

Deeds and Opportunities

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2021 MAY Worship Schedule

Worship Service Available Both In-Person and Online!

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

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP	Church Calendar/Scripture	WORSHIP ACTS / Service Schedule
<p style="text-align: center;">May 2 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Worship Leader: Polly Gallagher • Pianist: Greg Pacquer • Anthem: Larry Schaffer and Edie Tidrick • Ushers: Scott Baxter, Gbenga Olayomi • Singers: Larry Schaffer and Edie Tidrick
<p style="text-align: center;">May 9 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Sixth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17</p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day Worship Service • Special Speakers for Mother's Day • Worship Leader: Larry Schaffer • Pianist: Kevin Fallon • Anthem: Joe Kick • Ushers: Gbenga Olayomi • Singers: Larry Schaffer and Edie Tidrick
<p style="text-align: center;">May 16 10:15 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Seventh Sunday of Easter</p> <p><u>Acts 1:1-11;</u> <u>Psalm 47</u> <u>Ephesians 1:15-23;</u> <u>Luke 24:44-53</u></p> </div> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farewell to Becca Feldermann, our Youth Director, and her family James (husband) and Jamie (son) • Worship Leader: Polly Gallagher • Pianist: Kevin Fallon • Anthem: Larry Schaffer and Edie Tidrick • Ushers: Scott Baxter, Gbenga Olayomi • Singers: Larry Schaffer & Edie Tidrick
<p style="text-align: center;">May 23 10:15 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"> <p><u>Ezekiel 37:1-14;</u> <u>Psalm 104</u> <u>Acts 2:1-21;</u> <u>John 15:26-27</u></p> </div>  </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leader: Larry Schaffer • Piano: Kevin Fallon • Anthem: Joe Kick • Singers: Larry Schaffer & Edie Tidrick • Ushers: Scott Baxter, Gbenga Olayomi
<p style="text-align: center;">May 30 10:15 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Trinity Sunday <u>Isaiah 6:1-8;</u> <u>Psalm 29</u> <u>Romans 8:12-17;</u> <u>John 3:1-17</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace with Justice Sunday • Worship Leader: Polly Gallagher • Piano: Greg Pacquer • Anthem: Larry Schaffer and Edie Tidrick • Ushers: Gbenga Olayomi • Singers: Larry Schaffer and Edie Tidrick

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear My Beloved Family of God

It is so hard to say Good-Bye to our beloved sister in Christ, wonderful Youth Director, co-minister, and a great friend, Becca Feldermann. She and her family came to BCUMC more than 12 years ago and have served our church faithfully and selflessly. Becca is one of those Christians who represent *Selflessness*. We have seen her dedicating her life to Sunday School every single Sunday even before she became a staff as Youth Director. She became the very first Youth Director in our 150 years of history and was installed as such during our 150th Church Anniversary Celebration Worship in September 2017 (see the picture). She has always spent way more hours than we asked of her to be with youth and children. She has given herself, her time, her resources for the sake of youth and children in our church.



I still remember one Sunday when I talked about the importance of WELCOME during a Time with Young Disciples. I asked children if they had ever felt being welcomed at the church. Every single one of them said with loud cute voices that it was Becca who made them feel welcomed and loved. One of them even said that he wanted to come to our church because of her. I am so sure that so many children will remember her and her teaching and become a sincere dedicated disciple of Jesus Christ one day, all because of what she had done.

I hope and pray that she continues to be a light to all those around her and lift them up with her positive attitude, spirit of service, deep compassion and humble but strong Christ-like mind. May God bless her and her family with many blessings of good friends and neighbors in their new place, of meaningful ministry opportunities and healthy happy life together. I hope that we may continue to be connected with each other and stay as ministry partners in the Kingdom of God until we die.

