

Deeds and Opportunities

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Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

OCTOBER 2018



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Lay Leader Julius Lucas, Pastor Lee and Membership Chairman JoAnn Funk
with new members Koo Kim, Zeke Canonica, and Bonnie Larrabee

2018 October Worship Schedule

SUNDAY	Scriptures & Sermon theme	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 7, 2018	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 & Isiah 61:1-6 (NKJV) “God Gave Us the Plan: Look at Our World” PULPIT EXCHANGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY ▪ Guest Preacher – Pastor Quentisha Davis Wiles (Pittsburg UMC, Pittsburg) ▪ Celebration of Ministries: Trustees & HOPE HOUSE ▪ 5:30pm – 7 pm MTJ (Middle School) ▪ 7:30pm – 9 pm YAHS (Young Adults and High School)
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 14, 2018	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Mark 10:17-31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Celebration of Ministries: Endowment & Memorials and Voyagers ▪ Stewardship Moment by Ethel Badham ▪ The Potato Bake by UMW at 11:45am to raise fund for Jacob’s Well (Global Clean Water Project) ▪ Nomination Committee: 12 pm in Quiet Room ▪ Assessment Team for Byron UMC ①: 3pm in Fellowship Hall ▪ 5:30pm – 7 pm MTJ (Middle School) ▪ 7:30pm – 9 pm YAHS (Young Adults and High School)
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 21, 2018	Special Message on Prison Ministry By Fran & Den Bowman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LAITY SUNDAY ▪ Celebration of Ministries: UMM & UMW ▪ Young Disciple Time by Michelle Monsef on Stewardship ▪ 5:30pm – 7 pm MTJ (Middle School) ▪ 7:30pm – 9 pm YAHS (Young Adults and High School)
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 28, 2018	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Mark 10:46-52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Celebration of Ministries: Congregational Care Network, Creative Worship Team and String Band ▪ Stewardship Moment by Jamie Feldermann ▪ 5:30pm – 7 pm MTJ (Middle School) ▪ 7:30pm – 9 pm YAHS (Young Adults and High School)

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR **OCTOBER**

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Accompanist</u>
10/7	Christian Belino	Robin van Ruitan	Pat Solero
10/14	Robin van Ruitan	Zeke Canonica	Lugh Baxter
10/21	Maggie Monsef	Jacob Lukacs	Greg Pacquer
10/28	Madeline Charpentier	Zeke Canonica	Lugh Baxter

◆ *Pastor's Letter* ◆

Dear Friends in Ministry

In August 2015, we became a Reconciling Congregation, a member of *Reconciling Ministry Network* which is committed to the full inclusion of Lay Gay Bi-sexual Transgender Queer plus people within The United Methodist Church (see their website <https://rmnetwork.org/>). Since that moment, we have had visitors from LGBTQ community from time to time. But not even once they joined us as a member. They rather stayed only a few weeks and then left. Their presence in our church has not grown at all. Some people asked me why they would not stay with us. I have wondered that too. Then the change has finally come. After we hung a rainbow flag outside the church building in the beginning of August, a new wave of LGBTQ people has visited and come back Sunday after Sunday to worship with us. And on September 23, one of them finally joined us as a member of our church. Her wife was there with their twin daughters. She clearly had trust and confidence in our commitment to who we say we are. I didn't know that much difference the rainbow flag would make for such a short period of time.

On the other hand, some people (not-related to our church) have questioned us with distress about why we fly it on the outside of a church building. Some of them asked us to take it down because it offends other Christians in the town. It happened only twice so far. Now some of our church members have asked me to help them to be better prepared for such a conversation. So, I prepared the following statement and discussed it with the Reconciling Ministry Committee. The purpose of this statement is to help our church members and friends to use in their conversation with others who are interested in learning more about who we are as a Reconciling Congregation. This can be also used for your conversation with those who question us why we fly the rainbow flag outside.

Ad Council (September 19) asked the Reconciling Ministry Committee to come up with an alternative sign to put on outside the church permanently that would show more faith-related sign/message regarding our belief to welcome All God's Children regardless of any difference including sexual orientation and gender identity. And Ad Council voted to continue to fly the current rainbow flag until the alternate sign is implemented.

Please come to me if you have any concern/worry regarding this matter! You can send me an email or come to me for a conversation with me. It is very very very important for us to understand one another in such a time like this and be united. With Ad Council, I will try my best to find the common ground where we all may respectfully support one another.

