

Boulder Creek United Methodist Church Mountain Messenger December, 2017



Our Vision

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



The **Kid's Craft Table** at the "Boulder Creek Santa Comes to Town" was a huge success. More than 40 children came to decorate gingerbread men. They were able to take away cookies, hats and instructions for blessings.

On Sunday mornings we will host a craft and carol workshop each Sunday morning until Christmas Eve.

Thanks to Ted, Herbie & Alora Bond for hosting our table and to Linda Lininger for the hats.



Advent

*We prepare to welcome Jesus, the infant,
the Risen Christ, our Savior,
into our daily lives.*

During Advent we will be placing the figures into the crèche, the manger. Animals, angels, shepherds, Magi, the Holy Family and, on Christmas Eve there will be the baby Jesus.

Join us as we prepare for Christmas, and celebrate God's Saving love for each one of us. It is surprising that salvation comes to the earth in a little village whose only claim to fame is that David, the King, was born there.

Join us for a Sunday morning in December.

Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24, 7:00

Join us for this wonderful family service of Scripture and Carol.



Is there any stress these days?

Have you taken those “stress tests” that ask if you’ve been through a divorce or death of a family member? Also listed in the causes of stress are things like “Christmas.” It’s called “eustress,” or “good stress.”

Advent Scriptures point us to the warnings that the Messiah, or the Son of God is coming. Do we need to “look out” because the Christ is coming? Is it like seeing a police car as we pass an intersection and we just automatically slow down?

Christmas is both a promise and a warning. As we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus we are reminded that as Jesus comes into our lives we want to take stock of our lives. Have we received the Good News of Jesus Christ into our lives? Has it changed the way we approach the issues we face? Does this change the way we relate to the people in our life?

I invite you to join us during the season of Advent as we prepare to welcome our Savior into our lives, into our world and into our Community! The Good News (eustress) is that we are preparing for the Son of God, our Savior, Jesus Christ!

See you on Sunday,

Blessings,

Rev. Clyde



You Are Welcome Here!

As a Reconciling Congregation, we celebrate God’s welcome to us and to all people, including any who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender and their families. At Boulder Creek UMC your friendship is valued and safeguarded. You are accepted for who you are. **You have a home!**



Safe Water for Mayan Communities in Guatemala

By Bella DiFilippo

Maria Santos Baquix, a young married mother of two, lives in the Santa Apolonia area of Guatemala. Laden with two heavy jugs and a baby strapped to her back, she often walked 12 times a day to collect water for her family. Although the water was contaminated, Maria used it for cooking, laundry, and personal hygiene.

Today, thanks to a partnership between the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Asociación Bienestar Progreso Desarrollo (ABPD), Maria and other Mayan families now enjoy safe water at home and a better life as a result.

ABPD Connecting Piped Water Source to Village 1017.png Workers from ABPD work with members of the local community to connect pipes that will provide a fresh water source to the village.

With funding from UMCOR, ABPD is building clean-water systems and latrines and educating communities on water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). Together, Global Ministries and ABPD empower communities to achieve sustainable development, improving the lives of 1,600 men, women, and children.





A Word from Ted

Our **kid's craft table** at the Boulder Creek Santa Comes to Town event was a huge success. We had over 40 children come to decorate gingerbread men with us. We also gave away cookies, hats, and instructions on how to be blessed. A huge thanks goes out to my wife, son, and Linda for all they did that night! It was a great chance for our church to connect with the community. We're looking forward to keeping the Christmas crafts going all through December and will be hosting a crafts and carols workshop every Sunday until Christmas Eve. We will sing Christmas carols and drink homemade hot cocoa while working on some great Christmas crafts.

--Ted

THE KID'S CRAFT TABLE at the Boulder Creek Business Association tree lighting festival was sponsored by the Boulder Creek United Methodist Church. Thank you Ted, Herbie and Alora for staffing our table.





JOYS:

Olympia Yost spent an extended time at Dominican with a blood infection. Fortunately she is home and doing well, though still taking medications.

CONCERNS:

Sunshine Johnson is returning to the hospital for corrective surgery. She says: "I will be going back into Rogue Regional Medical Center hospital in Medford, Thursday to have the broken wires replaced and the screw removed. I'll be there 3 or 4 days. Will let u know how things go."

Ron Perry continues to undergo chemo therapy and is dealing with the after effects. We keep Ron and his family in our love and prayers.

Bob Belzer continues to have problems with his feet. We keep him and **Diana** in our prayers.

We continue to pray for rain ... gentle rain, but enough to continue to heal our drought-stricken earth.

As always we pray for our first responders as they deal with fallen trees, mud slides and other life-threatening issues. They put their lives on the line for us every day.

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.



A NOTE OF



Thanks to Wayne Hendryx for donating AND installing a new dishwasher. When he discovered that the old machine was leaking he just went ahead and DID IT! The picture doesn't really do it justice, but plumbing is rarely photogenic!



December Birthdays

- 2 Linda Lee Edwards
- 10 Alexis Imrie
- 15 Amy Loofborough
- 25 Tuck Hartshorn
- 31 Andy Johnson



December Anniversaries

We have none recorded! Did we miss someone???

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



JOIN BOULDER CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR

Crafts and Carols

SUNDAY MORNINGS 10:30-11:30 AM | 12855 BOULDER ST

ALL THROUGH DECEMBER JOIN OUR YOUTH AS WE SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND WORK ON
KEEPSAKE CHRISTMAS CRAFTS. GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!
HOT COCOA AND SNACK PROVIDED.



11/26/17 *Santa Ornament*

12/03/17 *Snowman
Ornament*

12/10/17 *Christmas Bells*

12/17/17 *Trolls Ornament*

12/24/17 *Button Wreath*



9:00 AM BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

10:00 AM CHURCH SERVICE

FOR MORE INFO CALL TED BOND AT 831-419-0241



Calendar

Dec. 3, First Sunday of Advent, “Look both Ways before Crossing”
Mark 13:24-37, **Communion**

Dec. 10, Worship led by Gabe House, Mark 1:1-8

Dec. 18, Worship led by Gabe House,
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Dec. 24, Christmas Sunday, Rev. Clyde, “Amazed”
Luke 1:26-38, **Communion**

Dec 24, Christmas Eve, 7:00,
Worship led by Gabe House, Luke 2:1-20

Dec. 31, First Sunday of Christmas,
Worship led by Ted Bond

Jan. 7, Epiphany Sunday, Rev. Clyde, “Savior of the
World” Matthew 2:1-12. **Communion**

Leadership Team (after worship)

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

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

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.



The January Mountain Messenger deadline for information will be Sunday, Dec. 31.

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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

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