

Deeds and Opportunities

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

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2021 **SEPTEMBER** 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	Church Calendar/Scripture	WORSHIP MINISTER Schedule
September 5 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	14th Sunday After Pentecost Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23 Psalm 125 Isaiah 35:4–7a James 2:1–17; Mark 7:24–37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Worship Leader: Larry Schaffer • Pianist: Greg Pacquer • Ushers: Barbara Pinkston 
September 12 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	15th Sunday After Pentecost Proverbs 1:20–33 Psalm 19 Isaiah 50:4–9a Wisdom of Solomon 7:26–8:1 James 3:1–12 Mark 8:27–38	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 154th BCUMC Anniversary • Sunday School Is Back! • Worship Leader: Polly Gallagher • Pianist: Kevin Fallon • Ushers: Gbenga Olayomi, Scott Baxter
September 19 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	16th Sunday After Pentecost Proverbs 31:10–31; Psalm 1; Wisdom of Solomon 1:16–2:1, 12–22; James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a; Mark 9:30–37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leader: Michelle Monsef • Pianist: Kevin Fallon • Ushers: Gbenga Olayomi, Scott Baxter
September 26 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	17th Sunday of After Pentecost Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22; Psalm 124; James 5:13–20; Mark 9:38–50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leader: Heidi Stark • Piano: Kevin Fallon • Ushers: Gbenga Olayomi, Scott Baxter

Guidelines for In-Person Worship

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

(General Principal of Wesleyan Methodist Discipleship)

- (1) No Reservation is required
- (2) According to August 2nd CDC mask mandate for indoor activities, **we are requiring everyone to wear a FACE MASK for worship service from this Sunday**, whether you are vaccinated or not. Let us respect the effort to keep everyone safe.
- (3) Social distancing and use of hand sanitizers are strongly recommended regardless vaccination status.
- (4) Attendance log will be taken continually at the entrance for the sake of caring the congregation

◆ Pastor's Letter ◆

Dear My Beloved Family of God

When I was at Yosemite for my family vacation, I heard about the passing of our beloved brother Don Barnhill – “Barney”. I was so sad that he had to leave us that early. He was such a good friend to all of us... fun, humorous, faithful and caring. Linda and Barney participated in the HOPE HOUSE Fashion Show



four years ago. He was one of the funniest models who gave that impressive look (see the picture). His humorous presence made any gatherings of the church so much more fun. He attended as many church gatherings as possible including Voyagers, Men's Group, Annual Bean Feeds, etc. He also sincerely cared for the ministry of the church. I don't remember any time when he missed a committee meeting. He always brought good ideas, positive attitude and willingness to commit his time, resource and talent for the work of the church. He served at Trustees, Finance Committee, Nomination and Lay Leadership Development, etc. He truly believed in the power of Good News, the mission of the church and the blessing of the community. We will miss him so very much. We love you, Barney! See you soon in the bright garden of the Heaven with our loving Lord Jesus Christ, our brother in God's family!



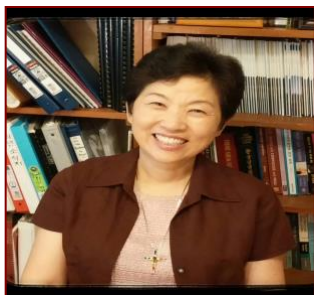
We will celebrate our 154TH Anniversary of BCUMC on the second Sunday of September. We were born here as a little part of the Body of Christ. BCUMC worshippers 154 years ago were called to show the love God and the grace of Jesus to people of this community. I'd like to ask following questions as we are celebrating our anniversary:

- (1) Are we still proclaiming the Good News through worship, ministry and service? (Mark 16:15)
- (2) Are we still serving the poor through foods, clothes, caring ministries? (Matthew 25:31-46)
- (3) Are we still loving our neighbors and enemies as Jesus have loved us? (John 13:34)

May God bless our BCUMC through so many forms of ministries for God's children!
Let us continue to walk with our Risen Lord in our hearts each and every day!

“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





COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

For What?: To Increase Sense of Belonging to BCUMC Family; To Meet Old and New Friends; To Share Joys and Concerns

Who: All BCUMC members and friends! CCN members will personally call or email to you for the invitation. There will be 7-10 people for each gathering

When: Saturdays 10:00 am to 11:15 am (September 11; October 2; October 9; October 16; October 23; November 13)

*There will be a **virtual meeting** for those who are not available for In-Person gathering. Virtual Gathering will be on **November 9th** (Tuesday) from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Please let the pastor know that you are interested in coming for this gathering!

* There will be also a **make-up session** on Sunday **November 14th** at noon right after Worship Service in Fireside Room. Anyone is welcome!

2021-22 CONFIRMATION JOURNEY



There will be Confirmation Journey for BCUMC kids this fall. We hope and pray that many parents and kids participate in this wonderful spiritual journey.

