

Deeds and Opportunities

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2021 DECEMBER Worship Schedule

Hybrid Worship Service Both In-Person and Virtual!

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

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| SUNDAY WORSHIP | Church Calendar/Scripture | Worship Ministers |
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| <p>December 5 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p> | <p>Second Sunday of Advent PEACE Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6 "The Fear of Home" HOLY COMMUNION</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advent Candle-lighting: Slay Family, Paul, Lisa, Griffin, Wiley, Dylie ● Worship Leader: Jan Schults ● Piano: Lugh Baxter |
| <p>December 12 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p> | <p>Third Sunday of Advent JOY Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 3:7-18 "The Joy of Home"</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advent Candle-lighting: Green Family, Carol, Daniel Viello, Rachael, Jenny ● Worship Leader: David Funk ● Piano: Lugh Baxter |
| <p>December 19 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p> | <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent LOVE Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-45 "The Blessing of Home"</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advent Candle-lighting: Lukacs Family, Julius, Marcie, Sam, Jacob, Ben, Joe ● Worship Leader: Heidi Stark ● Piano: Kevin Fallon |
| <p>December 24 FRIDAY 6:00 pm <i>In-Person & Online</i></p> | <p>Christmas Eve Worship Service LOVE CAME DOWN Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20 "Welcome Home"</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advent Candle-lighting: Van Ruiten Family, Chris, Melissa, Robin Bliss, Elijah, Wyatt ● Worship Leader: Michelle Monsef ● Piano: Greg Pacquer |
| <p>December 26 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p> | <p>First Sunday After Christmas 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Luke 2:41-52 "Lost at Home"</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Worship Leader: Polly Gallagher ● Piano: Kevin Fallon |

SUNDAY WORSHIP MINISTERS

| DATE | ACOLYTE | CRUCIFER |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 12/5 | Robin Bliss | Wiley Slay |
| 12/12 | Oluchi Ogbanna | Chimela Ogbanna |
| 12/19 | Jenny Green | Christian Belino |
| 12/24 (Friday) | Ben Lukacs | Jacob Lukacs |
| 12/26 | Robin Bliss | Emma Smith |

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear My Beloved Family of God

My husband and I go out for a walk in the nearest park called “Walnut Park” every morning and evening. It is a new routine since we received a gift of a new family member, a springer spaniel, named “Sammy!” It is very important for him to take a walk at least twice a day (see the picture on the left. The right one is from our summer vacation in August, visiting Yosemite)



Each day, I am filled with gratitude, because there is no reason why my family should receive such undeserved gift of peace, joy and love. It is pure gifts from God. I said to my husband, “What we are having at this moment is the happy ending story of every drama on TV, books or in a movie theater!” People are fighting hard in movies and dramas as well as in real life in order to come home from a war or a lost place or a dark journey or a suffering road. They are struggling and working hard to arrive at peaceful community with their beloved ones. This awareness makes me to pray more, give more, and love more my neighbors, the poor, the lonely, the weak, the fearful, the afflicted and so on.

Let us reach out more to children of God near and far with our time, treasure, prayer, and love, during the Advent and Christmas time! God loved us so much He gave His only begotten Son Jesus, so whoever believes in him may not perish but receive eternal life! (John 3:16).

Let us do the Advent Blessing Prayer during our 4-week-journey of Advent! Put name of your loved ones or people in need in the underlined place to replace the word “you” and pray for them!

*May the God of HOPE fill you
with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may abound in HOPE! (Romans 15:13)*



May God bless our BCUMC and many ministries as we continue to 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



Unmask Your Generosity

Stewardship 2022

The Finance Committee wants to thank all those who participated in our Stewardship campaign this year. We had almost 20 prayer connection leaders who prayed for church members for four weeks and we were blessed to have several members share their personal commitment to pledging during our worship services.

To date, we have had 33 pledge cards returned to the office committing \$97,436.00 towards next year's budget (which will be close to double that amount). Along with pledges, our income is supported by faithful giving and facility use. We do not anticipate another CARES Act loan, which for the last two years has been an extra, and greatly appreciated, income source during our facility shut down.

If you are considering turning in a pledge card for next year, feel free to mail it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. Thank you all for your generosity!



An angel talked with the children Sunday 11-28-21



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 (925-628-9018 or donnlin1103@gmail.com).

