

Deeds and Opportunities

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2021 OCTOBER Worship Schedule

Hybrid Worship Service Both In-Person and Virtual!

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

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP	Church Calendar/Scripture	WORSHIP MINISTER Schedule
<p>October 3 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p>18th Sunday After Pentecost World Communion Sunday 2 Peter 3:14-18 "Peter and Paul"</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Worship Leader: Jan Schults • Pianist: Greg Pacquer • Confirmation Orientation: 12 pm (Sanctuary)
<p>October 10 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p>19th Sunday After Pentecost John 4:7-26</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Church Conference at noon • Guest Preacher: Rev. Shinya Goto, DS • Worship Leader: David Funk • Pianist: Kevin Fallon
<p>October 17 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p>20th Sunday After Pentecost Luke 21:1-4 "Unmask Your Generosity"</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laity Sunday • Worship Leader: Heidi Stark • Pianist: Kevin Fallon • Stewardship Moment (1)
<p>October 24 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p>21st Sunday After Pentecost Isaiah 58:6-8 "HOPE: Hope, Opportunity, Prayer and Encouragement"</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th Anniversary of HOPE HOUSE • Worship Leader: Polly Gallagher • Piano: Kevin Fallon • Stewardship Moment (2)
<p>October 31 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p>22nd Sunday After Pentecost Guest Preacher: Julius Lukacs</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reformation Sunday • Worship Leader: Michelle Monsef • Piano: Kevin Fallon • Stewardship Moment (3)

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear My Beloved Family of God

During the Ad Council meeting (9/22), I asked Council members what has made them feel “We are ONE, one family, one body!” over the years. They said the followings:

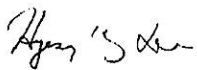
- 1) When we got together once again to re-started our In-Person worship, I felt oneness
- 2) When we finally had Choir, Sunday School and Time with Young Disciples after 18 months, it was emotional for me
- 3) When I first sang hymns together...
- 4) Because of the relationships that I have been able to build up with good friends here for many years, I feel we are one
- 5) At the Celebration of Life Service for Don Barnhill, I felt we were truly one family (many people agreed on this)
- 6) When I went to Sierra Service Project to Washington State with youth group, I was able to lead that meaningful mission trip for my kids and many others, and we had there a very touching worship service together... I felt we were ‘one’

When was it that you felt you belonged to this particular family of God?
What made you feel we are one?

There must be many reasons why we are here at this particular time together as a church. I hope and pray that you all have those moments, occasions and many reasons. Furthermore, I wish that all of you may feel you belong also to the greater ‘universal’ Body of Christ and that it overwhelms your spiritual emotion and makes your hearts filled with gratitude for the incredible gifts given us freely and graciously.

May God bless our BCUMC and many forms of ministries as we serve in One Spirit
God is wonderful! 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



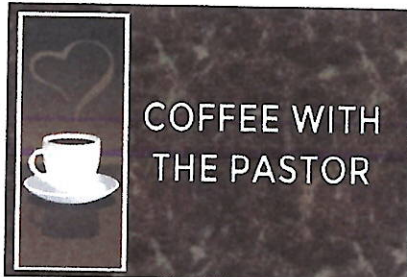
Are we Lucky or What?

by Jerry Walton

No doubt the Lord has been looking after Hope House these past 1 ½ years during the pandemic. When COVID 19 first came on in 2020, many volunteers of Hope House thought we should shut down our pantry until the pandemic was over. But common sense told us that needy people still need to eat, even in a pandemic. We made the decision to move forward with some changes in how we serve our clients. We continued to provide food, clothing, and other essentials for everyday living. We have been very fortunate and had so many donations and food sources that we exceeded our regular food venue and even made some upgrades to Hope House.

All during this time we did not have any of our volunteers get sick with COVID. Then came September 9th and a scary thing happened. The Director (me) fell ill with the virus. Because I had been vaccinated, it was not a real serious bout with the virus, just 3 days in bed and a menu of a lot of soup and crackers. I am over covid now, but the tragedy of this event is that we had to close Hope House for two weeks and many volunteers had to get their covid-19 tests.

We thank the Lord for taking care of all our volunteers and clients and thankful that we are back serving our friends with God's Blessing!



