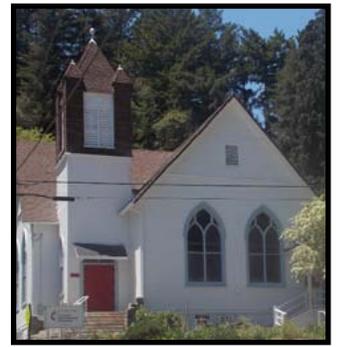


Boulder Creek United Methodist Church Mountain Messenger December, 2018



Our Vision

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

Our Response to the Paradise Fire

Thousands of homes and businesses destroyed, and almost 100 people who have lost their lives. As of this writing there are still hundreds of people who have yet to be found. Our UMC Pastor in Paradise, Bob Chicou, has lost his home and almost lost his life. While the church building is standing, many members of the church have lost their homes and/or businesses, and we are certain that some have been injured or lost their lives.

Insurance will cover some financial losses, but there will be months (and maybe years) before people can heal physically and spiritually.

If you wish to help please write a check to the Boulder Creek UMC (put the note "Paradise Fire" on the check) and be assured that every penny goes to the people who need help!



Advent Worship Calendar at the Boulder Creek United Methodist Church

Dec. 2, Rev. Clyde, 1st Sunday of Advent
"The Promised Coming" Jeremiah 33:14-16,
Communion

Dec. 9, Worship led by Gabe House, Luke 3:1-6

Dec. 16, Worship led by Gabe House, Luke 3:7-18

Dec. 19, 7:00, Valley Singers Concert

Dec. 23, Christmas Sunday Worship,
Rev. Clyde, "He is Here!" Luke 1:39-45

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

Dec. 30, Worship led by Ted Bond

**Join us as we make Scripture readings, music and
proclamation a part of our
Christmas preparations.**

Concert by Valley Singers

This local group of young people under the direction of Gabe House will help us prepare for the joy of the season. The concert is at BCUMC is free of charge.

<https://www.facebook.com/ValleySingers>

I Have Some Good News (and Some Bad News)

*Clyde's
Corner*



That's often the conundrum ... With the rains, for which we are grateful, comes the threat of slides; a promotion can require more responsibilities or maybe even moving to another community, and on it goes. As the Christian Church approaches Christmas we have the joy of good news, wonderful carols, family, food, parties, friends and gifts (we enjoy giving as much as receiving).

At the same time we want to remember "The Reason for the Season." We are not celebrating Santa Claus, we are celebrating the Word of God that becomes flesh and dwells among us. The Good News of Jesus is that in him we find abundant and eternal life. We can walk through our days with the confidence that only the Children of God can have.

That said, John the Baptist announced the coming of the Messiah and he called for repentance of sin, "for the Kingdom is at hand." Jesus will later remind people that our role in the Kingdom of God is defined by how we treat other people. Jesus said: "I was hungry and you ... and I was a stranger and you ..." There were days when people believed that the Second Coming was imminent and they would ask each other "if Jesus comes tomorrow what will he find you doing?"

We are preparing gifts, decorations, Christmas Cards, and menus for family gatherings. As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Son of God ("Emmanuel" means God with us), let us ask ourselves how we are preparing our lives, our communities, our nation and our world. Are we ready for the coming of the Son of God? Is part of our preparation repenting for the places where darkness is eager for the light of God?

Please continue to pray for me and for our 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 Bishop Carcaño: Next Steps in Our Response to the Butte County Camp Fire Crisis



Sisters and Brothers, As we gather round the table of grace in our homes this Thanksgiving, let us remember the victims of the Butte County Camp Fire and other fires throughout the state of California. Let us hold them up to God through prayer and let us consider how we might come alongside them to comfort and sustain them. This past weekend I was able to join a group of our United Methodist leaders who were providing relief to victims of the

fire that devastated the community of Paradise, CA. We joined other people of faith and government and secular agencies at the Disaster Recovery Center set up by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Chico. We served hundreds of suffering persons who readily told us about their experiences of facing consuming and all-powerful fires. Their stories were filled with horror, but also with the wonder of human bravery, resilience, and hope. I will carry their stories, their faces, tears, courage, and faith with me for the rest of my life. I know that we cannot abandon them.





JOYS:

For the rain, and for the end of the official fire season (finally).

For gatherings of **families and friends** for the holidays.

Firefighters who reacted so quickly when there was a dangerous fire in B.C.

Our tenants take such good care of their residences and the surrounding grounds. We are pleased to be able to offer Section 8 housing.

A great staff that continues to work with little fanfare. Let's be sure to thank them!

CONCERNS:

Our Family and Friends: Linda's niece Beth, in her final weeks; Gina J.'s friend, Beverly, dealing with memory loss; Ted's aunt Celia, suffering from dementia; Dan's sister Jenae, losing touch with family; Clyde's son-in-law, Greg, continuing cancer therapy.

Those facing the holidays after losing a loved one. Their lives are changed.

For those who are homeless as our nights get colder and the rains have come.

For the **many who have faced major crises** in their lives and now prepare for the holidays in whole new ways. Prayers with each of them.

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.



Our gardening and building maintenance elves work so quietly and without fanfare, including Wayne Hendryx, Carol Baggerly, Elinor Slayer, Rex & Mardell Lawson and maybe a couple of others?

THANK YOU!

Be sure to log in to our church Facebook page to see the sermon from last Sunday (or previous Sundays).



Thanks to **Maggie Barr, Gabe House and Ted Bond** for setting this up and for recording the sermons each Sunday.

You'll want to copy and paste the URL to find our facebook, then please "like" us and become part of our social media family.

<https://www.facebook.com/Boulder-Creek-United-Methodist-Church-179851719450777/>

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



Calendar

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11:45, Leadership Team

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Jan. 6, Rev. Clyde, Epiphany Sunday
"God is Among Us!" Matthew 2:1-12, Communion

Check out our website 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 January Mountain
Messenger** deadline for
information will be
Sunday, Dec. 30.

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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.

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