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

MUSIC AT EUREKA FIRST



Praise Band

Praise Band is on hiatus, but will resume as soon as we can.

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 SUNDAYS

No Drumm-sticks until we can all meet again!

Food Donations to Be Weighed Sunday, June 7. May Total was 191lbs.

Thank you for those who have left food donations at the church office. We will weigh them during our live stream worship on Sunday, June 7. 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).

A letter from the Drumms

Dear friends,

We pray you are doing well and are able to experience the peace of Christ during these uncertain times. We apologize for missing last month's update. We are not able to go to church or other meetings and so the weeks do not have as much to mark their passing as normal. Perhaps you find the same thing to be true in your homes. We ourselves are still all healthy and are grateful that, unlike many people in our area, our apartment is large enough that staying at home is not a claustrophobia-inducing activity.

We are staying in touch with our co-workers and are grateful that so far they also are healthy and safe. Technical issues have greatly slowed the progress of translation, and everyone is feeling the lack of income to various degrees. During this month of Ramadan there are especially extra food costs, though gatherings for meals are generally smaller than they would be in a normal year. Our partner



organization in this work has been able to send a special monetary gift to each worker this month to help them with their living expenses.

We are very aware that all of these issues are now world-wide. Like you, we pray daily that God would show us the best way to respond and behave during this season. Especially we sense that now is the wrong time to be tearing down those who have different points of view than we do. There is far too much which is unknown for us to assume mantles of moral superiority over others, but then we know from history that being ignorant often goes together with feeling superior. May God save us all from that sin.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. We have had our first local confirmed case this week, and since there is no travel in or out for six weeks now, we know that there will be others not yet confirmed. This means the planned partial relaxing of quarantine restrictions will now be delayed for an unknown time. Let all of us in God's family be praying for wisdom and courage to find and follow the best course for our homes and communities.

In the name of the Prince of Peace, Paul, Fabiola, Tobias, and Nikolas

2020 Graduates

Connor Bowser (Son of Jason & Sedona Bowser)
Graduating from Kindergarten at North Redwood Christian School and will continue there in 1st Grade

Israel Walker (Son of Shawna Dixon)
Graduating from Kindergarten at Washington Elementary and will continue there in 1st grade.

Marina Benson (Daughter of Craig & Julie Benson)
Graduating from Eureka High School, co-valedictorian, and going to Brown University.

Stasia Young (Daughter of Charles & Stacy Young)
Graduating from Eureka High School and going to Willamette University studying English and Technical Theatre.

CJ Rechelluul (Son of Chad & Marlaine Rechelluul)
Graduating from Eureka High School and going to College of the Redwoods studying Construction Technology.

Annabelle Sligh (Daughter of Ron & Annette Sligh)
Graduating from St. Bernard's Academy and going to College of the Redwoods.

Ashley Sligh (Daughter of Ron & Annette Sligh)
Graduating from College of the Redwoods and going to San Jose State University.

Josephine Sligh (Granddaughter of Neal & Sharon Sligh)
Graduating from College of the Redwoods and going to University of California, East Bay.

Bela Ibarra (Granddaughter of Neal & Sharon Sligh)
Graduating from College of the Redwoods.

Susannah Brodnitz (Niece of Dan and Linda Dionne)
Graduating from Oberlin College, Ohio.

Lee Dionne (Son of Dan and Linda Dionne)
Receiving his Ph.D in Political Science from University of California, San Diego, and going to a professorship at University of Mt. Union, Alliance, Ohio.

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

 Send submissions

directly to your friendly editor, Dan Dionne, at editor@firstumceureka.org.

June 2020 *Online Meetings

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 *7:00pm Bible Study	3 *10:00am Bible Study	4	5	6
7 Weigh Food	8	9 *7:00pm Bible Study	10 *10:00am Bible Study	11	12	13
14	15	16 3:00pm Book Club *7:00pm Bible Study	17 *10:00am Bible Study	18	19	20 1:00pm Board of Trustees, In the Parking Lot
21 Father's Day Farewell Event for Pastor Kathryn and Rob	22	23 *7:00pm Bible Study	24 *10:00am Bible Study	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27
28 Birthdays & Anniversaries	29	30				

Farewell Event for the Dunnings!

On Sunday, June 21st, Eureka First UMC will have a farewell event for Pastor Kathryn and Rob Dunning. This will take place outside on the church grounds following the 9:30 a.m. live-stream service. More information about the starting time will be coming. If you currently do not receive our email announcements, we invite you to send the church an email at grace520@pacbell.net and we can add you to our list. If you would like more information, please call the office at 707-442-3015. Don't forget your mask!

