

Deeds and Opportunities

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Back to school backpack & supply drive

The Sunday school classes are having a supply drive to fill backpacks for local schools in need. We are collecting supplies such as pencils, pens, erasers, loose leaf paper, notebooks, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, markers, dry erase markers, etc. You can drop the supplies in the basket in the narthex.

If you are interested in donating, but unable to shop, we will happily do the shopping for you. Please see Rebecca Feldermann or Julius Lukacs if you have any questions.

Thank you!! BCUMC Sunday School



2015 *AUGUST* Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS
August 2, 2015 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	John 6:24-35	Jesus' Radical Love for All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Faith & Mental Health Awareness Sunday
August 9, 2015 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	John 6:35, 41-51	Jesus, the Bread of Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship Giving by Men's Group
August 16, 2015 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	John 6:51-58	Unity with God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration of Becoming Reconciling Congregation: A New Banner, Wear rainbow color clothes to church!
August 23, 2015 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	John 6:56-69	Eternal Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal of Marriage Vow (Nate & Ezie Ekpemiro)
August 30, 2015 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Transformation of Within	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UMW Jam & Jelly Sales

ACOLYTE and CRUCIFER SCHEDULE for *AUGUST*

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
8/2	Wren Driscoll	Ike Esomonu
8/9	Audrey Dunn	Murphy Slay
8/16	Jacob Lukacs	Sam Lukacs
8/23	Ogechi Ekpemero	Chineyere Ekpemiro
8/30	Alex Dunn	Jamie Feldermann

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.)

Diane Hutchison, Norma Hall, Lou Bronzan, Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom), Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter in need of heart transplant)	Cliff Fortner, Mike Logan, Homer Richardson,	James Collins, Vernon Noble, Phil White,	Dorothy Leonard, Joan Peterson, Barbara Bonnickson,
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We pray for you and your caregivers that God may fill you every day with strength, faith, love and peace!

We also pray for the family of ***Helen Curtis*** who passed away on July 9th 2015. She was 91 years old and the older sister of Fran Hassler. May she rest in peace and love of God! We pray that God's comforting presence be with the family!

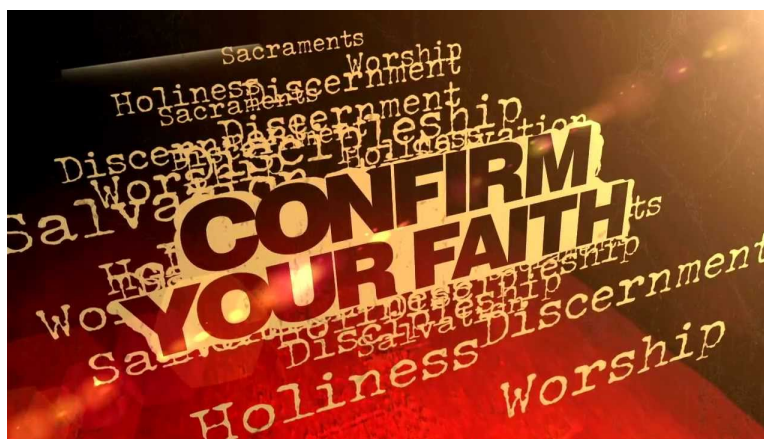
A Memorial Service for Helen Curtis will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday August 6th, at Brentwood Community UMC. Luncheon will follow - by the family

◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

Dear Friends and Members of BCUMC

Happy summer to you all! This is my second summer in Brentwood. I feel the strength and the depth of the real heat very hard this time around. But I began to enjoy it as I enjoyed the real chill in Chicago 20 years ago. I hope and pray that you are all doing well throughout the summer in spite of the high temperature outside!

In September, I will begin a **CONFIRMATION JOURNEY** for our young disciples. During my first year at Brentwood Community UMC, I have witnessed and experienced the active Youth Ministry served by many dedicated parents! I've been impressed by the quality and the loving care that were provided for our children and youth. And now I am so excited to announce and invite 7th grader and older to the 2015 – 16 CONFIRMATION JOURNEY.



