

Deeds and Opportunities

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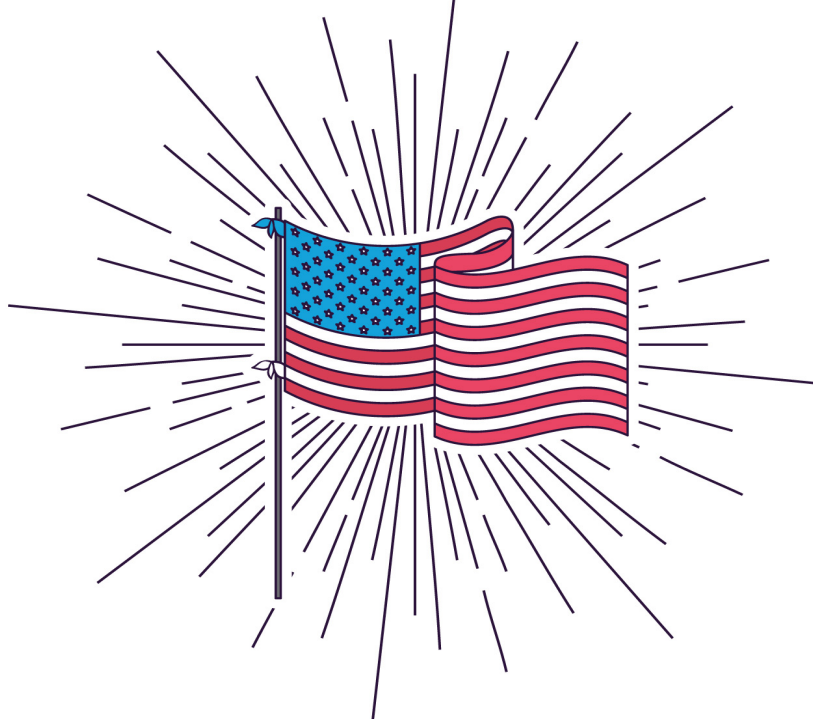
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JULY 2016



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2016 ***JULY*** Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS & others	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 3, 2016	Galatians 6:1-6; Luke 10:1-11	"I Am Sending You Out"	▪ Holy Communion ▪ Music by Gene Clare Piano by Ruby Perez
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 10, 2016	Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37	"Go and Do Likewise"	▪ New Members Class (1) ▪ Choir "Down by the Riverside" Piano by Greg Pacquer
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 17, 2016	Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42	"Only One Thing"	▪ New Members Class ▪ Music by Joe Kick Piano by Ruby Perez
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost July 24, 2016	Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13	"Teach Us to Pray"	▪ Music by Gene Clare Piano by Pat Solero
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2016	Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21	"Rich Toward God"	▪ Music by Alivia Logan Piano by Pat Solero

ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER SCHEDULE for ***JULY***

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
7/3	Wren Discoll	Ogechi Ekpemero
7/10	Ogechi Ekpemero	Hunter Austin
7/17	Wren Driscoll	Trevor Austin
7/24	Ogechi Ekpemero	Hunter Austin
7/31	Audrey Dunn	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

Diane Hutchison Cliff Fortner Jim Collins Joan Peterson Barbara Bonnickson
Lou Bronzan Jan Nixon Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom)
Lee Daversa (Joyce Sorenson's son-in-law) Sheila (Adella Logan's mother in law)
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter)

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

For Comfort and Peace

We pray for the family of Reddie Prewett (July 5, 1924 – May 8, 2016) who passed away on Mother's Day. She shared her faith, joy, love, fun and happiness with us for 67 years at Brentwood Community United Methodist Church. We already miss her a lot! May God comfort the family with God's peace and hope!
A Memorial Service will be held at B.C.U.M.C. on Tuesday, July 5, at 2:30 pm



◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

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

I hope and pray that you are all doing well in this **hot hot hot** summer season! We will start very HOT stuff in August! It is for our spiritual growth and meaningful fellowship with one another! The New Team (Creative Intentional Spiritual Formation) has worked hard to create this intentional spiritual journey since January this year.

