

Deeds and Opportunities

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JUNE 2020



Father's Day

2020 JUNE Worship Schedule

***** All Worship Services are Online!**

Come Join Us in Various Worship Services on Church Website and FaceBook:

<https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/home>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/28404281274/>

WORSHIP Online	Scripture/ Message	MUSIC	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
<p>Trinity Sunday PEACE WITH JUSTICE June 7, 2020</p> <p><u>WEBEX</u> <u>SUNDAY</u> <u>FELLOWSHIP</u> 11:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Genesis 1:26-31 “Peace with Justice”</p>	<p>Anthem: Joe K Piano: Lugh Baxter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Online Small Group <i>WARRIOR</i> Session #5 at 9 am via WEBEX • Special Offering for PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY – This offering will “help to transform a community in crisis, advocate for justice or prepare leaders who serve their churches and communities, your gift makes possible vital ministries of The United Methodist Church.”
<p>2nd Sunday after Pentecost June 14, 2020</p> <p><u>WEBEX</u> <u>ONLINE SUNDAY</u> <u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u> 10:15 am – 11:30 am</p>	<p>Matthew 9:35-10:8 “The Harvest is Great, the Laborers Few”</p>	<p>Anthem: String Band Piano: Lugh Baxter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Sunday Worship Service will be done via WebEx online with all those who join in WebEx at 10:15 am. The invitation will be sent to all members and friends via emails several days ahead. • Worship Leaders: Julius Lukacs, Dave Funk • CONFIRMATION on WEBEX 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm “Speaking of Other Religions”
<p>3rd Sunday after Pentecost FATHER’S DAY June 21, 2020</p>	<p><u>FATHER’S DAY</u> Matthew 10:24-39 “Whom to Fear?”</p>	<p>Anthem: Alivia Logan Piano: Greg Pacquer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leaders: Julius Lukacs, Dave Funk • Father’s Day Virtual Fellowship: “My father and His story”
<p>4th Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 2020</p>	<p>Matthew 10:40-42 “True Rewards”</p>	<p>Anthem: String Band Piano: Lugh Baxter</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leaders: Julius Lukacs, Dave Funk • Celebration of John Wesley’s Birthday

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

It's been over 10 weeks now since the Shelter In Place was ordered in March. It looks like we have to wait longer than we expected to get together in person even with social distancing and all health precautionary policies and guidelines. In order to prepare for our beautiful re-opening day in the future, we have ordered essential church reopening supplies like touchless automatic hand sanitizing stations, face-masks, etc. so that we don't have to wait any longer with permission to open in our hands. We are hoping to have outdoor service sometime sooner than later. But we still don't have a green light from Conference and County for any in-person worship service yet (Please read the letter from Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño in this Newsletter). So let's be patience a little longer and take care of ourselves while we are waiting!

In June, we will try new things for worship and fellowship! We will have **Online Fellowship on June 7th Sunday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm**. Since we bought WebEx account in March, we continue to use it for our meetings. Everyone with email will be invited to join by lay leader Julius Lukacs soon. You may just click the green "JOIN" sign on your email 5 or 10 minutes earlier than our meeting time. Since it is our fellowship time, you may bring your favorite cookies or cakes. But please be careful with drinks, because I have heard from so many pastors that people may easily spill coffee or water on their computer and damage it. We hope it won't happen ever to any of you. Our preliminary plans for this one-hour fellowship time together are:

- (1) Prayers
- (2) Sharing News
- (3) Questions and Answers

We are also planning to have **Real Time Online Sunday Worship Service on June 14th Sunday from 10:15 am to 11:30 am via WebEx**. We will be checking in for 15 minutes before the Worship begins at 10:30 am. All of you will be invited. Please join us in this Worship Service! You may have some questions about this. Please bring your questions either to me or to lay leaders, Julius Lukacs or David Funk! It will be very helpful if we are ready to do this through our conversations prior to June 14th.

We are apart from one another but we are together and connected! I am thinking of you every day and praying for you. Let us keep moving forward with our Risen Lord in our hearts, in our lives and in our world! Let us continue to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you! (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



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Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee

NEWS ON BYRON UMC

On May 24th, it was announced in worship at two churches - Byron and Tracy UMC.

- Rev. Chuck Johnstone will serve 1/2 time at Byron UMC (while he continues 1/2 time at Tracy UMC) starting July 1. Byron will move to the Central Valley District for one year until Rev. Johnstone retires in 2021.
- Rev. Heather Hammer will be appointed 1/4 time as Minister of Pastoral Care at Asbury UMC, Livermore beginning July 1.

