

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

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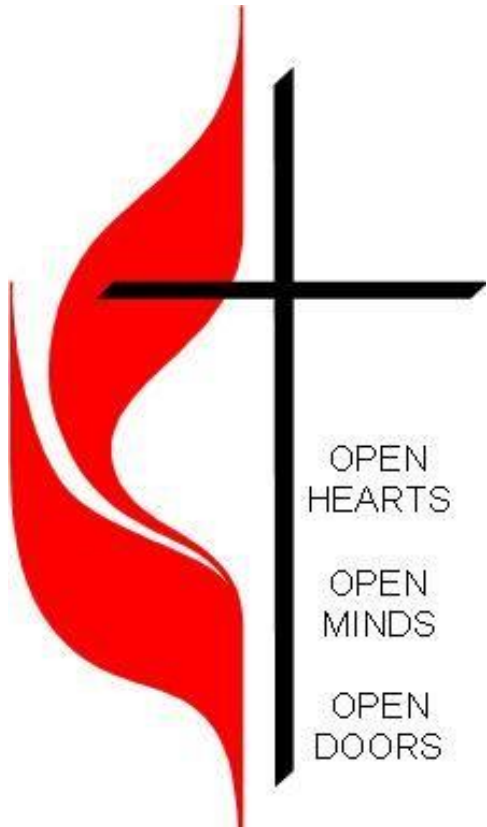
### ***AUGUST 2020***



### **RECONCILING CONGREGATION FIFTH ANNIVERSARY**

**10:30 am - SUNDAY AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>  
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE\***  
(if approved by District Superintendent)

**4:00 pm – WEBINAR  
HOW TO BE A BETTER ALLY**  
Guest Leader Kathie Moehlig via Zoom



**\*See Instructions for Attending on Page 7**

## 2020 AUGUST 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	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
<b>9<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> August 2, 2020 <b>10:15 am – 11:30 am</b> <b>On ZOOM</b>	<b>MATTHEW</b> 14:13-21 "Feeding Five Thousand"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holy Communion</b></li> <li>• Old Choir Anthem: "See the Bread, See the Wine" (Oct 2, 2016)</li> </ul>
<b>10<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> August 9, 2020 <b>10:15 am – 11:30 am</b> <b>On ZOOM</b>	<b>Genesis</b> 6:17 –22 "Animals on the Ark"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A SERVICE FOR THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS</b></li> <li>• Old Choir Anthem: "God's Peace" (Oct 26. 2014)</li> </ul>
<b>11<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> August 16, 2020 <b>10:15 am – 11:30 am</b> <b>On ZOOM</b>	<b>Matthew</b> 15:21-28 "THE CANAANITE WOMAN'S FAITH"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF RECONCILING CONGREGATION</b></li> <li>• <b>OUTDOOR SERVICE (ONLY WITH APPROVAL OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, Otherwise regular Zoom Worship)</b></li> <li>• <b>10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE</b></li> <li>• <b>4:00 PM WEBINAR on Zoom "HOW TO BE BETTER ALLY"</b></li> <li>• <b>Old Choir Anthem: "All Things to All"</b></li> </ul>
<b>12<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> August 23, 2020 <b>10:15 am – 11:30 am</b> <b>On ZOOM</b>	<b>MATTHEW</b> 14:22-33 "JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old Choir Anthem: "Be Still" (Oct 8, 2017)</li> <li>• International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition History</li> </ul>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> August 30, 2020 <b>10:15 am – 11:30 am</b> <b>On ZOOM</b>	<b>Psalms 127:-1-5</b> <b>Matthew</b> 16:24-28 "THE CROSS AND SELF DENIAL"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A SERVICE FOR THE BLESSING OF A HOME</b></li> <li>• Old Choir Anthem: "In This House" (Jan 24, 2016)</li> </ul>

**AUGUST GIFTS FOR HOPE HOUSE:** HOPE HOUSE will appreciate your gift of **CEREAL** and **CANNED TUNA OR CHICKEN** during the month of August. You may drop them off at HOPE HOUSE during opening hours: Monday and Wednesday 9 am to noon (218 Pine Street in Downtown Brentwood)



## ◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

Dear Friends in Ministry

In the midst of Pandemic, we've been so encouraged to see our dear John Moore get healed from COVID-19 and coming home this week. We've been praying for him and Katie every day and seeing a wonderful good news with our own eyes. We give thanks to God. And we humbly keep praying for all those who are struggling with many difficult challenges. No matter what we are going through, we trust that God is walking with us, blessing our lives and embracing our lives in His eternal love.

