

Deeds and Opportunities

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Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

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2024 MARCH Worship Schedule

Hybrid Worship Service Both In-Person and Virtual!

Come Join Us in Virtual Worship Services on Church Website and Facebook:

<https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/home>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/28404281274/>

SUNDAY WORSHIP	Scriptures / Themes	Worship Acts and More
3rd Sunday in Lent Mar 3, 2024 10:30 a.m.	Isaiah 40:27-31 Matthew 11:28-30 "To Soar, To Run, To Walk and Not Faint"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Adult Bible Study: Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am • Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)
4th Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m., Mar 10 Spring Forward 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Bible Study: Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am • Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) • BEAN FEED (Drive Thru): 5 pm (\$15 for a meal)
5th Sunday in Lent 10:30 a.m. Mar 17		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)
	Matthew 26: 69-75 "Following Jesus: Peter's Story"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE March 29 (Fri) 7:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Tenebrae Service According to Matthew's Account	
	EASTER Sunday March 31 6:00 a.m. 10:30a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunrise Service: 6 am on 2nd Street Lawn • EASTER (FREE) BREAKFAST (Men's Group): 7 am – 9:45 am • Morning Service: 10:30 am • Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I'd like to share with you my thoughts on some wordings that we use regularly during Sunday Worship Service. My desire is to make changes in these two wordings. One is in the Lord's Prayer and the other at the end of Scripture Reading. I've been thinking about this for a long time and had chances to talk about them with small group bible study groups. For all the guiding thoughts and theological understandings, I'd like to give credit to three books written by Rev. Adam Hamilton: "Making Sense of the Bible" (2014), "Half Truth" (2016), and "Doubt" (2023). I think it is time to change these wordings and remove a barrier that may cause some misunderstandings about God and the Bible. Here are they:

- (1) "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil" in the Lord's Prayer will be changed to "***Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.***"

The reason for this change is that the current wording may imply that it is God who leads us into temptation. But the Bible tells us that God is not a tempter. Even though Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, it was not the Holy Spirit (or God) but Satan (devil, tempter, liar) who tempted Jesus after 40 days of fasting. James, Jesus' half-brother, said: "*No one, when tempted, should say, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted by evil and **he himself tempts no one.** But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it*" (James 1:13-14). It is a wrong understanding of God that He is the source of temptation, of trial or of hardship. Some Christians try to comfort those suffering/struggling by saying "God won't give you more than you can handle." Telling it to someone grieving the loss of a child can be incredibly insensitive and even hurtful. It implies that God intentionally caused the tragedy and is now testing their ability to cope. Such a notion can lead to feelings of anger, devastation, and even rejection of faith (see Chapter 3 of ***Half Truth***). God does not give us a disaster and later comfort or healing. Life happens. Nature brings disasters in its own cycle. Satan tempts us. Ill-minded or irresponsible people cause tragedies. When we are in trouble, however, our loving God never leaves us alone or let us down but always be there to help us come through it.

Catholic Church changed the wording into "do not let us fall into temptation but deliver us from evil" in 2017. But I think this wording still may imply that it is God who does let us fall into temptation. I prefer the new version suggested by the Upper Room Worship Book (2016) which is "***Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.***" This makes it clear that God is the Savior and Deliverer.

- (2) "This is the word of God for the people of God" at the end of each Scripture readings will be changed to "***This is the word of the Holy Scripture for the people of God.***"

The reason for this change is that the current wording implies that every word in the Bible is the word of God, even *literally*. In the Bible, there are passages reflecting the timeless will of God such as "Love your neighbor as yourself!" while some reflect God's will in a particular time but not for all time such as ritual laws of the Old Testament – no tattoo or no trimming beard (Lev 19:27-28). On the other hand, some others reflect the culture and historical circumstances in which they were written but never reflect God's timeless will such as slavery or ethnic cleansing through war or discriminatory remarks against some particular groups like women, children, the disabled, etc. Rev. Hamilton says, "Rather than attempting to justify such things, *we should loudly condemn these teachings and commands and make clear that this did not ever reflect the will of God*" (p.273, Making Sense of the Bible). (Continued on next page)

The Bible is the foundation of our faith, the guiding light on our feet and the means of saving grace. So, we will cherish, read and meditate on it as long as we live. That is why we read them during our worship service. We cannot proclaim however that they are the word of God *literally* after we read the passage about ethnic cleansing in the name of God. So, rather than we keep saying “This is the word of God for the people of God,” I’d like to suggest to say “***This is the word of the Holy Scripture for the people of God.***”

I am planning to change these wordings from Palm Sunday March 24th, since we need some time to let everybody know about these. I’d like to welcome your thoughts, feedback, or suggestions in the meantime.