I know you have been thinking of Byron Church in your prayers. Please continue to pray for them moving forward into their new season. May God strengthen all these churches with new leadership and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they move forward! Amen! By Pastor Hyesung Lee

2019- 2020 Confirmation News In Sheltering



- **Confirmation Sunday** is postponed to **August 9th (Sunday)**, 2020
- **Confirmation Dinner:** 12:00 pm, Sunday August 2nd with the final class
- **WebEx Confirmation Class** will happen once a month – every third Sunday of the month
 - 12 pm, Sunday, June 14 “Speaking of Other Religion”
 - 12 pm, Sunday, July 19 “When Christians are Unchristian”
- **Mentoring Session** will continue to wrap up for those who have not been able to complete their work together.
- **Confirmation Families**
 - i. **6 Mentors:** Linda Walton, David Funk, Melissa van Ruiten, Fran Bowman, Cheryl Brietenbacher, Polly Gallagher
 - ii. **8 Confirmands:** Madeline Charpentier, Zachary Dicksa, Christian Belino, Audrey Dunn, Emma Smith, Robin Bliss, Rachael Green, Grace Dicksa.
 - iii. **5 Teachers:** Becca F., Jen D., Michelle M., Julius L., Hyesung L.

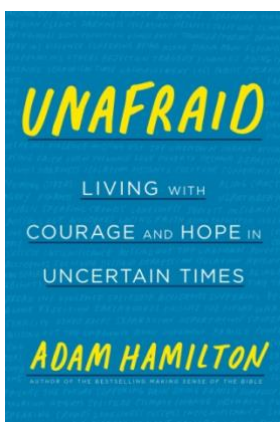
ONLINE SMALL GROUP

UNAFRAID: LIVING with COURAGE and HOPE in UNCERTAIN TIMES (By Rev. Adam Hamilton)

Adam discovered that 80% of his congregation admitted to living with moderate or significant levels of fear...Drawing on recent research, inspiring real examples, and fresh biblical insight, Hamilton shows how to untangle the knots we feel about all kinds of issues related to fear (from the cover)

The Final Session will be on **June 7 (Sunday) at 9 am**

1. Session 5: Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of the Lord





**YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT
IS CRITICAL TO
THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH!**

Even though we do not meet in person every Sunday as we used to, the church is still working to be the church for all the people in the world. Ministries, done by clergy, staff and lay leaders, continue to serve God and His children in the following areas:

**WORSHIP, PRAYER, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, CARING MINISTRY,
CONNECTING MINISTRY, OUTREACHING MINISTRY, etc.**

Please send your donations to the church

(1) by check (to 809 Second Street, Brentwood, CA 94513) or

(2) by using Paypal or Credit Card online (https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/make_donation)

YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

**A LETTER FROM
BISHOP MINERVA G. CARCAÑO**

May 22, 2020

Pastors, Lay Ministers and Lay Members
of the Churches of the California-Nevada Conference,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Christ Jesus!

This letter comes to you in response to President Trump's announcement earlier today in which he stated that places of worship should be opened this weekend. He threatened to override the work of Governors as they strive to keep us safe if they disagreed with him.

While I too aspire to see our churches open again, I believe you join me in aspiring to keep people safe and alive in this pandemic above all things.

I am grateful for the leadership of Governors Gavin Newsom and Steve Sisolak, who have worked diligently to lead the states where we serve with critical information and guidance in this pandemic. They have worked with health and science experts including the CDC to help us all gain understanding of this pandemic and knowledge as we attempt to take care of our families, our congregations and our communities. It has made common sense to me to seek expert guidance as we face a health crisis like we have never faced before.



Throughout this time of COVID-19, our conference staff and I with the help of pastors and lay leaders from throughout the conference have attempted to provide protocols – steps to be taken and observed – to help us weather the storm created by the pandemic we are living in.

Just yesterday we posted protocols for Drive-In church gatherings and for church Preschools and other such educational programs that meet in our churches. I hope you found them helpful.

We have also been working on protocols for when it may be responsibly possible to re-open our church buildings for worship services. Two days ago, I was part of a small group of religious leaders, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim, who were invited to consult with Governor Newsom's staff on protocols they are developing for this very purpose. They shared their lengthy and comprehensive protocols and asked for our advice. Had they clearly spoken to the issues we face as we consider re-opening our worship services? What had they forgotten that needed to be considered? We had a robust conversation.

