

Deeds and Opportunities

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JULY 2018

BAR-B-QUE for ALL CHURCH FAMILY

SUNDAY JULY 1st

following the Worship Service

in the Fellowship Hall and on the Church lawn



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO COME!

No Reservation Required

Sponsored by BCUMC United Methodist Men

2018 July Worship Schedule

Thanks to All These Ministers for Serving Christ our Lord in our Church!

Sundays	Worship Leader	Acolyte	Cross holder	Special Music	Accompanist	Summer Sun. School	Worship PPT clicker	Preacher	Young Disciple
July 1 6 th Sun. after Pentecost	Charlene Dobson	Abby Scott	Christian Belino	Larry Schaffer	Sue Stuart	Dave Funk	Dennis Buckley	Rev. Hyesung Lee	Pastor Lee
July 8 7 th Sun. after Pentecost	Dave Funk	Christian Belino	Jamie Feldermann	String Band	Lugh Baxter	Ed & Vickie Johnson	Dave Funk	Rev. Heather Hammer	Jo Ann Funk
July 15 8 th Sun. after Pentecost	Polly Gallagher	Robin van Ruitan	Logan Wolff	Alivia Logan	Pat Solero	Larry Schaffer	Dave Funk	Rev. Heather Hammer	Julius Lukacs
July 22 9 th Sun. after Pentecost	tbd	Dylie Slay	Griffin Slay	tbd	Lugh Baxter	Jerry & Linda Walton	Dave Funk	Julius Lukacs Lay Leader	tbd
July 29 10 th Sun. after Pentecost	tbd	Kaela Scott	Robin van Ruitan	String Band	Greg Pacquer	Jeanette Ruddick	Mike Johnson	Rev. Hyesung Lee	Becca Feldermann

Staff Liaison Assignments

There have been some changes in the assignment of some of our staff liaisons. Please contact the appropriate SPRC person to communicate any praise, suggestions or concerns regarding any of our staff members.

The assigned liaison(s) for each staff person is as follows:

<u>Staff Person</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Hyesung Lee, Pastor	Polly Gallagher
Debra Urzua, Office Manager	Rosemary Wood
Blanca Malagon, Housekeeping	Linda Walton
Alivia Logan, Choir Director	Carey Hutchinson
Jordan Pospisil, Nursery Care	Joy Kick
Ryan Pospisil, Nursery Care	Joy Kick
Clara Crowell, Substitute Nursery Care	Joy Kick
Lugh Baxter, Part-Time Accompanist	Shirley Gray
Greg Pacquer, Part-Time Accompanist	Shirley Gray
Rebecca Feldermann, Youth Director	Rick Dunn

Note: Carlos Malagon, our Gardener, is not a staff member. Please direct any comments regarding grounds maintenance to Debra Urzua in the church office.

◆ *Pastor's Letter* ◆

Dear Friends in Ministry,

July, the beginning of the second half of the year, has come! This summer is different from any other previous summers in BCUMC, because we now have <**Summer Sunday School**>. Ten volunteers signed up to teach Sunday School during summer time while our regular teachers are taking a break from their 10 months commitment. Sunday School is exceedingly important to the integrity of the church. Jesus really showed the deepest love for children by changing people's view on the value of "the little ones."

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3)

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:10)

"Jesus said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14)

It is our privilege, responsibility and joy to have children and youth around us in our church and share the Good News of Christ with them every Sunday and beyond. Thanks to all our Sunday School teachers who are listed here!

Regular Season: Rebecca Feldermann, Marcie Lukacs, Robin Vaughan (sub), Marie Weekes (sub), Chris and Melissa van Ruiten (sub)

Summer Season: Heidi Stark, Jenna Stark, Polly Gallagher, Dave Funk, Marie Weekes, Ed & Vickie Johnson, Larry Schaffer, Jerry & Linda Walton, Jeanette Ruddick

Another difference of this summer from others is to have a "**Bar-Be-Que**" offered by the Men's Group TWICE. Let us join in this fun fellowship time and get to know more about one another! The love of Men's Group toward the church is shown in their action like this. THANK YOU!

