

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

## **Brentwood Community United Methodist Church**

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***JULY 2020***



## 2020 JULY Worship Schedule

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

Come Join Us in Various Worship Services on Church Website and Facebook:

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/28404281274/>

WORSHIP Online	Scripture/ Message	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> July 5, 2020 <b>10:15 am – 11:30 am</b> On WEBEX	Matthew 11:25-30 <b>“DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE”</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day</li> <li>• <b>Holy Communion</b></li> <li>• <u>Virtual Fellowship (3 min Video)</u> – share how you used to celebrate July 4h before COVID-19; or how you are going to celebrate it this year; or your prayer for our nation</li> <li>• Piano/Organ: Greg Pacquer</li> <li>• Anthem: Alivia Logan</li> </ul>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> July 12, 2020 <b>10:15 am – 11:30 am</b> On WEBEX	Romans 8:26-39 <b>“WHO CAN SEPARATE US?”</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthem by String Band “Reach Out for God”</li> <li>• Piano: Lugh Baxter</li> </ul>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> July 19, 2020 <b>10:15 am – 11:30 am</b> On WEBEX	Matthew 13:24-30 <b>“LEAVE THE WEEDS ALONE”</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONFIRMATION on WEBEX</b> 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</li> <li>• “FOMO: Fear of Missing Out: Healthy Social Media Use”</li> <li>• Piano: Lugh Baxter</li> </ul>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> July 26, 2020 <b>10:15 am – 11:30 am</b> On WEBEX	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 <b>“TREASURE”</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthem: String Band</li> <li>• Piano: Lugh Baxter</li> </ul>



## 2020 Confirmation News In Sheltering

- **Confirmation Sunday** was postponed to **August 9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**, but will be discussed furthermore.
- **WebEx Confirmation Class** will happen once a month – every third Sunday of the month
  - 12 pm, Sunday, July 19 “FOMO: Fear of Missing Out: Healthy Social Media Use”
- **Confirmation Families**
  - i. **6 Mentors:** Linda Walton, David Funk, Melissa van Ruiten, Fran Bowman, Cheryl Brietenbucher, Polly Gallagher
  - ii. **8 Confirmands:** Madeline Charpentier, Zachary Dicksa, Christian Belino, Audrey Dunn, Emma Smith, Robin Bliss, Rachael Green, Grace Dicksa.
  - iii. **5 Teachers:** Becca F., Jen D., Michelle M., Julius L., Hyesung L.

## ◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

Dear Friends in Ministry

I give thanks to God whenever I think of you, for your faithful ministry and prayers! Pandemic has challenged us all in so many ways! It has pushed us to show who we are really and reveal who we are truly. I have seen some people who have discovered how important worshipping God is to them. They have shown up for worship service every Sunday. They have come closer to God indeed. I have seen many people who have shown their deep love and commitment to the church by sending their offering faithfully. With your support, ministry and prayers, our church is doing well spiritually, missionally and financially.

I want to share an uplifting story with you that happened during Shelter-In-Place. As you know, the worship team recorded Sunday Worship at 2 pm Saturday, before we switched it to Live Sunday Worship from June 14th. When we started recording, Dennis and David rang our church bell as we used to do every Sunday prior to COVID-19. Ringing our church bell was included in the recording and received with many positive responses from our church members. One Saturday, a couple, owners of Harry's Wine Depot, located across the street from our church, came over to the church. Dennis greeted them. They gave him a donation of \$500, saying it is for the church. I was pleasantly surprised when I heard about this later. After two weeks, they came over again but this time with \$1,600 as a donation to the church. Again, they didn't give much explanation to Dennis.

