

Deeds and Opportunities

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A MOTHER'S LOVE

*What can be said about Mothers Day
That we haven't heard already?
Moms are great - Mom's are loving
And they make great spaghetti!
We've all read the greeting cards
And seen the films that tug our heartstrings
We could write a song - all sing along
And see what that brings.
Your mom has her own history
And it's truly a mystery
The bond between mother and child
A sacred bond - eternal and new
God loves us so deeply
We matter completely
A mother's love reminds us
It's true.*

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2016 *MAY* Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS & others	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 1, 2016	Acts 16:9-15	Lydia's Conversion	▪ Holy Communion
Ascension of the Lord May 8, 2016 <i>Mother's Day</i>	Acts 1:1-11	Ascension of the Lord	▪ Girl Scout Sunday ▪ Confirmation Journey Sharing: Sam & Dave; Nate & Mel ▪ Confirmation Journey: Way of Discipleship & Going Forth (noon)
Day of Pentecost May 15, 2016	Acts 2:1-21	Coming of the Holy Spirit	▪ Confirmation Sunday ▪ New Member's Class (1) -12pm ▪ John the Gospel of Light and Life (1)- 6pm
Trinity Sunday First Sunday after Pentecost May 22, 2016	John 16:12-15	The Spirit of Truth	▪ New Member's Class (2)-12pm ▪ John the Gospel of Light and Life (2)- 6pm
Second Sunday after Pentecost May 29, 2016	Galatians 1:1-12	The Other Gospel	▪ John the Gospel of Light and Life (3)- 6pm

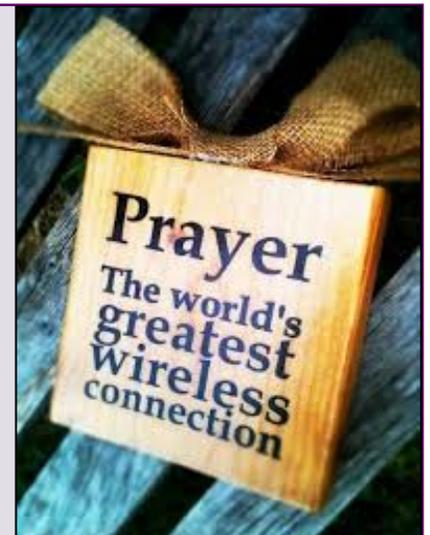
ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER SCHEDULE for *MAY*

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
5/1	Jamie Feldermann	Sam Lukacs
5/8	Ogechi Ekpemero	Chineyere Ekpemiro
5/15	Wren Driscoll	Trevor Austin
5/22	Audrey Dunn	Hunter Austin
5/27	Alex Dunn	Jacob 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 Adella Logan
Joan Peterson Barbara Bonnickson Lou Bronzan
Jan Nixon Reddie Prewett
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!

For Comfort and Peace

We pray for the family of Alvin Simas (the father of Al Simas, the father-in-law of Roxanna Simas) who passed away on Sunday 17th peacefully in the love and care of the family. May God be with them in this time of loss and strengthen them with faith, hope and love!

◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

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

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! First of all, I would like to thank YOU for the love and care that you have shown to me during my time of grieving for my father's funeral. In early April, I received quite a big monetary gift from you. It was big enough to cover the two-way airfare to Korea. I didn't know what to say! It was a big surprise to me and to my family. You touched me deeply. I felt again your warm caring love toward me and my family! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANKYOU! With your love, I've been comforted and strengthened. You are so special!

In our Easter Journey, I've been encouraging all members and friends to wear a **NAME TAG** every Sunday for visitors and for one another. When you don't know the name, it is difficult for you to get acquainted with and to know other people. This would tell visitors and one another, "I am glad that you are here. But I don't really want to get to know you more!" Or that would even say, "I don't really care for you," or "You don't really matter to me." These may be a little bit exaggeration. But it is true that our behavior of not wearing a nametag will not help but rather discourage us from getting to know our visitors and one another more. This behavior will ultimately make a statement loud and clear, "We do NOT want to grow! We do NOT want *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world* (the mission statement of United Methodist Church). Thankfully, everyone is cooperating for this endeavor. But it is only a beginning. Let us continue to wear the nametag every Sunday until each one of us moves our home to heaven.

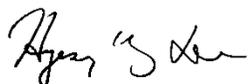
We welcomed three new members on April 17th: **Jerry & Linda Walton** and **Nicki Contreras**. Jerry and Linda have transferred their long time membership from Lynnwood United Methodist Church. Jerry has been a manager at CVS and retired from there. Linda was a librarian at a middle school for a long time and is now retired. They now reside in Discovery Bay. Jerry is already serving on our Finance Committee and volunteering at HOPE HOUSE. Linda has come to Tuesday food ministry and is interested in serving as a greeter. She volunteered to be a sponsor to our newest baptized member, Nicki. Nicki is a resident of Brentwood and a student at Delta Beauty College in Antioch. She has sister-like friends who are Christians and have been praying for Nicki. She said that being baptized and becoming a committed member are now her priority. She is now looking forward joining small group bible study and also volunteering at HOPE HOUSE.

