

Deeds and Opportunities

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DECEMBER 2017



2017 DECEMBER Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS		Scriptures & Sermon Theme	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017 		Isaiah 64:1-9 "Come Down Home"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holy Communion ▪ FAITHFUL: Advent Study ① (8:45am in Youth Room) ▪ Read the Bible In a Year at noon in Fireside Room ▪ Confirmation Class ⑦ (12-1:30pm) 
Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017		Guest Preacher: Rev. Schuyler Rhoads District Superintendent of Los Rios District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FAITHFUL: Advent Study ② (8:45am in Youth Rm) ▪ 11:40 pm – Cookie Walk (UMW). Donation goes to Angel Tree (Prisoners' Children Ministry) and Teddy Bear (Gifts to Children in Hospitals) ▪ 1:00 pm – Committee Members Training ▪ 2:30 pm – SPRC meeting with DS ▪ 3:30 pm – Pastor meeting with DS
Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017		1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 "Joy Is Our True Home"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FAITHFUL: Advent Study ③ (8:45am in Youth Rm) ▪ Worship Special: "Meanings of Christmas Decorations"
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24  <i>Christmas Eve Worship</i>	10:30 AM	Luke 1:46-55 "God Makes This World Our Home"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FAITHFUL: Advent Study ④ (8:45am in Youth Rm)
	6:00 PM	Luke 2:1-20 "A Manger for the World"	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE ▪ Holy Communion
First Sunday After Christmas Day December 31, 2017		Luke 2:22-40 "Going Home Again"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Covenant Renewal Service (Wesleyan Traditional Service since 1775)



BCUMC presents:
Advent: Waiting in Hope
A Christmas Cantata
Saturday - December 9 - 6:30 pm

Keeping in mind the mysteries of God's impeccable timing
Makes the WAITING more bearable,
while encouraging us to HOPE!

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer
12/3	Christian Belino	Griffin Slay
12/10	Jamie Feldermann	Wren Driscoll
12/17	Wren Driscoll	Trevor Austin
12/24 10:30am	Dylie Slay	Jacob Lukacs
12/24 6:00pm	Robin van Ruitan	Wren Driscoll
12/31	Christian Belino	Trevor Austin

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)

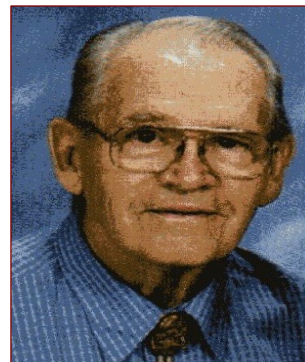
For Homebound: Barbara Bonnickson, Lou Bronzan, Randy Fortner, Cliff Fortner,
Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom), Laura Breitenbucher (Cheryl's mom),
Nadden Mills (Mother of Roxanna Simas), Joyce Heflin, Renee Miller,
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter)

For Healing: Beverly Hendrix, Diana Easley, Esther Graham,
Ethel Badham, Fred Schults (Jeff's brother),
Diane Hutchison, Nick Luoma, Chris Baldwin
Beverly Johnson, Martha Bryning (Beverly's sister)

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



*Memorial Service for Jim Collins
Friday - December 15th - 1:00 pm
in the BCUMC Sanctuary*



◆ *Pastor's Letter* ◆

Dear Friends in Ministry

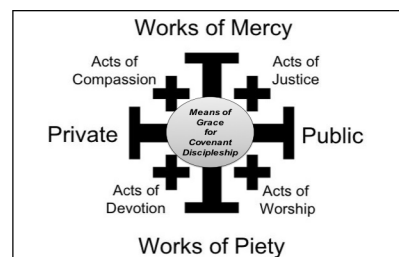
I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. And I pray for your Blessed December as we are approaching to the end of this year. For this month's pastor's letter, I would like to share my report to Ad Council on November 8th as I summarized my ministry of this year. I appreciate your faithful ministry for this year and am looking forward taking a new journey in 2018. Here is my report:

Our mission is to ***make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world***. And my primary task as pastor is to make sure our congregation (1) to know the mission, (2) to participate in Disciple-making Process (Connect-Grow-Serve) and (3) to do make disciple-making-disciples.

