

Deeds and Opportunities

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MARCH 2018



2018 MARCH Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	Scriptures & Sermon Theme	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
<u>Third Sunday in Lent</u> March 4, 2018	<u>Exodus 12:31-36</u> <u>John 2:19-22</u> “Exodus from Egypt”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lent Study “Moses” (3) at 8:45 am ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Reconciling Ministry Team at noon
<u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> March 11, 2018	<u>Exodus 20:1-17</u> <u>John 3:14-17</u> “Ten Commandments”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lent Study “Moses” (4) at 8:45 am ▪ Creative Worship Team at noon
<u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> March 18, 2018	<u>Exodus 25:1-9</u> <u>John 12:23-26</u> “Make Me a Sanctuary”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lent Study “Moses” (5) at 8:45 am ▪ SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) at noon
Sixth Sunday in Lent PALM SUNDAY March 25, 2018 	<u>Deuteronomy 6:4-12</u> <u>John 12:12-16</u> “Don’t Forget...Pass It On”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lent Study “Moses” (6) at 8:45 am ▪ Entrance with Waiving of Palms ▪ Usher Training at noon

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR MARCH

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer
3/4	Christian Belino	Wren Driscoll
3/11	Maeci Scott	Jamie Feldermann
3/18	Kaela Scott	Alex Dunn
3/25 Palm Sunday	Robin van Ruiten	Griffin 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:

Staff Person

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

Liaison

Polly Gallagher
 Rosemary Wood
 Linda Walton
 Carey Hutchinson
 Joy Kick
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 Shirley Gray
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 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.

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
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, Galen Tidrick
Ethel Badham, Fred Schults (Jeff's brother), Debra Urzua
Diane Hutchison, Nick Luoma, Chris Baldwin
Beverly Johnson, Martha Bryning (Beverly's sister)

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



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Gerald Bud Petersen

1:00 P.M. Saturday, March 24th, 2018

Brentwood Community U.M.C.

**** A small service will be held at the Cemetery
on 11 am Monday March 26th (just for the family)**

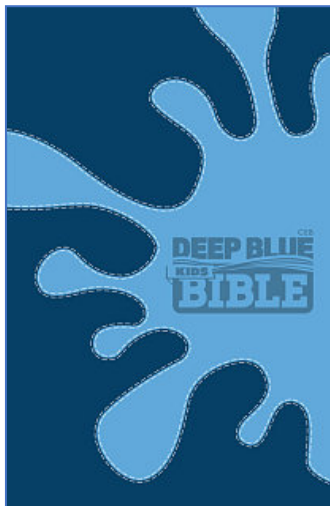
**** Condolence Cards can be sent to Janet Kurz
at 1293 Obertelli Court, Brentwood, CA 94513**

BIBLE PRESENTATION TO 3RD & 4TH GRADERS

10:30 am Sunday March 18

It is tradition at Brentwood Community U.M.C. that we present Bibles to our third and fourth grade students as gifts from the congregation. It is our prayer that this gift will help our kids to start a deeper relationship with God through Christ, enhanced through the study of God's word. This year the children will receive a

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Children's Bible. This engaging, interactive Bible offers colorful illustrations throughout with a wealth of notes, charts, maps, devotionals, dictionary, Christian year calendar and other interactive elements to capture inquisitive, young minds.



††† GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE †††

7 pm Friday March 30, 2018

We will have Tenebrae Service (Tenebrae means "shadows" or "darkness" in Latin). We will follow through the final hours of Jesus' life and death according to the Gospel according to Matthew. The Service will include the Last Supper remembered through Holy Communion, special music, Scripture readings, Meditation at the Cross, Covering of Sacred symbols, etc.

🌸🌸🌸 EASTER SUNDAY (April 1st, 2018) 🌸🌸🌸

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at 6 a.m.

Where? at HOPE HOUSE (218 Pine Street, Brentwood) for Worship Service
& Fellowship Hall for Breakfast

What? Worship Service and Holy Communion with HOPE HOUSE clients
Blessing of HOPE HOUSE (Prayer and Canned Meat Foods)
Sharing the Joy of Easter with our Neighbors (Easter Basket by Youth Group)
Easter Peace Walk around the block
Easter Breakfast at Fellowship Hall

How? Please bring Meat Canned Foods (Chicken, Turkey, Beef, Tuna, Salmon, etc.)!



