

Deeds and Opportunities

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NOVEMBER 2016



*Happy
Thanksgiving*



2016 *NOVEMBER* Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	SCRIPTURE SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACCTIVITIES
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 6 All Saints Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special Remembrance of our loved ones who moved to Heavenly Home this year ▪ Holy Communion ▪ <i>Stewardship Campaign (2)</i>
Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 13	Luke 21:5-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE 4 – 6 pm at Antioch Church on the Rock (District Superintendent Rev. Staci Current preaching) ▪ <i>Stewardship Campaign (3)</i>
Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost November 20	Luke 23:33-43	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Pledge Sunday (4)</i> THANKSGIVING SUNDAY 
First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016	Matthew 24:36-44	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Advent Candle Lighting</i>

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

Barbara Bonnickson, Lou Bronzan, James Collins,
Cliff Fortner, Joan Peterson, Renee Miller Beverly Hendrix
Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom) Laura Breitenbucher (Cheryle's mom)
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter) Neoma Patrick (sister of Katie Moore)
Sheila Logan (Adella Logan's mother in law) Lee Daversa (Joyce Sorenson's son-in-law)
Nadden Mills (Mother of Roxanna Simas)
Trina Ortega (daughter-in-law of Doug Treadway)



*We pray for you and your care-givers 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.

Wow, it is November now! ☺ In this month, we will celebrate ALL SAINTS SUNDAY (Nov. 6th), THANKSGIVING SUNDAY (Nov. 20th) and THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Nov. 27th).

On ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, we will remember those who have moved to Heavenly Home since the last year's ALL SAINTS SUNDAY. We have many beloved ones whom we remember in our hearts since their departure. Personally I remember my father (89 years young) who died in February this year. He was my beloved father and #1 role-model as a Christian and a pastor. But I am so comforted knowing that he is in the eternal peace of God. We as a church were blessed to have two wonderful members who left us since last November. They are:

Dorothy Leonard (December 26, 2015)

Reddie Prewett (May 8, 2016)

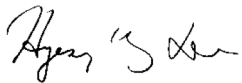
Reddie was our church member for 67 years! She loved everyone and everyone loved her! She shared not only her presence and prayer but also her house in the Lake Tahoe with so many church friends through the fundraising event BEAN FEED. **Dorothy** was our church member for 5 years! She also loved everyone and vice versa. She always did her best to be there for others, having offered her support and friendship. We miss them!

Please bring the names of your beloved ones to the service! Let us bless them and be blessed by their gifts of life and love!

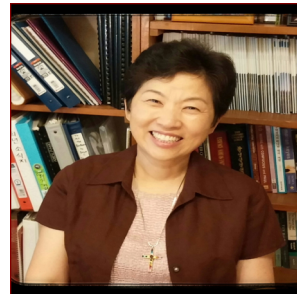
I am also looking forward THANKSGIVING SUNDAY and 4 ADVENT SUNDAYS!

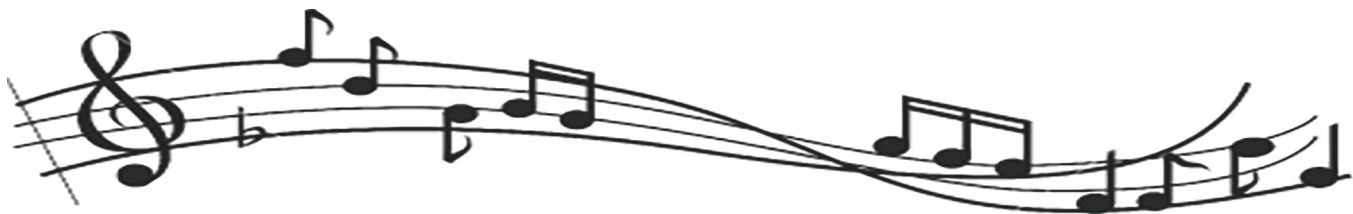
Please remember the **2016 Annual Church Conference** on November 13 (Sunday) at 4 – 6 pm at Antioch Church on the Rock (50 Walton Ln, Antioch, CA 94509). Five UM churches will get together for fellowship and important church business. Our District Superintendent Rev. Staci Current will come and preach to us! All are welcome to attend!

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



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee





CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

There will be Children and Youth choir/music rehearsal on Thursday nights at 6:30pm. We will put on a Christmas performance for an assisted living home on the afternoon/evening Saturday December 17th. Any and all under the age of 18 are asked to join to make this a fun and amazing season for our community! ☺

STRING BAND

welcomes everyone who is interested in learning guitar or ukulele;
practice every Friday at 10:30 am at the church.
Contact person: Joe Kick, band leader, 925-625-4627



150 YEARS - GOD'S LOVE, OUR FAITH

Next Sunday, November 6th, we will be selling our 150th anniversary mugs. For our first sale, we have 30 available mugs, but if we run out, we will order more for you! The mugs will sell for \$15.00 each and all profits will be set aside to support our celebration next year that will include a dinner with former pastors and other church dignitaries. So, bring your checkbook!

