

Deeds and Opportunities

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

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OCTOBER 2016



H – HOPE

O – OPPORTUNITY

P – PRAYER

E – ENCOURAGEMENT

2016 **OCTOBER** Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	SCRIPTURE SERMON TITLE	CHOIR ANTHEM	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
20th Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 2016 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	Luke 17:5-10  "Keep On Spreading"	"See the Bread, Drink the Wine" – Jay Althouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wear your <i>heritage outfit</i>; Bring your <i>cultural food</i> (light snack to share); special offering for World Communion ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Sunday Night Live: 5-8pm 
21st Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2016	Luke 17:11-19 "Keep On Healing"	"Seek First the Kingdom" – Mary McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Members Reception Sunday ▪ Greeters Meeting
22nd Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 2016 LAITY SUNDAY	Preacher: Julius Lukacs, Lay Leader Time with Young Disciples: JoAnn Funk	"Be Still" – Herb Frombach & Mary McDonald	▪ UMW Potato Bake Sale for HOPE HOUSE (after service)
23rd Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2016 BLESSING OF ANIMAL SUNDAY	Genesis 1:1-31 "Keep On Blessing"	Special Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blessing of Animals: Bring your pets for outside worship with hot dog lunch (youth) ▪ Stewardship Campaign (1)
24th Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2016	Luke 19:1-10 "Keep On Seeking the Lost"	"Near to the Heart" – Joseph Martin	▪ Stewardship Campaign (2)

WORSHIP MINISTER SCHEDULE for **OCTOBER**

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer	Worship Leader
10/2	Wren Driscoll	Jamie Feldermann	Charlene Dobson
10/9	Wren Driscoll	Ogechi Ekpemero	David Funk
10/16	Ogechi Ekpemero	Trevor Austin	Jan Schults
10/23	Audrey Dunn	Hunter Austin	Diana Easley
10/30	Jacob Lukacs	Sam Lukacs	still open

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

Barbara Bonnickson, Lou Bronzan, James Collins,
Cliff Fortner, Joan Peterson, Rosemary Wood
Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom) Laura Breitenbucher (Cheryle's mom)
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter) Neoma Patrick (sister of Katie Moore)
Sheila Logan (Adella Logan's mother in law) Lee Daversa (Joyce Sorenson's son-in-law)
Nadden Mills (Mother of Roxanna Simas)
Trina Ortega (daughter-in-law of Doug Treadway, our new accompanist)
Carol Treadway (wife of Doug Treadway)



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

◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

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

I would like to remember the beginning of **HOPE HOUSE** since it has been 5 years now in this month. It opened in October, 2011. Saint Vincent DePaul congregation came to us with the idea of working together to distribute food to the different communities in the area. After a year, we took over the operation.

Before it actually happened, the church had gone through a period of discernment on what God wanted us to do, especially with the small white house on our property. It had been rented out to people who wanted. But there had been some ongoing problems that challenged the church financially and relationally. It posed a strong spiritual question: What is the best way to use the property to fulfill the mission of God in this community? After some time gone with prayers, the opportunity knocked the door. When the invitation came from Saint Vincent DePaul, the congregation was ready to accept it as our mission – as the answer to our prayers. For this decision, we had to give up monthly rental income (which was sizable). We had to make a bigger pledge for the budget in the coming years!

But now we would all agree that that decision was one of the best decisions we have ever made. As of today, we have registered more than 900 families, serving around 1,300 individuals each month who come from Brentwood, Oakley, Byron, Knightsen and Discovery Bay. Our clients come in once a month to get a bag of non-perishable food items. They also can get a bag of groceries once a week. HOPE HOUSE has expanded its ministry to opening a room full of donated clothes, toys, books, etc.

We have more than 20 volunteers who serve HOPE HOUSE and its families every week. They are so dedicated and faithful... They often extend their hands for comfort and hearts for prayers. We are so grateful that they are there as the body of Christ. We are thankful especially to Robin Vaughn who have been there from the day one and served as its director. She never forgets to bring her smile and shoulder to love each and every one of those who enter into HOPE HOUSE. THANK YOU, ROBIN AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!

Let us continue to walk the same walk in many coming years, offering the following gifts to our neighbors!

H - Hope

O - Opportunity

P - Prayer

E - Encouragement

May you be filled with these gifts of HOPE through the refreshing power of the Holy Spirit today and every day!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee





SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

5–8 pm Sunday October 2, 2016

Bread & Soup; Music & Devotion and Small Groups

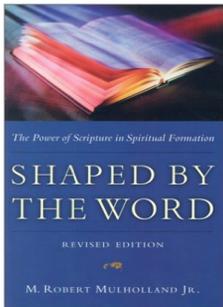
*****Nursery Care Provided**

FOR WHAT: Fellowship and spiritual growth

WHERE: Fellowship Hall at B.C.U.M.C.

