

Deeds and Opportunities

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April 2017



EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICES
Sunday, April 16

EARLY MORNING SERVICE
At Lukacs' residence
3103 Ursus Court, Antioch
6:00 am
*(See details following
Pastor's Letter)*

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
In the Sanctuary
10:30 am

BRING YOUR EASTER LILIES!

Easter lilies to be provided by members for display at Easter should be at the church before Easter if possible. If that is not possible, they need to be delivered early before the Easter morning service so Martin will have time to arrange them. He will set up the stands on Saturday and will be there before the service on Sunday. Those brought to the church before Easter may be left in the kitchen as they should not be displayed before Easter. If you care to take your lily home, it will be available right after the Easter Sunday service.



Stephen Ministry Training **Begins April 27th**

- ❖ What is Stephen Ministry? It is one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. A trained Stephen Minister usually provides care to one person at a time, meeting once a week for about an hour. As of 2015 Stephen Ministry, a Worldwide Ministry, consisted of 12,000 congregations, 160 Christian denominations, and 65000 trained Stephen Ministers
- ❖ Eligibility:
 - Member of St John's Lutheran Church, Antioch
 - Member of United Methodist Church, Brentwood
 - Age 21 or older.
- ❖ Training:
 - 50 hours training in Christian care-giving skills
 - We ask a \$50.00 donation for training materials
 - Begin date: Thursday, April 27th @ 7:00 pm, through Thursday, Aug. 10.
 - Classes will be about 2 hrs duration every Thursday evening consisting of lecture and practice.
 - Three Saturday retreats are scheduled. Approx (6) hrs, on 5/20, 6/17, and 7/29. This includes continental breakfast, breaks, snacks and lunch.
 - Commissioning at St. John's on Sunday, Aug.27th which is a big celebration!
- ❖ Commitment after training:
 - Faithfully call on their assigned care receiver once a week for approximately 1 hour
 - We ask for a two year commitment to the ministry
 - We also ask for a commitment to attend a peer supervision session twice a month.
- ❖ For Questions, please contact Rev. Hyesung Lee at 925-303-9339 or hslee3@gmail.com or Diana Easley at 925-595-3052 or dleasley@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

The Sanctuary will open from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

For anyone who wants to pray individually in a quiet place

Beginning on Wednesday, February 15 until the end of Lent on Wednesday, April 12

Candles will be provided for those who wish to light a candle for someone or for some cause

You may leave your prayer request in the basket for which prayer team will pray!



The Covenant Bible Study

- A comprehensive, in-depth study of the Bible
(total 23 weeks – 3 phases with each of 7-8 weeks)
- First Phase: *Creating the Covenant*
7 weeks May 4 – June 29
Thursday Morning at 10 a.m. in Quiet Room
- The biblical concept of **covenant** is used as a unifying pattern
all through the books in O.T. and N.T.
- Led by Pastor Hyesung Lee
- Text Book: \$10



Our next **Sunday Night Live** event will be on Sunday April 2nd, 5-8pm

Sunday Night Live is a Spiritual Fellowship intended to introduce you to effective spiritual practices to assist you in your faith journey. On April 2nd we will have a simply Agave style supper, devotion, music, and prayer. We will also introduce our next series of small groups including "Book of Joy" led by Mel Strong and "Living the Covenant" led by Pastor Hyesung Lee.

We will end the evening with a very special sample of the Christian practice - Lectio Divina. In Christianity, Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word.

Plan to join us on April 2nd @ 5:00pm

2017 APRIL Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS		SCRIPTURES & SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 2, 2017		John 11:1-45 <i>Living Baptismal Calling: Believe!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holy Communion ▪ SNL (Sunday Night Live) at 5 pm
Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday April 9, 2017		Matthew 21:1-11 <i>Join the Parade!</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waiving Palm Branches as process in ▪ String Band playing for the whole service
Good Friday April 14, 2017 (Friday) 7 pm		Psalm 22 <i>Jesus' Death on the Cross</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tenebrae (Shadow) Service with the Passion Narrative of Jesus Christ from his final week before death ▪ Holy Communion
Easter Sunday April 16, 2017	6 A.M. At Lukacs	Colossians 3:1-4 <i>The New Life in Christ</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6 am Easter Sunrise Service at Lukacs home (3103 Ursus Court, Antioch)...All are welcome for inspiring service and breakfast fellowship!
	10:30 A.M. At Church	John 20:1-18 <i>Eternal Life</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Easter Pageant ▪ Easter Egg Hunting for Sunday School Kids ▪ Special Easter Songs by Choir
Second Sunday of Easter April 23, 2017		John 20:19-31 <i>Living as Baptized Disciples of Jesus Christ: Awakening to Ministry</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Soup & Salad Luncheon
Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017		Luke 24:13-35 <i>Living as Baptized Disciples of Jesus Christ: Awakening to Table</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Girl Scout Sunday

