

Deeds and Opportunities

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APRIL 2019

🌸🌸🌸 **EASTER SUNDAY (April 21)** 🌸🌸🌸



SUNRISE SERVICE at 6 a.m. at Church Lawn (2nd Street)

Easter Celebration Breakfast at 7-10 a.m. (by Men's Group)

MORNING SERVICE at 10:30 a.m. at Sanctuary

2019 APRIL Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Content	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
6 pm Wed April 3	<i>Taizé Service</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Flute Solo by Dorothy Strauch
Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:30 am April 7	John 12:1-8 Jesus Matters If He Teaches Us Divine Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Six Week Lenten Bible Study “Simon Peter ④” 9 am in Sunday School Room • Celebration Ringers at 10:30 am
6 pm Wed April 10	<i>Taizé Service</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • String Band
Sixth “Palm” Sunday in Lent 10:30 am April 14 	Luke 19:28-40 Jesus Matters if He Shows How to Walk with Courage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Week Lenten Bible Study “Simon Peter ⑤” 9 am in Sunday School Room • Palm Sunday Procession at the beginning of Service
6 pm Wed April 17	<i>Taizé Service</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • String Band
7 pm Fri April 19	<i>Good Friday Tenebrae Service</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passion Story according to Matthew • Special Music
EASTER SUNDAY April 21 6 AM Sunrise 10:30 AM Morning	 Luke 24:1-12 Jesus Matters If He Gives Us Resurrection Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Week Lenten Bible Study “Simon Peter ⑥” 9 am in Sunday School Room • 6am Easter Sunrise Service at Church Lawn • 7 AM Easter Breakfast by Men’s Group
Second Sunday of Easter 10:30am April 28	John 20:19-31 Easter People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper Room Small Group at 9:30 am in Quiet Room • Sunday School Teacher Training at 12 pm in Sunday School Room



There will be Holy Communion during 3 Taize Services in April

April 3 (6pm Wed) Holy Communion & Flute Solo
– Dorothy Strauch

April 10 (6pm Wed) Holy Communion & String Band

April 17 (6pm Wed) Holy Communion & String Band

CELEBRATION RINGERS (Bell Choir)
are coming to
BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 A.M. SUNDAY APRIL 7TH

The bell choir will be playing
"Suo Gan" for the Introit,
"I Love the Lord" for the Anthem with our Choir
and "Let There Be Peace" for the Postlude.



† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

We are still in the middle of Lenten Journey. I've been preaching a sermon series, "Jesus Matters if ..." It will continue till the Easter Sunday on April 21 as follows.

- Jesus Matters if He Brings **HOPE** to Today's World (March 3)
- Jesus Matters if He Revives Our **Spirituality** (March 10)
- Jesus Matters if He **Transforms** Our World (March 17)
- Jesus Matters if He Teaches **Kindness** to Humanity (March 24)
- Jesus Matters if He Empowers Us to **Forgive** (March 31)
- Jesus Matters if He Teaches Us **Divine Economy** (April 7)
- Jesus Matters if He Shows How to Walk with **Courage** (April 14)
- Jesus Matters if He Gives Us **RESURRECTION POWER** (April 21)

Let us celebrate the power of Jesus that is transforming the world where we live in! Come to Taize Service every Wednesday during Lent and receive the Holy Communion! Come and join us in marching together with palm branches in our hands-on Palm Sunday. The most powerful worship service throughout the year is our Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 pm on Friday April 19. Without the cross there is no true resurrection power. Tenebrae Service always helps us to walk the darkness with Jesus toward death. Then come to Easter Sunrise Service (6 am) and Pancake Breakfast (7 am), followed by Easter Morning Service (10:30 am). Let us testify through our act of worship to the extreme love of God for all people in the world!

I shared with you last month the goodbye note from Robin Vaughan, the former director of HOPE HOUSE. I just received a text from her after she moved to Twain Hart with her husband. I'd like to share it with you:

Hi Hyesung, I hope you and your family are well. We are happy in our new home. It is so exciting to watch deer walking through our yard. The air smells of pine needles a much slower pace of life.....I am learning to go 45 miles an hour instead of my usual 125 miles per hour 😄😄😄

I have to tell you I love that Dennis records your sermons. I never thought that I would need to listen to them, but it makes me feel close to my church family. I just had to say how nice that your sermons are recorded I am not a shut in but it brings me comfort and it makes me feel like I am sitting in the pew listening to you. I am sure it is the same for folks who can't get to the church. God bless you and all the wonderful people in our church family. ❤️❤️🐾🐾 Robin

You may wonder what happened to HOPE HOUSE leadership. The Nomination Committee and Ad Council decided to have **Jerry Walton** as the new director of HOPE HOUSE as of March 13. We are very blessed to have him as the new leader for our important ministry that requires of tons of time, energy, gifts and prayers. We are also very pleased to let you know that we have two co-directors who are working with Jerry Walton as leadership team - **Katie Moore** for Monday and **Kathie Gulizia** for Wednesday. Please continue to pray for them and all the volunteers! An article about HOPE HOUSE appears on East Bay Times recently. You may see it here: <https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2019/03/24/brentwood-church-program-offers-leg-up-not-just-handouts/?fbclid=IwAR1Qc8-JUezWTpt6f2DtKhLGMnqBEtolj16HPs1mBTqVROvs4PzyRcEQCf8>

Let us continue to celebrate our faith walk together as we serve God and all the people in the world!

