

Deeds and Opportunities

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SEPTEMBER 2017



GOD'S LOVE

150 Years

OUR FAITH

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love.

Ephesians 3:17



2017 SEPTEMBER Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	Scriptures & Sermon Theme	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
<i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 6, 2017</i>	Matthew 16:21-28 <i>Following the Way of Jesus Christ</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Choir resumes singing every Sunday
<i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 13, 2017</i>	<i>Preacher: Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 150th Anniversary Celebration ▪ Pancake Breakfast 8:30 am – 10 am ▪ Worship Service with Bishop at 10:30 am ▪ Special music by Choir & Joe Kick ▪ Blessing of Youth Director: Rebecca Feldermann ▪ Blessing of Confirmation Class of 2018 ▪ The Whole Church Anniversary Picture following the Service ▪ Special Coffee Fellowship ▪ Confirmation Class ① (12-1pm)
<i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2017</i>	Matthew 18:21-35 <i>Forgiving Heart</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confirmation Class ② (12-1pm) ▪ New Members Orientation (1)
<i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 27, 2017</i>	Matthew 20:1-16 <i>The Heart of God</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Members Orientation (2) ▪ Youth Family Potluck

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sundays	Acolyte	Crucifer	Worship Leader	Sub-Accompanist
9/3	Wren Driscoll	Jamie Feldermann	Charlene Dobson	Pat Solero
9/10	Maggie Monsef	Wren Driscoll	Polly Gallagher	Sue Stuart
9/17	Robin van Ruitan	Hunter Austin	Jan Schults	Sue Stuart
9/24	Christian Belino	Sam Lukacs	Horace Gipson	Sue Stuart

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

As I write this letter, my heart is broken for all those people affected by the Hurricane Harvey. We are praying for them. They have lost their loved ones, homes, cars, jobs, neighbors, communities, church buildings, schools as well as stability of life, the joy of routine daily life, and even hope. Life is so unpredictable and fragile. Our hearts are sad. But we can do something within our power. Let us pray for them and send our donations to them. We will collect donations for 40 days. You may give your donations with checks payable to B.C.U.M.C. with a note "Relief for Harvey Victims" on your check. Please give by October 3rd, 2017.

I am still filled with gratitude for our 3rd Anniversary of Reconciling Congregation on Sunday, August 27. The guest preacher, Andrea Hartman, gave us a very inspiring message through her own personal witness. I have received so many positive and enthusiastic feedbacks. Our children and youth had received rainbow color hats from me and tried to make a statement <God of Rainbow Loves All>. Because of the time limit, they could not finish their job. But it was a time of celebration of God's patience and grace. Five joyful singers sang the wonderful Reconciling Ministry song, "Safely Home," made by Rev. Dirk Damonte (pastor at Los Altos UMC). He dedicated this song to the memory of his uncle, Bishop Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr., in honor of his lifetime commitment to welcoming the least, the lost, the lonely and the outcast into the safe home of God's radically inclusive community. This song touched so many of us. We will organize an official Reconciling Ministry Team for more faithful and creative ministry in the coming years.

We will have our biggest celebration on September 9th and 10th for which 150th team has prepared and worked tirelessly since July this year. I pray that our celebration may give a beautiful glory to God and bless our communities while we all find joy of service in all we do! God's Love and Our Faith have never been changed in the life of our church! We have a lot to celebrate! Thanks be to God!



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
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)

For Comfort and Peace: Norah Ekpemiro, mother of Nate Ekpemiro, passed away on
July 26th, 2017 and moved to Heavenly Home. We pray for her eternal
rest and comfort for all loved ones in this time of grief! May God be
with you always!



*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 however you want to stay between 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm!

For anyone who wants to pray individually in a quiet place
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.

The prayer team will pray for them!



The high school/young adult Small Group led by Aidan Dunn began on Sunday, August 13th and runs for four Sundays (every other Sunday following the start date). The group has met twice now and covered some very interesting topics on Christianity in the modern day.

