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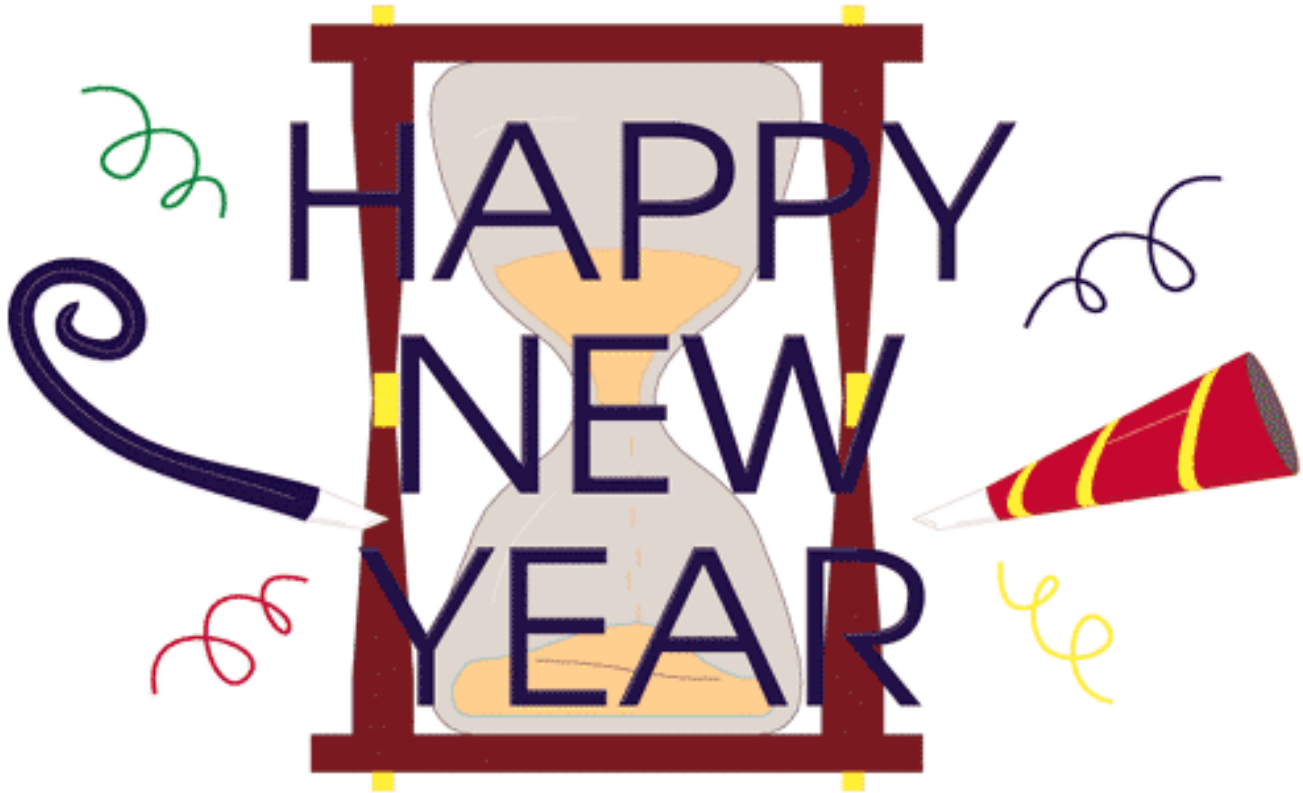

2017 *JANUARY* Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	Scriptures & Sermon Title	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2017	Matthew 2:1-12 "Reveal"	▪ *Holy Communion*
Baptism of the Lord January 8, 2017 *First Sunday after the Epiphany*	Matthew 3:13-17 "Baptism of Jesus"	▪ 150th Anniversary Celebration Kick Off Sunday ▪ Creative Worship Team (after Service)
Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2017	John 1:29-42 "the Lamb of God"	▪ Dedication of Choir Robe and the Plaque of Donors ▪ New Members Orientation (1)
Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2017	Matthew 4:12-23 "Jesus' Ministry in Galilee"	▪ New Members Orientation (2)
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2017	Matthew 5:1-12 "The Beatitudes"	▪ ALL CHURCH POTLUCK (Town Hall & Leadership Recognition)