Why Do We Fly a Rainbow Flag on Our Church Building?

Because we want people to know that we welcome all God's children including Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender and Queers. God has loved us unconditionally. So we want to do the same to all our neighbors regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Because we are "Reconciling Congregation" a member of *Reconciling Ministry Network* which is committed to the full inclusion of LGBTQplus people within The United Methodist Church. This is who we are. And we want to let others know about us by flying a rainbow flag outside our church building.

Because we believe that a rainbow flag has been the sign for inclusion, acceptance, peace and justice throughout centuries, used by a variety of groups, including LGBTQplus community recently. In the Bible God used the rainbow as the sign for God's covenant for all living things and all creation. We are hoping that LGBTQplus people may recognize the sign and feel safe to enter into our sanctuary.

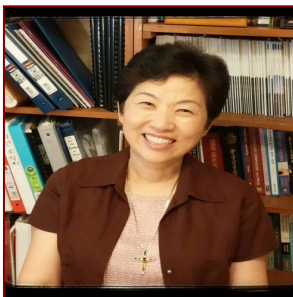
Because we believe that "human sexuality is a good gift from God," we are "committed to supporting the integration of healthy, loving expressions of sexuality and spirituality for everyone. We celebrate the sexuality and spirituality of same and opposite gender loving persons and pledge to provide resources that lead to a deeper understanding of God's precious gift." (From Reconciling Ministries Network website <https://rmnetwork.org/who-we-are/mission/>)

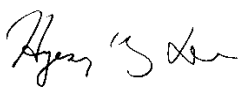
Because we "aspire to fulfill our baptismal covenant to recognize and utilize our privileges to resist oppression in whatever form it presents itself in the world." (From RMN website) We are hoping and working as best as we can to build up God's beloved community in our church and beyond where everyone is free to be who they are as they serve God and neighbors with God-given gifts and talents.

Because we would like to invite anyone in the community who wish to have an honest and authentic conversation with us regarding how to build this loving community where we may all grow together as we speak our hearts and dreams in love for all God's children.

By Rev. Hyesung Lee and Reconciling Ministry Committee

Prayerfully,




Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



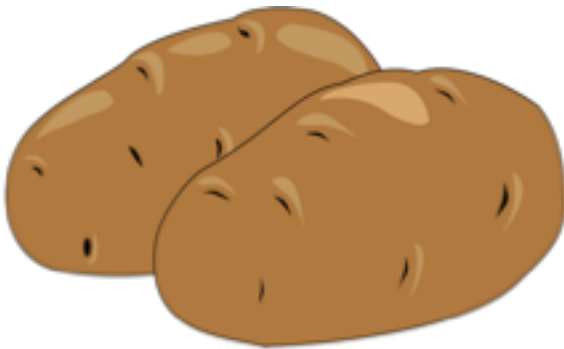
Let Us Pray for the Following Members and Friends of BCUMC!

(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, Cliff Fortner, Joyce Heflin, Diana Easley

Prayer Chain: Fred Schults, Diana Easley, Galen Tidrick, Bev Hendrix, Gabriel Carpentier,
Bob Clarke, John D Moore, Diane & Carey Hutchison, Jerry Walton,
Debra Urzua, Heather Lawrence (Larry Schaffer's stepdaughter)

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



POTATO BAKE

SUNDAY -- OCTOBER 14

The United Methodist Women will have their
annual potato bake after church in the fellowship hall.
All donations will go to Jacob's Well, a program that gives
filtration systems for clean water for the poor people in Africa.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

All Saints Sunday – November 4th

This year All Saints Sunday will be on November 4th and we will honor and remember our loved ones who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday. Small battery candles will be provided for you. Please send names and dates of death to the church office at admin@brentwoodumc.org by the end of October! We will announce this list in the Sunday Bulletin. You may also call the church office @ 925-634-3093.



PULPIT EXCHANGE

On WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

10:30 am, SUNDAY October 7

Pastor Quentisha Davis Wiles (Pittsburgh UMC) will preach at BCUMC

*Pastor Hyesung Lee will preach at Martinez UMC

Bio of Pastor Quentisha Davis Wiles

Pastor Quentisha was born in 1977 in a Christian family. She had a very ecumenical experience throughout her life attending churches different denominations. She graduated from San Francisco State University (SFSU) with Master Degree in Social Work. In the mid 1990's she worked at A Safe Place Battered Women's Shelter where she co-developed the first Bay Area teen domestic violence program. In 1996, She worked with Parental Stress Services in Alameda County. Pastor Quentisha spent over 18 years working with families in the foster care system in Northern California. She spent an additional five years consulting with parents, organizations, and public institutions promoting family and service provider integration. In the mid 2000's Pastor Quentisha spent four years working with the violence prevention collaborative as a crisis response clinician in the city of Oakland. Pastor Quentisha attended Pacific School of Religion where she obtained her Master of Divinity degree (2016).

