

Deeds and Opportunities

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SEPTEMBER 2019



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2019 SEPTEMBER Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Content/Sermon	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Sep 1	Hebrews 12:1-3 "Grace VS Race"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • Holy Communion • Confirmation Mentor Orientation: at noon in Fireside Room
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Sep 8	Philemon 1-21 "Counter-Cultural Church"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • Confirmation Orientation for All: at noon in Sunday School Room
6 pm Wed Sep 11	Taizé Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • String Band
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Sep 15	1 Timothy 1;12-17 "Ministry of Mercy"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • Staff Appreciation during Service (by Staff Parish Relations Committee) • New Members Orientation (1)
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Sep 22	Jeremiah 9:18-9:1 "Tears of Jeremiah"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • New Members Orientation (2)
6 pm Wed Sep 25	Taizé Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • String Band
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Sep 29	Luke 16:19-31 "The Rich and The Poor"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship

20 Min SING ALONG every Sunday



You are welcome to join in 20 minutes of singing favorite hymns before Sunday Worship!
Tell the pastor what your favorite hymns are!

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for DAVID CARRILLO
(Father of Michelle Carrillo, new administrative assistant at our church office)

1:30 pm, Saturday, September 14th
at Brentwood Community UMC

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

I am so happy and excited for 2019-20 Confirmation Journey which involves 10 kids (the biggest group ever), seven mentors, five teachers and so many parents. What has happened that we have this big group for Confirmation this year? I think the biggest contributor for this happy news is our YOUTH DIRECTOR, BECCA FELDERMANN. She has been with us as our Youth Director for two years now since she was installed at our 150th Church Anniversary in September 2017.

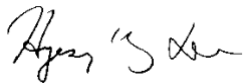
She is the very first Youth Director in our 150-year church history. She has welcomed every kid who has come to our church with so much love. Her MTJ (Middle School group) and YAHS (Young Adults & High Schoolers) have attracted so many kids and their parents almost every Sunday night. Both groups have attendance of 7 to 10. Her Youth Group also offers special outings and service projects. She has also visited each kid's school and sport activities like musicals, plays, baseball or basketball or football games, etc. So many kids told me that they feel so welcomed and loved whenever they are with Ms Becca. A couple of kids say that they wish they had found our church earlier and that Youth Group has helped them in so many ways. They say that they appreciate great friendship and fun activities and learning. WHAT A BLESSING!

So please keep praying for all confirmands, mentors, teachers and parents who are taking the Confirmation Journey from Sept 2019 to May 2020. Their names are:

- **Confirmands**: Madeline Charpentier, Zachary Dicksa, Christian Belino, Audrey Dunn, Oluchi Ogbonna, Emma Smith, Robin Bliss, Maggie Monsef, Rachael Green, Grace Dicksa.
- **Mentors**: Linda Walton, David Funk, Melissa van Ruiten, Heidi Retzer, Fran Bowman, Cheryl Brietenbucher, and Polly Gallagher
- **Five Teachers**: Becca Feldermann, Jen Dunn, Michelle Monsef, Julius Lukacs, Hyesung Lee

Your prayers and support will be a great source of joy and strength for all of these sojourners!
THANK YOU!

Rejoice in all circumstances, pray without ceasing, and give thanks always!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



Let Us Pray for the Following Members and Friends of BCUMC!

This list is provided by our Congregational Care Network of Brentwood Community UMC.

If you want to add names or make any change in this list,
please contact Linda Barnhill at 634-8521.

Bev Hendrix, Galen Tidrick, Diane & Carey Hutchison, Diana Easley,
John Moore, Jim Boynton (Barb Pinkston's brother), Shirley Gray,
Heather Lawrence, Gordon Fong, Susan Kent (Eileen Newill's cousin),
Murphy Slay (in Afghanistan), Esther Riney, Esther Graham, Rene Miller,
Mike Martin, Bill O'Boyal (friend of Eileen Newill), Audrey Dunn,
Rick Graham, Jessica Davis (Linda Terrill's niece), Laverne Dewey,
Vince Cortese (Scott Baxter's father-in-law), Jerry and Rosalinda Bizb,
and the United Methodist Church Reconciling Ministry Post-General Conference.



*We pray for you and your caregivers that God may fill you every day
with strength, faith, love and peace!*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Individual Prayer with quiet music on 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Wednesdays
Taizé Service on 2nd & 4th Wednesday

Wednesday Night Prayer continues to open and welcome anyone who would like to sit in the sanctuary for a time of prayer. You may stay as long as you want between 6:00 and 7:00 pm! Candles will be provided for those who wish to light a candle for someone or for some causes.

You may leave your prayer request in the basket for which the prayer team will pray!



