

Deeds and Opportunities

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JANUARY 2021



*Here's to the blessing
of the year,
Here's to the friends
we hold so dear,
To peace on earth,
both far and near.*



2021 JANUARY Worship Schedule

***** All Worship Services are Online!**

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

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

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

WORSHIP Online	Scripture/ Message	WORSHIP ACTS / OTHER ACTIVITIES
Jan 3, 2021 10:15 am – 11:30 am On ZOOM	EPIPHANY SUNDAY Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Anthem: Joe Kick • Piano: Lugh Baxter • Worship Leader: Becca Feldermann • Singer: Alivia Logan-Kumagai • Usher: Jamie Feldermann
Jan 10, 2021 10:15 am – 11:30 am On ZOOM	FIRST SUNDAY after EPIPHANY Genesis 1:1-5; Ps 29 Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1f:4-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leader: Polly Gallagher • Piano: Greg Pacquer • Singer: Alivia Logan-Kumagai • Usher: Barb Pinkston
Jan 17, 2021 10:15 am – 11:30 am On ZOOM	SECOND SUNDAY after EPIPHANY 1 Sam 3:1-10; Ps 139; 1 Cor 6:12-20; John 1:43-51	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leader: Becca Feldermann • Piano: Kevin Fallon • Singer: Edie Tidrick & Larry Schaffer • Usher: Barb Pinkston • Anthem: Joe Kick
Jan 24, 2021 10:15 am – 11:30 am On ZOOM	THIRD SUNDAY after EPIPHANY Jonna 3:1-5, 10; Ps 62 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leader: Polly Gallagher • Piano: Kevin Fallon • Singer: Alivia Logan-Kumagai • Usher: Barb Pinkston
Jan 31, 2021 10:15 am – 11:30 am On ZOOM	FOURTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY Deut 18:15-20; Ps 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leader: Becca Feldermann • Piano: Greg Pacquer • Singer: Edie Tidrick & Larry Schaffer • Usher: Jamie Feldermann • Anthem: Joe Kick

ONLINE WEBEX/ZOOM MEETINGS

- **UM Men's Group**: All men are welcome! 8 am Saturday January 2nd
- **Trustees**: 6:30 pm Thursday January 7th
- **Staff Parish Relations Committee**: 5 pm Tuesday January 12th
- **Finance Committee**: 6 pm Tuesday January 19th
- **UM Women's Group**: All women are welcome! 7 pm
- **Congregational Care Network**: 10 am Wednesday January 27th
- **Ad Council**: 7 pm Wednesday January 27th
- **Re-Opening Task Force**: 7 pm Tuesday February 9th

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear My Church Family

Happy New Year to You! May God open bright doors for you in the new year and fill your life with many beautiful, meaningful and truthful things!

What a year 2020 was! We are happy that 2020 is gone now! But it was not without many reflective moments. It will be the year that we want to forget about but at the same time the year that we will never forget! One thing clear is that we have learned that God was with us all along in our dark valleys. And the same God will be with us in our unknown paths in 2021! Emmanuel is our God!

One thing I know for sure is that I will have my 60th birthday in 2021. Since I have grown up in Asian culture, I am familiar with Zodiac year. 2021 is a year of the Ox, starting from Feb 12th 2021 (Chinese lunar New Year Day) and lasting until Jan 30th, 2022. The recent zodiac years of Ox sign are: 1961 (mine), 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021, 2033... an Ox year occurs every 12 years as other 11 zodiac signs do. The 12 zodiac animals are, in order: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig.

Having an honest nature, Ox are known for **diligence, dependability, strength and determination**. These reflect traditional conservative characteristics. Having great patience and a desire to make progress, Ox can achieve their goals by consistent effort. They are not much influenced by others or the environment, but persist in doing things according to their ideals and capabilities. Before taking any action, Ox will have a definite plan with detailed steps, to which they apply their strong faith and physical strength. As a result, people of the Ox zodiac sign often enjoy great success.

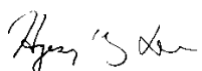
Famous Ox Year People are Barack Obama (born on August 4, 1961), Vincent Van Gogh (born on March 30, 1853), Walt Disney (born on December 5, 1901), and Margaret Thatcher (born on October 13, 1925). You may think I am the one who is among these great human beings. But believe me, each zodiac year has its long list of great people like these. These people I just listed out are great examples but there is also a bad example - Adolf Hitler (born on April 20, 1889). My prayer is that we may overcome this horrific pandemic with diligence, strength and determination with Ox-like characteristics but on the other hand we may learn how to love and respect one another as we work together so we may never produce a dictator like Adolf Hitler in our history ever again.

Let us continue our online worship service with diligence, strength and determination. I pray that all of you may continue to participate in our live worship service every Sunday. You will continue to receive ZOOM invitation with Sunday Bulletin every Friday. You still have three options as follows:

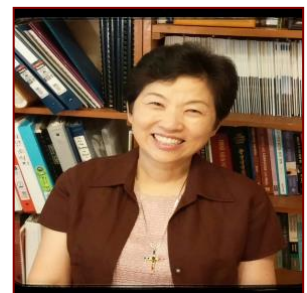
1. **Watch and interact** on **ZOOM**
2. **Watch without interaction** live on **YouTube** (There are clickable links on our website home page and our Facebook page for the Live-Stream Service)
3. **Watch the recorded service** on our web page and FaceBook after **7 pm** Sunday

We will continue to be together and connected through prayers, praises, ministries and worship! I am thinking of you every day and praying for you. Let us keep moving forward with our Risen Lord in our hearts!

