

Deeds and Opportunities

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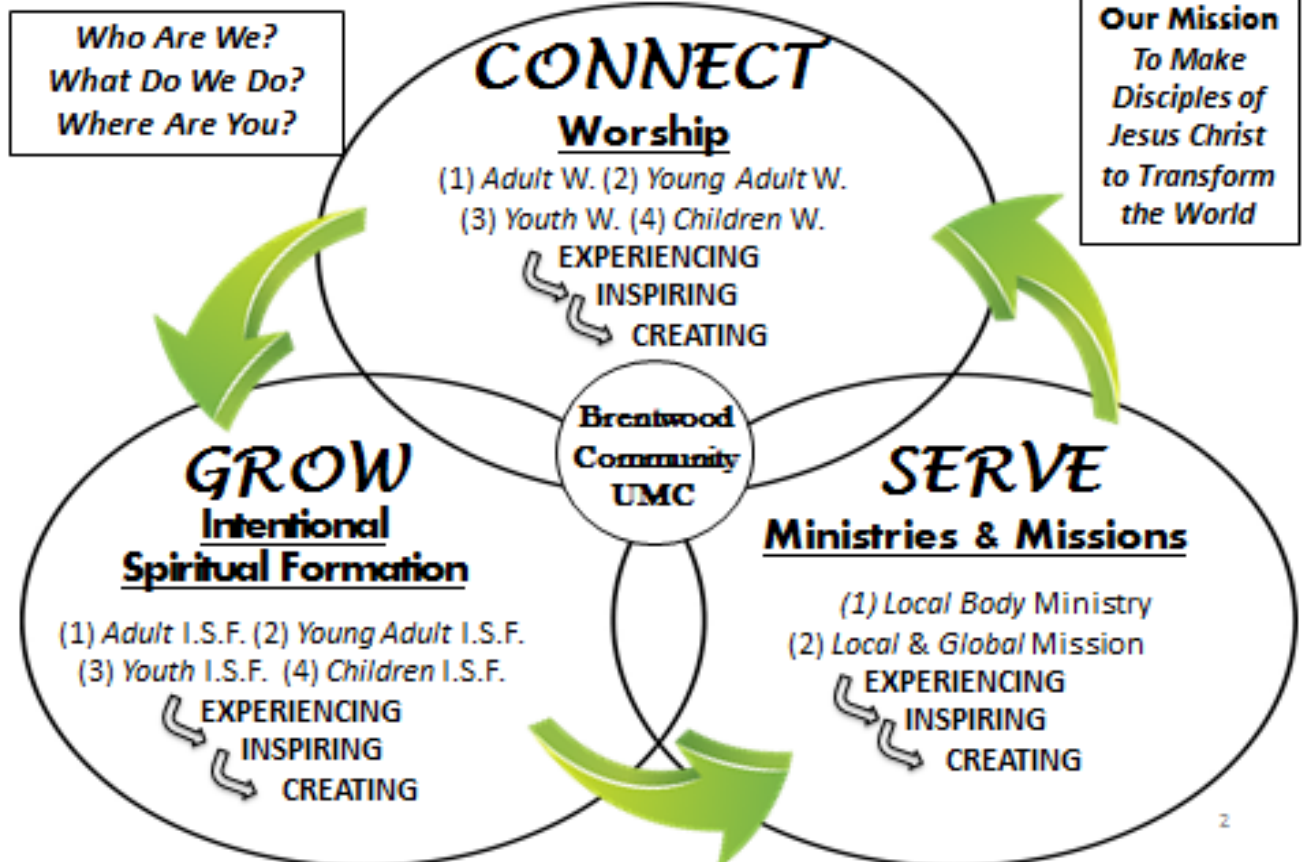
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JULY 2015



DISCIPLE MAKING JOURNEY in BCUMC

(A Guided Movement Toward a Deeper Relationship with God)



◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

Dear Friends and Members of BCUMC

I hope and pray that you all have a safe and pleasant summer even though we have a long lingering drought and 100-degree temperature! Let us keep praying for rain...on our lands, on our souls... (Yes, we had rain all in one day two weeks ago, Alleluia)! There are a lot to be thankful for and to celebrate about together:

- After our almost unanimous decision to become a RECONCILING CONGREGATION just 19 days ago, today we heard the news about the historic Supreme Court ruling in favor of same-sex marriage nationwide. Congratulations on all those who have fought and waited for this day for a long time! Let there be freedom and peace spreading for all!
- We had two new members who joined our church on Sunday July 7th: Michael Ann Honea and Nicholas Luoma. We are so very happy to have such dedicated and loving people as our members.
- We will commission and send off two of our own, Michael Ann Honea and her daughter Marla Ann Birk, as missionaries to Guatemala for a medical mission on July 19 (Sunday). This is our third year to send our members to Guatemala for this important mission. We are so grateful for this opportunity to reach out brothers and sisters in overseas.
- Another missionary among us, Cheryl Dobson, has finished her medical mission for the victims of the horrible earthquake in Nepal and come home safely. She will share her experience with us as she recovers from the trip. We are proud of you, Cheryl!

