

# Boulder Creek United Methodist Church Mountain Messenger March, 2022



## Our Vision

*“To illuminate the world with God’s love by serving our community as faithful followers of Christ.”*

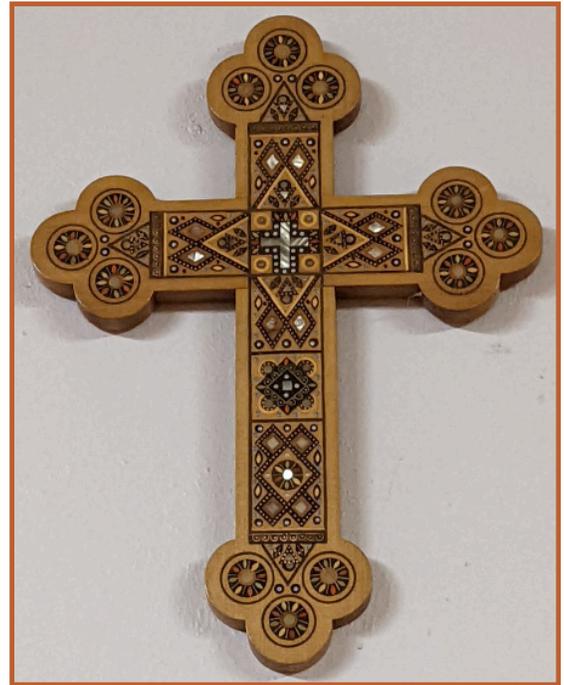


## Our Children’s Room

has certainly changed for the better. Jaime has worked hard to create an environment where children will feel comfortable and safe.

She is striving to create a curriculum that will introduce the children to the stories of the Bible and also bring them into a closer relationship with God.

There are pictures on page 3 of some of our children and the activities they are doing. If you would like to volunteer as an aide once in a while please see Jaime before or after church and let her know what you would be willing to do.



### *We were reminded*

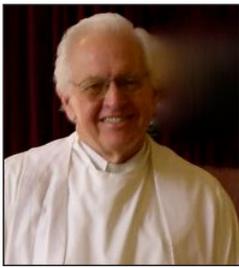
This past week **Karen and Frank Golding** reminded us that a cross hanging in our Social Hall was brought home by their daughter, **Rebecca**, after a Campus Ministry trip to Ukraine.

This Cross was featured on our altar last Sunday and will remain there as long as this terrible war of aggression goes on. It will help us remember that the people of Ukraine are our sisters and brothers in Christ, children of God, who need our prayers and active support.

We want to also remember that **Marina Thomas**, who was our accompanist at the beginning of 2021 is from Ukraine and still has family and friends there. The youngest family member is six years old.

United Methodist Churches in Ukraine are acting as shelters and the United Methodist Committee on Relief is seeking ways to work with partner agencies in Ukraine to provide relief and assistance.

### Saints & Sinners



I was inspired for my MM message while attending the *Open Heartstrings* concert last weekend. It seemed interesting to talk about Saints and Sinners while in a church building, but also very appropriate.

I was tempted to interrupt the concert (I didn't!) to explain why the theme is appropriate. It has often been said that the church is **not** a resting place for saints, but a healing place for sinners. I can't speak for you, but if the church were exclusively for the righteous they wouldn't let me in! But Jesus' ministry was to those outside the "acceptable" group of people, and he reached out to tax collectors, prostitutes, outcasts, children, widows, orphans and street people.

During Lent those of us who are "less than perfect" can spend our time celebrating God's Love and finding new ways to perfect our relationship with ourselves, our family, other people and our Gracious God. Maybe it is not enough to give up something that was not that good for us anyway (chocolate, smoking, french fries or ... you name your favorite "habit")



What an exciting adventure this will be.

Continue to pray for me as I pray for you,

~Rev. Clyde

### You Are Welcome Here!

"As a Reconciling Congregation, we celebrate God's welcome to us and to all people, affirming persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and their families. At Boulder Creek UMC your friendship is valued and safeguarded. You are accepted for who you are. You have a home!"



### Our Sunday Morning for Children

I am happy to announce that, as of February, BCUMC is fully back on board with our education plans. Our new **Kids Church** teacher **Jaime Perry** has hit the ground running. She has given the children's room a much needed makeover, and she has been bringing children from her own neighborhood. It is so

nice to hear the sound of kids playing and laughing in the church again! (pictures on page four of the Messenger.)

Our **Friday night Bible study** has been meeting on zoom Fridays at 5. We have been having lively discussions of the story of redemption as revealed in the book of Exodus. I have to say we have a sharp bunch. I am pretty sure I learn more than I teach every week!



-Ted Bond

### Bible Study on the Book of Exodus will be Fridays, on Zoom



**Ted Bond** will lead our study on the story of liberation as told in the book of Exodus. Please let Ted know of your interest and he will send you the Zoom link. You can leave a message on the church phone.