“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



Prayers

For Healing and Strength to the Sick:

Arlene Bowie (mother of Adella Logan, COVID),
Audrey Dunn (daughter of Jen/Rick Dunn),
Jamie Feldermann (recovery from knee surgery),
Keith Hicks (recovery from shoulder surgery, our church custodian),
Sarah Lane (daughter of Diana Lane, COVID),
Jeremy Tucker (grandson of Martin T, COVID),
Marla (neighbor of Waltons, breast cancer),
Don & Marty (neighbor of Robin Vaughan),
Gregory (son of Marge Walton), **Ruddick Family** (COVID),
Anita Dillon (hospice, a friend of Michael Ann),
Chuck Moore (Kidney Stone recovery),
Susan Moore (daughter of John M),
David Hopkins (COVID Joyce S nephew),
Judy & Jim Barstow (surgeries, sister of Betty Gaughan),
Sister of Mavis Rednor (cancer), **Chris & Dan Tano** (COVID, niece of
Rebecca Franks (cancer, aunt of Diana Lane), **Bob Williamson** (cancer
Grace Olayomi (wife of Gbenga), **Dad of Julie Clarke** (cancer),
Billie Ebert (cancer, mom of Lynn Austin), **Nelda Devine** (friend of Michael Ann),
Kristi Vest (sister of Polly G.), **Doreen Smith** (a cousin of Bob Clarke), **David Funk** (chemo),
Jon Kurz (surgery on cancer), **Gabe Charpentier** (chemo), **Vincent Cortese** (dad of Ramona Baxter),
Joan Wood, John Logan Gonzales, Gordon Fong, Beverly Tucker.



for Healing and Strength for the Homebound:

Diana Easley, Carey and Diane Hutchison, Esther Riney, Jo Merritt, Esther Graham, Joyce Heflin, Barbara Bonnickson, Ethel Badham, Kittie Piotrowski, Verna Kruse.

For Comfort and Peace to the Grieving:

Sheila Logan, mother of Mike Logan, passed away on December 25th from a natural cause. She was 78 years old, a cancer survivor, living in Stockton.
Mary Olenchalk, 92, friend of BCUMC, passed away December 24.

May God's loving presence be with them to feel His grace and peace today and always!

Safety for First Responders During COVID-19

MEDICAL: Ezihe Ekpemiro (RN at County Hospital in Martinez), Cheryl Dobson (RN), Luther Belino (Care Home), Christopher Janzen (RN at Stanford), Teresa Romero (RN Santa Clara Valley), Aishlin Greene (RN Sutter Roseville), Tori Kuwahara (Provides Hospice Care), Diane Taylor (RN), Cory Hartley (RN Director in San Ramon Medical), Respiratory Therapists and Pulmonary Therapists at El Camino Hospital and John Muir Healthcare (from Michael Ann).

FIRE FIGHTER: Brett Holm (Firefighter), Robert Ruddick (Captain CC Fire Protection), Lee Taylor (San Jose-Larry S's son-in-law)

POLICE OFFICER: Michael Brunicardi (son-in-law of Heidi Stark), Lee Davis (nephew of Michael Ann in North Carolina)

SCHOOL: Teachers, Staff, Volunteers at Brentwood, Oakley, Knightsen, Antioch, Byron and Liberty School Districts

FOOD MINISTRY: Volunteers at HOPE HOUSE

ARMY: Murphy Slay (son of Paul & Lisa Slay) Alexandra Reece (Kabul, Afghanistan, Granddaughter of Kathie & Fred Gulizia), Christian Rumsey (Air Force, a nephew of Shirley Gray)

For Prayer Chain, call Michael Ann Honea at 925 872 9043

Greetings from Members Who Moved Far Away - Look for their new address!

From Patti Evans:

It took a while to get used to the temperature change: from the 60s in Washington to 105 in Desert Hot Springs! But now the cooler weather, the sunrises, and the sunsets are wonderful. Waking up to see the Little San Bernardino Mountains from the kitchen window just makes you smile! P.S, The mountains are pretty bare of vegetation, but still beautiful in the morning!

While 2020 has seen a horrific pandemic globally, we are healthy and well. We are in a major lockdown at least until January. We will ride this out together. Despite COVID-19, there is much for which we are grateful. And there is much we can do for one another. Perhaps that is the gift of 2020—the chance to reflect, to realize more fully exactly what matters, and to resolve to be better than we were. We sincerely hope you are well and safe. May 2021 bring peace, love, and joy to you and yours, our country and the world. As British Columbia's Health Officer, Bonnie Henry says: "Be well. Be Calm. Be Kind!"

