

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

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*May 2019*



🌸 *Mother's Day Sunday Worship* 🌸 *May 12th* 🌸 *10:30am* 🌸

*Carnations provided and a special song to honor all women in the church!*

## 2019 MAY Worship Schedule: Celebrating 150 Years of United Methodist Women

Date/Time	Content/Sermon	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> May 5	<b>Romans 16:1-2</b> Women in the Bible: Mission-Driven Leaders (Lydia, Phoebe & UMW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upper Room Group at 9:30 am in Quiet Rm</li> <li>Holy Communion</li> <li>New Member Orientation at 12 in Quiet Rm</li> </ul>
<b>6 pm Wed</b> May 8	<b>Taizé Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holy Communion</li> <li><i>Taizé Songs, Meditation, Silent Prayer, Scripture Reading</i></li> </ul>
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> May 12 <b><u>MOTHER'S DAY</u></b>	<b>Guest Preacher: Cathy Love</b> (Candidate for Ordained Ministry, First UMC in Sacramento)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upper Room Group at 9:30 am in Quiet Rm</li> <li>Guest Preacher: Cathy Love</li> <li>Carnations for all women in the church</li> <li>Special Song for Women of Faith</li> </ul>
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> May 19 <b><u>YOUTH SUNDAY</u></b>	<b>Preacher: Becca Feldermann</b> (Youth Director)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upper Room Group at 9:30 am in Quiet Rm</li> <li>Preacher: Becca Feldermann</li> <li>Worship Ministers &amp; Songs: Youth members</li> <li>Parent Orientation for Confirmation Journey</li> </ul>
<b>6 pm Wed</b> May 22	<b>Taizé Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holy Communion</li> <li><i>Taizé Songs, Meditation, Silent Prayer, Scripture Reading</i></li> </ul>
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> May 26	<b>Romans 16:1-2</b> Women in the Bible: Teachers of Word (Deborah, Priscilla & UMW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upper Room Small Group at 9:30 am in Quiet Room</li> <li>Memorial Sunday</li> </ul>



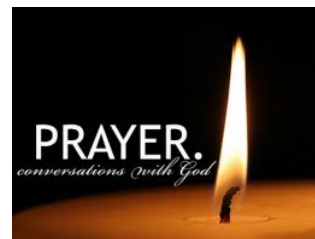
**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

May 8 & 22

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Sanctuary of Brentwood Community UMC



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays are for Taize Service)

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!

***MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday May 4th 8:00 am*** - BCUMC Fellowship Hall

All men are invited to breakfast the first Saturday of every month.

Come and Join in a great breakfast and fellowship.

Heart-healthy food to be included. Call Dave Funk at 925-997-5018 with questions.

## † Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

I have been a member of United Methodist Women (UMW) since 1987. I was a beneficiary of UMW mission through Ewah Women's University in Seoul in 1980 – 1984. I am so proud to be a part of this huge power house of God's mission. So I'd like to focus the whole month of May on their 150 years legacy as they celebrate it globally this year. I will preach on Women in the Bible on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. For Mother's Day Sunday on May 12<sup>th</sup>, I invited a woman preacher from First UMC in Sacramento who is a certified candidate for ordained ministry in our Conference. And I will begin a Bible Study on 12 Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today in June 6<sup>th</sup>: 3 pm – 4:30 pm Six Thursdays Beginning from June 6<sup>th</sup>. I am so excited to celebrate work of God done by women disciples throughout history. A little bit of introduction of UMW legacy is here:

**1869:** 8 women - - - - **Today:** 800,000 members!!!

In 1869, women and children were legally classified as “chattel, legally dead, non-persons” (<https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/about/history>). Eight women in Boston gathered together and formed the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (WFMS) in March, 1869 (see the photo below). Mrs. Butler



told about the desperate spiritual and physical needs of women in India. A male doctor could not treat women at the time. Schooling for girls was almost non-existent. Single, trained and dedicated women were needed for medical and educational work. By November 1869, the newly formed organization raised funds and sent Isabella Thoburn, an educator, and Dr. Clara Swain, a doctor, to India.

UMW has become the largest denominational faith organization for women with approximately 800,000 members. Members raise up to \$20 million each year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

United Methodist Women and The United Methodist Church's principles and values include:

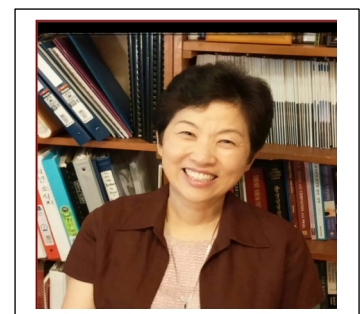
- Promoting the empowerment of women, children and youth.
- Promoting anti-racism and multiculturalism.
- Promoting inclusion and equity.
- Promoting fair labor practices.
- Promoting economic and environmental stewardship and sustainability.

