Deeds and Opportunities

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AUGUST 2018



Celebrate the Fourth Anniversary of Our Reconciling Congregation

Sunday ~ August 12th at 10:30 am and 5:00 pm

Special Guest: Ms. Micheal Pope, Lay Leader of California Nevada Annual Conference; CEO of the Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay (ASEB)

- Special music by Joe Kick and Robin van Ruiten
 - Picture taking of the whole congregation
 - Blessing of Safe Space Volunteers



Sunday – August 12th 5:00 pm

Movie Night ~ 5pm in Fellowship Hall

a documentary film

"The Times of Harvey Milk"

a brief discussion will follow.

2018 August Worship Schedule

SUNDAY	Scriptures & Sermon theme	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES	
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 5	Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35 "Build one another up in love"	 Holy Communion Report on 2018 Annual Conference by Lay-delegates Linda & Don Barnhill Reconciling Congregation Celebration Moment: Julius Lukacs UMW Sunday Sundae (Fundraising for Mission) 	
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 12	Guest Preacher Ms. Micheal Pope, Lay Leader of California Nevada Annual Conference; CEO of the Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay (ASEB)	 Fourth Anniversary of Reconciling Congregation Special music by Joe Kick and Robin van Ruiten Blessing on Safe Space Volunteers Picture taking of the whole congregation Bar-B-Que at noon by Men's Group Movie Night 5pm in Fellowship Hall – a documentary film 'The Times of Harvey Milk"; a brief discussion will follow. 	
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 19	Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58 "Give thanks in love"	 Reconciling Congregation Celebration Moment (3min) Sunday Night Live at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall Taize Service 	
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 26	Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69 "Move in love"	 Reconciling Congregation Celebration Moment (3min) Reconciling Ministry Open Discussion at noon in Fireside Room 	

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR AUGUST

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer	Accompanist
8/5	Christian Belino	Jamie Feldermann	Lugh Baxter
8/12	Robin van Ruitan	Zeke Canonica	Greg Pacquer
8/19	Maggie Monsef	Jacob Lukacs	Lugh Baxter
8/26	Ben Lukacs	Jacob Lukacs	Greg Pacquer

Staff Liaison Assignments

Please contact the appropriate SPRC person to communicate any praise, suggestions or concerns regarding any of our staff members. The assigned liaison(s) for each staff person is as follows:

Staff Person Hyesung Lee, Pastor Debra Urzua, Office Manager Blanca Malagon, Housekeeping Alivia Logan, Choir Director Jordan Pospisil, Nursery Care Ryan Pospisil, Nursery Care Clara Crowell, Substitute Nursery Care Lugh Baxter, Part-Time Accompanist Greg Pacquer, Part-Time Accompanist Rebecca Feldermann, Youth Director Liaison Polly Gallagher Rosemary Wood Linda Walton Carey Hutchinson Joy Kick Joy Kick Joy Kick Shirley Gray Shirley Gray Rick Dunn

Note: Carlos Malagon, our Gardener, is not a staff member. Please direct any comments regarding grounds maintenance to Debra Urzua in the church office.

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

I am back from my long 3-week vacation. I feel rested and re-energized. I visited my mom in Korea. She is 87 years old and healthy. She lives with my two brothers and a sister-in-law who is the best cook in the world. Everybody was doing well. We visited our father's burial site and our home-church together. My mom was very happy to spend time with me. She gave me hand knitted hats, gloves and scarves as gifts for my family members. She makes several boxes of kid's hats and gloves throughout the year and sends them to churches in the countryside to help poor children. What loving gifts they were to me! I wanted her to visit me sometime. But she said she can't stand 13 hours of air travel any more. And she said to me to visit her once every two years. I led one last family worship time for all my loved ones and shared God's blessings with them.

After I came back home, my husband and I had a chance to visit Canaan Korean UMC in Marina, Monterey Bay, which I served for six years right before I came to Brentwood. It was our first time visit to that church after we left it four years ago. The church had gone through some difficult times for the last four years. But I could feel that the Spirit was still vitally working in the congregation during their Worship Service celebrating their 26th Church Anniversary. Their prayers were powerful and lots of music and dances were uplifting and beautiful. I was particularly impressed by the presence of the couple who were singing in the choir, because they were non-church-goers when I first met them. I met them at the market place in Salinas. We had lots of conversation every two or three weeks at their market. Right before I left the church, the wife started coming to church. The husband came to church after I left. They got baptized by the pastor after me. Ever since the day of baptism, they have served in choir and many other ministries. I was very happy to see them singing praises with joyful faces. I was reminded of the verse in 1Corinthians 3:6 "*I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.*"

While I was in Korea, my two chickens started laying eggs. It was such a wonder for all of us. My husband and I named our four chickens biblically – Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Two out of four, Hope and Peace, started laying eggs on July 7th. Each makes one egg each day. After 20 days, Joy started laying an egg. Now we have three eggs every day. It is such a joy to see them growing. They bless us daily with wonders of creation and mysteries of life.

