

Deeds and Opportunities

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NOVEMBER 2015



*Happy
Thanksgiving*



2015 *NOVEMBER* Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
All Saints Day November 1	John 11:32-44	<i>So They Took Away the Stone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Saints Sunday • Holy Communion • Pledge Campaign #4
24th Sunday after Pentecost November 8	Mark 12:38-44	<i>Scary Offering</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge Sunday • Baptism
25th Sunday after Pentecost November 15	Mark 13:1-8	<i>The Beginning of the End</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UMW: World Thank Offering
26th Sunday after Pentecost November 22	Matthew 6:25-33	<i>Worthier Than These</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving Sunday • Confirmation #5 (Holy Spirit--with Becca F.) • Church Conference (4pm at Antioch Church on the Rock)
First Sunday of Advent November 29	Luke 21:25-36	<i>Dream God's Dream: View the Promise through the Past</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent Candle-Lighting • Advent Sing-A-Long (Come at 10:10 a.m.)

ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER SCHEDULE for *NOVEMBER*

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
11/1	Wren Driscoll	Trevor Austin
11/8	Audrey Dunn	Sam Lukacs
11/15	Jamie Feldermann	Trevor Austin
11/22	Ogechi Ekpemero	Chineyere Ekpemiro
11/29	Alex Dunn	Nate Clarke

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

This list is provided by our **CONGREGATIONAL CARE NETWORK**.

If you want to add names or make any changes in this list, please contact

Linda Barnhill at 634-8521 or Michael Ann Honea at 516-9541.

Diane Hutchison	Cliff Fortner	James Collins
Dorothy Leonard	Mike Logan	Joan Peterson
Gerald Peterson	Lou Bronzan	Barbara Bonnicksen
Phil White	Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom)	
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter in need of heart transplant)		

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

◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

Dear Friends and Members of BCUMC

Greetings! I pray that you may feel God's presence closer and closer as you meet the month November and prepare for the Advent. In November, we gather our gratitude abundantly for all the blessings that have rained upon our lives this year. And we will close November with the first Sunday of Advent. The Lord is coming to us, to our community and to this world. We will be filled with dreams and hopes.

The 2015 Church Conference will be held on November 22 (Sunday) at 4 pm at Antioch Church of Rock UMC (50 Walton Lane, Antioch). Through this Church Conference we report our membership and confirm our election of 2016 officers. This is the time when we cast our visions for the coming year. This year, with the affirmation of Ad Council on this election, we will add something new to our lay leadership structure. As we have worked on the Disciple Making Journey (Connect-Grow-Serve) throughout this year, we will have the following structure in the coming year. The symbol * refers to new teams made for more creative ministries.

CONNECTING MINISTRY: WORSHIP SUPPORT

- MUSIC SUBCOMMITTEE
- WORSHIP STEWARDS
- CREATIVE WORSHIP TEAM*

GROWING MINISTRY: INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION SUPPORT

- CHILDREN MINISTRY
- YOUTH MINISTRY
- CREATIVE INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION TEAM*

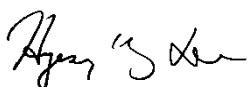
SERVING MINISTRY: MINISTRY AND MISSION SUPPORT

- BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- NOMINATIONS & LAY DEVELOPMENT
- CCN (Congregational Care Network)
- UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
- 150TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TEAM*
- STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS
- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
- HOPE HOUSE
- UNITED METHODIST MEN
- FINANCE-STEWARDSHIP
- ENDOWMENT & MEMORIALS
- CREATIVE MISSION TEAM*

We are praying for New Things happening among us and in our community.

