

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

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***FEBRUARY 2019***



## 2019 February Worship Schedule

SUNDAY	Scriptures & Sermon theme	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
<b>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> February 3	Luke 4:21-30 Power of Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holy Communion</li> <li>Leadership Training for All Church Officers (noon – 2pm)</li> </ul>
<b>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> February 10	Luke 5:1-11 Power of Invitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bean Feed (5pm)</li> </ul>
<b>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</b> February 17	Luke 6:17-26 Power of Blessing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Members Reception during Worship (10:30 am) – New Members: Eugene &amp; Jenny Daves</li> </ul>
<b>Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany</b> February 24	Luke 6:27-38 Power of Love for Enemy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Moment for Special Session of General Conference (10:30 am)</li> <li>Midtown Faith Potluck (12:30 pm)</li> </ul>

### WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer
2/3	Robin Bliss	Christian Belino
2/10	Christian Belino	Zeke Canonica
2/17	Grace Charpentier	Madeline Charpentier
2/24	Jamie Feldermann	Zeke Canonica

## *HELP WANTED!!!*

We are currently without a custodian. Presently, custodial tasks are being done by volunteers. Many thanks go out to Adella and Alivia Logan for cleaning the Sanctuary, Roxanna Simas and Betty Gaughan for cleaning the kitchen, and Dennis Buckley for various other areas. Trustees and SPRC are considering several options.

The easiest option would be to hire a licensed and bonded company to do the cleaning tasks, however they are very expensive. Another option would be to find a person who does house cleaning and make arrangements for that person to come in and clean. We could advertise and hire a new employee or we could continue to rely on our volunteers.

The Trustees would like to talk to some people who clean houses. We estimate that the job would total ten hours per week, split between two or three different days. If you use a housekeeper you like or know of someone who would do a good job cleaning the church, please let Polly Gallagher or Dennis Buckley know.

## † *Pastor's Letter* †

Dear Friends in Ministry

Please pray for our denomination, United Methodist Church as we are approaching the Special Session of General Conference on February 23 (Saturday) – 26 (Tuesday), 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. Our denomination was almost split into two in the previous General Conference (2016) when the conflict got so heated and a motion for division was on the table over the issue of full inclusion of LGBTQ brothers and sisters into the life of the church. At that time, Rev. Adam Hamilton and Rev. Mike Slaughter appealed the Council of Bishops to hold the motion and to lead the church toward a way forward without splitting. Then the Council of Bishops suggested creating a Commission on a Way Forward. This “32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church” (<http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session>).

Day to day schedule at Special Session will be as follows:

### **Day 1 | Sunday, Feb. 24**

- Worship
- Presentation from the Commission on Way Forward
- In plenary discussion it will seek to discern which of the multiple plans the majority of delegates want to refine.

### **Day 2 | Monday, Feb. 25**

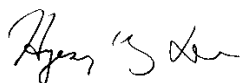
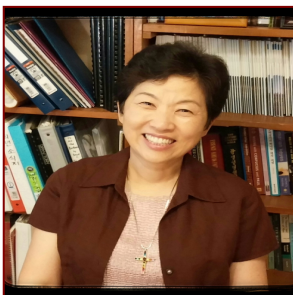
- In a legislative committee of the whole all petitions will be amended and voted on petitions.

### **Day 3 | Tuesday, Feb. 26**

- The delegates will return to plenary for final voting and consider what their actions mean for the future.

Let us pray for our denomination! Bishops appealed us to pray, saying “Since General Conference 2016, our church has experienced conflict as we navigate rough waters. How can we show God’s great love and mercy to one another as we make decisions? (Please read Council of Bishops’ letter sent to all LGBTQ believers included in this D’s & O’s) As we move closer to the special-called session of General Conference, we invite all UMC members, across the denomination to pray and ask for God’s guidance.... Our prayer focus is two-fold: We are praying that (1) **God will help us to fulfill the mission of the church**, and we are praying (2) **to be one in Christ.**” Our Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño asks us to pray each day at 2:23 pm to 2:26 for 3 minutes, signifying dates for Special Session 2/23 – 2/26. Will you join me in this prayer movement? If there is ever a place where we can be one, it’s in the space where we meet God. May God help us all!

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



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



Friday, December 28, 2018

To our Global LGBTQ Kin in Christ,

The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church recognizes the ways in which the convening of the Special Session of General Conference creates a time and space of harm for you and members of your family. To be the focus of attention, discussion and debate is hurtful.