Rejoice in all circumstances, pray without ceasing, and give thanks always!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee

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

Barbara Bonnickson, Cliff Fortner, Joyce Heflin, Diana Easley,
Bev Johnson, Beverly Hendrix, Gordon Fong, Jo Merritt,
Diane and Carey Hutchison, Diane Lee, Dylan Lee, Heather Lawrence,
June Lee, Joyce Heflin, and Arlene Bowie (Adella Logan's mom)

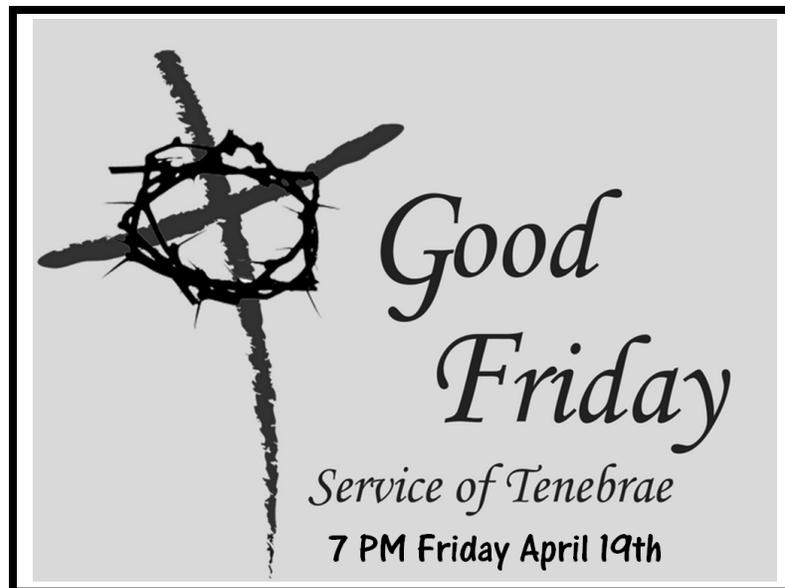
*We pray for you and your care-givers that God may fill you every day
with strength, faith, love and peace!*

This list is provided by the 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



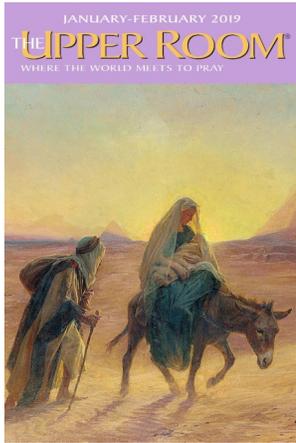
††† GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE †††
7 pm Friday April 19, 2019



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 extinguishing of lights, special music, Scripture readings,
Meditation at the Cross, Covering of Sacred symbols, etc.



THE UPPER ROOM – SMALL GROUP

Every Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Quiet Room

The March/April issues of the Upper Room are now available in the Fellowship Hall. 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. Several of us who regularly attend will be taking a break over Lent to participate in the study on Simon Peter. This Lent study will be on Sundays at 9am from March 10 – April 14. I hope you'll consider joining us on Sundays. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Stark at 925-216-4709 or hstark@cobaltc.com.

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!

You will see 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 are invited to 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 (These gifts will be announced at the end of Lent). For Questions, Contact Youth Director Becca Feldermann at 925-876-0562 or rfeldermann@yahoo.com.

“For Such a Time as This” Los Rios District Conference and Pre-ACS Briefing

Saturday, May 18, 2019 9:00am – 5:00pm
Pinole UMC, 2000 San Pablo Ave., Pinole 94564
(All Are Welcome!)

Training Opportunities from 12:30 to 4:30 pm (Pick one!)

- Trustees Training
- Lay Leaders in the life of the Church
- Church Finances
- Leadership Development and Nominations





- 7. John Moore
- 9. Donna Baker
- 12. Joey Zamjahn
- 15. Murphy Slay
- 16. Jill Price
- 21. Greg Pacquer
- 21. Ellen Rowan
- 22. Jenn Dunn
- 25. Paula Gallagher
- 26. Adam Simas, Jr.
- 27. Beverly Tucker

Happy Anniversary

- 27. Nicole & Adam Simas

Easter Sunday Breakfast Sunday, April 21st

Please come for breakfast on Easter morning following the 6am Sunrise Service and serving until 10am. The Methodist Men's group will be providing a delicious breakfast and great conversation as we celebrate Christ's Resurrection!