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 (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 ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

All members and friends are welcome to attend the Church Conference!
Sunday October 10th ** Rev. Shinya Goto, D.S. will preach on this Sunday

11:30 am SPRC with DS (Fireside);

12:00 pm Church Conference (Sanctuary)

Membership Report;

Nomination Report;

Election of Trustees;

Approval of Pastor's Compensation Package

1:00 pm Pastor Lee with DS (Office)

2021-22 CONFIRMATION JOURNEY



Please **PRAY** for Confirmands, Mentors, Teachers and Parents as they join in 2021-2022 Confirmation Journey from October! Pray that:

- 1) this journey be a meaningful one for all of them with full of illuminations, joys, and of spiritual growth
- 2) mentors, teachers and parents may be, led by the Holy Spirit, encouraging the confirmands to follow the way of Jesus Christ by word and example
- 3) confirmands may be able to hear the call from the Lord and given the grace to respond with courage and generosity.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION:

What: **Orientation to Confirmation Journey**

When: October 2nd (Sunday) at noon in Sanctuary

Who: Confirmands, Parents, Mentors and Teachers

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

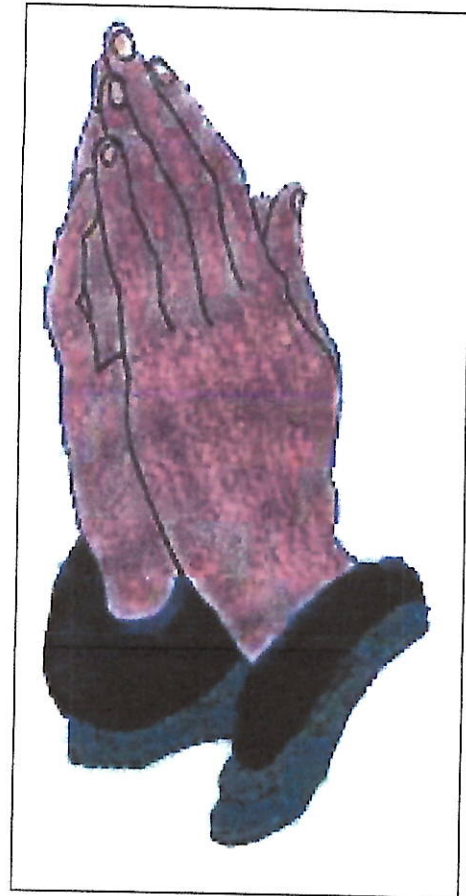
CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE:

WHAT	WHEN	SESSION	Session Leader
Orientation	October 3 12-1 pm	Orientation for Confirmands, Parents, Mentors & Teachers	Pastor & Julius Lukacs
Class 1	Oct 17 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm	<i>Our Journey</i> Confirm Text pp 10 – 40 (Lesson 1 – 4)	Pastor Lee
Class 2	Oct 24 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm	<i>Our History from Jesus to Reformation</i> Confirm Text pp 42 – 62 (Lesson 5-7)	Pastor Lee
Class 3	Oct 31 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm	<i>Our Heritage from Wesley to Today</i> Confirm Text pp 63 – 82 (Lesson 8-10)	Julius Lukacs

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.

Rebecca Franks (cancer, Diana Lane's aunt), Bob Clark (neck pain),
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 Charpenter (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)
Patty Hitch (CVA – multiple, Michael Ann)
Renee Hawkins (brain tumor, Larry Schaffer)
Steve Wetherbee (incurable blood cancer, Barb Pinkston)
Ed Romero (for the order of life, Barb Pinkston)
Kristin Moore (covid, Katie's granddaughter)
Josh Funk (bipolar, JoAnn)
Susan Moore (Kidney)
Chuck Moore (COVID)
Laura (Cheryl's mom)
Melody (Joyce Sorenson's niece – cancer)
Marsha (Joyce Sorenson's daughter – re-injured tailbone)
Bob (heart) and Carol (lung) Clarke
Michael Ann Honea (Recovery from knee surgery)
Jerry Walton (COVID-19)



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



- 4. Kayla Umana
- 6. Wiley Slay
- 14. Ann Cruz
- 15. Dylie Slay
- 16. Pat Balzell
- 16. Diana Easley
- 18. Katie Moore
- 19. Alivia Logan
- 24. Debbie Lopuszynski
- 24. Jack Gaughan
- 26. Betty Gaughan
- 26. Carol Green
- 29. Robin Vaughan
- 30. Carol Bronzan
- 30. Mel Strong