Pastor Quentisha served three churches in the California-Nevada conference: Youth Director at Concord UMC, Congregational Care Minister at Jones UMC and is currently serving Pittsburg UMC as Sr. Pastor.

Life Scriptures: Proverbs 4:7- "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." & **2 Timothy 2: 15** "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Pastor Quentisha has been married to Edward Wiles 16 years and together they have eight children ages 10-30. They also have four grandchildren. They reside here in Pittsburg, Ca with their two youngest children Hezekiah & Kaia Wiles.



LAITY SUNDAY

October 21, 2018

Laity Sunday is a special Sunday established by the General Conference to be observed on the third Sunday of October (this year, October 21, 2018). Laity Sunday focuses on the celebration of the ministry of all lay Christians. In order to celebrate all Lay Ministries at Brentwood Community U.M.C., we plan to hear from all ministry teams during nine Sundays (October, November and 1st Sunday of December) about what they have done this year as a team. On Laity Sunday (Oct 21), we will have a special message by Fran and Den Bowman about their PRISON MINISTRY. They have participated in PRISON MINISTRY for many years in Stockton. They will share their experiences through slides and storytelling. Thanks be to God who have called all of us to be a minister for God's ministry!

Celebration of Lay Ministries in October and November

Each ministry team/committee will share for two minutes during Sunday Worship Service the following contents: (1) what they do as a team; (2) their greatest achievement in this year and (3) their joys of serving in the committee/team

Sunday	Presentation Group I	Presentation Group 2
October 7	Board of Trustees	HOPE HOUSE
October 14	Endowment & Memorials	Voyagers
October 21	UMM	UMW
October 28	Congregational Care Network	Creative Worship Team String Band
November 4	Membership	Friends in Faith
November 11	Finance	Ad Council Small Group Ministry
November 18	SPRC	Reconciling Ministry
November 25	Nomination	Children/Youth Ministry Youth Committee
December 2	Music Committee/Choir	Sunday Night Live

Summer is over and Fall is here!

The Finance Committee has been very busy getting ready for our annual stewardship campaign. Our theme this year . . .

GROW WITH GOD IN 2019

. . . is so very important to all of us as we endeavor to learn more and become disciples of Jesus Christ. We urge everyone to think about this theme and to let us know how the church can support you and others in the coming year. You will receive a survey in October, and we hope that you and your family will make a special effort to fill it out and return it.

Thank you all for your continued generosity and pledge giving. We are all caught up on our expenses, including the tithing of our apportionments to our church conference.

Jerry Walton, Finance Chair

Murphy Slay has finished ten weeks of training, passed all of the Army BCT requirements, and graduated Thursday, September 25th. Now he embarks on the next phase of his training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.



FAREWELL FROM TRISTAN AND MATTHEW

We'd like to give our heartfelt thanks to our BCUMC family for welcoming and involving us in many of its functions. Our move doesn't necessarily mean we're ending our ties with the church. We intend to continue the work you've allowed us to participate in by extending it to the new community we'll be serving. And, we'll always go back to the people we've connected with for support and guidance.

We'll certainly miss our phenomenal pastor Hyesung Lee with her joyful demeanor and funny anecdotes during worship service, the lovely music our choir and musicians create each week, the friendly smiles of the entire congregation and, of course, Dennis Buckley sitting on his throne.

We also want to express our deep gratitude to the Reconciling Ministry folks for reinvigorating the activists in us, HOPE House for the volunteering opportunities the past several months and for taking many of our stuff for donation as we downsized like we've never downsized before and the UMM for the fabulous breakfasts we've attended the past two years.

Lastly, we have to make special mention of our adopted father Martin Tucker for that one blessed day in 2016 when he showed us the Reconciling Congregation banner with the rainbow colors signaling his invitation to us to check out this church of open hearts, open minds and open doors. We can all learn from his welcoming attitude and bold approach as a true Christian.

