

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

## **Brentwood Community United Methodist Church**

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### ***SEPTEMBER 2015***



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*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.*

## 2015 SEPTEMBER Worship & Preaching Schedule

SUNDAYS	SCRIPTURE	SERMON TITLE	WORSHIP ACTS
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>September 6, 2015</i>	<u>Mark 7:24-37</u> The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith	"No More Secret: White Elephant in the Room"	• Holy Communion
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>September 13, 2015</i>	<u>Mark 8:27-38</u> Peter's Declaration about Jesus	"No More Secret: Say What You Believe"	• Guatemala Medical Mission Report by Michael Ann Honea • Confirmation Start-Up
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>September 20, 2015</i>	<u>Mark 9:30-37</u> Jesus Again Foretells His Death and Resurrection	"No More Secret: Your Darkest Moment"	• Bible Presentation to 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Graders
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>September 27, 2015</i>	<u>Mark 9:38-50</u> Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us	"No More Secret: Accepting Gray"	• Youth Report on Santa Cruz "Christian Boardwalk Blitz" Experience

### ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER SCHEDULE for SEPTEMBER

Date	Acolyte	Crucifer
9/6	Wren Driscoll	Sam Lukacs
9/13	Audrey Dunn	Alex Dunn
9/20	Jamie Feldermann	Ike Esomonu
9/27	Ogechi Ekpemero	Chineyere Ekpemiro

#### 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.)

Diane Hutchison, Cliff Fortner, James Collins, Dorothy Leonard, Mike Logan,  
Vernon Noble, Joan Peterson, Barbara Bonnickson Lou Bronzan, Phil White  
Homer Richardson, Geraldine Dupuich (Diana Easley's mom),  
Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson's daughter in need of heart transplant)  
The family of Louise Iddings, who passed away recently (see notice of memorial service. Below)

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

#### **PASSING OF A CHURCH MEMBER LOUISE IDDINGS**

Louise and her husband attended this church many years ago and their children grew up going to this church. She was 84 years old. Her husband Ralph Iddings passed away two years ago. Tim Iddings, Louise' son, has many fond memories of youth group and memories of the members who were active in this church in the late 60's and early 70's. Some of these members still come to worship here today.

Tim Iddings and his sister are holding a memorial service at BCUMC on Saturday, September 19th at 11 am. The Rev. John Weaver will officiate the service. He is the pastor who served the Baptist Church where Ralph and Louise used to worship together in Byron. Refreshments will be served after the service. Condolences can be sent to Tim Iddings, 28200 Pfitzer Road Gustine, CA 95322.

## ◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

Dear Friends and Members of BCUMC

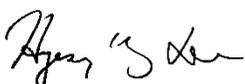
Our God is great! In any kind of situation we are, we may find God's presence and blessings there, in many different forms! It is amazing to see all God's people gathering together every Sunday morning in the house of God praising the greatness of God with all of our hearts and tongues together. Faces that we see on Sunday mornings are not always same. But we feel that we are all together in God's space whether we are together or scattered physically.

During the week, I visited for the second time our long time member Barbara Bonnickson whose location Dolores Hauan had accidentally discovered in the process of searching for another member with whom we have lost our connection. Thanks to Dolores for having always made such strong connections with all home-bound members and friends by sending cards EVERY SINGLE week with the copy of my Sermon-In-Your-Hands. She has done this ministry for decades! I have often received words of appreciation from those who have received weekly gifts from her.

Barbara was healthy physically but did not remember me. Her memory loss was in a severe state from Alzheimer. But her face was filled with smiles. She always had a lot of stories to share with me. We sat down together in a comfy sofa. She kept asking questions about me. I showed her my business card. She found it interesting. And I gave her cookies that Dolores had baked. She was so happy to receive such gift. And she started talking about her dad, a life-time farmer and about her siblings. She said she was a school nurse in Brentwood school district. And she helped out church ladies with various things. And we said the Lord's Prayer out-loud together. She remembered it all. And we sang "Amazing Grace" together. When I pray for her, we hold hands together. She looked really peaceful. I felt the same peace too. I thought to myself that in Heaven I would be with countless brothers and sisters whom I had never known but felt no distance from. It would surely take eternity to get to meet all of them but will enjoy it very much.