When: July 1st and August 12th right after Sunday Worship Service

Where: Church Lawn and Fellowship Hall

What to bring: Yourself, Your friends, Open Heart and Joyful Attitude

Another difference will be for you to have <**guest preachers**> (see the worship schedule) while I am gone for **my three week vacation** from July 2nd to July 22nd. This is the longest vacation that I have ever had in my 25 years of ministry. I am very grateful to guest preachers Rev. Heather Hammer and our lay leader Julius Lukacs for sharing their wonderful messages with our congregation. While I am gone, you may contact these following people for any question, pastoral need and even any emergency.

For general church business

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

For pastoral emergency

Rev. Kevin Dotts (925-984-0005; pastorkevin@antiochcotr.org) – available July 2 -7 and July 14-22

Rev. Chris Shiber (510-517-4071; chris@byronumc.net) – available July 2 - 22

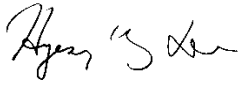
For administrative help

Michelle Bayley, temporary Admin Assistant at the church office (925-634-3093);

admin@brentwoodumc.org) – Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 1 pm

I am looking forward seeing my mother (87 years young), my siblings and friends in Korea.
May God continue to be with us and lead us to His way all the time!

Sincerely,



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



UP-COMING REPORT on
170th California-Nevada ANNUAL CONFERENCE
10:30 am during Sunday Worship Service on July 29th



This year BCUMC sent out two new lay delegates to 170th Cal-Nev Annual Conference which was held from June 20 to June 23 in Modesto, CA. They are Don and Linda Barnhill. The schedule was packed with business of Annual Conference daily from 8:30 am till 9:30 pm. They never missed any session. They will report on their experience of Annual Conference on July 29th with slides, stories, and reports on some important decisions made for the whole church in our Annual Conference! The picture on the left was taken on the first day of AC so we all look still fresh (from the left, Rev. Sungho Lee -Concord UMC, husband of pastor Hyesung, Rev. Hyesung Lee, Don and Linda Barnhill)



Rev. Heather Hammer, Guest Preacher on July 8th and 15th

Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer is a life-long Methodist. She is a second-career pastor after teaching for many years and attending Asbury UMC in Livermore. Before retirement from active ministry in July 2017, Heather served churches in Alamo, Rohnert Park, and Pleasanton. She and her husband Jim live in Livermore where Jim works as a physicist. They have 2 adult children: Sepp, a web developer and classical singer in San Francisco, and Leslie, a bilingual social worker in Napa.

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, Cliff Fortner, Joyce Heflin

For Healing: Renee Miller, Fred Schults, Diana Easley, Galen Tidrick,
Debra Urzua, Carey and Diane Hutchison, Loren Jenks,
Michelle Hill, Bev Hendrix, Gabriel Carpenter, Mike Logan,
Bob Clarke, Bob Reed (Linda Barnhill's brother), Donna Baker,
Rosemary Wood's friend

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER

Yes, we will have Wednesday Night Prayer while Pastor Lee is gone for vacation (July 2nd – 22nd). The church door will be opened by Barbara Pinkston (Worship Team Leader) on July 11th and 18th. July 4th the church will be closed.

You are all welcomed to join in this quiet prayer time, sitting in the sanctuary for a time of prayer. You may stay as long as you want between 6:00 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 prayer team will pray!



The most recent Voyager program was Sunday, June 24th. We spent the afternoon playing Mexican Train and ended by having a pot-luck meal of tacos. Don Barnhill had the lowest score and got to take home the “Holy Cow”. She gathered her slippers, robe, and mug and moved to the Barnhill's. Thanks to all who came and helped with the set-up, clean up, and food. Twenty-five of us had a good time.

The next Voyager event will be August 10th when we will attend the Brentwood Concert in the Park. We will establish a location there so we can group together. The music will be from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Bring your own folding chair, food and drink. (Maybe some finger food to share if you would like.)