I am again offering **NEW MEMBERS CLASS** on 2 Sundays May 15th and 22nd at 12 pm – 1 pm in Quiet 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!

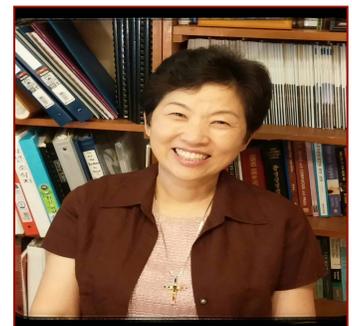
For our early summer spiritual growth, I plan to have Adam Hamilton's Six-Week, DVD-series **John: The Gospel of Light and Life** from 6–8 pm Sundays from May 15th to June 19th. You are all invited to this small group experience for your spiritual formation discipline. We will go deeper into the journey of discovering the message embedded in the life and death of Jesus Christ (see the other page for more information).

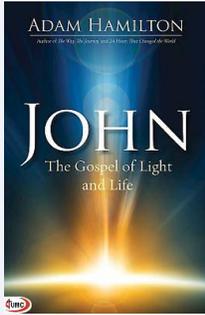
I can't wait to share the experience of my 12-day trip to Turkey and Greece, "**Following the Footsteps of St. Paul.**" Thanks for your prayers!

May God continue to walk with you in your Easter Journey!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee





Adam Hamilton's Six-Week, DVD-series
John: The Gospel of Light and Life
6 pm – 8 pm Sundays
May 15th to June 19th

(Led by Rev. Dr. Hyesung Lee; Textbook \$12.00)

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they “may have life in his name.” You’ll follow the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament.

The author, *Adam Hamilton*, is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, most highly visible churches in the country. The Church Report named Hamilton’s congregation the most influential mainline church in America, he preached at the National Prayer Service as part of the presidential inauguration festivities in 2013 and was appointed to the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

Hamilton is the best-selling and award-winning author of *The Call*, *The Journey*, *The Way*, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, *John*, *Revival*, *Not a Silent Night*, *Enough*, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, and *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*, all published by Abingdon Press. Learn more about Adam Hamilton at www.AdamHamilton.com

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY † MAY 15, 2016 † 10:30AM



You are all invited to CONFIRMATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30am, Sunday May 15. The following five confirmands will celebrate the fulfillment of their confirmation journey for nine months from September 2015 to May 2016 with their mentors:

	<i>CONFIRMAND</i>	<i>MENTOR</i>
	Trevor Thomas Austin	Dave Funk
7th graders	Nathaniel Robert Clarke	Mel Strong
	James Steven Feldermann	John Moore
	Ogechi Ruth Ekpemiro	JoAnn Funk
8th graders	Samuel Kindall Lukacs	Dave Funk

PRAYING FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

For God's Will, to be done God's Way, and in God's Time.

2016 General Conference of United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church's top legislative body will meet at the **Oregon Convention Center**, the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on **May 10-20, 2016**. **General Conference** is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church, meeting once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.



ROVERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

What is a rover you ask? It is an adult assigned to 'rove' the Sunday School halls during Sunday School who can assist should the need arise (sick child, need parents, etc). The commitment is one Sunday out of eight (a two-month rotation will be created). Please contact Rebecca Feldermann at (925) 876-0562 or rfeldermann@yahoo.com if you are interested in volunteering, or if you have any questions.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

**On 2 Sundays May 15th and 22nd
from 12 pm to 1 pm**

**In the Quiet Room
(behind the choir room/fireside room)**

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NEW CHOIR ROBES!

A choir robe committee was formed out of the Music Committee last autumn to begin searching for new robes. This is all done online nowadays, of course, so it is quite overwhelming at first until you figure out which websites are actually selling quality robes. After getting one very poor sample, we finally connected with the company that makes robes for our Cokesbury folks. It is called Murphy Robes of Urbana, Illinois. They sent us five quality robes in different styles and fabrics, after listening to our needs over the phone. The entire choir then diligently spent several weeks trying them on and voting for the one they wanted.

The first donation for the robes was given to the church by David and JoAnn Funk in memory of her parents, David and Shirley Thomson. Then the women of the Jesse Lee Circle held a fundraiser luncheon for the robes and it was very successful, raising over \$1,000 dollars!

The robes will be maroon with a gray/purple reversible stole and when they arrive we will wear them proudly for many years! We all feel very blessed by the generosity of our church family members!

THANK YOU! *The BCUMC Choir Robe Committee*

NEW CRIB NEEDED FOR THE NURSERY

The crib in the nursery needs to be replaced. If you, or anyone you know, has a working crib they would like to donate, please contact Rebecca Feldermann or Joy Kick.