Historical Membership

As a member of the Membership committee, I have been trying to help straighten out our records. Because I'm also on the 150th Anniversary Team, I was curious as to who was the oldest living recorded member. Since the records started being kept in 1935, Lou Bronzan is the oldest living member of our church. Lou Bronzan was member #44 and became a member in 1957. Here are the Top Ten:

1. Lou Bronzan, 1957, #44
2. Jo Merritt, 1962, #57
3. Jim Collins, 1963, #65
4. Cliff Fortner, 1965, #68
5. Randy Fortner, 1966, #78
6. Dolores Hauan, 1967, #90
7. Joyce Sorenson, 1968, #94
8. Diane Lee, 1969, #97
9. Dennis Buckley, 1970, #106
10. Roxanna Simas, 1985, #164



These are our walking, talking legacy people, so walk up to them in fellowship time and ask them what our church was like way back in the day! By the way, our beloved Vernon Noble who graduated to Heaven last year was member #10!

by JoAnn Funk



Priscilla Circle will be meeting on Wednesday November 16th at 7pm at the Church. Polly Gallagher will be doing the program, "World Thank Offering".

The combined circles of UMW will meet for a short business meeting on Sunday December 11th (after the Cookie Walk). The most important part of the meeting is elections for 2017. Anyone interested in being a UMW Officer next year, please contact Patti Bartlebaugh 925-813-0471

Mark your calendars for the third annual **"TRIVIA, TREATS and TREASURES"** It will be held on Saturday January 21st, 2017. Tickets will go on sale in December.



The **MTJers**, our self-dubbed middle school youth group, had a ball in October. They learned about Job in the Old Testament and how incredibly faithful he was even after each obstacle put before him. The **MTJers** completed an obstacle course with varying difficulties and talked about how that was a small drop compared to Job...they were pretty impressed with the awesomeness that is at the heart of Job. They completed most of the Dare to Dream series, learning a bit more of Psalm 139:1-6 at each meeting (wish we had video to share them acting it out!). They made a human Jacob's ladder and raced to climb it, reflected on who is at the top of their ladder, laughed and got to know our own Moses dressed in acolyte robes, and shared their own experiences of making excuses for not doing what they know they should...oh how they struggled to find examples...not!!!

In addition to the 'lesson' each week, they chat and share a Rose, Thorn or Bud (something from their week they enjoyed, didn't enjoy or are looking forward to), play a few active physical games, share a light meal, sometimes cooking it together, and close in prayer.

Upcoming topics in November and December include the conclusion of Dare to Dream (connecting Love God to everyday life), Christian Athletes and Christianity in Modern Times. Drop-Ins and friends are always welcome, every Sunday 5:30-7 (no meeting on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov 27).

MTJers are also venturing out to San Francisco on Saturday, Nov 5th, to prep lunches to serve at Glide, explore Chinatown and our fortunes at the fortune-cookie factory, and savor Mozzarella pizza (check it out at <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/14/jobs/a-deaf-couple-realize-a-restaurant-dream.html>). Please RSVP to Jen Dunn or the Youth email asap.

2016 CHURCH CONFERENCE:

All are welcome to attend the annual church conference where major plans are approved.

It will be held at Antioch Church on the Rock (50 Walton Ln, Antioch)

4pm – 6pm on November 13th Sunday. Finger foods will be provided.

A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP: “THE CONFERENCE TITHE”

Brothers and Sisters,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ Jesus. What a joy it is to be in ministry with you! You are a faithful, caring, loving and thoughtful people, and I am learning so much from you about our context of ministry across the northern regions of California and Nevada and being disciples of Jesus Christ in this sacred land.

Thank you for the kindness of your welcome. For the gifts of flowers, delicious jams, regional nuts, cookies, crackers, soothing teas, fragrant candles, soaps and creams, maps so that I do not get lost, and lovely letters that have warmed my heart. Above all, thank you for your friendship. Thank you!

Having experienced your generous spirit, I was not surprised when I learned that you have moved from a system of apportionments to one of tithing. While I have always supported our apportionment system I am encouraged by your commitment to bring forth your connectional gifts from a biblical understanding and not a mathematical formula. I have tithed since I was a child, taught by my mother Rebecca who trusted God from the very core of her being. I do hope that as we tithe together we keep learning what scripture teaches us about tithing.

I love the passage in Malachi 3:10. God's people find themselves in a less than faithful place and God speaks to them through the prophet Malachi. "Test me," says God. God promises to bless them with such abundance that it will be like the very heaven opening its windows and pouring down upon them everything they need. All God asks of them is that they bring to God's house 1/10th of what God has given them for the sustaining of ministry and those who have devoted themselves to leading God's people. Do they trust God, or not?