This afternoon I was notified that protocols for safely re-opening buildings for worship services will be released in California early next week. These state protocols will assist us in finalizing our protocols. We are also in constant watch for Nevada protocols.

Already some of you have reached out to me or your district superintendents to inquire whether in light of President Trump's announcement, we are required to open up our church buildings this weekend. You have expressed concern about not being ready and not feeling safe.

The answer is No.

Our churches and Conference and District offices will open again when we can safely do so.

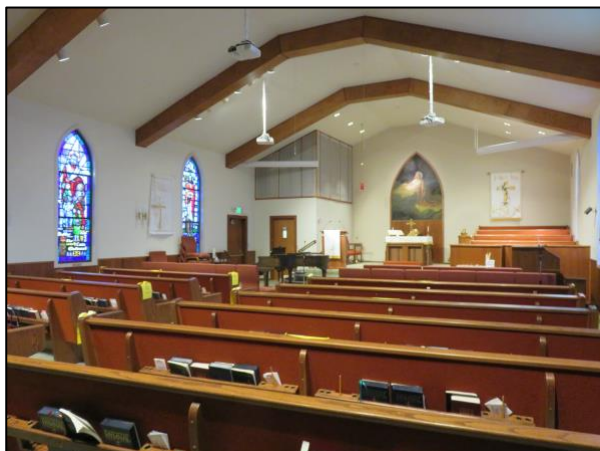
We will release protocols for re-opening our church buildings next week; protocols that will need to be implemented and certified by district superintendents before re-opening. We hope to have these protocols ready to send to you by next Thursday. Look for them in our Conference *Instant Connection*. We will send them forth on every communications platform we have.

Thank you, friends, for your good and faithful work in this pandemic. My heart overflows with the joy I feel in knowing the many ways you have stretched and given of yourselves to be the people of God in these days of illness and death.

I am praying for you and working with you. Above all, God is with us.

Your Sister in Christ,

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño



WE LIFT UP OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

This list is provided by our Congregational Care Network of BCUMC. If you want to add names or make any change in this list, please contact Michael Ann Honea at 516-9541

Blessing for a Newborn Baby:

Beverly Tucker's First great-grandchild,
Benjamin Simon Clare, born March 29
Beverly Hendrix' First grandson, Jaxon, born March 16

Comfort for Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones:

Tom Miller's sister Monte Banks, died on May 15;
Katie Moore's nephew Curt Patton, died May 18

Healing and Strength for the Sick and Homebonds:

Beverly Tucker, Joan Gaughan, Joyce Sorenson's friend Cathy,
Jerry & Rosalynn Bize, Carla Oberholtzer, Diana Easley,
Gordon Fong, Esther Graham, Joyce Heflin, Jo Merritt,
Barbara Bonnickson, John Logan Gonzales, Chris Patton,
Diana & Carey Hutchison, Judy Bieger, Ethel Badham,
Kittie Piotrowski, Joan Wood, Jennifer & Adam, Esther Riney
Michael Ann Honea, Michael Ann's friend Neil Brennan,
Katie Moore's nephew Chris Patton, Mike Johnson

Safety for First Responders during COVID-19:

Medical: Ezihe Ekpemiro (RM at County Hospital in Martinez),

Luther Belino (Care Home), Christopher Janzen (RN at Stanford),
Teresa Romero (RM Santa Clara Valley), Aishlin Greene (RN Sutter Roseville),
Tori Kuwahara (Provides Hospice Care), Respiratory and Pulmonary Therapists at El Comino Hospital
and John Muir Healthcare (from Michael Ann), Cory Hartley (RN Director in San Ramon Medical),
Cheryl Dobson (RN), Diane Taylor (RN),

Fire Fighter: Brett Holm (Firefighter), Robert Ruddick (Captain CC Fire Protection),

Lee Taylor (San Jose; Larry S's son-in-law)

School: Teachers, Staff, and Volunteers at Brentwood, Oakley, Byron, Liberty, Knightsen, and Antioch, School Districts

Food Ministry: Jerry Walton and Volunteers at HOPE HOUSE

Army: Murphy Slay



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

FATHER'S DAY

In this month – and any time
We remember our fathers.
We bless our fathers
We honor our fathers
We are grateful for our fathers.
We continue their legacy of good
And we let go of anything else.
If there were difficult times
We now forgive our fathers.
After all these years
We seek to understand
We have compassion for our fathers
As well as for ourselves.
We remember that our father
Is, like us, a beautiful
Child of God.
We celebrate our fathers
We are strong like our fathers
We are wise like our fathers
We persevere like our fathers.
We pass along their stories
We tell their favorite jokes
We sing songs to and about them.
We talk with them
In our hearts.
Being a father, a papa, a dad
Is a big, big job!
We now remember our fathers
With love, gratitude
And appreciation!
Happy Father's Day!