CONFIRMATION is a faith journey, which gives teens the opportunity to reflect on the most basic tenants of our faith, and gives them a safe environment to ask questions and grapple with the divine truths and mysteries proclaimed by the church of Jesus Christ. Confirmation helps youth to investigate the depths of the faith and helps them begin to understand what it means to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, and to make their first public profession of faith.

The CONFIRMATION JOURNEY will include *12 Sessions*, *6 Talks with Mentors* and *a Retreat* (Bishop's Confirmation Retreat) over the period of September 2015 through May 2016. We will use **CREDO** as the textbook and the 12 Sessions are as follows:

<i>UNIT</i>	<i>SESSION</i>	<i>SUNDAYS 12-1:30pm</i>	<i>SESSION LEADER</i>
UNIT 1	#1 Creation and Science	Sep. 13	Hyesung Lee
<i>KNOW</i>	#2 Sin & Redemption/Forgiveness	Sep. 27	Julius Lukacs
<i>YOUR</i>	#3 Church	Oct. 11	Jen Dunn
<i>STORY</i>	#4 New Creation and Way of Salvation	Oct. 25	Rebecca Feldermann
UNIT 2:	#5 Way of Discipleship	Nov. 8	Julius Lukacs
<i>CONFIRM</i>	#6 Wesleyan Quadrilateral	Nov. 22	Jen Dunn
<i>YOUR</i>	#7 Worship & Sacraments	Jan. 10	Julius Lukacs
<i>FAITH</i>	#8 Holy Spirit and Renounce/ Reject/Repent	Jan. 31	Hyesung Lee

UNIT 3:	#9 Accept & Confess	Feb. 21	Rebecca Feldermann
<i>LIVE</i>	#10 I Believe (The Creeds)	Mar. 6	Jen Dunn
<i>YOUR COMMITMENT</i>	BISHOP'S CONFIRMATION RETREAT	April 15-16 (tentative)	Bishop and Conf. Youth Leaders
	#11 Living a Holy Life and PPGSW (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness)	April 24	Rebecca Feldermann
	#12 Going Forth	May 8	Hyesung Lee

Several leaders will lead and teach the class depending on the subjects. Confirmation Leaders will be Pastor Lee, Julius Lukacs, Jen Dunn and Rebecca Feldermann.



CHOOSING A MENTOR: Each confirmand will have a meaningful relationship with his/her chosen mentor throughout the confirmation journey! A mentor doesn't need to be a trained theologian or someone who has all the answers. Rather, a mentor should just be an adult who is mature in his or her faith and who can walk alongside a youth on his or her confirmation journey. *Credo Confirmation TalkPoints® for Mentors and Youth* helps mentors with this task by providing ten guided conversations that young people going through confirmation can have with their adult mentors. I hope everyone will choose their mentors by August 20th so that they may also be prepared before the journey begins.

3 CORE PRINCIPLES ON CONFIRMATION JOURNEY: There are three wrong assumptions on the CONFIRMATION CLASS that people often have. I hope we may learn and develop right understandings on this important journey:

- #1: Confirmation Journey is not an once-in-a-lifetime experience and an end unto itself but rather the beginning of one's covenant relationship with God and Church. Confirmation is the continuation of one's faith journey.
- #2: Confirmation Journey is not just a series of classes but rather includes full engagement in the life of the church through worship, service, small groups and involvement in other ministries.
- #3: Confirmands are not just recipients of teaching and nurturing but rather active disciples whose Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness are contributing to the transformational work of Christ's body in the world. They are not just in the preparation phase, but also already in the fruit-bearing phase through every act of faith, hope and love.

For this journey, I'd like to ask everyone to **pray** for all confirmands, their families, mentors, and leaders! Your prayers are the most powerful help to them all. And also please **volunteer as a mentor** and share your faith journey with our young disciples! This may be one of the most memorable spiritual experiences both to you and to your mentee.

May God bless our journey together with His presence and guidance!

Hyesung Lee



RECONCILING CONGREGATION STATEMENT

By Martin Tucker

The R.C. Committee met and discussed the steps we need to take in order to be recognized by the Reconciling Ministries Network. One of the major items is the statement we make and post. With a bit of plagiarism and inspiration we would like to adopt the following as our statement:

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.