Happy Anniversary

- 3. Roxanna and Alvin Simas
- 3. Kim and Don Fraley
- 10. Carol Green and Daniel Vitello
- 11. Jennifer and Rick Dunn
- 17. Polly and Vince Gallagher

PROTECTED IN THE HEART OF GOD

If I worry about loved ones at times
 I hope to remember and find a way
 To know that though we may be apart
 They are always protected
 In God's loving heart.
 Where can they be, is there a spot
 Outside of God's presence?
 No – I think not.
 Here, there or anywhere
 Each one is always in
 God's loving care.
 At times all I have
 Is to hold to faith strong
 And trust our true Father
 To watch over my dears ones
 And safely bring them along.
 God within each one
 Guiding their steps today
 And all their tomorrows, I pray.
 With gratitude and peace
 We can find rest and ease
 Knowing we are all,
 Ongoing, from the start
 Loved and protected
 In God's loving heart.

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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
10/3	Finance
10/10	Young Christians Ministry
10/17	SPRC
10/24	Trustees
10/31	Membership & Finance in Faith
11/7	Worship
11/14	Reconciling Ministry
11/21	Endowment & Memorials
11/28	Nomination



Hello, Youth & Youth Families!

What a joy to be working with the youth! Our first meeting was back on Sept. 12th and we had 9 Youth members attend, getting to know each other, and have fellowship together!

On the 19th, we walked to La Costa, and while having dinner had great discussions on school activities and great musicals. When we arrived back at the church, we played a quick game of Uno. On the 26th, we hosted a movie night, watching *The Prince of Egypt*. If you haven't seen it, we definitely recommend it!

Coming up in October, we will be on break for a few weeks, to enjoy our school break! When we get back on Oct. 17th, we will catch up on our breaks, have dinner, and start discussing the upcoming Youth Sunday Service. On Oct. 24th, we plan to go to a Corn Maze in Livermore. Please RSVP by Oct. 17th (the previous Sunday), so we can arrange for drivers to this fun event! Times/cost will be emailed to our Youth families.

Save the date for our Youth Sunday service on November 7th. This is a great opportunity for our youth to participate in ALL aspects of the service, and a way to serve and share their gifts. Youth, please start thinking about how you can contribute.

Youth Families-please remember to RSVP to all events. This helps me plan for the correct number of students participating. You can email me at cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net or youth@brentwoodumc.org or even text me!

Cheryl Breitenbucher-BCUMC Youth Director



Delighted to have young disciples and the choir participating during worship!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

By Heidi Stark

Those present at the Priscilla Circle September meeting discussed plans for a new year of UMW. The theme for the 2021-2022 program year is *"Healing and Joy on our Journey to God"*. A perfect theme as we navigate this pandemic world and find our new normal. Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, October 18th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Polly Gallagher will lead the program, "Nehemiah Throws a Party".

The Jesse Lee Circle held a welcome back meeting on September 28th. They discussed plans for 2021-2022 and learned how their circle got the name Jesse Lee. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12th at 10am in the Quiet Room.

UMW has something special planned during the Church service on Sunday, October 17th. Please plan to attend – you won't want to miss it!

UMW has many ongoing projects; as well as new events and projects coming up. We will help provide meals on Saturday, November 6th for the Winter Night shelter program. There will be opportunities for donations as well as service opportunities – watch for details. Also, watch for information on raffle baskets for Trivia, Treats and Talents coming soon. UMW provides care packages for deployed female soldiers once a month through an organization called Soldiers' Angels. Contact Cheryl Breitenbucher to see how to help with that project. UMW continues to collect newborn and premie knitted hats. The hats can be dropped off with Charlene Dobson.

Please consider attending one of the Circles for fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth - all women are welcome!