What: 2021-22 Confirmation Journey

When: September 2021 – May 2022

Who: Kids from 7th Grade and up!

Program: Textbook “CONFIRM – Your Faith / Your Commitment / God’s Call“

10 classes for basic faith formation

10 sessions with a mentor for deeper learning of faith journey

Service projects

Registration: to Pastor Lee (hslee3@gmail.com; 925-303-9339) by the end of July

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)

Bob Clark (neck pain)
Rebecca Franks (cancer, Diana Lane's aunt)
Grace Olayomi (health issues, Benny)
David Funk (cancer)
John Gonzales (Logan) (head injury, Adella's son)
Gordon Fong (mental health issues, Lorie Fong's husband)
Beverly Tucker (heart and back, Martin)
Gabe Carpenter (cancer in nodes, wife Jennifer)
Joanne (Cancer Rx diff.1, Cheryl's Mom)
Kathy (serious eye infection, Joyce Sorenson)
Christie Aumock (invasive cancer, Michael Ann)
Diane Lee (cardiac irreg. and bilat. cat.)
Nelda Devine (falls, Michael Ann)
Leonor Roberts (dementia and depression, Spouse-Jim)
John Moore (teeth extractions, bronchitis, Katie)
Gayle Autentico (severe shingles, Barb)
Maxine Vermir (cancer, Diane Lee)
Richard Thompson (cancer- lungs/at home, Michael Ann)
Patty Hitch (CVA – multiple, Michael Ann)
Renee Hawkins (brain tumor, Larry Schaffer)
Steve Wetherbee (incurable blood cancer, Barb Pinkston)
Ed Romero (Life in a mess, Barb Pinkston)
Kristin Moore (covid, Katy's granddaughter)
Josh Funk (bipolar, JoAnn)



For Strength for the Homebound:

Diana Easley, Fran Hassler, Esther Riney, Jo Merritt, Joyce Heflin,
Ethel Badham, Kittie Piotrowski, Verna Kruse

For Comfort and Peace:

For the family of Don Barnhill who passed away on August 16th.

Cards may be sent to Linda Barnhill at 795 Outrigger Circle, Brentwood, CA 94513.

For the family of Urb Spediacci who passed away recently.

For the World:

For the victims of fire, hurricane, COVID-19 pandemic, earthquake, war, racism and slavery

*We pray for you and your care-givers that God may fill you every day with
Strength, faith, love and peace!*



5. Gabe Price
7. Scott Stirling
9. Koo Kim
12. Bryan Webb
13. Jenny Davis
15. Judy Gerry
15. Matthew Taum
16. Charlene Dobson
16. Riley Clarke
17. Tuck Tennant
19. Jeffrey Zamjahn
20. Gabriel Clark
20. Kathie Gulizia
22. Kyle Schults

! *Happy Anniversary*

- 5 Jill and Gabe Price
9. Joy and Joe Kick
16. Beverly and Martin Tucker
22. Valerie and Doug Umana

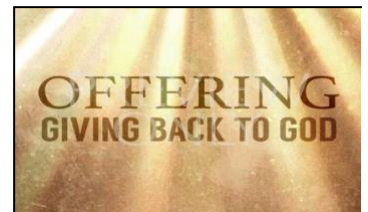
YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH!

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!



HELLO, YOUTH & YOUTH FAMILIES!

I hope you've had a great summer and have been able to get back to school smoothly. We will begin our Youth Year on **Sunday, September 12th from 5:30-7:00pm**. Our first meeting we will host an orientation, get to know each other with some activities, and do some planning for future events. So, if you are eligible to participate (students in grades 6th-12th), I can't wait to see/meet you. Parents are welcome, too! Please RSVP by the Friday beforehand (9/10)!

I will be using email at youth@brentwoodumc.org and the Remind App as ways to communicate with youth and their families. As long as they are able to receive/send texts, they can join. Please have your youth send a text to 81010 and text this message: @youthbcumc

Please send me an email if your youth plans on attending any of our events, so that I can have your contact information. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Cheryl Breitenbucher-BCUMC Youth Director

HOPE HOUSE NEEDS YOU

by Jerry Walton

H.O.P.E. (Hope, Opportunity, Prayer, Encouragement) HOUSE



HOPE House has been blessed with many good volunteers over the years, and especially during this past year with the Pandemic all around us. We have endured all of the Covid-19 virus sickness in our communities, and never had anyone at HOPE House get the virus at HOPE House. We have set up rules and precautions for everyone to be safe, even our clients. And yet, some of our volunteers face exhaustion and burn out. I would like to thank the many church member--adults and youth, who have given time and energy to make sure our clients don't go hungry and have clothes and small housewares to meet their needs. We have exceeded our goals to help those who have reached out for our help.