Demeaning and dehumanizing comments and attacks on LGBTQ persons in conversations related to the upcoming February Conference are a great tragedy and do violence to hearts, minds, and spirits. When you suffer, the whole body of Christ suffers. Together, we need to work to resist hate, violence, and oppression of persons. In these attitudes and actions, great harm is done throughout the community, to the offended and the offender.

As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12: We cannot say to a part of the body, “I have no need of you.” We belong to each other. In our Baptism, we are incorporated into the Church, the body of Christ, and made one in Christ. The Church pledges to every baptized member: “Your joy, your pain, your gain, your loss, are ours, for you are one of us.” (*The UMC Book of Worship*, pg. 83). Our Book of Discipline clearly states that all people are of sacred worth.

As leaders of the church, we are brokenhearted by conversations that dishonor, objectify and dehumanize. We confess, as Bishops of The United Methodist Church and as we attempt to honor our convictions, that our actions and words have not always been life-giving or honoring of the LGBTQ community. Amid our sorrow, we seek to learn and grow in grace. To that end, we commit ourselves to helping people who disagree with each other to have conversations that include, honor, and respect people with different convictions. We are a diverse group of leaders—conservative, centrist, progressive—however, we are unified in our commitment to work together in ways that will give you and all God’s children strength, comfort and hope for better and more merciful tomorrows.

As the Special Session of General Conference approaches, we pray that the Holy Spirit will draw us together. May we see the image of God in one another, treat one another with tenderness, and love one another fiercely. Bearing Christ’s love in these ways, we pray to be God’s faithful witnesses.

The Council of Bishops  
The United Methodist Church

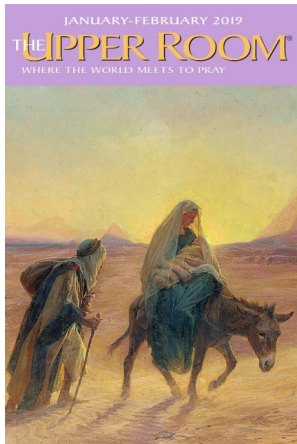
## Let Us Pray for the Following Members and Friends of BCUMC!

Cliff Fortner, Joyce Heflin, Diana Easley, Bev Johnson, Beverly Hendrix, Fred Schults, Debra Urzua, Gordon Fong, Diane and Carey Hutchison, Gabriel Charpentier, Galen Tidrick, John D. Moore, Jo Merritt, Heather Lawrence (Larry Schaffer's daughter), Richard Wisdom, Dylan Lee, Eric von Forstmeyer (Michelle's Dad), June Lee, Joyce Heflin, Bev Johnson, Arlene Bowie (Adella Logan's mom) and the Byron UMC congregation.



*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 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



### THE UPPER ROOM – SMALL GROUP Every Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Quiet Room

The January/February issues of the Upper Room are 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 9:30 am in the Quiet Room. We share the readings from the week and discuss what moved you, got you 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](mailto:hstark@cobaltc.com)

### 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 the prayer team will pray!



### ASH WEDNESDAY Taizé SERVICE

6:00 pm March 6th in the Sanctuary

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Service with the imposition of ash and the Holy Communion. This year we will have it in style for the first time. Come as you are to be connected deeply with God through meditative songs, reflective Bible readings and silence.



## BLESSINGS AT H.O.P.E. HOUSE

*by Robin Vaughan*

Our Hope House Ministry has been given a wonderful gift. Chris and Bruce Clegg of Brentwood made a generous donation to have the old flooring replaced. The old carpet is being removed and new waterproof laminate installed this week.

Chris came to us from the article in 110° Magazine that showcased our ministry. Not only is she a wonderful addition to our group, she speaks Spanish, which is such a great help to our Spanish-speaking clients. Our Hope House ministry is extremely fortunate to have been given this wonderful gift. **God Bless Chris and Bruce Clegg.**



Monday, January 28, volunteers from HOPE HOUSE and BCUMC moved everything out of the building . . . food, shelves, tables, computers, cabinets . . . preparing for installing new flooring. Wednesday, volunteers cut shelves for the metal racks, cleaned and dusted, constructed a check-in counter and moved freezers, among other tasks. God Bless the Volunteers!



### A NEW TRADITION!

One of our newer members made a suggestion that we honor the birth of a new baby or grand-baby in our church family with a rosebud on the altar and a brief announcement in the bulletin.

Bonnie Larabee has agreed to be in charge of this new tradition. When a new baby is born into your family, just call Bonnie at 642-6480 and she will take care of the announcement and rosebud.



