

Deeds and Opportunities

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Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

DECEMBER 2016



Please Join Us in a Christmas Eve Service

December 24 (Saturday) 6 PM

Candlelight Service

Holy Communion (Pastor Hyesung Lee)

Preacher: Lay Leader Julius Lukacs



2016 **DECEMBER** Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	SCRIPTURE SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2016	Matthew 3:1-12 “Turn!”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Holy Communion</i> ▪ <i>Advent Candle Lighting (2)</i>
Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2016	Matthew 11:2-11 “See!”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Advent Candle Lighting (3)</i> ▪ Christmas Play by Sunday School/Youth ▪ Cookie Walk (UMW)
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2016	Matthew 1:18-25 “Dream!”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Advent Candle Lighting (4)</i> ▪ <i>Youth Dare to Dream Presentation</i>
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Dec 24 (Saturday), <u>6 pm</u>	Luke 2:1-20 “Peace!”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Holy Communion</i> ▪ <i>Advent Candle Lighting</i> ▪ <i>3 Anthems by the Choir</i>
Christmas Sunday December 25, 2016	John 1:1-14 “Word Dwelling Among Us!”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Christ Candle Lighting</i>

WORSHIP MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR **DECEMBER**

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
12/4	Wren Driscoll	Jamie Feldermann
12/11	Ogechi Ekpemero	Hunter Austin
12/18	Jamie Feldermann	Wren Driscoll
12/24 (6pm, Sat)	Jacob Lukacs	Sam Lukacs
12/25	Trevor Hunter	Hunter Austin

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

Our Congregational Care Network (CCN) provides this list.

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

Barbara Bonnickson	Lou Bronzan,	James Collins,	Cliff Fortner,	Joan Peterson,
Renee Miller	Beverly Hendrix			

Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom)	Laura Breitenbucher (Cheryle's mom)
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter)	Neoma Patrick (sister of Katie Moore)
Sheila Logan (Adella Logan's mother in law)	Lee Daversa (Joyce Sorenson's son-in-law)
Nadden Mills (Mother of Roxanna Simas)	Trina Ortega (daughter-in-law of Doug Treadway)
Chuck Graham (son of Esther Graham)	

We pray for you and your care-givers that God may fill you every day with strength, faith, love and peace!

◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

Dear Friends and Members of B.C.U.M.C.

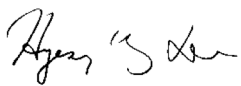
I have good news to share with you! I sent you my email several weeks ago, asking for your prayers for the family of Carlos, Blanca and their three children as they had to leave their rental house without any other place to go. They have been working for our church as custodians for many years. Upon my request, you have responded with prayers, donations, gift cards and many helpful ideas. Right after they left their house, their youngest child, Rose Maria, broke her arm and had to go through surgery. In this difficult situation, many people helped them again. I want to say a big THANK YOU to Marcie Lukacs for helping them out for their hospital visit and more!

YOUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED! I am so happy to tell you today that they have now found their home to move in as of December 1st. A big THANK YOU to Jen and Rick Dunn for renting their duplex house to them at the price that they can afford! What a wonderful gift that has been given to one of us at the time of need! I am so grateful that they have now rooms to sleep and a house to stay safely. I want to give THANKS also to Julius Lukacs and Debra Urzua for their many practical helps! There are so many people that I can't reveal their names. THANK YOU for all your helps!

As we approach Christmas Day, we are reminded that Christ had no room to stay when he came to the world. That was why He worked so hard to implement a RADICAL HOSPITALITY POLICY in all of the House of God through his teachings and examples. I am thankful that God has blessed us as we walk together through this challenging time. I hope and pray that you may find God's surprising gifts as you open your hearts, minds and doors to people in need.