We plan to display our statement in the Narthex and a symbol of our status on the little case outside the door that gives the time of worship. We will hang a banner in the sanctuary and show our statement on the bulletin and in the D's and O's. At a later date Patti and Jennifer will be organizing a group picture with all who want to participate dressed in rainbow colors.

A picture of the church and the congregation will be sent, along with a copy of our statement, to the Reconciling Ministries Network. They suggest a donation of \$250 but it is not required. If anyone cares to contribute, your donation can be given to Martin Tucker or placed in the offering plate with a notation of its destination.

I still have items to be completed but the actual fact of our becoming a Reconciling Congregation has been accomplished. My "Thanks" to all who gave the project your support. Martin



OUR CHOIR NEEDS A BOOKSHELF

The choir needs a small bookshelf for the music library. Right now everything is jammed in and stacked up on every available inch of space. It's difficult to find anything. We have no more floor space to use, so the bookshelf we need will be placed on top of one we have now. It should be no larger than 24.5" wide x 11.5" deep x 36" high.

I do hope someone has one that's looking for a good home. Please contact me at 634-8521 or Donnlin1103@comcast.net

Thanks, Linda Barnhill

MERRY METHODISTS

Game Night Is Back, Friday, August 21st 6-9 pm

For more information, contact Jen at habitol.here@gmail.com

Merry Methodist Game Night is Back! August 21st, 6-9 pm

All ages are welcome for games of your choice. You are welcome to bring a favorite or join in any table: board games, card games, dominoes, and the ever popular Twister! This will be joint event with Youth group parents.

No RSVP necessary, just come out and join the fun!

A light main dish will be provided; side dishes, desserts and drinks welcome.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

How many of you have noticed a new tab on our BCUMC website called "Fundraiser Calendar"? If you haven't yet seen it, please check out the new item on the site. Earlier this year the AD Council requested that the Finance Committee explore how we could better manage the Fundraiser events sponsored by various committees and ministries as these activities continue to grow each year. The idea being to make it easier to set up a date for your events on the overall church schedule, but also to manage these special needs opportunities in an orderly timeframe.

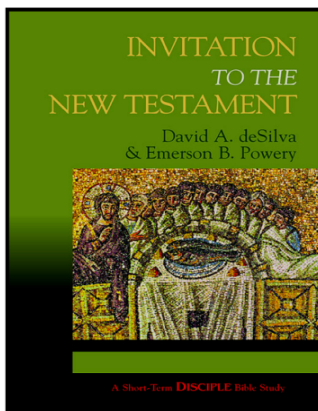
We also considered ways to create more awareness of these events within our congregation, but also would generate more exposure into the greater Brentwood community when appropriate. This also fits right into the concepts of the Holy Currencies program that BCUMC is participating in with other local Methodist churches within our conference.

A big thanks goes to Debra Urzua and Paul Slay for working to develop this new site. *Now, how will the system work?* Any church group that wants to schedule an event can go on the site to see what events are already scheduled. The calendar covers days, months and years, so you can look up dates that you have in mind and, if it is open, you can choose it right on the site. You can opt for dates even into the next year.

Once you have entered your request it will be reviewed. If it is accepted it will appear as set for that date on the site. If there is a conflict you will receive an answer suggesting other alternate dates. There are some suggested guidelines on the site when you are requesting a set date.

Relative to our financial status for the first six months of 2015, I am pleased to report that our income flow has now leveled out; and for the month of June and YTD we are basically on budget. In June we also had our annual official outside Audit that verified that our financial books are in order. These results have been recorded as required.

Regards, Carey Hutchison, Chair



8 WEEKS SUNDAY MORNING

A Short Term Disciple Bible Study

INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

By David A. deSilva & Emerson B. Powery

Led by Pastor Hyesung Lee

When: Sunday Morning 8:45 am – 10:10 am

August 2nd through September 20th

Where: Quiet Room **Textbook:** \$3.00

Registration: Please let the Pastor Lee know via email (hslee3@gmail.com) or cell (925-303-9339)

- It deals with the whole **27 books** in the New Testament in 8 weeks.
- It provides **daily Scripture reading assignments** for **group conversation** on Sunday.
- **Video component** provides both interpretation and context for the biblical texts.