For worship in May, our in-person worship will continue. And guess what? You don't have to make reservation for Sunday Worship attendance. Ad Council members agree that it is okay for us not to require RSVP for Sunday worship any more, because we will still take your temperature and require mask-wearing and social distancing. For now we have no problem with too many people attending the Service

You are always invited to join our online Worship Service each Sunday. You will continue to receive ZOOM invitation with Sunday Bulletin every Friday. And you have three options for online service 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

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)

Sincerely,

Your Pastor, Hyesung Lee



WE LIFT UP OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR PRAYERS

This list is provided by our Congregational Care Network of BCUMC. If you want to add names or make any change in this list, please contact Linda Barnhill at 925.628.9018 or donnlin1103@gmail.com

HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR THE SICK:

Diane Lee (heart), **Nelda Devine** (falls) **Cathy** and **Melody** (friends of Joyce Sorenson), **Don Barnhill** (hip recovery), **Heather** (daughter of Eugene/Jenny Davis, recovery from heart surgery), **Bob Clarke** (neck pain), **Laura** (mom of Cheryle Breitenbucher, cancer), **Audrey Dunn** (daughter of Jen/Rick Dunn), **Monti** (neighbor of Robin Vaughan), **Penny** (cancer, a friend of Rick D), **Rebecca Franks** (cancer, aunt of Diana Lane), **Grace Olayomi** (wife of Gbenga), **Billie Ebert** (cancer, mom of Lynn Austin), **Kristi Vest** (sister of Polly G.), **David Funk** (cancer), **Gabe Charpentier** (chemo), **Vincent Cortese** (dad of Ramona Baxter), **Joan Wood**, **John Logan Gonzales**, **Gordon Fong**, **Beverly Tucker**

FOR COMFORT AND PEACE FOR THE FAMILY WHO LOST THE LOVED ONE:

Family of Esther Graham

(Cards may be sent to Rick and Fran Graham at 407 Harlow Dr., Antioch, CA 94509)

Family of Rev. Quentisha Davis-Wiles (pastor of Pittsburgh UMC, lost her son who is a father of 4, Pittsburg. Cards may be sent to 3345 Crestview Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565)

Family of Rev. Laumanu Ika (pastor of Martinez UMC, lost his first cousin who lived in Hawaii. Cards may be sent to 5300 Degnan Drive, Martinez, CA 94553)

STRENGTH FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Diana Easley, Diane Hutchison, Esther Riney, Jo Merritt,
Joyce Heflin, Ethel Badham, Kittie Piotrowski, Verna Kruse

SAFETY and STRENGTH FOR FIRST RESPONDERS DURING COV19

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 at Premier Surgery Center), **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**, **Robert Ruddick**, **Lee Taylor**

POLICE OFFICER: **Michael Brunicardi**, **Lee Davis**

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

FOOD MINISTRY: Volunteers at HOPE HOUSE

ARMY: **Steve Clarke**, **Murphy Slay**, **Alexandra Reece**, **Christian Rumsey**, **Steve Clarke**



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



UNITED METHODIST MEN
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER
By Larry Schaffer

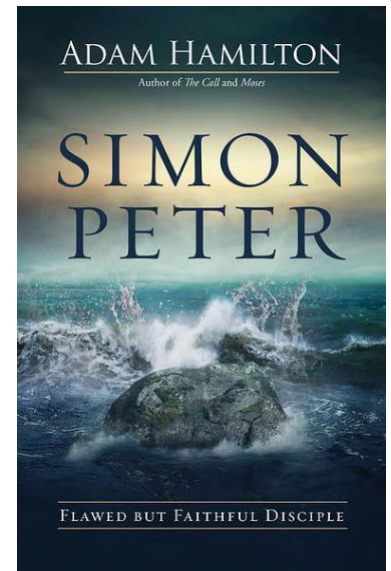
The United Methodist Men's April 10th Scholarship Fundraiser Virtual Concert grossed almost \$2,000 *Thank you*. This was the first ever Virtual Concert for BCUMC, as it was for the Herb Henry Family. We sold twenty tickets, raising \$500, and received almost three times that amount in donations.

Many people made this fundraiser possible. First and foremost were the UMM. Thanks to Dennis Buckley, Julius Lucas and Dave Funk for taking care of the various technical issues. Bob Clark handled the promotional aspects, with accounting and coordination support from Michelle Carrillo. And of course, thanks to the congregants and friends of BCUMC for their ticket purchases and donations.

The concert is now available for free viewing on the BCUMC website homepage. Please share it with a relative or friend. It is not too late to make an initial, or an additional, contribution. You can always send a check to the church office, drop it in the Sunday offering plate, or donate online. Be sure to mark your donation for the UMM Scholarship Fund.