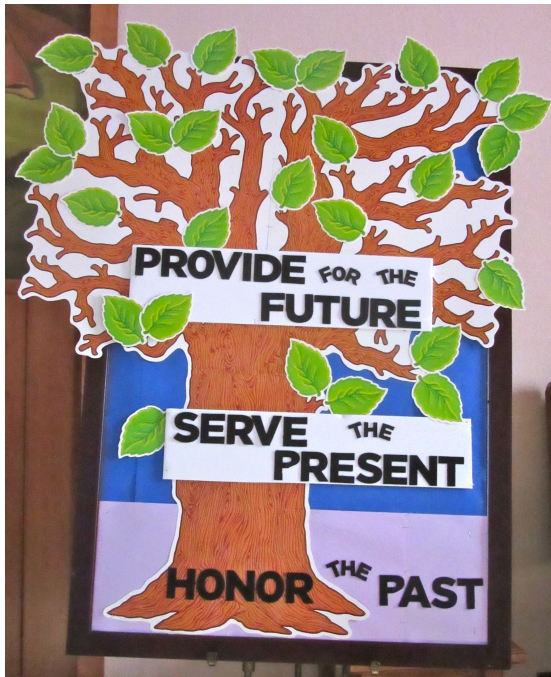
One thing new that we will try during the Advent Season this year is Advent Sing-Along time before Sunday worship services. Joe Kick and Dennis Buckley will lead this joyful time for 20 minutes before Advent Sundays and the Christmas Eve Service. Please don't miss this wonderful time together!

Blessings,



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee





A HAPPY FEELING

by Bob Clarke

When I was a child I vividly remember this time of year, it was when we received our tithing envelopes. I was taught by my mother that we should give a small portion of the money we had during the offering. This was money that God needed to keep everything happy and beautiful and to help watch over us in our time of need. I happily gave my “two cents” knowing that it was money well spent. I actually looked forward to it.

We can look at tithing like the support of a beautiful tree. The tree requires water and sunlight to thrive. Our tithe is like the water and sunlight that support our church. Just like the tree, our church community has many processes going on, that support so many realms, in so many people’s lives. Each person is like a leaf absorbing the sunshine and water and supporting the tree as a whole.

Going back to my childhood, at the time I didn’t know about the disciple who gave one out of every ten head to the church. I was always reminded to give what I could, to give what made me happy. Now I look at this and think about the current times and try to compare the value of one out of ten head, ten percent, to something in this day and age that meets this God given requirement. What if the disciple had less than ten head, let’s say he had five head, his tithe would be half a head. Today, what is comparable to heads of livestock; it’s a very complicated thought process and a personal one. I must add, that based on money alone ten percent for someone with a small income really adds up.

However, a tithe includes more than just money; it includes action, being involved. My point is that what you contribute is relative to your current situation and in the end what is really important is that it makes you happy to know that you are supporting the tree.

HONOR THE PAST, SERVE THE PRESENT, PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE



MERRY METHODIST PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 5:30 pm

Hosts for the appetizer and dinner courses have been filled. Still needed are two hosts for the dessert course to be held in the social hall. A charge of \$5.00 per person will help the hosts cover costs.

Next thing needed is an actual count of the people who will be attending. Sundays, Nov. 8 and 15, will be opportunities to sign up. No one will be added after the 15th so there will be time to schedule and notify everyone of their destinations.

If you will not be in church those Sundays and would like to participate, please call Martin Tucker at 779-1659 or email him at martintucker@comcast.net.

9AM BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

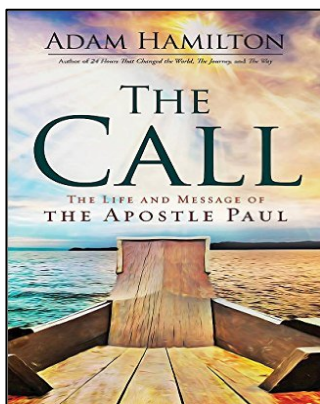
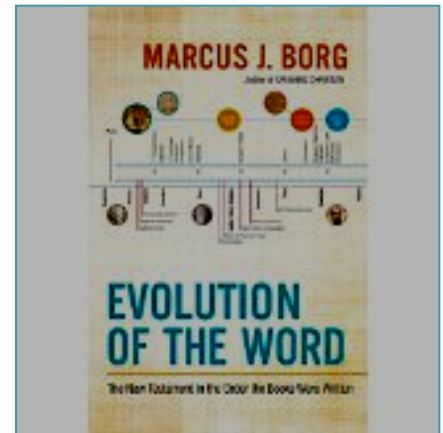
by Mel Strong

The 9am book discussion group will be starting on a new book Sunday, November 1st. The book we will be discussing is the New Testament with the books in the order in which they were written. Marcus Borg's book "Evolution of the Word" does this. It is a fabulous book. The first three chapters are worth the price of the book. The first chapter, "A Chronological New Testament" explains why it is important to have a New Testament with the books in the order in which they were written so you can see the Evolution of the Word.