“Lent is about Becoming, Doing, and Changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now.

Lenten is a summons to life ANEW” (by Sister Joan Chittister)

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you!” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

We are ONE PEOPLE rooted in Scripture, centered in Christ, serving in love, and united in essentials!

Here are some resources for those who’d like more about United Methodist Church!

For California-Nevada Annual Conference, go to <https://www.cnumc.org/>

For Los Rios District, go to <https://losrios.cnumc.org/>

For **Youth 2024 Summer Camp**, go to cnumc.org/camp

For **2024 General Conference**,

go to <https://www.cnumc.org/newsdetails/united-women-in-faith-plans-for-general-conference-18232161>

For more information about UMC, go to Resource UMC here

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/connection-makes-the-umc-work>



Worship Ministers

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
3/3	Polly Gallagher	Rose Marie	TBD	TBD	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi, Scott Baxter
3/10	Larry Schaffer	Greg Pacquer	TBD	TBD	Michael A. Honea	Gbenga Olayomi, Scott Baxter, CiCi Kirshner
3/17	Jan Schults	Rose Marie	TBD	TBD	Marge Walton	Gbenga Olayomi, Scott Baxter
3/24	Dave Funk	TBD	TBD	TBD	CiCi Kirchner	Gbenga Olayomi, Scott Baxter
3/31	Heidi Stark	TBD	TBD	TBD	Dolores Hauan, Joyce Sorenson	Gbenga Olayomi, Scott Baxter

Editor’s note: Acolyte and Crucifer duties are not currently assigned to Youth, so Ushers try to nab someone to serve, or carry out the task themselves. We are also looking for new pianists.



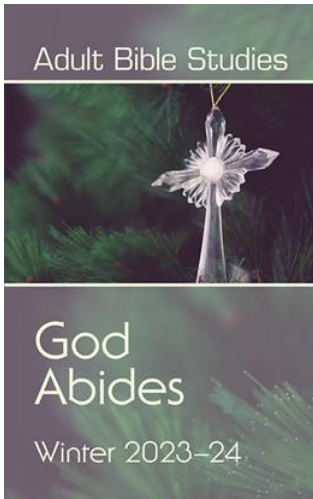
We believe love in action can change the world

This year's program book is titled "Food, Faith and Fellowship". All are invited to join at God's banquet table as we explore what it means to be a community – not just in our circle, but with all of creation. We are called to be inclusive, loving, and hospitable. Come enjoy fellowship around the table, learn, share, and find God's presence in our gatherings.

The February program was entitled Living Water based on John 4:1-26, the story of the Samaritan woman who encounters Jesus at the well. We met at the home of Cheryl Breitenbucher and enjoyed her hospitality. Heidi Stark will host the March meeting and Polly Gallagher will lead the program. Also, check your mailboxes for a letter from our President, Jan Schults on how you can help support the mission and ministries of United Women in Faith locally and globally.

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, March 18th at 7pm at the home of Heidi Stark (1035 Martinez Drive, Brentwood). All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action! Questions, please contact Jan Schults, United Women in Faith President at 925-890-6296.

Grow your faith and transform your life.



Cultivate a deeper relationship with God through *Adult Bible Studies*. This resource, endorsed by the Curriculum Resources Committee of The United Methodist Church, offers a year-round, weekly Bible study plan for Sunday school classes and other small groups. Each weekly lesson offers background and focal Scriptures, key verses, and doctrinally sound and relevant biblical interpretation and application in a readable font size. Annual plans provide comprehensive coverage of the Bible, special lessons during the church seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter, and suggestions for developing spiritual practices such as prayer, worship, community, and service, among many others. *Adult Bible Studies* is a reliable companion and guide for learning and growing in Christian faith. With the help of the Student Book, Teacher/Commentary Kit, and DVD, the class will embrace that it's "**not just about learning - it's about living out biblical teachings**".

Classes start Sunday December 03 in the BCUMC Youth Classroom from 8:45 to 10am.

Facilitator: Diego Garcia.

Please notify us that you plan to attend. We will have a book ready for you.

A SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Who: All Committee Chairpersons

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 7:00 PM

Where: Brentwood Community UMC, 809 2nd Street, Brentwood, CA 94513

Purpose:

- 1) to elect one additional lay delegate to the Annual Conference; the name nominated is Fran Bowman
- 2) to elect two Alternate Lay Delegates to the Annual Conference; the first alternate nominated is Larry Schaffer, and the second alternate is Diego Garcia

Presiding Elder: Rev. Pamela Abbey



Greetings, BCUMC! **The men's breakfast is coming this Saturday, March 2nd at 8:00 a.m.** Coffee will be piping hot by 7:30. Come on by, have a good breakfast, and spend a little time with your fellow Methodist men.

UNITED METHODIST MEN ANNUAL BEAN FEED

Drive-Thru Event

Sunday March 10th, 2024; from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The United Methodist Men (UMM) will be sponsoring this year's Bean Feed at the date and time indicated above. We will be holding the event in the same fashion as last year: UMM will cater a delicious meal directly to your car as you drive by the side entrance of the church on Midway alley. Please come in from the HOPE House (Pine Street) side of the alley.

All you need to do is drive up to the side entrance door of the church, and we will be there waiting. Hand us your ticket or purchase one at the door, and we will deliver a plated, wrapped, delicious **tri-tip or mac & cheese casserole meal with potato salad, beans, dinner roll, carrot cake, and a bottle of water**—all the makings for an easy and delicious Sunday night dinner! We will also have a delivery service for shut ins. The proceeds from the Bean Feed go to the UMM scholarship fund. This worthwhile event has been an annual tradition of Brentwood Community United Methodist Church (BCUMC) for 39 years. UMM has always had the goal of providing scholarships to young adults, and in some cases older adults, in support of their academic journeys.

We are asking for a **minimum \$15.00 donation** for a plate.

Please see one of the men of the United Methodist Men for a ticket or purchase a ticket at the door.

Thank you for your support!

A THANK YOU FROM U.M.C.O.R. (United Methodist Committee on Relief)



Rev. Roland Fernandes, General Secretary of Global Ministries of UMC and UMCOR sent us a Thank letter on Feb 14, 2024. Last year we sent them a total of \$1,015.00 for Disaster Response and Recovery around the world that includes Maui Fire Victims. When we send donations to U.M.C.O.R., 100% goes to the mission because all the operational money is covered by the Special U.M.C.O.R. Sunday Offering across the world. This year the U.M.C.O.R. Sunday

will be March 10th. Let's support one of the best disaster relief organizations with our generous offering.

SCAM ALERT

DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY TEXT OR EMAILS! Please remember that Pastor Lee would not contact a member directly with an emergency request for cash, gift cards or any favors. If you are unsure if an email or text is "real", please contact Michelle in the office, or reach out to Pastor Lee, or Lay Leaders, Dave Funk or Heidi Stark before taking any action. **AGAIN, DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY TEXT OR EMAILS without verifying the validity of the message!**

Lay Leader News

By Heidi Stark

I hope your Lenten journey is providing you with opportunities to learn and grow closer to God. Many people give something up – make a sacrifice during the 40 days of Lent. Others take on a spiritual discipline to draw nearer to God. During this Lent, I am reading “Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection” by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie. I love the way these authors write; they share blessings for our crazy lives that are real and make me laugh and cry. We are not perfect, and our lives can spin wildly out of control in this chaotic world. They acknowledge and bless the mess that is life and show us how we can find God during it all. What are you doing for Lent? I’d love to hear what is inspiring you!

I’d like to challenge everyone to think about the mission and purpose of BCUMC. Of course, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, but how is BCUMC doing that? How are we trying to transform our community and our world? On January 20th I attended training provided by our conference and one of the things I took away from that training was that we need to prayerfully discern where God is calling BCUMC. **For whom does our heart break?** We need to decide what to focus on and set 1-2 goals for that focus. These goals should be **SMART**:

S – SPECIFIC
M – MEASURABLE
A – ACTIONABLE
R – REALISTIC
T – TIMELY

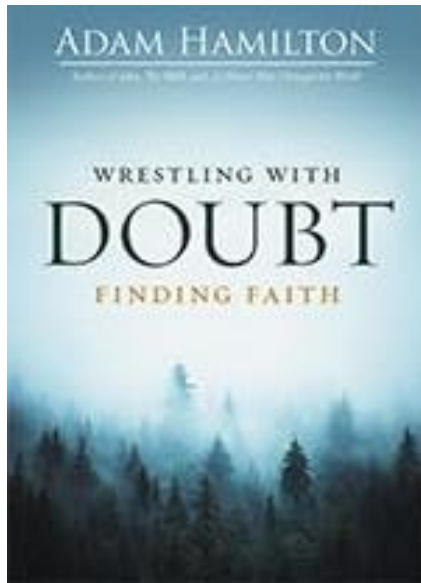
It was suggested that rather than the Golden Rule, we should follow the Platinum Rule – Treat people the way **THEY** want to be treated. We need to ask if our community is better off because we are here. What does it mean to engage? Jesus meets us where we are. We need to be respectful of all and meet people where they are. Where are the people? We need to be open to reaching out beyond our building. We need to get back to the basics of our faith – **HOPE - share Hospitality, Offer Christ, nurture Purpose, Engage in service**. Please share your thoughts and ideas, and hopefully, we can set a couple of SMART goals that we can all work on achieving. Lots to think about. So much that we can do.

“Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So, go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.”
— L.R. Knost

How are we doing?

As Lay Leaders, Dave Funk and I are meeting monthly with Pastor to discuss and plan ways to come together and ways to reach out. We need your help. Please let us know how we are doing. Look for a little black box in the sanctuary – it’s a locked box that Dave and I will access regularly. You can confidentially leave messages or prayer requests – whatever you want us to know. We’re hoping that you will let us know your hopes and dreams for BCUMC. Also, let us know what you like or don’t like. Your input will inform our actions and we want to make sure we are accurately reflecting the wants and needs of our congregation.

3 Week Small Group



DOUBT

(by Adam Hamilton, Abingdon Press, 2023)

Book: You may buy the book at Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com

*Four copies of large print is available for \$10 in the office.

Facilitator: Pastor Hyesung Lee

When: 3 Thursdays, April 11, 18 and 25, 7:00 pm (zoom)

***Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87203062553>

Meeting ID: 872 0306 2553

We will learn, explore, discuss about following DOUBTS:

- i. Is There a God? (4/11)
- ii. A Good Book? Wrestling with the Bible (4/11)
- iii. Are All Non-Christians Going to Hell? (4/18)
- iv. Is Heaven Real? (4/18)
- v. When Prayers Go Unanswered (4/25)
- vi. Why do the Innocent Suffer? (4/25)

Registration: to Pastor Lee (hslee3@gmail.com; 925-303-9339)

BCUMC Youth

In February, we met at the beginning of the month for pizza, Bible study, and some games. We played darts and ping pong. In March, we plan to meet on March 10th and walk to the park and go to Sip & Scoop (you may want to eat dinner first). We will then be on our Spring Break where many of us will be on vacation!

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING goes to HOPE HOUSE!

It is our tradition to bring a special offering to God on Easter morning! The collected offering will be sent to one or two needed ministry agencies either local or across the world. This year, we see a lot of need in our own ministry through HOPE HOUSE for our neighbors in need of foods and clothing.

Please be generous and share your resources and prayers for HOPE HOUSE! Your help will be deeply appreciated!

MIDTOWN FAITH GENERATIONAL SKILL SWAP

Sunday March 3, 2024 12:30-3:30pm Midtown Faith is presenting an event for community bonding and skill sharing!! Skills like baking, gardening, basic construction skills, navigating technology, etc. We would like to have 5 activities lead by church members of any and all ages.

Contact: Alivia Logan-Kumagai at midtownfaithbcumc@gmail.com

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Our Sunday Night Live event Dinner with Diego and Deborah was a great success! 28 people gathered in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 25. We shared a meal provided by Pastor and Lay Leaders, Dave Funk, and Heidi Stark. After dinner, Diego Garcia and his wife Deborah Hopwood shared their paths to mission service. Diego shared his faith journey from a reluctant Christian to a fully charged Christian. Deborah shared her call to service on medical missions and how a miserable first experience came full circle for her later in life. It was a blessing to hear their stories as they shared how they came to follow God's call to serve. They challenged us all to prayerfully consider how we charge our batteries. If you'd like to learn more contact Diego or Deborah; they are happy to share their faith with others.

EAST COUNTY EMPOWERMENT GROUP OPEN HOUSE

**March 19th, 2024
4:30PM-6:00PM
Brentwood Community United
Methodist Church
809 2nd St, Brentwood, CA 94513**



**LGBTQ+ Youth ages 12-18,
family members, friends,
service providers, come
check us out!**



**Where you can BE YOURSELF,
SOCIALIZE, and be SUPPORTED
in a SAFE environment.
Refreshments Provided.**



**For More information, contact:
Caitlin Gulseth 925-384-0143
caitlin@chd-prevention.org**



Center for Human Development
Changing Lives, Transforming Communities

WE LIFT UP OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR PRAYERS

This list is provided by our Congregational Care Network (CCN) of BCUMC. If you want to add names or make any changes to this list, please contact Linda Barnhill (925) 634-8521 or lindalucy1103@outlook.com.

