

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

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***AUGUST 2019***



*CELEBRATION  
of the*

*FOURTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF A RECONCILING CONGREGATION*

*SUNDAY - AUGUST 18th - 10:30*

*Guest Preacher: Rev. Tom Harshman,  
Provider of Spiritual Care and  
Clinical Pastoral Education*



*\*\* Wear a Rainbow-Colored Shirt for the  
Photo Shoot after the service*

## 2019 AUGUST Worship Schedule

Date/Time	Content/Sermon	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 4, 2019	Luke 12:13-21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship</li> <li>• Holy Communion</li> <li>• Special Music by String Band</li> </ul>
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 11, 2019	Luke 12:32-40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship</li> <li>• SUNDAY SUNDAE fundraiser by United Methodist Women for Jacob's Well (Clean Water Mission) at noon</li> <li>• A Way Forward for UMC with Rev. Brian Adkins at 2 pm in Fellowship Hall</li> </ul>
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 18, 2019	Guest Preacher Rev. Tom Harshman (Director of Spiritual Care and Clinical Pastoral Education in the Mission Integration Departmenet)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Reconciling Congregation Wear Rainbow Color for Photo Shoot Special Fellowship Time</li> <li>• Special Music by String Band</li> </ul>
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 25, 2019	Luke 13:10-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 Minute Sing Along before Worship</li> <li>• Special Music by String Band</li> </ul>

## 20 MIN SING ALONG EVERY SUNDAY



You are welcome to join in 20 minutes of singing favorite hymns before Sunday Worship!  
Tell the pastor what your favorite hymns are!

*A CELEBRATION OF LIFE for MYRON SORENSON*

*1:00 pm Saturday, August 17th*

*At Brentwood United Community United Methodist Church*

## ◆ *Pastor's Letter* ◆

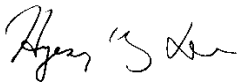
Dear Friends in Ministry

I am so happy to see our HOPE HOUSE leaders and volunteers working together beautifully in spite of difficult challenges every week. I celebrate with you the great success of the fundraising event with Rykert Trio on June 28th. Less than two months, so many people have worked together to sell tickets, promote the event, and follow up with details. The results were huge successes financially and also in community building. Please read a separate report on this event in another page of this Newsletter! Thanks be to God and to all those who have contributed in so many ways!

There are many other small groups for you to join: for 60 and older, Voyagers; for people between 20 and 59, Midtown Faith; for music lovers, String Band and Choir; for Spiritual Growth seekers – United Methodist Women, Men's Group, Sunday morning small group, or other Bible Study Groups, etc. It is so important for all of us to belong to a certain small group for fellowship and spiritual nourishment. I pray that all of you to find more than one small group and to continue your enriched spiritual journey in this summer.

Let us continue to pray for our life-giving ministries, praying church, peaceful community, united denomination and our nation!

Rejoice in all circumstances, pray without ceasing, and give thanks always!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



## Let Us Pray for Healing and Strength for the These 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.



Gail Hutchinson, Candy & Don Benston, Roselyn & Jerry Bize,  
Roberta Chilians, Mike Martin, Joann Lokin, Jim Boynton, Shirley Gray,  
Bev Hendrix, Diana Easley, Gordon Fong, Carey & Diane Hutchison,  
Debra Urzua, Gabriel Charpentier, Arlene Bowie, Cliff Fortner, Jo Merritt,  
Dylan Lee, Galen Tidrick, Murphy Slay (in Afghanistan) and the  
United Methodist Church Reconciling Ministry Post-General Conference.

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

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER CONTINUES

**(Taize Service will take a break in July and August  
and resume September 11)**

We 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 pm 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!



A warm welcome to our new Administrative Assistant, Michelle Carrillo. She officially began her position in our church office last week although you may have seen her in the office doing some training with Debra and Kayla before taking over.

Michelle is very excited to become part of our church community and is looking forward to getting to know us. She is eager to become familiar with our systems and motivated to get started with the work of the church.