So I visited them the next week. Tammy and Tim were a nice couple who are worshipping at one of Mega Churches in Brentwood. I asked them why they kept giving us donations. Tim said he has some connection with Methodist Church since his grandfather was a Methodist and so was his mom. To him, Methodist Church is a reminder of his loved ones. Tammy said for her the bell sound had touched her heart deeply. Furthermore, whenever she prays, the Holy Spirit tells her to give some donation to BCUMC. They said they have been blessed with so many things. And they would do what the Holy Spirit encourages them to do. What a vote of confidence for us; was it from God? Our neighbors think that what we are doing as a church is worthwhile to contribute with their treasure. So I thank God for this vote of confidence. Then I also thank to Dennis and David for ringing the bell for God and for the world. What we cannot do with our lips and actions can be done by the sound of Church Bell.

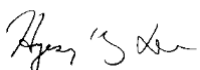
As we worship, the joyful sound of salvation is spreading out into the world. So let us keep worshipping our God who is LOVE, FORGIVENESS, and LIGHT for us. You can continue to worship in the following three ways:

With the WebEx invitations, you have three options:

1. Accept the WebEx invitation and **watch** the service **and interact** in the service (WebEx is a two-way platform).
2. **Watch, but not interact** in the service live on YouTube (You cannot interact with the service like the people using WebEx but you will see and hear everything the WebEx users see and hear). There will be clickable links on our website home page and our Facebook page for the Live-Stream Service.
3. **Watch the recorded service** on our web page and Facebook after **7 pm** Sunday like you have been doing since Shelter-In-Place

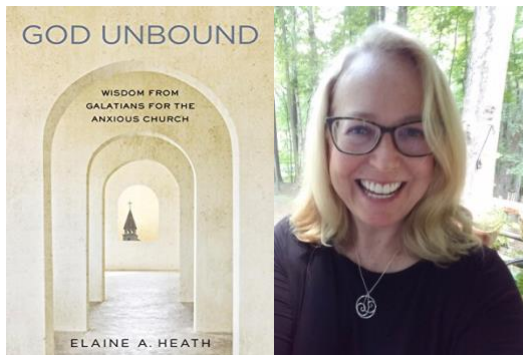
We are apart from one another but we are together and connected! I am thinking of you every day and praying for you. Let us keep moving forward with our Risen Lord in our hearts! Let us continue to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee





## FOUR WEEK THURSDAY SMALL GROUP - **GOD UNBOUND: Wisdom from Galatians for the Anxious Church**

(Elaine A. Heath, Upper Room Books, 2016)

Begins on July 16th (Thursday)  
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

\*\*Text Book may be purchased for \$9.99 at <https://upperroombooks.com/book/god-unbound/>

Elaine A. Heath is professor of missional and pastoral theology and the former dean of Duke Divinity School and an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church.

How can the church stay in step with the Spirit during a time of unprecedented change?

The apostle Paul led the Galatians through a massive cultural shift in which they had to radically expand their ideas of who God is, who they were, and God's mission for the church. He was able to lead them through this time of great change because of his encounter with the risen Christ on the Damascus road, an experience in which his view of God was completely upended.

Today Christianity is undergoing a cultural shift just as challenging as the situation confronting Paul and the Galatians. As many churches decline, congregations and pastors feel uncertain and anxious about how to continue their mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Elaine Heath extends an invitation to broaden our view of God by moving beyond the walls of buildings and programs to become a more diverse church than we have ever imagined. While deeply honoring tradition, she calls the church to boldly follow the Holy Spirit's leadership into the future. Heath offers practical advice and hope for how the church can move through anxiety to courageous, culturally sensitive, and Spirit-led engagement in our rapidly changing world.



Webex Meetings

- **Men's Group**: 8 am Saturday July 4th
- **REOPENING TAKS FORCE**: 6:30 pm Tuesday, July 7th
- **UMW Priscilla Circle**: 6:30 pm Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>
- **Finance Committee**: 6 pm Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Congregational Care Network**: 10 am Wednesday July 22th
- **Ad Council**: 7 pm Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

## WE LIFT UP OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY:

This list is provided by our Congregational Care Network of BCUMC. If you want to add names or make any change in this list, please contact Michael Ann Honea at 516-9541

### **Blessing for a Newborn Baby:**

Melody Lilac Kim, born June 14 to Koo and Roya Kim  
Michael Lucas Robrahn, Jan and Jeff Schults' fourth grandson,  
born June 24 to Rebecca and Michael

