

Deeds and Opportunities

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January 2018



Sunday School performing the Christmas Play

December 24, 2017

2018 JANUARY Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	Scriptures & Sermon Theme	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
Baptism of the Lord January 7, 2018 <i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6 Mark 1:4-11 “Rise Up – God is Speaking”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Installation of New Church Officers
Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 14, 2018	1 Samuel 3:1-10 John 1:43-51 “Listen”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Members Orientation (1) ▪ Reconciling Ministry Team Gathering at 12 pm
Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2018	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Mark 1:14-20 “Move”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confirmation Class (9) ▪ New Members Orientation (2) ▪ Sunday Night Live (5pm in Fellowship Hall) – Labyrinth Prayer Walk at B.C.U.M.C.
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2018	1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28 “Answer”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Confirmation Class (10)

WORSHIP MINISTERS FOR JANUARY

Sunday	Acolyte	Crucifer
1/7	Maggie Monsef	Wren Driscoll
1/14	Robin van Ruiten	Jamie Feldermann
1/21	Maeci Scott	Alex Dunn
1/28	Kaela Scott	Griffin Slay

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

January 14 and 21 from 12 pm to 1 pm In Quiet Room (behind the choir/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. Or you may just show up!

This time is always very enjoyable and spiritual.

Black Attendance Record Books

We need your help on Sunday mornings in Worship with signing in on the black attendance record books that are handed out by the ushers at the beginning of the service. We are asking for everyone to please sign in and then pass the black book on down the row you are sitting in. There should be one record book for each row now, so there is no need to pass it along to another row. We would like to keep track of both friends, newcomers, and members in attendance each week for record keeping purposes.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Linda Walton, Friend in Faith Team

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, Randy Fortner, Cliff Fortner
Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom), Laura Breitenbucher (Cheryl's mom)
Nadden Mills (Mother of Roxanna Simas), Joyce Heflin, Renee Miller
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter)

For Healing: Beverly Hendrix, Diana Easley, Esther Graham, Galen Tidrick
Ethel Badham, Fred Schults (Jeff's brother), Debra Urzua
Diane Hutchison, Nick Luoma, Chris Baldwin
Beverly Johnson, Martha Bryning (Beverly's sister)

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



SHOUTING JOY TO THE STORM! LOS RIOS DISTRICT REVIVAL!

Feb 3d, 2018 - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Fairfield Community United Methodist Church
(1875 Fairfield Avenue, Fairfield, CA 94533)

In these tumultuous days God sends a Spirit of Revival to the people so that they might rise in faithfulness and hope. Come join in this time of worship, praise and renewal as we celebrate the power of God's wonder!

Preaching: Rev. Chris Logan, Path 1 Intern and Pastor appointed to The Table UMC.
Rev. Ron Swisher, Pastor of Fairfield Community UMC, former DS and faithful servant!

Music by Fijian Choir of 1st UMC of Santa Rosa, The Choir of Fairfield Community UMC and the Los Rios Band (with Laurie McHugh, Rod Brayfindley, and a host of wonderful talent).

We are requesting a \$25 donation to cover lunch, materials and administrative costs.

Please register using this link! <https://calnev-reg.brtapp.com/LRDRevival>

We hope to see everyone there!

In Christ, DS Schuyler Rhoads

◆ *Pastor's Letter* ◆

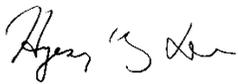
Dear Friends in Ministry

I am hugely grateful for the year 2017. For the church, we had the great celebration on our 150th Anniversary with old friends, bishop and our current members and friends. We love our growing new ministries and fruitful old ministries as well as our new Youth Director and her wonderful ministry. The Youth Sunday was so inspiring and encouraging. I love the way how we accepted our bishop's challenge to DREAM BIG. Particularly our Finance Team took it as their theme for Stewardship Campaign in October and November and made it very successful one.

And, now what? We have a beautiful new year 2018 in front of us. We will do DREAM BIG for our church, the body of Christ entrusted to our care. How do we do that? Ad Council will decide how Dream Big Task Force will be organized and run. I would like to ask all of you a few things. First of all, please pray for our Ad Council and Dream Big Task Force that they be open and willing to listen to God's guidance and brave enough to take impossible dreams if they know that's God's calling. Secondly, please pray for our future together as a church family that we may find new ways and new places to extend God's love to people in need. Thirdly, please pray for our church to grow not only in spirituality but also in number that we may find new committed members who would volunteer to facilitate Adult Small Groups and to teach Sunday School during summer time and even for Vacation Bible School.

THANK YOU ALL for your continuing support and prayers! Let's enjoy our journey together as we work together for the Kingdom of God in our part of the world!

