

Deeds and Opportunities

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JANUARY 2020



NEW LIFE

New starts - new beginnings

New ideas - new thoughts

New pathways to explore

God access to new wisdom

New believings - new forgivings

New ways of understanding

New life coming forth

New energy bubbling up

New strength - new movement

New songs - new improvements

Little steps - one at a time

New ways to grow - and climb

New hope - new directions

More peace - new reflections



Life in God - always plenty

Lots of love - in 2020.

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2020 JANUARY Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Content/Sermon	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020	Isaiah 60:1-6 <i>Guest Preacher:</i> <i>Rev. Pam Abbey</i> "Glowing with God"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Guest Preacher, Rev. Pam Abbey – retired and former pastor at Concord UMC • <u>Taking Down of the Greens</u>: All are invited to help with taking down of Christmas decorations right after Service
6 pm Wednesday January 8, 2020	Taizé Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • String Band • Holy Communion
Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2020 <i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:13-17 "Life of the Baptized"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • CONFIRMATION 8: "Holy Spirit and Prayer" led by Julius Lukacs • Nomination Committee: 12 pm in Quiet Room
Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 19, 2020	Isaiah 49:1-7 John 1:29-42 "Come and See"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • NEW MEMBES ORIENTATION ①: 12-1pm in Quiet Room
6 pm Wednesday January 22, 2020	Taizé Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • String Band • Holy Communion
Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 26, 2020	Isaiah 9:1-4 Matthew 4:12-23 "Kingdom of God in Jesus' Way"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship • CONFIRMATION 8: "Quadrilateral" Wesleyan Ways to Find Truth led by Jen Dunn • ALL COMMITTEE TRAINING DAY: 12 – 2pm in Fellowship. All committee chairs and members are invited.

JANUARY WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
1/5	Emma Smith	Christian Belino
1/12	Jenny Green	Rachael Green
1/19	Audrey Dunn	Alex Dunn
1/26	Madeline Charpentier	Zeke Canonica

20 MIN SING ALONG EVERY SUNDAY



You are welcome to join in 20 minutes of singing favorite hymns before Sunday Worship!

*The first two Sundays in July, there will be no Sing Along due to pastor's vacation.

Tell the pastor what your favorite hymns are!

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

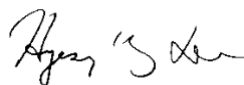
Mystery is always fascinating to human mind. It is a mystery how the Magi found the one particular star in the sky and began their journey to find and worship their true King. It is a mystery how on that one particular night many shepherds heard the singing and the message of the angels and went to see Jesus and knew that the Savior was born. It is a mystery how a young woman got pregnant by the Holy Spirit and a man accepted her as his wife obeying the message of the angel. It is a mystery how they were all connected just because of the baby Jesus. It is still a great mystery how we too are connected with them because of the baby Jesus across over 2000 years. It is a wonderful mystery that we the hearer of this story still get inspired and changed because of God who was revealed to us on that night, the God who first came down to us to abide in/among us, the God who invites, welcomes and accepts "all people" (Luke 2:10; Galatians 3:28) into His communion. It is the greatest mystery that the Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth, knows "me" a very small being so deeply and makes a significant connection with "me" in such mysterious ways. I feel so small but at the same time feel so connected with everyone/everything in the universe.

Friends, we are small but connected with all things in the universe. Let's not forget that WE MATTER TO GOD no matter how small we can do for Him! Let's not forget that WE MATTER TO ONE ANOTHER no matter how small we can do for others, the homeless, the poor, the prisoner, the lonely... We cannot fix many problems in the world. But we can be used by God and be a part of His great plan to save the world just like the shepherds and the Magi, Mary and Joseph, a long time ago.

So let us be who we are honestly and do what we can do in the New Year 2020! God's mystery will continue to be revealed and save the lost, uplift the downtrodden, support the poor, inspire the young/the old, and change the story of the universe...through our very small deeds and faith!

Happy New Year!

Let us rejoice in all circumstances, pray without ceasing, and give thanks always!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Individual Prayer with quiet music on 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Wednesdays

Taizé Service on 2nd & 4th Wednesday

Wednesday Night Prayer continues to open

and 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!



WINTER NIGHTS

(INTERFAITH HOMELESS MINISTRY)

SATURDAY JANUARY 11TH, 2020

Brentwood Community U.M.C. will serve 35 – 40 people with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner as well as snacks and games for children between the meals!

Interfaith East Contra Costa County Shared Ministry

(at Stoneman Chapel-Presbyterian and UCC congregations)

is helping homeless families for 8 weeks in January and February with cooperation with many churches.

We BCUMC will serve only one day out of 56 days. Your helping hands will be greatly appreciated!

Please sign up for each work assignment!