I want to say a BIG THANK to all those who have made financial commitment and given 2017 pledges. Because of your contributions, we may now continue to serve our neighbors in local and beyond. Keeping our body of Christ healthy and strong is so important to do the work of God year after year. Another BIG THANK should be given to all those who have committed their time and talents by joining on various ministry teams as you see their names on one of the pages of this D's and O's. They will carry out our mission and ministries both for the congregation and for the world. We are prepared now more than ever before! Please read Annual Church Conference reports on membership, nominations and the minutes from this newsletter and be thankful to God for His abundant blessing again and again!

May God bless you and your family with JOY, HOPE, LOVE and PEACE of Christmas now and always!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee





THE UMW ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

in the Fellowship Hall - Sunday, December 11th

*December is full of traditions and events.
Come and be part of another wonderful tradition!*

Donations go to UMW's ministry
Teddy Bears for Kids and The Angel Tree

CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO HOMEBOUND FRIENDS

10am – 12pm ☆ Thursday, December 15th

Please join us as we visit our friends at homes to sing carols together.

We will gather at the church at 10 am.

Please let the pastor know if you are coming. Everyone is welcome!



CHILDREN AND YOUTH choir/music rehearsal is Sunday nights at 5:00pm.

We will put on a Christmas performance for residents of an assisted living home
on the afternoon/evening **Saturday, December 17th.**

Anyone under 18 is encouraged to join in to make this a fun and amazing season for our community!

SAVE THE DATE !

Trivia, Treats and Treasures

Saturday - January 21st - 7 pm

Mark your calendar for the UMW's Third Annual Trivia, Treats and Treasures **Saturday, January 21 at 7 pm.** This event is a fun night for ages 10 and up. This year teams will consist of six members (we are using our new round tables). The first place team will receive \$120 and the second place team will receive \$60. There are two rounds of about 15 questions. Questions are varied, so it does help to have a diverse age group on your team.

Treasures will consist of a wide range of raffle baskets and perhaps other surprises. Treats are small snacks sweet and savory to help keep your energy up during the contest! Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale starting December 11th at our Cookie Walk. Any questions? Contact Patti Bartlebaugh at 925-757-9278.

***United Methodist Women shall be a community of Women whose purpose is
to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ:
to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and
to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.***

Many people of the church see United Methodist Women as “those women who do fundraisers” or the “women to call on if you need food at an event.” As the year comes to a close, I would like to review some of what we have done.

Yes, we had Fundraisers. Our largest Fundraiser of the year is our ***Trivia Treats and Treasures*** (see other article about this next event). Additionally, we work at a craft table at the Good Guys Car Show two weekends a year. We sponsor several luncheons/events after church targeted to specific missions. Our next event will be the ***Cookie Walk*** Sunday December 11th.

So where does the money go?

At the **UMW District level** we gave:

- \$ 500 Pledge to Mission
- \$ 127 call to Prayer
- \$ 150 to Legacy Fund-celebrating UMWs 150th Anniversary

Locally we gave

- \$1,062 for Choir Robes
- \$1,000 for round tables
- \$ 750 to H.O.P.E. House
- \$ 500 to Staff Gifts
- \$ 250 to VIM support
- \$ 250 to Youth
- \$ 250 to Congregational Care Network
- \$ 200 for kitchen supplies

for **Mission** we give

- \$ 500 Thailand Methodist Mission
- \$ 300 UMCOR Water
- \$ 300 Angel Tree
- \$ 200 Mary Elizabeth Inn
- \$ 100 Gum Moon House
- \$ 100 Teddy Bears

In 2016, UMW has given \$6,539 to works of the Church at the Local, District, National and International levels!!

Two groups of women meet regularly. Jesse Lee Circle meets in the morning and Priscilla Circle meets in the evening. Both groups provide a supportive community for fellowship and study. This year the Jesse Lee Circle has worked hard on the issue of Homelessness in Brentwood. The Priscilla Circle has sponsored two weekend “Reading Retreats”.

We would like to thank the Congregation for their continued support and invite any women of the church who would like to be a part of UMW to contact our current officers, Patti Bartlebaugh, Polly Gallagher or Donna Baker.

