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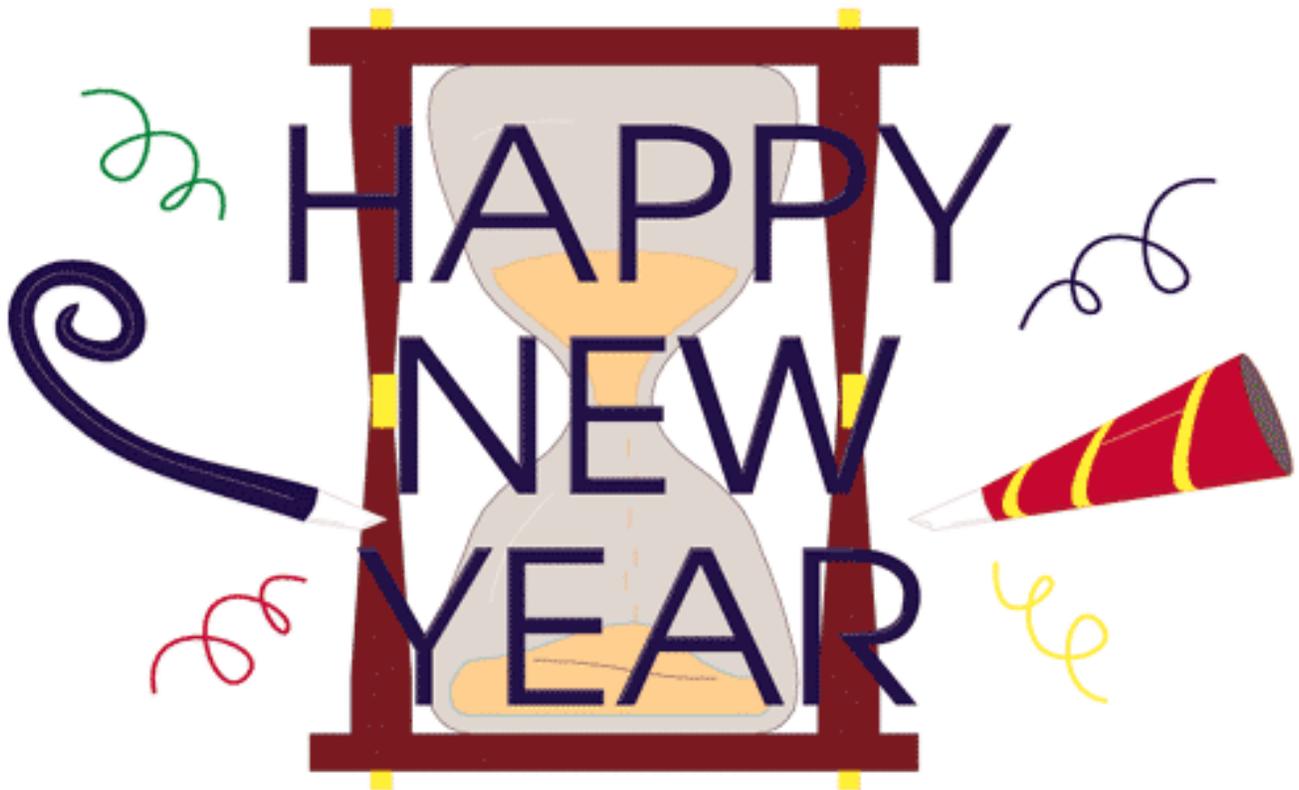
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New Year's Trivia Question: Do you know where the tradition of resolutions comes from? If you would like to find out the answer to this question, plan on attending the UMW's 2nd Annual Trivia, Treats & Treasures. *Information inside.*

A NEW YEAR

It's a time of new beginnings
 It's a time for letting go
 Here I am, Lord - help me listen
 Is there something I need to know?
 To put my trust in You complete
 To see your face in all I meet.
 To draw more closely day by day
 To your loving heart
 To help and comfort those in need
 To pray - then do my part.
 A new year has arrived again
 Shall I choose a resolution?
 Walking hand in hand with Jesus
 Oh - what a happy solution!
 Tell me now, dear gracious God
 Do you have a plan?
 To grow more in peace and love
 I wonder if I can?
 With your help
 I can.