Some of us have yet to return to worship in the church building. We certainly understand the hesitation and surround them with our concern and love. Thank you to all those who are able to continue their financial support of our church. The church still has expenses and you are encouraged to continue, as you are able, faithful financial support of our staff and operating costs. Please send your checks to:



P. O. Box 2187, Boulder Creek, CA 95006



## JOYS

**Michael Barr** continues to have surgeries on his eyes. He hopes to complete the process this Spring. We keep him and **Maggie** in our prayers for successful surgeries and during his recovery/adjustment.

**Garrett Wallace** is back in church with that amazing positive attitude of his.

**Concertino Strings** will perform in our church, Wed., March 9, 11:30 a.m. AND Sat., March 12, 4:00. Invite your neighbors (free will offering at the door).

**Valley Churches United Mission** in Ben Lomond, continues to provide much needed food and other resources in the name of Christ.

## CONCERNS



**Ted Bond** asks our continued prayers for his father, **Jim**, dealing with a terminal brain cancer. We also pray for Ted and the whole family.

**For the people of Ukraine.** We also pray for the leaders of the world as they respond to this war of aggression and for the leaders of Russia in these crimes against humanity.

**Karen Golding's** chickens were killed by a bobcat while in their pen. A very sad time for the Goldings.

**Prayers for rain.**

**For those who are hungry and homeless** especially in these times of isolation.

**For those suffering because of COVID-19**, whether their health is affected, their work situation, school for the children or just feeling overwhelmed.

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 the Pastor or the church office with your request.*

*Thanks!*

To **Joanne Tanner** for organizing our musicians and assigning them to Sundays when they can provide the music. She is also working on a choral group for April 3.



Always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor never the tormented.

Elie Wiesel

Romanian-born American Jewish writer, professor, political activist, Nobel Laureate and Holocaust survivor.

Be sure to log in to our church Facebook page to see the worship from previous Sundays.



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## March Birthdays

- 3 Sam Imrie
- 3 Jordan Johnson
- 6 Isaac Perry
- 10 Michelle Fauss
- 12 Kat Carr
- 15 Dominic Chiechi
- 17 Shanon Gripkey
- 20 Sunshine Johnson
- 21 Josh Geist
- 22 Chrissy Warner
- 26 Mae Slayer
- 30 Linda Lininger

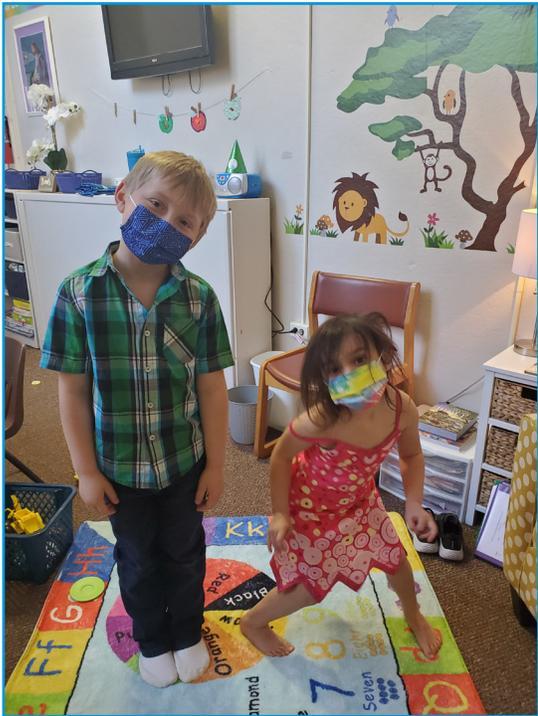


## March Anniversaries

- March 2 Mary & Russ Ericson
- March 21, 1993 Les & Shanon Gripkey

If, for some reason, your birthday or anniversary is not listed above, please contact the church office and let us know. We want to include our whole family.

Children enjoying time together on Sunday morning



# ORCHESTRA CONCERT

## Concertino Strings



**Wednesday 11:30 am March 9**

**Saturday 4 pm March 12**

**Boulder Creek United Methodist**

**Handel, Sibelius, Mendelssohn**

**FREE ADMISSION**

*Please tell your neighbors and friends about this wonderful opportunity.  
This is a great gift to the San Lorenzo Valley community.*



*Open Heartstrings in Concert, February 26, 2022*



## Calendar

March. 4, Friday, 5:00,  
Leadership Team on Zoom

Mar. 6, **First Sunday in Lent**,  
Worship led by Rev. Clyde,  
“Lead Me Not” Luke 4:1-13, Communion

Mar. 9, 11:30, Concertino Strings in concert

Mar. 12, 4:00, Concertino Strings in concert

Mar. 13, Worship led by Ted Bond, Luke 13:31-35

Mar. 20, Worship led by Ted Bond, Luke 13:1-9

Mar. 27, Worship led by Ted Bond, Luke 15:1-3. 11b-32

Apr. 2, Worship led by Rev. Clyde, “Jesus Condone  
Waste” Luke 4:1-13, Communion

**Bible Study**, led by Ted Bond, will continue on  
Fridays. The next one will be March 11. This study of  
the Book of Exodus will be on Zoom. To get the link  
for the session please let Ted know of your interest by  
sending him an email at [jted007@gmail.com](mailto:jted007@gmail.com).

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



The **April Mountain  
Messenger** deadline for  
information will be  
Sunday, Mar. 27.

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