The second chapter is "Before anything was written". Jesus was crucified around 30ad and the first writings of the New Testament were Paul's letters written in the early 50's ad. This chapter deals with the 20 years between Jesus' death and Paul's first letters. He goes into what life was like in the Holy Land in Jesus time and how oral tradition kept the stories of Jesus alive during that period.

The third chapter is "Paul and his Letters". Of the 27 documents of the New Testament, 13 are attributed to Paul. Scholars believe seven are authentic letters of Paul. The other six were written by someone else who attached Paul's name so the letters would be read. Marcus writes commentaries on all 27 books of the New Testament that begins with 1st Thessalonians and ends with 2nd Peter. The 1st Gospel was written around the year 70 and the book of Revelation in the early 90's. The entire New Testament was written between 50ad and around the year 120ad.

I hope you will be joining us on our journey through the New Testament. We meet in the youth room at 9am on Sundays. You don't need a book to start. I have a couple of copies and you can get one used on Amazon for around \$10 including shipping. The couple I bought there were just like new.



6 Weeks Sunday Morning

Small Group Bible Study

THE CALL

By Rev. Adam Hamilton

Led by Rev. Hyesung Lee

When: Sunday Morning 8:45 am – 10:00 am

October 4th through November 15th

Where: Quiet Room **Textbook:** \$12.00 (Large Print)

Registration: Please let Pastor Lee know via email (hslee3@gmail.com) or cell (925-303-9339)

Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

Upcoming for the Youth



BBQ LUNCH AND 'PIE IN THE FACE' FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

What's 'Pie in the face', you ask?

It is a fun fundraising opportunity for you to help choose church members to get a whip cream pie to the face, and support our youth program in the process.

When is the fundraiser?

The pie in the face choosing portion runs November 1-November 22, with the luncheon and pie throwing happening on November 22 after church.

Who can get a pie in the face?

15 church members will have a mason jar with their name on it in the Fellowship Hall starting November 1st. You can purchase tickets to place in these jars. The top 3 ticket getters will get a pie in the face!

Will there be a way to save someone from getting a pie in the face?

Yes. There will be a 'Save Someone' jar. You can write a name of a church member you wish to save. One ticket in this jar will cancel out one ticket in their name jar.

How much are tickets and when can I buy them?

Tickets are available each Sunday after church in the Fellowship Hall (through November 22nd). Cost is 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, or 20 for \$20.

Can I be the pie thrower?

Yes you can! You will have the opportunity to bid on being one of three pie throwers in our live auction on Sunday, November 22nd. The winners get to be the pie thrower!

What if the person I want to get a pie in the face isn't the Top 3?

As part of our live auction, we will be auctioning off 5 'private pies'. The winner of each pie gets to choose one of the 15 church members and gets to throw the pie in their face! This will be in addition to the Top 3.... so people could be getting multiple pies in the face!!

Who are the 15 members I can help get a pie to the face?

It's a surprise! Check the jars in the Fellowship Hall! ☺

**WEEKLY UPDATES WILL BE GIVEN, SO KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS PEELED!
-BCUMC YOUTH**

RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, November 14 8am-3pm



Debra Urzua will have a Rummage Sale in the Fellowship Hall on November 14th. All proceeds will benefit maintenance of the garden and general upkeep.

If you are interested in bringing a few of your own items to sell (for yourselves), please contact Debra at 925-437-6262.



2. Joyce Heflin
4. Rebecca Feldermann
6. Adella Logan
7. Chinyere Ekpemiro
8. Jason Funk
10. Joy Brown
10. Alvin Simas
10. Kim Fraley
11. Diana Lane
11. Sarah Zamjahn
12. Lou Bronzan
12. Kayla Gallagher
18. Joan Petersen
18. Dorothy Leonard
18. Darby Gray
20. Maeci Scott
21. Judy (Sorenson) Doversa
22. Jamie Feldermann
22. Joanie Johnson
22. Hisako Suzuki
22. Trevor Austin
23. Briana Price
24. Carlos Malagon
25. Becky Johnson
25. Dan Hanel
27. Patricia Evans
28. Bud Petersen
28. Phyllis Schippers
29. Joe Kick

Happy Anniversary

3. Linda & Don Barnhill
5. Jan & Chuck Nixon
13. Connie & Mark Azevedo
13. Jo & Gerald Tenant
17. Rebecca & James Feldermann
21. Shirley & Kevin Gray
26. Jane & Sam Travale