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- 3 Davie Blount
- 5 Craig Bronzan
- 12 Vickey Barriner
- 16 Pete Cruz
- 20 Patti Bartlebaugh
- 25 Horace Gipson
- 21 Jackie Hanel
- 22 Scott Bartlebaugh
- 23 Jacob Lukacs
- 27 Audrey Dunn
- 28 Rachel Simas

Happy Anniversary

16 Edie & Galen Tidrick

Please Sign Up

Flowers 

Fellowship 

Month	Days	Flowers	Fellowship
January	3		
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February	7		
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DECEMBER	16		
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Sign up now . . .
 to bring flowers and/or
 refreshments. Pick a date . . .
 a significant occasion,
 birthday, anniversary,
 your favorite holiday,
 or for no special reason

◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

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

Happy New Year!

May God bless you with His grace and peace as you humbly begin your new journey in January 2016!

The year 2016 will be for us a year of reflection on who we are and what we do as the body of Christ in this world and a year of preparation for the 150th Church Anniversary celebration in July 2017. God has called us to be a body of Christ for His mission in the world! In other words, we represent *CHRIST* in our community. We are *CHRIST* to our neighbors. We are *JESUS* to our friends in need and in difficult situations. I understand that it is a hugely big name to represent. But it is what it is. God does not have Plan B except us, His disciples. We don't have to worry about our weaknesses and faults because God knows all about us and still sends us out to the world. We don't have to worry about us because we are never alone. When we trust and walk humble with the Lord, God-things happen all the time.

Stephen Ministry teaches us: "When we care, God cures." Our job is not curing and healing. When we simply care for our neighbors, God brings His cure through grace and hope. When we offer our gifts and presence, God makes miracles happen!

A miracle that happened to me in 2015 was that I found an indispensable help from an unexpected place when I needed it most. As I finished up my 50-hour training for Stephen Ministry in November, I needed to be commissioned and to be partnered with a reliable supervision group of Stephen Ministry in a not-so-faraway place. When I looked for information, someone new to this area directed me to St. John Lutheran Church in Antioch right away. And I was sitting down with the director of Stephen Ministry of that church just two weeks after I finished the training. I could not believe it. It was like they had been waiting for us all along to serve our need in Brentwood area.

The director shared an amazing testimonial letter written by her church member who received care from Stephen Minister. She wrote:

I was hurting. God... how could life have gotten this difficult? A family member's illness was getting progressively worse. I felt the financial burdens were weighing heavy on me. There were rumors of layoffs coming on the job. What was I going to do? Then I got the call from our son. "This is a collect call from the Jail" . . . not again.

I needed to talk to someone, but I didn't really know anyone with whom I could share my private issues. The Pastor was busy and I didn't want to be a burden. Then someone suggested I request a Stephen Minister. I figured it couldn't hurt, and maybe this person would have the answers I needed.

As I waited for our first meeting I wondered what Bible text she would quote and how she would help me apply it to my life so that it would fix things. She came in and we talked and the hour flew by, then she said she come back next week, the same time. After she left, I was confused. She didn't even quote scripture. She prayed with me, but only when I asked her to before she left. My problems were still heavy burdens.

She continued to come back week after week, she listened, she shared, and I opened up. Slowly I came to realize what a blessing this ministry is. She wasn't there to give me advice or to fix my problems, but she came along beside me, held my hand, and walked with me through my problems. I started looking forward to her visits, even though sometimes she didn't say much.

She listened and I began to really open up and share my issues. I learned to trust her. I saw a miracle taking place as God used my Stephen Minister to help me to see his Spirit in my life. I was now looking at life differently. My problems had not gone away but the burden had been lifted. As I talked, she continued to listen. I became stronger and I was able to find the right doctor. My son's problems did not go away, but I am able to trust God that He is in control.

Stephen Ministries is such an amazing resource that our church offers. My caring relationship has since closed, so that she is available to help someone else. We are now friends and I will always be grateful that she was there when I was in need. Life is too short. You don't need to suffer alone. If you are hurting or know someone who is, seek out a Stephen Minister.

It is a confidential program within our church. To this day no one knows who my minister was or what we shared in private, but I will always be grateful to her. (the end).

