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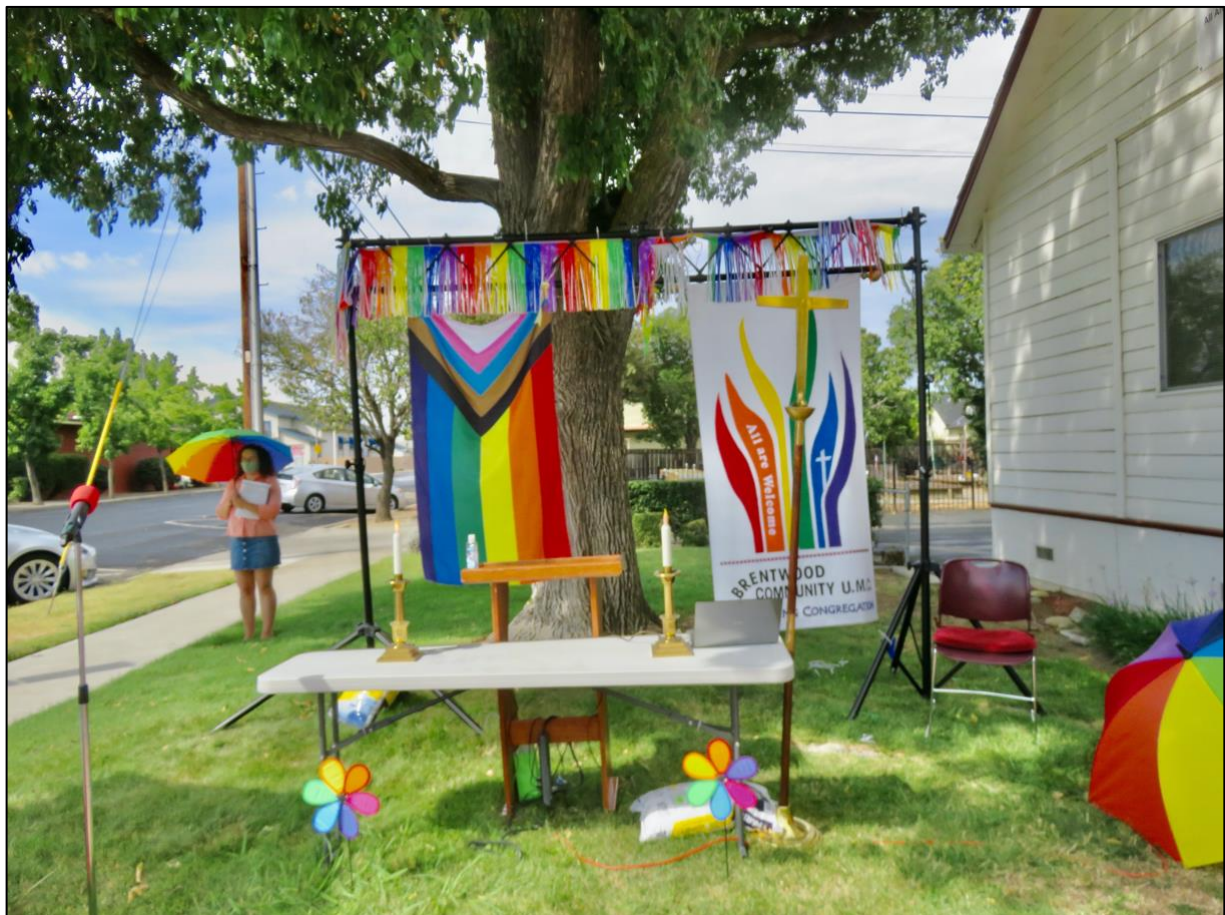
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SEPTEMBER 2020



**RECONCILING CONGREGATION - FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE - AUGUST 16TH 2020**

2020 SEPTEMBER Worship Schedule

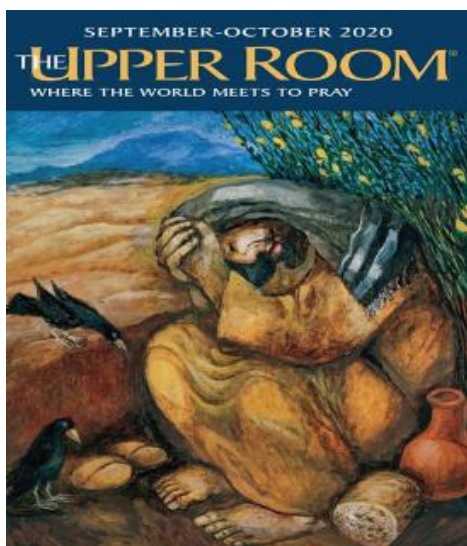
***** All Worship Services are Online!**