### **For the Healing and Strength for the Sick and Homebounds:**

Barbara Bonnickson, Diana Easley, Jo Merritt, Esther Riney  
Diana & Carey Hutchison, Ethel Badham, Gordon Fong, Joyce Heflin  
Kittie Pietrowski, Judy Bieger, Esther Graham, Carla Oberholtzer,  
Joan Wood (Rosemary's Mom), John Logan Gonzalez (Adella's son),  
Gayle Autentico (Barb Pinkston's friend), Marie Weeks,  
Joan Gaughan (Betty's sister-in-law), Rosemary Woods,  
Janet Kurz' son Jon, Janet Kurz' nephew and his wife,  
Kicks' daughter's friends Jennifer and Adam, Marie Weeks,  
Bob Clarke's Dad, Rebecca's friend Rena, Kim and Don Fraley,  
Jerry Hauan, Dave Charpentier, John Moore, Beverly Tucker,  
Heidi Retzer, Bob Clarke's cousin Mary Clarke, Vincent Cortese, Melissa's friend Brennan,  
Melissa's friends Brad and Christina, Greg's brother Joe



### **For the Comfort for Those Who are Grieving**

Calle and Trevor (lost unborn child,), a great nephew of Janet Kurz  
Brennan (lost his mother and brother) a friend of Melissa van Ruiten

### **Safety for First Responders During COVID-19:**

**Medical:** Ezihe Ekpemiro (hospital RN), Luther Belino (Care Home), Christopher Janzen (RN),  
Ashlin Greene (RN), Cory Hartley (RN), Cheryl Dobson (RN),  
Diane Taylor (RN) (Larry Schaffer's daughter), Tori 쿠와하라Kuwahara (Provides Hospice Care),

**Fire Fighter:** Brett Holm, Robert Ruddick (Captain CC Fire Protection),  
Lee Taylor ((Larry Schaffer's son-in-law)

**Police:** Lee Davis (Michael Ann's nephew), **Michael**브리니칼디Brunicardi (Heidi Stark's son in-law)

**School:** Teachers, Staff, and Volunteers at Brentwood and Oakley School Districts

**Food Ministry:** HOPE HOUSE volunteers

**Military:** Murphy Slay, Army; (Paul and Lisa Slay's son)

Alexandra Reece (Sgt. Alex), Army in Kabul, Afghanistan (Fred and Kathy Gulizia's daughter)

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



- 3 Joy Kick
- 3 Molly Kick
- 5 Mgbechi Oji
- 6 Sean Clarke
- 8 Ame Bartlebaugh
- 13 Miranda Smith
- 15 Alex Dunn
- 16 Paul Slay
- 17 Tristan Mendoza
- 18 Randy Fortner
- 18 Jane Travale
- 18 Abbie Scott
- 18 Emma Smith
- 20 Shirley Gray
- 20 Carol Treadway
- 22 JoAnn Funk
- 22 Bonnie Larrabee
- 22 Ashley Porter
- 24 Fran Bowman
- 24 Julie Clarke
- 26 Urb Spediacci
- 30 Joyce Sorenson
- 31 Vince Gallagher

**Message from Tom Miller . . . . .**

Many thanks to our pastor and church members for the kindness you have shown me related to the death of my wife, Renee, and my sister, Monte Miller Banks. All the cards and phone calls have helped me make it through a difficult time, made even more trying due to the Covid-19 protocols that have been in place. Special thanks to Delores Hauan for the weekly cards and cartoons that she sent to Renee during the entirety of her five-year battle with multiple myeloma. They brought a smile to her face each and every week,

My heart was also warmed by the number of you who watched Renee's funeral service during the real time streaming or a video of it at a later time. As all of you who watched the service know, Pastor Lee did a magnificent job in leading the service, playing the music, and singing the hymns. All of these things demonstrated how much you cared about Renee, even though she could not attend church as much as she would have liked.