United Methodist Women

UMW will have a Gathering of both Circles on Sunday Dec. 11th after the Cookie Walk. There will be a short business meeting and election of officers for 2017. This is important as we have only one returning officer, Polly Gallagher as Treasurer, and need to elect a President, Vice President and Secretary. Any Questions, please contact Patti Bartlebaugh at 925-757-9278



CHRISTMAS MORNING

When my heart needs comforting and healing
Jesus calls to me saying:
"Come to me - and I will give you rest.
Lay your burdens down - let them go."
When I need strength and hope
I recall the teaching that
"For God nothing shall be impossible."
And so I reach for the hand of Jesus
Remembering - we are never alone.
When I need peace - and feelings are in turmoil
And when I need a friend - steady
With love unwavering
Once again I hope to remember
To turn to the one born in Bethlehem.
When I seek to understand Christmas
The mystery - the gift - the blessings
Of light - of peace - of hope
I find there are two prayers - rising within me:
The first: "Help me to understand this sacred gift."
And the second: "Thank You."

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3 Janet Kurz
4 Lynn Austin
6 Don Stirling
10 Nancy Vier
11 Diane Lee
16 Chinedum Ekpemiro
17 Griffin Slay
17 Aidan Dunn
19 Benjamin Lukacs
19 Joseph Lukacs
20 Marcie Lukacs
21 Pastor Hyesung Lee
22 Ryan Price
26 Kaela Scott
27 Teresa Kick
29 Valerie Umana

Happy Anniversary

6 Patti Evans & Marty Jewell
10 Diane & Carey Hutchison

Happy Holidays from Hope House

We are very excited about the upcoming Christmas Party for the families and children who come to Hope House. The Voyagers have worked hard getting everything ready for the event on Saturday, December 10th, from 10:30 to 12:00. *Stop by and enjoy the festivities!!*

As usual we are always looking for volunteers to help out at the Hope House. Feel free to contact me if you have any interest or any questions.

God Bless,

Robin Vaughan 650-619-6387





Middle School Youth

The MTJers, our self-dubbed middle school youth group, wrapped up their *Dare to Dream* series in November with individual life mission statements and a commitment to Love God and not let excuses hold them back from God's big dream for each of their lives: check out their poster in Fellowship Hall! A few of us also enjoyed a glorious day in San Francisco packing 1400 lunches at Glide Memorial Methodist Church and exploring a Chinatown street dance festival, the oldest Buddhist temple (we think!), the Fortune Cookie Factory and our favorite, the Willie "Woo Woo" playground! We 'hiked' up Twin Peaks and experienced Mozzarella...a first for us all, mesmerizing wood-fired pizzeria operated entirely in sign language.

In addition to the 'lesson' each week, they chat and share a Rose, Thorn or Bud (something from their week they enjoyed, didn't enjoy or are looking forward to), play a few active physical games, share a light meal, sometimes cooking it together, and close in prayer. In November we made "Christian" fried rice with each ingredient representing an ingredient for a holy life: grace, faith, works, prayer, sacraments, worship, and community, what a treat!

Upcoming topics in December include Christian Athletes, Christianity in Modern Times, and, of course, a special Christmas session when we'll make dry soup mixes for distribution to shut-ins. Drop-Ins and friends are always welcome every Sunday 5:30-7 (no meeting on Christmas Day).

Youth:

Christmas is the season of giving with our combined high school and middle school youth activities. Watch your email for details on the ever popular Chopped, Community Food Sort and Christmas Gift Exchange.

Children's & Youth Choir:

Children's and Youth Choir Christmas karaoke and "Just a Little Christmas" play rehearsals continue Sundays at 5 pm. They'll share their contagious joyful Christmas spirit in Sunday service and at Westmont Senior Living.



Music Committee

Thanks to all the members & friends who contributed to the Choir Robe Fund. We are ordering a plaque for installation in the choir room with dedications to people who were honored in memoriam for this fund raiser. Here are the names we have recorded:

David Thomson, Shirley Thomson
Raymond Funk, Aline Funk
Reddie Prewett, Vernon Noble
Alvin Simas



If you wish a loved one's name honored, please let Debra know so we can add your name to the plaque. If we missed anyone's name, we apologize and would like to make sure we get it right! Debra can be reached at (925) 634-3093.