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
14TH Sunday after Pentecost Sep 6, 2020 10:15 am – 11:30 am On ZOOM	Los Rios District Superintendent Rev. Shinya Goto Preaching on Romans 13:8-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Old Choir Anthem: "A Communion Invitation" (Nov 5, 2017) • Orientation for Confirmation Sunday at noon
15TH Sunday after Pentecost Sep 13, 2020 10:15 am – 11:30 am On ZOOM	Rev. Hyesung Lee Preaching on "As Christ Has Done" Ephesians 5:1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CONFIRMATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE • Old Choir Anthem: "I Choose You" (Sep. 23 2018)
16TH Sunday after Pentecost Sep 20, 2020 10:15 am – 11:30 am On ZOOM	Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño preaching During The Service of Commissioning and Ordination At Annual Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>172nd CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held virtually. The Service of Commissioning and Ordination will replace our Sunday morning worship service</i>
17TH Sunday after Pentecost Sep 27, 2020 10:15 am – 11:30 am On ZOOM	Rev. Hyesung Lee Preaching on MATTHEW 21:23-32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Choir Anthem: "Early in the Morning" (Aug 5, 2018)



UPPER ROOM

September – October

Free Copy is available for
those who want.

Please contact Church
office, so it can be mailed
to you!

◆ *Pastor's Letter* ◆

Dear Friends in Ministry

Slaves Lives Matter!

It was the biggest slogan and the loudest chant in the world when EXODUS happened in 10th BCE, 3,000 years from now. And it was God's statement. It was God who initiated the biggest liberation movement in the land of Egypt. The Bible reports "God heard their [slaves'] groaning" (Exodus 2:24). The suffering sound reached out to God. And God came down to lift up the slaves' lives – several millions of them all.

Of course, ***all lives matter to God!*** It was clear from the creation (all are created in God's image; Gen 1:27), through Noah's generation, through Abraham and through Christ Jesus. That is exactly why God spoke loudly ***Slaves Lives Matter!*** Slaves were precious children of God too! At that time, they were the ones cramped in the deepest valleys of suffering and death.

For many years, we have said loudly ***LGBTQ Lives Matter!*** Their groaning sound also reached out to Heaven. As God called Moses to do the ministry of liberation, God has called us to do the Reconciling ministry for our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. So we have become their allies.

Today we hear the loud voice of suffering people, shouting "***Black Lives Matter!***" Too often, too many unbelievable injustices have been done against our black brothers and sisters in our country. It is today when our black brothers and sisters are living in this invisible deepest valley of suffering and death. So, now is the time for us to speak out "Black Lives Matter!" The problem is not just the matter of police brutality against black people. It is also the matter of aggressive racist behaviors and words done by people. It is foremostly the matter of 'silence' done by majority of people in our country. I join today with all those who say "Black Lives Matter!"

The General Board of Discipleship of UMC posts the article by Rev. Steve Manskar who says:

"Thoughts Upon Slavery" is Wesley's unqualified condemnation of slavery and racism. He convincingly argues there can be no justification for the enslavement, oppression, and denigration of African people. All are created in God's image. All are loved by God. All are saved by the blood of Jesus. All are welcome to live as citizens of God's kingdom.

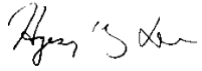
After reading "Thoughts Upon Slavery" I am convinced John Wesley would be an active supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement. As a white man and a leader, he would condemn and work to organize people to resist the racism that is endemic in North American culture, churches, and institutions. To those who say "All lives matter!" he would say: "Certainly all lives matter. But in the United States, which for over three hundred years has enslaved, oppressed, beaten, and killed black bodies, you need to be reminded over and over and over again that black lives matter."
(<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/blog/black-lives-matter>)

Let us continue to listen carefully the word of God. Our online live worship continues. I am so thankful that many of you have been participating in our live worship service every Sunday. You will continue to receive ZOOM invitation with Sunday Bulletin every Friday. You still have three options as follows:

1. **Watch and interact** on **ZOOM**
2. **Watch without interaction** live on YouTube (There are 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

(continued . . .)

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



2019-2020 Confirmation Sunday



- **Confirmation Sunday** will be held **VIRTUALLY** on **September 13th (Sunday)** at **10:30 am** via ZOOM.
 - Each confirmand will receive a package prior to Confirmation Sunday which will include (1) **Certificate**; (2) **Cross**; (3) Wesley Study **Bible**; (4) **Stole**; (5) **Candle**; and (6) **Worship Bulletin**.
- **Orientation for Confirmation Sunday** will be held virtually via Zoom on **September 6th (Sunday) at 12:00 pm**
- **Things To Do**
 - **Confirmand Reflection Note** is due by August 31st
 - **Mentor Celebration Note** is due by August 31st
 - **Parents** are asked to make sure that their kid(s) can use both video and audio for Orientation (9/6) and Confirmation Sunday (9/13). Please let the pastor know if they have any technical difficulties ahead of time!