EASTER SEASON BIBLE STUDY: SIMON PETER: Flawed but Faithful Disciple (Rev. Adam Hamilton)

- you can purchase the book here <https://www.cokesbury.com/Simon-Peter>
- **6 Tuesdays:** April 27th to June 1st 2 pm – 3:30 pm (Zoom)
- **DVD** features Adam Hamilton in this six-week journey, and take an in-depth dive into the life, and character of Simon Peter.
- For registration, contact pastor Hyesung Lee (925-303-9339; hslee3@gmail.com)
- See the introductory video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhBEI81_iE4



ONLINE WEBEX/ZOOM MEETINGS

- **UM Men's Group:** All men are welcome! 8 am Saturday May 1st
- **Staff Parish Relations Committee:** 4:30 pm Wednesday May 12th
- **United Methodist Women:** 7 pm Monday May 17th
- **Finance Committee:** 6 pm Tuesday May 18th
- **Congregational Care Network:** 10 am Wednesday May 26th
- **Ad Council:** 7 pm Wednesday May 26th (**Anyone who wish to join Ad Council is asked to contact Julius Lukacs for the link prior to the meeting!*)

NO R.S.V.P. FOR IN-PERSON SUNDAY WORSHIP



Ad Council unanimously decided **not to require RSVP** for attending In-Person Sunday Worship beginning May 2nd. We will still follow Safety Protocol by requiring your contact info with temperature taking, mask-wearing, social distancing, no fellowship afterwards, etc.

Maximum capacity for the sanctuary is 50% in Contra Costa County, which means that we can have up to 50 people. **Come and join our Sunday Worship in-person in our sanctuary.**

UMC Special Sundays

By Polly Gallagher – Finance Committee

United Methodists are connectional. We put into practice that if we want to give money beyond our local church and local community needs, the first place to look is our connectional system.

Connectional giving – all of us giving together – is fuel for ministry. It enables us to share the concerns of many people. This idea is established on the desire to meet the needs of ALL God's people. It is grounded in our need to give, in order to be spiritually healthy, complete children of God.

Native American Ministries Sunday: April 18, 2021

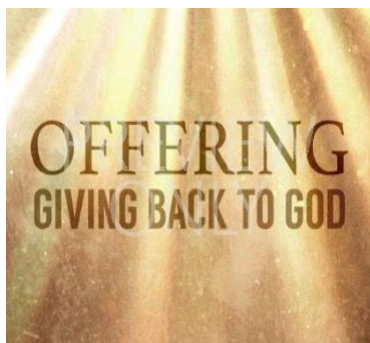
(third Sunday of Easter) nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.

Peace With Justice Sunday is: May 30, 2021

(first Sunday after Pentecost) enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

*If you would like to donate to either of these special offerings,
please be sure to note it on your donation.*

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: WORSHIP, PRAYER, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, 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!

SPRC - Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation

On April 19, our Choir Director, Alivia Logan-Kumagai and her husband Jeff welcomed an 8 lb. 5 oz. baby girl! Welcome to the world Alexandra Grace Kumagai. We are so thankful for a healthy and safe delivery for baby and Mom. We wish you all the best as you settle into life as a family of three!

A belated Happy Birthday to Greg Pacquer, one of our amazingly talented accompanists. We hope your birthday on April 21 was filled with all your favorite things. Wishing you a year of health and happiness.

Please plan to attend service on May 16 when we will be honoring our Youth Director, Rebecca Feldermann, for her years of service to the youth and children of BCUMC. Check your emails and your mailboxes for details on how you can help participate in the celebration.

If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Heidi Stark (hstark@cobaltc.com) or Miranda Harmon-Smith (miranda_harmonsmith@yahoo.com). If you plan to attend in person, please remember to reserve your space with Michelle in the office (admin@brentwoodumc.org). You can also attend via Zoom or watch the live stream. Please join with us in wishing Becca and her family well as they prepare to move to Nevada.



SPRC is thrilled that we have started back to in person services, and our desire is to provide a safe experience for everyone. We appreciate our BCUMC staff and volunteers for faithful service. Please remember to reach out to a SPRC committee member to express your hopes, dreams, compliments, and concerns.

Following is a brief description of the Youth Director position. Please prayerfully consider how you can share this information with potential candidates. It is a priority for SPRC to fill this important staff position as soon as possible.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church, 809 2ND Street, Brentwood, CA 94513, is seeking a part-time (20-25 hours per month) Director of Youth Ministry. This individual would assist in developing and implementing youth ministry programs that would inspire youth through a wide variety of growth opportunities, faith formation, creative relationship building and service work. Duties would include weekly (during the school year) youth meetings with programming for Middle School youth and High School youth, opportunities for combined Middle and High School youth activities, youth lead worship, and opportunities for mission experiences.

