

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

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## 2016 JUNE WORSHIP & PREACHING SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS & others	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
<b>Third Sunday after Pentecost</b> June 5, 2016	Galatians 1:11-24	Lonely, But Genuine!	▪ Holy Communion
<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> June 12, 2016	Galatians 2:11-21	Speaking the Truth in Love	
<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> June 19, 2016	Galatians 3:23-29	Not Uniformity But Unity	▪ Father's Day ▪ Women Singing for Men
<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> June 26, 2016	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	True Freedom in Obeying the Spirit	

## ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER SCHEDULE for JUNE

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
6/5	Jamie Feldermann	Sam Lukacs
6/12	Ogechi Ekpemero	Chineyere Ekpemiro
6/19	Wren Driscoll	Trevor Austin
6/26	Alex Dunn	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

Diane Hutchison   Cliff Fortner   Jim Collins   Joan Peterson   Barbara Bonnickson  
Lou Bronzan   Jan Nixon   Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom)  
Lee Daversa (Joyce Sorenson's son-in-law)   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!

### For Comfort and Peace

We pray for the family of Reddie Prewett (July 5, 1924 – May 8, 2016) who passed away on Mother's Day. She shared her faith, joy, love, fun and happiness with us for 67 years at Brentwood Community United Methodist Church. We already miss her a lot! May God comfort the family with God's peace and hope!

A Memorial Service will be held at B.C.U.M.C. on Tuesday, July 5, at 2:30 pm



## ◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

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

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

In this month, I'd like to share the statement made by the Council of Bishops that was delivered by the new chair of that body, Bishop R. Bruce Ough during 2016 General Conference of U.M.C. Please read the following article and pray for our denomination in faith, hope and love:

*“On Tuesday (May 17), delegates asked the Council of Bishops to lead the church out of the “painful condition” it is in after an address by Bishop R. Bruce Ough that called for unity. Specifically, the bishops were asked to meet to try to find a way forward, and to report back to the full conference body on Wednesday morning with their recommendations. The Council of Bishops met Tuesday after receiving this request, and Bishop Ough on Wednesday reported back on behalf of the council. Here's a full transcript of his remarks.*

“Your bishops were honored to receive the request of General Conference to help lead our United Methodist Church forward during this time of both great crisis and great opportunity. As far as we can discover, this is the first time that a General Conference has ever made such a request of the Council of Bishops, and we accept this request with humility.

We share with you a deep commitment to the unity of the church in Christ our Lord. Yesterday, I shared the deep pain we feel. We have all prayed for months and continue to do so. We seek, in this *kairos* moment, a way forward for profound unity on human sexuality and other matters. This deep unity allows for a variety of expressions to co-exist in one church. Within the Church, we are called to work and pray for more Christ-like unity with each other rather than separation from one another. This is the prayer of Jesus in John 17:21-23.

**UNITY:** We believe that our unity is found in Jesus Christ; it is not something we achieve but something we receive as a gift from God. We understand that part of our role as bishops is to lead the church toward new behaviors, a new way of being and new forms and structures which allow a unity of our mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" while allowing for differing expressions as a global church. Developing such new forms will require a concerted effort by all of us, and we your bishops commit ourselves to lead this effort. We ask you, as a General Conference, to affirm your own commitment to maintaining and strengthening the unity of the church. We will coordinate this work with the various efforts already underway to develop global structures and a new *General Book of Discipline* for our church. Strengthening the unity of the church is a responsibility for all of us.

**PRAYER:** We accept our role as spiritual leaders to lead the UMC in a "pause for prayer"—to step back from attempts at legislative solutions and to intentionally seek God's will for the future. As a Council of Bishops, we will lead the church in every part of the world in times of worship, study, discernment, confession and prayer for God's guidance. We ask you, as a General Conference, to join us in this effort, beginning this week. We were moved by the sight of delegates praying around the table and we hope these efforts will continue. As your bishops we are ready to join you and to lead you in these times of prayer.