A SURVEY ON BCUMC WORSHIP DURING COVID-19

The Worship Team will appreciate your response to a “Survey on BCUMC Worship During Covid-19” that was sent to you this week. Please send your response to the church office **by September 15th** either via mail or by email to Michelle admin@brentwoodumc.org. Your inputs will be very much helpful!

BCUMC RE-OPENING TASK FORCE REPORT

Task Force Members: Hyesung Lee (Pastor); Julius Lukacs (Lay leader), David Funk (Lay leader); Kevin Gray (Co-Chair of Trustees), Jeff Schults (Co-Chair of Trustees); Polly Gallagher (Chair of SPRC); Michelle Carrillo (Office Administrator); Becca Feldermann (Youth Director); Alivia Logan-Kumagi (Choir Director); Dennis Buckley (Video/Audio); Jerry Walton (HOPE HOUSE); Michael Ann Honea (CCN, Task Force Recording Secretary)

Outdoor Worship Service for 5th Anniversary of Reconciling Congregation (Aug 16):

- Total 17 people attended: Over 65 - 6 people; Under 20 - 4 people; 20 – 65 years old - 10 people; Re Opening Task Force Members – 5; RSVP - 16; without RSVP - 1
- A Feedback Form has been sent to all attendees

What's Next in Terms of Worship:

- Online Worship will be provided as long as needed
- No further Outdoor Worship is recommended until CCC allows larger gatherings.
- **The Whole Church Wide Survey on Worship** has been sent to all members and friends of the church
- **Next Meeting:** 7 pm Tuesday September 22



UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Please make a check payable to BCUMC and send it to church office by Sep 15th.

SIX WEEK WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP – TWELVE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE (by Lysa TerKeurst et al., Zondervan 2013)

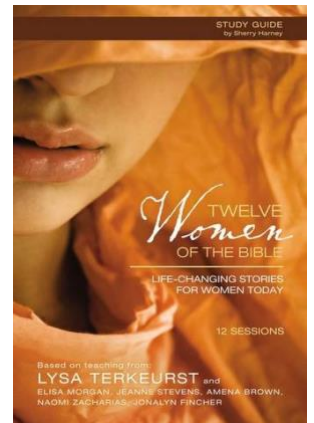
- Beginning on **September 16 (Wednesday)** 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
- This study is the continuation of the last Women's Small Group that was held in the summer of 2019.
- Six Women for this time: Eve, Hanna, Gomer, Mary of Bethany, Martha and the Syrophenician Woman
- ZOOM invitation will be sent to those who register!
- Register by calling or emailing to pastor Hyesung Lee (925-303-9339; hslee3@gmail.com)
- Facilitator: Pastor Hyesung Lee

*See the introductory video here: <https://youtu.be/FqpwnTNzr-I>

*You may purchase this book online (christianbook.com or play.google.com or amazon.com)

*Free chapter one EVE is available here:

https://g.christianbook.com/ns/pdf/201710/TwelveWomenoftheBible_SG.pdf



WE LIFT UP OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR PRAYERS

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

For Healing and Strength for the Sick:

Don & Kim Fraley, Beverly Tucker, Cathy (Joyce Sorenson Friend), **Gordon Fong, John Logan Gonzales, Joan Wood** (mother-in-law of Rosemary, COVID-19, now in hospice), **Judy Bieger, Jon Kurz** (chemo), **Vincent Cortege, Gabe Charpentier** (chemo), **Rena** (Becca's friend), **Erica** (Alivia's friend), **Gayle Autentico** (Barb P.'s friend), **Rick Graham, Rick Porter** (cancer, father of Ashley), **Doreen Smith** (lung cancer, a cousin of Bob Clarke), **Lucia** (breast cancer, a friend of Melissa), **Cindy Aguilar** (a friend of Adella), **Marie Weeks, Michael Martin** (a friend of Linda Barnhill), **Shery Flake** (covid-19 related; friend of Barb P), **Marilyn Miguel** (fire-affected; Michael Ann's daughter's friend).
James Schall (Covid-19, friend of Rev. Dotts)

For Condolences and Comfort for the Loss

Whelan family for loss of husband and father (friends of the Feldermann Family)
Family of Chris Patton (a nephew of Katie Moore)
Family of Mary Clarke Fisher (a cousin of Bob Clarke)
The Family of Joe Nehl (a brother-in-law of Greg Pacquer)
Family of Brad (a friend of Melissa van Ruiten)

For Healing and Strength for the Homebound

Barbara Bonnickson, Diana Easley, Jo Merritt, Ethel Badham, Esther Riney, Esther Graham, Joyce Heflin, Kittie Piotrowski, Carey and Diane Hutchison