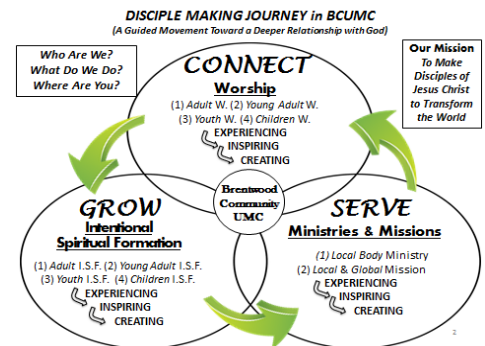
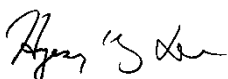
As long as we produce disciples like these, we the church will continue to be a community where transformation of hearts and lives may occur. The core mission of the church is TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD! Without disciple-making ministry, the church cannot survive let alone thrive.

Who are the disciples of Jesus Christ? They are the ones who do the work of Jesus Christ in their current life places. How can they do that? They can do that by belonging to the community of Christ and by participating in the disciple-making process. Our lay leader Julius Lukacs and I have worked to present our Disciple-Making-Process to the congregation. It looks like the following:

The key to Disciple-Making is to participate in this cycle of Connect-Grow-Serve as much as we can. **Connect** with God through worship! **Grow** to be like Christ through small group Intentional Spiritual Formation! And **Serve** others with the help of the Holy Spirit through ministries and missions!

As I examined this process, I realized that we need to provide more opportunities of Worship Services and of Intentional Spiritual Formations. We are better at serving (Of course we can do better always!) than at connecting and at growing. So I have decided to add one more group for Intentional Spiritual Formation on Sunday mornings. Mel Strong has been a wonderful leader for the Sunday morning group! I hope my group may attract other people. I am convinced that both groups will support each other and grow together. I have chosen a short-term disciple study, titled "Invitation to the New Testament." Please see the detailed information about this in another page of July D's and O's! Let's be connected, grow and serve!

With love,
Your Pastor, Hyesung



2015 *JULY* Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS
July 5, 2015 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	<u>Mark 6:1-13</u>	Ministry of the Rejected	Holy Communion
July 12, 2015 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	<u>Mark 6:14-29</u>	Remembering the death of John the Baptist	Report on 2015 Annual Conference by the delegate Roxanna Simas
July 19, 2015 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost GET-ACQUAINTED SUNDAY	<u>Luke 7:11-17</u>	Gift of Healing	Healing Service – anointing and praying for the sick Commissioning 2 missionaries to Guatemala
July 26, 2015 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Lay Leader Julius Lukacs Preaching		

Acolyte and Crucifer Schedule for *JULY*

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
7/5	Jacob Lukacs	Sam Lukacs
7/12	Audrey Dunn	Alex Dunn
7/19	Wren Driscoll	Ike Esomonu
7/26	Ogechi Ekpemero	Chineyere Ekpemiro

SCHEDULE OF MUSIC FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

DATE	PIANIST	SPECIAL MUSIC
July 5	Pat Solero	Gene Clare
July 12	Pat Solero	Janice Richardson
July 19	Nick Perez	Liam Cody
July 26	Hailey Goodwin	Joe Kick
August 2	Sue Stuart	Liam Cody
August 9	Pat Solero	Joe Kick
August 16	Pat Solero	OPEN
August 23	Hailey Goodwin	Gene Clare
August 30	Sue Stuart	OPEN
<p>Anyone who would like to donate their musical talents to the open slots should contact Alivia Logan at livlogan13@gmail.com or Pastor Lee.</p>		

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,

Cliff Fortner,
Mike Logan,
Homer Richardson,

James Collins,
Vernon Noble,
Phil White,

Helen Curtis,
Joan Peterson,
Dorothy Leonard

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

BISHOP'S LETTER ON SUPREME COURT AND MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Mark 12:31 says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Throughout the history of the United States, the Supreme Court has been called on to ensure equality, liberty, and justice for all people. This can be seen in the abolition of slavery, the women's movement, the civil rights movement of the 60s, and now in the fight for marriage equality.

Today, in a 5 to 4 decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled in favor of marriage equality for all people.