“United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose *purpose* is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”

On behalf of BCUMC, I'd like to thank all members of UMW in our church for all their loving service for missions and ministries near and far. We love and respect you for all you are and all you do! May God continue to bless our UMW 150 years more and forever!

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!

(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)

Shirley Gray, Bev Hendrix, Diana Easley, Gordon Fong,  
Debra Urzua, Gabriel Charpentier, Arlene Bowie,  
Cliff Fortner, Diane and Carey Hutchison, Jo Merritt,  
Beverly Johnson, Galen Tidrick, June Lee, Dylan Lee,  
Murphy Slay (in Afghanistan) and the United Methodist  
Church Reconciling Ministry Post-General Conference



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

### MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Sunday May 12

- ◆ Carnations and a special song for all women in the church
- ◆ A guest preacher: Ms. Cathy Love (a Certified Candidate for Ordained Ministry in California-Nevada Annual Conference, UMC). Below is her brief bio:

Cathy Love is a seminary student at Claremont School of Theology and is completing her first year of the Master of Divinity program this May. She has been a classroom teacher for 22 years, mostly in the Elk Grove School District, and currently teaches fifth grade in South Sacramento. A member of First United Methodist Church Sacramento, she works with the kitchen crew in their twice-monthly Community Breakfast program and is on the leadership team for Staging A Miracle (SAM), a mostly-summer visual and performing arts program for children and families. She holds a brown belt in Shorin-Ryu karate, and she is a poet, a whitewater kayaker, and a gardener. She loves listening to live music and dabbles in guitar and ukulele. Occasionally, she sleeps. While writing and public speaking have been part of her life for decades, moving into the sacred world of preaching is a relatively new avenue for her. She has expressed gratitude for the opportunity to share and grow with the Brentwood community this month.



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## PARENT ORIENTATION FOR CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

12 pm Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> in Fireside Room

Parents of Children 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to come  
for sharing the plans of 2019-20 Confirmation Journey!

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or Becca Feldermann [rfeldermann@yahoo.com](mailto:rfeldermann@yahoo.com)





1 Michael Ann Honea  
1 Brenda Coatsworth  
2 Marie Weekes  
5 Elijah Van Ruiten  
11 Carey Hutchison  
12 Jacki Hughes  
16 Julius Lukacs  
16 Graham Stirling  
17 Jackie Azevedo  
18 Judy Bieger  
19 David Funk  
19 Margaret Cruz  
20 Robert Easley  
23 Adam Simas  
24 Dennis Buckley  
27 Annie Azevedo  
28 Brian Gray

*Happy Anniversary*

22 Jackie & Dan Hanel  
31 JoAnn & David Funk

## *Blessing Our Mothers*

Dear God, we're thankful for our mothers  
Who have known us from the first  
Introduced us to the joys of life  
Through the miracle of birth.  
Dear God, your love flows freely  
In mothers near and far  
They light our way and keep us safe  
They're like a guiding star.  
If there were wounding hurts and times  
That put us to the test  
We now embrace forgiving ways  
And know they did their best.  
Dear God, your love runs so deep  
Connecting mother and her child  
So many memories that we'll keep  
Of mothers strong and mild.  
Dear God, we're thankful for our mothers  
Who held us from the start  
We always love and remember them  
And hold them in our hearts.

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## Custodian News

Members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Board of Trustees interviewed candidates for the custodian position. After discussion, we offered the position to Keith Hicks. His hours are Monday and Thursday from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. If you cross paths with him, be sure to give him a big BCUMC welcome!

We would like to extend our thanks to the volunteers who spent endless hours making sure our church was clean and presentable. I hesitate to name names for fear that there were helpers I don't know about, but..... The helpers I know about were Adella Logan, Alivia Logan, Roxanna Simas, Alvin Simas and Barbara Pinkston. They worked so hard that most people did not realize that we did not have a custodian for several months! Roxanna herself spent countless hours on this important task so that our church family and facility users would still be able to come worship and enjoy fellowship in a sparkling clean environment.

Speaking of volunteers, we need to thank Jim Roberts for cleaning and painting the six exterior doors to the Sunday School. The fresh coat of paint will make it easier to clean off finger prints later.

Thanks to everyone for showing pride in our 130-year-old building!"



*Staff Parish Relations Committee*



## LENT BIBLE BLAST WINNER!!

We did it! The whole congregation completed reading of the Bible cover to cover during 2019 Lent by taking different chapters individually!

The person who read the most was

**Diana Easley!!!**

(See complete list on page 8.)

## **“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**

**(All Are Welcome!)**

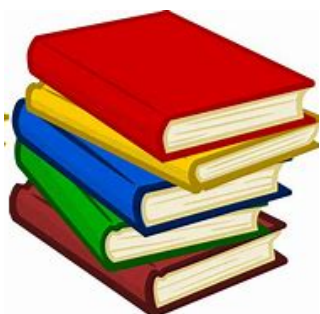
Training Opportunities from 12:30 to 4:30 pm  
(Pick one!)

