

Deeds and Opportunities

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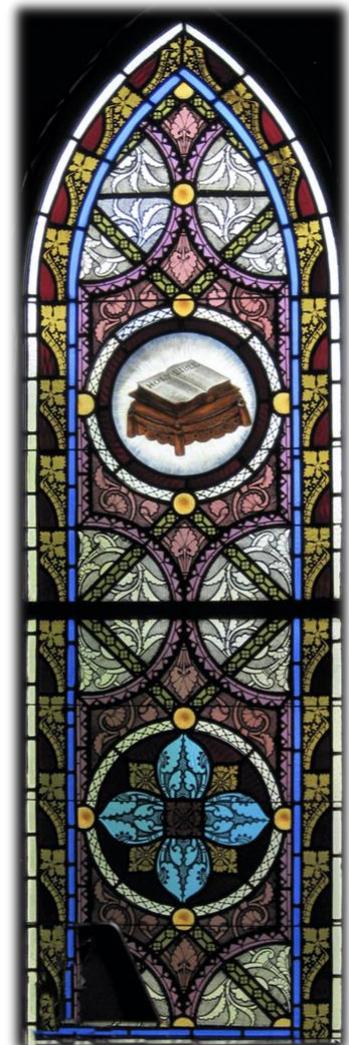
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COLOR THE EASTER EGG!



2020 APRIL Worship Schedule

*** **All Worship Services are Online!**

Come Join Us in Various Worship Services on Church Website:

<https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/home>

All Worship Services will be pre-recorded and shown on the dates announced below!

WORSHIP Online	Content/Sermon	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
Palm Sunday Passion Sunday <u>Online</u> April 5, 2020	"A Dramatic Reading Of The Holy Week"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stories of Six people will be presented with Scripture readings, their thoughts and acts and invitation to reflect upon our lives as we follow Jesus Christ: (1) Pilate; (2) Simon of Cyrene; (3) The Soldier; (4) The Chief Priest; (5) The Centurion; and (6) Mary the Mother of Jesus • Online Small Group "<i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>" at 9 am (Please let the pastor know if you want to participate!)
Maundy Thursday Evening Service <u>Online</u> April 9, 2020	"Foot Washing and the Last Meal"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stories of Foot Washing and the Last Meal around John 13 will be told with prayers and invitation to reflect upon our faith journey • Holy Communion
Good Friday Service <u>Online</u> April 10, 2020	Tenebrae Service with 12 Stations of the Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenebrae means shadows. As we go through 12 Stations of the Cross of our Lord, we will experience the growing shadows of sin and this world's darkness gathering around the cross. At the end of the service, there is no benediction at the end of Good Friday since the services commemorating the cross do not end until Easter's proclamation of our Lord's Resurrection.
Easter Sunrise Service Joint Online with Concord UMC April 12, 2020	<u>Matthew 28:1-11</u> "The Walk with the Risen Lord" Preacher: Rev. Sungho Lee (Concord UMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Joint Service of Concord and Brentwood Community United Methodist Churches • Two pastors, Revs. Sungho & Hyesung Lee will record this Easter Sunrise Service at Discovery Bay Boardwalk at the time of sunrise on days earlier. • Holy Communion
EASTER Morning Service <u>Online</u> Sunday April 12	<u>John 20:1-18</u> "Jesus Christ is Risen Indeed"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Special Easter Music by Joe Kick and more • No Online Class on <i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>
Second Sunday in EASTER April 19, 2020	<u>John 20:19-31</u> "Jesus Will Not Be Stopped"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Small Group "<i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>" at 9 am (Please let the pastor know if you want to participate!) • Special Music by Joe Kick
Third Sunday in EASTER April 26, 2020	<u>Luke 24:13-35</u> "Walk to Emmaus"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online Small Group "<i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>" at 9 am (Please let the pastor know if you want to participate!) • Special Music by Joe Kick

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

We are having a very challenging life journey this year because of COVID-19. The whole thing is still an unbelievable thing for me to swallow as a reality. We cannot go places we used to, cannot hug our friends and neighbors, or cannot gather together at the church to worship God. In so many ways, we are having a nightmare all together. But it is a reality that attacks us with sickness and death. In this kind of trial time, we know what to do. What we can do is to **be the PEOPLE of FAITH**. We cannot give in hopelessness or despair. We cannot afford being cynical or sarcastic or even distracting. It's time to be a part of solution and a vehicle of hope for all our communities.