Minutes from Joint All-Church Conference, Congregations of the East Contra Costa

November 13, 2016

Presiding Elder: District Superintendent Rev. Staci Current

BCUMC Members Present: Diana Easley, Beverly & Martin Tucker, JoAnn & Dave Funk, Jerry & Linda Walton, John D. Moore, Rebecca Feldermann

Business of BCUMC (jointly with Byron UMC) began at 5:30pm.

JoAnn Funk submitted the nomination and election report for new officers for approval. It was accepted unanimously by members present.

Rebecca Feldermann presented the Pastor's Compensation Report to the conference. It was approved unanimously by all members present.

We discussed exciting things going on at the church. We had a recent Stephen Ministry training, and have combined with St. John's Lutheran Church. It's a very exciting and active group. Beverly Tucker discussed our new 60+ group, called Voyagers. It has been very successful. They will be hosting a holiday party for the children of Hope House (ages 7 & under). The whole family can attend. The program is centered around the real meaning of Christmas. 60 families have been identified that may attend. John Moore mentioned the string players ministry started via Joe Kick where members meet once a week and sing & play. This has been enjoyed by all in the congregation. Rebecca presented information on our new Middle School group, called MTJ. The last exciting event mentioned was our upcoming 150th anniversary celebration on September 9/10, 2017.

The business meeting ended at 5:58pm with a prayer and well-wishes.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Feldermann

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

2017 MINISTRY TEAMS AND STRUCTURES

The Lay Leadership Structure of Brentwood Community UMC is based on Disciple-Making Journey which we have learned from Jesus' ministry. His ministry of God's Kingdom includes the **Connecting** Ministry (through the Word and the Worship), the **Growing** Ministry (through Teaching and Nurturing) and the **Serving** Ministry (through Healing and Feeding).

CONNECTING MINISTRY: WORSHIP SUPPORT

MUSIC COMMITTEE Chair: Edie Tidrick Members: Dave Funk, Michael Ann Honea*, Cheryl Breitenbucher*

WORSHIP STEWARDS

Ushers: Martin Tucker, Joyce Sorenson, Randy Fortner, Bob Clarke

Altar Guild: Roxanna Simas, Jo Merritt

Acolyte/Crucifer Coordinators: Ginny Driscoll, Vickey Barriner

Greeter Coordinator: Linda Walton*

Worship Leader Coordinator: Polly Gallagher

Communion Stewards: Donna Baker

Social Hour and Flower Coordinator: Betty Gaughan

Video/Audio: Dennis Buckley

CREATIVE WORSHIP TEAM Hyesung Lee (Pastor), Julius Lukacs, Dennis Buckley, Marie Weekes, Barbara Pinkston, Patti Bartlebaugh, Roxanna Simas

GROWING MINISTRY: INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION SUPPORT

CHILDREN MINISTRY: Marcie Lukacs, Rebecca Feldermann

YOUTH MINISTRY: Julius Lukacs, Paul Slay, Rebecca Feldermann, Rick & Jennifer Dunn, Michelle Monsef

CREATIVE INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION TEAM (+ Disciple Making Process)

Hyesung Lee (Pastor), Julius Lukacs, Rick Dunn, Charlene Dobson

SERVING MINISTRY: MINISTRY AND MISSION SUPPORT

[* indicates the first year in 2017]

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL Chair: Julius Lukacs* Council Secretary: Jan Schults

Pastor: Hyesung Hong Lee Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs

Lay Members to Annual Conference: Roxanna Simas, Jeff Schults

Communication Coordinator: Betty Gaughan Historian: *

Membership Secretary: JoAnn Funk* Finance/Stewardship: Jerry Walton*

Trustees: Dennis Buckley* Endowment Fund: Dennis Buckley

Staff-Parish Relations: Jennifer Dunn* & John Moore* Music Committee: Edie Tidrick