The most rewarding part of 2017 ministry was to see so many people having stepped up either in their leadership role or participation. Because of that, existing ministries have been strengthened. For our big 150th Anniversary celebration, everyone stepped up in their participation and contribution. I am hugely grateful for this shining moment of BCUMC.

The second rewarding part was to see several new additions made as Disciple-Making Process. The followings are new additions to our church ministry in 2017:

- (1) Wednesday Prayer (since March 1st 2017)** Every Wednesday 6pm – 7 pm we have had a quiet prayer time. Two people have attended it for 6 months. After 6 months, number of participants increased 100 % from 2 to 4. This prayer time has been one of the most critical but missing components of discipleship journey in our church.
- (2) Strengthening Friends in Faith Ministry (since August 2017)** <Friends in Faith> is a ministry that helps new comers settling down with friendly guides and emotional care. Its Leadership Team has been strengthened. One member volunteered to record worship attendance each Sunday on excel document in order to take better care of visitors and new comers. <Friends in Faith> will work closely with Membership Secretary.
- (3) Covenant Group by using General Rule of Discipleship (since September 2017)** The main purpose of Covenant Group is to be accountable to the spiritual growth and the authentic discipleship by following the General Rule of Discipleship as shown below:



<General Rule of Discipleship>

Since September, a staff Covenant Group between me and the youth director has begun. My future plan is to encourage Bible Reading Group (and other groups) to be a Covenant Group.

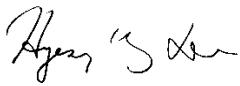
- (4) **PPT (Power Point Presentation) for Sunday Worship Service (since Sep 10, 2017)** I have received many positive feedbacks so far about the use of Power Point Presentations. Jamie Feldermann & Bob Clarke will join the pastor in creating PPT for Sunday Worship. Paul Slay & David Funk volunteered to be PPT clickers. My hope is to find more effective ways to make our Worship Service communicating God's love with more people.
- (5) **Yearly Reflection on Your Lay Ministry (Sept 2017)** This year I collected reflective feedbacks from church officers about their fulfillment in their ministries this year. I received 22 responses out of 40 surveys sent out. Most people showed high fulfillment. Many people communicated with me what they need and want for the effective service for the coming year ... very helpful for the work of Nomination Committee.
- (6) **CHURCH LEADER TRAINING DAY (Dec 10, 2017)** This is a new thing for our church. Rev. Schuyler Rhoads, District Superintendent will preach to us during our morning Worship Service and lead Training Hour at 1 pm.

Pastor's Dream for 2018

For the coming year, I would like to ask Ad Council to create ***DREAM BIG TASK FORCE*** to prayerfully brainstorm ideas, research effective ministries, discuss dreams and come up with proposals for 5 Year and 10 Year Plans to lead and prepare the church to be able to make disciples of Jesus Christ out of all generations in the future.

I ask all of you to pray for our church that we may more effectively serve God's dream in our communities in coming years!

Sincerely,



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee





THE UMW 7th ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

in the Fellowship Hall - Sunday, December 10th

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

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

Thanks to all of you who caught up on your pledges since summer. It really helped us get caught up on summer bills. We have since taken more out of our reserves (\$12,423 total) to keep current on our obligations. We have so much to be thankful for here in Brentwood, at a time when there is tragedy all around our world, in this country and even here in California. It is through our church that we can spread the good news here and everywhere!

We are now working on our budget for 2018 and the Finance Committee has a concern that several pledges are missing that will keep us from fulfilling our ministry for next year. At a time when the Brentwood Community and our country is so desperate for Faith and God's Word, we need to keep our ministry strong and present.

Please give prayerful thought and consideration to God's Ministry here at BCUMC.

Jerry Walton---Finance Chair

SAVE THE DATE !

Trivia, Treats and Treasures

Saturday – February 3rd -- 7 pm

Mark your calendar for the UMW's Fourth Annual Trivia, Treats and Treasures **Saturday, February 3 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 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 10th at our Cookie Walk.

THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS

Oh the wonder and mystery of Christmas
Opens my heart - awakens my soul
All the music and songs of the angels
The long ago stories retold
Our Christmas Cantata - oh what a delight
Snow falling in the mountains - stars in the night
With shepherds and wise men - we come to adore
Our precious Savior - who comes to restore
Life, love, and all that we are!
Blame, guilt, and shame - and prejudice fall
Happy, Merry Christmas - to one and all!!

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Pastor Hyesung and her husband visited Lou Bronzan and his daughter, Laurel, on Thanksgiving Day at Somerford Place, 6075 North Marks, Fresno. Amazingly, Lou recognized her. She gave him our new directory. He loved it. They sang together and had a great time.



2. Christian Belino
- 3 Janet Kurz
- 4 Lynn Austin
- 6 Don Stirling
- 10 Nancy Vier
- 11 Diane Lee
- 14 Fred Gulizia
- 16 Chinedum Ekpemiro
- 17 Griffin Slay
- 17 Aidan Dunn
- 19 Benjamin Lukacs
- 19 Joseph Lukacs
- 19 Andres' Hernandez
- 20 Marcie Lukacs
- 21 Pastor Hyesung Lee
- 22 Ryan Price
- 26 Kaela Scott
- 27 Teresa Kick
- 27 Melissa vanRuiten
- 29 Valerie Umana

Happy Anniversary

- 6 Patti Evans & Marty Jewell
- 10 Diane & Carey Hutchison





The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, have had a fun November. We had some very interesting discussions about music, prayer, and our ideas on perfection and what God thinks about it. We will have a different schedule in December. This information can also be found on the bulletin board and will be in the weekly newsletter.

Sunday, December 3 rd	MTJ after Chopped, 6pm-7:30pm; game night & your favorite snack to share. Don't forget to wear a beanie, scarf, or crazy socks...or all 3!
Sunday, December 10 th	NO MTJ
Sunday, December 17 th	MTJ from 5:30pm-7:30pm; ice skating downtown (\$10 cost)
Sunday, December 24 th	NO MTJ, Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 31 st	TBD

The youth group had one service event in November, helping wrap barrels for Brentwood Community Chest. We also had a Youth led service on Sunday, November 26th. The youth did a fantastic job! Thank you to all those who participated: Jacob, Griffin, Dylie, Holly, Aidan, Alex, Audrey, Jamie, Logan, Kaela, and Abbie.

December brings many events. On December 3rd we have our 4th Annual Chopped/Advent/Decorating event, held at BCUMC. During the week of December 11th, we will be sorting toys and food for the Brentwood Community Chest and having our youth group gift exchange. December 23rd brings a day trip to San Francisco and Glide. Please look to the website (www.brentwoodumc.org) and the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the most up to date information.



The month of November has been a fun one for Sunday School...it's always a fun time of year when the holidays roll around! Our Pre-2nd grade class had lessons on The Prophet Daniel, Fruits of the Spirit, and Giving Thanks to God. The 3rd-5th grade class finished their series on The Prophet Daniel and had lessons on Thanksgiving as well.

In the month of December we look forward to lessons on advent and our holiday play. On December 10th we will have our Sunday School Christmas party/gift exchange in lieu of a lesson. It should be fun and festive! If you'd like to donate goodies or decorations, please contact Marcie or Becca. We also are very excited to start using the new Bibles we recently were fundraising for. Thank you again to our wonderful congregation!

Confirmation

The 2018 confirmation class has continued its group classes this past month with lessons covering our beliefs, with the last lesson on beliefs being December 3rd. After that, the confirmands will take a break from group lessons during the rest of December and most of January. They will resume on January 21, where they begin a two lesson series on Theology.

The confirmands have continued meeting with their mentors as well. The confirmands have some service projects they will be able to participate in, including a trip to Glide Memorial to serve the homeless, and helping sort toys and food for Brentwood Community Chest. The confirmands will have an opportunity to attend the Bishop's retreat on either March 17-18 or April 7-8. Please continue to pray for the confirmands, their mentors, their parents, and the teachers as they continue this important faith journey.