**Jesse Lee Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 12th at 10am in the Quiet Room.
Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, October 18th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

SPRC - Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation *by Heidi Stark*

Did you know that Sunday, October 10th is Pastor Appreciation Day! While I know we all appreciate our dear Pastor Lee, it's always nice to have your efforts acknowledged. Please take a moment to personally express your gratitude to Pastor for her loving service to our Church and community. Serving as a Pastor is a job that requires juggling multiple tasks and responsibilities; it is a calling and incredibly important to the congregation and community served. Finding balance is always a challenge. Our Pastor applied for and received a Lily Clergy Renewal Grant. A Lily Grant honors Pastors and the congregations with funds to support a time away for rest and renewal for the Pastor. The funds received from this grant will allow Pastor Lee the opportunity for a two month leave (August and September 2022) to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. Pastor is planning to use the time to travel to Korea to celebrate her Mother's 90th birthday and reconnect with her culture, family and friends. This is something we will all ultimately benefit from. Please congratulate Pastor Lee on receiving this amazing opportunity!

Our Office Administrator, Michelle Carrillo enjoyed a week of vacation in September. Many thanks to Polly and Kayla Gallagher for managing the office tasks while Michelle was away.

Happy Birthday to Alivia Logan-Kumagai on October 19th! May the year ahead be filled with blessings.

SPRC recently put together a BCUMC Employee COVID Protocol in our continuing effort to manage the ever-changing requirements for a safe work environment. The protocol (see below) provides the steps necessary to return to work following a COVID exposure; the steps vary based on vaccination status and whether one is symptomatic or not. Our goal is to keep everyone working and provide a safe environment for all at BCUMC. We 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.

BCUMC EMPLOYEE COVID PROTOCOL

- 1.) If you are feeling ill, please refrain from coming into work. If you are experiencing any COVID symptoms you **MUST** get tested before returning to work. If your test is negative for COVID, please do not return to work until you are feeling better. If positive for COVID, you will need to follow county health/CDC Guidelines ([COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation | CDC](#)) for quarantining and you **MUST** provide a negative test before returning to work.
- 2.) If you are exposed to COVID - meaning you have had direct contact indoors, without masks for more than 15 minutes with someone who is positive for COVID, and you are...
 - **UNVACCINATED** - Stay home/quarantine for 10 days. You should be tested on the 3rd, 5th, and 10th day after exposure. A negative Covid test on the 10th day **MUST** be provided to return to work.
 - **VACCINATED & ASYMPTOMATIC** - You may come to work, but you **MUST** monitor your symptoms and get tested 3-5 days after exposure, and 10 days after exposure.
 - **VACCINATED & SYMPTOMATIC** - Get tested/quarantine for 10 days per county health/CDC Guidelines. A negative COVID test **MUST** be provided to return to work after the 10 days of quarantine.

Proof of testing MUST be provided. Home COVID tests are acceptable. For home tests, please sign and date your test and provide a picture of the test results.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms

Most common symptoms include:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Tiredness

Less common symptoms:

- Aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Conjunctivitis
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- a rash on skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes

Serious symptoms:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Chest pain or pressure
- Loss of speech or movement

Seek immediate medical attention if you have serious symptoms. Always call before visiting your doctor or health facility.

On average it takes 5–6 days from when someone is infected with the virus for symptoms to show, however, it can take up to 14 days.

BCUMC Meetings & Facility Use

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	2 UMM Breakfast 8am Fellowship Hall Coffee w/Pastor 10am BCC Rehearsal 2:30pm
3 Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30pm	4 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm	5 Produce Truck Hope House 4pm DIG 7pm Fireside BCC 7-9pm	6 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm	7 N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir 7pm Sanctuary	8 AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	9 Coffee w/Pastor 10am
10 Worship 10:30am Church Conference 12:00pm Youth Group 5:30pm	11 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm	12 BCC 7-9pm Jesse Lee Circle 10am Quiet Room	13 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm SPRC 4:30pm Social Hall	14 N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir 7pm Sanctuary	15 AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	16 Coffee w/Pastor 10am
17 Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30pm	18 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm UMW 6pm Fellowship Hall Priscilla Circle 8pm Fellowship Hall	19 Produce Truck Hope House 4pm Finance Committee 6pm Virtual Young Christian 6:30 Fireside Rm BCC 7-9pm	20 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm	21 N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir 7pm Sanctuary	22 AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	23 Piano Class 9am- 1pm Coffee w/Pastor 10am
24 Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30pm	25 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm DIG 7pm Social Hall	26 NAMI 7pm Fireside Room BCC 7-9pm	27 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm CCN 10am Fellowship Hall Ad Council 7 pm Online	28 Choir 7pm Sanctuary	29	30

* 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