**COMING UP . . . YOUTH GROUP
FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY - AUGUST 9TH - BBQ LUNCH**



1. Jim Collins
2. Nate Ekpemiro
5. Jo Prewett Tennant
5. Ezihe Ekpemiro
6. Miriam Pflum
8. Dolores Hauan
8. Gerald Sorenson
15. Clifford Fortner
16. Ginny Driscoll
21. Jason Tennant
21. Connie Azevedo
21. Kathryn Cruz
22. Ethel Badham
23. Justine Joaquin
25. Mike Logan
26. Lisa Slay
30. Jo Merritt

Happy Anniversary

30. Jonathan Kurz
2. Blanca & Carlos Malagon
15. Julie and Sean Clarke

SURRENDER

Sometimes without realizing
 I struggle and fight
 One problem to the next
 Hope I can make all things right.
 But it's never enough
 Always more to do
 And peace is out of reach
 Until I surrender to You.
 So I wave the white flag
 I just can't do it all
 I step away from the battle
 And listen to God's call.
 As I take time to be still
 In the silence - and pray
 I depend only on You
 And find hope for this day.

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The United Methodist Women are collecting items monthly for HOPE HOUSE. There is a basket in the Narthex for your items. *The item for August is a box of cereal – any kind.*



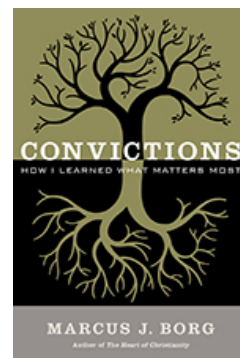
Priscilla Circle meets the third Wednesday night of the month in each other's homes. Next meeting will be August 19th (7 PM) at JoAnn Funk's, 922 Finn Way, Brentwood. All women are invited to attend. For directions, more information about UMW, or a ride call Patti Bartlebaugh 757-9278.

Jesse Lee Circle meets the second Tuesday morning of the month at 10 AM at the church.

9AM SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

by Mel Strong

August 2nd (this Sunday) the 9am book discussion group begins a new study. We will be studying Marcus Borg's last book "Convictions: How I Learned What matters Most." In this book he reflect on the Convictions he has developed over the course of his life and why they provide a path of hope for those seeking to be faithful Christians in the twenty first century. He encourages today's followers of Jesus to become more rooted in the deep convictions that can actually lead to transformation and renewal, both for ourselves and for the world. I have the books and a study guides for the course. The books are \$18; the reason they are a little more expensive then usual is the book is only available in hard back - the paper edition won't be available until next year. I hope you will be able to join us for Coffee, goodies, stimulating discussion of Marcus Borg's book and fellowship. We meet in the Youth Room. Mel



Do you have a special skill to share with the Youth?



This year's BCUMC Youth Group calendar has a number of dates where we will be bringing the group together to share inter-generational skills. So whether it's sewing, pie-making, tie-dying, jam-making, painting, or any other great skill you think the youth may find interesting, plan an evening with the youth group. They really enjoy spending time with you and hopefully you will find this to be a blessing-filled experience. Most inter-generational events happen Friday evenings at 6:00pm.

If you have a skill to share, please contact Julius at julius.lukacs@hotmail.com. We also would like to invite you to our next youth fundraiser events: 8/9: BBQ Lunch and 8/23: Pleasanton Car Show.

From Robin Vaughan . . .

Thank you everyone for your generous donations on our monthly request for Hope House. For the month of August we are doing a box of cereal (any kind).

About four years ago our church was trying to decide what to do with the little house on Pine Street; then the spirit spoke to us and Hope House came about . . . you all have been helping to meet the needs of the folks of Brentwood and surrounding towns . . . we have all made a difference for so many people. With



God's guidance we continue to grow . . . Hope House has truly taken on a life of its own . . . which brings me to say . . . **WE NEED HELP** . . . we have computer opportunities, pick-up food opportunities, along with working at Hope House.

It takes a village to keep this wonderful place going. If anyone has any desire to help in some capacity, we welcome you with open arms. We are open Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 12 noon.

