

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

## **Brentwood Community United Methodist Church**

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### ***NOVEMBER 2017***



## 2017 **NOVEMBER** Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	Scriptures & Sermon Theme	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
<i>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 5, 2017	<u>Matthew 23:1-12</u> "Place of Honor"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>All Saints Sunday</b></li> <li>▪ Holy Communion</li> <li>▪ Dream Big Pledge Campaign (3)</li> <li>▪ Confirmation Class ⑥ (12-1:30pm)</li> <li>▪ Usher Training (noon)</li> </ul>
<i>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 12, 2017	<u>Matthew 25: 14-30</u> "The Parable of the Talent"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Pledge Sunday</b> (Bring Your Pledge Card)</li> <li>▪ <b>2017 CHURCH CONFERENCE</b> (4pm at Church on the Rock UMC in Antioch)</li> <li>▪ Confirmation Class ⑦ (12-1:30pm)</li> </ul>
<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 19, 2017	<u>Matthew 25: 1-13</u> "The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Thanksgiving Sunday</b></li> <li>▪ Potato Bake (UMW) for Jacob's Well (Clean Water Project)</li> </ul>
<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i> November 26, 2017	Preacher: Becca Feldermann	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>YOUTH LED WORSHIP SERVICE</b></li> <li>Preacher: Becca Feldermann</li> <li>Youth Members: Worship Ministers</li> </ul>

### WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER

Sundays	Acolyte	Crucifer
11/5	Abby Scott	Griffin Slay
11/12	Maggie Monsef	Wren Driscoll
11/19	Robin van Ruitan	Jamie Feldermann
11/26	Maeci Scott	Alex Dunn

#### 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:

##### Staff Person

Hyesung Lee, Pastor  
Debra Urzua, Office Manager  
Blanca Malagon, Housekeeping  
Alivia Logan, Choir Director  
Jordan Pospisil, Nursery Care  
Ryan Pospisil, Nursery Care  
Lugh Baxter, Part-Time Accompanist  
Rebecca Feldermann, Youth Director

##### Liaison

Jennifer Dunn & John D. Moore  
John D. Moore  
Linda Walton  
Carey Hutchinson  
Joy Kick  
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To be assigned by 2018 SPRC  
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.

## ◆ *Pastor's Letter* ◆

Dear Friends in Ministry

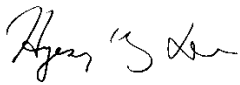
It's November. We look back on the whole year and count blessings that we have received from God. God has given us so many opportunities to MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST throughout the year that include Sunday Worship Service, Sunday Night Live, Bible Study Groups, Covenant Small Groups, Confirmation Class, Children and Youth Ministries, HOPE HOUSE, Voyagers, Men's Group, UMW, Choir, String Band, so many other on-going ministries as well as 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration journey through which we have reached out to countless people. I am grateful for all of these sacred journeys through which the Holy Spirit has worked and transformed our hearts and lives so we could grow to be truer disciples of Jesus Christ.

There is another journey that we have taken throughout the year. It is our Wednesday Night Prayer journey. We started it on March 1st, Ash Wednesday, the very first day of 2017 Lent. Since that day, we have had one hour prayer time each and every Wednesday from 6 pm to 7 pm. At the beginning, there was one...then two for almost six months...then two more joined...and now every Wednesday 4 people come and pray in our quiet sanctuary. We sometimes talk about how wonderful and precious this time is to each one of us. One person says it has become the center of her week. Another says that it gives him such deep peace to his soul. Another person says that so many sacred items in the sanctuary (the picture of Jesus, stained-glass windows, candles, etc.) talk to him and touch his soul. This hour of prayer is a gift from God for everyone. I am so grateful for Wednesday Prayer.

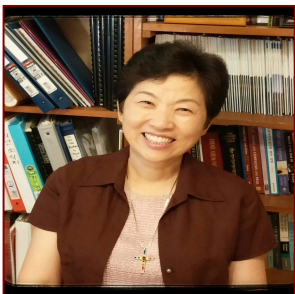
I encourage you to take some time with your loved ones and share what have been your sacred moments this year! I encourage you to pray about the areas that you NEED to extend spiritually by the help of the Spirit in the coming years. And please share that with your loved ones too. Make it your covenant to keep for the year 2018!