EASTER MORNING SERVICE at 10:30 a.m.

Where? at Sanctuary

What? Easter Message by the Pastor and Special Songs by the Choir

How? Please bring Meat Canned Foods (Chicken, Turkey, Beef, Tuna, Salmon, etc.)
for HOPE HOUSE

LENT BIBLE BLAST

This Lenten season, BCUMC will participate in a church-wide activity...Reading the WHOLE Bible over a period of 40 days! Everyone is encouraged to participate...from young to old!

How do you join in the fun? In the Fellowship Hall there is a poster of the Bible broken down into different books and chapters of the Bible. Some smaller sections are a whole book, others are 6 or 10 chapters to read; depends on what you sign up for. You can sign up to read one (or more) on your own sometime during the season of Lent. Once you read your chosen section(s), you'll color in the corresponding square you signed up on. **When we're done, we'll have a colorful Bible poster to display, and we'll have completed an awesome activity together!**

Some passages will be extra blessed with surprise gifts inside (this will be announced at the end of Lent). For Questions, contact Youth Director Becca Feldermann at [\(925\) 876-0562](tel:9258760562).

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends in Ministry

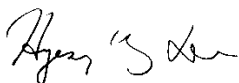
How is your Lenten Journey going? Are you choosing God in your wilderness? Do you try to hear what God hears and see what God sees? Have you obeyed what God has whispered in your ears?

I was so grateful last Sunday for completing all 12 sessions of CONFIRMATION CLASS. Our six confirmands have tried hard to fulfill their requirements: Wren Driscoll, Alex Dunn, Jacob Lukacs, Griffin Slay, Dylie Slay, and Logan Wolff. I asked them what they have learned from their Confirmation Journey. They answered: "I learned that Faith Walk is not easy," "Faith journey requires lots of work," "Confirmation journey is a serious one." I am so proud of them. And I'd like to THANK seven teachers who taught classes: Jen & Rick Dunn, Becca Feldermann, Michelle Monsef, Marcie & Julius Lukacs and myself. I also deeply appreciate the hard work of confirmation mentors throughout seven-month journey. They are Jeff Schults, David Funk, John Moore, Dennis Buckley, Jerry Walton and Katie Moore. They have met with their mentees over 10 times. CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be Sunday May 20th which is also Pentecost Sunday. Please pray for their experience at a Bishop's Retreat which will be held twice on March 2nd – 3rd at Monte Toyon and on April 6th – 7th at Camp Lodestar. They will learn there what Confirmation is all about from our very own Bishop *Minerva G. Carcaño*.

Every year during Lent, we experience a very meaningful spiritual journey through the Good Friday Service. Without the walk through the Holy Week, there will be no truly alive joy of Easter! During the Good Friday Service, we will recall the betrayal by Judas, the arrest and torture of Jesus, the desertion of the disciples, and Jesus' crucifixion, death and burial. It is the most somber day of the church year. The service will make use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial. We will make dramatic and effective use of simultaneous decreasing of the lights as each candle is extinguished. You are invited to participate in this Good Friday Service at 7 pm Friday on March 30th.

May God continue to help you to walk with your God!

Sincerely,



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



VOYAGERS

Easter celebration potluck dinner and more

Friday – March 23 – 2:00-6:00 pm

Meal at 4:30 Sign Up in Fellowship Hall on Sunday



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to announce six new members who have joined our congregation in the past month. They are:

James Bartlett – who lives in Brentwood, has been attending church for most of his life, is interested in family, science fiction, and helping others. He enjoys singing, music, and acting.

Brenda Coatsworth – who is moving to the area from Ukiah, is married, is interested in youth mentoring, planning and organizational skills, and volunteering.

Deborah Lopuszynski – who lives in Brentwood, is married, works from home, and enjoys singing, has already joined the choir and has had experience on Trustees in former church.

Alfred Narayan – who lives in Oakley with family members, has been a long-time United Methodist, is interested in many things, including meeting people, volunteering, cooking, gardening, light carpentry, and singing Hindi songs.