More than anything, we cannot stop being a church by not worshipping together. We need to continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ even more than before so that more people may hear that they are deeply, genuinely and eternally loved by God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. So we have started **broadcasting Sunday Worship Services on line on our website** (<https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/home>) from March 22. For the last 5 days, a total of 81 people have watched our Sunday Worship online. I am so thankful for this opportunity.

Even in the midst of government's order to Shelter in Place, the ministry of worship leaders has been considered as "essential work" that can be allowed within full precautionary boundaries. Our Bishop sent a letter (March 21) in which it is stated:

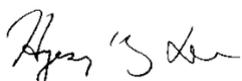
Indeed, "faith based services that are provided through streaming or other technology has now been listed among the "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers" in the document distributed by the administration of California Governor Gavin Newsom yesterday, Friday March 20.

I didn't realize how much we, Brentwood Community United Church, have been prepared for such a time as this. We've had an **audio/video committee** more than six years (Dennis Buckley, Dave Funk, Julius Lukacs and Paul Slay). They have saved the funds and purchased necessary equipment for better audio/video systems in the sanctuary as well as in the fellowship hall. A great thanks to all those generous donors over the years. Now we have a quality camera set up on the back of the sanctuary. So, we have been able to record Worship Services and share them online in such a high quality and a fancy way. I am bragging about this because I see so many pastors who are struggling to do this by themselves without much advanced equipment. May God help us all!

Since the government order to Shelter in Place from March 17, we have been **pre-recording Sunday Worship Service** on Saturday. Only 5 people at once can come together for this work. So I've been working with two lay leaders, Julius Lukacs and David Funk, a musician, Joe Kick, and a technician, Dennis Buckley every Saturday afternoon. I am so grateful for their dedication and excellent leadership at the time of crisis like this.

Please join us in various worship services as we approach to the Holy Week! The full schedule of our worship services (ONLINE) are announced in this D's and O's. Let us keep worshipping our God who created the beautiful world out of chaos and darkness (Genesis 1:2). It's our turn to join in God's creative work in the chaotic and dark time as ours today!

Let us rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you! (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



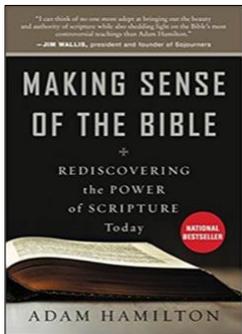
Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee

2019- 2020 Confirmation News

Sept 2019 through May 2020
for kids 7th Grade and Up



- ❑ **Confirmation WebEx Session on Pandemic Crisis and the Bible:** Sunday March 29 at noon in Sunday School Room (Teacher: Pastor Hyesung Lee)
- ❑ **Mentoring Session is encouraged to continue between Mentors and Confirmands through virtual conversation either through WebEx, FaceTime, Google Hangout, etc.**
- ❑ We are hoping and praying that we may be able to have **Confirmation Sunday on May 17** Sunday as we planned. Let's keep praying for safety of the world!



ONLINE SMALL GROUP MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

(By Rev. Adam Hamilton)

Online Session between March 22 and April 26 (except Easter Sunday on April 12)
You can join us for any session you would like to.

If you are interested, please notify pastor Lee or Julius Lukacs to be invited to WebEx Meeting!

Session	Date	Session Title	BOOK Chapters
#5 Online	Mar 29	Questions about the Nature of Scripture	Book Chapters 14-18
#6 Online	Apr 5 <i>*No Session on Easter (4/12)</i>	The Bible and Science	Book Chapters 19-21
#7 Online	Apr 19	Violence, Suffering and Other Troubling Issues	Book Chapters 22-26
#8 Online	Apr 26	Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships	Book Chapters 27-32



YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH!

Even though we do not meet in person every Sunday as we used to, the church is still working to be the church for all the people in the world. Ministries, done by clergy, staff and lay leaders, continue to serve God and His children in the following areas:

WORSHIP, PRAYER, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, CARING MINISTRY,
CONNECTING MINISTRY, OUTREACHING MINISTRY, etc.

Please send your donations to the church

- (1) by check (to 809 Second Street, Brentwood, CA 94513) or
- (2) by using Paypal or Credit Card online (<https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/make-donation>)

YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

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 Michael Ann Honea at 925.872.9043.