Coordinator: Polly Gallagher (vingal@pacbell.net; 925-634-8773)

2019- 2020 Confirmation News

Sept 2019 through May 2020

for kids 7th and up



- ❑ **Confirmation Class 8: Sunday January 12th at noon in Sunday School Room**
"The Holy Spirit and Prayer" (Teacher: Julius Lukacs)
- ❑ **Confirmation Class 9: Sunday 29 January 26th at noon in Sunday School Room**
"The Quadrilateral" Wesleyan Ways to Find Truth (Teacher: Jen Dunn)



WITNESS OUR
WELCOME

WOW!

17TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH WORSHIP
CELEBRATION

Come Celebrate God's Inclusive Love Welcoming All of God's Children;
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Gender Expansive + and Straight
Allies

Sunday, January 12th, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church
55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek, CA

“Just How Welcome?”
by Mr. Barb Greve

Co-Moderator of the national Unitarian Universalist Association

- *Parents of gender expansive children and teens will be receiving the Spirit Award this year. We will also honor the gender expansive youth and children in attendance.*
- *A blessing will be given to Trans immigrants in attendance.*
- *Special Music provided by the Musicians of MDUUC*

The WOW celebration is sponsored by more than 30 congregations and organizations, including PFLAG & the Pacific Center & the Rainbow Community Center. Offering will benefit the local agencies serving families with members who are gender expansive. Bring snacks and desserts to share after the service!

Reception to follow hosted by MDUUC & PFLAG.

Questions: Rev. Leslie Takahashi at 925.914.7373 or Rev. Will McGarvey at 925.597.9797.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

January 19th and February 2nd 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.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for GALEN TIDRICK

Saturday, January 18th at 2 pm

at Brentwood Community UMC

**Brentwood Community United Methodist Church
2020 MINISTRY TEAMS AND STRUCTURE**

The Lay Leadership Structure of Brentwood Community UMC is made for Disciple-Making Journey which is based upon Jesus' ministry. His ministry of God's Kingdom includes the Connecting Ministry (Connecting with God through the Word and Worship), the Growing Ministry (through Teaching and Nurturing) and the Serving Ministry (through Healing and Supporting).

* indicates those who serving for the first time in 2020 in that capacity

CONNECTING MINISTRY: WORSHIP SUPPORT

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Chair: Edie Tidrick

Members: Dave Funk, Michael Ann Honea, Cheryl Breitenbucher

WORSHIP STEWARDS

Ushers: Martin Tucker, Joyce Sorenson, Bob Clarke, Luther Belino, Don Barnhill, Den Bowman*

Greeter: Linda Walton (coordinator), Eileen Newill, Michael Ann Honea, Don Barnhill, Joyce Sorenson, Linda Torrello, Bob Clarke, Margo Wentz, Dolores Huan

Acolyte/Crucifer Coordinators: Ginny Driscoll

Altar Guild: Barbara Pinkston

Communion Stewards: Donna Baker, Hisako Suzuki*

Social Hour and Flower Coordinator: Joyce Sorenson*

Video/Audio: Dennis Buckley, Mike Johnson, David Funk

CREATIVE WORSHIP TEAM

Leader: Barbara Pinkston

Pastor: Hyesung Lee

2020 Linda Barnhill, Ginny Driscoll, Vickey Barriner, Barbara Pinkston

2021 Rene McCarter, Eileen Newill

2022 Diane Lee*, Hisako Suzuki*

GROWING MINISTRY: INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION SUPPORT

YOUNG CHRISTIANS MINISTRY COMMITTEE: Chair: Chris van Ruiten

2020 Chris van Ruiten, Bob Clarke, Heidi Retzer, Scott Baxter

2021 John Moore

2022 Carol Green* Jennifer Charpentier*

BIBLE/BOOK STUDY GROUP: Mel Strong, Jerry Walton, Hyesung Lee

VOYAGERS (60+): Beverly Tucker, Katie Moore, Eileen Newill

MIDTOWN FAITH (20-59): Becca Feldermann, Vanessa Thomson

CREATIVE INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

David Funk (Leader), Julius Lukacs, Charlene Dobson, Hyesung Lee

SERVING MINISTRY: MINISTRY AND MISSION SUPPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chair: Julius Lukacs