The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, will begin meeting on Sunday, September 3rd from 5:30-7:00pm. MTJ will meet all Sundays in September and take the first two Sundays in October off for Fall Break. The youth event calendar is being finalized and will be available online September 1st. Our Youth Families Potluck & Orientation will be September 24th from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

by Youth Director, Rebecca Felderman



5. Don Barnhill
5. Gabe Price
7. Scott Stirling
10. Tom Johnson
12. Bryan Webb
15. Judy Gerry
16. Charlene Dobson
15. Riley Clarke
17. Tuck Tennant
19. Jeffry Zamjahn
20. Ivy Caruso
20. Gabriel Clarke
20. Kathie Gullizia
21. Beverly Johnson
22. Kyle Schults



5. Jill and Gabe Price
9. Joy and Joe Kick
16. Beverly and Martin Tucker
22. Valerie and Doug Umana
27. Joyce and Myron Sorenson

150 YEARS

Back in 1867 - when our church began
Did those who came together - know they were part of God's plan?
Did they know as they worked - to bring about their dreams
That one day we'd be celebrating - in 2017?
As they planted their mustard seed
And with faith helped it to grow
I wish that now they could see the tree
Of the many blessings we have - and know
That what they did made a difference.

And today in 2017 - doing what we can
As we all come together - we also are part of God's plan
We plant our mustard seeds of faith
And see the harvest grow
And 150 years from now
Will be people we'll never know
Celebrating and sharing God's love
And glory and peace and hope
For we too are now making a difference.

When our church began - back in 1867
Did they know that this would become
A little bit of heaven?

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The 2017-2018 confirmation class had their information meeting this past Sunday, August 27th, to begin their 9-month faith journey. Confirmands, parents, and mentors were present. This year we have five confirmands and five mentors from the church---a big THANK YOU to those who have volunteered their time to guide these youth on their journey. The confirmands will attend 12 classes over the next 6 months and 10 separate sessions with their mentors. They will also attend the Bishop's confirmation retreat in the spring and attend 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 during this important faith journey.

by Rebecca Feldermann, Youth Director

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

September 17 and 24 from 12 pm to 1 pm

In Quiet Room (behind the choir room/fireside room)

You are invited to this orientation if you want to (1) *join* our church as a committed member or (2) *just learn* more about our church. This orientation will include (1) sharing of faith journeys; (2) United Methodist Church Beliefs and Mission; and (3) our B.C.U.M. church mission. If you are interested, please let the pastor know by contacting her at 925-303-9339 (cell) or hslee3@gmail.com. Or you may just show up! This time is always very enjoyable and spiritual.



The Covenant Bible Study

- A comprehensive, in-depth study of the Bible
- Second Phase: *Living the Covenant*
8 weeks August 3 – September 21
Thursday Morning at 10 a.m. in Sanctuary
- The biblical concept of *covenant* is used as a unifying pattern all through the books in O.T. and N.T.
- Led by Pastor Hyesung Lee
- Text Book: \$15

[Thoughts on the First 7 weeks of “Creating the Covenant”]

“I liked this group and think this is a great way to upgrade our memories and learn about the Bible time. I will try to stop getting frightened about topics and us losing sight of them. The prayers in the beginning of every chapter sometimes stuck with me for a long time. I feel strong in my biblical understanding and knowledge. The next book, “Living the Covenant” will be just as cool as the first one! *By Nick Luoma*”



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.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

By Dennis Buckley

Everyone who has attended Sunday Worship the last few weeks will have noticed that lots of progress has happened to get our facility ready for the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of our church. Many thanks go out to church members who volunteered to “adopt” an area and spend their time and energy to do a deep cleaning. Various groups of church members spent countless hours cleaning the Sanctuary, Social Hall and Sunday School rooms and it really shows! We hired professional cleaners to deep clean the kitchen and the five restrooms. We also hired a professional window cleaner who did all the windows, inside and out.



If you have not done so already, go downstairs to the Sunday School building and look at the shiny floors! Look at the new sconces on the wall between the Women’s and Men’s restrooms. While you are down there, you will see new signs on the restrooms so visitors can find our facilities more easily. Also, there is a new informational sign over the door that leads to the Sunday School building from the Social Hall.