My two sons and I will be attending a memorial service in Louisiana for my sister on July 2. I wish each of you could have had to opportunity to meet Monte. Everyone who knew her loved her. She was a very special lady. Please keep us in in your thoughts and prayers as we travel to honor her memory.

**Happy Anniversary**

- 4 Brenda Coatsworth and Fred Lundrigan
- 18 Linda and Jerry Walton
- 26 Jan and Jeff Schults
- 27 Heidi and Jere Retzer

**MY PEACE PRAYER**

God's wisdom is my wisdom.  
 God's peace is my peace.  
 God's love is my love.  
 I live with enthusiasm.  
 Everything is working for good.  
 I keep my faith and trust in God.  
 All is well and all will be well.  
 Through the grace of God  
 I live in harmony and peace.

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*Melody Lilac Kim*



June 14, 2020 at 9:47pm  
 7 pounds, 10 ounces  
 20.25 inches



*Michael Lucas Robrahn*



Jeff & Jan Schults' grandson  
 June 24, 2020

*To My Church Family, from Donna Baker . . .*

In August, I will be moving to Phoenix, Arizona with my Daughter and Son-in-Law. They have decided to relocate to be near their daughter and her family, and Bobbi will not leave me behind! I am looking forward to this change in my life but will miss my beautiful little church and the good friends I have here. Brentwood was the best possible place I could have lived when my husband and I moved here from South Lake Tahoe in 2010. I am hopeful we will be back to Church before I leave, so I can tell you goodbye in person. I will keep in touch and always wish you blessings.



## Celebrating Reconciling Congregation in August!



Whether or not we can all gather at the church, we can still do our traditional congregational rainbow celebration photo.

Please take a selfie of yourself in a solid color shirt and send it to Jennifer Dunn anytime in July. If you can include any rainbow backgrounds or flags or buttons, all the better!

We will assemble them all into a rainbow to celebrate all of you and our beautiful congregation.

Thank you! Jennifer Dunn [habitol.here@gmail.com](mailto:habitol.here@gmail.com)



**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](https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/make_donation))

**YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

## VIDEO COMMITTEE SURVEY

Sunday, June 28th, we used our new internet connection for the first time for our worship service. The new connection allows us to have higher quality video than what we have had in the past. The Video Committee would like to hear your opinions and reactions. Here are some questions that will allow the Video Committee to evaluate what we are doing.

1. How did you watch the service on Sunday, June 28?
  - A. Watched live, using the WebEx conferencing program.
  - B. Watched live, using the church website or Facebook.
  - C. Watched the recording that was on the church website or Facebook **BEFORE** 7:00pm Sunday.
  - D. Watched the recording that was on the church website or Facebook **AFTER** 7:00pm Sunday.
2. What did you use to watch the service on Sunday, June 28?
  - A. Watched on a computer.
  - B. Watched on a smart TV.
  - C. Watched on a smart phone.
3. How was the quality of the picture?
  - A. Very good
  - B. Fair
  - C. Poor
4. How was the quality of the sound?
  - A. Very good
  - B. Fair
  - C. Poor

*Please send your responses to Dennis Buckley at [buckleydennis@hotmail.com](mailto:buckleydennis@hotmail.com). The answers to these questions and any comments you can add will help the Video Committee make our remote worship experience better. Thank you.*

HOPE House recently received a grant from the Contra Costa Food Bank in the amount of \$4,800 for the purpose of buying freezers. Two new freezers were delivered and installed this week!







## Hope House Clothing Closet Ministry Offers Post COVID 19 Services

In consideration of the COVID 19 virus and related County Health Department regulations, the Clothing Ministry at Hope House will be implementing some new processes. We have been serving clients by putting racks of clothing, shoes and some housewares outside for approximately a month now. We have not been accepting new donations since the Shelter-In Place orders came out in March.

As of July 1, 2020, the clothing closet staff will continue to provide clothing, shoes and some household articles on racks and tables outside but will also begin to provide personal care and limited items by request at the door. Some of these items may include linens, towels, jeans, coats and sundries.