Life is always changing, growing and making fruits. Our church is also always changing, growing and making fruits. I am so grateful for our many new and old ministries. I hope and pray that all our church members and friends continue to benefit from our church ministries.

Gratefully and joyfully,

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Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



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, Cliff Fortner

For Healing: Renee Miller, Fred Schults, Diana Easley, Galen Tidrick, Debra Urzua, Carey and Diane Hutchison, Loren Jenks, Michelle Hill, Bev Hendrix, Gabriel Carpenter, Mike Logan, Bob Clarke, Bob Reed (Linda Barnhill's brother), Donna Baker, Eddy (Rosemary Wood's friend), John Moore, Heather (Larry Schaffer's stepdaughter), Chuck Graham

We pray for you and your care-givers that God may fill you every day with strength, faith, love and peace!





WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Continues to welcome anyone who would like to sit in the sanctuary for a time of prayer. You may stay as long as you want between 6:00 and 7:00 pm! Candles will be provided for those who wish to light a candle for someone or for some causes. You may leave your prayer request in the basket for which the prayer team will pray!

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE "TAIZÉ SERVICE" 5-7:30 pm Sunday ~ August 19

A Taizé service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, and liturgical readings. There is no preaching. The style of prayer practiced at Taizé Community in France has attracted many worshipers from around the globe and from many different denominations.

> For questions, contact Julius Lukacs (415-518-0584; Julius.lukacs@hotmail.com)





2. Nate Ekpemiro 5. Jo Prewett Tennant 5. Ezihe Ekpemiro 8. Dolores Hauan 15. Robin Van Ruiten 15. Clifford Fortner 15. Elaine Brandeland 16. Ginny Driscoll 21. Jason Tennant 21. Connie Azevedo 21. Kathryn Cruz 22. Ethel Badham* 23. Justine Joaquin 25. Mike Logan 26. Lisa Slav 30. Jo Merritt 30. Jonathan Kurz

* 100th Birthday!!

Happy Anniversary

Blanca & Carlos Malagon
 Julie and Sean Clarke
 Jillian & Don Stirling

RECONCILING

Sometimes it seems a little strange That we even need somehow to change And profess a reconciling church to be For when we come together in this place And seek to see God's lovely face Don't we see it shining in you and me? And isn't that what Jesus was all about? Go out into the hillsides and sing and shout The good news – the message That all are alive and free In the overflowing love of God. Each one so precious in his eyes And may our world soon come to realize The truth that has been here from the first And where would we see it, if not at church? That God lives in each and sets us free Already and always reconciling all And reconciling you and me.

© Joe Kick - 2018

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00 AM BCUMC Fellowship Hall All men are invited to breakfast. Come and Join in a great breakfast and fellowship. Heart-healthy food to be included.

We will meet SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th

Bring a friend. His breakfast is free! Call Dave Funk, 925-997-5018 with any questions



VOYAGERS

The next Voyager event will be Friday, August 10th, when we will attend the Brentwood *Concert in the Park*. We will **meet at the church at 5:30** and go together to the park. The music will be from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Bring your own folding chair, food and drink. (Maybe some finger food to share if you would like.) ah summer! fun in the sun! the heat! oh . . . we will all scream for ice cream!!

Jessie Lee Circle presents Sundae Sunday - August 5th

We will serve ice cream, with a variety of toppings, in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Donations will go to HOPE House. Come . . . get cool . . . and support a good cause.





BOTTLE RECYCLING ... HELP!

Very few bottles and cans are being left in the BCUMC recycling containers now and I hope someone can recycle them. Please let me know if you are a bottle/can collector who will take ours for a good cause! Contact Betty Gaughan at <u>partgone@sbcglobal.net</u> or 925-513-3863. Thanks!

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED! JOIN THE CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN THURSDAY AUGUST 23rd AT 7:00 pm Questions? Contact Alivia Logan <u>livlogan13@gmail.com</u> or 698-3263





SUNDAY – AUGUST 12th – FOLLOWING WORSHIP Sponsored by your Methodist Men's Group

HAWAIIAN BARBEQUE

MENU: Hawaiian and chicken burgers, hot dogs, potato and macaroni salads, baked beans, watermelon, corn on the cob! Lemonade sweet and unsweetened tea and choices of ice cream.

COME ONE, COME ALL BRING A FRIEND

RECONCILING CONGREGATION

The Reconciling Committee has a full month planned to celebrate our 4th anniversary.