2019-2020 Confirmation Journey

September 2019 through May 2020
for kids 7th and up



- **Confirmands:** Madeline Charpentier, Zachary Dickson, Christian Belino, Audrey Dunn, Oluchi Ogbonna, Emma Smith, Robin Bliss, Maggie Monsef, Rachael Green, Grace Dickson.
- **Mentor Orientation:** September 1st (7 mentors, 6 are new: Linda Walton, David Funk, Melissa van Ruiten, Heidi Retzer, Fran Bowman, Cheryl Brietenbucher, and Polly Gallagher)
- **Confirmation Orientation:** September 8th at noon
- **Five Teachers:** Becca Feldermann, Jen Dunn, Michelle Monsef, Julius Lukacs, Hyesung Lee

A big 'thank you' to Dave and JoAnn Funk
for donating all the new teaching materials for Sunday School.
The materials are a big hit with both the kids and their teachers,
and we are grateful to Dave and JoAnn for their generosity!



Midtown Faith

“Paint Nite”

When: October 27th, 1:00pm-3:30pm

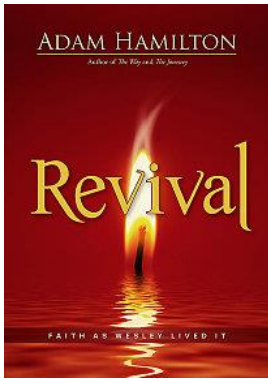
Location: Starr Nite Studio, 2545 Sand Creek Rd. #136, Brentwood

Info: Come join us and bring out your inner artist! Cost is \$39 per person. Wine & beer are available at the location to purchase during the event. Event is approximately 2 hours. Tickets available online at

<https://www.starrynitestudios.com>

Who: Adults of Midtown Faith, 21+

Questions? Contact Rebecca at rfeldermann@yahoo.com or Vanessa at vthomson2016@gmail.com



Revival

Faith as Wesley Lived

6 Weeks on Sunday Morning (Beginning on Sept 8th)

9 am in Sunday School Room

Facilitators: Mel Strong & Jerry Walton

melvinstrong3039@yahoo.com

waltonjerry@comcast.net

Revival is written by Adam Hamilton. It is a short book, six chapters and 144 pages of text. We will be reading a chapter a week. It is about the life of John Wesley and his theological spiritual journey. Here is a quote from the book:

"John Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to the 21st Century Christians, calling for a Revival of the hearts and souls so that our world may be changed. Join Adam Hamilton for a six week journey to England, through Wesley land, life Ministry and teaching. For Methodists, Wesleyans, and all Christians, Wesley's story is our story, defining our faith and challenging us to rediscover our Spiritual Passion".

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There is an excellent DVD that we will be using also. Between now and the start of the discussion of Adams book in September we will have our 9am fellowship and start each class with the words John Wesley used to start his meetings, "How Goes it With Your Soul".



Sunday School began their 2019-2020 school year on August 11th. This year, we are utilizing a new curriculum called Bible Story Basics. It is a wonderful curriculum that starts us at the beginning...Genesis & Creation!

We will continue through the Old Testament and learn all the stories.

Thank you for all your support!

Want to help the children's Sunday School program?

Consider donating one of the following:

- One pack of pipe cleaners
- (2) child safe hand mirrors
- (2) blindfolds
- Craft sand
- One pack of index cards
- Paper bowls
- A couple of plastic tablecloths
- Poster board
- (4) small foil baking pans
- Wood blocks
- Interlocking blocks (like Legos)

SAVE THE DATE!



"Mystery Dinner" Fundraiser

Sunday, October 20th, 5:30pm-7:00pm

Tickets go on sale in October!

This fundraiser supports BCUMC Youth Program.



The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, and the young adult/high school group, also known as YAHS began our 2019-2020 year on Sunday, August 11th. The youth attended the event with a special speaker, Reverend Brian Adkins, and had a joint dinner of tacos. We also met on the 18th and 25th and had two interesting discussions surrounding materialism and lying.

Our schedule coming up for September is:

Sunday, September 1st, Holiday Weekend, NO GROUP

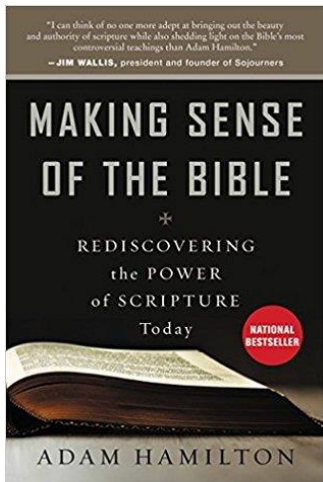
Sunday, September 8th, MTJ 5:30pm-7:00pm/YAHS 7:30pm-9:00pm

Sunday, September 15th, MTJ 5:30pm-7:00pm/YAHS 7:30pm-9:00pm

Sunday, September 22nd, MTJ 5:30pm-7:00pm/YAHS 7:30pm-9:00pm

Sunday, September 29th, Sierra Service Project Day of Service, MTJ & YAHS, ALL DAY EVENT

We are looking forward to a new year filled with faith, fellowship, and friends. Thank you to our wonderfully supportive congregation and of course, a big thank you to our youth for making this program grow & thrive!



MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF SCRIPTURE TODAY By Rev. Adam Hamilton

Six Weeks on Fridays at 3 pm till 4:30 pm

Beginning on September 13th

Facilitator: Rev. Hyesung Lee (hslee3@gmail.com)

Text Book (\$10.00)

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Sign Up Sheet is in the fellowship hall

Here is a quote from the publisher: "Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn't about a particular social issue, but instead it is about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world's best-selling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

Did God really command Moses to put gay people to death? Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to keep silent in the church? Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often-misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving."

VOYAGERS MEXICAN TRAIN

Saturday - Sept 21st - 3:00 pm



NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION
September 15 and 16 from 12 pm to 1 pm
In Quiet Room (behind the choir room/fireside room)

You are invited to this orientation if you want to (1) *join* our church as a committed member or (2) *just learn* more about our church. This orientation will include (1) sharing of faith journeys; (2) United Methodist Church Beliefs and Mission; and (3) our B.C.U.M. church mission. If you are interested, please let the pastor know by contacting her at 925-303-9339 (cell) or hslee3@gmail.com. Or you may just show up! This time is always very enjoyable and spiritual.

HELP WANTED:
VOLUNTEER K-2ND GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

There is a great opportunity to work with children from kindergarten to second grade from now through the fall months. Lesson plans will be provided. We have new teaching materials that are user-friendly and are popular with both the children and their teachers--give them a try!

If you are interested, please contact Scott Baxter, chair of the Young Christians Ministry Committee, at scottmbaxter@aim.com. Thanks!

WOW! NEW VIDEO RECORDING EQUIPMENT

By Dennis Buckley, Chair of Trustees

Please forgive our dust!! There has been quite a bit of activity in the back corner of the sanctuary this week. We received a new camera and recording equipment. Dave Funk, Alex Funk and Dennis Buckley spent many hours over three days putting the equipment together and troubleshooting problems. A big thank-you goes out to Diana Lane whose research determined how to make some important electrical connections.

Once the installation is complete, the tripod, chair and ugly brown box in the back of the sanctuary will go away. The new camera will be mounted on the wall and will be controlled by equipment on a table in the back of the church. The new camera records a much higher quality picture than the camera we have been using for several years. The recording equipment is also higher quality and does not require a computer.

After we use the equipment for several Sundays, we will start on the next steps. We will mount the camera on the wall and look for a table for the equipment. We will run a new cable into the Fellowship Hall so the projector there will be able to project a better-quality picture of what is happening in the Sanctuary.



HOPE HOUSE "REMODELING" . . . this week a crew of volunteers removed everything from the Clothing Room and adjoining "powder room" and moved in new fixtures from the Dress Barn store that closed. Thanks to Rosemary Wood who supervised the project. (Pictures to follow when the work is completed.)



5. Don Barnhill
7. Scott Stirling
12. Bryan Webb
15. Judy Gerry
16. Charlene Dobson
15. Riley Clarke
17. Tuck Tennant
19. Jeffrey Zamjahn
20. Ivy Caruso
20. Gabriel Clarke
20. Kathie Gullizia
21. Beverly Johnson
22. Kyle Schults

! *Happy Anniversary*

9. Joy and Joe Kick
16. Beverly and Martin Tucker
22. Valerie and Doug Umana

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00 AM

BCUMC Fellowship Hall
All men are invited to breakfast.
Come and Join in a great breakfast
and fellowship.
Heart-healthy food to be included.

We will meet **SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7th**

Bring a friend.
His breakfast is free!

Call Dave Funk, 925-997-5018
with any questions

WONDERFUL GOD

What a wildly wonderful world, God
You made it all so easily
With such heartfelt passion
Hey God, you really cut loose
And outdid yourself – flinging countless
Stars into the skies and far beyond
All the fish and creatures of the deep
Elephants and rhinos - and grasshoppers
Building their elegant homes
Under a few blades of grass
God, you gave us mandolin and ukulele
Music – to lift our spirits
You gave us both the forest and the trees
And so many different wonderful people
Of such wildly creative diversity
People of every place and color and age and feeling
When I try to comprehend it all, dear God
It just leaves me reeling
And if you turned your back
For even just a minute – all would
Wither and revert to original mud
But you never ever turn
Your back on us, God – not once ever
And so we sing songs to you
Songs of praise - like waves
Crashing on the shore
Songs of an ocean breeze
And of a child laughing
Oh my soul, bless God
Wonderful God!

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Statement of Inclusion:

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church is a welcoming and reconciling congregation, affirming its ministry with the whole family of God regardless of age, race, ethnic origin, economic situation, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status.

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. Schuyler Rhoads

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

