

Deeds and Opportunities

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

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OCTOBER 2017



***BCUMC CONGREGATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017***

2017 _____

SUNDAYS	Scriptures & Sermon Theme	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
<i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 1, 2017	<u>Matthew 21:23-32</u> "Obedient Heart & Obedient Congregation"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Confirmation Class ③ (12-1pm) ▪ Sunday Night Live (5pm)
<i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 8, 2017	<u>Matthew 21:33-46</u> "Sharing Congregation"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Members Sunday ▪ Usher Training (noon)
<i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 15, 2017	<u>Matthew 22:1-14</u> "Celebrating Congregation"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laity Sunday ▪ Potato Bake (UMW) for Jacob's Well (Clean Water Project)
<i>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 22, 2017	<u>Matthew 22:15-22</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confirmation Class ④ (12-1pm)
<i>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</i> October 29, 2017	<u>Matthew 22:34-46</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confirmation Class ⑤ (12-1pm)

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER

Sundays	Acolyte	Crucifer	Sub-Accompanist
10/1	Christian Belino	Griffin Slay	Pat Solero
10/8	Jamie Feldermann	Wren Driscoll	Sue Stuart
10/15	Robin van Ruitan	Trevor Austin	Sue Stuart
10/22	Kaela Scott	Jacob Lukacs	Sue Stuart
10/29	Christian Belino	Dylie Slay	

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:

<u>Staff Person</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Hyesung Lee, Pastor	Jennifer Dunn & John D. Moore
Debra Urzua, Office Manager	John D. Moore
Blanca Malagon, Housekeeping	Linda Walton
Alivia Logan, Choir Director	Carey Hutchinson
Jordan Pospisil, Nursery Care	Joy Kick
Ryan Pospisil, Nursery Care	Joy Kick
Accompanist (to be hired)	To be assigned
Rebecca Feldermann, Youth Director	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

What a blessed celebration it was! Our 150th Anniversary was celebrated with many wonderful events, beautiful people and meaningful service. Many people told me that both Saturday and Sunday were well prepared and attended. Former pastors' memories and messages were inspiring. We were confirmed that our "friendly" and "kind" character as a congregation had started a long time ago. Pastor Ellen Rowan told me that she had received so much love as she served the congregation. I agreed with her since I have been nurtured too by the love of the congregation as I have tried to nurture them. This is the legacy that we want to continue to keep and pass on to the next generation for a long time.

Many people told me that Sunday Worship Service with our Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño was the highlight of the whole celebration. Her message was so powerful and gentle. Some said to me that Bishop sounded like she already knew so much about us. I was so impressed by her respectful presence. She even brought her Bishop's crosier (cross shaped like a shepherd's staff) for our short procession and her benediction. I helped her to carry it from the fireside room to my office. It was soooo heavy. Wow, I loved that she brought it to us. After the service, Jamie Feldermann said, "I want to have that (Bishop's crosier)." So I said to him, "You have to become a pastor first." And Bishop was smiling.

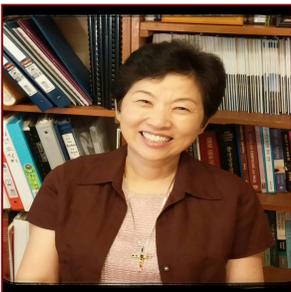
She even came early to Pancake Breakfast around 9 am. I don't know how many people she approached to have some conversation with them. She kept asking, "What do you want to see happen in the church?" "What is your dream?" "What do you like about the church?" etc. And she incorporated what she heard from people into her sermon and benediction. Personally, I loved her benediction best. It was like she was reading everybody's mind. Before she left, she blessed me with prayer in the parking lot. And she said, "Please let me know when your BIG DREAM begins to appear!"

Yes, our dream will continue to grow as we pay attention and listen carefully to the guidance of God. That big dream has already begun with the installation of Youth Director and the blessing of Confirmands/ Mentors/ Teachers during the Service. Let us keep praying for them and for our church! We are so blessed!

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, James Collins, Cliff Fortner,
Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom), Laura Breitenbucher (Cheryl's mom)
Nadden Mills (Mother of Roxanna Simas)

For Healing: Renee Miller, Beverly Hendrix, Diana Easley, Esther Graham
Ethel Badham, Fred Schults (Jeff's brother),
Patrick Pattern (Katie Moore's nephew)
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter),
Sheila Logan (Adella Logan's mother in law)

*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!



UMCOR is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams to provide relief to the many people whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey.

Please continue to **pray** for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey. Please also pray for the Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and many volunteers in [The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church](#), [Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church](#), [Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church](#) and [Central Texas Conference](#) who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey.

You may give your **donations** with checks payable to B.C.U.M.C. with note "Relief for Harvey Victims." We will send them to UMCOR in 40 days. Please give by October 3rd, 2017.



SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

On Methodist Life & Belief

5:00pm –7:30 pm Sunday on October 1

“In celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation this year in October, we will learn about Wesley and why the Methodist Church needs a reformation today

Guest Speaker: Rev. Rebecca Irelan



Rev. Dr. Rebecca Irelan (Willow Glen UMC in San Jose, CA)

Rebecca Irelan was born in Iowa, raised in Montana and is at least third generation Methodist. She attended Boston University, a Methodist school, where she started as a pre-med religion major. She received her call to ordained ministry in her sophomore year on the way to an organic chemistry exam! After graduation, Rebecca enrolled at Duke Divinity, another Methodist school, and served parishes in Idaho and Oregon before returning to graduate school in 1996. It wasn't until she entered the doctoral program in systematic and philosophical theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, a program dominated by Catholics and Lutherans, that Rebecca discovered her inner Wesley. She ended up writing her dissertation on Wesley's ideas about sanctification and how we can test and prove the power of those ideas in the 21st century.