We are Christ to our neighbors who are hurting! Let us continue to care for one another in this coming New Year!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



2016 *JANUARY* Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS & others	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
Epiphany Sunday January 3, 2016	<u>John 1:10-18</u>	<i>Full of Grace and Truth</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Commissioning of Church Officers
First Sunday after the Epiphany / <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> January 10, 2016	Preacher: Julius Lukacs (Lay Leader & Youth Leader)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sierra Service Project in Sacramento by Youths and Adults (Jan 15 – 17)
Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 17, 2016	<u>John 2:1-11</u>	<i>First Miracle at Cana</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation Class at 12 pm
Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 24, 2016	<u>Luke 4:14-21</u>	<i>First Preaching At Synagogue</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday morning adult small group – <i>Dare to Dream</i> at 8:45 am
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 31, 2016	Preacher: Rev. Sherri Morrissey (<u>United Methodist Missionaries to Thailand</u>)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning of Stephen Ministers: Hyesung Lee and Diana Easley • Confirmation Class at 12 pm

ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER SCHEDULE for *JANUARY*

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
1/3	Jamie Feldermann	Sam Lukacs
1/10	Ogechi Ekpemero	Chineyere Ekpemiro
1/17	Wren Driscoll	Trevor Austin
1/24	Audrey Dunn	Hunter Austin

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

This list is provided by our Congregational Care Network (CCN) 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

Diane Hutchison	Cliff Fortner	James Collins	Mike Logan
Adella Logan	Joan Peterson	Barbara Bonnicksen	
Lou Bronzan	Phil White		
Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom)			
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter)			
Sheila (Adella Logan's mother in law)			

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

~ DOROTHY LEONARD ~

We pray for the family of our dear member Dorothy Leonard who passed away Saturday December 26th 2015. She moved to Cortona Park in Brentwood just a week ago and enjoyed her new room, outside view and all the staff there. Christmas day she spent a beautiful time with her son Jim and his family members. She was happy to know that there was a bible study small group there.

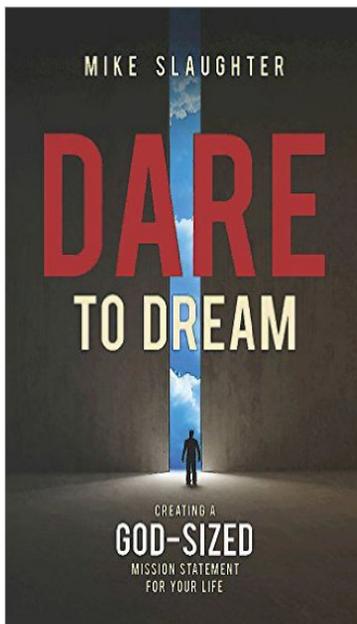
Right before he left, her son said to her “Mom, I love you with my whole heart.” And she replied, “I love you too!” Saturday, she had a nice meal and her favorite chocolate ice cream and then breathed her last breath. Staff members were there with her when she died. Jim discovered Rev. Billy Graham’s book lying on her couch in her new room.



If you want to send a card, please send it to the following address:

Jim & Susan Leonard
688 Bellmeade Way,
Brentwood, CA 94513

*The family respectfully declines flowers. They are planning a small gathering to remember their mom and grandmother in 1-2 months.



New Year’s Bible Study

DARE TO DREAM

Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement for Your Life

By Rev. Mike Slaughter
(Abingdon Press)

6 Weeks Sunday Morning from 8:45 am to 10 am

Beginning on January 24

Led by Pastor Hyesung Lee

About the Author: Mike Slaughter is the lead pastor at Ginghamburg Church. Under his leadership, Ginghamburg Church has become known as an early innovator of small group ministry, the Church “media reformation,” and cyber-ministry. Mike is the author of multiple books for church leaders, including *Change the World*, *Dare to Dream*, *Renegade Gospel*, *A Different Kind of Christmas*, *Spiritual Entrepreneurs*, *Real Followers*, *Momentum for Life*, *UnLearning Church*, and *Upside Living in a Downside Economy*.



TRIVIA, TREATS and TREASURES

Saturday - January 23 - 7-9 pm

A fundraiser to support the UMW Evening Circle's pledge to raise \$5,000 to help support having a full time pastor.

TRIVIA teams will be made up of 4 players – form your own team or meet up with others to form a team that night. Cost for **Trivia** is \$10 each player (\$40 per team). Prizes; 1st place team (\$100) and 2nd place team (\$60).



TREATS- will be available for purchase, to energize your brain for the trivia questions.

TREASURE-A variety of raffle baskets will be available along with a raffle for an iPad mini and a summer weekend at Lake Tahoe.