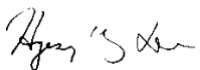
One sad news is that Donna Baker is leaving Brentwood in August and will live with her daughter in Phoenix, Arizona. Donna has been our wonderful friend, loving teacher, gentle leader and exemplary disciple of Jesus Christ. I am sure that this move will be a great blessing for her time with her children and that she will continue to be a blessing to others in her new community. But we will surely miss her so much. I will think of her every time we share Holy Communion because she has baked a delicious loaf of bread every first Sunday for the last three years. She enjoyed her ministry here with us and for the church. May God bless her with health, peace and love always!

Another thing that I want to say to you is about what has been happening with my cell phone and email. Many of you have received emails and texts in my name – pastor Hyesung Lee – that have asked for money or some kind of help with gift cards. Apparently, there have been scams asking for money in my name. My cell phone number and email address were NOT used in any of these cases. But scammers used my name when they asked for help. I am so sorry for these things happening. Please do not reply to any email or text that come in my name, asking for help or money! I DON'T SEND THOSE TEXTS OR EMAILS WITH MONETARY REQUESTS! I am sure that you will continue to receive emails and texts from me (from my email account and cell phone number) that are asking for help with some kind of work/ministry for the church – and I hope and want you to reply to me - but never for any personal favor or monetary help. Oh, God help us! Thank you for your understanding and help!

Our online live worship continues. I am so thankful that many of you have been participating in our live worship service every Sunday. You will continue to receive a ZOOM invitation with the Sunday Bulletin every Friday. You still have three options as follows:

1. **Watch and interact** on **ZOOM**
2. **Watch without interaction** live on YouTube (There are clickable links on our website home page and our Facebook page for the Live-Stream Service)
3. **Watch the recorded service** on our web page and FaceBook after **7 pm** Sunday

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! 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)



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



# 2019-2020 Confirmation Sunday



- **Confirmation Sunday** will be held **VIRTUALLY** on **September 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)** at **10:30 am** via ZOOM.
  - Each confirmand will receive a package prior to Confirmation Sunday which will include (1) **Certificate** of Confirmation; (2) Confirmation **Cross** (metal); (3) Wesley Study **Bible**; (4) a red Confirmation **Stole**; (5) Confirmation **Candle**; and (6) **Worship** Service Bulletin.
- **Orientation for Confirmation Sunday** will be held virtually via Zoom on **September 6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) at 12:00 pm**
  - Parents and confirmands will be invited to join
  - We will go through the whole Confirmation ceremony
  - We will have Q & A time
- **Things To Do**
  - **Confirmands** need to write their **Reflection Note** (less than 100 words) about: (1) Important lessons they have learned; (2) A prayer for their faith journey. Confirmands are invited to say this note during Zoom Worship Service. If can't, they may record it on a video and send it to Dennis Buckley by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - **Mentors** need to write their Celebration Note (less than 100 words) about: (1) Three words that affirm confirmand's gifts and talents; (2) A memorable, significant or grateful moment. Mentors are invited to say this note during Zoom Worship Service. If can't, they may record it on a video and send it to Dennis Buckley by August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - **Teachers** need to sign on the Certificate which will be available in the Church office from the whole month of August. Please call Michelle at the office (925-634-3093) before you come.
  - **Parents** are encouraged to make sure that their kid(s) can use both video and audio of their computer both for Orientation (9/6) and Confirmation Sunday (9/13)
- **Confirmation Families**
  - i. **6 Mentors:** Linda Walton, David Funk, Melissa van Ruiten, Fran Bowman, Cheryl Brietenbucher, 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 Feldermann, Jen Dunn, Michelle Monsef, Julius Lukacs, Hyesung Lee

## *BCUMC RE-OPENING TASK FORCE REPORT*

BCUMC Ad Council created a BCUMC RE-OPENING TASK FORCE on June 24, 2020 with the following members as California-Nevada Conference of UMC recommended:

Members: Hyesung Lee (Pastor); Julius Lukacs (Lay leaders), David Funk (Lay leaders); Kevin Gray (Co-Chair of Trustees), Jeff Schults (Co-Chair of Trustees); Polly Gallagher (Chair of SPRC); Michelle Carrillo (Office Administrator); Becca Feldermann (Youth Director); Alivia Logan (Choir Director); Dennis Buckley (Video/Audio); Jerry Walton (HOPE HOUSE); Michael Ann Honea (CCN, Task Force Recording Secretary)

### **First Meeting (6:30 pm July 7):**

- Task Force mission is (1) to develop BCUMC Relaunch Plan; (2) to communicate the Plan with the congregation; (3) to train Staff and Volunteers to be trained safe-guards according to the Plan; (4) to implement the Plan in actual worship and ministry activities; (5) to review and adjust the Plan according to changing situations and guidelines.
- Online Live Worship Service will continue no matter when In-Person is fully allowed
- Under 6 feet social distancing guideline, maximum capacity has been measured by Dennis and David
- Much discussion was made regarding limiting the attendance, the roles of ushers/greeters, possibility of outdoor service.