Michelle is a resident of Antioch and is part of a big household that includes parents and grandchildren. SPRC hopes that if you have an opportunity to stop by the office, that you do so and say hi!



2. Nate Ekpemiro
3. Jere Retzer
5. Jo Prewett Tennant
5. Ezihe Ekpemiro
8. Dolores Hauan
15. Clifford Fortner
15. Robin vanRuiten
16. Ginny Driscoll
21. Jason Tennant
21. Connie Azevedo
22. Ethel Badham
23. Justine Joaquin
25. Mike Logan
26. Lisa Slay
30. Jo Merritt
30. Jonathan Kurz

Happy Anniversary

15. Julie and Sean Clarke

### SUMMER PRAYER

Open the doors of my mind  
 Open the doors of my heart  
 Jesus, change me if you can  
 May I learn to do my part  
 Dark troubles all around  
 Tender mercies raining down  
 Lift me up and set me straight  
 Guide my feet to heaven's gate  
 How many times must we forgive?  
 Am I learning how to live?  
 Walk with me in days of tears  
 Deepen faith for coming years  
 Open the doors of my mind  
 Open the doors of my heart  
 Bring your healing to my soul  
 Things are falling apart  
 I'm falling  
 Catch me, Jesus.

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## MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

### REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF SCRIPTURE TODAY

By Rev. Adam Hamilton

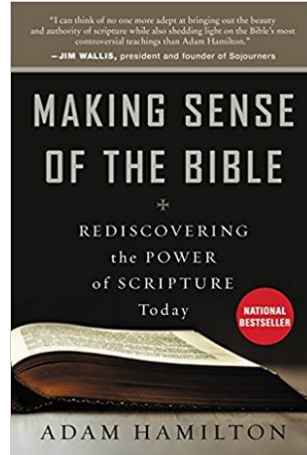
Six Weeks on Fridays at 3 pm till 4:30 pm

Beginning on September 13th

Facilitator: Rev. Hyesung Lee (hslee3@gmail.com)

Text Book (\$12.00)

Sign Up Sheet is in the fellowship hall



Here is a quote from the publisher: "Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn't about a particular social issue, but instead it is about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of

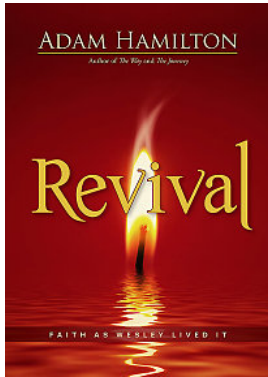
the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

Did God really command Moses to put gay people to death? Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to keep silent in the church? Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving."

### FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00 AM

*All men are invited to breakfast.* Come and Join in a great breakfast and fellowship. Heart-healthy food included. We will meet this **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd**  
 Bring a friend. His breakfast is free!  
 Call Dave Funk at 925-997-5018 with any questions.





# Revival

## Faith as Wesley Lived

**6 Weeks on Sunday Morning (Beginning on Sept 8th)**

9 am in Sunday School Room

Facilitators: Mel Strong & Jerry Walton

[melvinstrong3039@yahoo.com](mailto:melvinstrong3039@yahoo.com)

[waltonjerry@comcast.net](mailto:waltonjerry@comcast.net)

Revival is written by Adam Hamilton. It is a short book, six chapters and 144 pages of text. We will be reading a chapter a week. It is about the life of John Wesley and his theological spiritual journey. Here is a quote from the book:

"John Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to the 21st Century Christians, calling for a Revival of the hearts and souls so that our world may be changed. Join Adam Hamilton for a six week journey to England, through Wesley land, life Ministry and teaching. For Methodists, Wesleyans , and all Christians, Wesley's story is our story, defining our faith and challenging us to rediscover our Spiritual Passion".

There is an excellent DVD that we will be using also. Between now and the start of the discussion of Adams book in September we will have our 9am fellowship and start each class with the words John Wesley used to start his meetings, "How Goes it With Your Soul".