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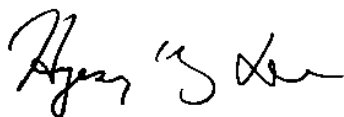
**PROCESSES:** We have discussed in depth the processes which might help our church heal and move forward—up to and including the possibility of a called General Conference in 2018 or 2019. We have not finalized our plans for such processes, but we will keep working on options we have heard from many of you, and we will keep reporting to this General Conference and to the whole church.

**NEXT STEPS:** We recommend that the General Conference defer all votes on human sexuality and refer this entire subject to a special Commission, named by the Council of Bishops, to develop a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph in our *Book of Discipline* regarding human sexuality. We continue to hear from many people on the debate over sexuality that our current *Discipline* contains language which is contradictory, unnecessarily hurtful, and inadequate for the variety of local, regional and global contexts. We will name such a Commission to include persons from every region of our UMC, and will include representation from differing perspectives on the debate. We commit to maintain an on-going dialogue with this Commission as they do their work, including clear objectives and outcomes. Should they complete their work in time for a called General Conference, then we will call a two- to three-day gathering before the 2020 General Conference. (We will consult with GCFA regarding cost-effective ways to hold that gathering.)

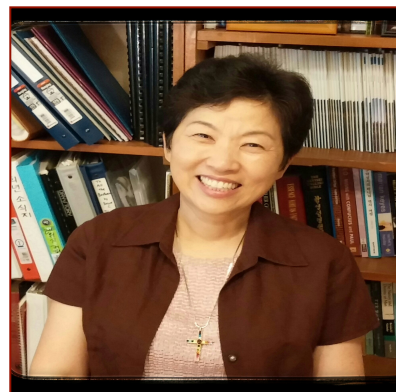
**CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS:** We will continue to explore options to help the church live in grace with one another—including ways to avoid further complaints, trials and harm while we uphold the *Discipline*. We will continue our conversation on this matter and report our progress to you and to the whole church.

This statement was voted by 428 to 405 and accepted on late afternoon May 18. There might be a special General Conference within two years to discuss the recommendation of the special commission. Let us keep praying for the unity in truth and grace of all United Methodist Church in the world!

May God continue to walk with you in your Journey with the Holy Spirit!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



## The VOYAGERS . . .

Join us Saturday, July 16th for theater night. We will be enjoying a production of *OLIVER!*. The evening will start with potluck hors d'oeuvres and punch at 6:00 pm at the church, then walk across the street to Liberty High School for the performance. Katie and Beverly will take your reservations on Sundays after church. Tickets are \$22. (Please make checks out to Brentwood Theater Company.) If you need a ride, ask one of our Voyagers for transportation. Questions? Call Beverly at 779.1659 or Katie at 392.8765.





4 Cheryl Dobson  
8 Linda Barnhill  
8 Bob Clarke  
5 Savannah Weekes  
9 Jillian Stirling  
15 Rebecca Schults  
18 Fran Hassler  
18 Debra Urzua  
19 Edie Tidrick  
21 Connie Cembura  
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

5 Mary Jean and Urb Spediacci  
13 Betty and Jack Gaughan  
15 Patti and Scott Bartlebaugh  
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

## HAPPY FATHERS DAY

When I think about fathers - I feel grateful  
And am reminded of ancestors - roots that go deep  
A father's desire to give his children - a place to stand  
Roots that are strong and deep and good.  
I am reminded of the wisdom and love  
Of our heavenly Father  
And how that gets reflected and expressed  
In a million and more fathers - of every kind  
Around the world - in yours and in mine.  
Each in their own way - even if imperfectly at times  
Help to lead us to the center of things  
Even as they encourage us to fly  
To discover and claim our own wings.  
They help us reach out for the hand of God  
Through roots and wings - and so many things.  
I am thankful to be a father - more than I can say  
And I feel grateful for my father - now long time gone.  
Here's to you, Dad - Happy Fathers Day!!