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR *JANUARY*

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
Jan 1	Christian Belino	Wren Driscoll
Jan 8	Maggie Monsef	Jamie Feldermann
Jan 15	Kayla Kurtz	Hunter Austin
Jan 22	Abigale Scott	Trevor Austin
Jan 29	Macilee Scott	Sam Lukacs

Let us Pray for the Following Members and Friends of BCUMC!

Our Congregational Care Network (CCN) provides this list.
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

Barbara Bonnickson Lou Bronzan James Collins Cliff Fortner
Renee Miller Joan Peterson Beverly Hendrix

Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom)
Laura Breitenbucher (Cheryl's mom)
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter)
Sheila Logan (Adella Logan's mother in law)
Lee Daversa (Joyce Sorenson's son-in-law)
Nadden Mills (Mother of Roxanna Simas)
Trina Ortega (daughter-in-law of Doug Treadway)
Chuck Graham (son of Esther Graham)

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

◆ *Pastor's Letter* ◆

Dear Members and Friends of B.C.U.M.C.

Happy New Year! May God fill you and your family with His renewing Spirit and guiding Word!

We were so blessed with true Christmas blessings in December! Our beautiful Christmas Cantata, "Shining on This Night" offered not only the best music in the world but also the opportunity to serve our neighbors in need. The night's free will donation was sent to Shepherd's Gate to support the ministry for battered women and children. Thanks to all those who contributed for this memorable night: (1) our choir members, director Alivia Logan, pianist Greg Pacquer and orchestra members; (2) We also appreciate United Methodist Women for the snacks in fellowship time afterward; (3) and all those who came to be there to give thanks to God for sending His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

We were so excited to have Christmas Party for HOPE HOUSE FAMILIES. Our wonderful ministers belonging to VOYAGERS (a fellowship group for 60 and over) had planned this event for over six months. Around 50 clients of HOPE HOUSE came to enjoy the party. They enjoyed the Christmas Play offered by our children and youths. Our string band led a Sing-A-Long time with Christmas carols at the beginning and the end. Kids enjoyed several crafts and arts as well as delicious and beautiful cookies. Each child received a bag of gifts while each family got one big bag of food as they left. Our member Horace Gipson brought his team to take family photos for free for all those who wanted to have one. Several families told us that it was their first family picture ever taken. One family had 7 members. Others had 6 or 5. They were so happy as they saw their first time ever family picture! Voyagers and all the other helpers were inspired as they saw big smiles on their faces. We all felt that it was the true Christmas moment! Our hearts were filled with gratitude and joy for the immeasurable blessing God had given to us.

As we welcome the New Year, I pray that our hearts and minds be open more than ever to listen to God and follow His wisdom and guidance. We will have a time of getting together as a church on the last Sunday of January. You are all invited to come to ALL CHURCH POTLUCK on January 29th Sunday at 11:45 pm (right after worship). We will have a potluck lunch and an opportunity to talk about our church growth opportunities. It will be our time together for getting to know one another as well as for brainstorming and visioning. We will also have an opportunity to recognize church leaders. Let us listen to one another and shape our future journey together as the body of Christ to fulfill our mission: **to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**!

Emmanuel Blessing,

Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee

RESTING IN GOD

"In returning and rest
You shall be saved
In quietness and trust
Shall be your strength."
A strong frost covers the rooftops
Bushes and car windows
On these cold winter mornings.
The last of the leaves
Have fallen from the trees
And darkness falls early
In the evenings - across the land.
And in moments of quiet prayer
I hear the still small voice - saying:
"Be with me a little more
You are my beloved child
You are precious to me.
Let my peace and comfort
Fill your heart to overflowing.
As the trees will get new leaves
There will be time for new doing
And activity.
For now - let your strength renew
Be with me in quietness and trust.
You are safe - you are loved."