For decades, the United Methodist Church has debated this issue. Next year when General Conference gathers in Portland, Oregon, the decision to change, or reaffirm the church's historic position will be considered. Pastors and congregations within our annual conference hold opinions across the spectrum of this decision. But, throughout the years, the California-Nevada Conference has consistently stood for full inclusion, and equal rights, for all people in our denomination, and secular society.

In our Social Principles, United Methodists have stated our common belief around this value:

We affirm that all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God. All persons need the ministry of the Church in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship that enables reconciling relationships with God, with others, and with self.

This Supreme Court decision calls attention to the difference between the laws of the United States, and the policy of our church. The law does not require anyone to violate their conscience of what God has called them to do, or their theological understanding. But, if we seek to be an inclusive church that serves all of our parishioners, and all of our neighbors, we will have to consider how we treat all people equally. The heart of our call to ministry is to be pastor to the people of the congregation, and the community, we serve. May we continue to be a people of prayer, and hope, as we work towards a day of equality and inclusion for all people created in the image of God.

Alice Stokes Paul, women's rights activist and leader in getting women the right to vote says, "I never doubted that equal rights was the right direction. Most reforms, most problems are complicated. But to me there is nothing complicated about ordinary equality."

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr.
Resident Bishop



Our Favorite Hymns (Collected on Getting Acquainted Sunday, June 21)

This is My Father's World
In the Garden
How Great Thou Art
The Love of God
On the Cross
Holy, Holy, Holy
Promise
On Eagle's Wing
Go Tell It on the Mountain

RECONCILING CONGREGATION -- REPORT OF THE VOTE

by Martin Tucker



Ballots were mailed to adults and youth who had graduated from high school whose names appeared on the membership list, approximately 120 people. The instructions asked that they complete the ballot and return it by way of the offering plate June 7 or 14 or mail it to the church to be received by the 14th. As was announced in church on the 14th, the vote was 54 Yes and 2 No, with one abstention.

Contact has been made with a regional organizer for the Western Jurisdiction of the Reconciling Ministries Network. He has provided information to guide us in becoming part of the Network. We have some informational forms to complete for them and must submit a copy of our statement of inclusion. The R.C. Committee will be meeting to move toward completion of these items and to decide how we can demonstrate our status as a Reconciling Congregation.

MERRY METHODISTS

Beat the Heat at the Harvest Park Bowl! Thursday, July 9th

Merry Methodists will enjoy 90 min of air-conditioned bowling, unlimited soda and popcorn on Thursday, July 9th, 4:30-6, \$7 per person...even shoe rental is included! Please RSVP to habitol.here@gmail.com by noon Tuesday July 7th for lane reservations. See you there!

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

This is a really fun night for all ages...Train Dominoes, Twister, Harry Potter, Sorry, or any game of your liking. Good healthy competitions are building...not to mention fabulous food and fellowship! Joy reigns as Uno-Rummy queen, Martin grabbed at least one Train Domino title while Jen is content to have tapped once, and the Twister Title is still up for grabs. Come join us at BCUMC Sunday School rooms and claim your spot in the record books!

UMW Walk and Talk about "Americanah" at Round Valley

Two chances to join the hike...July 1st 6:30-9 am or July 13th 6:30-9 pm.

Bring your water bottle and take an alternate view on our community. No reservations required, just come on out! For more information contact Jennifer Dunn at habitol.here@gmail.com



Jacob's Well Ministry
Thanks to BCUMC congregation

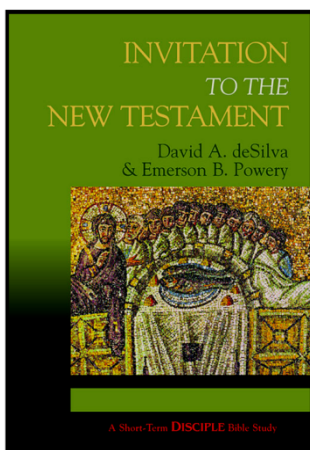
Because of this congregation's generous support, we were able to send \$500 to UMCOR for the clean water project for the families of Africa. Your generous donations made it possible for 20 families to receive a filtering system. Thank You! The United Methodist Women

SUNDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP



THE STORY OF THE JEWS
 WITH SIMON SCHAMA

The 9am book discussion group is viewing a five-part PBS DVD titled "The Story of the Jews." It explores the Jewish experience from ancient times to the present day. We viewed the first part on June 21st. We will most likely take the 4th of July weekend off; in that case, we should finish the five-part series on July 26th. You are welcome to drop in at any time; each of the five parts of the series could stand alone. When school starts again in the fall we will be reading and discussing Marcus Borg's book "Convictions, How I learned what Matters Most". More to follow. *by Mel Strong*



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.