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



## **HONORING THE BIRTH OF A NEW BABY A new tradition!**

Polly Gallagher put a rose on the altar  
in honor of her new grandchild,  
Isla Evangeline Gallagher,  
born April 2nd to  
Devin and Marcie Gallagher



## **SUMMERTIME BOOK SALE MAY 19TH! FUNDRAISER FOR THE YOUTH**

BCUMC youth will be hosting a Summertime Book Sale fundraiser on Sunday, May 19th in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Congregants are invited to drop off used-book donations in the youth room prior to the book sale.

Please contact Scott Baxter at [scottmbaxter@aim.com](mailto:scottmbaxter@aim.com) if you have any questions. Thanks for your support, as always!

*Young Christians Ministry Committee*

## WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

The Reconciling Committee has searched far and wide for examples of exterior signage that communicates a message of inclusivity and welcome. Here are a few of the examples. Please take a look at all of them, either in Fellowship or in the BCUMC Facebook group, and tell us

*1) What do you like? and 2) What is missing?*

We will be collecting feedback for the next month. We will then take all your ideas and come up with a few options for a congregational vote.





Sunday School continues to be fun and well attended, with some good lessons, We finished our series on Easter—the characters involved and the Good News surrounding this holy day. These are always wonderful lessons and we really hope the children enjoyed them! Some upcoming lessons include the Armor of God, Solomon the Wise King, and special Mother themes.



Coming soon will be another Downtown Date at the Delta, Sunday, May 26th, where we will see Aladdin. This is open to all families, so please join us. Please look to our giving tree throughout the year for anything our Sunday School classes might need. Right now, snack items and little waters would be greatly appreciated!

### **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

- Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Youth-led Sunday Service
- Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Sherlock Holmes Escape Room, Livermore

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### **LENTEN BIBLE BLAST WINNERS!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lenten Bible Blast this year. What a fun event to get everyone in the church involved. Our winners this year are:

Easter Baskets: Leila Rivera, Eileen Newell, Linda Torrello

Starbucks gift cards: Jerry Walton, Katie Moore, Heidi Stark, JoAnn Funk, Rick Dunn, Audrey Dunn, Kayla Gallagher

Picking a Hymn for a future Sunday service: Barb Pinkston, Esther Graham

Meal w/Pastor: Polly Gallagher, Ramona Baxter

Bible: Zeke Canonica

And our overall winner for most squares read, for the second year in a row, is

Diana Easley!!!

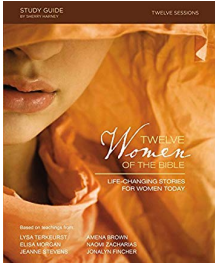
She wins a special prize of having the String Band perform at her home!



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#### **HELP WANTED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER**

There is a great opportunity to work with children from kindergarten to second grade. Lesson plans will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Scott Baxter, chair of Young Christians Minisstry Committee, at [scottmbaxter @aim.com](mailto:scottmbaxter@aim.com)



## ***Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today***

When: 3 pm – 4:30 pm Six Thursdays Beginning from **June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
For Whom: anyone who is interested in this small group experience  
Facilitator: Pastor Hyesung Lee

Even though the book includes 12 women (Rebekah, Abigail, Hannah, Gomer, Leah, Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany, Martha, The Woman at the Well, Mary the mother of Jesus, and The Syrophoenecian Woman), we will study only the following six at this time:

1. Rebekah: Breaking Free of Feminine Stereotypes
2. Leah: Overcoming Rejection and Insecurity
3. Abigail: Dealing with Confrontation in Relationships
4. Mary, Mother of Jesus: Moving from Comfort to Courage
5. Mary Magdalene: Transforming from Outcast to Follower
6. The Woman at the Well: Turning Our Messes into Messages (Lysa TerKuerst)

You will learn about the triumphs and failures of these women, studying their lives and learning how to:

- Apply biblical lessons to their own modern-day struggles
- Live through their failures as well as successes
- Draw near to God in a world filled with trials
- Find lasting contentment
- Overcome rejection and insecurity and much more

You will discover lessons from each of these women that will help you persevere through the circumstances you are facing today.

The DVD features 10-15 minute teaching sessions from Lysa TerKuerst, Jeanne Stevens, Naomi Zacharias, and many others (A participant doesn't need to buy DVD). It is designed for use with the *Twelve Women of the Bible* Participant Guide which features discussion questions, background information on each character, space to write down thoughts, a helpful Leader's Guide, and much more (155 pages, You may purchase it at Amazon, prices between \$5 and \$12 for used ones).



*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

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

