

Boulder Creek United Methodist Church Mountain Messenger June, 2018



Our Vision

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



Our Swimming Pool is Open

Our swimming pool is available as of Memorial Day weekend. Plan to get your membership so you can have a key.

Please remember that our insurance requires that ONLY church members can have a key, though you would be allowed to bring family members. If you wish to have guests you will be required to have a certified life guard on duty.

To get access to the pool please contact Wayne Hendryx at 831-332-8448.

Adventure Day Camp June 25-29

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring our children, grandchildren and to reach out to our neighbor children. Last year the group visited a nearby petting zoo. What's in store for this year? Music, crafts, Bible stories and fun. Ted Bond will be leading our program. If you would like to volunteer (one day or full time) call him at 831-419-0241.



On June 19, 1910, a Father's Day celebration was held at the YMCA in Spokane, Washington by Sonora Smart Dodd. Her father, the civil war veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six



children there. She was also a member of Old Centenary Presbyterian Church (now Knox Presbyterian Church), where she first proposed the idea. After hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909 at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday to honor them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday in June. Several local clergymen accepted the idea, and on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day, "sermons honoring fathers were presented throughout the city." In the 1930s, Dodd returned to Spokane and started promoting the celebration again, raising awareness at a national level. By 1938, she had the help of the Father's Day Council. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Three Simple Rules

*Clyde's
Corner*



One of the (many) things I appreciate about our Methodist heritage is that we do not have long lists of complex doctrines which we must memorize and promise to follow. Of course we have our unique emphases, which make us different from other denominations, and which offer a part of the whole understanding of our Christian faith.

That said, John Wesley had three very simple rules that he followed and which he encouraged the “people called Methodists” to follow. This is the list:

- First, “Do No Harm...”
- Second, “Do Good...”
- Third, “Honor God’s Ordinances...”

If you would like to see more definitions of these “rules” please check out this website:

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/the-general-rules-of-the-methodist-church>

Of course, defining these as “simple” is being simplistic... “Doing Good” is a full time task and requires some very difficult decisions, as is “Doing No Harm.” And I think our world would be much better if we paid attention to God’s Will for our lives and our world. I don’t believe that our God expects perfection, at least not yet, but does want us to be intentional as we lead our daily lives.

I invite us to be an intentional community as we support one another in making daily decisions...

I’ll look forward to seeing you in church,

-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!**



From despair to hope, case managers transform lives

By Bella Simonetti

In the United States, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is known for its involvement in disaster recovery. Even better well-known is the difference UMCOR has made in the lives of survivors thanks to its respected disaster case management program.

UMCOR’s long history of providing disaster case management services that empower survivors to take the lead their own recovery is what makes UMCOR’s work so unique. Because case managers are trained to encourage a holistic response to disasters, they partner with survivors throughout the recovery process, focusing on identifying all the hurdles between a survivor and recovery.

The Rev. Laura Ice, recovery coordinator for the Florida Annual Conference, works through claim paperwork with Nirmala Narayan in Florida. Narayan’s home was the first case opened by the conference’s case managers in Central Florida. PHOTO: DEBORAH COBLE

“It’s not just touch and go. We’re with them for the long-haul,” said Christy Smith, a disaster response consultant for UMCOR. “When we talk about holistic response, that includes emotional and spiritual care. It’s woven into everything UMCOR does.”



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Photo: Deborah Coble



A Word from Ted

Summer is nearly upon us which means it is time for BCUMC summer activities. We will resume the summer swim and BBQ program on Wednesdays from 3 to 5 pm starting on June 13. We are very excited to announce that Adventure Day Camp will be happening June 25-29. There will be singing and games, crafts and science projects, exotic animals and more. We need volunteers and snack preparers for ADC, so if you would like to help please call or email Ted (831-419-0241 jted007@gmail.com). Finally, please pray that God would provide resources and open doors to more opportunities to serve young people in Boulder Creek.