### HELP WANTED!!! SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

There is a great opportunity to work with children from kindergarten to 2nd grade in March and April. Lesson plans will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact Scott Baxter, chair of Young Christians Ministry Committee, at [scottbaxter@aim.com](mailto:scottbaxter@aim.com)

### Thank You from your Finance Committee for Your Commitment to Our Ministry for 2018!

With your pledge and commitment **last year**, we ended 2018 without borrowing from our reserve account. The year ended with a net balance of \$1,363.69 going into the reserve account.

All of the committees under spent their budget and total income was up \$3,409.49. We thank you very much for your dedication and support for the ongoing mission here at BCUMC, serving God and our community.



## SPRC – Connecting the Pastor, Staff and Congregation



Now is a good time to share, as this year gets under way, the specific tasks that guide the Staff Parish Relations Committee:

- Encourage, strengthen, nurture, support, and respect the pastor and staff and their families
- Promote unity in the church
- Confer with the staff on the effectiveness of ministry, especially in the use of their gifts, skills, time and priorities and possible impediments to effectiveness.

We have a new face in the church office. While we are waiting for Debra to return full time to the position, Kayla Gallagher is in the office Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 to 1:00.

Open and clear communication is key to building strong relationships and trust so that the mission of the church continues to thrive. Our committee members are available for communicating your hopes and dreams and kudos as well as concerns. We each have specific liaisons, but feel free to talk to any of us.

Pastor– Polly Gallagher  
Childcare – Katie Moore  
Music – Shirley Gray & Carey Hutchinson  
Administrative – Rosemary Wood  
Custodial – Linda Walton  
Youth Director – Heidi Stark



### MIDTOWN FAITH

For All Individuals Members 20-59 years

Hello Midtowners! Our first official gather of Midtown Faith will be a game and potluck social on **Sunday February 24 from 12:30-2:30 in Fellowship Hall**. We hope to have monthly gatherings to get to know one another and enjoy fellowship. Future activities may include a night out at the movies, family trips to water parks, sharing spiritual and personal origins over coffee, dance night out, wine making, sports night, paint night, and more...suggestions are always wanted!

This group is open to all individual members 20-59 looking for social and spiritual fellowship, as well as connection and support with other adults, parents or families. Our goal is to develop friendships and a sense of community both within and outside of the church.

For questions, contact either Vanessa Thomson ([vthomson2016@gmail.com](mailto:vthomson2016@gmail.com)) or Becca Feldermann ([rfeldermann@yahoo.com](mailto:rfeldermann@yahoo.com))



**VOYAGERS**  
**SAVE THE DATE !!!**  
**SATURDAY MARCH 16th 4:00-7:00 pm**  
**ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION**

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**RECONCILING COMMITTEE**  
By Jennifer Dunn

The 2019 Reconciling Committee had their first meeting and developed a process of developing an exterior display that clearly communicates our message of inclusivity. Over the next three weeks, we will be collecting examples from churches around the country. Committee members and congregation members are all invited to post any images of exterior signage or flags on the BCUMC Facebook page, or email to Jennifer Dunn at [habitolot.here@gmail.com](mailto:habitolot.here@gmail.com)

We will assemble what we have received on February 21st, and put up a poster in the Fellowship Hall from March 1-30 for everyone to note what they like and what else they'd like to see. From that feedback, we'll develop a couple of proposals for BCUMC signage. We look forward to seeing all of your examples!

*"Safe Space" is also off to a great start for 2019. The January meeting was a fun time. The coming year of monthly Friday meetings and associated topics are all scheduled out, and we are building connections with the High Schools. Here we go!*

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**OUR CURRENT OFFICE MANAGER --KAYLA GALLAGHER**



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**UNITED METHODIST MEN**  
**BEAN FEED!**

**Sunday -- February 10th -- 5:00 PM**

UMM will provide Tri-Tip & Chicken grilled and drinks  
All proceeds go to the UMM scholarship and mission funds.  
Bring your favorite Bean recipe or salad  
along with your family and friends!







- 1 Steve Bronzan
- 2 Jan Nixon
- 8 Jeff Schults
- 9 Kevin Gray
- 11 Mary Jean Spediacci
- 13 Blake Kurz
- 14 Hannah Bartlebaugh
- 14 Veronica Hanel
- 16 Mark Azevedo
- 18 Marsha (Sorenson) Carlson
- 19 Nancy Shaffer
- 22 Eugene Davis
- 25 Jerry Walton
- 28 Martin Tucker

### Happy Anniversary

- 11 Lian & Luther Belino
- 14 Marcie & Julius Lukacs
- Melissa & Chris van Ruiten

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday - February 2**  
**8:00-9:00 am**

FIRST SATURDAY of each month -  
All men are invited to  
breakfast and fellowship.  
Please call Dave Funk (925-513-0020)  
with any questions.