Free childcare will be available.

YOUTH GROUP HEADING TO SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT

by Julius Lukacs

Well, we just wrapped up our first half of the year. In December the youth group held events focused on the true meaning of Advent and Christmas. We learned the history of Advent and the Nativity Scene. We learned what each candle truly meant in the Advent wreath and why the Nativity scene was created and by whom. We also had a fun cooking competition, decorated the youth room with Christmas ornaments, the tree with lights, and exchanged gifts. It was a great month of Christian learning and fun.

In January, the youth group hits the road again with our next trip with the Sierra Service Project organization. January 15-17, the youth group will head up to Sacramento for a great weekend of service – Food Banks, Park Restorations, and more.

The youth team would like to gracefully thank all of those who support this ministry through their Time, Talent, and Treasures.



UMW READING RETREAT APRIL 8-10



The National UMW reading program provides a fascinating list of book recommendations each year. Categories range among spiritual growth, nurturing community, leadership development, social action and education for mission.

All women are welcome to join a mountain weekend retreat to read and share April 8-10. Please contact Jen Dunn or Patti Bartlebaugh if you are interested. Carpooling available.



Do you have a special skill to share with the Youth?

This year's BCUMC Youth Group calendar has a number of dates where we will be bringing the group together to share inter-generational skills. So whether it's sewing, pie-making, tie-dyeing, jam-making, painting, or any other great skill you think the youth may find interesting, plan an evening with the youth group. They really enjoy spending time with you and hopefully you will find this to be a blessed experience. Most inter-generational events happen Friday evenings at 6:00pm. If you have a skill to share, please contact Julius at julius.lukacs@hotmail.com.



HOPE, OPPORTUNITY, PRAYER, ENCOURAGEMENT



A special thank you to everyone who contributed food items and clothing to Hope House this past year. Every can, every item, every piece of clothing was greatly appreciated by our clients.

For the month of January we will collect boxes of cereal. Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year to all of you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robin Vaughan (home 925-634-6409) or cell 650-619-6387.

LOST and FOUND

by Marge Walton

Found items are kept in a bin, located under the TV, in the Fellowship Hall. Currently there is a gray sweater and black velveteen jacket, eyeglasses in a black and white case, a small black Bible, and many water containers. Claim them if they're yours. They will eventually be donated to Hope House.

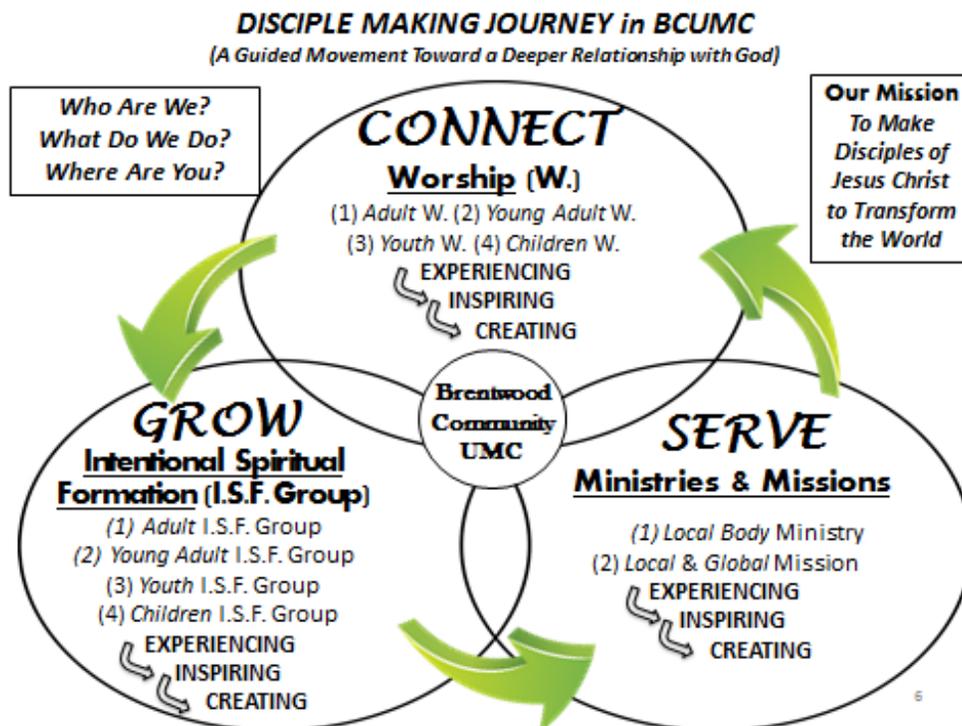
CALLING ALL METHODISTS TO MERRIMENT!

by Jennifer Dunn

Merry Methodists is a social group, open to everyone of all ages. If you have ideas for new activities or dates for our favorites like bowling and game night, please bring your calendars and stay after service on Sunday, January 24th, for a planning conversation.

