

Deeds and Opportunities

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NOVEMBER 2019



2019 NOVEMBER Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Content/Sermon	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Sunday 10:30 am Nov 3	Habakkuk 3:17-19 <i>Thankful Hearts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • Holy Communion • Young Disciples Time by JoAnn Funk for Heifer Project • Celebration of Ministry: Creative Worship Team • Steward Moment: Tom Miller • Ad Council (12 pm) in Fireside Room • Confirmation Class 5 (12pm) "Bible and Science" in Sunday School Room (Teacher: Pastor Lee)
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Nov 10	Preacher Rev. Schuyler Rhodes Los Rios District Superintendent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • Celebration of Ministries: Membership & Congregational Care Network • SPRC with DS Rev. Rhodes at 11:30 am • Lunch for all, provided by Men's Group • All Church Conference at 12:15 pm
6 pm Wed Nov 13	Taizé Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • String Band • Praying with Thankful Heart
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Nov 17	Luke 21:5-19 Preacher: Cathy Love (Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry, Cal-NeV Annual Conference)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • Celebration of Ministries: Finance Committee & Friends in Faith • UMW: World Thank Offering after the service • Confirmation Class 6 (Teacher: Michelle Monsef) at noon
Christ King Sunday Thanksgiving Sunday 10:30 am Nov 24	Becca Feldermann Youth Director Preacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • YOUTH SUNDAY: Youth will take care of worship acts • Celebration of Ministries: UMM
6 pm Wed Nov 27	NO Taizé Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancellation due to Thanksgiving Day Celebration

20 MIN SING ALONG EVERY SUNDAY



You are welcome to join in 20 minutes of singing favorite hymns before Sunday Worship!

*The first two Sundays in July, there will be no Sing Along due to pastor's vacation.

Tell the pastor what your favorite hymns are!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

For

BEVERLY JOHNSON

2:00 PM ~ SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 9th

BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

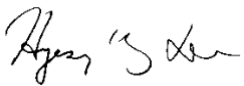
Dear Friends in Ministry

As we enter into November, Thanksgiving comes to our minds. We are so thankful for our family and friends, our work and the community as well as our church family. We are thankful for air, trees, rivers and mountains, son, moon and stars, wind and rains and so on. Usually we take for granted all these things. But we know they are so essential to our survival and healthy life.

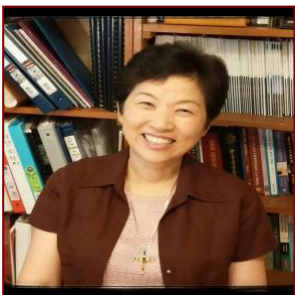
One of the things that we also take for granted is the work of our lay leader. **Julius Lukacs** has been our lay leader over 12 years. He has many great gifts like preaching, theological understanding on spiritual matters, teaching, leading, administration, caring, believing, word of wisdom, etc. He has been deeply involved in Youth Ministry and Confirmation Journey. His preaching has received very positive feedbacks from the congregation. Recently people asked me where he is because they could not see him on Sundays. The thing is that he and his wife, Marcie, travel a lot over the weekends for Sam's basketball tournaments and other games involving the other three sons, Jacob, Ben and Joey. His family and work need him extensively currently. But he has still led Ad Council as a chairperson about two years and been leading Confirmation Journey this year. He has also helped our church website for various needs.

The Nomination Committee has decided to have **two lay leaders** so that we can improve lay leader's presence in the church. Thankfully **David Funk** agreed to serve as another lay leader alongside with Julius. From 2020, therefore, our church will have two lay leaders. Each will lead some parts of lay leader work while the other gets ready to step in when needed. For example, Julius will continue to preach when needed. But if he cannot, David will preach on that Sunday. Or David will participate in New Members Orientation to welcome new members. But if he can't, Julius will do it. They will have a regular meeting with me and discuss important matters of the church together. They will be there to listen to your concerns and joys. We will be more blessed by extended lay servant-leadership. I hope and pray that we may find more "new" ways to serve God and people in the community.