Malachi is a book in the bible not often read, but it ministered to our ancestors in the faith and has a faithful word for us today. It is said that the people of Malachi's day had little hope and little vision for the future. They had lost their king and thus their political independence. What they had not lost was their tendency towards sloth and sin. Their religious leaders seemed bored, the laity whined, husbands were unfaithful, and most were looking out only for themselves forgetting to extend any compassion much less justice to the widow, the orphan, or the down and out. They were in such a pathetic place in their lives that in biblical scholarship theirs is considered the day of small things.

Can't we see why they lived in days of small things? It is where we all go when we do not trust God. Our human ability to on our own live days of greatness and big things is limited. Our God, however, is one of abundant mercy and grace who seeks to do great things through us; big things for the sake of this world that God loves.

I don't believe for one minute that we the people of the California-Nevada Conference want to live in days of small things. I know that we want to be faithful to our God who desires to bless all that has been created by God's own hand and wants us to join him in God's mighty purposes. Stepping up to days of greatness and big things will take our bringing our tithe to the Lord our God and with our tithe, our commitment to serve God in every good way that pleases God.

If we read on to the 12th verse of this 3rd chapter of Malachi, the prophet says that if we are committed to the ways of God, among them tithing, God's blessings upon us and our ministry will be so incredible that we will be amazed and everyone around us will come to say, "Look, how happy those people are. They live in a land of delight!" I'm counting on having moved to the land of delight because of God's faithfulness and your faithful response! I'll do my best to help you!

Blessings,

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño



***Saturday November 12th
from 8 am – 2 pm
If anyone is interested in joining Debra
to make a little money
and lighten your clutter,
please contact her at the office.
925-634-3093***



THE VIDEO COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP.

We have called many contractors and asked them to give us a quotation for hanging our new video projectors and screens. Some of the contractors said up front that they would not be interested in doing the work. Some of the contractors came to the church and looked at the project. They seemed interested and promised to tell us how much they would charge to hang the equipment. Nobody has followed through and given us a quote. When prodded, they say they are busy and will get the quotes to us soon. Then nothing happens.

If anyone in the congregation knows of a licensed contractor who might be interested in our project, please let Dave Funk (513-0020), Debra Urzua (634-3093) or Dennis Buckley (634-3206) know.

SMALL GROUPS SCHEUDLE

SHAPED BY THE WORD 6 weeks Facilitator: Charlene Dobson Thursday 10am At Charlene Dobson's House	REVIVAL 6 weeks Facilitator: Hyesung Lee Sunday 4 pm Fellowship Hall	LONGING TO MEET YOU 4 weeks Facilitator: Sungho Lee Sunday 4 pm Fireside Room
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Invitation to Visit a Beautiful Peaceful Japanese Garden

Martin Tucker is leading a group to see a spectacular Japanese garden, dedicated to peace and friendship, in Granite Bay (just the other side of Sacramento) on November 7 (Monday). It is a two-hour trip up there, but is well worth the effort. The garden is open to visits only two weeks in the fall and two weeks in the spring, by appointment only. If you are interested and would like details call Martin at 779-1659 or contact him by email at martintucker5414@att.net. We will carpool from the BART parking lot on Walnut at 8:00 am.





2. Joyce Heflin
4. Rebecca Feldermann
6. Adella Logan
7. Chinyere Ekpemiro
8. Jason Funk
10. Joy Brown
10. Alvin Simas
10. Kim Fraley
11. Diana Lane
11. Sarah Zamjahn
12. Lou Bronzan
12. Kayla Gallagher
18. Joan Petersen
18. Dorothy Leonard
18. Darby Gray
20. Maeci Scott
21. Judy (Sorenson) Doversa
22. Jamie Feldermann
22. Joanie Johnson
22. Hisako Suzuki
22. Trevor Austin
23. Briana Price
24. Carlos Malagon
25. Becky Johnson
25. Dan Hanel
27. Patricia Evans
28. Bud Petersen
28. Phyllis Schippers
29. Joe Kick

Happy Anniversary

3. Linda & Don Barnhill
5. Jan & Chuck Nixon
13. Connie & Mark Azevedo
13. Jo & Gerald Tenant
17. Rebecca & James Feldermann
21. Shirley & Kevin Gray
26. Jane & Sam Travale

GRATITUDE

Waking up this morning
 To the sound of rain on the roof
 A gentle reminder of God's love
 Even feels a bit like proof
 Over all the many years
 So many Thanksgiving days
 So many blessings large and small
 Let me count the ways
 Granddaughter just one month young
 And grandson turning three
 Our daughters grown - out on their own
 It's all so amazing to me
 Our pastor and church family
 A place to pray and understand
 Outdoor service and blessing of the animals
 The fun of our new string band
 Good work to do and married life
 And that we can choose our attitude
 And most of all - God's precious love
 It all fills me with gratitude.

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Recently the volunteers of **Hope House** were treated to a delicious luncheon provided by the Congregational Care Network. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Plans are well underway for the Voyagers' Christmas Party for the children of Hope House to be held on Saturday, December 10th.

Each family that attends will receive a bag of groceries.
Donations of canned meats, tuna, chicken, ham can be brought to the church or Hope House.

Thank you again for your continual support.

Robin Vaughan