Much love— Marty & Patti, Cutty and Jessie

Patti's Cell (925) 519-5027 Email: prevans39@gmail.com

New Address: 64496 Spyglass Ave, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240-1216

From Lynn Austin:

Thank you for all the prayers for my mom. She is feeling OK but has decided not to pursue treatment for the cancer...Please keep her in your prayers.

The boys are well, Hunter is working full time and Trevor will graduate High School in June and start college in Las Vegas for aviation...

I have appreciated the online services and give a big Thank You to all involved

New Address: 2278 Moresca Avenue, Henderson, NV 89052

From Donna Baker:

I am doing fine, will be going to Arizona soon to spend 6 months with Bobbi, then back to Texas for 6 months, as long as I am able. I will keep you up-dated with addresses. Enjoy the Holidays and stay healthy. **New Address: 5505 Vanner Path, Georgetown, TX 78626**

YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH!

Even though we do not meet in person every Sunday as we used to, the church is still working to be the church for all the people in the world. Ministries, done by clergy, staff and lay leaders, continue to serve God and His children in the following areas:

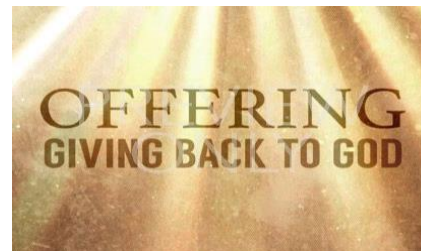
CARING MINISTRY, CONNECTING MINISTRY, OUTREACHING MINISTRY, etc.

Please send your donations to the church

(1) by check (to 809 Second Street, Brentwood, CA 94513) or

(2) by using Paypal or Credit Card online

(https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/make_donation)



YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!



5 Craig Bronzan
5 Zachary Diksa
12 Vickey Barriner
15 Margo Wentz
16 Pete Cruz
21 Jackie Hanel
23 Jacob Lukacs
24 Wyatt van Ruiten
25 Horace Gipson
25 Gbenga Olayomi
27 Audrey Dunn
28 Rachel Simas

! *Happy Anniversary*

Does your anniversary belong here?

IT'S A NEW YEAR!!

We're stepping into a brand new year

One that before has never been here

To say it may seem academic

But we hope for an end to the pandemic!

May harmony spread across the world

And God's love surround each boy and girl

Respect for all – more understanding

Our heart's desire for peace expanding

Work for the jobless – homes for the homeless

Food for the hungry – and for all less stress

2020 left us in the lurch

In 2021 – welcome back to church!

Let our choir sing – and pianos play

String Band strumming – and we all sing away!

May we be able to hug one another

And visit in person – friends, sisters and brothers

God's comfort for those who lost someone dear

We hold them in our hearts – our love and our prayers

Justice for all – may we live with compassion

Love one another – may it be the new fashion

God – this a few of our many requests

Our trust is in you – who know and love us best

2020 was a challenge – but we are not undone

Wishing you a wonderful 2021!!

© Joe Kick - 2021



United Methodist Women

By Heidi Stark

Charlene Dobson led our December Zoom meeting with seven women in attendance. We heard the story of Mary and Elizabeth and the value of having Christian mentors in our lives. We discussed the many ways we can and have acted as mentored, and why now more than ever, it is important that we be light in a world of darkness.

Our UMW group continues to give and share; Treasurer, Polly Gallagher reported that \$400 was collected and sent for World Thank offering. We also provided a donation for the Christmas Eve offering. UMW continues to collect items for care packages for deployed female soldiers once a month through an organization called Soldiers' Angels. Great items to send are snacks, body scrubs/lotions, facial masks, hairbands, shampoo/conditioner, feminine hygiene products, deodorants, and leisure materials such as books, magazines, or crossword puzzles. If you would like to help, please drop off items at Cheryl Breitenbucher's porch (her address is in the directory).

The overall theme for UMW this year is Knitted Together for God's Good Work. If you are a knitter, please consider knitting newborn and preemie hats. The hats can be dropped off with Charlene Dobson (her address is in the directory). Her daughter will take them to the hospital she works at. If you have yarn to donate, let UMW know and we will get it to a knitter. We appreciate everyone's generosity.

Our next UMW meeting will be on Zoom on Monday, January 18th at 7pm. Cheryl Breitenbucher will lead our program on the dignity of work. We'll hear about women's labor and working conditions globally. Please consider joining us for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth - all women are welcome!

Please join us on Monday, January 18th at 7pm.



HOPE.House volunteers recently handed out a special holiday bag with potatoes and onions, boxes of spaghetti, bags of rice, cans of chicken, pears and green beans. Included was a whole frozen chicken and every client received a food gift card.

On average, we make up 150 bags of food each Monday and Wednesday, which feeds around 200 family members. One day last week volunteers handed out 296 bags for 284 family members. Clients are homeless and low income, and now some are furloughed or laid-off.

None of this would be possible without your support and the support of the community through donations of food and money. Donations may be dropped off Monday or Wednesday morning between 9:00 and noon at HOPE House, 218 Pine St., Brentwood. Contributions can also be made through the BCUMC website at <https://brentwoodumc.org>.





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.

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