And I met *Tim Iddings* on Friday, who used to be our member for a long time. He visited me because his mother, *Louise Iddings*, had passed away and he wanted to have a memorial service for her here at our church. It was our first meeting but Tim was so friendly and shared with me his dear memories of BCUMC. He was raised in our church and had a long loving relationship with our church members. He shared how great the youth ministry was when he was a youth. The pastor at the time had 7 kids himself. He also shared stories of challenging times especially when he was the chair of the trustees. The whole time, he felt so BEING HOME again. He kept saying that "This church was my home!" His eyes looked like seeing all those years with beautiful memories here at BCUMC. I realized that TIME has many dimensions and does not just move from the past to the future but also the other way around. If we wish and allow, TIME also may be circling around at one point at certain space. Tim seemed to find a way home at BCUMC by circling around the time train. And I knew that we all will be arriving at HOME in God just like that someday. And we will meet again all together!

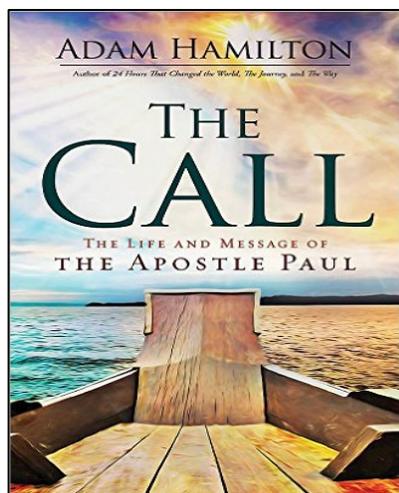
May God bless our journey together wherever we are!



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



REAFFIRMATION OF THE MARRIAGE VOW OF NATE & EZHIE EKPEMIRO  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015



6 Weeks Sunday Morning  
Small Group Bible Study

*THE CALL*

By Rev. Adam Hamilton

Led by Rev. Hyesung Lee

**When:** Sunday Morning 8:45 am – 10:00 am  
October 4<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Quiet Room      **Textbook:** \$12.00 (Large Print)

**Registration:** Please let Pastor Lee know via email ([hslee3@gmail.com](mailto:hslee3@gmail.com)) or cell (925-303-9339)

- Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.
- The six-session DVD features Adam Hamilton on location in modern-day Greece and Turkey, guiding us through a six-week Bible study tracing the travels and teachings of Paul.

# MERRY METHODIST Progressive Dinner



People have been asking about doing another progressive dinner. The two we had were a lot of fun. This is an activity more appropriate for adults. Martin Tucker is willing to plan another dinner but making it happen requires a lot of advanced planning and commitment from people. Here is what is needed:

1) Two homes willing to host the appetizer course. The hosts may provide as much as they are comfortable to do and some of the guests can also provide finger food or some liquid refreshments. About one hour of hosting. Allow 1/2 hour for travel to the next spot.

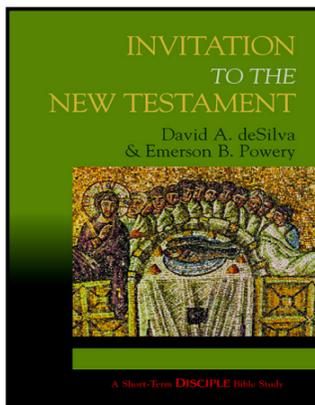
2) Two--possibly three--homes willing to host the main course. Again, some of the guests may be willing to bring some part of the dinner. Merry Methodists also have a small amount of banked money that could help cover costs for dinner hosts. In the past each host home needed to accommodate about 10 people. This meal is not a competition!! It should be relatively simple so people can enjoy mixing and be done in time to move on. About one hour of hosting. Allow 1/2 hour for travel to the church.

3) Two or three hosts for the dessert course which will involve everyone back at the church. They need to provide and serve some desserts.

4) A sign-up of people who will commit in advance to attending since the list must be arranged for people who attend the first course at one place to be mixed with others at the second place. Assigning people to the homes is necessary and must be worked out in advance so everyone knows where they are to go.

If you are willing to participate in hosting please let Martin know so he can begin to put together the whole dinner plan. We are looking at a date maybe in mid-October but it can be done at any time enough people are available.

*Martin Tucker – 925.779.1659 or martintucker@comcast.net*



8 WEEKS SUNDAY MORNING

A Short Term Disciple Bible Study

***INVITATION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT***

***By David A. deSilva & Emerson B. Powery***

Led by Pastor Hyesung Lee

**When:** Sunday Morning 8:45 am – 10:10 am

August 2<sup>nd</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Quiet Room    **Textbook:** \$3.00

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- It deals with the whole **27 books** in the New Testament in 8 weeks.
- It provides **daily Scripture reading assignments** for **group conversation** on Sunday.
- **Video component** provides both interpretation and context for the biblical texts.