For those who want to stay in touch, please feel free to do so:

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In community,

Tristan Mendoza and Matthew Taum



THE UPPER ROOM – SMALL GROUP

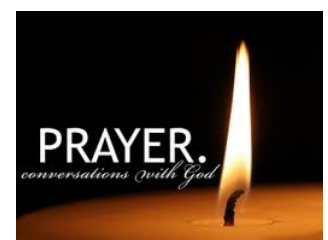
Hopefully, the September/October issues of the Upper Room are now available in the Fellowship Hall; there has been some difficulty with the delivery that I am trying to resolve. Regardless of whether you have a copy of the booklet or not, please consider joining our small group on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Quiet Room.

We share the readings from the week and discuss what moved us, got us thinking, etc. This is a low-key, no pressure, come when you can group; a time of fellowship to discuss the devotionals. I hope you'll join us on **Sundays at 9:30am in the Quiet Room.**

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Stark at 925-216-4709 or hstark@cobaltc.com.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Wednesday Night Prayer continues to open 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.





We have been having a wonderful time down in Sunday School. We have been studying and learning about many things. The Preschool-2nd grade class have learned about Creation and Good & Bad Kings in the Bible. The 3rd-5th grade class have learned about Creation, Hannah, and Kings & Queens in the Bible. We are excited for all the great things this year has in store from our awesome lessons and outside of church activities including another Downtown Date at the Delta. Please look to our giving tree throughout the year for anything our Sunday School classes might need. We would really appreciate snack items!



The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, and the young adult/high school group, also known as YAHS have been meeting regularly on Sunday evenings. We have had some interesting discussion on parents, peers, goals & had a very fun game night. Each time we meet we make food—it has ranged from pizza to breakfast to nachos...it's always yummy! MTJ meets from 5:30-7:00pm in the Youth Room/Fellowship Hall & YAHS meets from 7:30-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The youth event calendar is tentatively finalized (based on youth and chaperone availability) and is available online on our website, brentwoodumc.org

MEN'S BREAKFAST
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH – 8:00 AM
BCUMC Fellowship Hall
All men are invited to breakfast.
Come and Join in a great breakfast and fellowship.
Heart-healthy food to be included.

We will meet **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6.**
Bring a friend. His breakfast is free!
Call Dave Funk, 925-997-5018
with any questions

Sierra Service Project, Day of Service

Thank you for your support of our youth!



Saturday, September 22nd, four of our youth (plus one youth leader) went to Rancho Cordova to complete some service work. We served a woman named Josephine, who not only was thankful and kind, but tried to feed our youth ALL DAY! 😊 We had egg salad sandwiches, chips, Pepsi, apple pie, peach pie, cookies, melon, and pears offered to us throughout the day by this lovely lady.

The work we completed was varied—we stained fence slats, made and installed a gate door, dug a hole for and cemented in a fence post, created the framework for a new fence, hauled away old fencing, hung some slats on the new fence, and learned to use some power tools (drills, a miter saw, and a reciprocating saw). After a long day of work, we stopped at Crepeville in downtown Sacramento for a yummy snack.

Thank you to our congregation for continually supporting our youth.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

“Moses Tabernacle + Pizza”
Sunday, October 14th, 4pm-6pm

“Smashing Pumpkins + Hot Dogs & S’mores”
Saturday, October 20th, 7pm-8:30pm

“Pirates of Emerson” Haunted House
Saturday, October 27th, 6:30pm-12:00am

“SF Day Trip/Glide Service Work” YAHS
Sunday, November 18th, Time TBA

“SF Day Trip/Glide Service Work” MTJ
Saturday, December 1st, Time TBA



- 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

PEBBLES OF PEACE

**Many things are happening
In our world – day by day
Conflicts across continents
And weather patterns gone astray.
Politics sometimes run amuck
Civility breaking down
Sometimes it seems we're out of luck
Where is our sacred ground?
Yet among all the clamor
If I listen I can hear
The still small voice of Love
Reminding me: "I am here."
Toss your pebble in the lake
Peace spreading out from shore
Standing strong we're not alone
God's love is evermore.**

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VOYAGERS *WESTERN SHINDIG*

SATURDAY ~ OCTOBER 13 ~ 4-7pm

GAMES! CATERED DINNER (\$12 cash per person)

BCUMC STRING BAND – WESTERN STYLE

Western apparel (Optional, but preferred!)

Attendees must be 60+ years of age.

We hope you can join us. Plan to have a good time!

**To sign up, call Beverly Tucker at 779-1659
or see her in church!**





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

