

Deeds and Opportunities

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SHINE OUR LIGHT

Song by Joe Kick for Worship
Sunday, April 26, 2020

We're all in this together - one day at a time
We miss each other - and we visit online
The streets are empty - and we shelter in place
And now we pray for - for the whole human race.

We call up family - and we talk with friends
But we keep our distance - oh when this will end?
We know You are with us, Lord - in the darkest night
And so we find a way - we can shine our light.

God is - sharing in your tears - He is watching over you
He knows how to ease your fears - He will comfort you
He can heal your broken heart - He is our true delight
God is here - and we can shine our light.

Well here we are together - even while we are apart
A beautiful thread of love - connects us - heart to heart
And I believe in time - we will come out right
Until that day - we can shine our light.

Yes I believe in time - we will come out all right
And we can find a way - we can shine our light
We can find a way - we can shine our light.

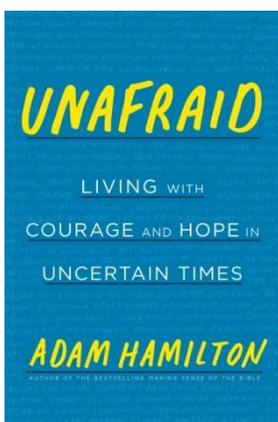


***** All Worship Services are Online!**
Come Join Us in Various Worship Services on Church Website:

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

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

WORSHIP Online	Scripture/ Message	MUSIC ANTHEM	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
Fourth Sunday in EASTER May 3, 2020	John 10:1-10 "Our Good Shepherd"	Alivia Logan Joe Kick Piano: Lugh Baxter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • No Online Small Group – one week break
Fifth Sunday in EASTER May 10, 2020	MOTHER'S DAY <u>YOUTH SUNDAY</u> Preachers: Rachael Green Becca Feldermann	Youth Members Piano: Lugh Baxter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leaders: Becca Feldermann • Worship Ministers: Youth Members • Online Small Group "UNAFRAID" #1 at 9 am on WebEx
Fourth Sunday in EASTER May 17, 2020	WORSHIP WITH <u>FAVORITE HYMNS</u> John 14:1-14 "Father's Home"	String Band Piano: Lugh Baxter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leaders: Julius Lukacs, Dave Funk • Online Small Group "UNAFRAID" #2 at 9 am on WebEx • CONFIRMATION on WEBEX 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Fifth Sunday in EASTER May 24, 2020	MEMORIAL DAY John 14:15-21 "Memory and Identity"	Alivia Logan Joe Kick Piano: Kevin Fallon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leaders: Julius Lukacs, Dave Funk • Online Small Group "UNAFRAID" #3 at 9 am on WebEx
Fourth Sunday in EASTER May 31, 2020	THE DAY OF PENTECOST Acts 2:1-13 "Pentecost in Our Days"	Alivia Logan Joe Kick Piano/Organ: Greg Pacquer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leaders: Julius Lukacs, Becca Feldermann • Online Small Group "UNAFRAID" #4 at 9 am on WebEx



ONLINE SMALL GROUP

UNAFRAID: LIVING with COURAGE and HOPE in UNCERTAIN TIMES

(By Rev. Adam Hamilton)

Adam discovered that 80% of his congregation admitted to living with moderate or significant levels of fear...Drawing on recent research, inspiring real examples, and fresh biblical insight, Hamilton shows how to untangle the knots we feel about all kinds of issues related to fear (from the cover)

5 Sessions beginning May 10 (Sunday) at 9 am

1. Session 1: Understanding and Countering Fear
2. Session 2: Crime, Race, Terrorism, and Politics
3. Session 3: Failure, Disappointing Others, Insignificance, and Loneliness
4. Session 4: Apocalypse, Change, Missing Out, and Finances
5. Session 5: Aging, Illness, Dying, and Fear of the Lord

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

Life is hard, but you are all doing great job. I hear that you are trying very hard to keep your day busy. I talked to someone from UMW Jesse Lee Circle. I asked her “What are you doing each day?” She replied, “This morning I **read** the Bible for 4 hours and had some walk.” “What? 4 hours?” I asked back in surprise. “Yes, pastor, I love the book of Deuteronomy very much. It helps me stay close to God. There are so many wonderful passages.” I could feel how much she enjoyed the reading that morning. I must confess I don't even read the Bible like that...not even close. But surely the joy she found was real and fresh-spirit giving.