For Healing and Strength for the Sick:

Beverly Tucker, Gordon Fong, John Logan Gonzales, Gabe Charpentier, John Moore, Nelda Devine (Michael Ann's friend), Grace Olayomi, Bob Clark, Rebecca Franks (Diana Lane's aunt), Laura (Cheryl Breitenbucher's mother), Kathy (Joyce Sorenson's friend), Christie Aumock (Michael Ann's friend), Diane Lee, Leonore Roberts, Patty Hitch (Michael Ann's friend), Renee Hawkins (Larry Schaffer), Steve Wetherbee (Barb Pinkston), Rebecca Franks (Diana Lane's aunt), Ed Romero (Barb Pinkston), Melody (Joyce Sorenson), Marsha (Joyce Sorenson), Carol (Bob Clarke), Susan Moore (Katy), Michael Moore (Katy), Eugene Davis' two daughters, Jere Retzer (Heidi), Anthony Mosher (Carrie's husband), Hisako Suzuki, JoAnn Funk



For Healing and Strength for the Homebound

Barbara Bonnickson, Diana Easley, Jo Merritt, Esther Riney, Joyce Heflin, Kittie Piotrowski, Verna Kruse

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

SPRC – Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation

There has been only one Christmas – the rest are anniversaries. – W.J. Cameron

Happy Birthday blessing to accompanist, Kevin Fallon on December 4th, and Pastor Lee on December 21st! We wish you both health and happiness in the coming year.

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.

To all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Let us remember the love that came down at Christmas and celebrate the glorious gift of our savior, Jesus Christ. I share with you my favorite Advent Prayer; may we all remember the reason for the season.

Holy God, coming Christ, in the rush and busyness of this season, speak to us. Turn us towards You. Create a longing in our hearts for silence, for wonder, for angel songs. Forgive us for making long lists that do not mention You at all. Holy God, coming Christ, transform our journey to Christmas this year. May all of our preparations and traditions remind us of your amazing, humble birth. Amen

Heidi Stark



2. Christian Belino
2. Roya Kim
3. Janet Kurz
4. Lynn Austin
6. Don Stirling
11. Diane Lee
13. Heidi Retzer
14. Fred Gulizia
16. Chinedum Ekpemiro
17. Griffin Slay
17. Aidan Dunn
19. Benjamin Lukacs
19. Jacob Lukacs
20. Marcie Lukacs
21. Pastor Hyesung Lee
21. Olivia Webb
25. Andre Smith
26. Rachel Green
27. Zeke Canonica
27. Teresa Kick
27. Melissa van Ruiten

! *Happy Anniversary*

6 Patti Evans and Marty Jewell

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT

When you look in the shoebox
Of old memories stored
In the back of your mind
What do you find
Of special Christmas gifts
From long ago?
Is there something that
Brings a smile and a glow?
I recall a chromatic harmonica
Key of C – it was 5th grade
Not a toy, but for real music made.

When we look in the kaleidoscope
Of Christmases to come
What dreams can we see
Imagine and hope will come to be?

For Christmas today we remember
The age-old story and sing
“Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born”
And with all the love and openness
Our thirsty hearts are able
We now receive the precious gift
Arrived in a lowly stable
A healing for mankind’s rift
The perfect Christmas gift.

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NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

January 9 and 16 from 12 pm to 1:15 pm (Quiet Room)

You are invited to this orientation if you want to (1) *join* our church as a committed member or (2) *just learn* more about our church. This orientation will include (1) sharing of faith journeys, (2) United Methodist Church Beliefs and Mission; and (3) our B.C.U.M. church mission.

If you are interested, please let the pastor know by contacting her at 925-303-9339 (cell) or hslee3@gmail.com. Or you may just show up!

Our gathering is always very enjoyable and spiritual.

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 |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 12/5 | UM Women |
| 12/12 | UM Men |
| 12/19 | CCN |
| 12/26 | Finance |
| 1 / 2 | Young Christians Ministry |
| 1/9 | SPRC |
| 1/16 | Trustees |
| 1/23 | Membership & Finance in Faith |
| 1/30 | Worship |





✓ President
Offering is an
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On Sunday, I participate in presented this opportunity that are used in the UMW total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world. If you were unable to attend but would like to make a donation, please send your gifts to our UMW Treasurer, Polly Gallagher; she will forward our collection to UMW for distribution to our missions.

Our BCUMC UMW has many ongoing projects; as well as new events and projects coming up. We provide 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 also collects newborn and premie knitted hats. The hats can be dropped off with Charlene Dobson.

Jesse Lee Circle will meet Tuesday, December 14 at 10 AM in the Quiet Room. We will be learning the history of some of our favorite Christmas carols and singing them accompanied by Pastor. Please join us!