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR APRIL

Sundays	Acolyte	Crucifer
4/2 (Holy Communion)	Christian Belino	Jamie Feldermann
4/9 PALM SUNDAY	Robin van Ruitan	Wren Driscoll
4/16 EASTER 10:30am	Kaela Scott	Trevor Austin
4/23	Maeci Scott	Jacob Lukacs
4/30	Christian Belino	Hunter Austin

◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

Dear Partners in Ministry in B.C.U.M.C.

Lent is approaching fast to its end. One of the most powerful hymns that we sing during Lent is “Were You There?” (UMH #288).

1. Were you there when they **crucified** my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they **nailed** him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they **pierced** him in the side
4. Were you there when **the sun refused to shine**?
5. Were you there when they **laid him in the tomb**?

We are the witness to Jesus’ life, death and resurrection! We know what happened to him. We know how Jesus responded to the will of God. We know how much our God loved us. We know how our loving God wants to give us NEW LIFE, ETERNAL LIFE!

So let us be there for others who need to see the presence of God! Let us be there for people who desperately need such unbelievable love! Our God needs every one of us to be there for His children! It could be where your children/parents are, where your poor neighbors are, where prisoners are, where scared immigrants are, or where people come to seek the presence of God. Let us be there for our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us to give us freedom and power to resist the evil and fight against injustice and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Come and join for the experience of Jesus’ journey toward the cross in **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at 7 pm on April 14**. This may surely strengthen your understanding of Christ’s love for you! And the following gatherings will provide more opportunities for your Lenten journey:

Wednesday Night Prayer: every Wed from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Sanctuary

Sunday Night Live: 5:00 pm Sunday April 2nd in the Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday Worship: 10:30 am Sunday April 9th

Easter Sunrise Service: 6:00 am Sunday April 16th at Lukacs’ residence (**See message below.**)

Easter Sunday Service: 10:30 am Sunday April 16th in the Sanctuary

May God fill you with His Spirit for more meaningful and resourceful journey as you continue to follow Christ!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee

* **Easter Morning, all are invited to the Lukacs' Home at 3103 Ursus Ct, Antioch, CA 94531. The Service begins at 6:00am with breakfast served immediately after service. Plan on wearing a jacket as it does get a bit cold on the hill that early. Please RSVP to the Lukacs' at julius.lukacs@hotmail.com. We will also be giving out Easter treats for the children. This unique BCUMC tradition is always a very special event and we look forward to seeing you there.**

ONE DAY AT PRAYING WITH IGNATIUS

By Heidi Stark

I attended the Praying with Ignatius retreat on Saturday, March 4 at the Byron UMC. I'm relatively new to Brentwood Community UMC and decided the best way to get to know people is to get involved and attend events. I liked that the retreat was offered just as Lent was beginning, and I thought it would improve my prayer life during this special season in the church. I was right on all points.

There were ten of us at the retreat – eight women and two men representing four churches. The group was led by Pastor Chris Shiber of Byron UMC, and she shared with us the story of Ignatius, a 16th century saint from Spain. He was known for his spiritual retreats where he taught his *Spiritual Exercises* of mediations, prayers and reflections. We learned about his methods and how to incorporate them in our daily lives. Pastor Shiber shared a prayer of Ignatius that we mediated on while walking the labyrinth at Byron UMC. I had never walked a labyrinth before, and I was surprised to find it such a moving and profound experience.



We were also introduced to praying with scripture. To use our senses as we read a passage. Also, to consider the characters in the scripture reading – could we relate to one of them or were we an outside observer to the scene. We were encouraged to journal daily using these tools and see what affect it has on our prayer lives.

I decided that journaling would be a perfect habit to adopt during Lent. For years, I've used the Upper Room as my daily devotional, but now I'm examining and reflecting on those daily scriptures in my journal. These regular reflections are slowing me down, calming my hectic pace and allowing me to hear God's voice and to be more present to his leadings for my life. I feel that I am seeing his hand at work in my life and the lives of those I pray for. My prayer life has improved, and I'm drawing closer to God.