Congregational Care Network has been having monthly meeting via WebEx. It is always good to see one another's face and hear their voice. We share ideas and thoughts on what's going on, how our members and friends are doing, who need special prayers or cards... One of the members told us that each Sunday she wears her **church name tag** all day that the church gave her when she joined as a member. She said it makes her feel she is having a special day, Sunday, the day we go to church and worship. What a wonderful CUTE idea? I love that idea. I recommend everyone to try to do that.

I am so thankful that so many people have participated in our Sunday Worship Service on our church website. It has reached to our friends all over the places outside our area. **Robin Vaughan**, our long-time former HOPE HOUSE director, sent me a greeting from Twain Harte, CA, saying

“I am so glad that I can still listen to your sermon online. It brings great love and comfort to me. I miss everyone at my church. I hope everyone is doing OK. We had two days of snow this week but today we got up to sunshine which is always appreciated. I've used my time to get my vegetables seeds started and do some gardening. I am so blessed our entire family has stayed safe and has not gotten the virus. I am going to plan to come to Sunday Services one day after things get back to our new normal. God bless you. I miss seeing you. Happy Easter! Stay safe and strong. Huge love, Robin.”

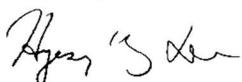
I was so glad to see **Staci & Bryan Webb family** through our virtual fellowship on Sunday 19th. Staci was a long time choir director here at our church, The whole family looked very healthy and joyous. What a wonderful surprise it was. Their greeting came from Gig Harbor, WA. I also heard from **Lynn Austin** who lives in Henderson, NV,

“Greetings from Las Vegas! Trevor and I are doing well during this time of quarantine. Trevor keeps busy with his school work, flying studies, working out and playing online games with Hunter and friends. He is looking forward to getting back to his flying lessons. I haven't worked since March 7th and probably won't until sometime in May. My aircraft isn't doing much flying. I wanted to let you know that Trevor, my mom and I were very grateful for all your online Easter week services. We enjoyed all of them! It was very comforting for us to see many of our BCUMC family during these crazy times. Please thank Julius, Dave and JoAnn, Joe, Alivia, Rebecca and Dennis, plus yourself and your husband, for their wonderful participation. We miss everyone and hope all is well. Please accept our love and gratitude to HOPE HOUSE and our favorite church! Love, Lynn and Trevor”

Gene and Gretchen Clare also sent us a greeting through FaceBook from San Diego area: “Gretchen and I thank you for lifting our spirits. May God bless you all and give you grace during this challenging time!”

We are apart from one another but we are together. We are connected! We are moving forward with our Risen Lord in our hearts, in our lives and in our world! Let us continue to 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)

Sincerely,



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



2019- 2020 Confirmation News In Sheltering



- **Confirmation Sunday** is postponed to **August 9th (Sunday)**, 2020
- **Confirmation Dinner:** 12:00 pm, Sunday August 2nd with the final class
- **WebEx Confirmation Class** will happen once a month – every third Sunday of the month
 - 12:00 pm, Sunday, May 17th
 - 12:00 pm, Sunday, June 21st
 - 12:00 pm, Sunday, July 19th
- **Mentoring Session** will be wrapped up by the end of May
- **Confirmation Families**
 - ii. **6 Mentors:** Linda Walton, David Funk, Melissa van Ruiten, Fran Bowman, Cheryl Brietenbucher, Polly Gallagher
 - iii. **8 Confirmands:** Madeline Charpentier, Zachary Dickson, Christian Belino, Audrey Dunn, Emma Smith, Robin Bliss, Rachael Green, Grace Dickson.
 - iv. **5 Teachers:** Becca F., Jen D., Michelle M., Julius L., Hyesung L.



Webex Meetings

Online Team: Julius Lukacs, David Funk, Dennis Buckley

- **Men's Group:** 8:00am Saturday, May 2nd
- **Confirmation WebEx:** 12 pm, May 17th
- **UMW Priscilla Circle:** Monday May 18th at 6:30. If you'd like to attend, email Cheryl Cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net
- **Congregational Care Network:** 10 am Wednesday, May 27th
- **Ad Council:** 7 pm Wednesday, May 27th

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 Prayer Chain,
please contact Michael Ann Honea at 925 872 9043.)