Sincerely,



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



OPPORTUNITY

We have an opportunity.
This time one year ago
2017 stretched out before us
An unknown hope, adventure, challenge.
Now that future has become past
And our opportunity is now to let go
To embrace the ways we have grown
And to release any disappointments
To forgive mistakes - ours and other's
To set down burdens if we can
And turn it all over to our ever loving God
And find rest, peace, strength, freedom.
The river flows into the sea.
God is the sea and we are the river.
As the waters mingle together
Who can say which waters
Are the river and which are the sea?
From this place of oneness with God
The new year lies before us.
We have an opportunity.

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5 Craig Bronzan
12 Vickey Barriner
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18 Heidi Stark
25 Horace Gipson
21 Jackie Hanel
23 Jacob Lukacs
24 Wyatt van Ruiten
27 Audrey Dunn
28 Rachel Simas

Happy Anniversary

16 Edie & Galen Tidrick

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

“Walking Labyrinth Prayer”

**5–7:30 pm Sunday January 21, 2018
in the Fellowship Hall**



“The labyrinth is a pattern that has a single, circuitous path which leads both in, to its center, and back out again. This meandering path becomes a metaphor for life’s journey, touching people on their journey, wherever they are. Those who walk the labyrinth’s contemplative path are ushered into a safe, spacious place where peace and wholeness are possible.”

Contact: Lay Leader Julius Lukacs (415-518-0584; Julius.lukacs@hotmail.com)



TRIVIA, TREATS and TREASURES

Saturday – February 3rd – 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 Polly Gallagher at 634-8773 or vingal@pacbell.net

Baby Hats (Caps) – A Mission Opportunity

Patti Bartlebaugh, our dear friend (former member of BCUMC), is inviting us to participate in the following mission opportunity. She will deliver your gifts when she goes to UMW Assembly in May 2018.

“In the months ahead, Assembly 2018 planners are inviting United Methodist Women who have skills in knitting, crocheting or sewing to create baby hats for those in need. The baby hats may be made from fabric, fleece or yarn. If possible, United Methodist Women should take completed baby hats to their local churches to be blessed before bringing them to Assembly. Some of the hats will be displayed in the Assembly prayer and meditation room. At the end of Assembly, the baby hats will be distributed to those in need through our Maternal Health work. **Please do not ship any hats to the national office for delivery.**”
(From UMW News)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

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 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!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO “MUG” A FRIEND?!



Then participate in the Youth Group Fundraiser running through January 7th. For \$5, you pick out a Christmas mug filled with hot cocoa, candy canes, and kisses to be delivered to the person of your choice. There will be a form to fill out with the option to include a personal message.



The 2018 confirmation class finished their eighth lesson on December 3rd. They have taken the rest of December off and will begin classes again on January 21 with a two-lesson series on Theology. The confirmands have continued meeting with their mentors as well. The confirmands will have an opportunity to attend the Bishop's retreat on either March 17-18 or April 7-8. Please continue to pray for the confirmands, their mentors, their parents, and the teachers as they continue this important faith journey.

The middle school group, otherwise known as MTJ, had a fun December. We took a break from lessons & had two fun events—a game night and ice skating downtown. After ice skating some of the youth went to Antioch Wesleyan Church to see *A Walk Through Bethlehem*. It was such a great interactive way to prepare for the holiday. The youth really enjoyed being able to “see” the birth of Jesus in person. *MTJ will resume regular Sunday meetings Sunday, January 7th starting at 5:30pm. This information can also be found on the bulletin board and will be in the weekly newsletter.*



The youth group had multiple events in December, starting with our 4th Annual Chopped Event. The youth created many delicious items out of some wacky ingredients! We had some great contestants and, after three rounds, the winners were Jacob & Dylie! We helped out at 3 Brentwood Regional Community Chest Events—the barrel wrap, the toy sort, and the food sort, all during the week of December 11th. We also had our Christmas gift exchange party.

We are truly blessed to have such wonderful youth at our church! *Please look to the website (www.brentwoodumc.org) and the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for the most up to date information.*



The month of December was a wonderful and fun one for Sunday School. Both our PreK-2nd grade & 3rd-5th grade classes had lessons on the Characters of Christmas. December 10th we had our first ever Sunday School Christmas party/gift exchange. We shared yummy goodies & hot cocoa, watched a Christmas cartoon, and had a sock gift exchange. It was fun & festive!

December 24th we performed our Christmas Play during the morning service. The kids (and adults!) did a great job! We look forward to a new year filled with new lessons!



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
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TIME DATED MATERIAL