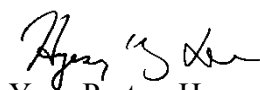
I am so pleased and excited to introduce you to **SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE** (look for more information on another page of this Newsletter)! It is a three hour event (5pm-8pm) where people gather together for (1) Bread & Soup; (2) Music & Devotion; and (3) Small Group experience. However, this is not a one-time-event! On the very first Sunday Night Live (**5 pm Sunday August 7**), people will be invited to choose one of the four small groups: (1) for High School youth <Dare to Dream: Creating a God-sized Mission Statement>, led by Jen Dunn and Michele Monsef for 6 weeks; for adults (2) <A Parenting Class, led by Julius Lukacs for 4 weeks; (3) <Deliver Me from Negative Self Talk>, led by Charlene Dobson; and (4) <The Book of Ruth: Community of Love>, led by Rev. Sungho Lee (Concord United Methodist Church), husband of Pastor Hyesung Lee, for 4 weeks. Each of these 4 classes will choose their own schedule among the participants. All of them will end within 4 or 6 or more weeks. Then, we will have the second **SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE** on October 2nd to which old and new participants will be invited and given a chance to choose one among another set of multiple small groups. And the 3rd **SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE** will be held in February 2017. I am so confident that **SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE** will bring us all together. We will get to know one another better and grow together. Please make your schedule available for this journey together!

During 2016 Cal-Nev Annual Conference of United Methodist Church (June 22-25), a significant thing happened. Among 10 candidates for ordination as Elders in full connection, three had signed #CalledOut Statement (Coming-out as LGBTQE) at the 2016 General Conference in Portland in May. In addition to our 3 candidates, there were more than 100 pastors and candidates who signed the same statement during General Conference. Their names were publicized throughout General Conference News agencies.

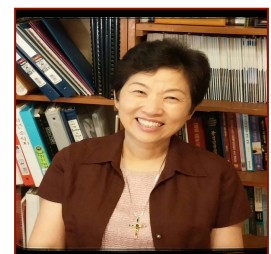
So, within our Conference, before our Annual Conference started, some clergy members had raised a complaint against these 3 candidates for ordination and appealed the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Bishop to rule out their eligibility for ordination. This was not a legal act but done through personal emails to the concerned board. During Clergy Session last week at the Annual Conference, an attempt to deny their eligibility for ordination was made by some clergy members. But all 10 candidates had a chance to present themselves for 3 minutes – some by video presentations, others by speeches. Those 3 gay candidates presented themselves through genuine, personal and excellent speeches, recommendations by their parishioners, co-workers, colleagues, DS, and Board of Ordained Ministry members were unanimously positive, based on their 2 years of actual ministries in local churches. They showed undeniable God-given gifts and grace. They were ultimately accepted with joyful applause by the absolute majority of the body. Their ordinations were celebrated with the whole body of Annual Conference through the Ordination Celebration Service on Friday.

This was the first time for our Cal Nev Annual Conference to have ever ordained openly gay candidates. And we became the second Annual Conference following New York Annual Conference that had taken such an act. This change is significant not only to the church but also to all the families whose members belong to LGBTQE community. I hope we, the church, continue to open our doors to ALL people with the unconditional love of God.

May you be filled with the refreshing power of the Holy Spirit today and every day!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



Merry Methodists *to kayak and/or drive-in*

We've had some interest in a kayak trip out of Big Break in Oakley and the Solano Drive-In in Concord is always a blast. If you would like to participate in either or both, please email Jen Dunn at habitol.here@gmail.com and we'll find a date in July that works.

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We are about to close the first half of this year and we are happy to report that our church financial status is on budget for most operational categories; thanks to the gracious support of our congregation and the hard work of our team members in revising our 2016 yearly budget to meet our current needs by some planning improvements. We continue to meet all of our Apportionment obligations so our BCUMC fellowship is making a difference both here locally and in the broader picture around the world. Thank you!

The Committee has begun planning for our annual Pledge Campaign later this fall and we are working with the 150 Year Celebration team to tie the theme for our annual fund raising in with the Church's celebration activities next year.

We also could use some extra "Counters" to support the current team that collects the donations each week after service and organizes the funds for bank deposit, record keeping, etc. If you can help us, please let us know via any of the counters, Pastor Hyesung, or me.

