Deeds and Opportunities

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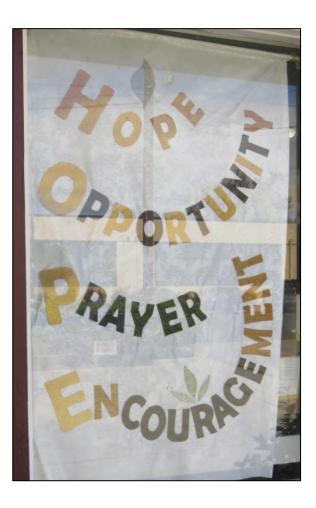
OCTOBER 2019



H.O.P.E. (Hope, Opportunity, Prayer, Encouragement) HOUSE







2019 OCTOBER Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Content/Sermon	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Oct 6	Luke 17:5-10 Believing Heart	 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship Holy Communion World Communion Sunday Nomination Committee (12 pm)
6 pm Wed Oct 9	Taizé Service	String BandPraying for Family
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Oct 13	Luke 17:11-19 Grateful Heart	 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship <i>New Members Reception Sunday</i> Celebration of Ministries: Board of Trustee + Midtown Faith Confirmation Class 2 & 3 Combined
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Oct 20	Luke 18:1-8 Praying Heart	 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship Celebration of Ministries: Endowment & Memorial + Voyagers Mystery Dinner (Youth Fundraising) 5 pm Confirmation Class 4
6 pm Wed Oct 23	Taizé Service	Holy CommunionPraying for Healing
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Oct 27	Luke 18:9-14 Humble Heart	 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship HOPE HOUSE SUNDAY Celebration of Ministries: UMW

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!

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!

† Pastor's Letter **†**

Dear Friends in Ministry

Autumn is almost here! The nature changes according to season. But there are people who don't change in their dedication to the work of Christ throughout FOUR seasons of the year. They are HOPE HOUSE volunteers. They come to HOPE HOUSE every Monday and Wednesday. Some leaders of HOPE HOUSE come also on Friday and Sunday in addition to regular Monday and Wednesday. They have dedicated their Time, Talent and Treasure to serve our neighbors in need. HOPE HOUSE ministry with foods and clothes has helped them in the time of difficult challenges.

Eight years ago HOPE HOUSE was born. It began with three volunteers with small amounts of foods for a couple of dozen's clients a week. We now serve about 1,300 individuals a month who are living in Brentwood, Knightsen, Bethel Island, Discovery Bay, Oakley, and Byron. We have more than 20 volunteers working every week. We are working in conjunction with the USDA, Contra Costa Solano Food Bank, and valued partners.

HOPE HOUSE Open Hours: 9 am – noon Mondays and Wednesdays

Location: 218 Pine Street in Brentwood

Volunteers can help with welcoming, assisting with paperwork, food distribution, packing bags, sorting out clothes, bringing food and clothes, and picking up donations.

Contact Person: Director Jerry Walton at 925-202-5203

So we are celebrating HOPE HOUSE ministry on **October 27 at 10:30 am**. It is going to be **HOPE HOUSE SUNDAY**. HOPE HOUSE volunteers will be greeters, ushers, witnesses, readers, etc. for the worship service. Special fellowship time will also celebrate the joy of serving in HOPE HOUSE with good snacks and drinks.

Please bring **Canned Food** with **meat** to the church for the whole month of October. There will be a big basket in Narthex where cans are collected for 4 Sundays in October and sent to HOPE HOUSE for special gifts for Holidays in November.



Special thanks to the director Jerry Walton and two co-directors Katie Moore and Kathy Gulizia for their sacrificial non-stop dedication to this ministry! Their faithful service and caring heart have become a tremendous power for the work of HOPE HOUSE!

You are welcome to stop by to see what is going on in HOPE HOUSE in any open hours. You can join the crew by giving a couple of days a month. Sunday 2–3pm is the time when more helping hands and labors are needed. Please continue to pray for HOPE HOUSE ministry! THANK YOU!

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

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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.

Candy & Don Benston, Roselyn & Jerry Bize, Audrey Dunn, Susan Kemp Bev Hendrix, Diana Easley, Gordon Fong, Carey & Diane Hutchison, Dylan Lee, Galen Tidrick, Esther Graham, Rick Graham, John Moore, Joanna Loupin, Robin Mauiolo, Esther Riney, Rene Miller, Cliff Fortner, Bill Oboyle, Judy Bieger, Shirley Gray, George Roberts, Joanna Loupin, Barbara Bonnickson, Murphy Slay (in Afghanistan) 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!

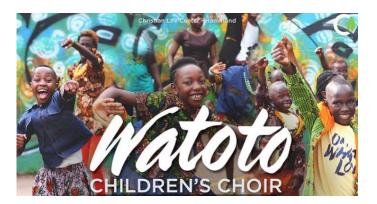
WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER Individual Prayer with quiet music on 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Wednesdays Taizé Service on 2nd & 4th Wednesday



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!





WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR FREE CONCERT

They are Christian Choir with orphans in Uganda. Their beautiful music and testimonies have inspired so many people globally. Come and join in the joyful concert! Free will donation will be appreciated! This concert is sponsored by 5 churches in East Contra Costa Circuit of UMC.

7 PM. Tuesday October 15 Place: Church on the Rock UMC (50 Walton Lane, Antioch)

SUPPORT BCUMC YOUTH PROGRAM SUMMER MISSION TRIP

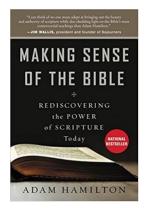


MYSTERY DINNER FUNDRAISER Sunday, October 20th 5:30pm-7:00pm BCUMC Fellowship Hall Tickets: \$15

What is a Mystery Dinner?