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church 2016 CHURCH STRUCTURE AND LIST OF OFFICERS

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) as in the following diagram:



CONNECTING MINISTRY: WORSHIP SUPPORT

MUSIC SUBCOMMITTEE Chair: Edie Tidrick Members: Dave Funk

WORSHIP STEWARDS

Ushers: Martin Tucker, Joyce Sorenson, Randy Fortner

Acolyte/Crucifer Coordinators: Ginny Driscoll, Vickey Barriner

Worship Leader Coordinator: Polly Gallagher

Social Hour and Flower Coordinator: Betty Gaughan

Altar Guild: Roxanna Simas, Jo Merritt

Greeter Coordinator: Pat Balzell

Communion Stewards: Donna Baker

Video/Audio: Dennis Buckley

CREATIVE WORSHIP TEAM Hyesung Lee (Pastor), Julius Lukacs, Dennis Buckley, Judy Gerry, Marie Weekes, 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, Gabe Price, Mel Strong, Rick Dunn, Charlene Dobson

SERVING MINISTRY: MINISTRY AND MISSION SUPPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL Chair: JoAnn Funk Council Secretary: Jan Schults Pastor: Hyesung Hong Lee
Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs, Lay Members to Annual Conference: Roxanna Simas, Jeff Schults
Communication Coordinator (Newsletter Editor): Betty Gaughan (3) Historian: *
Membership Secretary: Shirley Gray Finance/Stewardship: Carey Hutchison Trustees: Dave Funk
Endowment Fund: Dennis Buckley Staff-Parish Relations: Rebecca Feldermann
United Methodist Women President: Patti Bartlebaugh United Methodist Men President: Dave Funk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Chair: Dave Funk
2016 Blake Kurz, Dave Funk, Randy Fortner
2017 Jeff Schults, Adella Logan, Rick Dunn
2018 Sean Clarke, Nicholas Luoma

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS Chair: Rebecca Feldermann Secretary: Jan Schults Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs
2016 Rebecca Feldermann
2017 Nate Ekpemiro, Jennifer Dunn, John Moore
2018 Joy Kick, Diane Lane

FINANCE-STEWARDSHIP Chair: Carey Hutchison Treasurer: Debra Urzua
2016 Bob Clarke, Carey Hutchison, Jim Roberts
2017 Don Barnhill Beverly Tucker
2018 Michelle Monsef Jerry Walton Lynn Austin

NOMINATIONS & LAY DEVELOPMENT Chair: Hyesung Lee Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs
2016 Marjorie Walton Jeff Schults
2017 Barbara Pinkston Sean Clarke
2018 Jill Price Don Barnhill

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Chair: Shirley Gray
Martin Tucker JoAnn Funk

CCN (Congregational Care Network) Coordinator: Linda Barnhill
Barbara Pinkston, Dorothy Leonard, Michael Ann Honea, Pat Balzell,
Beverly Tucker, Diana Easley, Mel Strong, Marie Weekes

HOPE HOUSE Director: Robin Vaughan

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN President: Patti Bartlebaugh

UNITED METHODIST MEN President: Dave 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** Pastor: Hyesung Lee Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs
Dennis Buckley, Martin Tucker, Polly Gallagher, Horace Gipson, Dolores Hauan, Roxanna Simas, JoAnn Funk

CREATIVE MISSION TEAM Pastor: Hyesung Lee Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs
Michael Ann, Paul Slay, Rick Dunn, Marcie Lukacs

Statement of Inclusion:

Because we believe that no one is excluded from God's love and that all may come who hear the Shepherd's voice (*John 10:1-18*), so we affirm:

In keeping with the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ and with United Methodist principles, the Brentwood Community United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into our fellowship.

Resident Bishop: Warner H. Brown, Jr.
El Camino Real District Superintendent: Kristie Olah
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