- 5. Don Barnhill
- 5. Gabe Price
- 7. Scott Stirling
- 10. Tom Johnson
- 12. Bryan Webb
- 15. Judy Gerry
- 16. Charlene Dobson
- 16. Riley Clarke
- 17. Tuck Tennant
- 19. Jeffry Zamjahn
- 20. Ivy Caruso
- 20. Gabriel Clarke
- 21. Beverly Johnson
- 22. Kyle Schults
- 27. Robin Blount

### Happy Anniversary

- 5. Jill and Gabe Price
- 16. Joy and Joe Kick
- 16. Beverly and Martin Tucker
- 27. Joyce & Myron Sorenson

## GOD'S LOVING HEART

Life turns a corner  
 A wave hits the shore  
 Something goes missing  
 That was there just before  
 We just might arrive  
 At an unexpected place  
 Only to find we are  
 Still in God's loving embrace.  
 The Spirit surrounds  
 God protection abounds  
 Jesus keeps us connected  
 And keeps us on pace  
 In strong, steady rhythm  
 With God's heart and grace.  
 And in the storm  
 With things going down  
 And when I lose hope  
 With nothing to tell  
 Yet in unexpected ways  
 Things turn around  
 The still small voice reminds  
 "I'm here - all is well."

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## UMW UNIT GATHERING

Sunday, September 20th, the Jesse Lee and Priscilla Circles will come together for a joint meeting known as a *Unit Gathering*. The Gathering will take place after church and light lunch will be provided. There will be a short business meeting and Patti Bartlebaugh will lead a UMW Study on Poverty.

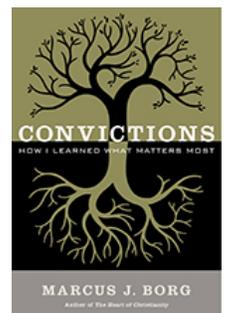
*This Study recognizes that faithful and effective ministry with the poor engages our hearts, heads and hands. Our hearts grow larger as we get to know personally those who are poor and vulnerable. We learn best from those who know what it means to be poor. This study searches for the root cause of poverty in the United States. Finally the studies reviews what is being done and what we can do to help our poor and vulnerable brothers and sisters.*

All women of the Church are invited and encouraged to attend.

## 9AM SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

by Mel Strong

The 9am Sunday morning discussion group is reading and discussing Marcus Borg's book "Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most". Everyone is invited to join us as we journey through Marcus Borg's last book; he past away last January. We are an informal group and would love to have you join us in Christian Fellowship, as well as a cup of coffee and goodies. We meet in the Youth Room.



*Do you have a special skill to share  
with the Youth?*



This year's BCUMC Youth Group calendar has a number of dates where we will be bringing the group together to share inter-generational skills. So whether it's sewing, pie-making, tie-dying, jam-making, painting, or any other great skill you think the youth may find interesting, plan an evening with the youth group. They really enjoy spending time with you and hopefully you will find this to be a blessing-filled experience. Most inter-generational events happen Friday evenings at 6:00pm.

If you have a skill to share, please contact Julius at [julius.lukacs@hotmail.com](mailto:julius.lukacs@hotmail.com).



Hope House thanks everyone for your outstanding support of this wonderful ministry. For the month of September we would love jars of peanut butter.... (and if this is not possible any canned soups). Leave them in the basket in the Narthex. As always . . . Thank You.....Robin Vaughan



The mission of the United Methodist Men is . . .  
*"To Help Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ".*

At Brentwood Community United Methodist Church, we have a vibrant and active United Methodist Men's group. The group is comprised of civic leaders, educators, and business executives in Brentwood dedicated to the mission locally and abroad.

We meet in the church fellowship hall at **8 am on the first Saturday of the month** for breakfast and fellowship. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there. *The next breakfast is Saturday September 5.*

More information on the United Methodist Men can be found at <http://www.gcumm.org>

## HELP WANTED . . . . .

. . . . . once a month, in the church office after worship, recording details of that Sunday's offering. Working in pairs, counters list names, amounts and descriptions of each offering, using an adding machine to calculate totals and balance the report. Two counters are needed each week. One counter will write up the bank deposit and either will deliver it to the night deposit at Bank of America on Oak Street.

Please call Diana Easley at 925.595.3052 or talk to Debra Urzua in the church office (925.634.3093)

*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:

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Resident Bishop: Warner H. Brown, Jr.  
El Camino Real District Superintendent: Kristie Olah  
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

