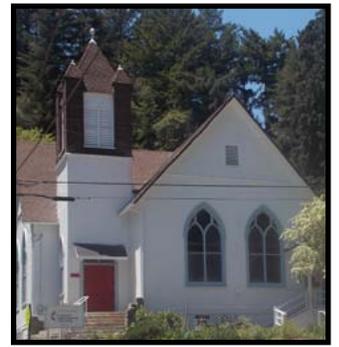


Boulder Creek United Methodist Church Mountain Messenger February, 2018



Our Vision

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



GLOBAL MINISTRIES
The United Methodist Church

Giving through our church helps support United Methodist Missions in more than 60 countries. We also support eleven U.S. colleges founded when black students had no other options. We support the Africa University in Zimbabwe, and so many other projects to help people have a better quality of life.

For the first time in anyone's memory our Annual Conference (No. California-Nevada) has paid our share in full. We can point to the accomplishments of our mission programs with pride, knowing that we are making a difference in people's lives, in our own country and around the world.

Of course some of our giving supports Administrative functions, and pays for the rent and utilities in offices. But the work being done in these offices is changing lives.

To read more about our Conference giving please check out this link:

<https://www.numc.org/news/10884660>



*Lent at
BCUMC*

ASH WEDNESDAY:

*Wednesday, Feb. 14,
7:00 p.m.* Gabe House

will lead a service of contemplation and prayer as we begin the season of Lent. The ashes will be from the palms used in last year's service (an ancient tradition).

Mar. 25 is **Palm Sunday** as we begin Holy Week.

March 29, 7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday** as we remember the Last Supper of our Lord with his disciples. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin for "mandate." Jesus invites us to come together for this meal.

March 30 is **Good Friday**.

April 1 is **Easter**. Whether you have new clothes or just a renewed spirit, join us as we celebrate the victory of life over death! Easter Service begins at 10:00.



The St. Andrew's Mission free medical clinic building in McComb, Mississippi, where Church and Community Worker and deaconess Earnestine Varnado works as Parish Nurse.



God Has A Sense of Humor!

*Clyde's
Corner*

What can be said about the season of Lent when it begins on Valentine's Day and ends on April Fools Day? Certainly we can hear our Creator chuckling!

I am reminded of Paul's words that "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom." Lent is traditionally a time of repentance and fasting, seeking God's forgiveness. If I can trust our Scriptures, forgiveness is already given. We don't need to flagellate ourselves, cover our bodies in dust and ashes, and walk around crying "Woe is me."

The "foolishness of Easter" is that in Jesus we have already been forgiven. We have already been offered abundant and eternal life. God has already announced that we are loved and have been reclaimed as Children of God.

Let's take this season of Lent to rejoice in the gifts God gives us and to claim the newness of life that is already ours. Let's quit asking God to forgive us and, instead, thank God that we **ARE** forgiven. Let's lose the down-in-the-mouth look that so many Christians have, and let's adopt a smile of joy to let the world know that we **ARE** People of God, loved by God, forgiven by God, claimed by God and sent by God! This is a new day and a new season!

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!**



Baptism of Aubrie Revious, January 7, 2018





A Word from Ted

BCUMC youth is proud to announce that we are supporting Matthew Parham in his efforts to succeed in Algebra 1. Matthew is freshman at SLV High School and he has received a scholarship from BCUMC for tutoring with me. Please keep Matthew in your prayers as he strives for academic success in High School.

--Ted

Ted continues to provide breakfast on Sunday mornings for youth who wish to come. It's an opportunity for informal interaction.



Programs of our Church through the United Methodist Committee on Relief

UMCOR programs seek to alleviate human suffering by providing:

(1) Relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when disasters overwhelm a community's resources and ability to recover on their own.



(2) Technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

Our work is done in the spirit of Jesus Christ, preserving the dignity of persons without regard to religion, race, nationality, or gender. UMCOR seeks to enhance the quality of life in the human community. We can be assured that administrative costs are already covered, and any money given to UMCOR goes directly to the project designated.



JOYS:

Bob Belzer is home, still waiting for medical decisions about the next steps. He has been in church the past couple of weeks. Great to see him.

Sunshine Johnson continues to recover, though was recently in an auto accident. She and Craig are well settled in Grant's Pass, but she misses her friends at BCUMC.

CONCERNS:

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. To keep in touch with his progress check out: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ronperry>.

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.



Thanks to the **Leadership Team** that met for the planning meeting: Gina & Dan Jett, Linda Lininger, Maggie Barr, Ted Bond, Gabe House and Clyde Vaughn. Special thanks to the Jetts for hosting our session.

THANK YOU!



Carol Rice, a long time member of our Church, passed away on Christmas Eve. She was being cared for by members of her family.

Carol has been unable to live alone for some time, and has not been able to come to church, but her friends and family will miss her. Please continue to keep her, her children and their families in your prayers. There were no services for Carol.