Merry Methodists

Unfortunately, the Brentwood Theater Company had to cancel the play we originally scheduled for May (Nunsense). **However, we have an exceptional documentary planned for May 22.**

Our event for May is a screening of “An Act of Love,” the story of Frank Schaefer, a small-town United Methodist minister who was defrocked in 2013 after he performed a same-sex wedding for his son. The story drew national attention and resulted in a massive trial for the faith leader that eventually led to his “refrocking” — but not without an immense amount of controversy.

A film documenting Schaefer’s journey called “An Act Of Love“ has been released and Merry Methodists will host a screening on **Sunday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm**. No admission will be charged. Popcorn and soft drinks will be available.

“As the son of a United Methodist minister, the story of Rev. Frank Schaefer’s Church trial is very close to my heart,” Director Scott Sheppard said in a press release. “This documentary has been a labor of love for nearly two years, and I’m excited to share this inspiring story with everyone. I hope that it will create dialogue around LGBTQ inclusion in the Christian community.”

Friday, June 17th, Merry Methodists will attend a City of Brentwood Concert in the Park featuring NOVA/Top 40/Dance Hits from 7-9.

In **July**, we’ll go to a drive-in. Please contact Jennifer Dunn at habitot.here@gmail.com if you have additional ideas for Merry Methodist activities.



FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our first quarter of 2016 has now passed and our finance team is happy to report that our BCUMC financial position is on schedule. Our pledge income and other income sources have been solid so far this year, and the cost reductions we made are working well. Plus we have still maintained our ability to meet 100% of our Apportionment amounts YTD. Amen! Thank you everyone for the gracious support we have within our church.



As you will recall, we did experience a reduction of folks making annual pledges this past year during our pledge campaign. If anyone missed out last fall, we can still receive your pledge now - just contact me or any member of the Finance Committee. It does help us manage the ongoing church budget when we have a better fix on our income flow through our pledge program.

So far this year our financial position is meeting our growing objectives. It is such a pleasure to see so many vibrant activities taking place each week within our church. God Bless your faithful support.

Carey Hutchison, Chair



2 Marie Weekes
2 Dottie Bangs
11 Carey Hutchison
14 Blanca Malagon
16 Julius Lukacs
16 Graham Stirling
17 Jackie Azevedo
19 David Funk
19 Margaret Cruz
20 Robert Easley
23 Adam Simas
24 Dennis Buckley
27 Annie Azevedo
28 Brian Gray



22 Jackie & Dan Hanel
31 JoAnn & David Funk

Greetings from Hope House!

We are still collecting any sort of canned meat, tuna, chicken, spam or whatever.

Thanks for your continual support.

Also, any brown bags that you collect from stores would be appreciated.

Robin Vaughan



The Church's 150th Birthday

The committee working on this epic celebration met again and continued to brainstorm and dream about what our festivities will look like on the weekend of September 9-10th, 2017!

We are working on a theme and a logo. Please submit suggestions or drawings if you have any ideas. This church began to function in 1867 even before we had a building. A circuit pastor served us and Byron United Methodist Church, too.

We hope to have lots of visitors, including past pastors, choir directors, and members, attend. We are picturing an outdoor celebration on Saturday with a ceremony, BBQ, and old-fashioned games. Inside, the church's celebration will continue on Sunday with lots of displays of memorabilia, photos, and our statements about what we love about our church and what we dream the future will hold.

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

STAFF PRAISE OR SUGGESTIONS?

Contact the appropriate liaison from SPRC (Staff-Parish Relations Committee).

If you have any praise or suggestions, please bring it to the attention of the employee specific liaison.

EMPLOYEE & JOB

Debra Urzua (Office Manager)
Blanca Malagon (Custodian)
Alivia Logan (Choir Director)
Ryan & Jordan Pospisil (Nursery Care)
Accompanist (currently rotation of a few)
Pastor Hyesung Lee

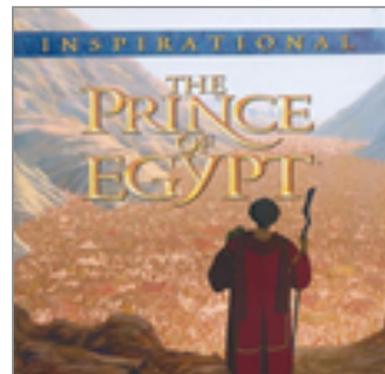
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SUNDAY SCHOOL MOVIE EVENT

This Sunday, May 1, we will finish our 5-week session on Moses. To cap off this series, the Sunday School teachers will host a movie event for the kids after the worship service. We will show the 1998 animated film *The Prince of Egypt* (PG) starting at 12:00 noon.

We will be done by 2:00 pm. There will be popcorn and treats too! Hope to see all the kids there!





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