Work has been done on the outside of the church buildings also. The entire exterior of the buildings was pressure washed to remove years of accumulated dust and dirt. New light fixtures were installed by the main doors of the church and Sunday School. (Fun fact: the light fixtures on either side of the main front steps came from Reddie Prewett’s old place on Lone Tree Way.) H.O.P.E. House and the Parsonage have been painted. New borders and decorative bark have been spread in the planter areas around the church, Sunday School and H.O.P.E. House.

The broken sprinkler system has been repaired and the lawn areas closest to the buildings are recovering. The lawn in the large play area is not recovering, so additional discussion will need to happen to decide what to do in that area. Happily, the drought water restrictions have been lifted. Unhappily, the increased watering has caused our water bill to be \$1,640 for the July and August bills. Trustees had to transfer money from the maintenance fund to pay the water bill.

Probably the most obvious improvement is the replacement of the Social Hall carpet and the installation of our video projectors. Improvements that are not as noticeable include the repair of the H.O.P.E. House foundation, replacement of the H.O.P.E. House rain gutters and the cleaning of the rain gutters on the church, Social Hall and Sunday School. There are other improvements scheduled that probably will not be completed before the celebration. They include: resurfacing the parking area behind the Social Hall, replacing four exterior doors in the Sunday School building, improvements to the Love for Learning parking lot, repairing the fence in the Parsonage back yard, installing additional new signs inside the buildings and painting the eaves around the Sunday School building.

First aid kits have been assembled and placed in various locations around the building. Basic kits are in the large Sunday School room and the hallway leading to the office. A larger first aid kit is in the kitchen. If you move a kit to take care of an injury, please put it back. If you notice that supplies in a kit need to be replenished, please let Debra know.

While we are talking about safety, did you know there are eight fire extinguishers in the building? Do you know where they are? Locations of fire extinguishers are: in the hallway to the office, inside the pulpit, near the main Sanctuary doors, near the display case in the Social Hall, near the microwaves in the kitchen, in the Fireside Room, in the large Sunday School room and the Sunday School hallway by the door to the Nursery.



*Of course, not everything is rosy. We must address a termite problem at H.O.P.E. House and decide what to do about the large grassy area between the church and Love for Learning. We have spent a lot of money in the last six months and we could certainly use some financial help to build up the kitty so we are ready to pay for the next needed repair. **All donations would be gratefully appreciated.***

AN OPPORTUNITY for LEARNING: District Leadership Event

For the last four years, new DSs have spent a week at the Duke Leadership Conference which brings together some of the top church leaders and innovators in the country. Marlon Hall has been a presenter at the Duke Leadership Conference each and every year. He is a minister, church planter, story-teller and filmmaker. A year and a half ago, the Central Valley District brought Marlon to our Conference to lead a district clergy retreat. The response of Central Valley clergy was amazing! Here is a short You-Tube video on Marlon Hall: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2egexKCvQs>

We are bringing Marlon Hall to the district to help us “Unlocking A Spirit of Innovation” in our churches. Marlon’s approach is relevant to churches of every stripe: rural, suburban, urban, big and small. We are inviting a team from every church to attend. We hope a team of 2 to 8 in size from every church will be able to participate in this great opportunity. Participating churches, in advance of the event, will send in a “best practice” from their church: an example of an innovation tried (or planned). A few of these ‘best practices’ will be further developed by Marlon, and all of the ‘best practices’ will be shared with everyone. The DCOM will be covering the cost of bringing Marlon to us from Houston.

What: “Unlocking A Spirit of Innovation” by Marlon Hall

When: Monday, October 9, 2017, 10:00AM– 2:00PM

Place: The United Methodist Center (1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691)

\$25/person

Register online at: <https://calnev-reg.brtapp.com/INWKSP2017>

Registration Deadline October 1st

**We will car-pool to this event. Please let the pastor know if you are coming!*



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 Ireland

- Pastor at Willow UMC in San Jose
- Wesley Study Expert

Contact: Lay Leader Julius Lukacs
(415-518-0584; julius.lukacs@hotmail.com)

Meet your new Youth Director, Rebecca Feldermann



Hello! My name is Rebecca (or Becca) and I am the new BCUMC Youth Director.