Contact: Lay Leader Julius Lukacs (925-757-3216;

Julius.lukacs@hotmail.com)



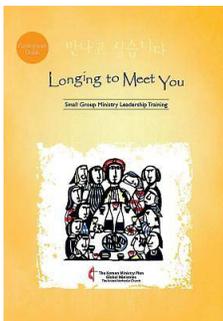
Shaped by the Word – SNL small group (1)

by Dr. Mulholland, Professor

Facilitator: Charlene Dobson

Duration: 6 weeks

Based not on today's *informational* approach and but to allow God to speak to the spiritual self ---the *formational* approach... Only through such formational reading of the scriptures will you find yourself shaped by the Word.



Small Group Leader Training – SNL small group (2)

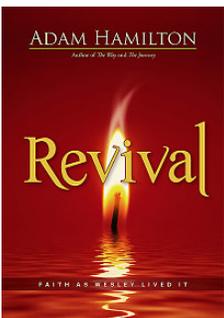
Led by Rev. Sungho Lee (Concord UMC)

Duration: 4 weeks

In this small group leader training the leaders will be trained how to ask open ended questions. You do not need biblical knowledge to be a leader.

At the end of the training you need to form a small group for you to lead.

It will be an exciting faith journey! \$15 for the book, Longing to Meet You, published by the Cokesbury and designed according to the Wesleyan Grace Theology.



Revival – SNL small group (3)

Faith as Wesley Lived (Methodist Theology of Grace)

By Rev. Adam Hamilton

Duration: 6 weeks

Facilitator: Rev. Hyesung Lee

“Adam Hamilton connects John Wesley’s contribution in 18th-century England with his legacy for 21st-century America, bringing lessons from Wesley’s life and ministry to bear on discipleship today. This is an excellent resource for personal and denominational revival.”

Greeter Training

For Whom: (1) Current Greeters
(2) Any who would like to volunteer as a greeter
When: 12 pm Sunday, October 9, 2016
Where: Fireside Room
Contact: Pat Balzell (925-418-4168)

GARDENING

If you are interested in gardening in our BCUMC Good News garden at the corner of Midway and Maple, please let Debra Urzua, our office manager, know. She would love to work with you to grow many beautiful plants, vegetables, etc. We may also bring those fruits to HOPE HOUSE for special gifts or Farmers' Market for sale. Call Debra at 634-3093.

THANK YOU to Chuck Nixon for Watering our Lawn

Our church lawn on Maple Street is now looking better with more green! We deeply appreciate Chuck's effort to make it happen. THANK YOU!





**Saturday November 12th
from 8am to 2pm
If anyone is interested in joining Debra
to make a little money
and lighten your clutter,
please contact her at the office.**

BCUMC STRING BAND

Can you hear the strumming? The singing and humming?

It's the new BCUMC STRING BAND. We are meeting Fridays at 10:30 am -- one-hour sessions -- in the church fireside room. Led by Joe, we are focusing on improving our basic playing skills -- and having fun learning to play as a group with church friends. In time we will be able to add to the music ministry for our church family.

At this point we are 6 guitar players and 2 on ukulele - making a joyful noise! If you are interested and new to string playing, can you still join? Yes -- and it may take some playing catch-up on your own -- to learn basic chord patterns. What is needed is interest and willingness to commit to a modest amount of daily practice -- and an instrument to play.

Also, if you have a guitar, ukulele, etc. in your closet not being used and would feel okay loaning it to someone who needs an instrument, please let me know.

Joe Kick 925-625-4627
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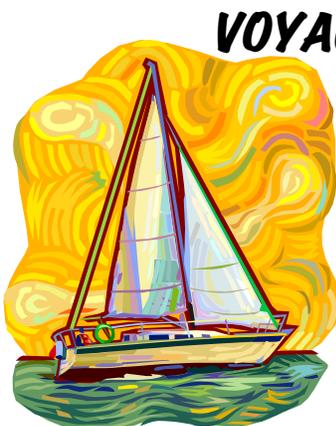
We are always looking for new volunteers to join us at Hope House, we invite you to stop by any Monday or Wednesday between 9am and Noon. We would be delighted to show you around and see what it is we do. We sort clothing, hang clothes up . . . if we get bulk food such as rice or beans we need help bagging it . . . there is something for every energy level. Feel free to stop by any time we are open, and as always thank you for your continual support. If anyone wants to bring us any kind of soup, it would be greatly appreciated.