For Sunday Night Questions, Contact: Lay Leader Julius Lukacs
(415-518-0584; julius.lukacs@hotmail.com)



Benefit Bake Sale

... for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Jackie Azevedo and some of her sorority sisters from Lambda Kappa Pi will be holding a bake sale at BCUMC

Sunday, October 1st
in the Fellowship Hall after worship.



The month of September has been great for Sunday School. Our Pre-2nd grade class had lessons on Creation and Psalm 23. They really enjoyed the lessons where multiple stations were set up to go to during class. The 3rd-5th grade class also learned about Creation and started a 7-lesson series on Obedience. So far, Jonah was their favorite! Thank you to everyone who has picked a leaf off our giving tree.

Any donations can give placed in the Sunday School room or given to Marcie or Becca.



The 2018 confirmation class started their group classes this past month with lessons covering togetherness and our history and heritage. The confirmands have been great during these lessons. There have been some thought-provoking and candid discussions, and of course some laughs and fun! The confirmands have begun meeting with their mentors as well.

Coming up: more group classes and individual meetings with their mentors, one of two opportunities to attend the Bishop's confirmation retreat in the spring, and a confirmation dinner with Pastor Hyesung and our Lay Leader, Julius Lukacs in May. Please pray for the confirmands, their mentors, their parents, and the teachers as they continue this important faith journey.



The high school/young adult Small Group led by Aidan Dunn began on Sunday, August 13th and finished on Sunday, September 24th. The group covered some very interesting topics on Christianity in the modern day and was attended by youth and adults. In the spring, there will be two different small groups offered to the High School youth.

The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, met each Sunday evening in September and discussed things like school, what we choose to do with our free time, television, and our families. And it being a Methodist event...there is always plenty of food and fellowship! We've had a taco/nacho bar, made our own pizzas, and the popular dessert for dinner theme. There will be no MTJ for the first two Sundays in October due to Fall Break. We will resume MTJ on Sunday, October 15th. Our Youth Families Potluck & Orientation was held on September 24th where we ate (of course!) and discussed the program and plans for the year.

October brings a couple of events: Pirates of Emerson, a haunted house experience and a Day of the Dead program with guest speaker and themed activities & food.



Bible Drive for Sunday School

Thank you so much to those who have donated to our Bible drive. We are only \$30 away from our goal! In order to reach our goal, we are collecting recycling from home and turning it in. We are so blessed to have such a supportive congregation.

Please welcome Lugh Baxter as our guest Accompanist for the October 15th Sunday Service.

She comes to us with a great passion and gift for music and service with community.

We are truly blessed to welcome her to our staff at BCUMC!



MESSAGE TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

From Jerry Walton, Finance Chairman

It is that time of year when we celebrate all of the blessings we and our church have experienced this year. As we reflect on all of these things, we need to DREAM and PLAN what we want to accomplish in 2018. For this planning, the Finance Committee needs your planning and budget forms back by October 27th so that a budget proposal can be presented to the Administrative Council at the November/December meeting. Forms will be provided and can be found in your mail boxes in the office. Thank-you in advance for your commitment to our church and to your committee!

Any questions can be answered by Debra at 634-3093 or me at 240-4474.

THANK-YOU

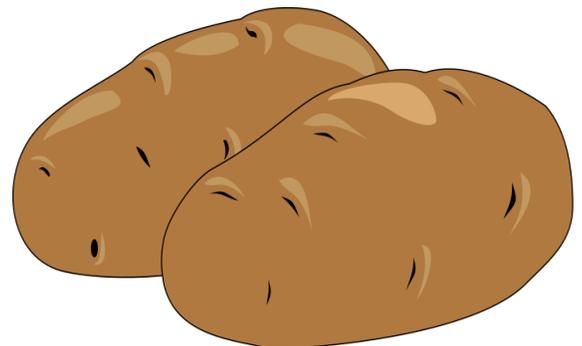
to all the men who helped with the set up for the 150th dinner celebration and the all-church pancake breakfast the next day.

It's wonderful to see so many men supporting our church and celebrating 150 years of commitment to God and our Church!

From Dave Funk

POTATO BAKE Sunday -- October 15

The United Methodist Women will have their annual potato bake after church in the fellowship hall. All donations will go to Jacob's Well, our water program that gives filtration systems to place with dirty water.





4. Kavla Umana
6. Wiley Slav
14. Ann Cruz
15. Dvlie Slav
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 Fralev
11. Jennifer & Rick Dunn
17. Polly & Vince Gallagher
25. Ann & Pete Cruz



At the 150th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, BCUMC Office Manager Debra Urzua was honored for her amazing work in managing all the projects accomplished throughout the property in preparation for the event.

Prayer

God in his wisdom invented prayer
So we could reach him anywhere
He's always available - there are no missed calls
There's no waiting on God - for things large or small
Being still in the silence - or the words that we say
His deep love surrounds us - however we pray
He listens and cares - as we speak from the heart
Our most dearest friend - we are never apart
Nothing will shock him - whatever we say
God knows our deepest secrets - and will never turn away
As we bring him our burdens - set them down at his feet
We let go and let God - and feel more complete
God's light goes with us - prayer is our key
From the bondage of fear - our hearts are set free.

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VOYAGERS

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 28 - 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 Sundays beginning October 8th





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