Thanks to God for "20/20 New Decade New Vision" (our stewardship campaign theme picked by Finance Committee)! Thanks to all our faithful lay ministers who have planted great seeds this year again! Let us 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 or Michael Ann Honea at 516-9541)

Cliff Fortner, Barbara Bonnickson, Diana Easley, Jo Merritt,
Beverly Hendrix, Rick Graham, Galen Tidrick, Gordon Fong,
Susan Kent (Eileen Newell's relative), Esther Graham, Judy Beiger,
Murphy Slay (in military service), Jessica Davis (Linda Torello's niece),
Renee Miller, Linda Walton, Jerry Bize & Rosalind (Renee Miller's family),
Vince Cortese (Scott's father-in-law). Becca Feldermann's mother,
Jim Boynton (Barb Pinkston's brother)

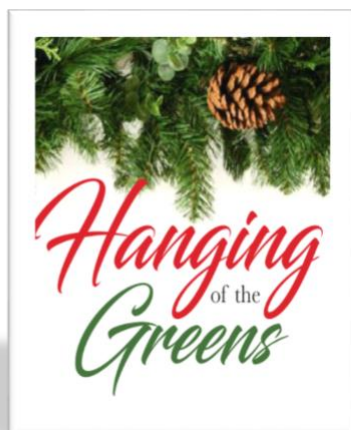


*We pray for you and your caregivers that God may fill you every day
with strength, faith, love and peace!*

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 pm 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 prayer team will pray!



HANGING OF THE GREENS

All Church Family Event

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a time together with Potluck Lunch, Carol-singing, Nativity-making craft, and Christmas decoration of the sanctuary, fellowship hall, Youth Room, Sunday School Room and outside the building.

12 PM Saturday November 30

Sponsored by Voyagers, Youth Director, and Creative Worship Team



The BCUMC PLEDGE AND STEWARDSHIP campaign will begin this Sunday, November 3rd. Our greeters will be handing out pledge envelopes to each person as they arrive for the November 3rd and November 10th worship services.

Once completed, the pledge cards may be placed in a basket in the narthex, in the offering plate, or mailed to the church office. Our goal is to have all pledge cards returned by December 1st so the Finance Committee can begin the finalization process for the church's 2020 budget.

We pray that everyone will prayerfully consider their giving for next year in support of God's mission and our vision for our church.

REMEMBER 2020: New Decade. . .New Vision!

Save the Date for *Winter Nights*
(Homeless Ministry)

Saturday January 11th, 2020

Brentwood Community U.M.C. will serve 35 – 40 people with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner as well as snacks and games for children between the meals!

East Contra Costa County Shared Ministry

(at Stoneman Chapel-Presbyterian and UCC congregations)

is helping homeless families for 8 weeks in January and February
with cooperation with many churches.

We will be serving only one day out of 56 days. Your helping hands will be needed!



1. Linda Torrello
2. Joyce Heflin
4. Rebecca Feldermann
5. Eileen Newill
6. Adella Logan
7. Chinyere Ekpemiro
8. Jason Funk
10. Joy Brown
10. Alvin Simas
10. Kim Fraley
11. Diana Lane
11. Sarah Zamjahn
12. Kayla Gallagher
18. Darby Gray
20. Maeci Scott
21. Judy (Sorenson) Doversa
22. Jamie Feldermann
22. Joanie Johnson
22. Hisako Suzuki
22. Trevor Austin
23. Briana Price
25. Becky Johnson
25. Dan Hanel
27. Patricia Evans
28. Phyllis Schippers
29. Joe Kick

! *Happy Anniversary*

3. Linda and Don Barnhill
13. Connie and Mark Azevedo
17. Rebecca and James Feldermann
21. Shirley and Kevin Gray
24. Diana and Nathan Lane
26. Jane and Sam Travale

MEN'S BREAKFAST

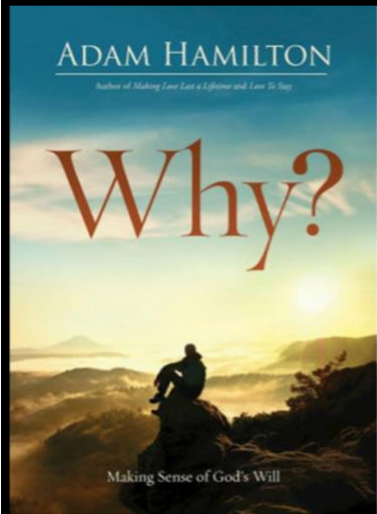
Saturday, November 2nd, 8:00-9:00 am

FIRST SATURDAY of each month - All men are invited to breakfast and fellowship. Please call Dave Funk (925-513-0020) with any questions.