We pray for all these friends that God may fill them every day with strength, faith, love, and peace.



Prayer Chain:

Grace Olayomi (Gbenga Olayomi's wife), **John Gonzales** (Adella Logan's son), **Bev and Martin Tucker**, **John Moore**, **Hozeh Lee** (Pastor Lee's son), **Dawn** (Daughter of Eugene and Jenny Davis), **Ethel Badham**, **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Melvin Strong**, **Leonor Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Betty and Jack Gaughan**, **Don** (Kim Fraley's husband), **Kim Fraley**, **Bella** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Beth's daughter** (Linda Barnhill's friend), **Ginger** (Cynthia Geddes's friend), **Barbara Pinkston**, **Fred Gulizia** (Kathie's husband), **Scott Kammeyer's mother**, **Dari Tran**, **Timothy** (Joyce Sorenson), **Denise** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Lana** (Michelle Carrillo's mother), **Mike Martin** (Linda Barnhill), **Echo Paden** (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), **John Annable** (Linda Barnhill), **Kobee Wayne** (Joyce Sorenson's grandson), **Michael** (John and Katie Moore's son), **Kathie Gulizia**, **June Baxter** (Scott Baxter's mother), **Bill Vaughn** (Robin's husband), **Lee Rogers** (Laura Webb's brother-in-law) and **Joe Kick**.

BCUMC Food Policy

By Heidi Stark

A number of people have asked Ad. Council to reevaluate our current food policy and lift the ban on homemade items. We will take this issue to a vote at Ad. Council on March 13th. Any change to the current policy would go into effect in April. Our food policy was changed in November following an incident of food poisoning. Ten people suffered from food poisoning and six of those people had to seek medical attention. We must be sensitive to those who were directly impacted by the incident. It is easy for those of us who were not affected in the November incident to dismiss the issue; however, all opinions and feelings are valid and important, and we want everyone to be heard and respected. We do believe that what happened in November was an accident; it was not intentional, and it is unlikely to happen again. We want BCUMC to be a safe and hospitable space for everyone. I am reaching out to those who were involved in the November food poisoning, but all opinions will be considered. Please let us know your thoughts and recommendations for hospitality at BCUMC going forward. You may leave feedback in the suggestion box at the back of the sanctuary or contact Pastor Lee, or Lay Leader, Dave Funk or Ad. Council Chair/Lay Leader, Heidi Stark. We will vote on this matter at the March Ad. Council meeting; so, please reach out by March 13 if you strongly feel one way or the other. We look forward to hearing from you.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATED (March 1st, 2023)

"Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay in Love with God Always!"

(General Principal of Wesleyan Methodist Discipleship)

For the safety of all, and in alignment with the state and county advice we continue to strongly suggest wearing a mask in public settings. We will continue respecting each person's choice to wear or not wear a mask in any circumstances. No one should be asked 'why?'

In addition, please, if you are sick stay at home.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES will be displayed on each wall of the rooms in the church.

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church Ad Council

2024 LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

2024 LENT: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 (Ash Wed) – Thu, Mar 28, 2024 (Holy Thursday)

PALM SUNDAY: Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 10:30 am

GOOD FRIDAY: Friday, March 29, 2024 (TENEBRAE Worship Service at 7 pm – IN PERSON & ZOOM)

EASTER SUNDAY: Mar 31, 2024

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00 am (Church Lawn)

Easter Breakfast by UM Men's Group: 7 am – 9:45 am (Fellowship Hall)

Easter Morning Service at 10:30 am (Sanctuary)

Frequent Questions about Lent:

● **What is Tenebrae Service for Good Friday?** "Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "darkness." The service of Tenebrae as practiced in most Protestant Churches is typically held at night on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the last journey of Jesus Christ. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice; and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

● **What do we call the Friday before Easter "good"?** "Our name for the Friday before Easter, "Good Friday," is most likely related to the English and the Dutch, the only two languages that use this term, which etymologists say is likely an alteration of the Germanic word, "Goddess," meaning "God's" or "Holy." That term does not mean "good." The day is called **Holy** Friday in nearly all other languages in the world.