Also, as of July 1, we will once again be accepting new donations of clothing and housewares. However, there are new guidelines as to the items that will be accepted. These new guidelines are as follows.

### ACCEPTED DONATIONS

- **Lamps, Mirrors, home decor**
- **Small rugs or mats**
- **Small, clean working appliances**
- **Pots and pans in clean, good condition**
- **Non-breakable dishware (no glass items)**
- **Home and Garden Décor**
- **Gently used, clean clothing**
- **Gently used, clean blankets, sheets and towels**
- **Gently used, clean shoes**
- **Books and cds (no encyclopedia sets)**
- **Gently used, clean toys**
- **Collectables**
- **Luggage, Purses**
- **New/unopened personal care items**

### PLEASE BAG CLOTHING ITEMS SEPARATELY FROM SHOES & HOUSEWARES

**Donations can be made on  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
between the hours of 9 am -12 pm  
Other times may be scheduled by  
contacting the church office by phone.**

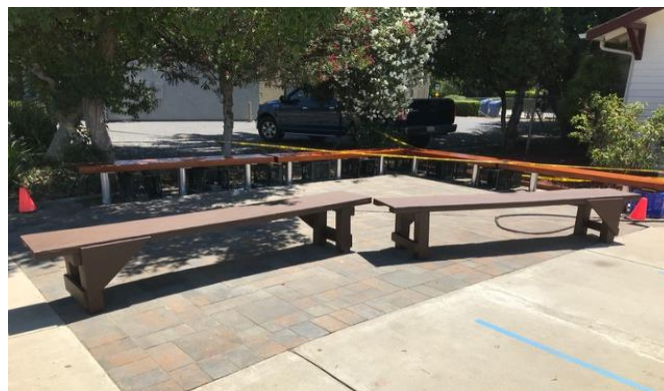


Thank you  
Clothing Closet Ministry

## Erik Greisen's Eagle Scout Project at Hope House is now completed!



Erik Greisen, Eagle Scout candidate, supervised the project. The old landscaping was removed and brick pavers were installed in the front yard. New benches were added for Hope House clients to use while waiting.



## A STORY ABOUT THE CHURCH INTERNET

*By Dennis Buckley*

Even before the COVID-19 problem, the church was experiencing issues with slow internet speeds. Since COVID-19, we have been using our internet connection more and more and the problems have increased. Earlier this month our Tech Team researched various solutions to the problem and decided to change our internet service from ATT to Sonic. The installation of our new internet connection was fraught with problems, but we are now happily connected.\* Our new connection is about ten times faster than our old connection. Of course, with that speed, our bill will be about \$35 more per month.

*What will be the benefits of this new connection?*

First off, the connection should be more stable than our old connection. The Pastor and our Office Administrator should no longer have to reset the equipment so they can use the printer.

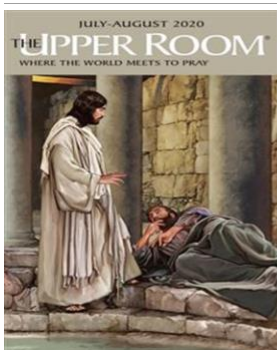
The faster speed will allow the Pastor to participate in a WebEx or Zoom conference from her desk at the church instead of having to go home.

The exciting part of the upgrade is we can stream our services live to our website and to Facebook with high quality video and audio. We ran a test Saturday, June 27, and got high definition video! The picture was so clear it was almost as if we were sitting in the church. That will be a treat for people who watch our service on our website or Facebook.



The photos show the ATT installers running the wires that Sonic uses across Second Street and the last photo is of Alex Funk and Dennis Buckley making the final connections to get signals into the church. Dave Funk was a big part of our install team, but he is not pictured because he was taking the photo.

\*If you are interested in the long saga of problems that involve miscommunications, stolen catalytic converters and other issues, just ask Dave Funk or Dennis Buckley.



### **UPPER ROOM**

DAILY DEVOTION  
JULY-AUGUST

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CALL THE OFFICE



*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