Congregational Care Network: Linda Barnhill Outreach Committee: Robin Vaughn (HOPE HOUSE)

United Methodist Women: to be elected United Methodist Men: David Funk

Youth Ministry: Julius Lukacs Children's Ministry: Marcie Lukacs, Becca Feldermann

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

	Chair: Dennis Buckley		
2017	Jeff Schults	Adella Logan,	
2018	Sean Clarke	Betty Gaughan	David Funk
2019	Dennis Buckley	Joyce Sorenson	Don Barnhill

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

	Co-Chairs: Jen Dunn & John Moore	Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs	
	Secretary: Joy Kick,		
2017	Nate Ekpemiro	Jennifer Dunn,	John Moore
2018	Joy Kick	Diane Lane	Rick Dunn
2019	Linda Walton	Carey Hutchison	Horace Gipson

FINANCE-STEWARDSHIP

	Chair: Jerry Walton	Treasurer: Debra Urzua	
2017	Don Barnhill	Beverly Tucker	James Roberts
2018	Michelle Monsef	Jerry Walton	Lynn Austin
2019	Martin Tucker	Tom Miller	

NOMINATIONS & LAY DEVELOPMENT

	Chair: Hyesung Lee	Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs
2017	Barbara Pinkston	Sean Clarke
2018	Jill Price	Don Barnhill
2019	JoAnn Funk	Rebecca Feldermann

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

	Church Membership Secretary: JoAnn Funk
Martin Tucker	JoAnn Funk

CCN (Congregational Care Network)

	Coordinator: Linda Barnhill		
Barbara Pinkston	Michael Ann Honea	Pat Balzell	Mel Strong
Beverly Tucker	Diana Easley	Marie Weekes	

Friends in Faith Ministry: Linda Walton
Prayer Chain: Linda Barnhill

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

<u>HOPE HOUSE</u>	Director: Robin Vaughan
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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN President: to be elected**UNITED METHODIST MEN** President: David Funk**ENDOWMENT & MEMORIALS** Chair: Dennis Buckley

Martin Tucker, Patti Bartlebaugh, Linda Barnhill, Jo Merritt, Joyce Sorenson
Memorial Dinners: Robin Vaughan & Dolores Hauan

***150TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TEAM** Chair: Polly Gallagher

Pastor: Hyesung Lee	Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs		
Polly Gallagher,	Dennis Buckley,	Horace Gipson,	Dolores Hauan,
Diane Lee,	JoAnn Funk,	Jerry Walton	

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

(From Charge Conference 2015 to Church Conference 2016)

Membership (Charge Conference 2015) **188**

Total Members Received (+) 10

Baptism 2

Confirmation 4

Transfer 4

Total Members Removed (-) 71**

Membership (Charge Conference 2016) **127**

****A SPECIAL REPORT FROM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ASKING FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE ACTION**

This year the Membership Committee conducted a thorough audit of the membership records. In August we mailed out letters to all of our inactive members attempting to verify and update our membership rolls. After a meticulous review by our committee, we now have a more accurate membership roster. An electronic database has been created and will be kept up to date in a computer and on a portable flash drive as the instructions state in the Book of Discipline. We pledge to continue searching for any additional records and invite those who attend regularly to join our church. Our membership is now 127. This is 61 less than the last year report (188).

Christmas Cantata
“On This Shining Night”
Saturday -- December 10
6:30 pm

Invite your neighbors and friends
to this beautiful celebration of Christmas
presented by the BCUMC Choir,
accompanied by an orchestra and soloists.
A free-will offering will benefit Shepherd's Gate
to help women in need!





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.***

Resident Bishop: Warner H. Brown, Jr.
El Camino Real District Superintendent: Rev. Staci Current
Pastor: Hyesung Lee ☩ Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs
Secretary: Debra Urzua

***The Mission of the United Methodist Church
is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.***

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