Linda Walton, Jerry & Rosalynn Bize, Diana Easley, Gordon Fong, Curt Patten,
Judy Bieger, Esther Graham, Rene Miller, Esther Riney, Jo Merritt,
Murphy Slay, Curt Patten, Beverly Tucker, Rebecca Feldermann's Mom,
Bob Briggs, Joyce Sorensen's friend Cathy, Joyce Heflin,
Carla Oberholtzer, Barbara Bonnicksen, Joan Gaughan, Ethel Badham,
Kittie Piotrowski, John Thomson (JoAnn Funk's brother),
Joan Wood (Rosemary's Mom), John Logan Gonzalez (Adella's son),
BCUMC church denominational issues, and



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



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

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Happy Anniversary

27. Nicole & Adam Simas

GOD IS HERE

The fog of uncertainty
Is all around
Some trees of hope
Have fallen down
The winds of anxiety
Abound
Yet God is here.

There's lots going on
Far and near
And not knowing
Arouses fear
Still we have this day
A day to live
And God is here.

There is a Presence
Bigger than
There is a Wisdom
Deeper than
There is a Peace
And a way we can
For God is here.

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AV VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!

Were you ever in the AV Club in school?

Would you like to be in the AV Club at church?

We are looking for volunteers!! Some of the tasks could include:

- Running the PowerPoint slides during the service
- Carrying microphones around the Sanctuary during announcements and Joys and Concerns
- Turning on the AV equipment and loading the PowerPoint files
- Recording the service
- Editing the recording and uploading it to YouTube, our church website and Facebook page
- Shutting down the AV equipment after the service

Please contact Dave Funk at drfunk519@gmail.com or Dennis Buckley at buckleydennis@hotmail.com after the shelter-in-place order has been lifted if you are interested in any (or all!) of these tasks.



ARE YOU HOMESICK FOR YOUR CHURCH HOME?

Would you like time for quiet prayer
and meditation?

Take a look at an eight-minute video featuring
both of the Pastor Lees,
Greg Pacquer,
a reassuring responsive reading
and photos of our church.
You can find the video on the church website
at www.brentwoodumc.org
or the church's Facebook page.



By Heidi Stark

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

On Sunday, March 1 all women of the Church were invited to join in the UMW Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program and luncheon. This is an annual observance that focuses on a theme for the year and collects funds to support UMW ministries worldwide. The mission focus for 2020 is *We Rise: Meeting God's Call to Transform Communities*. 15 women joined in an informative and inspiring program led by Donna Baker and the Jesse Lee Circle with Pastor Hyesung providing piano music. \$240 was collected and sent to the conference to support women, children and youth in your community and around the world. Following the program, a soup and salad luncheon provided by Priscilla Circle was enjoyed. Thanks to all who attended and supported this event.

UMW Upcoming Meetings & Events

Following the direction of Contra Costa County, UMW is suspending in person gatherings until the order to shelter in place is lifted (tentative date is April 7). **The Trivia, Treats & Treasures Fundraiser hosted by Priscilla Circle and scheduled for April 18 has been cancelled.** We hope to reschedule later in the year. The following UMW dates are tentative based on shelter in place directives:

- April 14 – 10am Jesse Lee Circle – Church Quiet Room
- April 20 – 6:30pm Priscilla Circle – Jan Schults' Home, 1595 Dawn View Drive, Brentwood
- May 12 – 10am Jesse Lee Circle – Church Quiet Room
- May 18 – 6:30pm Priscilla Circle – Location TBD



By Rebecca Feldermann

The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, and the young adult/high school group, also known as YAHS, got together twice in the month of March—for our regular meeting and to see the new Pixar movie “Onward” and play some board games. The regular meetings brought about good discussion and fantastic food (we had a pancake dinner with all the fixings—blueberries, chocolate chips, & whipped cream!). We took off the middle of March for the two-week spring and were to meet again starting on March 29th with a Delta date and a regular meeting.

However, due to the quick and rapid progression of events/closures/shelter-in-place caused by COVID-19, we will be unable to meet face-to-face for the foreseeable future. During this shelter-in-place, I have, and will continue to, reach out to the youth and check in with them. Coming up, I plan on having a watch party via social media, and possibly a game or two as well.

I'd like to extend a personal thank you to the congregation for the continued support for our youth. Please keep them all in your prayers as they face these difficult times and extended time away from school and friends.



**ARE YOU IN NEED OF ANYTHING DURING THIS
SHELTER-IN-PLACE?**

Groceries? Toiletries? Medicine?

Rebecca and Jamie Feldermann are available
to make runs to the store

for those church members unable to go out.

We'll drop off items on your porch or driveway!

Please don't hesitate to call or text.

Rebecca: 925.876.0562

Jamie: 925.308.3098



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

California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