### **Second Meeting (7 pm July 21):**

- LOVE4LEARNING (Preschool on BCUMC property) has been approved for its opening by Los Rios District Superintendent Rev. Goto
- Wedding of Alivia Logan and Jeff Kumagai has been approved by DS Rev. Goto but only for Outdoor to be held on July 25<sup>th</sup>
- Indoor Worship Service is not allowed until further notice by Conference and County
- Task Force decided to work on developing BCUMC Relaunch Plan while waiting for our In-Person Worship Opening Day.
- Task Force has discussed our visions and values that will guide our congregation through transition due to COVID-19 Pandemic:
  - **Vision Statement:** (Our ultimate goals for Relaunching Plan)
    - To stay together in love and support one another
    - To offer all possible connectivity to the congregation during the Pandemic
    - To grow together more in wisdom, patience and compassion
    - To show the world the true characters of Christ as His visible Body
    - To serve wider community with what we have and who we are
  - **Values Statement:** (The beliefs that guide our Relaunching Plan)
    - Affirming everyone's choice (to come or not to come): not judgmental toward others' choice; there is neither brave/coward nor spiritual/less-spiritual choice but only necessary/safe/faithful choice
    - Gentle to People, Hard to Principles (We may be a bad cop in action but a loving safeguard in our intention toward those who do not follow guidelines during gatherings)
    - Teamwork Makes Us Stronger (consistent and thorough practices will make us strong and safe)
    - Staying together safely is better than going faster (no need to rush)



## WE LIFT UP OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### For Healing and Strength for the Sick:

Don & Kim Fraley, Beverly Tucker, Rick Graham,  
Cathy (Joyce Sorenson Friend), Gordon Fong,  
John Logan Gonzales, Judy Bieger, John Moore,  
Joan Wood (mother-in-law of Rosemary, COVID-19),  
Jon Kurz (chemo), Vincent Cortege, Jerry Hauan,  
Rena (Becca's friend), Gabe Charpentier (chemo), Marie Weeks,  
Joe (a friend of Greg P.), Mary Clarke, Erica (Alivia's friend),  
Gayle Autentico (Barb P.'s friend), Rosemary Wood (knee surgery),  
Rick Porter (cancer, father of Ashley), Heidi Retzer,  
Charlene Dobson, Heidi Stark's aunt and uncle



### For the Comfort and Peace for the Loss

Family of Tom and Velma Pangerich who passed away recently  
(neighbors of Michael Ann Honea)

### For Healing and Strength for the Homebound

Barbara Bonnickson, Diana Easley, Jo Merritt, Ethel Badham,  
Esther Riney, Esther Graham, Joyce Heflin, Kittie Piotrowski,  
Carey and Diane Hutchison

### Safety for First Responders During COVID-19:

**Medical:** Ezihe Ekpemiro (hospital RN), Luther Belino (Care Home), Christopher Janzen (RN),  
Ashlin Greene (RN), Cory Hartley (RN), Cheryl Dobson (RN), Teresa Romero (RN),  
Diane Taylor (RN) (Larry Schaffer's daughter), Tori Kuwahara (provides Hospice Care),  
Respiratory and Pulmonary Therapists at Ell Camino Hospital and John Muir Healthcare

**Firefighter:** Brett Holm, Robert Ruddick (Captain CC Fire Protection),  
Lee Taylor ((San Jose) Larry Schaffer's son-in-law)

**Police:** Lee Davis (Michael Ann's nephew), Michael Brunicardi (Heidi Stark's son in-law)

**School:** Teachers, Staff, Cafeteria Workers and Volunteers at local school districts

**Food Ministry:** HOPE HOUSE volunteers

**Military:** Murphy Slay, U.S.Army

Alexandra Reece (Sgt. Alex), U.S.Army medic in Kabul, Afghanistan (Kathy Gulizia's granddaughter)  
Christian Ramsay, U.S. Airforce (Shirley Gray's nephew)

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



2. Nate Ekpemiro
3. Jere Retzer
5. Jo Prewett Tennant
5. Ezihe Ekpemiro
8. Dolores Hauan
12. Henry Ogbonna
15. Elaine Brandeland
15. Robin vanRuiten
16. Ginny Driscoll
21. Jason Tennant
21. Connie Azevedo
21. Kathryn Cruz
22. Ethel Badham
23. Justine Joaquin
24. Oluchi Ogbonna
25. Mike Logan
26. Lisa Slay
30. Jo Merritt
30. Jonathan Kurz

! *Happy Anniversary*

15. Julie and Sean Clarke
19. Jillian & Don Stirling



By Rebecca Feldermann

To all the youth & youth families:

I hope this finds you well. As you are aware, it has been an incredibly different and challenging time for our church, our youth group, and well...pretty much everyone! For now, we are still unable to meet in person due to Covid-19 restrictions. I know school is starting for all of you soon and I hope you have a great start to the 2020-2021 school year. I will be regularly checking in each Friday, and of course, always feel free to contact me anytime via Remind if you need anything! I hope to be able to see you all soon. I miss you all!