October 18th we are planning a Western Night so save the date. We have some plans, but it is a work in progress. Suggestions are welcome. Contact Katie Moore, Bev Tucker, or Aileen Newill.



VOYAGERS





- 3 Joy Kick
- 3 Molly Kick
- 5 Mgbechi Oji
- 6 Sean Clarke
- 8 Ame Bartlebaugh
- 14 Loren Jenks
- 15 Alex Dunn
- 16 Paul Slay
- 17 Tristan Mendoza
- 18 Randy Fortner
- 18 Jane Travale
- 18 Abbie Scott
- 20 Shirley Gray
- 20 Carol Treadway
- 22 JoAnn Funk
- 24 Julie Clarke
- 26 Urb Spediacci
- 30 Joyce Sorenson
- 31 Vince Gallagher

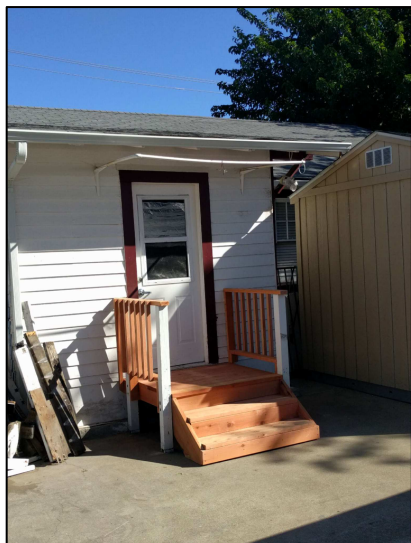
Happy Anniversary

- 4 Brenda Coatsworth and
Fred Lundrigan
- 18 Linda and Jerry Walton
- 26 Jan and Jeff Schults

INDEPENDENCE

Oh – thank God for freedom!
 Thank you, God
 For freedom and independence.
 We all want to be free
 No matter our culture
 Our language – our country
 Our race – our sexuality
 Our religion – our beliefs.
 We are all the same human
 (As the Dalai Lama points out)
 Expressing in different ways.
 We all want the same things
 Peace – love – respect – understanding
 And freedom – to live
 And be who we are.
 Our hearts break with compassion
 For families separated
 For people in every corner of the earth
 Still yearning to be free
 Each one – a beloved child of God.
 Wake us up, O Lord
 To freedom and independence – in You
 Wake us up, O God
 To freedom and independence
 For everyone.

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What's new at
 H.O.P.E. House . . .

Steps for the back door!!

TEACHABLE MOMENTS THROUGH OUR OPEN DISCUSSIONS

By Tristan Mendoza

When the Reconciling Ministry team started meeting in January, we had an influx of great ideas that we wanted to implement immediately. From putting safe zone signs to participating at a Pride event to flying the Pride flag outside the chapel, we were beaming with enthusiasm on how we can make this new ministry front and center of the church for this year.

It's almost four years since our church's move to become a Reconciling Congregation. And, as much as we have kept the idea on the radar for many of our members, we felt that we need to do something that's more than just signs, symbols and outside events. We need to reach within.

Matthew Taum came up with the suggestion of starting an open discussion group. It was proposed to happen once a month with worthwhile topics chosen by the committee. It was a no-brainer. Our congregation needs to be on the same page, if not very close to it, when it comes to LGBTIQ issues of our times. We have to have the conversations going among ourselves to really be a Reconciling Congregation.

With other things to push forward for approval, the team went ahead with its very first open discussion back in March with the controversial but highly appropriate topic of transgender people. It was an honor for me to facilitate that meeting. We had 22 attendees. The following two topics in April and May were also led by me.



For the month of June, we made it a little more special. We decided that it's of utmost importance to learn why the LGBTQ+ community celebrates Pride. The session was handled by the originator of the open discussion idea. Matthew expertly explained to the group what each color of the Pride flag means. It was a fabulous event.

Indeed, there have been plenty of teachable moments during these open discussions. We look forward to seeing new faces together with our regulars. Once again, our goal is to reach within. If you happen to see an announcement of an upcoming topic, and you have little to no idea what it's about, join us. We can all benefit from more teachable moments in our lives as Christians.

Our next two topics are:

July 22 - Famous LGBTQ+ Icons (facilitated by me)

August 26 - How Did BCUMC Become A Reconciling Congregation? (facilitated by Martin Tucker)

We meet in the Fireside Room Sunday at noon. You can grab snacks from the Fellowship Hour, or you can have some from the goodies that our team prepares for the group. It normally lasts an hour, and we have very minimal rules. We do ask for respect and civility in listening and speaking.

The Reconciling Ministry is co-chaired by Jennifer Dunn and David Funk. Our brand new e-mail address is rainbow@brentwoodumc.org.

***“CAUGHT”
in Stewardship in Action***

by Jerry Walton

- If you stayed after church you would find Jo Merritt organizing the pews with missing envelopes, pencils, and prayer cards and cleaning up the leftover bulletins and misc. paper. She has been doing this for years!
- We celebrate the volunteers who are teaching Sunday School this summer so that our kids continue to hear the GOOD news!
- Thank-you Bev Tucker, Katie Moore, and Eileen Newill for taking the *VOYAGERS* on another fun Mexican Train trip!
- Matt Taum and Tristan Mendoza have been leading some great discussions at the LGBTQ Open Discussion gatherings in the Fireside Room!
- Staff/Parish Committee has hired an interim office manager and she (Michelle Bailey) is doing a great Job!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00 AM

BCUMC Fellowship Hall

All men are invited to breakfast.

Come and Join in a great breakfast and fellowship.

Heart-healthy food to be included.

We will meet this **SATURDAY, JULY 7th**

Bring a friend. His breakfast is free!

Call Dave Funk, 925-997-5018

with any questions

Financial Update:

“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

It is wonderful to see how our church is planting many seeds here in Brentwood, helping our ministry grow and flourish! Through May our income was up \$2,701 more than the first five months last year, and our expenses were down \$904. We have not had to use any of our reserves to date, and we are up to date on our Apportionments to our greater church! Hallelujah!

Vacation Alert: Please support BCUMC when you go on vacation—the church needs to be a good steward in paying its bills on time!

Jerry Walton, Finance Chair

Open Letter to California-Nevada Conference Concerning Glide Memorial UMC from Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño (6/23/2018)



The California-Nevada Conference of The United Methodist Church has a long-standing commitment of support for Glide Memorial United Methodist Church's work with the poor and vulnerable of the Tenderloin District and the greater San Francisco community. The Conference's commitment of support for this work stands today. The concerns that I and the leadership of the California-Nevada Conference have are related to the church life of this congregation.

While there is a remnant of those who claim to be United Methodist and thus Christian, the great majority of the participants at Glide's Sunday Celebrations claim other faiths such as Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim and Wiccan. Atheists and Agnostics, comprise another segment of the Glide community. Leaders from these constituencies

are quick to publicly state that they do not want the Celebrations, or the church, to be United Methodist or Christian in any form. Sunday Celebrations are uplifting concerts, but lack the fundamentals of Christian worship. Baptisms are conducted periodically but in the name of the people rather than from a Christian understanding of Baptism. Holy Communion was done away with some time ago and only introduced back into the life of the congregation this past Spring, but outside of the Celebration gatherings and with much resistance. We seek to be in good and loving relationship with persons of other faiths and beliefs, and those who claim no faith. However, this should never cause us to lose our own faith.

There are also serious concerns about the governance and financial administration of the church. The church has no organizational structure to fulfill its responsibilities as per *The Book of Discipline*, and has not had a United Methodist organizational structure for decades. The only body that functions in any leadership capacity is a group of congregational leaders hand-picked by Cecil Williams who have never been elected or recognized by the congregation. The district superintendent and I have worked with this congregational leaders group and have found them on the whole to be thoughtful and helpful, but without authority to act on behalf of the church. The secular Glide Foundation Board makes all decisions related to the work of the Foundation and the church, and now seeks to determine who Glide's pastor(s) will be. There has not been a church conference at Glide on record for many years.