February Birthdays

- 1 Karen Golding
- 4 Mike Johnson
- 11 Jayden Johnson
- 14 Clark Yost
- 15 Keira Nicole Fauss
- 18 Mary Bishop
- 20 Araceli Acker
John Lynch
- 21 Sheila Vaughn
- 22 Aolele Johnson
- 25 Sierra Chiechi



February Anniversaries

- February 14, 2002 John Lynch & Amy Loofbourow
- February 24, 1979 Mary & Brad Bishop

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

Notes from the Leadership Team after their January Retreat

The Leadership Team looked at many programs they would like to do at the Church. After prayerful reflection and discernment they chose these areas as a focus for 2018

[in no particular order]

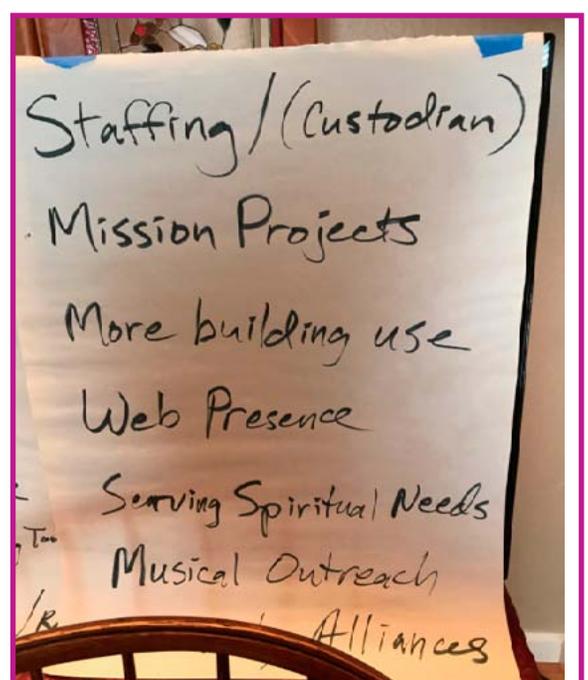
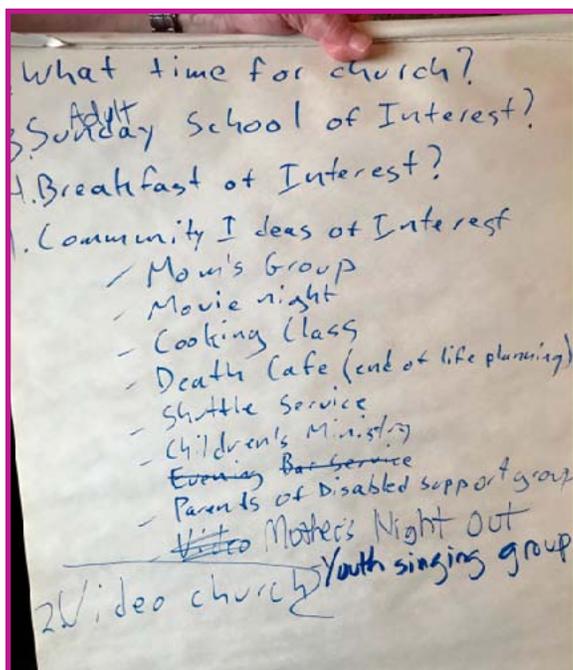
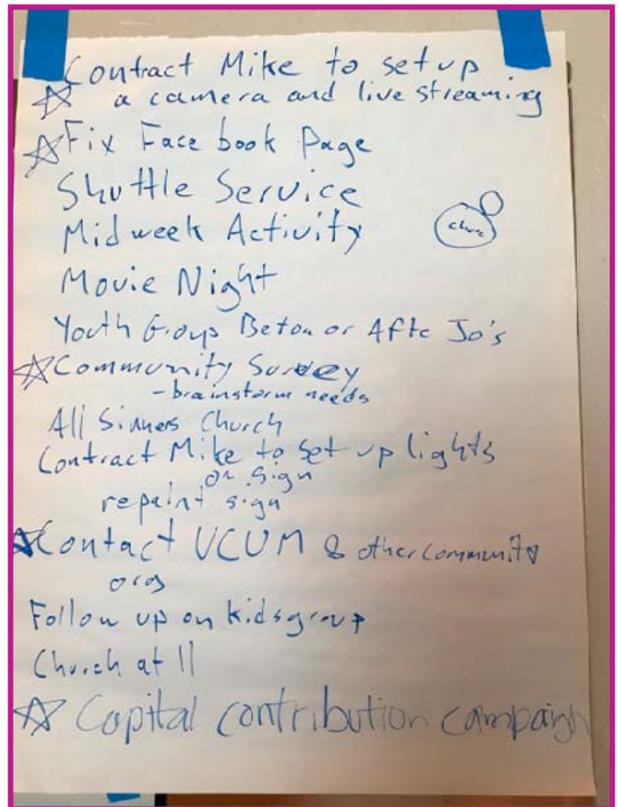
Survey of Church members: A survey tool will be designed to be sent out to the people of our church family asking what they would like to see at Boulder Creek UMC. Questions might include new programs, time of the worship service, ways to reach out to the community, and more.

This may be followed by a survey of the community, using a tool like Survey Monkey.

Live video-stream of our worship service: We are proud of our choir and our worship leadership and believe that there are others who might appreciate being a part of the service via video-streaming.

Facebook: Our current Facebook page has serious problems. How can we correct it to make it a more effective tool?

Reach Out to Valley Churches United Mission (and other helping agencies) to see how we can coordinate our desire to serve our community with the work they are already doing.





Calendar

Feb. 4, , Rev. Clyde, "All Things to All People" | Corinthians 9:16-23, Communion

[no Leadership Team]

Feb. 11, Worship led by Gabe House, Mark 9:2-9

Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday, Service at 7:00

Feb. 18, Worship led by Gabe House, Mark 1:9-15

Feb. 25, Worship led by Gabe House, Mark 8:31-38

March 4, Rev. Clyde, "Oops, I Dropped Something" John 2:13-22, 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 March Mountain Messenger deadline for information will be Sunday, Feb. 25.

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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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