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### HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEER SUMMERTIME SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

There is a great opportunity to work with children from kindergarten to second grade, starting August 4th. Lesson plans will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Scott Baxter, chair of the Young Christians Ministry Committee, at [scottmbaxter@aim.com](mailto:scottmbaxter@aim.com). Thanks!

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### COMING THIS MONTH!

United Methodist Women's **SUNDAE SUNDAY!**  
**August 11th** after Worship in the Social Hall,  
benefiting Jacob's Well Ministry  
(a clean water Project)



*FYI – Proceeds from recycling bottles and cans are also donated to the Clean Water Project . . . please bring your bottles and cans (or the proceeds) to BCUMC!*



## Midtown Faith August Activity



### **“Food & Fun at the Park”**

When: Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm-6:00pm

Location: Veteran's Park, 3841 Balfour Rd., Brentwood

Info: BBQ, a potluck of side dishes (of course!), horseshoes,  
the water park (for kids or kids at heart 😊),  
and catching up with our Midtown Faith family! \*Water park costs \$9\*

Who: Midtown Faith members & their families

### HOPE HOUSE

Thank you everyone for supporting the Rykert Trio Concert on June 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful performance by the Rykert Trio from Modesto who brought a varied approach to gospel music. When Larry Schaffer heard that Hope House was in need of financial support, he suggested this great idea of having a concert. Larry did an outstanding job of leading a special committee to put the event together and it was a huge success.

The concert brought in \$2,500 in sales and donations, which led to more donations that brought in another \$2,400, totaling about \$4,900 for Hope House. What a BLESSING! Thank you to all who have made our church and Hope House a place where we SERVE our community and help to support those in need.

By Jerry Walton

Our H.O.P.E. (Hope, Opportunity, Prayer, and Encouragement) House ministry is a food and clothing distribution ministry serving the needs of individuals and families in Brentwood, Knightsen, Bethel Island, Discovery Bay, Oakley, and Byron.

- MTJ (Middle School) resumes in August –  
each Sunday 5:30 to 7 pm in the Youth Room
- YAHS (Young Adult/HS) resumes in August  
each Sunday 7:30 to 9 pm in the Fellowship Hall



### VOYAGERS

are going to the Concert in the Park  
this Friday, August 2nd.  
Meet in the park at 6 PM.



## Come, Join Us in Open Discussion, Following A Speech by Rev. Brian Adkins, Pastor at Epworth United Methodist Church

A Member of the Commission To A Way Forward in 2016-2018 which was formed to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church by the Council of Bishop



“I am an openly gay pastor, a clergyperson . . . and as a pastor, I have to offer a message to my people, to the LGBTQ people in this room and who are watching. . . . You are Beloved of God. No matter what happens in this room or anywhere else, there is a place for you at God’s table and no one can take it from you. Claim it!”  
(At 2019 Special Session)

**2PM – 4PM, SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2019  
BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY U.M.C.  
(809 SECOND STREET, BRENTWOOD CA 94513)**

Sponsored by 5 Churches in East Contra Costa Circuit (Antioch Church on the Rock, Pittsburgh UMC, Brentwood UMC, Byron UMC, Martinez UMC)

Contact: Rev. Hyesung Lee at 925-303-9339 or at [hslee3@gmail.com](mailto:hslee3@gmail.com)

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## NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATIONS

**September 15 and 22 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 (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 [hslee3@gmail.com](mailto:hslee3@gmail.com). Or you may just show up! This time is always very enjoyable and spiritual.

**Everyone interested in the City of Brentwood's Parks and Recreation services is invited to attend the Trustees meeting Monday, August 12 at 7:15 pm in the Social Hall.** In addition to our regular agenda items regarding maintenance of the church, we will be hearing a **special presentation** from a representative from Regional Government Services. RGS and the City of Brentwood are holding community outreach meetings **regarding the city's Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update.**





*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.*

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Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. Schuyler Rhoads

Pastor: Hyesung Lee † Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs

Administrative Assistant: Michelle Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