Priscilla Circle will not be meeting in December. Christmas blessing to all!

(General Principal of Wesleyan Methodist Discipleship)

- 1) For public worship, we require a mask wearing for all, vaccinated or not, during the service with the exception that worship ministers (speakers or singers who are vaccinated) can take off their masks during speaking or singing and put back their masks on when they are done.
- 2) For in-person meetings (under 100 people), people with vaccination can gather together without wearing a mask
- 3) For the safety of all, we continue to respect each person's choice to wear or not a mask in any circumstances. No one should be asked 'why?'
- 4) For the safety of all, anyone who has fever or sick should stay at home.
- 5) We allow people to bring home-made food to church or to cook in the church kitchen while only designated servers serving participants.
- 6) Regarding vaccination check, we will operate this guideline through an honor system. We will not demand to show any vaccination proof at the door or during the meeting to honor each participant's privacy and integrity.
- 7) COVID-19 GUIDELINES will be displayed on each wall of the rooms in the church.

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church Ad Council

By Cheryl Breitenbucher

The Youth did such an amazing job at the Youth Service held in early November. Everyone who served did an astounding job, and I was so proud of them!

Our upcoming events for December are coming soon!

Please remember to RSVP to Cheryl Breitenbucher by Friday before the event!

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| Sunday Dec. 5th | 5:30-7pm | Youth Room | Holiday Card Making for Church Members |
| Sunday Dec. 12th | TBA | Youth Room | Brentwood on Ice (Ice Skating) |
| Sunday Dec. 19th | 5:30-7pm | Youth Room | Cookies/ Stocking Assembly |
| Wednesday Dec. 22nd | 8am-11am | HOPE House | Serve hot chocolate/pass out stockings/sing? |

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 JOURNEY:

When: October 2021 – May 2022; Sundays at noon in Sanctuary

Who: Confirmands: Jenny Green, Ben Lukacs, Oluchi Ogbonna, Wiley Slay

Mentors: Dennis Buckley, Polly Gallagher, Paul Slay, Jen Dunn, Becca Feldermann

Teachers: Julius Lukacs, Jen Dunn, Cheryl Breitenbucher, Pastor Hyesung Lee

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE:

| WHAT | WHEN | SESSION | Session Leader |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Class 6 | Jan 9 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm | <i>Our God and Our Faith</i> Confirm Text pp 122-127; 156-161 (Lesson 18-19 & 23) | Julius Lukacs |
| Class 7 | Jan 23 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm | <i>The Bible</i> Confirm Text pp 135-149 (Lesson 20-21) | Pastor Lee |
| Class 8 | Feb 13 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm | <i>Holy Spirit and Prayer</i> Confirm Text pp 150-155; 162-175 (Lesson 22, 24, 25) | Julius Lukacs |
| Class 9 | Feb 27 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm | <i>Wesleyan Way to Truth</i> Wesleyan Quadrilateral | Jen Dunn |

BCUMC Meetings & Facility Use

DECEMBER 2021

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| | | | 1 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm HH Committee 1:30 Sunday School Rm SPRC 5pm Heidi House Trustee 7pm Al-Anon 7pm | 2 Choir 7pm Sanctuary N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall | 3 AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm | 4 UMM Breakfast 8am Fellowship Hall |
| 5 Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30pm | 6 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm Girls Scouts 5:30 Fellowship Hall | 7 Produce Truck Hope House 4pm BCC 7-9pm Young Christian Ministry 6:30pm Fellowship Hall DIG 7pm Fireside Rm | 8 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm Ad Council 7pm Virtual | 9 Choir 7pm Sanctuary N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall | 10 AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm | 11 Girls Scouts 9-1 Christmas Music Celebration 6pm |
| 12 Worship 10:30am Youth Group 5:30pm | 13 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm Girls Scouts 5:30 Fellowship Hall | 14 Jesse Lee Circle 10am Quiet Rm Finance Meeting 6pm Social Hall BCC 7-9pm | 15 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm CCN 10am Al-Anon 7pm LGBTQIA <i>plus</i> Family Support: 6:30 pm Virtual | 16 N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir 7pm Sanctuary | 17 AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm | 18 |
| 19 Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30 Dinner, Games, | 20 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm DIG 7pm Social Hall | 21 Produce Truck Hope House 4pm BCC 7-9pm | 22 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm | 23 N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall | 24 AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm | 25  |
| 26 Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30pm | 27 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm | 28 NAMI 7pm Fireside Room BCC 7-9pm | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



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

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