-Ted

PICTURES OF OUR ADVENTURE DAY CAMP, 2017





JOYS:

Jay Parr will be ordained an Elder at Annual Conference in Modesto, Friday evening, June 22.

The **warm summer days** are finally arriving. A wonderful time of year and a time we can kick back a bit and enjoy the amazing beauty of God's world.

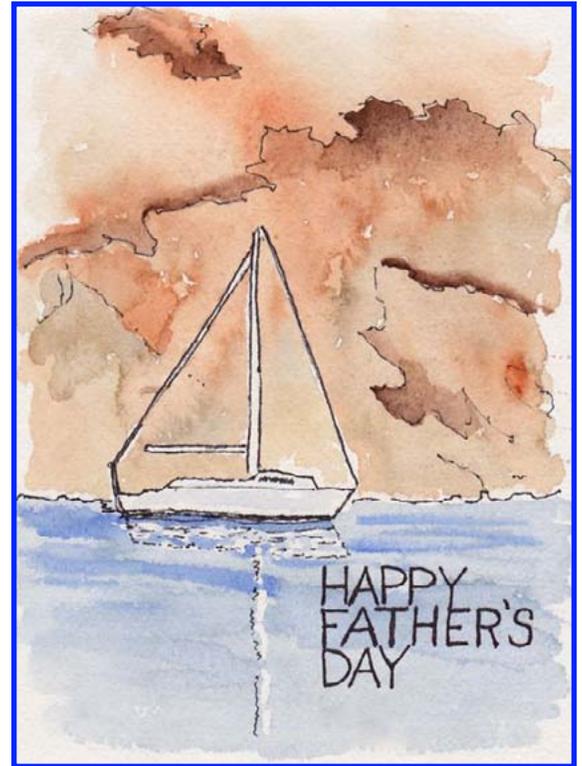
CONCERNS:

Jean Rivero passed away in Virginia. A long time and well loved member of our church, we are saddened by her loss and we celebrate a long life well lived.

Bob Belzer is having chemotherapy at the VA hospital. He is there for five days and home on weekends.

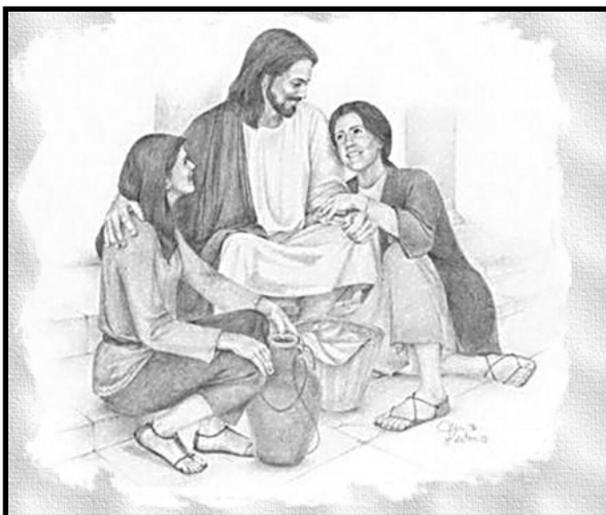
For our **shut-ins** who are unable to be in church because of age or illness. Our prayers are with them.

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 faithful members of our choir** who are there every Sunday to inspire and encourage. Your music lifts the spirits of all those who hear it.

THANK YOU!



June Birthdays

- 2 Frank May
- 3 Rex Lawson
- 6 Alexander Ericson
Ariana Zigelhofer
- 13 Katie Johnston
- 18 Matt Fauss
- 19 Grace Rose Shipp
- 21 Mardell Lawson
- 23 Russ Ericson
- 25 Jay Parr
- 30 Carol Casey



June Anniversaries

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| June 1, 2007 | Michele & Matt Fauss |
| June 8, 1995 | Araceli & Marty Acker |
| June 12, | Janelle & Josh Geist |
| June 21, | Meghan & Tony Chiechi |
| June 25, 1988 | Diane Hutchinson
& Sandy Sanders |

*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*

God at work before we know it: Prevenient grace

A UMC.org Feature by Joe Iovino*

When we consider the circumstances that led to us coming to faith in Jesus Christ, we begin to see the hand of God at work in our lives long before we were aware of the Spirit's presence.