Secretary: Michael Ann Honea Pastor: Hyesung Lee

Lay Leaders: Julius Lukacs & David Funk*

Lay Members to Annual Conference: JoAnn & David Funk

Membership Secretary: JoAnn Funk

Finance/Stewardship: Jere Retzer, Tom Miller

Trustees: Kevin Gray*, Jeff Schults*

Staff-Parish Relations: Polly Gallagher

Congregational Care Network: Michael Ann Honea*

HOPE HOUSE Committee: Jerry Walton

United Methodist Women: Jan Schults*

United Methodist Men: Rick Dunn*

Reconciling Ministry: Jen Dunn

Creative Worship Team: Barbara Pinkston

Young Christians Ministry: Chris van Ruiten*

Youth Director: Becca Feldermann

Music Committee: Edie Tidrick

Treasurer/Communication Coordinator: Betty Gaughan

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Co-Chair: Kevin Gray* & Jeff Schults* Lay Leader: David Funk
2020 Kevin Gray Betty Gaughan Don Barnhill
2021 Jim Roberts Den Bowman** Eugene Davis**
2022 Larry Schaffer* Jeff Schults* Ed Johnson**

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS Chair: Polly Gallagher Lay Leader: David Funk
2020 Polly Gallagher Rosemary Wood Shirley Gray, Linda Walton
2021 Heidi Stark Katie Moore
2022 Dennis Buckley* Miranda Smith*

FINANCE-STEWARDSHIP Chair: Tom Miller & Jere Retzer Treasurer: Betty Gaughan
Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs Financial Secretary: Michelle Carrillo
2020 John Moore Tom Miller
2021 Larry Schaffer Joy Kick Jere Retzer
2022 Joyce Sorenson* Ashley Porter* Andre Smith*

NOMINATIONS & LAY DEVELOPMENT Chair: Hyesung Lee Lay Leaders: Julius Lukacs & David Funk
2020 Beverly Tucker Diane Lee Michael Ann Honea
2021 Jerry Walton Rick Dunn
2022 Don Barnhill*

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Membership Secretary: JoAnn Funk
Friends in Faith Ministry: Linda Walton, Eileen Newill,

CCN (Congregational Care Network) Chair: Michael Ann Honea
Barbara Pinkston Michael Ann Honea Eileen Newill Beverly Tucker
Linda Barnhill Margo Wenz

HOPE HOUSE COMMITTEE Director: Jerry Walton
Co-Directors: Katie Moore (Mon), Kathie Gulizia (Wed)
Members: David Funk, Jacki Hughes, Bob Clarke

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN President: Jan Schults*
UNITED METHODIST MEN President: Rick Dunn*
ENDOWMENT & MEMORIALS Chair: Dennis Buckley
Martin Tucker, Linda Barnhill, Joyce Sorenson,
Memorial Card: Cheryl Breitenbucher
Memorial Dinners: Dolores Hauan, Michael Ann Honea, Rosemary Wood*
Historians: Polly Gallagher, Dennis Buckley

RECONCILING MINISTRY COMMITTEE: Chair: Jen Dunn
2020 Martin Tucker Dennis Buckley Jen Dunn
2021 David Funk Zeke Canonica Koo Kim
2022 Vanessa Thomson*

Safe Space Committee: David Funk (chair), Jeanette Ruddick, Koo Kim

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.

Linda Walton, Jack Gaughan, Jamie Feldermann, Beverly Tucker, Susan Kent,
Jerry & Rosalynn Bize, Diana Easley, Gordon Fong, Dylan Lee, Cliff Fortner,
Judy Bieger, Esther Graham, Rene Miller, Jessica Davis, Esther Riney,
Rick Graham, Jo Merritt, Murphy Slay (in Afghanistan) and
The United Methodist Church Reconciling Ministry Post-General Conference.



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



5 Craig Bronzan
5 Zachary Diksa
12 Vickey Barriner
15 Margo Wentz
16 Pete Cruz
18 Heidi Stark
19 Frank Lundrigan
21 Jackie Hanel
23 Jacob Lukacs
24 Wyatt van Ruiten
25 Horace Gipson
27 Audrey Dunn
28 Rachel Simas

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00 AM

BCUMC Fellowship Hall

All men are invited to breakfast.

Come and Join in a great breakfast and fellowship.

Heart-healthy food to be included.

We will meet **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th**

Bring a friend. . . His breakfast is free!

Call Dave Funk, 925-997-5018

with any questions

A Very Special Thank-You

. . . . to everyone who supported our ministry at Hope House this year! Your donations of food, clothing and resources have made such a wonderful difference in the lives of our Hope House clients and community. For the holidays we were able to put together 80 Thanksgiving bags and 95 Christmas bags that helped many of our clients have the extra food for more joyous holiday meals. Many of you donated warm coats and sweaters that are sorely needed by many of our HH clients.

We are blessed with many volunteers who are committed, hard-working, and dependable to this ministry of our church to the needy in the Brentwood community! Thank you, Brentwood Community United Methodist Church for caring for those and making a difference!

For the month of January we still need coats, sweaters and boxes of cereal.

Jerry Walton





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

Administrative Assistant: Michele Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