Cecil Williams retired in 2000 yet continues to act as the senior pastor. Since Williams retirement, the following have been appointed as senior pastors of Glide: Doug Fitch, Don Guest, Karen Oliveto, and Jay Williams. In addition, Theon Johnson III and Deacon Angela Brown have served in associate positions. When Karen Oliveto was elected to the episcopacy in 2016, Bishop Warner H. Brown Jr. served as the interim senior pastor through June 30, 2017. No pastor has been allowed to exercise their rightful authority or responsibilities while serving at Glide. To this day, Cecil Williams and his wife, Janice Mirikitani, make all decisions in the background at Glide.

The Glide Foundation runs the business of the Foundation under the church's 501(c)(3), yet renders no financial reports through United Methodist disciplinary processes. Appointed pastors are left to

alone protect the resources of the church yet have no access to the full financial records of the church, nor do they have any say over the use of the church property.

Over the last 9 months the district superintendent and I have worked diligently to build a relationship with the Glide Foundation Board to determine a way forward that would both support the humanitarian work of the Glide Foundation and allow for the reestablishment of a healthy United Methodist Church. The effort has been complex and difficult. What is clear is that the Glide Foundation Board under the guidance of Cecil Williams and Janice Mirikitani, have no interest in allowing Glide to have any United Methodist identity nor to be accountable to The United Methodist Church.

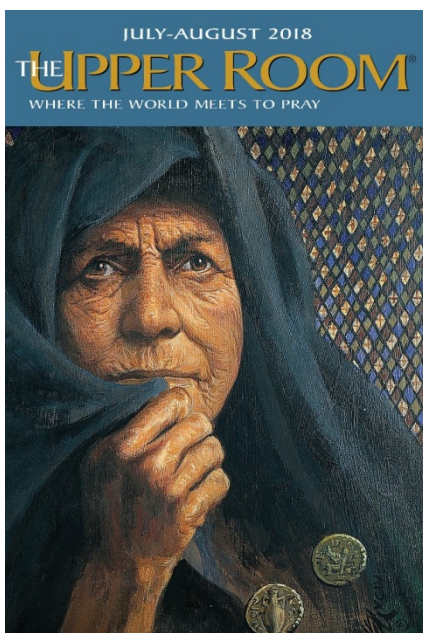
On June 22, 2018, I received a letter from Kaye Foster, Glide Foundation Board Chair, challenging my work in relationship to the Glide Church. It included a number of misinterpreted paragraphs from our *Book of Discipline*. What was most significant, however, was that lawyers Stephanie Petit and Daniel P. Dalton were copied. Daniel P. Dalton is from Dalton and Tomich, a law firm that has been representing conservative United Methodist churches seeking to break away from the denomination because they oppose the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons. According to their own website, they have done similar work with Episcopal and Presbyterian USA churches and now make themselves available to work with United Methodist churches.

My Cabinet and I with the counsel of our Conference Chancellor have decided to conduct an assessment of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church under disciplinary paragraph 213. We ask for your prayers for this process and invite you to fast with us, as you are able, on Sunday mornings till noon during the summer months. May God give us wisdom and love in all things.

Sincerely,



Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño



Small Group – Every Sunday at 9:30 am in Quiet Room

The Upper Room

The July/August issue of the Upper Room is now available and can be found in the Fellowship Hall. If you don't already have a subscription to The Upper Room, please feel free to take a copy to enjoy. Please consider joining our small group on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Quiet Room to discuss what moved you, got you thinking, etc. from the devotions read during the week. This is a low-key, no pressure, come when you can group; a time of fellowship to discuss the devotionals. I hope you'll join us on Sundays at 9:30am in the Quiet Room. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Stark at 925-216-4709 or hstark@cobaltc.com.



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

Pastor: Hyesung Lee † Lay Leader: Julius Lukacs

Secretary: Debra Urzua

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