On the first Sunday, August 5th, our Lay Leader Julius Lukacs will speak about the reconciling ministries network and what it means to be a reconciling congregation. We will also hang the rainbow flag prominently on the exterior of the church in hopes of sparking interest in the community.

August 12th is the celebration Sunday, with guest speaker Michel Pope, special musical performances, rainbows galore and our annual congregation group photo after morning services. That evening Tristan Mendoza will host a screening and discussion of "The Times of Harvey Milk".

For the third Sunday, we are seeking testimony from the congregation on what the reconciling movement has opened within us.

And on August 26th, Martin Tucker will lead an open discussion on how we at BCUMC became a reconciling congregation. Please join us in inviting friends and family to the celebrations. We are looking forward to this fantastic month of pride and growth, and the fruit to come!





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hello families and Sunday School children of BCUMC. We hope you've had a wonderful summer and enjoyed your summer Sunday School. Thank you to the fantastic volunteers who helped out and taught our children! Traditional Sunday School will begin on Sunday, August 5th with Marcie and Rebecca. We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces! *Marcie Lukacs and Rebecca Feldermann*

YOUTH

Hello youth and youth families. I hope you've all had an enjoyable summer filled with fun, family, and friends. The 2018-2019 youth year will begin on August 14th. The calendar will be finalized and available on the website by September.

FIRST UP...

YAHS (Young Adult/High School) Tuesday, August 14th, 6:30pm-8:00pm at the church.

MTJ (Middle School) Sunday, August 19th, 5:30pm-7:00pm at the church.

SAVE THE DATE!

Youth Orientation and Potluck, Sunday, September 9th, 12:00pm-1:30pm, at the church.

This year I will be using the Remind App as another tool to communicate with youth and keep them up-to-date on events coming up, etc. As long as they are able to receive/send texts they can join.

Please have your youth text one of the following codes to 81010 MTJ: Text @rfelderm to 81010 YAHS: Text @rfelderma to 81010

I look forward to a great year filled with friends, fellowship, fun, and service.

Rebecca Feldermann ~ BCUMC Youth Director

FINANCIAL REPORT

A huge Thank-You to everyone for your prayers and financial giving during these summer months. We are current on all bills and obligations, a real blessing during vacation periods! Thank-You! The Finance Committee

New Members Orientation

September 9 and 16 from 12 pm to 1 pm

In the Quiet Room (behind the choir room/fireside room)

You are invited to this orientation if you want to (1) *join* our church as a committed member or 2) *just learn* more about our church. 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 the pastor know by contacting her at 925-303-9339 (cell) or <u>hslee3@gmail.com</u>. Or you may just show up! This time is always very enjoyable and spiritual.

Celebration of Life Service for Elizabeth "Betty" Patterson (Mother of Fran Bowman)

Elizabeth "Betty" Patterson, mother of Fran Bowman, passed away on July 4th, 2018 at the age of 94. The family is planning to have a Celebration of Life for her as follows, and invites all who would like to come:

When: 1 pm Sunday, August 5th, 2018

Where: Summerset Orchards HOA (770 Centennial Place, Brentwood)

The United Methodist Church Is Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary as a Denomination

Ways you can Celebrate:

- Read: Grow your faith by <u>reading good books.</u>
- Serve Somebody: From the days of the Wesley Methodists we have always practiced acts of compassion by <u>serving others.</u>
- Join a small group: Small groups are the <u>heart of United Methodism</u>.
- Enjoy a shared meal: Few things are more United Methodist than a shared meal. Consider <u>hosting</u> a shared meal in your home.
- Stick to a budget: John Wesley gave some amazing advice for how we should <u>handle our money</u>: (1) make all you can, (2) save all you can, (3) give all you can.
- Join a committee: <u>Serve</u> your church by joining a committee.
- **Deepen your devotional life:** Wesley said that two means of grace every Methodist should practice are "searching the Scriptures" and <u>prayer.</u>
- Attend worship every Sunday: <u>Hearing</u> the Bible read, <u>joining</u> our voice in song, <u>hearing</u> a sermon, <u>receiving</u> communion, and <u>praying</u> with others, are important ways we <u>grow</u> individually and together. From UMC.org (Joe Iovino) Jerry Walton-Finance Chair



ETHEL BADHAM WILL REACH HER 100TH BIRTHDAY ON AUGUST 22, 2018!

OUR CONGREGATION WILL CELEBRATE ETHEL'S BIRTHDAY DURING FELLOWSHIP **SUNDAY**, **AUGUST 19**





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

El Camino Real District Superintendent: Rev. Schuyler Rhoads Pastor: Hyesung Lee 🕈 Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs Secretary: Debra Urzua

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