I'm so glad I didn't talk myself out of attending this retreat as I learned a lot about Ignatius and myself. I enjoyed the interactions and discussions with the other people in the group, and I look forward to coming together again on April 8th to see how Praying with Ignatius has changed us all since our last meeting.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

On 2 Sundays, May 21 and 28, 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 join our church as a committed member. 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 me know at 925-303-9339 (cell) or hslee3@gmail.com. Or you may just show up!

Letter to the members of the BCUMC congregation from Esther Graham

"Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength . . ."

I would like to say thank you to my church family for the cards, phone calls and prayers offered on behalf of my son Chuck and our entire family during his illness and departure to his heavenly home.

We were strengthened and comforted by your loving concern.

Yours in Christ Jesus, Esther

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 or Michael Ann Honea at 516-9541)



For Homebound: Barbara Bonnickson,
 Lou Bronzan,
 James Collins,
 Cliff Fortner,
 Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom),
 Laura Breitenbucher (Cheryl's mom)
 Nadden Mills (Mother of Roxanna Simas)

For Healing: Beverley Hendrix,
 Renee Miller,
 Fred Schults (Jeff's brother)
 Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter)
 Sheila Logan (Adella Logan's mother in law)

We pray for you and your care-givers 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. Doug Treadway
- 21. Greg Pacquer
- 21. Ellen Rowan
- 22. Jenn Dunn
- 25. Paula Gallagher
- 26. Adam Simas, Jr.
- 27. Beverly Tucker
- 29. Charlie Johnson

Happy Anniversary

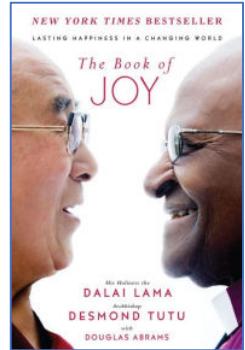
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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

By Mel Strong

9:00 am Sunday mornings

Starting April 24th, the group will study the *Book of Joy*.



Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa spent a week with the Dalai Lama to celebrate his eightieth birthday. Their time together was spent discussing the subject of Joy. Writer Douglas Abrams was commissioned to attend their meetings and write the *Book of Joy*.

After reading their book, I knew I had to share it with others. I hope you will be joining us as we read and discuss this wonderful book.

A signup sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. I will be glad to meet you after the church service to answer any questions.



**RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY
April 8th
8am-2pm**

Come and take a look at what treasures you might find!

Debra Urzua will have a Rummage Sale in the Fellowship Hall.

If anyone is interested in making a little money and lightening their clutter please contact Debra at 925-437-6262



HOPE HOUSE needs help Mondays and Wednesdays 9am to noon for bagging, organizing, guiding, helping, etc. Also, those who are willing, please come and help from 3-4 pm every Sunday unloading boxes from food trucks.

Contact person: Robin Vaughan 650-619-6387.



SOUP and SALAD BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 23

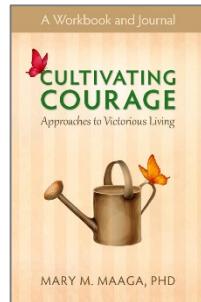
The ladies of the Jessie Lee Circle were moved by the plea Dennis and the Trustees made for money for the audio-visual equipment. When we asked if we could host an event, Dennis said he would be delighted. So, on April 23, we will provide a soup and salad luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your appetite (and checkbook) and we'll all have a good time.

Vickey Barriner



The United Methodist Women of
Walnut Creek UMC
Present

Mary M. Maaga, PhD
Leading a Spiritual Retreat On
“CULTIVATING COURAGE—
Approaches to Victorious Living”



Saturday—April 29th from 9 to 3 pm

Mary Maaga has a PhD with distinction in Religion and Society from Drew University and was an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. A popular retreat leader, life coach, and author, she is offering this workshop on Cultivating Courage, also the name of a workbook she authored. The workbook will be available at the workshop but is not essential.

Her current ministry is with the homeless and incarcerated people of her community.

Childcare and scholarships are available.

Please call Karen Jones on (925) 676-3611 for details.

The retreat fee is \$20 and includes a light lunch.

Please call Katie Moore at 925-392-8765 if you are interested in attending this event.

All are welcome!

EASTER HOPE

O dear Jesus - lord and king
Our elder brother - in everything
Our path-finder - day by day
Strength and comfort - on our way
A mighty shelter - in the storm
Our guiding light - away from harm
Our Easter hope - of all things new
We always have - a friend in you.

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Sunday, March 26 Stephen Ministers Hal and Marilyn Norman spoke about the worldwide ministry of one-to-one Christian care. Shown here are Directors Hal and Marilyn Norman, Stephen Minister Diana Easley and Pastor Lee.