Please remember that during the summer season we tend to have more folks taking vacation, etc. so we have a smaller congregation. This often means that we get somewhat behind on our pledge donations. This hurts us in the management of having the necessary funds available to meet our costs during the summer period.

Carey Hutchison, Chair



The VOYAGERS . . .

Join us Saturday, July 16th for theater night.

We will be enjoying a production of *OLIVER!*. The evening will start with potluck hors d'oeuvres and punch at 6:00 pm at the church, then walk across the street to Liberty High School for the performance. Katie and Beverly will take your reservations on Sundays after church. Tickets are \$22. (Please make checks out to Brentwood Theater Company.) If you need a ride, ask one of our Voyagers for transportation. Questions? Call Beverly at 779.1659 or Katie at 392.8765.

HOPE house is in need of volunteers. We are open Monday and Wednesday from 9am-12 noon. We could also use volunteers for our Sunday afternoon delivery from the White Pony Express. If you are at all interested, just let me know and I will be glad to give you any information.

Our clothes closet has gotten quite busy and Marge could use extra hands sorting and folding. You don't have to be superman or woman, we have jobs for all sorts . . . the only requirement is a big heart and a smile! Any sort of mac and cheese or boxed dinners are always needed.

Thanks so much. *Robin Vaughan 925-634-6409 or cell 650-619-6387*



3 Joy Kick
3 Molly Kick
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
26 Urb Speciacci
30 Joyce Sorenson
31 Vince Gallagher

Happy Anniversary

26 Jan & Jeff Schults

LIFE'S DANCE

In the garden of my heart
Thought flowers grow
The thoughts that I think
Are the seeds that I sow
What goes around comes around
It's more than just fate
What we hold in our hearts
Is what we create
Love, kindness, and freedom
Each one can increase
The way I greet a stranger
Can add to world peace
Who knows how it is
That the mockingbird sings
Who knows how it works
That our thoughts become things
Life's creative power
It's more than just chance
God shares it with us
All part of life's dance.



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NEW MEMBERS CLASS

On 2 Sundays July 10 and 17 from 12 pm to 1 pm
In the Quiet Room (behind the choir room/fireside room)

You are invited to this class 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 with 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!



The Church's 150th Birthday

Our church has such a rich history that it is difficult to choose a little piece of it to share with you. First, allow us to share with you that your committee is hard at work generating ideas for our anniversary. If you have any suggestions, drop us a note in the suggestion box in the Fellowship Hall.

“In 1868 the Quarterly Conference recorded the work of their pastor as ‘commencing under very discouraging circumstances. No church property of any kind.’ Neighbors gathered in homes and school houses for worship” (Karrer, 1999, p. 17) (As cited in *Looking Back* by Vernon Noble, 2003). I am sure most of the great churches of the world started in just such a humble manner! Save the dates: September 9 & 10, 2017.

Please continue to give us ideas in the suggestion box in the narthex!

From the *CELEBRATION TEAM*: Dennis Buckley, Martin Tucker, Polly Gallagher, Horace Gipson, Dolores Hauan, Roxanna Simas, JoAnn Funk, Julius Lukacs and Pastor Hyesung Lee

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

5–8 pm Sunday August 7, 2016

Bread & Soup; Music & Devotion And 4 Small Groups



FOR WHOM:

Members and Friends who like fellowship and spiritual growth

WHERE:

Fellowship Hall at B.C.U.M.C. 809 Second Street at Maple - Brentwood

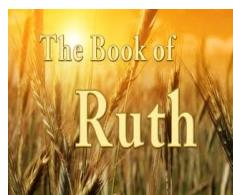
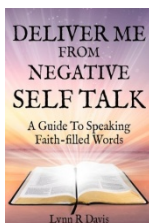
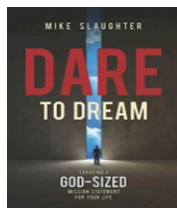
Contact:

Lay Leader Julius Lukacs (925-757-3216; Julius.lukacs@hotmail.com)

Pastor Hyesung Lee (925-303-9339; hslee3@gmail.com)

4 Small Groups

Choose one of the 4 small groups which will end within 4-6 weeks;
then come to the next Sunday Night Live (first Sunday of October) for your new small group!



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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

*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