Our volunteers have worked diligently and have given the greatest service to our clients, some working as much as 4 or 5 days every week to meet the needs. Now we need to meet volunteers needs. Hope House lost its two assistant directors during this pandemic (each working one or two five-hour days each week). And we need to have a few people who could work one four-hour shift each week. The work is gratifying, and the volunteers have fun and really enjoy making a difference in people's lives.

Do you have some extra time? Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

**If you have any questions about being a Hope House volunteer,
please call or email Jerry Walton at 925-240-4474 or waltonjerry@comcast.net**



United Methodist Women

By Heidi Stark

UMW hosted a movie night in the Fellowship Hall in August. We watched the documentary *Zero Weeks* about the lack of paid family leave in the US compared to the rest of the world. Many compelling stories were shared that left us with a lot to ponder.

UMW continues to collect newborn and preemie knitted hats. 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.

Our next UMW meeting will be **IN PERSON** on Monday, September 20th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider joining us for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth - all women are welcome!

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Unmask Your Generosity Stewardship 2022

The Finance Committee is starting to plan the Stewardship Campaign for BCUMC in 2022. Because we know that so much more than creating a budget and writing checks is involved in a church's health, our campaign this year is going to center around prayer.

“Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers.” Philippians 4:6.

In preparation for Stewardship Sunday, November 14th, we will create a prayer connection to keep our congregation, the mission and ministry of our church and this campaign in prayer for four weeks, beginning October 17. To accomplish this, we are recruiting members to be prayer leaders; someone willing to pray for 4-5 households, once a week, for four weeks. You may be getting a call or letter; we hope you will join us!

SPRC* – CONNECTING THE PASTOR, STAFF & CONGREGATION

September is a big birthday month for BCUMC staff!

We wish Lugh Baxter a Happy Birthday on September 6th! We also wish him well as he returns to college - have a great year. We'll look forward to having Lugh play for us when he's home on school breaks.

We also wish Keith Hicks, our custodian, a very Happy Birthday on September 15th!

Our Office Administrator, Michelle Carrillo, will celebrate her birthday on September 17th! Michelle will also be out of the office September 20-24 on vacation. We hope she has a wonderful relaxing holiday! Many thanks to the volunteers stepping in to staff the office while Michelle is away.

Thanks to Alivia Logan-Kumagai for facilitating the return of our choir on September 12th. We look forward to beautiful choir music once again.

September 12th also marks the return of Youth Group. Please contact our Youth Director, Cheryl Breitenbucher, for details.

We continue to manage the ever-changing requirements for safely meeting in person and appreciate everyone working together to provide a safe experience for all. SPRC appreciates 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.

By Heidi Stark

*Staff Parish Relations Committee

FORGIVENESS

*I've heard it said, as we forgive
We set ourselves free.
Withholding forgiveness is like
Locking myself in a prison cell
While holding the key.
I may think I'm punishing another
Yet I end up punishing me.
Once we start to forgive
Spirit within helps us
Heal our heart and release
To find our way back
To God's bountiful peace.
Jesus forgave on the cross
His very life was being lost
To forgive like that on Calvary
Even now it amazes me.
And when we forgive many times
We deserve all the love we'll find.
It doesn't mean we excuse
Bad behavior or forget
Rather we move forward
So we can live without regret.
At times we all need
To be forgiven and
To forgive - to be free
It's part of life
It seems to me
And helps to open
The peaceful door
More and more.*

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR **SCHEDULE**

Each committee will take turns to be in charge of fellowship hour by bringing drinks, snacks (store-bought) and making coffee. Designated servers will wear masks and gloves and serve. The team will clean up after the fellowship.

DATE	COMMITTEE
8/1	Trustees
8/8	Membership & Friends In Faith
8/15	Worship
8/22	Reconciling Ministry
8/29	Endowment & Memorials
9/5	Nomination
9/12	UM Women
9/19	UM Men
9/26	CCN
10/3	Finance

BCUMC Meetings & Facility Use

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
Worship 10:30am Fellowship	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm		H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	UMM Breakfast 8am Fellowship Hall
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 10:30am Fellowship	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm Young Christian 6:30 Fireside Rm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm SPRC 4:30 pm Fellowship Hall	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	Coffee w/Pastor 10am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm UMW 6pm Fellowship Hall		H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir 7pm Sanctuary	AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm CCN 10am Fellowship Hall Ad Council 7pm On Line	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir 7pm Sanctuary	AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	Piano Rehearsal 9am-1pm Celebration of Life Services 2pm
26	27	28	29	30		
Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	NAMI 7pm Fireside Room				

* Dates and Times are subject to change

* For the most updated calendar/schedule see church website: www.brentwoodumc.org

* To request use of Facility or any questions contact Michelle: 925 634 3093 or admin@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

California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. Shinya Goto

Pastor: Hyesung Lee † Lay Leaders: Julius Lukacs and David Funk

Administrative Assistant: Michelle Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