Larry Schaffer – who lives in Brentwood, is married, formerly from Benicia United Methodist Church, enjoys singing in the choir, sings in the Brentwood Community Chorus, volunteering and has experience with Finance.

Jacki Hughes – who moved from Oakhurst, California to Brentwood, is married, and has volunteered in clothing and thrift store ministry, is looking forward to our Hope House ministry and enjoys sewing.



Please welcome and introduce yourselves to these new members when you see them in and around church on Sundays.

*Thank you for being Disciples in Christ!
Linda Walton, Friends in Faith Ministry*

SUPPORT OUR 2018 MINISTRIES

A big **thank you** goes out to everyone for supporting our ministries here at Brentwood Community United Methodist Church! With your generosity, our church budget for 2018 is \$202,214, which equals **\$16,851** each month.

Did you know that our PG&E bill is forecasted to reach \$7,000 this year? In addition, with garbage, water, and other utilities, will cost \$11,440. Our large facility's maintenance projects will cost \$15,700. The mortgage and multiple insurance costs have been allocated to be \$23,356. The copy machine lease runs \$3,500 yearly, including administrative office expenses, for a total of \$6,325.

Our ministries, which include music, children's education, leadership, outreach, and new ministries, will run approximately \$5,650. The remainder of the budget is for our staff. Our spiritual staff includes Rev. Hyesung Lee, Pastor; Rebecca Feldermann, Youth Director; Alivia Logan, Choir Director; and our Music Accompanists, Greg Pacquer and Lugh Baxter. The remainder of staff includes Debra Urzua, Office Manager; Blanca Malagon, Custodian; and Childcare Providers Ryan Pospisil and Jordan Pospisil.

A concern for the Finance Committee is meeting all financial commitments on a monthly basis. It is very helpful when everyone pays their monthly pledge or even pays their pledge in advance, so that the church can be a good steward and pay its bills on time.

*Thank you in advance for your support.
Jerry Walton, Finance Chair*

Sierra Service Project is offering a few sessions at \$275 reduced rate: San Diego or Tsale AZ July 1-7, Spokane July 22-28, or Chiloquin OR Aug 5-11. The Dunn family had an amazing experience in San Diego at a Weekend of Service in January and Aidan LOVED Chiloquin last summer.

I can highly recommend both locations. Any interest? We can figure out transportation, if a week of service interests you or your Youth; ***this is a great opportunity!*** (and additional scholarships are available)

Contact Jennifer Dunn at habitat.here@gmail.com



USHER TRAINING:

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

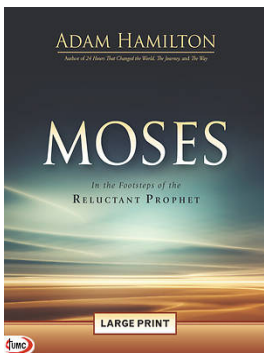
Usher Training: 12:00 pm Sunday March 25th in the Sanctuary

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

PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE ESTHER GRAHAM'S 100th BIRTHDAY

SATURDAY - MARCH 31st - 2-5 pm

- at the home of Barbara Pinkston
- 140 Pleasant Place - Antioch



Six Week Lenten Study

Moses: In the Footsteps of Reluctant Prophets (Rev. Adam Hamilton)

February 18 – March 25 (Six Sundays)

8:45 am – 10 am

Sunday School Room

Facilitator: Rev. Hyesung Lee

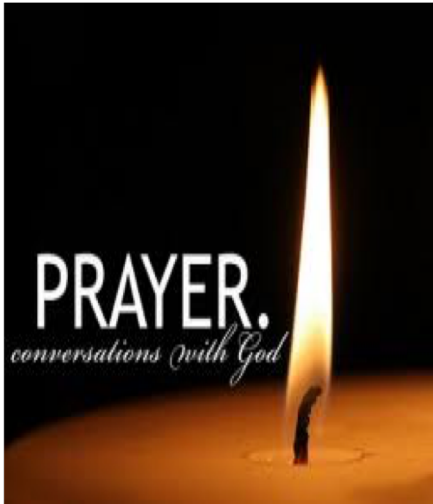
It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness.