GRATEFUL

The sky is grateful for clouds
 The clouds are grateful for sun
 The earth is grateful for rain
 Flowers are grateful for rain and sun
 Honeybees and butterflies are grateful for flowers
 The tides are grateful for the moon
 Sunsets are grateful for color
 Guitars are grateful for songs
 Children are grateful for parents
 And parents and grandparents for children
 Our minds are grateful for ideas
 Our bodies are grateful for breath
 And for movement and life energy
 People everywhere are grateful for stories
 And for smiles, kindness, and acceptance
 Our souls are grateful for God's peace
 Our hearts are grateful for love
 And for all the good vibrations
 We share with one another
 The ocean is grateful for strong winds
 The lake is grateful for peaceful calm
 Life is grateful for you – and for me
 And for God's love
 That infuses all.
 Since life was created
 We're all related.
 This leaves me feeling
 Grateful.

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WHY?

Four Sundays
 Beginning October 27th
 9 am

Sunday School Room

Contact: Mel Strong
 or Jerry Walton



Los Rios District

California-Nevada Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church

Bishop: Minerva G. Carcaño District Superintendent: Schuyler Rhodes
schuyler@calnevumc.org

Dear Friends at Brentwood UMC,

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

I write today with a glad heart for all that God is doing in the Los Rios District! From a number of churches that are experiencing renewal to the powerful collaboration of Circuits, our District is doing great things. And there is no question about it, you are part of this momentum that is propelling us forward, even when the world around seems uncertain and shaky.

One incredibly significant piece of our common work is the full payment of our Conference Tithe. When we all contribute, our budget works. When all participate, amazing things can happen in mission and ministry. When we all step up to the plate, our community grows stronger.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you personally for the way you and your church has demonstrated your commitment to paying the Conference Tithe!

As of October 15, 2019, your church has paid 13% more than you did in 2018, representing an increase of \$1,514!!! Alleluia and congratulations to you on behalf of the whole Connection of our United Methodist Church! Because of you, we are able to do the hard work of reviving churches and planting new faith communities. Because of you, lives are literally saved around the world as our United Methodist Committee on Relief and other agencies connect and engage.

Thank you for your faithfulness and your great work!
Holding you in prayer and celebrating your ministry, I am

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

Schuyler Rhodes

Rev. Schuyler Rhodes
Los Rios District Superintendent
cc: Bishop Minerva Carcaño

Everyone is Invited to
2019 All Church Conference
Presided by Rev. Schuyler Rhodes, Los Rios District Superintendent
Sunday November 10, 2019

10:30 am Worship – Preacher: Rev. Schuyler Rhodes, D.S.
11:30 am Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting with D.S.
Barbeque Lunch provided to all by Men's Group
12:15 pm Church Conference

THE VOTE IS ON!

Please vote for your preferred exterior banner graphic by **Saturday, November 30th**.

The Reconciling Committee will print banners with the top two of these three options for display during all of 2020. One will replace the rainbow flag, which is starting to fade. The other will be displayed on the other side of the building. Both will include the text "All Are Welcome". There is no minimum voting age.

Email your vote to Habitot.here@gmail.com or write it on paper and leave it in the Reconciling Committee mailbox cubby in the office. Please include your name; anonymous votes will not be counted. Selections will be announced on Sunday December 1st!

Option 1 Rainbow heart with embedded white cross

Option 2 Cascading hearts with black cross

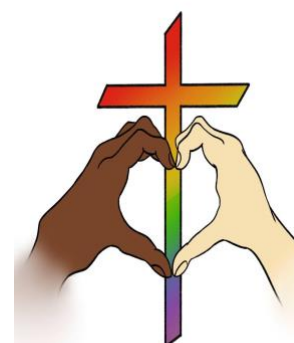
Option 3 Heart hands.