We will provide a menu of 12 items. Each person attending will fill out an order form with three courses of four items . . . the fun part-*the menu will be in a foreign language*, and you may end up getting only cutlery and no food...or all food & no cutlery! Context After the short courses are over, the food will be presented so everyone can enjoy a meal!

Watch for youth and leaders who will be selling tickets (\$15 per person). Get yours now, before its too late!



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 October 11, 18, 25 and Nov 1 Facilitator: Rev. Hyesung Lee (<u>hslee3@gmail.com</u> Text Book (\$10.00)

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 bestselling, 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."



Midtown Faith PaintNite

October 27th ***** 1:00-3:30pm

Starry Nite Studio, 2545 Sand Creek Rd. #136, Brentwood

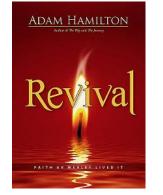
Adults of Midtown Faith, 21+... Come join us and bring out your inner artist! Cost is \$39 per person. Event is approximately 2 hours.
Wine & beer are available at the location to purchase during the event. Tickets available online at https://www.starrynitestudios.com

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

CALL FOR USED-BOOK DONATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 17TH YOUTH FUNDRAISER!

The BCUMC youth will be hosting the autumn book sale fundraiser on Sunday, November 17th in the fellowship hall after worship. You are invited to drop off used-book donations in the youth room prior to the book sale. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Baxter at <u>scottmbaxter@aim.com</u> Thanks so much for your support, as always!





Revival

Faith as Wesley Lived 6 Weeks on Sunday Morning (Beginning on Sep 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".

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".

2019-2020 Confirmation News

Sept 2019 through May 2020 for kids 7th and up



- <u>Confirmation Class 2 & 3 Combined</u>: History of Christianity –
 12 pm October 13 in Sunday School Room (Teacher: Pastor Lee)
- <u>Confirmation Class 4</u>: Our Christian Life Together –
 12 pm October 20 in Sunday School Room (Teacher: Becca Feldermann)



Sunday School has been going well, we are really enjoying the wonderful new curriculum donated by the Funks—thank you! We are continuing on through the Old Testament and learning all the important Bible basics! 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 / Paper bowls / Wood blocks A couple of plastic tablecloths / Poster board / 4 small foil baking pans / Interlocking blocks (like Legos)



The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, and the young adult/high school group, also known as YAHS have been meeting on our regular Sunday nights. We have had some wonderful discussions on some really hot topic issues. The youth continually impress with their reasoning and ability to discuss contentious subjects in a civil manner—I think our government could learn a thing or two! ℃

Our schedule coming up for October is:

Sunday, October 6th, Fall Break, NO GROUP Sunday, October 13th, MTJ 5:30pm-7:00pm/YAHS 7:30pm-9:00pm Sunday, October 20th, EVENT, FUNDRAISER "Mystery Dinner" 3:30pm-7:00pm ALL YOUTH Saturday, October 26th, EVENT, Pirates of Emerson Sunday, October 27th, Glide Service Day in SF, YAHS ONLY, No evening meeting

We have started the year with faith, fellowship, and friends. What a wonderful way to begin! Thank you to our wonderfully supportive congregation and of course, a big thank you to our youth for making this program grow & thrive! Becca Feldermann

NEW LOOK at HOPE HOUSE

We have a new look at Hope House in the clothing room, thanks to Rosemary Wood, Diane Lee, and Linda Torrello with the help of Dress Barn's donation of fixtures. The new look includes new window blinds and four new shelving fixtures with adjustable shelving and pegs. The small powder room has been converted to a closet, giving added space for storage. Our Hope House clients are excited about the new "look" and easier shopping experience!

Please stop by Hope house and let these hard-working ladies show you around.





CLOSET BEFORE AFTER

Hope House continues to serve 500 to 600 families each month with much needed food and clothing. Since June 1st we have purchased 10,864 pounds of food, costing \$2,482.73, and have received over 12,000 pounds of free food from the Food Bank, the Urban Farmers, and Grocery Outlet.

Thank-you for all your support and help to Hope House and the folks in need in our surrounding communities.



DONATIONS NEEDED IN HONOR OF HOPE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS!

October 27th we will honor Hope House workers. Starting Sunday, October 6th, and during the entire month of October, there will be a large basket in the Narthex for donations of canned food, especially meat products, for Hope House.

PLEASE DONATE!



4. Kayla Umana
6. Wiley Slay
14. Ann Cruz
15. Dylie Slay
16. Pat Balzell
16. Diana Easley
18. Katie Moore
19. Alivia Logan
26. Betty Gaughan
27. Diane Hutchison
29. Robin Vaughan
30. Carol Bronzan
30. Mel Strong
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3. Roxanna & Alvin Simas

3. Kim & Don Fraley 11. Jennifer & Rick Dunn 17. Polly & Vince Gallagher 25. Ann & Pete Cruz

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**, **OCTOBER 5th** Bring a friend. His breakfast is free!

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

PLUG ME IN, GOD

Plug me in, God – each day, each hour Plug me in, God – to your love and power Without that connection – things go flat Without that reflection – life's a worn-out hat.

An unplugged toaster? - you get no toast Unplugged TV? - blank screen at most Unplugged chainsaw? - can't cut no log Unplugged can opener? - a hungry cat or dog Unplugged guitar amp? - you get no sound Unplugged Tesla? - can't get around Unplugged vacuum? - got too much dirt Disconnected hose? -can't get no squirt Low battery phone? - you miss your call And Facebook friends? - you get none at all

Plug hanging loose? - you ain't got no juice Wanna make your mark? - need that extra spark We stop and breathe - things start to ease Meditate or pray - we get a better day Plug me in, God - see what we can do Plug me in, God - to You, to You Then my life - is running true.

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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.

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