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), Teresa Romero (RN), Diane Taylor (RN) (Larry Schaffer's daughter), Tori Kuwahara (provides Hospice Care), Respiratory and Pulmonary Therapists at El Camino Hospital and John Muir Healthcare
Firefighter: Brett Holm, Robert Ruddick (Captain CC Fire Protection), Lee Taylor (San Jose, Larry Schaffer's son-in-law)
Police: Lee Davis (Michael Ann's nephew), Michael Brunicardi (Heidi Stark's son in-law)
School: Teachers, Staff, Cafeteria Workers and Volunteers at local school districts
Food Ministry: HOPE HOUSE volunteers
Military: Murphy Slay, U.S.Army (son of Paul & Lisa Slay)
Alexandra Reece, U.S.Army medic in Kabul, Afghanistan (Kathy and Fred Gulizia's granddaughter)
Christian Ramsay, U.S. Airforce (Shirley Gray's nephew)



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



5. Don Barnhill
5. Gabe Price
7. Scott Stirling
9. Koo Kim
12. Bryan Webb
13. Jenny Davis
15. Judy Gerry
15. Matthew Taum
16. Charlene Dobson
16. Riley Clarke
17. Tuck Tennant
19. Jeffry Zamjahn
20. Gabriel Clark
20. Kathie Gulizia
22. Kyle Schults

! *Happy Anniversary*

- 5 Jill and Gabe Price
9. Joy and Joe Kick
16. Beverly and Martin Tucker
22. Valerie and Doug Umama

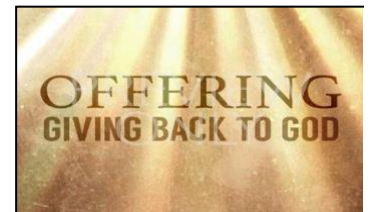
YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH!

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!



CHURCH ATTENDANCE DURING THIS PANDEMIC

By JoAnn Funk,
Membership Secretary



When pastor announced that we had created 23 online church worship services since the take shelter order had gone into place, I began to think about membership attendance and how it is affected by virtual worship. When did it all start? On March 22, we recorded our first pandemic online service. On June 14th we had our first live stream service! On August 16th we celebrated our reconciling anniversary with an outside on the lawn service.

Nowadays we do not look for a new friend to come through the door of our sanctuary, but rather we look at the numbers of live streaming viewers and the edited post processed recording viewers. Dennis tells me that there is no way to tell how many people are watching on the same connection. In most cases the tech team feels there are at least 2 people for each connection.

For example, on August 9th there were 15 unique viewers of the edited recording, so we multiply times 2 and that equals 30 total people. On that same Sunday we had 12 live stream viewers viewing on YouTube via our Face book or Website links and 25 Zoom connections. Adding those together equals 37 connections, times 2, and that demonstrates we had 74 total viewers. Also, later in the day we had an additional 15 connections to the edited post processed recording video where the audio is improved and text overlays are added. Keep in mind the Worship team in the Sanctuary adds about 5 to the weekly numbers,

The summary of this data is that we are seeing the same type of average attendance each Sunday as we had with face-to-face worship & potentially we are reaching folks that are not officially engaged with our Congregation via our virtual outreach. Also we are seeing some of our friends & families who are now living remotely from us. Do you love worshipping in your bunny slippers? Who do you know that you could share the link with next Sunday?

CONFIRMATION

Let the children come to me
Words from Jesus long ago.
We honor all our young people
We bless them and help them to know
That they are cherished and loved
And especially that they are always
Loved, protected, and guided by God.
We honor all the new confirmands
Of our church family – now taking
This important next step
In their life's journey.

We celebrate you - we are happy for you
May you always know and remember
That you are beloved of our heavenly Father
That you are precious in his sight
Made in his image – and that you carry
Within you the spark of the Divine Presence.
And that nothing can separate you
From his unending love
Nothing big or small – nothing at all
Can turn away his love for you!

Let the children come to me – Jesus tells us
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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ONLINE WEBEX/ZOOM MEETINGS

1. **Orientation to Confirmation Sunday:** 12 pm Sun day September 6th
2. **Finance Committee:** 6 pm Tuesday September 15th
3. **Re-Opening Task Force:** 7 pm Tuesday, September 22nd
4. **Congregational Care Network:** 10 am Wednesday September 23rd
5. **Ad Council:** 7 pm Wednesday September 23rd



**Any other meetings can be organized by Julius Lukacs, David Funk, or Dennis Buckley



Our accompanist/composer Lugh Baxter



Reconciling Sunday crowd



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

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. Shinya Goto

Pastor: Hyesung Lee † Lay Leaders: Julius Lukacs and David Funk

Administrative Assistant: Michelle Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