Interested candidates must be willing to serve as a role model and be open-minded to today's Christian youth culture. Experience/background in religion, youth development or a related field is preferred, minimum age requirement is 22 years, willing to work nights and weekends, ability to engage and effectively communicate with youth and parents, must complete a background check, and adhere to the Code of Conduct as part of the Safe Sanctuary Policy.

For a detailed job description, please email Heidi Stark at hstark@cobaltc.com.



1 Brenda Coatsworth
1 Michael Ann Honea
2 Marie Weekes
5 Bev Hendrix
7 Elijah van Ruiten
12 Jacki Hughes
16 Julius Lukacs
16 Graham Stirling
17 Jackie Azevedo
18 Judy Bieger
19 David Funk
19 Margaret Cruz
20 Robert Easley
20 Mike Johnson
20 Daniel Vitello
23 Adam Simas
24 Dennis Buckley
27 Den Bowman
27 Annie Azevedo
28 Brian Gray

! *Happy Anniversary*

22 Jackie & Dan Hanel
31 JoAnn & David Funk



A DAFFODIL FOR OUR MOTHERS

Daffodils bloom and smile
Under wandering clouds
On a peaceful green hillside
And remind me of my mother.

It somehow seems fitting
That Mothers' Day arrives
In the midst of spring
With new life blooming
And mother nature alive
In gardens and countryside
With vibrant color and vitality!

In all their uniqueness
Their patience, love and beauty
In the fullness of their humanity
We remember and honor our mothers.
For any failings in our mothers
We now bring the gifts
Of compassion and understanding.
For the countless blessings
From our mothers
We bring our gratitude
Appreciation and respect.

There is a folksy saying that
God couldn't be everywhere
So he created mothers!
Yes – and - God is everywhere
And his love and light
Shines in and through our moms.
So, Mom – here is a daffodil
Just for you! I love you -
Happy Mother's Day!

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United Methodist Women

By Heidi Stark

Our April Zoom meeting was attended by four women. The program focused on how women experience freedom in Christ through the stories of the unbound woman and the women at the empty tomb, and we considered how to apply that understanding to the work of our Regional Missionaries.

UMW continues to collect newborn and premie knitted hats. Dolores Hauan has been knitting like crazy and providing many little hats. Thanks, Dolores! If you are a knitter, please consider knitting for this project. The hats can be dropped off with Charlene Dobson (address is in the directory) and 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, May 17th at 7pm. Cheryl Breitenbucher will lead the program "Bold Steps in Defiance of Injustice". We will learn how a multitude of women acted to provide for the thriving of children and to understand how our actions today can provide for the thriving of mothers and children through advocacy for access to health care and paid family leave. Please consider joining us for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth - all women are welcome!

PLEASE JOIN US ON MONDAY, MAY 17TH AT 7PM.

You can join the Zoom meeting at [Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 867 1977 9110 Passcode: Women

GOT MILK???

HOPE House has been blessed for the past six weeks with receiving a precious food—over 500 gallons of MILK!!! We rarely receive milk from our regular food sources. Teaming up with the Brentwood Lions Club, we have been going to Milpitas every Saturday to get boxes of food containing 300 gallons of milk and assorted fresh foods. White Pony Express (Sunday PM delivery) has provided 108 of these same food boxes that contained 108 gallons and fresh foods.

The Food Bank food we pick up every Friday has given 25 of these boxes and fresh foods. Jeff Schults delivered over 80 gallons and over 400 half pints of milk along with 25 cases of fresh broccoli, 25 cases of fresh carrots, several cases of sliced apples, and 220 tubs of mushrooms. WOW!!

Even though we have five refrigerators at Hope House, we have had to also use the refrigeration in the church kitchen. A whole lot of blessings and a whole lot of work for our volunteers. We couldn't be successful without our great volunteers. Thank you!

Jerry Walton, Director



Yes, we do need more volunteers.

We need volunteers who have a pick-up truck or van to haul food on Fridays, 8:30 –11:00 AM, and Saturdays, 6:30–9:00 AM. A few more volunteers are needed on Wednesday mornings from 8:00–10:00 AM or Noon. Our volunteers are what makes HOPE House a successful ministry for Brentwood and surrounding community. *Do you have a few hours to spare to serve needy people through this ministry?*



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