I have been a member of BCUMC for 6 years and a member of the United Methodist Church for 24 years. I am excited to be the new Youth Director and look forward to a great year full of small groups and spiritual growth, service, and fun events with the youth.

About me: I have been married for 16 years and have one son, Jamie, who is a freshman at Liberty this year. I have a dog named Larry Bernandez and I love the Seahawks, reading and the outdoors. My favorite Bible verse is Psalm 121 and my favorite Bible story is the story of Moses. I look forward to working with the Pastor and Youth Committee to continue to develop our Youth Group. I can be contacted at rfeldermann_bcumc@yahoo.com or 925-876-0562.



Bible Drive for Sunday School

Thank you so much to those who have donated to our Bible drive. So far we have raised over \$100! We will continue to have canisters out during Fellowship for donations. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for upcoming fundraisers!



Sunday School kicked off on August 13 for the Pre-5th grade children. We started by studying Creation. Everyone is excited for all the great things this year has in store from our awesome lessons and outside of church activities including Family & Friends bowling night and the Downtown Date at the Delta. Each month we will have a Sunday School newsletter that will include updates and upcoming lessons.

BCUMC's 150th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

By JoAnn Funk

What a great year of celebrating we have had! We started out with a skit about our church and a hotdog lunch out on the lawn last September. How much did the land cost that our Sanctuary stands on? That's right: five gold coins! The trivia questions in each Sunday's bulletin challenged us to think about our history and the sale of T-shirts, mugs, and stationery helped us raise funds for our anniversary. Several banners for outside and inside were created to raise the public awareness.

Polly Gallagher took on the leadership of our 150th Team and the rest of us all contributed ideas and projects to promote our historical roots in this community. Members of the team are Jerry Walton, Dennis Buckley, Horace Gipson, Diane Lee, Dolores Huaun, JoAnn Funk, and Pastor Hyesung. Joe Kick was vital to our sesquicentennial by drawing a sketch of our church for our notecards and composing our theme song. Speaking of themes, Polly designed our logo with *God's Love; Our Faith* and a beautiful tree with roots. Horace found a perfect Bible verse in Ephesians 3:17 (See logo on front page). Also made by Polly is the timeline and bulletin board in our Fellowship Hall.

In July the Houseblend singing group from Concord came and put on a wonderful concert for us with entertaining songs and costume changes. Afterwards the audience and singers enjoyed a dessert and ice cream reception and the singers were presented with a "Taste of Brentwood" gift bag. Dolores' homemade jelly was in it! In August we had a visit from the historic John Wesley who arrived on horseback and spoke to us about laying up our treasures in heaven by doing good works here on earth. An old-fashioned box lunch was enjoyed after the service!



What is next? The grand finale on September 9th & 10th will be coming in a week! Saturday, Sept. 9th, we are having a dinner for 97 people catered by Sticky Chicken. Brentwood's mayor is coming, and possibly representatives of several other politicians, to present us with commemorative proclamations. We are also looking forward to having several former pastors of our church. There will be speeches, a slideshow, a sing-along with our string band, and dessert, too!

Before we worship, come early on Sunday, Sep. 10th for a great Pancake Breakfast hosted by United Methodist Men's Fellowship. During worship we'll celebrate who we are now and will be in the future with special guest Bishop Minerva Carcaño preaching that day and blessing our new group of confirmands and mentors, and our youth programs. A special fellowship reception will follow, hosted by United Methodist Women's Fellowship.

Watch for an article in the Brentwood section of this Friday's East Bay Times newspaper and the first week in September a different article in the 110° Magazine!

We are who we are thanks to the people who came before us worshiping, volunteering, donating time, effort, and gifts to build this church into a great one that serves this community.

Celebrate this legacy of love and faith!



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

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. Schuyler Rhoads
Pastor: Hyesung Lee ☩ Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs
Secretary: Debra Urzua

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