## VALENTINE'S DAY

Remember as a kid exchanging  
With friends and schoolmates  
Little Valentine cards and pastel candy hearts?  
What if we could do that with God?  
We might receive from God  
Candy hearts pale blue and pink  
That say "I'm Yours" and "Be Mine."  
We might give God some that said  
"Wow" or "Thanks" or even "Help!"  
From Jesus – little candy hearts – purple  
Yellow – and light green - saying  
"Forgive" – "Peace" – and "Follow Me."  
It seems God is always  
Sending us secret love notes.  
"I love you" hidden  
In beautiful morning sunshine.  
And needed rainfall that says  
"I'm showering you with blessings."  
In difficult times as we pray  
And rest in the Silence  
God whispers to us "I am here"  
"Let me help" and "You're never alone."  
We are so fortunate to have  
At the core of life – of our lives  
A loving God – with plentiful  
Guidance, protection, and love.  
Always saying to us  
"Be Mine" and "I'm Yours."

Happy Valentine's Day!

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## LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR ALL CHURCH OFFICERS

WHEN: 12 pm to 2 pm Sunday February 3, 2019

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHO: All Committee Chairs & Members as listed in "2019 Ministry Teams and Structure"

WHAT: **Potluck** at noon and Programs prepared by Nomination & Leadership Development Committee



### UMW PRISCILLA CIRCLE

At our recent circle meeting at La Panera, we can proudly say we had to squeeze to fit all 13 of us around 3 tables pushed together! Roxanna Simas was appointed a representative to the district. Because our finances are good, we voted to make a donation to our church's Samaritan's Purse fund, increase the UMW Legacy Fund, and increase the budget for the Cantata.

We agreed with Jesse Lee Circle's fundraiser and event dates: March 17 - Potato Bake (benefits HOPE House), May 5 - UMW 105th Birthday Luncheon, Sundae Sunday (for Jacob's Well), and December 8 - Cookie Walk (to benefit the Angel Tree and Teddy Bears for hospitalized children). Saturday, April 27, we will hold our *Trivia, Treats, and Treasures* event, so *mark your calendars* for all these fun events coming up in 2019!

Our circle also distributed our reading program books to read and return or check out new books. All books are from the national UMW book list dealing with social issues, etc. We hope to continue our reading retreat in the fall. Welcome to our newest members: Heidi Stark, Heidi Retzer, and Linda Torrello. See you next month!

### JESSE LEE CIRCLE

Jesse Lee Circle has a new meeting date: First Tuesday of the month.  
Join us on February 5th at 10:00 am in the Quiet Room  
for the best time had on a weekday morning!



by Rebecca Feldermann

FYI – The Youth Committee  
has changed its name to  
Young Christians Ministry Committee

We continue to have consistent attendance for both age groups, with MTJ growing as youth bring their friends.

We recently had our fast food progressive dinner. This year we had enough participants to have 2 separate dinners, 1 with MTJ and 1 with YAHS. Pastor joined MTJ and Michelle Monsef joined both groups.

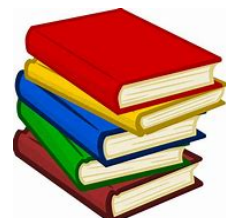
Sunday, January 13th, YAHS served breakfast at Glide (attended by 3, plus 2 chaperones). We also had our cooking competition, Beat Michelle Monsef. That was a lot of fun and was attended by 8 youth. Rick Dunn, Pastor, and I were the judges. The food was delicious! The youth also wanted to meet at the regular times that evening, so we did 😊. I hope you are all following us on Facebook. We try and post pictures or descriptions of our get-togethers.

The youth program is looking forward to some fun events coming up ...hosting the Fat Tuesday pancake feed, another SSP day of service (or weekend, if schedules work out), an escape room, a cell phone scavenger hunt. . . . Can't wait!

For information on the youth program, contact me at [youthdirector@brentwoodumc.org](mailto:youthdirector@brentwoodumc.org) or 925-876-0562

### FAT TUESDAY BOOK SALE FOR YOUTH

The Youth are hosting a book drive to support a book sale at their Fat Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser March 5th. Please deposit any excess books you may have in the Youth Room by Sunday March 3rd, and the Youth will do their magic and turn them in to \$ \$ \$ on Fat Tuesday and a few Sundays following (with a little help, of course). Thanks for your support, as always!