Good Friday, or Holy Friday as most of the rest of the world calls it in their languages, proclaims God's purpose of loving and redeeming the world even in the face of human rejection and cruelty through the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a day that is holy and makes us holy because God was drawing the world to God's self in Christ." (<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask>)

How long is Lent? Do Sundays count in Lent? Lent lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday, excluding Sundays. Sundays are an important part of Lent, but we do not include them in the "40 days" because on every Sunday we remember and celebrate the Resurrection of Christ in the Mass.

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE Sunday, April 28, 5-7pm

We are continuing to collect items for Blessing Bags during Lent. Please leave your donations in the collection box located in the Narthex. A list of suggested items can also be found in the Narthex. These are just suggestions, and every bag will be different with a focus on hygiene items for all. The more items and variety of items we collect will mean we can create more bags. A Blessing Bag is a small bag filled with essential items that can be provided to the homeless. Each bag is filled with simple items to help someone get through the day. Hygiene items, snacks, and inspirational materials are common blessing bag items.

The items we collect during Lent will be used to assemble Blessing Bags at our Sunday Night Live event on April 28th. We will gather at 5pm to share a meal and put together the Blessing Bags. The completed bags will be distributed throughout our community to help those in need. Please plan to join us for a time of fellowship and service.



March

2 Ogechi Ekpemiro
7 Alfred Narayan
9 Janet Clarke
10 Barbara Pinkston
11 Jean Yamaguchi
12 Rick Dunn
15 Marjorie Walton
16 Rene' McCarter
19 Linda Walton
24 Nate Clarke
24 Jenny Green
25 Elise Tran
25 Chu Ekpemiro
25 Don Fraley
31 Nick Luoma



March

8. Cynthia and Jeff Geddes
18. Lisa and Paul Slay

GOD IS HERE

In days of uncertainty
In times of not knowing
Still God's guidance and love
Are continually flowing.

In times of confusion
When grey fills the sky
The comforting assurance
God is always nearby.

May we share the gift of kindness
And God's peace in everything
As Lent moves on to Easter
And winter becomes spring.

May we know in deepest self
Abundantly so clear
Whatever may be going on
God is always here.

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A beautiful healthy baby girl was born to the family of Laura Webb last Tuesday Feb 20th. The mom and the baby are all healthy. We'd like to welcome Milah Rama to this world with blessings of God's grace! May she grow in abundant love and peace with many wonderful friends and joy of life in the guidance of our loving God!


Glory and Thanks to God!



Milah Rama
(2/20/2024)
6 lbs 10.3 oz
17" long

Sister of Emma
Granddaughter
of Laura

February 2024 Facility Use Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm	2 UMM Breakfast 8am
3 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am	4 Hope House 9-12pm	5 Worship Committee 10am Young Christians 7pm Y.R Center for Human Development 4pm DIG 7pm Q.R. Brentwood Community Chorus 7 pm	6 Hope House 9-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm Trustee 7pm Zoom Al Anon 7pm	7 Trilogy Singers 4:30pm NA 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	8 String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm	9
10 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Recital 2pm Bean Feed 4pm <i>*SPRING FORWARD Daylight Saving time</i>	11 Hope House 9-12pm	12 HH Produce Truck 4pm Brentwood Community Chorus 7 pm	13 Hope House 9-12pm SPRC 4:30pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm Charge Conference 7pm Ad Council (scheduled to meet after conference) Al Anon 7pm	14 Trilogy Singers 4:30pm NA 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	15 String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm	16
17 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am <i>ST. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Hope House 9-12pm DIG 7pm United Women in Faith 7pm	19 Center for Human Development 4pm Brentwood Community Finance 6:30 pm Fireside Rm Brentwood Community Chorus 7 pm	20 Hope House 9-12pm CCN 10am ACA 5pm Quiet Rm Al Anon 7pm <i>First Day of Spring</i>	21 Trilogy Singers 4:30pm NA 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	22 String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm	23 Voyagers 8-5 F. H.
24 Bible Study 8:45am Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am	25 Hope House 9-12pm DIG 7pm Q.R.	26 HH Produce Truck 4pm Chorus 7 pm NAMI 7pm	27 Hope House 9-12pm CCN 10am F.H. Reconciling Committee 7pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm Al Anon 7pm	28 Trilogy Singers 4:30pm NA 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	29 String Band 10:30am AA 6:45pm Al Anon 8pm Good Friday Service 7pm	30 
31 Bible Study 8:45am Sunrise Service 6am Easter Breakfast 7am Easter Worship 10:30am						

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