OPTION 1



OPTION 2



All Are Welcome

OPTION 3

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!

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 after service in the fellowship hall. Congregants are invited to drop off used-book donations in the youth room prior to the book sale. Please contact Scott Baxter at scottmbaxter@aim.com if you have any questions. Thanks so much for your support, as always!



BCUMC UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

PRESENT

AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS - HEIFER PROJECT

Christmas will be here before we know it! Are you stressed out trying to make this the best Christmas ever? Are there people on your list that are hard to buy for? Or maybe, you're just tired of giving another "thing" and want to find a gift that shares the true meaning of Christmas.

Well, UMW has a deal for you! UMW has come up with a way to make your Christmas gift giving easy, meaningful and stress free. We are offering you an Alternative Christmas – the practice of giving a donation in someone's honor rather than a physical gift. As we grow and become wise givers, we learn that giving is not just about filling a box with more "stuff". We know that the best gift is one that is treasured long after the occasion has passed and that is what we hope to offer you.

At BCUMC we believe that outreach to our community and the world is important. We live out our faith through the giving of our time, talents and resources to help others. This is faith in action! With this idea in mind UMW is offering you an opportunity to give thanks for the blessings in your life by giving a donation in someone's honor to Heifer International.

Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development. Heifer distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Recipients must agree to "pass on the gift" by sharing animal offspring, as well as the skills and knowledge of animal husbandry and agricultural training with other impoverished families.

Starting November 3, United Methodist Women will be in the Fellowship Hall after service to receive your donations. We have selected eight donation options: bees and tree seedlings, chicks, ducks, improve living conditions, training for best farming practices, training for livestock care, and access to clean water. Our goal is to fund all eight options (\$1,082)! With donations starting at \$5, this is a gift-giving Opportunity, open to all ages. A description is provided for each of the eight options. You decide which options you would like support, total your donations, and make one payment to United Methodist Women. UMW will send all donations to Heifer International by December 31. In return, we will provide you with acknowledgement cards that you may send to those whom you honor with your donations.



Giving a donation in someone's honor rather than a physical gift is a way to put your faith in action and make a difference in your community and the world. This is a meaningful, stress-free giving opportunity. It's a win-win for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Schultz 925-890-6296 menkesis@yahoo.com or me Heidi Stark hstark@cobaltc.com 925-216-4709



Midtown Faith

Our second event this year was a super fun afternoon out—we had a “paint nite”. Lots of fun was had, and some pretty good painting too! Future event info to come soon on the Facebook page and in the pages of D's & O's.



YAHS group at Glide Memorial. They served 829 meals at breakfast! Exhausting, but spiritually fulfilling . . perfect mix!



The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, and the young adult/high school group, also known as YAHS, have continued to get together on our regular Sunday nights. We have had some wonderful discussions on some pressing current issues, as well as some general fun chit chat! It is always wonderful to see their growth and watch them develop into young adults. We had a very busy October, culminating in a Glide trip and our ‘Mystery Dinner’ fundraiser.

Thank you all for your continued support of our youth. They are quite the wonderful group!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Our first ever “Mystery Dinner” fundraiser for the youth program was a huge success! In no small part, thanks to you, our wonderful congregation. Your support is helping fund a summer mission trip.

2019- 2020 Confirmation News

Sept 2019 through May 2020
for kids 7th and up



- ▣ **Confirmation Class 5:** Sunday 12 pm November 3 in Sunday School Room (Teacher: Pastor Lee)
 - ▣ **Confirmation Class 6:** Sunday 12 pm November 17 in Sunday School Room (Teacher: Michelle Monsef)
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The String Band led a sing-a-long of “oldies but goodies” at the Voyagers’ gathering Saturday, October 26th.



That was after we all played Musical Chairs!
(We have pictures to prove it!)
Judy Beiger won!



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

Pastor: Hyesung Lee † Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs

Administrative Assistant: Michele Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL



