

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

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***MARCH 2016***



## 2016 **MARCH** Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS & others	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> March 6	<u>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</u>	Heaven & Earth <i>His Story Our Story:</i> <b>Restoration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Communion</li> <li>• Confirmation</li> </ul>
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> March 13	<u>John 12:1-8</u>	Heaven & Earth <i>His Story Our Story:</i> <b>Priority</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission Statement</li> </ul>
<b>Palm Sunday</b> March 20	<u>Luke 22:14-23</u>	Heaven & Earth <i>His Story Our Story:</i> <b>Togetherness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration of Palms</li> </ul>
<b>Good Friday Service</b> March 25 at 7 pm	<u>Matthew 26 – 27</u>	Heaven & Earth <i>His Story Our Story: Cross</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tenebrae Service (Passion Story of Jesus Christ)</li> </ul>
<b>Easter Sunday</b> March 27 <b>Sunrise Service 6:00 am</b> <b>Main Service 10:30 am</b>	<u>John 20:1-18</u> & <u>Luke 24:1-12</u>	Heaven & Earth <i>His Story Our Story:</i> <b>The End</b> <b>The Beginning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 am Easter Sunrise Service at Lukacs home (3103 Ursus Court, Antioch)</li> </ul>

### ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER SCHEDULE for **MARCH**

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
3/6	Jamie Feldermann	Sam Lukacs
3/13	Ogechi Ekpemero	Chineyere Ekpemiro
3/20	Wren Driscoll	Trevor Austin
3/27	Audrey Dunn	Hunter Austin

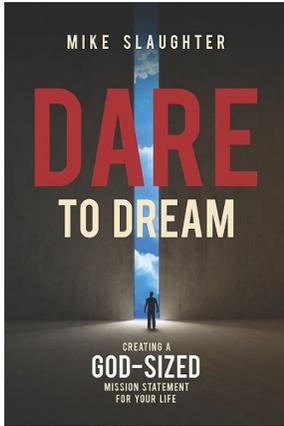
*A Memorial Service for Dorothy Leonard  
will take place at BCUMC  
Saturday, March 12th at 11:00.*

Family Contact: Jim & Susan Leonard  
688 Bellmeade Way, Brentwood, CA 94513  
925-698-2003



*A Memorial Service for Merle Telford (father of Linda Walton)*

When: 10:00 am, Sunday February 28  
Where: Home of Jerry & Linda Walton  
8259 Brookhaven Circle, Discovery Bay, CA 94505  
925-240-4474



## DARE TO DREAM

Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement for Your Life

By Rev. Mike Slaughter

6 Weeks Sunday Morning from 8:45 am to 10 am

**March 6 & 13**

Led by Pastor Hyesung Lee

**About the Author:** Mike Slaughter is the lead pastor at Ginghamburg Church. Under his leadership, Ginghamburg Church has become known as an early innovator of small group ministry, the Church "media reformation," and cyber-ministry. Mike is the author of multiple books for church leaders, including *Change the World*, *Dare to Dream*, *Renegade Gospel*, *A Different Kind of Christmas*, *Spiritual Entrepreneurs*, *Real Followers*, *Momentum for Life*, *UnLearning Church*, and *Upside Living in a Downside Economy*.



Pastor Hyesung and Reddie Prewett

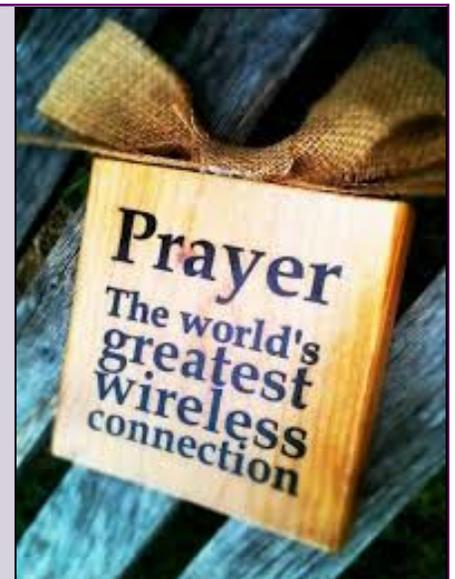
Reddie is doing well and recovering in good speed! She expects to be at Diamond Ridge in Pittsburgh until the middle of March.

### Let Us Pray for the Following Members and Friends of BCUMC!

This list is provided by our Congregational Care Network (CCN) 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   Cliff Fortner   James Collins   Adella Logan  
Joan Peterson   Barbara Bonnickson   Lou Bronzan  
Phil White   Jan Nixon   Reddie Prewitt  
Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom)  
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter)  
Sheila (Adella Logan's mother in law)



We pray for you and your caregivers 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.

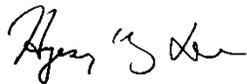
Thank you again for all your prayers, cards, emails and texts in the time of grieving for the loss of my father! My family and I have been surrounded by loving care and support from you and also from brothers and sisters both in the States and Korea. My father was a very healthy man all his life. But a month ago, he kind of fell and fractured his hipbone. He had to lie down for 24 hours and that weakened other organs as a result. He had been in the hospital for a month before his death at 89 years old.

My father was a Methodist pastor for 46 years and retired 20 years ago. He and my mom would have celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 30, 2016. My mom lives with my older brother and my younger brother and his wife. My sister-in-law is the kindest, caring person that I know. She is already walking in the park where she used to have daily walk with my father. She goes there with my older brother and the family dog. I am deeply grateful to God for sending me my father who has been my role model professionally and personally.

We are still walking our Lenten journey together. I encourage you to read the Bible during this time as you follow our **2016 Lenten Bible Reading Chart**. It guides you to find two stories: God's, and your story from your reading. I am hoping that you will write down your inspiration from the daily reading and share that with the rest of the congregation. My highest hope is to make our 2017 Lenten Devotion Book with your inspirational stories from this year's reading. Please don't hesitate to call me with any question about this Lenten Journey.

**Please note** that we will have Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7 pm on March 25. This could be a very significant service for your spiritual journey. This year, we will again have the Easter Sunrise Service at the home of Julius and Marcie Lukacs (3103 Ursus Court, Antioch). For this service, youth will take important roles.

EASTER is the beginning of all stories including God's and ours. Let us celebrate God among us whose love has never failed and saved all for glorious union with Him!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee





March 6 - Youth-Driven Sunday Service\*

March 6th - 1pm - "Pay It Forward" \$50 Challenge

Friday, March 18th - Intergenerational Event

March 26th -27th - Holy Saturday/Easter SunRISE Overnight Event



## SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT

### *Why I'm a 12xSSP Donor*

By Cheryl Breitenbucher

SSP Youth 1995-96, Adult Counselor from  
Brentwood Community United Methodist Church



### **I'm a 12xSSP donor because SSP is the epitome of serving humbly in love.**

My first experience with SSP was when I was 16 years old, and my church group from Linden United Methodist Church went to Klamath. I was opened up to all sorts of new experiences. My group painted a house for a Native American family.

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I remember this very spiritual event where we walked along a rocky area near the river. We were asked to place paper bags at different spots. I'm sure we talked about how we seem small and don't always understand what the big picture is. We hiked a bit, and scrambled up toward a bridge, just as the sun was setting. Down below, the SSP staff were lighting luminaries, and when we looked down below, **it was in the shape of a hand that we helped make, representing God's hand.** It was incredibly beautiful, knowing that I was part of something bigger, **God's love.**

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That same night, it was warm, and we got to sleep outside under the stars, during the August meteor shower. It was the most magical light show I've ever seen. The following year, I went again as a camper, to Bishop. I was pushed past my own limits (roofing a home), made new friends, used an outhouse in a field of cows, and an outdoor makeshift shower.

During the last 3 years, I've experienced SSP as a counselor with **Weekends of Service** in South Los Angeles, Vernonia, and Sacramento with our youth from Brentwood Community UMC. **Watching our youth group feel empowered to help others is a powerful thing**, and I hope that Sierra Service Project continues their good works. It really helped to solidify my faith, and **I don't think at the time I realized how meaningful those experiences were until I really reflected on their impact.**



Replacing a floor in  
Veronia in 1915

*Reprinted from Sierra Service Project newsletter*

## EASTER SONG

The earth sings an Easter song  
Hills of green and rivers long  
Yellow flowers and lengthening days  
Jesus calls us - in all our ways  
Burdens lifted - pathways clear  
Love surrounds us - frees us from fear  
Hope arises - it's Easter day  
See the stone - is rolled away!

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## The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration of BCUMC

by JoAnn Funk

The committee to help plan this event met for the first time this week, so look for a "suggestion jar or box" in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 6th to give us your great ideas, too! We brainstormed some "get ready = get set" events to help our church family learn about our history as we plan the celebration weekend for over one year from now.