## News from Patti Evans . . . . .



Patti Evans (on the left), a long-time supporter and member of BCUMC, is leaving northern California. Patti normally lives six months of the year in Canada and three months in the desert. She and her wife, Marty, deeply appreciate the love and support of BCUMC for the past 23 years. You are all their bright and shining lights in this world!! When the Canadian border reopens they will return to Telegraph Cove for a few months. Their plans are to relocate in the Desert Hot Springs, CA, area this fall. They will stay in touch and participate from afar.

## Guidelines for attending the OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

1. Please RSVP if you are planning to come.  
Email Becca Feldermann at [rfeldermann@yahoo.com](mailto:rfeldermann@yahoo.com) by August 9th.
2. Bring your own blankets or chairs to sit on!
3. Bring your own rainbow umbrellas for shade!
4. Please look out for your very own personal rainbow support pin in your mailbox or on your porch!

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA CONFERENCE NEWS

- Rev. Hyesung Lee has been appointed to BCUMC for the seventh time by Bishop Minerva Carcano as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
  - Rev. Shinya Goto has been appointed to Los Rios District as District Superintendent as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
  - 2020 Cal-Nev Annual Conference will be held VIRTUALLY on Zoom and Live on Conference Website from September 17<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) to 20<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)
    - The Conference Memorial Service: 7 pm Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>
    - The Service of Commissioning and Ordination: 10:30 am Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Other news may be found on Conference Website at [cnumc.org](http://cnumc.org)
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**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/bcunc/make\\_donation](https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcunc/make_donation))

**YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

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Before Donna Baker moved to Phoenix, BCUMC's United Methodist Women's treasurer, Polly Gallagher, presented Donna with a Special Mission Recognition pin for her contributions to BCUMC's UMW.

Donna has been a valued member of the UMW since she joined BCUMC in 2011. She was secretary from 2014–2019 and participated in all of the fundraisers that help UMW support the local and global missions.

We thank you Donna.

Blessings and good wishes on your new home in Arizona



## ***NOT ASLEEP***

Mockingbird singing in our yard  
Many songs – all praise to God  
A delta breeze – cool and clear  
Reminds me again – God is here.

Unseen virus – all around  
Bringing many people down  
Protests all across the land  
Calls for justice – equal stand  
Schools are closed at this time  
Teachers and students try to meet online  
Troubling news from every place  
May we see God's loving face  
Shining among our human race.

Breath of God – prayerful heart  
Healing for this world – torn apart  
Dreams of people reconciling  
Even now God is smiling.  
Rivers flowing to the sea  
Dreams of abundant harmony  
Songs of life – and from the deep  
God is here – he's not asleep!

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## **HELPFUL HINT**

*From your BCUMC Tech Team:*

Did you know that, if your television is connected to the internet, you can watch our church services on it? When Alivia and Jeff got married Saturday, our friends Greg and Mike watched the ceremony on their TV.

Unfortunately, each TV brand has unique steps you need to follow to watch internet videos, so we cannot provide step-by-step directions.

If your TV is connected to the internet, it would be fun to try to watch a service on it instead of your computer. Here is the internet link to last Sunday's service in case you want to "play"

<https://youtu.be/2AMw4b5klBY>

## **HOPE HOUSE NEEDS COMPUTER OPERATORS**



Hope House is looking for computer operators Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, two or four Wednesdays each month, which could be shared with one or two people. Training can be learned in one session.

While everything has been shut down during this pandemic, Hope House has been open every Monday and Wednesday, thanks to our wonderful volunteers. Our Hope House ministry feeds 500 families (2,400 family members) each and every month and we have received so many thank-yous from our clients for being OPEN!

We can always use more volunteers for the 8:00 am to noon shifts on Mondays and Wednesdays, and for the truck unloading shifts on Fridays and Sundays.

We have now opened our clothing closet and help is also needed for organizing those donations and distribution.

Hope House is a great place to serve and especially during this pandemic is serving as a much-needed resource for our community. If you can help, please call Jerry Walton at 925-202-5203 or email [waltonjerry@comcast.net](mailto:waltonjerry@comcast.net).



Alivia Logan and Jeffrey Kumagai were married by both Pastors Saturday July 25 in a lovely outdoor ceremony.



*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

California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. Shinya Goto

Pastor: Hyesung Lee † Lay Leaders: Julius Lukacs and David Funk

Administrative Assistant: Michelle Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