God Bless Robin

#GODWISDOM@Proverbs3:5,6



Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And do not rely on your own insight,
In all your ways acknowledge him
And he will make straight your paths.



VOYAGERS

SAVE THESE DATES

**OCTOBER 8 -
POTLUCK DINNER 4-7 PM**

**NOVEMBER 19 -
EVENT TO BE DETERMINED**



- 4. Kayla Umana
- 6. Wiley Slay
- 14. Ann Cruz
- 15. Dylie Slay
- 16. Pat Balzell
- 16. Diana Easley
- 18. Katie Moore
- 19. Alivia Logan
- 26. Betty Gaughan
- 27. Diane Hutchison
- 29. Robin Vaughan
- 30. Carol Bronzan
- 30. Mel Strong

Happy Anniversary

- 3. Roxanna & Alvin Simas
- 3. Kim & Don Fraley
- 11. Jennifer & Rick Dunn
- 17. Polly & Vince Gallagher
- 25. Ann & Pete Cruz

LOVE NOTE FROM A TREE

Last week I went out hiking
In the Contra Loma hills
I saw three persons only
And a bunch of frisky squirrels.
The deep blue sky was filled with clouds
That reminded me of sails
The valley was alive with God's quiet presence
As I followed the winding trails.
Along the way I saw a tree
And though I didn't know its name
Somehow it seemed to call to me
Though there were many quite the same.
It didn't say "Hey, look at me!
Now tell me I am grand!"
It wasn't seeking notoriety
Or trying to get the upper hand.
Through the seasons slowly growing
Whether anyone might see
Giving praise to the Creator
By being what it's meant to be.
And it got me to wondering
As I went hiking on my way
To do something new - where God has placed me
A little more each day.
To grow in faith through the seasons
Discover more what I can be
And it made me smile - to think maybe God
Was talking to me through that tree.

© Joe Kick

MERRY METHODISTS

Haven't heard enough about Rio and the Olympics experience?

Want to play your own games?

All are invited to a Merry Methodist night of games and photos

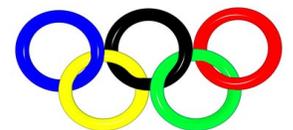
at the home of your local Visa VIPs,

Saturday, October 1st.

Olympics photos and caipirinhas 6:30-7:30

games until 8:30.

*Please RSVP to email or phone number listed in directory
so we make sure we have enough limes!*





Contrary to the saying: One person's trash is *not* always someone else's treasure.

Many mornings, volunteers at H.O.P.E. House on Pine Street arrive to find used items and bags of trash left on the porch, and broken TVs, sofas, and other unusable household goods are left outside along the Midway.

It has become equally common to find bags of unusable clothing, shoes and household items left on the porch of the church, near the garbage bins outside and also in Mercy Hall where we originally set up this area to accept donations for specific ministries. Once H.O.P.E. House became a successful ministry, we allowed Mercy Hall to be used as a convenient means to leave donations for H.O.P.E. House.

Wednesday September 21st, Mercy Hall was disassembled in an effort to re-establish the original intent for the other ministries served by UMW, the Youth or other occasional causes to receive donations. For a temporary time period Mercy Hall will not be a place for accepting donations of any kind. After a short time, we will transition Mercy Hall back to the purpose it was set up for originally. Stay tuned for future announcements.

It is important to make it clear that H.O.P.E. House is still accepting donations. However, H.O.P.E. House will only accept donations during the days and hours they are open which are Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00am to Noon. H.O.P.E. House ministry is a food pantry and clothing closet only. They do not accept furniture, appliances, household items or electronics. Signs will soon be posted around H.O.P.E. House to deter people from leaving donations when H.O.P.E. House is closed and to warn people that our property does not permit dumping of any kind.

On a final note, many rooms (especially the nursery and the kitchen) have been a common place for people to leave additional donations. The Trustees would like to inform all persons that they have unofficially begun a new policy. The policy states that all donations assumed to be useful in or around the church must be approved by the Trustees first. Please do not leave toys in the nursery or appliances, coffee pots, vases, bowls, etc. in the kitchen. The function and design of each room of the church is a matter for the Trustees to discuss and therefore decide if an item fits the function and design of each room.

Your cooperation and your generous good intentions are much appreciated. If you have a suggestion or item you think would benefit the church please contact the Trustees via our website under the **Contact Us** tab. Once there you may send a message using Debra's e-mail and she will present it to the Trustees at the next Trustees meeting. If you do not have access to the internet you may call the office at 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

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