Family Fun Night



On November 26, 23 people headed downtown to the Delta to see the new Pixar movie, "Coco".
What a fun time and wonderful movie!!



Would you like to "mug" a friend?!

Then participate in the **Youth Group Fundraiser**

Starting in December, running through January 7th.

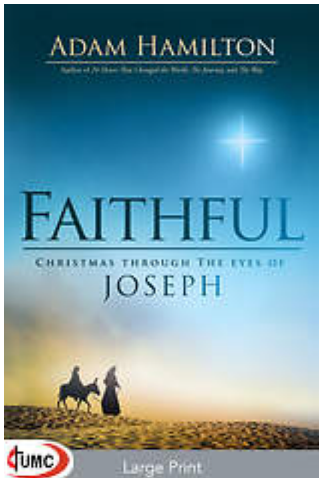
For \$5, you pick out a Christmas mug filled with hot cocoa, candy canes, and kisses to be delivered to the person of your choice. A form will be provided to fill out with the option to include a personal message.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Wednesday Night Prayer continues to 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!



FAITHFUL (REV. ADAM HAMILTON)

Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph

4 Advent Sundays at 8:45am (From 12/3)

Text book (\$15)

Facilitator: Pastor Hyesung Lee

****Sign-Up Sheet on the Table in the fellowship hall!**

Chapter topics include:

1. A Carpenter Named Joseph
2. Whose Child is This?
3. Raising a Child Not Your Own
4. The Journey to Bethlehem

We're not that different from Joseph. True, we may not be part of a story that will be remembered for all time, but like Joseph, we encounter circumstances that we'd never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. The story of Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

January 14 and 21 from 12 pm to 1 pm

In the Quiet Room (behind the choir room/fireside room)

You are invited to this orientation if you want to (1) **join** our church as a committed member or (2) **just learn** more about our church. This orientation will include (1) sharing of faith journeys; (2) United Methodist Church Beliefs and Mission; and (3) our B.C.U.M. church mission. If you are interested, please let the pastor know by contacting her at 925-303-9339 (cell) or hslee3@gmail.com. Or you may just show up! This time is always very enjoyable and spiritual.

Baby Hats (Caps) – A Mission Opportunity

Patti Bartlebaugh, our dear friend (former member of BCUMC), is inviting us to participate in the following mission opportunity. She will deliver your gifts when she goes to UMW Assembly in May 2018

“In the months ahead, Assembly 2018 planners are inviting United Methodist Women who have skills in knitting, crocheting or sewing to create baby hats for those in need. The baby hats may be made from fabric, fleece or yarn. If possible, United Methodist Women should take completed baby hats to their local churches to be blessed before bringing them to Assembly. Some of the hats will be displayed in the Assembly prayer and meditation room. At the end of Assembly, the baby hats will be distributed to those in need through our Maternal Health work. **Please do not ship any hats to the national office for delivery.**” (From UMW News)

Staff Liaison Assignments

Please contact the appropriate SPRC person to communicate any praise, suggestions or concerns regarding any of our staff members. The assigned liaison(s) for each staff person is as follows:

<u>Staff Person</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Hyesung Lee, Pastor	Jennifer Dunn & John D. Moore
Debra Urzua, Office Manager	John D. Moore
Blanca Malagon, Housekeeping	Linda Walton
Alivia Logan, Choir Director	Carey Hutchinson
Jordan Pospisil, Nursery Care	Joy Kick
Ryan Pospisil, Nursery Care	Joy Kick
Lugh Baxter, Part-Time Accompanist	To be assigned by 2018 SPRC
Rebecca Feldermann, Youth Director	Rick Dunn

Note: Carlos Malagon, our Gardener, is not a staff member. Please direct any comments regarding grounds maintenance to Debra Urzua in the church office.



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

El Camino Real District Superintendent: Rev. Schuyler Rhoads

Pastor: Hyesung Lee ☩ Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs

Secretary: Debra Urzua

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