THANKS FROM THE UMW

The United Methodist Women want to thank our incredible church family for their continued support of our yearly fund-raising events: Trivia, Treats and Treasures, Sundae Sunday, Potato Bake and the Christmas Cookie Walk. We have a dedicated group of women in the Jessie Lee and Priscilla Circles who take the UMW pledge of mission to heart and are appreciative of the support given.

Along with the pledges made by the circle members, over \$4,000 was given to support our BCUMC programs, district and national missions, women's missions in San Francisco, global UMCOR programs, Angel Tree, Teddy Bears and support to the wildfire victims. We want you all to know that your generous donations are being put to great use.



WEDNESDAY PRAYER

The Sanctuary will open from 6:00 to 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 cause.

You may leave your prayer requests in the basket.

The prayer team will pray for them!



2 Ogechi Ekpemiro
7 Alfred Narayan
10 Barbara Pinkston
12 Rick Dunn
15 Marjorie Walton
18 Myron Sorenson
19 Linda Walton
20 James Bartlett
24 Nate Clarke
25 Chu Ekpemiro
25 Don Fraley
26 Annalise Hanel
28 Esther Graham
29 Charlie Johnson

Happy Anniversary

18 Lisa & Paul Slay

HERE FOR A TIME

We just returned - from the Midwest
A trip to lay our Mom to rest
Family and friends - from all around
To honor our mother's new freedom found
Memories shared - fills the empty space
Treasured sounds - of "Amazing Grace"
As we all journey - on earthly sod
We keep our hearts anchored - with our God
We're here for a time - wherever we roam
To love another - then fly away home
"Let me go - and live life well
Pleasing to God" - our stories to tell
Here for a time - then we find release
In the mystery of God's heavenly peace.

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The month of February was a fun and full one for Sunday School. We have been so blessed to have so many young children attending! Both our PreK-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade classes finished lessons on Parables. The PreK-2nd grade also started learning about friends, and Helpers in the Bible like Aaron & Deborah. The 3rd-5th grade class learned about the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders and the Unmerciful servant. They also began learning about Helpers in the Bible—Jethro & Abigail. The month of March continues with learning about more Helpers. We look forward to learning about some lesser known characters of the Bible this month. Keep an eye on our bulletin board for updates, or for new leaves to 'pick' on our Giving Tree!



The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, had a fun-filled February. We met once during our regular time and discussed Parental Guidance. On Super Bowl Sunday the Dunn family hosted the MTJers for a game night. We also had a game night at the church on February 25th.

The highlight of February was the Bible Olympics. We started off the evening with a potluck where everyone brought something from their heritage...a real meal of nations! We had scones & marmalade, a southern cake, shortbread, soup, bread, vegetables, sausages, and cornbread. Yum! The contestants could choose to compete in a total of six events: Ski Jump, Pairs Ice Dancing, Free Program Figure Skating, Short Track Speed Skating, and Slalom Ski. The MTJers really got into the Olympic spirit, and surprised themselves with their knowledge of the Bible. Our big winner with three gold medals was Holly. During the month of March, MTJ will meet March 4 and 11, and take the last two weeks of March off for Spring Break.



The youth also hosted a Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed on Tuesday, February 13th. Definitely a delicious dinner. Thank you to everyone who came to support the youth, and for all the youth that came to help. In the month of March we will have an SSP day of service and have a movie & discussion event.

Please look to the website (www.brentwoodumc.org) and the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the most up to date information.



"CAUGHT" in Stewardship in Action

- Labyrinth Walk - Coordinated by Julius Lukacs and Rev. Hyesung Lee
- Pulpit Exchange Between Rev. Hyesung Lee and Rev. Sungho Lee
- Lent Bible "Blast" - Rebecca Feldermann, Leader
- "Read the Bible in a Year" Class - Dave Funk, Leader
- Confirmand Mentors - John Moore, Katie Moore, Dennis Buckley, Dave Funk, Jeff Schults, Jerry Walton
- 100th Birthday Party for Esther Graham - Barbara Pinkston, Host

(Submitted by the Stewardship/Finance Committee)



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