THANKSGIVING DAY

When I remember parents - and grandparents
 And ancestors going back in time
 My heart whispers "thank you."
 When I think of children
 And their children to come
 In ages to come that we won't even see
 My soul hums a tune of wonder.
 When I walk the evening trails
 With my loved ones
 And see the trees and clouds
 And sunsets wild with oranges and turquoise
 The spirit in me wants to dance.
 When you hear children laugh and play
 Don't you want to laugh along too?
 And play also?
 When we fall into gratitude and peace
 In times of prayer and being with God
 Oh how fortunate we are!
 May I fall in love with life
 A little more each day.
 How beautiful life is!
 Thank you, God.



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Thank you everyone for your on-going support of Hope House. For the month of November we are asking for soup. Also, if anyone has old warm coats and blankets, we would love to have them. Thanks so much.

Robin Vaughan



REQUEST FOR HELP

Blanca and Carlos Malagon are looking for a new location to store their large trailer for Carlos' landscaping business. Currently it is kept on the church property. If anyone has extra land that they may possibly use to store it and have access to it on a daily basis, this would be a blessing to the Malagon family. Please contact Debra if you have any suggestions or actually have spare area on your property. Debra's cell number is 925-437-6262.



Sunday School-A New Way to Help

Our Sunday School now has a 'Giving Tree'. You'll find this tree on the *Love God* bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Consider supporting our Sunday School by picking a leaf and donating an item or two. Items can be brought to Marcie Lukacs or Rebecca Feldermann. The tree will grow new leaves periodically, so keep an eye out!

Thanks!
Sunday School Team
Rebecca Feldermann

Our **CONGREGATIONAL CARE NETWORK** needs baskets . . . to hold Christmas gifts for members who are homebound or ill. If anyone has any baskets on hand we could sure use them. We don't need very large or very small baskets, just a good medium size. The baskets are quite costly to buy when we usually use about fifteen and we've all used up our own supplies. Please see Linda Barnhill or Michael Ann Honea if you have baskets to contribute. (Closer to Christmas we will ask for donations to put in the baskets to distribute.)



THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD

by Jim Roberts (Lay Witness to Blessed Giving, Sunday 10-18-15)

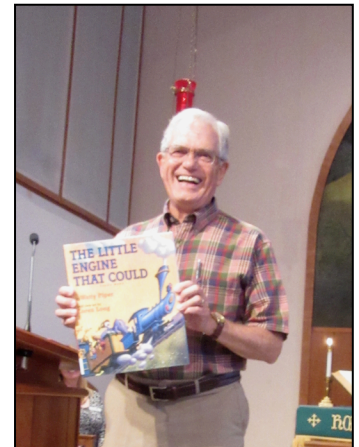
As a child, my favorite book was THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD. YOU may remember the story of the little engine that chugged and puffed its way up over the hill to deliver its load of toys to children on the other side of the mountain. "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can," it puffed as it slowly climbed the mountain. Reaching the top, it joyously chugged, "I knew I could, I knew I could, I knew I could." That story reminds me of Brentwood Methodist Church.

We are a little church in the community of Brentwood – but we fulfill an important role in the life of our town. I think of Hope House, our growing youth ministry and activities, our Sunday School, our wonderful choir, our local and global outreach, our volunteers and teachers, and our men's and women's ministries. We are a little church but we are a *blessed* congregation. We are the church that CAN.

This foreword is a little departure from the theme of this year's pledge drive from the first chapter of Psalms: How *blessed* is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked. Nor stand in the path of sinners. Nor sit in the seat of scoffers. But his *delight* is in the law of the Lord. And in His law he meditates day and night, -- and he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season. And its leaf does not wither – *and in whatever he does he will prosper.*

I pray that Brentwood Methodist will continue to prosper as it faithfully fulfills its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We are *blessed* that we are able to give. YOU are the ENGINE that respect and honors our past (our roots), provides for our present (the trunk), and has a vision for the future (the leaves) of Brentwood Community Methodist Church. As you prepare your pledge for the 2016 budget year, think *positively* like THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD -- of how you can share in the blessing that this church is to YOU and to the community of Brentwood. YOU *will* be blessed.



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:

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: Kristie Olah
Pastor: Hyesung Lee ☩ Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs
Secretary: Debra Urzua

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is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

