

Boulder Creek United Methodist Church Mountain Messenger May, 2017



Our Vision

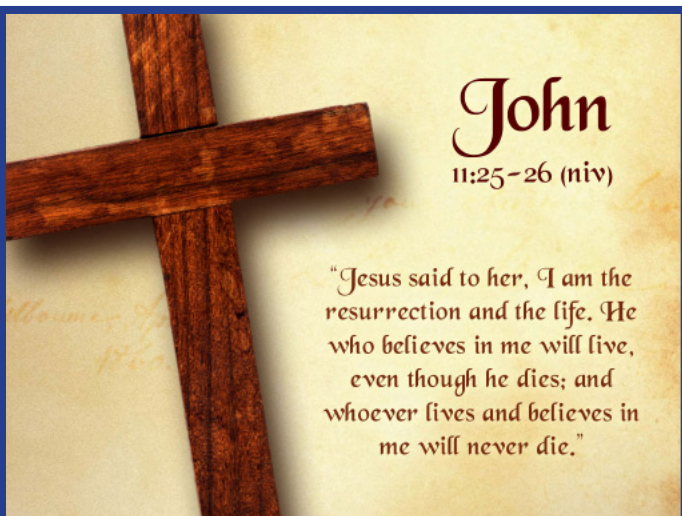
*"To illuminate the world with
God's love by serving our
community as faithful followers
of Christ."*

The Sundays after Easter

Eastertide is seven weeks, ending in Pentecost (the word Pentecost is taken from the fifty days). During these seven weeks our lectionary helps us focus on the Gospel of John. See the calendar for the text for each Sunday.

Your worship leaders invite you to prepare for each Sunday morning service by reading through the text for that Sunday, meditating and praying about its meaning in your life.

Easter is not a long-ago event, neither is it a day we celebrate once a year. For a Christian every day is Easter, and we can meet the Risen Christ every morning.



Findings of the Judicial Council

Officials in the U.S. Western Jurisdiction consecrated the **Rev. Karen Oliveto** as a bishop on July 16, 2016. Based in the Denver area, she is the episcopal leader of the Mountain Sky Area, which encompasses Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and one church in Idaho.

Bishop Oliveto is an openly lesbian woman and married to her wife, Robin Ridenour.

A petition from the South Central Jurisdiction to the Judicial Council raised a question about the legality of that election.

The consecration of a gay bishop violates church law, the top court of The United Methodist Church has ruled.

However, the bishop "remains in good standing," the Judicial Council said in Decision 1341, until an administrative or judicial process is completed.

For more information please link to: <http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/consecration-of-gay-bishop-against-church-law>.

Our website is up and running!
Check it out at

Website

www.bcumc.com.

Thank you to **Gabe House** for the hard work to create and maintain our website. It's a great tool to help people know more about our church.



What does it mean to be a Welcoming Church?

At our recent all-church meeting we voted to become a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network. In my ten years of experience with our church, I have always found us to be a welcoming church. What difference will it make to be a Reconciling Congregation? It means we will announce to the world that everyone is welcome in our church, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people.

We join all the other United Methodist Churches in our county, which are all Reconciling Congregations, as well as our Annual Conference which is a Reconciling Conference.

This decision recognizes the Gospel truth that the Table of our Lord is open to all God's Children. We are not faithful to our Lord when we decide that some may be excluded from Jesus' table. It is not OUR table, it is the table of our Lord, and our decision to be a Reconciling Congregation affirms that we are faithful to the Gospel of Jesus.

At the same time that we have made this decision, a part of our church brought charges against Karen Oliveto, a lesbian woman who was elected as the Bishop of the Big Sky area. The Judicial Council has determined that her election violates church law. The next steps are up to the College of Bishops.

I look forward to seeing you in church as we live out this decision to be a church that practices "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors."

Blessings,

Rev. Clyde



The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St. Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers, because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world". Jarvis believed that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards.

[source Wikipedia]



Word from Ted

It feels normal to talk about our Father in heaven, but our Mother in heaven? Did you know sometimes the Bible prefers to describe God's parental love in maternal terms? The most famous example is in Matthew 23:37 when Jesus says "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood..." In fact male and female are categories that God created. Both fathers and mothers are examples of divine love. Consider this: God loves us so much that God made sure our first moments alive would be an experience of love and nurturing. God wanted to provide us with the perfect vessel of love and so we have mothers! This means our very first experience of God's love is maternal.

This month we will be continuing the story of Moses and learning about the ten commandments, and of course we will be celebrating mothers!

Ted Bond

Our children on Easter Sunday, an Easter Egg Hunt and building an empty tomb





JOYS:

Stephanie Winegarden's daughter, **Brittany**, shared that she is graduating from CSUMB and moving back to Washington, D.C. with plans to get married.

Diane Belzer is growing stronger after a hospital stay in March. Bob has been absent from church, but was able to join us on Easter and inspired us by singing "The Lord's Prayer."

Jay Parr left his appointment to Redding UMC in January and has now been assigned to Jones Memorial UMC in San Francisco.

CONCERNS:

Linda Lininger had a very severe case of pneumonia and had to miss work. While she's feeling better, there's still a bit of healing to do. She is glad to be back at work and into the community.

Craig Johnson's father died. Our prayers go out to him, Sunshine and all the family.

Phyllis Mayfield has some good days and not-so-good days. She continues to stay in her home and sends her loving greetings to her friends at church.

For our **shut-ins** who are unable to be in church because of age or illness. Our prayers are with them.

If you have joys or concerns and desire prayer, please contact Linda Lininger, our prayer coordinator, LindaLinCA@aol.com, the Pastor or the church office with your request.

THANKS!

Easter Sunday was a joy, with great music during the service and a wonderful reception after the service.

Thanks to all who contributed (see the photos on another page).

THANK YOU!

A NOTE OF



Our prayers continue with Ron Perry, with Becky and their family. Cancer is such a common illness and we hold all of God's children who are suffering from cancer or other pernicious diseases in our prayers.



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<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ronperry>



May Birthdays

3	Laurel Johnson
10	Thia Geist
12	Sara Koehring
15	Rebecca Golding
16	Mary Koehring
17	Clyde Vaughn
20	Joseph Huffman



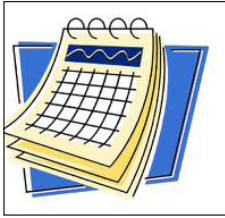
May Anniversaries

May 23	Jay & Bridget Parr
May 24, 1975	Frank & Karen Golding

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed and you would like to have it added, please send your information to the office:
bcumc@bcumc.com*

Easter Sunday at Boulder Creek UMC





Calendar

May 7, **Fourth Sunday of Easter, Rev. Clyde, "Jesus and Abundant Living"**

John 10:1-10, Communion

After Worship, **Leadership Team**

May 14, **Mother's Day** led by **Gabe House**,
John 14:1-14

May 21, **Worship** led by **Gabe House**,
John 14:15-21

May 28, **Worship** led by **Gabe House**,
John 17:1-11

June 4, **Pentecost Sunday, Rev. Clyde, "What Does it Take?"** Acts 2:1-21, **Communion**

Sundays, **Choir Practice:** 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

Sundays - Youth breakfast, 9:00
a.m. with Bible Discussion

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Prayer Chain, please contact the pastor, or
the prayer chain coordinator, Linda Lininger,
LindaLinCA@aol.com, if you wish prayers for
family members or friends.

Worship Leadership

Ministers: People of the parish

Music Director: Gabriel House



**The June Mountain
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information will be
Sunday, May 28.

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