## **TO ALL COMMITTEE/TEAM CHAIRS**

From Pastor Hyesung Lee

Thanks for all your hard work in 2018! As a chairperson, you have several important things to do as you welcome the New Year 2019! Here are some items:

- 1) **Invite new members** to the first meeting in January, 2019 (You may find their names in “2019 Ministry Teams and Structures” which is included in 2019 January D’s and O’s. Their email addresses are in our church directory)
- 2) Give new members **an orientation** to the general work of the team before the first meeting
- 3) Make sure that going off members at the end of 2018 give their **work folder to new members**. If you are a going off chairperson, please give your work folder to the new chairperson as soon as possible with some alerts for critical matters at hand.
- 4) Encourage all members to attend **LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR ALL CHURCH OFFICERS** at *12 pm Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>* which begins with Potluck Lunch
- 5) Review **Church Leadership Covenant** with all members and get their signs at the first meeting (See the approved Leadership Covenant below)

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## **LEADERSHIP COVENANT**

**Brentwood Community United Methodist Church**

Adopted by Administrative Council January 9, 2019

### **United Methodist Covenant in Carrying Out Our Mission in the World**

The United Methodist Book of Discipline (pp 95-96) describes this covenantal relationship this way:

In covenant with God and with each other:

- We affirm our unity in Christ, and take faithful steps to live more fully into what it means to be a worldwide church in mission for the transformation of the world.
- We commit ourselves to crossing boundaries of language, culture, and social or economic status. We commit ourselves to be in ministry with all people, as we, in faithfulness to the gospel, seek to grow in mutual love and trust.
- We participate in God’s mission as partners in ministry, recognizing that our God-given gifts, experiences, and resources are of equal value, whether spiritual, financial, or missional.
- We commit ourselves to full equity and accountability in our relationships, structures, and responsibilities for the denomination.
- We enter afresh into a relationship of mutuality, creating a new sense of community and joyously living out our worldwide connection in mission for the transformation of the world.

### **Brentwood Community United Methodist Leadership Covenant in Carrying Out Our Mission in the World**

**[A Short Version of the Covenant]** As leaders of Brentwood Community United Methodist Church, we covenant to pray, thanking God and seeking his direction; lead others by example through worship, generosity, discernment and support; care for one another while respecting our differences.

## I. Modeling Healthy Christian Life (According to John Wesley's Three Simple Rules)

- a. Do No Harm
  - 1. Avoid self-destructive behavior (addictive behavior, poor self-care)
  - 2. Avoid moral compromise (sexual misconduct, greed, dishonesty)
  - 3. Avoid self-centeredness and prideful behaviors (monopolizing voices, disregarding other perspectives)
  - 4. Avoid malice (harboring resentment, acting in anger, backbiting, gossip)
  - 5. Avoid wasting of resources (the church's and personal resources of time, talent, finance)
- b. Do Good
  - 1. Live a life of love
  - 2. Share our faith inside and outside of our church
  - 3. Care for our families
  - 4. Build others up
  - 5. Be engaged with those in need
- c. Grow through Spiritual Disciplines
- d.
  - 1. Attend worship service
  - 2. Engage in spiritual growth and accountability in a small group
  - 3. Serve God with our time and talents
  - 4. Give in proportion to our income, with the tithe being the goal
  - 5. Spend time in prayer and the personal study of Scripture

## II. The Heart and Attitude of a Leader at BCUMC

- a. The heart and attitude of a BCUMC leader
  - 1. Humble (Servanthood)
  - 2. Positive
  - 3. Creative
  - 4. Committed to Love
  - 5. Supportive of the mission
- b. Attitudes toward one another
  - 1. Demonstrating respect and grace
  - 2. Accepting differences
  - 3. Maintaining appropriate confidentiality
  - 4. Going directly to the individual whenever a problem arises, then go to person in charge (\*Exception is when someone has a concern regarding any of the staff. In that case that person needs to go first to a liaison assigned by Staff Parish Relations Committee)
  - 5. Being helpful by attending meetings, offering hands, and communicating honestly for shortcomings

### Covenant:

I have read the above and aspire to live my life and pursue ministry in a way that is consistent with these expectations, and desire to do so at Brentwood Community United Methodist Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

\*This covenant and form are adapted and modified by the Administrative Council of Brentwood Community United Methodist Church based on documents of the Book of Discipline (2016), Matthews UMC in Matthews, North Carolina, and Sterling UMC in Sterling, VA.



***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