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4 Cheryl Dobson
4 Luther Belino
5 Savannah Weekes
8 Linda Barnhill
8 Bob Clarke
8 Chris van Ruiten
9 Jillian Stirling
9 Don Hughes
12 Chimela Ogbonna
15 Rebecca Schults
16 Larry Schaffer
18 Grace Diksa
18 Fran Hassler
18 Debra Urzua
18 Lian Belino
19 Edie Tidrick
25 Roxanna Simas
25 Jonathan Cruz
25 Hunter Austin
25 Doug Umana
26 Lola Hansen
27 Jan Schults
27 Cheryl Breitenbucher
28 Samuel Lukacs

! Happy Anniversary

2 Kathie and Fred Gullizia
5 Mary Jean and Urb Spedicacci
13 Betty and Jack Gaughan
18 Adella and Mike Logan
19 Katie and John Moore
24 Janet and Blake Kurz
25 Diana and Robert Easley
26 Joan and Bud Petersen

Congratulations Graduates!



Samuel Lukacs
Emma Feddersen
Kiala Kieffer
Ogechi Ekpimero
David Menelke
Issac Batson
Hannah Bartlebaugh

A very big congrats to our 2020 graduates! Thank you to the United Methodist Men for recognizing these youth. May their futures be blessed as they continue their journey in life.



I hope this message finds you all safe and healthy. First off, I must extend a huge thank you to the youth for their wonderful participation in the first-ever online Youth-led Sunday service. I am so proud of their contributions for this service and I'm sure you all can agree it was a special service and one for the books! We have continued keeping in contact via social media, the Remind message app, and texting. Usually we are wrapping up the yearly youth program during these spring months and end around the time school does.

The latter part of this youth year has been a whirlwind of change and upheaval, to say the least. We had quite a few things scheduled—our regular Sunday meetings, an Escape Room, service work, a movie & discussion, and a yearly favorite—our cooking competition. I know many of the youth miss these events, but more than that, they miss each other and the fellowship we have.

To the youth: as you finish the school year via distance learning, know that the church is continuing to think of you and is holding you in their prayers. As the summer begins, we don't know what our future holds, now more than ever during this COVID-19 pandemic. I have no idea what the youth program will look like this upcoming year, but do know that I do miss you all and hope I get to see you all in person soon. Have a wonderful summer and please keep in touch!

By Rebecca Feldermann



Are you in need of anything during this shelter-in-place?
Groceries? Toiletries? Medicine?

Rebecca and Jamie Feldermann are available to make runs to the store for those church members unable to go out.

We'll drop off items on your porch or driveway!

Please don't hesitate to call or text.

Rebecca : 925.876.0562

Jamie: 925.308.3098



Webex Meetings

Online Team: Julius Lukacs, David Funk, Dennis Buckley

- **Men's Group:** 8:00am Saturday, June 6th
- **Confirmation WebEx:** 12 pm, June 14th "Speaking of Other Religions"
- **UMW Priscilla Circle:** Monday June 15th at 6:30. If you'd like to attend, email Cheryl Cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net
- **Congregational Care Network:** 10 am Wednesday, June 24th
- **Ad Council:** 7 pm Wednesday, June 24th

June is Pride Month!

By Jennifer Dunn

We cannot celebrate in person together this year, but we can still celebrate together...and learn!

If you would like a rainbow flag to display in your yard, please contact Jennifer at habitol.here@gmail.com and be prepared to send a photo of your display after receiving your flag. We will put them all together virtually and post our support. And please take a few minutes to learn a little about Pride month and the LGBTQ+

community. *.facebook* will be circulating events and there are many informative articles available with a simple google search . . .

check out our own UMC Reconciling Ministries Network if nothing else.

If you have any questions or would like some guidance, please contact any Reconciling Committee member. If there is interest, the Reconciling Committee will host a discussion session.



Can you identify the farmer/member of our congregation at work in our overgrown vegetable garden!



"WEEK IN THE REAR VIEW"

Monday, May 25 – 5:15 pm

By Jerry Walton





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

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