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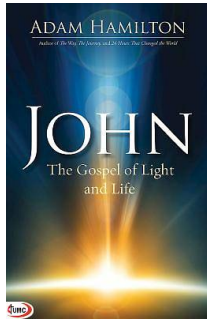
HOPE HOUSE is as busy as ever. Thank you everyone for all your wonderful donations; they really make a difference. We have been averaging up to eight new clients a week, so all your extras are a true blessing. For the month of June . . . whatever you would like to donate. God Bless all of you for supporting this life-changing ministry.  
*Robin Vaughan*



## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

On 2 Sundays July 10 and 17 from 12 pm to 1 pm  
In the Quiet Room (behind the choir room/fireside room)

You are invited to this class if you want to join our church as a committed member. This class will include (1) sharing of faith journeys; (2) United Methodist Church Beliefs and Mission; (3) our B.C.U.M. church mission with touring of our church facilities and properties. If you are interested, please let me know at 925-303-9339 (cell) or [hslee3@gmail.com](mailto:hslee3@gmail.com). Or you may just show up!



**Adam Hamilton's Six-Week, DVD-series**  
**John: The Gospel of Light and Life**  
**6 pm – 8 pm Sundays**  
**May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**(Led by Rev. Dr. Hyesung Lee; Textbook \$12.00)**

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they “may have life in his name.” You’ll follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament.

The author, *Adam Hamilton*, is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. The Church Report named Hamilton’s congregation the most influential mainline church in America, he preached at the National Prayer Service as part of the presidential inauguration festivities in 2013 and was appointed to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Hamilton is the best-selling and award-winning author of *The Call*, *The Journey*, *The Way*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *John*, *Revival*, *Not a Silent Night*, *Enough*, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, and *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, all published by Abingdon Press. Learn more about Adam Hamilton at [www.AdamHamilton](http://www.AdamHamilton)



**UMW TO DISCUSS "AN ACT OF LOVE"**

Everyone is invited to join the **Priscilla Circle**

Wednesday, June 29, from 6-8 pm at the church

to share and discuss LGBTQ inclusion in the Christian community

"This church, who fights so hard for justice, is doing an injustice."

This concept, from the movie "An Act of Love" has made its way deep into my heart.

*by Jennifer Dunn*

# Merry Methodists

**Friday, June 17th, 7-9 pm**

Merry Methodists will enjoy a beautiful summer evening with many Brentwoodians enjoying Top 40 'Nova' at City Park. We'll meet at BCUMC in the Narthex and walk over together. Bring your favorite picnic gear and snacks...and perhaps a towel for anyone who embraces the fountain!



Anyone interested in kayaking at Big Break this summer as a Merry Methodists outing?

It would be with a company that would provide all equipment, kayaks and life jackets.

All ages (they have double kayaks) and affordable! Contact Jenn Dunn at [habitol.here@gmail.com](mailto:habitol.here@gmail.com)

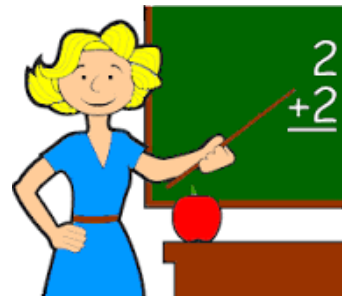
Dear Sunday School Parents, Grandparents and all of B.C.U.M.C.

While I have completely loved teaching Sunday School all of these eight years I have been a member, it is time for me to take a break! I will be a full-time student at Cal State East Bay receiving my teaching credential, and working for Oakley School District as an Instructional Aide next year. Needless to say my plate will be full!

I plan to teach Sunday School again after a year or so after I receive all of that wonderful teaching experience! I feel blessed that I have been able to teach Sunday School with our amazing kids! Teaching Sunday School has already given me a world of teaching experience that I look forward to sharing!

So, I hope that someone can graciously give of their time, treasure and talent to help Rebecca and Julius in our awesome Sunday School Program!

Thanks to all and many blessings,  
*Marcie Lukacs*



UMW LUNCHEON  
Tuesday – June 14th – 11:30  
the women of **Jessie Lee Circle**  
will be lunching at Sweeney's (Oak & First Streets)  
Everyone is invited.



**Saturday June 11th  
from 8am to 2pm  
Yes another one!**

**Our rummage sale in April was  
very successful but there is  
still a lot of great stuff left.**

**If anyone is interested in  
joining me to  
make a little money  
and lighten your clutter,  
please contact Debra at the office –  
925-634-3093**





*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