Dave Funk—628-8938

Easter

Rescue me, God – I'm drowning
I've gone over the edge of the cliff
Into the black ocean.
I lay awake at night
Trying to remember a song
I strum my guitar
Yet three strings are broken.
I'm going way too fast
Trying to get somewhere important
But where is it, God?
I can't even say or understand
What's bothering me.
Have you gone out of business, God?
Moved with no forwarding address?
This Lenten journey is too long.

Then in a courtyard
Some guy called Peter
Says "I don't know him.
Never heard of him."
I stand nearby and am silent.
A couple days later someone
Returns from the tomb.
She says the stone
Has been rolled away.
What does that mean?
Is it even possible?
All I know is my heart feels
More peaceful – steady
Hopeful and calm.

Thank you, God – for Easter!

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NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

Sundays --April 28 and May 5 -- from 12 pm to 1 pm (Quiet 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! Our gathering is always very enjoyable and spiritual.

*Come and Join in the fun at the
Fourth Annual Trivia, Treats and Treasures Night*

Saturday, April 27th @6:30 PM

Hosted by the UMW, Priscilla Circle

There is always great food, challenges and prizes.

See Polly Gallagher or Rosemary Wood to purchase tickets.

The price of \$15 per person includes all Trivia, Treats and 2 bonus chances for Treasures.

Join us for the fun and laughter.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: by Rosanna Simas

Celebrate a special person or occasion or just add to the worship experience by providing fresh flowers for the sanctuary and/or provide refreshments for Fellowship Time after worship. Sign up on the small calendars in the Social Hall or contact Roxanna Simas at 925-625-0464 or 925-372-6789.

H.O.P.E. (*Hope, Opportunity, Prayer, Encouragement*)

Hope House is a wonderful Outreach Program that our church provides to our community. We have 500 to 600 families come to Hope House every month to get food that will help feed their families, and clothing that helps them with the basics. We have many great volunteers who week after week provide great service to these families, along with smiles, caring, and sometimes a good listening ear about their needs and circumstances.

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Some of our volunteers sometimes need a break, go on vacation, get sick, Or just get burned out. Are you available to substitute or work a 9am to noon shift once or twice a month? Do you have a pick-up to get food from one of our sources? We love volunteers from our church because they know how important this ministry is to Brentwood and how this Stewardship is part of the mission of BCUMC! Please call Kathie Gulizia at 408-644-5491 or Katie Moore at 925-392-8765 if you can help in this wonderful ministry.

The Hope House Committee





Sunday School continues to be fun and well attended, with some good lessons. We finished our series on True Love and started two different series on How Jesus Loves Us and the Three Persons of God. Coming up we will focus on Easter—the characters involved and the Good News surrounding this holy day. Coming soon will be another Downtown Date at the Delta. Please look to our giving tree throughout the year for anything our Sunday School classes might need. Right now, snack items and dixie cups would be greatly appreciated!

Rebecca Feldermann

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- Sunday, April 7th, Cell Phone Scavenger Hunt + Pizza dinner
 - Sunday, April 21st, movie night @ church for MTJ
 - Sunday, May 19th, Youth-led Sunday Service



The Youth Would like to thank you...

for making our Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed so well attended and so successful!

What a wonderful event filled with fellowship, food, and fun music! We also had our first book sale that evening and sold many books. We are truly blessed with such support from our congregation and community. THANK YOU!

The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, and the young adult/high school group, also known as YAHS, have been continually meeting most Sunday nights. We continue to have great discussions on issues such as who is God, the Bible, suicide and our spirituality...to name a few! We continue to mainly make our dinners—pizza, grilled cheese, spaghetti, breakfast...you name it, we've probably made it!

The YAHS even ventured out and met for breakfast at the Brentwood Café. Coming up we have a cell phone scavenger hunt + pizza night. We will also have a movie event too. The food and fellowship has been wonderful with these awesome youth and we all look forward to meeting each weekend. 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.



April Meeting Schedule

MTJ (Middle School Group)

5:30pm-7:00pm

- Sunday, March 31st
- Sunday, April 7th
- Sunday, April 14th TBD
- Sunday, April 21st movie night
 - Sunday, April 28th

April Meeting Schedule

YAHS (Young Adult High School Group)

7:30pm-9:00pm

- Sunday, March 31st
- Sunday, April 7th
- Sunday, April 14th TBD
- Sunday, April 21st
- Sunday, April 28th



Movie Day for any & all! Come join the fun!

Saturday, April 20th at 10:45am
join up at the AMC in the Streets of Brentwood
to see the inspirational movie
Breakthrough, rated PG.

If there is interest, we could meet for
breakfast beforehand at Mel's Diner.
Contact Rebecca Feldermann @ rfeldermann@yahoo.com
or text @ 925-876-0562.

BREAKTHROUGH Synopsis:
When Joyce Smith's adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost. But as John lies lifeless, Joyce refuses to give up. Her steadfast belief inspires those around her to continue to pray for John's recovery. Check out the website @ <https://breakthroughmovie.com/>



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

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