The Rev. Matt O'Reilly shares, "You never just wake up in the morning and say, 'Hey! I think I'm going to give my life to Jesus today,' because it was your idea." O'Reilly is pastor of St. Mark United Methodist Church, in Mobile, Alabama.

Maybe you were fortunate enough to have parents who took you to church and taught you Bible stories when you were young. Maybe a high school friend invited you to her youth group where you felt a love and acceptance for which you longed. Maybe you hit rock bottom and your sponsor modeled the power of following Jesus in a way that you knew you needed. Maybe your marriage collapsed and a Christian friend who had been through something similar supported you during the most difficult days.

John Wesley, the historical founder of the Methodist movement, saw the grace of God at work in those moments. Those who showed you the healing, forgiveness, and restoration available by faith in Jesus Christ came to you by God's prevenient grace.

Prevenient?

If you think using an arcane word like prevenient is a problem, Wesley's other favorite word for this season of grace was preventing—a word he used in the 1700s very differently than the way we use it today.

The words prevenient and preventing come from a Latin root word that means to precede. Prevenient or preventing grace then is simply the grace that comes before. Before what? Justifying grace.

In *The Principles of a Methodist Farther Explained*, Wesley uses the metaphor of a house to describe our spiritual journeys. Our justification by faith he calls the door. The conviction of our sin and recognition of our need for salvation, he likens to a porch.

Prevenient grace is the grace of the porch. It prepares our hearts and minds to hear and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to respond in faith.

"This grace convinces them of being sinners who need God for forgiveness," explains the Rev. Nday Bondo Mwanabute, professor of theology at Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe. "The Holy Spirit assists them to come to God and acknowledge God's will and holiness."

Wesley taught that God's grace is available to everyone and not just a select few, as some of his contemporaries believed. Unfortunately, many resist God's prevenient grace and never choose to come to Christ in faith to continue their spiritual journeys through the door of justification.

God at work in our lives

By describing this period as grace, we remind ourselves this is not something we do under our own power. It is, instead, a gift from God.

"Without a doctrine of grace you are left trying to climb some sort of self-constructed ladder," O'Reilly explains. "You're left trying to live in such a way to earn God's favor, and that's depressing."

When we understand it as grace, we acknowledge that God is acting in our lives long before we know it. The Bible puts it this way, "God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

"I have this image of the circus and the trapeze artists," explains the Rev. Gary Henderson of United Methodist Communications. "They're doing these incredible things way up high and it's dangerous. Life is like that... Through prevenience, we have a net available to us."

By God's grace, the Holy Spirit is present in our lives drawing us closer to Christ through the loving support of a friend, the modeling of faith by a parent, or a sermon that sounds like God speaking directly to us. When we are convicted of our sin and long to live a new life in Jesus Christ, we are justified by faith, another act of God's loving grace in our lives.

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Calendar

June 3, Worship led by Gabe House,
Mark 2:23-3:6

June 10, Rev. Clyde, "We are Family!"
Mark 3:20-35, Communion

11:45, Leadership Team

*(Please note communion will be served
on the **2nd Sunday** in June)*

June 17, Worship led by Gabe House, Mark 4:26-34

June 24, Worship led by Gabe House, Mark 4:35-41

July 1, Rev. Clyde, "Who Ya' Gonna Call?"

Mark 5:21-43, Communion

11:45, Leadership Team

July 4, Wednesday,

Boulder Creek Parade



Our website is up and running!

Check it out at

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.

Website



The **July Mountain Messenger** deadline for information will be Sunday, June 24.

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831.419.0241

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Gina Billington 831.246.0394

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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