Joe Kick 2017 *Bible quote: Isaiah 30:15*

5 Craig Bronzan
12 Vickey Barriner
16 Pete Cruz
20 Patti Bartlebaugh
25 Horace Gipson
21 Jackie Hanel
22 Scott Bartlebaugh
23 Jacob Lukacs
27 Audrey Dunn
28 Rachel Simas

16 Edie & Galen Tidrick

Please Join in an ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

11:45 am Sunday January 29, 2017
All Members and Friends are Invited!
Potluck Lunch
Town Hall (Church Growth Opportunities)
Leadership Recognition

TRIVIA, TREATS and TREASURES
Saturday - January 21st – 7 pm

This event is a fun night for ages 10 and up. This year teams will consist of six members (we are using our new round tables). The first place team will receive $120 and the second place team will receive $60. There are two rounds of about 15 questions. Questions are varied, so it does help to have a diverse age group on your team.

Treasures will consist of a wide range of raffle baskets and perhaps other surprises. Treats are small snacks sweet and savory to help keep your energy up during the contest! Tickets are $10. Any questions? Contact Patti Bartlebaugh at 925-757-9278.

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

On 2 Sundays January 15 and 22 from 12 pm to 1 pm
In Quiet Room (behind the choir/fireside room)

You are invited to this orientation if you want to join our church as a committed member.
This class will include (1) sharing of faith journeys; (2) United Methodist Church Beliefs and Mission;
(3) our B.C.U.M. church mission and touring of our church facilities and properties.
If you are interested, please let me know at 925-303-9339 (cell) or hslee3@gmail.com.
Or you may just show up!

Praying with Ignatius through Lent

Saturday, March 4, 9am-1pm
and Saturday, April 8, 1-3 pm
At Byron UMC

Lent begins on March 1st (Wednesday) this New Year! Brentwood UMC and Byron UMC will join together in a Lent spiritual journey.

Rev. Chris Shiber (Byron UMC) will introduce us to St. Ignatius of Loyola's way of praying, and share some of his "exercises" with us, which will deepen our relationship with Jesus, especially during the season when he is making his way to his death in Jerusalem.

The first retreat will introduce the prayer exercise. Then we will practice individually during Lent and join together in the second gathering for reflection on our prayer journey.

*Sign-up sheet will be in Narthex every Sunday!

HELP NEEDED for BCUMC NURSERY CARE

SPRC (Staff-Parish Relations Committee) is searching for Back-up Nursery Care/Babysitter(s) for Sunday morning services or other events when our two regular Nursery Care-Givers are unavailable. The person(s) could be paid caregivers or volunteers from the congregation. First Aid certification is preferred but not required. Safe Sanctuary training will be provided and a background check will be necessary for any applicants.

Please direct inquiries to Joy Kick at (925) 625-4627 or (925) 434-8968 or JJTM_K@yahoo.com.

HOPE, OPPORTUNITY, PRAYER, ENCOURAGEMENT

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. The Voyagers Christmas Party for Hope House was a big success. We all had a wonderful time - about 50 people attended. The children loved our crafts project, the singing and the goody bags.

As we start 2017, I would like to invite anyone who has an interest in working at Hope House to give me a call. Robin Vaughan 650-619-6387

New Choir Robes Plaque Dedication

January 15th there will be a brief dedication ceremony of the New Choir Robes Plaque to honor those people who made generous donations in memory or in honor of some loved ones. A plaque with their names will be hung in the Fireside Room after the dedication. These are the names on the plaque:

Shirley and David Thomson
Aline and Raymond Funk
Vernon Noble
Reddie Prewett
Charles Graham
Alvin Simas

Our pastor said it the best way: "I believe choir robes give a sense of unity to choir members as chosen ones for a special ministry. It is so important that we dedicate the plaque during one of our services".

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.

Resident Bishop: Warner H. Brown, Jr.
El Camino Real District Superintendent: Rev. Staci Current
Pastor: Hyesung Lee ✞ Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs
Secretary: Debra Urzua

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TIME DATED MATERIAL