It's a rewarding experience and a blessing interacting with the families that come in.

Chuck Nixon and Blake Kurz have faithfully been picking up food every Friday since the beginning. It would be nice to have other folks help so they didn't have to work every Friday.

Marge Walton, Marie Weeks and Diane Lee have made our Closet a welcome site for families setting up all the wonderful donations we receive. If your interest is working in our Closet, let us know.

Every Sunday afternoon we get a delivery from the White Pony Express, usually around 4pm. We have a need for people to come and meet the truck and bring the food inside.

On the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month we get a produce delivery from the Bank. Dolores Hauan, Bev Johnson and Edie Tidrick are the people who volunteer then. I am sure they would love some help for an hour, from 4pm-5pm.

God Bless all of you for your encouragement and help. If you would like to experience this joyful endeavor we have taken on, please contact me . . . Robin Vaughan 925-634-6409.

We may be a small church, but we have big hearts and have made a BIG difference...



BCUMC CHOIR RETURNS!!

*First rehearsal will be Thursday August 20th at 7pm
Please consider joining this joyful group of singers!!*



United Methodist Women

Sunday **August 30th**

both circles of UMW will come together for the
annual

FRUITS OF BRENTWOOD FUNDRAISER

A wide variety of Jams, Jellies
and homemade goodies
will be available for sale after church.

MEET THE NEW PASTOR OF BYRON UMC, REV. CHRISTINE SHIBER

Rev. Christine Shiber is the new pastor at Byron UMC. She was ordained in 1978, and has served churches of all sizes in our Annual Conference, mostly in the East Bay and San Francisco. Ten years ago she was trained as a Transitional Interim Ministry Specialist and, although her appointment to Byron is not an Interim appointment, some of the skills she practiced in those appointments are useful in a pastoral transition.

Pastor Chris has been a Stephen Leader, and is also a spiritual director, with a specialization in Ignatian spirituality. She's living in the Byron parsonage in Discovery Bay, with her fabulous dog and many succulent plants. Her two grown children visit occasionally.

Pastor Chris is glad there's a dynamic UMC so nearby, and she's looking forward to various collaborations between our two churches, and our East Contra Costa County Circuit.

Byron UMC is located at 14671 Byron Highway, Byron, CA 94514 -- phone (925) 634-1411.



PASTOR KRISTIE'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION!

Dear colleagues and friends,

As many of you know, Rev. Kristie Olah is retiring this August. She has been serving as El Camino Real District Superintendent of Cal-Nevada Conference for 7 years. We are going to celebrate her ministry on Saturday afternoon August 29th at Los Altos United Methodist Church. All clergy and laity are welcome to attend and participate in the following ways!

The gift of your presence! Many of you have replied to the Evite that was sent out, but due to glitches with that invitation, we are now considering payment for your dinner as your RSVP. There is a **\$10/person charge** payable by credit card or by check made payable to "LAUMC" with "Olah Dinner" in the memo line. Please include a list of the guests covered by your payment. You may also call the church office and ask to speak to Meghan Kinoshita at Los Altos UMC ([650-948-1083](tel:650-948-1083) x 154). We are requesting that all RSVPs be in by August 14th.

A financial retirement gift. If you wish to make a personal gift to Kristie for her use in retirement, please make the check payable directly to "Kristie Olah" with "Gift" in the memo line. She will receive the collected total along with a list of the names only of the givers. Please note, your gifts to Kristie are not tax deductible.

We hope we will see you at the celebration!

Sincerely,

Rev. Cate Noellert

El Camino District Superintendency Chair

All checks should be mailed to:
Los Altos United Methodist Church
655 Magdalena Ave
Los Altos, CA 94024
Attention: Meghan

Statement of Inclusion:

Because we believe that no one is excluded from God's love and that all may come who hear the Shepherd's voice (*John 10:1-18*), so we affirm:

In keeping with the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ and with United Methodist principles, the Brentwood Community United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into our fellowship.

Resident Bishop: Warner H. Brown, Jr.
El Camino Real District Superintendent: Kristie Olah
Pastor: Hyesung Lee ☩ Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs
Secretary: Debra Urzua

*The Mission of the United Methodist Church
is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