For Comfort:

Beverly Tucker and Family (Beverly's sister, Joan Eich, passed away last week)

For Healing or Homebounds:

Marsha (Joyce Sorenson Daughter), Beverly Tucker, Joan Gaughan, Cathy (Joyce Sorenson Friend),
Jerry & Rosalynn Bize, Carla Oberholtzer, Diana Easley, Gordon Fong, Esther Graham, Joyce Heflin,
Barbara Bonnickson, John Logan Gonzales, Diana & Carey Hutchison, Esther Riney, Jo Merritt,
Judy Bieger, Ethel Badham, Kittie Piotrowski, Curt Patten, Joan Wood, Jennifer & Adam
Michael Ann Honea (broken wrist)

For Safety & Strength of Those Who Serve in Danger

MEDICAL: Ezieh Ekpemiro (RN at County Hospital in Martinez), Cheryl Dodson (RN),
Luther Belino (CareHome), Christopher Jansen (RN at Stanford), Teresa Romero (RN Santa Clara Valley,
Asking Greene (RN Sutter Roseville), Tori Kuwahara (Provides Hospice Care),

Respiratory Therapists and Pulmonary Therapists at El Camino Hospital and John Muir Healthcare.

FIRE FIGHTER: Brett Holm (Firefighter), Robert Ruddick & Family (Captain CC Fire Protection),

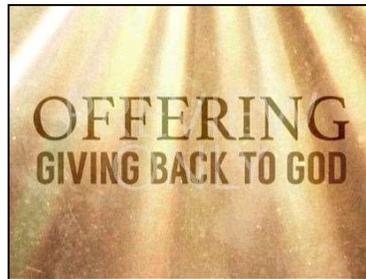
EDUCATION: Teachers, Staff, Volunteers of Brentwood Unified School District and Cafeteria staff.

FOOD MINISTRY: Volunteers at HOPE HOUSE

ARMY: Murphy Slay

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

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!



- 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
- 27 Den Bowman
- 28 Brian Gray

! *Happy Anniversary*

- 22 Jackie & Dan Hanel
- 31 JoAnn & David Funk

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is coming.
Where is your mother?
Nearby? In another state?
In another world?
Hey – here we are
In lockdown – shelter in place.
Yet flowers are blooming!
There's no lockdown on Spring!
There's no lockdown on our love
For our mothers
Or for each other.
Love rises up and goes
Through the world – across boundaries.
God's love radiates
In us – as us – through us.
And love doesn't need
To wear a mask!
It goes forth!
Hey, Mom – what do you
Think about that?!

Of course our moms already
Know all about love.
They taught us – right?
We might be on lockdown
Yet we are still being
Love in the world!
Happy Mother's Day!!

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By Rebecca Feldermann

The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, and the young adult/high school group, also known as YAHS got together virtually during our shelter in place. We've watched a couple of movies, including 2012 and the perks of being a wallflower. We had some very interesting conversations surround these movies. It was really wonderful!

There were also a couple of 'heated' online UNO games 😊. Beyond these activities we have been keeping in contact via an online app & texts throughout this time. Coming up will be another movie watch or two, some more UNO, and of course more communication!!

I'd like to say thank you to the congregation for the continued support for our youth. Please keep the youth in your prayers as they face the different way of attending school via distance learning and their continued time away from their friends. I am available via Remind/email for any youth who may need to chat.

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



THE WORSHIP TEAM + TECHNOLOGY

By David Funk

Dennis Buckley had a dream, which became a vision for the “Technology Committee” (established by the Administrative Council a number of years ago), to install a high-resolution Sony, PZT (Pan, Zoom, Tilt) remote-controlled camera to acquire HDMI 1080P images during worship services.

The console pictured below contains the joystick control and pre-set stored positions for the camera. The device to the right is a video switching control console from Roland and the video recorder, to the left at the top of the picture, is where the videos are stored on an SD memory card.

Dennis then transfers the videos to his computer, via this data memory card, for editing and uploading to the Web Home Page, Facebook page, and U-Tube for our viewing and archival pleasure.

Thanks Dennis & Team for preparing us for this “Stay at Home” pandemic so we can provide Ministry to our congregation!!

Meet R2D2





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