The dates will tentatively be Saturday, September 9th and Sunday the 10th, 2017.

## HOPE HOUSE

Thanks everyone for your continued support. This month we would like cans of meat or fish, Vienna sausage, spam, tuna, chicken, salmon etc. We don't always get fresh meat or fish and many of our clients are looking for protein, so whatever you can provide will be appreciated.

We would also welcome donations of trouser hangers, especially the plastic clip type store hangers.

God Bless.  
*Robin Vaughan*



## A Shredding Opportunity



If you have boxes or bags of old confidential documents that you need shredded, we can help. This month, BCUMC will hire a professional company to shred their purged and old documents.

If you are interested in adding your boxes or bags (equivalent to the size of a bankers box) you may contact Debra in the office. For \$10 per

box you can have your confidential documents shredded and disposed of, and keep your privacy intact. This cost will be tax deductible and will help offset some of the costs for the office documents.

Call Debra at 925.634.3093 to make arrangements to have your documents shredded.



2 Ogechi Ekpemiro  
10 Barbara Pinkston  
12 Rick Dunn  
15 Marjorie Walton  
18 Myron Sorenson  
24 Nate Clarke  
25 Chu Ekpemiro  
25 Don Fraley  
26 Annalise Hanel  
28 Esther Graham  
29 Charlie Johnson

## Happy Anniversary

18 Lisa & Paul Slay  
26 Robin Harmell & Loren Jenks

*Is your name missing from our birthday or anniversary list?? Please let me know! Contact Betty Gaughan at 925.513.3863 or [partgone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:partgone@sbcglobal.net)*

## The VOYAGERS . . .

The new over-60 BCUMC senior group has a name! The VOYAGERS! More than 30 seniors enjoyed a potluck supper Saturday, February 13. Their next event will be a soup-and-salad dinner at 6:00 pm Saturday, April 23, in the Fellowship Hall. **SENIORS - SAVE THE DATE!**



by Patti Bartlebaugh

In February the UMW had a Unit Gathering with the theme of the annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial program being "Economic Justice for Women". Twelve women from the Jesse Lee and Priscilla Circles enjoyed a salad lunch and fellowship. Also at this meeting our annual budget was reviewed and we voted to pledge \$500 to adopt a student at the Thailand Methodist Mission Blessing Home, which we learned about from the Missionary guest speaker at worship in January.

We have two more Unit Gatherings planned, A Bead Workshop Saturday August 20th and the World Thank Offering Program November 6th. All women are invited to participate in UMW, which focuses on the needs of Women, Children and youth in our Church, our Community and the World.

The Priscilla Circle of UMW will meet on Wednesday, March 16, at 7pm at the Church. Jan Schults will present our program on human trafficking. United Methodist Women stands against the exploitation of those forced to submit to civil injustice as a result of their basic needs or position in society. As many as 30 million people internationally have fallen victim to human trafficking, and the epidemic has become the second largest criminal activity behind the sale of illegal arms. As advocates for social justice, United Methodist Women will continue to work for the rights of those exploited by this cruel trade and end this all-too-prevalent form of modern-day slavery.

## 2016 Lenten Bible Reading Chart

February 7 – March 27

"Heaven & Earth - His Story & Our Story"

\*Please call the office or the pastor if you need the booklet for this reading program



*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: 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



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***“ADDENDUM”***

From your Editor:

For some unknown reason, occasionally I don't receive (or miss) a message containing material for the newsletter. Here are two articles from Julius Lukacs that were missed. My apologies, *Betty Gaughan*



On Feb 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>, the youth participated in the “30 Hour Famine” event at the church. This is one of the premiere events in the youth program. The group traveled deep into Africa and followed the journey of EKAI, a 12 year-old child from Kenya. They built villages, played tribal games, made banners and flags, and fasted for 30 hours. In the next couple weeks, the group will be collecting funds to send back to World Vision in support of world hunger. We look forward to your support.

By Julius Lukacs  
julius.lukacs@hotmail.com

### **Easter Sunrise Service at the Lukacs' Home**

What has now become a unique BCUMC tradition, the congregation is invited to the Lukacs home on Easter morning (March 27) at 6:00 am to participate in the sunrise Easter service on the hill. As we welcome the new light full of color, hope, and music, this event is not to be missed. Breakfast will be served after the service. **Please RSVP to [Julius.lukacs@hotmail.com](mailto:Julius.lukacs@hotmail.com).**