God is great! All the Time!

In Christ's love,



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



## 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),  
James Collins, Diane Hutchison, Nick Luoma

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



## 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!

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## Greetings from H.O.P.E. House.....

The articles in 110 Magazine and the Brentwood Press generated some great activity. We had quite a few people come in and want to volunteer. Wonderful, friendly, warm-hearted people . . . just what we were looking for.

**Donations have become a problem.** People don't realize what our limits are. We accept clothing in good condition, along with household items, but we have been getting dirty, ripped clothing and Goodwill will not take any of it anymore. So, as a result, H.O.P.E. House staff is having to take it home and distribute in their own garbage cans.

We cannot take old TV sets or appliances that don't work and we have no way of getting rid of them. Our garbage cans at H.O.P.E. House get a real workout so please be considerate when donating.

God Bless everyone for your support.



..... **Robin Vaughan**

## *I am thankful* by Jerry Walton

I am thankful for our church~BCUMC

I am thankful for our full time pastor

I am thankful for our youth director and youth leadership

I am thankful for our men's group and its growth this year

I am thankful for the trustees and their stewardship of our property

I am thankful for the womens' group and their international projects

I am thankful for Hope House and the outreach it serves to our community

I am thankful for the Voyagers who support our seniors

I am thankful for the coffee fellowship after church

But mostly God, I am thankful for YOU!

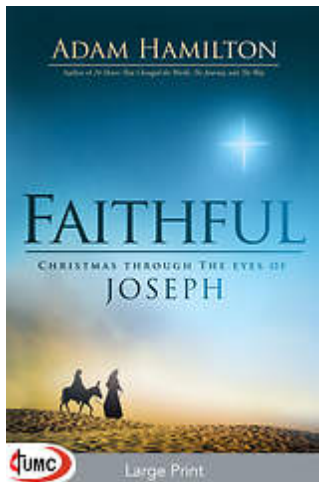
Let us be instruments of God's Peace in the world.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Saturday -- November 4th -- 8:00-9:00 am**

FIRST SATURDAY of each month - All men are invited to breakfast and fellowship.

Please call Dave Funk (925-513-0020) with any questions.



### **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!**

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.

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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





2. Joyce Heflin
4. Rebecca Feldermann
5. Eileen Newill
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. 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 and Don Barnhill
5. Jan and Chuck Nixon
13. Connie and Mark Azevedo
17. Rebecca and James Feldermann
21. Shirley and Kevin Gray
24. Diana and Nathan Lane
26. Jane and Sam Travale

## GRATEFUL

Sometimes I don't feel grateful.  
 Sometimes I don't want to be grateful.  
 Sometimes I don't remember to be grateful.  
 Sometimes it's not easy to be grateful.  
 Sometimes I try to be grateful  
 And can't seem to find my way there.  
 It has been said to give thanks in all things  
 Maybe not *for* all things - but *in* all things.  
 Sometimes I don't know how to do that.  
 Sometimes I struggle - even when I don't want to  
 And my heart longs for peace - wisdom - gratitude.  
 Then sometimes in prayer - unexpectedly - in the quiet  
 I hear the quiet, still small voice:  
 "I am here. I love you. You are good.  
 You are never alone."  
 And - unexpectedly - in and for this  
 Unseen Presence  
 I feel - and am - deeply grateful.  
 Thank you, God.

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### We will celebrate PLEDGE SUNDAY on November 12th!

Please bring your PLEDGE envelope and survey so the Finance Committee can put together the budget for 2018 that reflects our Hopes and Faith and Love for God's work here in the Brentwood Community!  
 Jerry Walton, Finance Chair



## VOYAGERS

**SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 4th - 4:00 PM**

**A STYLE SHOW from HOPE HOUSE BOUTIQUE**

*... . . featuring eight very special models!*

With chili potluck (including salad and dessert)

Sign up after church on Sunday

## **2017 CHURCH CONFERENCE**

*All church members are invited to attend this Annual Church Conference*

*at 4pm November 12 (Sunday)*

*at Church on the Rock UMC in Antioch (50 Walton Ln, Antioch, CA 94509).*

You will participate in inspiring Worship Service with other four UMC churches in East Contra Cost Area with Rev. Schuyler Rhoads, District Superintendent, preaching and Martinez UMC choir singing.