The clients at HOPE HOUSE have been enjoying the extras that all of you have been so generously bringing to church. For the month of *July a tube of toothpaste* would be much appreciated. Also, if any of you have old can openers lying around we could sure use them. we have had quite a few homeless folks come in and we have depleted our supply. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of this much-needed ministry. *Robin Vaughan*



3 Joy Kick
3 Molly Kick
5 Reddie Prewett
5 Mgbechi Oji
6 Sean Clarke
8 Ame Bartlebaugh
14 Loren Jenks
15 Alex Dunn
16 Paul Slay
18 Randy Fortner
18 Jane Travale
18 Abbie Scott
20 Shirley Gray
22 JoAnn Funk
24 Julie Clarke
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30 Joyce Sorenson
31 Vince Gallagher



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Come to HEALING SERVICE on Sunday July 19th at 10:30 am!

Our United Methodist Book of Worship explains about HEALING MINISTRY as follows:

“All healing is of God. The Church’s healing ministry in no way detracts from the gifts God gives through medicine and psychotherapy. It is no substitute for either medicine or the proper care of one’s health. Rather, it adds to our total resources for wholeness.... Healing is not magic, but underlying it is the great mystery of God’s love. Those who minister spiritual healing are channels of God’s love. Although no one can predict what will happen in a given instance, many marvelous healings have taken place.” (BOW, p.613)

The service will include a message on healing, hymns, and prayers for healing and wholeness with anointing and/or laying-on-of-hands!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

I am happy to report that as of June 1 our financial position has improved. This year managing our finances has been a bit of a crazy trip. In January we had a surplus of income funds, then for the next three months we had shortfalls each month. Now in May we had another strong "income" balance.

So, for the bottom line we are about on budget for the year-to-date. Our biggest income source each month comes from our Pledge donations. The Committee thanks all members who give generously each month to support our church. This enables us to meet our finances promptly each month. Thank you, Amen!

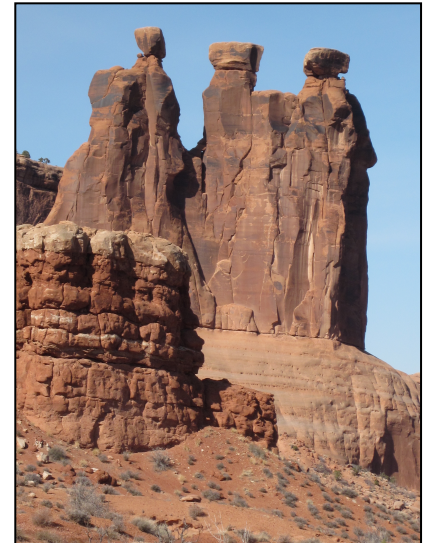
As a result of this experience, our committee has started an evaluation process of our entire financial procedures to identify options that could aid us in meeting our monthly needs when we experience these bumps in income availability. We will advise you of the results and any actions we may suggest for future actions.

Regards, Carey Hutchison, Chair

MAY THERE BE LIGHT

A few years ago - Joy and I took a road trip
To see the wild beauty - of Utah and Arizona
Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, and Arches
Monument Valley, Grand Canyon, and Sedona.
Red rock, cliffs and spires, and ancient trees
Winding rivers and canyons - such unusual beauty.
Nature's sculptures - shaped by eons of sun, wind, ice, and rain
God's infinite creativity - being revealed over time.
In Sedona we attended a Taize' service on a Monday night
At a beautiful chapel - set among red rock mountains
With people from all over - coming together - to be in the Light.
And we sang simple songs and prayed and felt the presence of Jesus
And somehow it was clear - each one is a beloved child of God
Each on their own journey - all part of God's family.
And now with the recent shooting and death of nine
Dear ones - in the church in Charleston, South Carolina
So heartbreaking - why have we forgotten?
And can we remember somehow - in all our travels
And all our places - and life stories - unfolding over time
That each one is a beloved child - a unique expression
Of the Divine.

Joe A. Kick - 2015



THANK YOU LETTERS:

From Laurel Bronzan BejecKian (a daughter of Lou Bronzan)

*My dad wants to thank you and BCUMC for writing to him and keeping him in your thoughts and prayers. He is doing well but misses mom and home. Blessings,
Laurel Bronzan BejecKian*

From Ivy Caruso (moved to San Jose in the summer 2014)

*Dear Dolores & All of BCUMC
Hope you are doing fine. I love to hear from all of you. This card is for you and the rest of your wonderful ladies! Please use where it is needed. I am feeling quite well. Still can't remember all the names of the people here, but they are great! I love the sermon note and cards you send.
Lovingly,
Ivy*

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