We will also take care of our important church business.

### **WHO IS OUR NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT?**



#### ***Rev. Schuyler Rhodes, Los Rios District Superintendent***

The Rev. Schuyler Rhodes became the Superintendent of the new Los Rios District of the California-Nevada Annual Conference on July 1 of 2017. Prior to the Los Rios District he served four years as the district superintendent for the former Bridges district and thirteen years as the Pastor of Temple United Methodist Church in San Francisco. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Potsdam, and a Master of Divinity with honors from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. Rhodes has also carried on graduate studies in Literature and Criticism at the State University of New York at Albany, and in Liberation Theology at Maryknoll School of Theology. Currently, Rhodes is completing his Doctor of Ministry Degree at Drew Theological School.

Aside from serving as Superintendent and as Pastor in San Francisco, Rev. Rhodes has served churches in New York City, New Jersey, and in rural New York State. His other experiences include Campus Ministry, Retreat Director, Teacher and Workshop Leader, and serving as the National Director for Peace with Justice Week. Schuyler has had extensive public speaking experience, traveling throughout Europe, Latin America, Asia and the United States. He has also served as Consultant on Peace and Justice Ministries to the national office of United Methodist Women (UMW) and served for nine years as President of the Board of Directors of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization.

Rhodes has published numerous articles and monographs, as well as five books, *Journey Through the Psalms*, *Words of Hope and Clarity*, *Words for a Birthing Church*, *Pentecost Fire: Preaching Hope in Times of Change* (CSS Press) and *Words to the Silence: A Book of Uncommon Prayer* (Ed. Min. Press). He also wrote a regular column for *Emphasis Preaching Journal* for seven years.

He is married to Lisa Quoresimo and is the father of twins, Emma Elizabeth and Aaron Schuyler.

### **USHER TRAINING:**

For more welcoming and smooth flow of Sunday Worship Service,  
we need more volunteers for ushering. Please come to

**Usher Training: 12:00 pm Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> at Sanctuary**

For questions, please contact Martin Tucker ([martintucker5414@att.net](mailto:martintucker5414@att.net))  
or Pastor Lee ([hslee3@gmail.com](mailto:hslee3@gmail.com))

**Correct Email Address:** Martin Tucker [martintucker5414@att.net](mailto:martintucker5414@att.net) and Beverly Tucker [beverlytucker@att.net](mailto:beverlytucker@att.net)



## Bible Drive for Sunday School—Thank you!!!!

Thank you so much to those who have donated to our Bible drive. With your support and love we were able to meet our goal and order new Bibles for Sunday School! We are so blessed to have such a wonderful congregation.



The month of October has been a fun one for Sunday School. Our Pre-2nd grade class had lessons on Psalm 23, The Twelve Apostles, and The Prophet Daniel. The 3rd-5th grade class finished their 7-lesson series on Obedience and also started learning about The Prophet Daniel. We have been having such a great start to Sunday School.

Thank you to everyone who has picked a leaf off our giving tree. Any donations you give can be placed in the Sunday School room or given to Marcie or Becca.



The 2018 confirmation class has continued its group classes this past month with lessons covering our history and heritage and our life together. Coming up will be a three-lesson series on our beliefs. 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 wrap barrels for Brentwood Community Chest. They 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.



The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, had a fun October. We took the first two Sundays off due to fall break, but did happen to go see The Lego Ninjago Movie and have shakes at Mel's Diner during break. We met for two Sunday evenings in October and discussed being a people pleaser and friendship. Our dinners this month were a salad & potato bar and a spaghetti dinner.

The youth group had two events in October. Friday, October 20th, a large group of middle school and high school youth attended the local haunted house in Brentwood called The Warehouse. We all met up at Mountain Mike's Pizza after for a pizza party. Sunday, October 29th, we had a Day of the Dead event at the church. We had a guest speaker, decorated sugar skulls & sugar cookies, colored masks, made God's Eyes with yarn, tried pan dulces (Mexican sweet breads) and ate delicious quesadillas and guacamole made by Michelle! We ended by sharing our favorite memories of loved ones who are no longer with us.

November brings some fun events. We will be wrapping barrels for Brentwood Community Chest in early November and on November 26th (Student Sunday), the youth will play a role in the church service.





***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

