

Deeds and Opportunities

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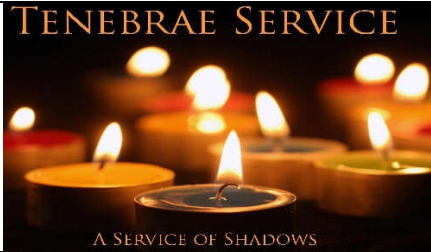


2022 APRIL Worship Schedule

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/Scriptures	Worship Acts
<p style="text-align: center;">April 3 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Sunday in Lent Isa 43:16-21 Phil 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Communion ● Confirmation 9 "Our Faith" (Teacher: Pastor Lee): 12 pm – 1:30 pm in Sunday School Room
 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Passion/Palm Sunday Isa 50:4-9a Phil 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56; Luke 23:1-49</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow-Up with January New Members: 12 pm – 1:30 pm in Quiet Room ● Bring Easter Lilies to Church
<p style="text-align: center;">April 15 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 pm <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Good Friday Service – Tenebrae Service Isa 50:4-9a Phil 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56; Luke 23:1-49</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">April 17 EASTER SUNDAY 6:00 am & 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EASTER Sunday 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Easter Offering for Ukraine Relief 
<p style="text-align: center;">April 24 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirmation 10 "Our Calling" (Teacher: Pastor Lee): 12 pm – 1:30 pm in Sunday School Room

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
4/3 (Sun) Holy Communion	Larry Schaffer	Kevin Fallon	Oluchi Ogbonna	Ben Lukacs	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
4/10 (Sun) Palm Sunday	Polly Gallagher	Kevin Fallon	Robin Bliss	Emma Smith	Michael Ann Honea	Bob Clarke
4/15 (Friday) Good Friday	Liturgists	Greg Pacquer	n/a	n/a	Linda Walton	n/a
4/17 (Sun) Easter Sunday	Heidi Stark	Kevin Fallon	Chimela Ogbonna	Christian Belino	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
4/24 (Sun)	Jan Schults	Kevin Fallon	Wiley Slay	Jenny Green	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter

† *Pastor's Letter* †

Dear Family of God

You might have heard about HOPE HOUSE director, **Jackie Hanel**, resigning at the end of March. She will have a surgery soon and need a lot of time for recovery. She has done an excellent work for HH for a brief time. Her extra-ordinary gifts and experiences have brought many wonderful changes to the building and the environment of HH as well as the working structure of the



volunteers. We appreciate her many contributions and bless her next journey with healing and health!

We are very grateful that **David Funk** has agreed to serve as an interim director for 90 days from April 1st. He has been involved in HOPE HOUSE from the beginning in 2011. He will help HH to be a safe and nurturing place for our neighbors in need and a joyful place of ministry for all the volunteers. May God bless his heart and ministry with His wisdom, patience, and love!

As we prepare for Easter, we keep praying for Ukraine. We will designate our Special Easter Offering for Ukraine Relief through UMCOR. Please send your donation to the church by the end of April writing a check, payable to BCUMC with a note "Ukraine" on its bottom. We pray for the world to be

United
Kind
Relieving
Assisting
Inviting
Nurturing
Encouraging

The world needs us! People need our prayers!
Let us walk Lent Journey together in one spirit with many prayers!

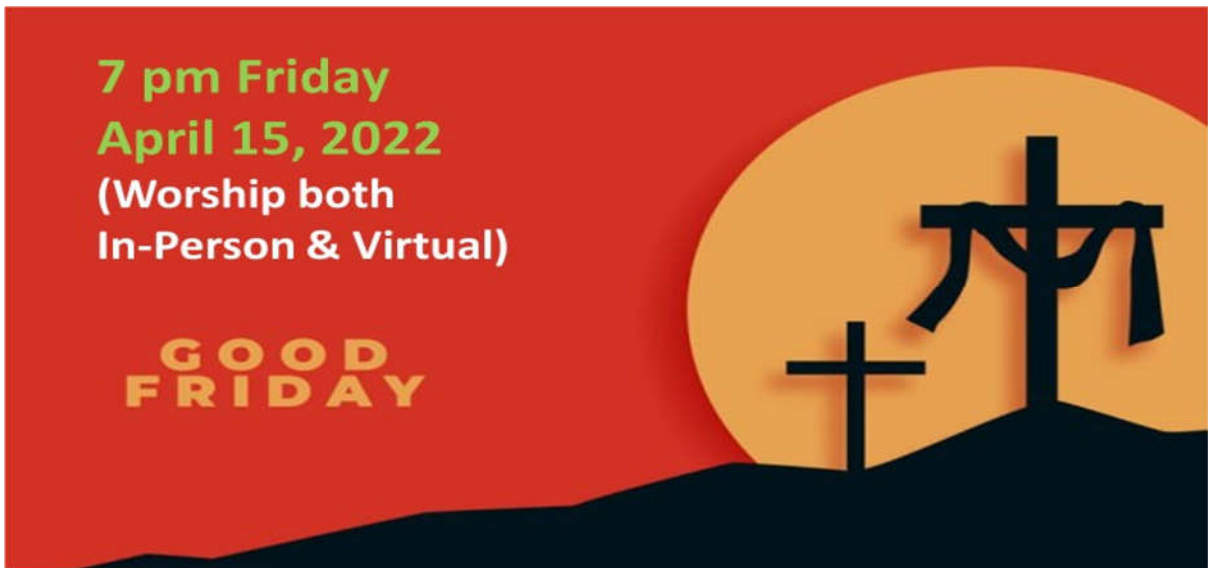


May God bless our BCUMC and many ministries as we continue to serve in One Spirit! God is wonderful! Let us keep moving forward with our Risen Lord in our hearts!

“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



LGBTQIAplus FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

meets *virtually* at 6:30 pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month!

Mission of LGBTQIAplus Family Support Group:

- (1) To provide a safe place to be heard and shared by families with similar but unique experiences;
- (2) To provide emotional, informational and spiritual support to help and guide their journey;
- (3) To reach out and encourage LGBTQIAplus families in the community to be healthy allies to LGBTQIAplus members of the community.



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

7:00 pm April 13th in the Sanctuary
TENEBRAE 'SHADOW' SERVICE

"Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "darkness." The service of Tenebrae as practiced in most Protestant Churches is an adaptation of medieval Roman Catholic practices for each of the days of Holy Week dating back to the ninth century. For Protestants, this single service is typically held at night on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

For United Methodists and some other Protestants, the story of the suffering and death of Jesus from gospel is divided into 14 or 16. After each segment of the story is read, a candle is extinguished. After the fifteenth reading, which confirms that Jesus had died on the cross, the last of the 15 lit candles is extinguished or taken away, and a loud sound (called *strepitus* in Latin) is made to convey the sense of total loss of God's presence and the effect of the death of Jesus on the universe. The final story of the burial is read in near darkness.

Worshippers leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the celebration of the coming Resurrection.

Greg Pacquer is turning 80 on April 21. Greg has been our organ/piano accompanist since 2004. During these 18 years, (11 full-time, 7 part-time) he has served under 3 different pastors and 4 different choir directors at BCUMC.



He started his career playing for his hometown church in Atkinson, Illinois at the youthful age of 13 and he has accompanied many churches, choirs, vocalists, and instrumentalists since then.

Greg and his husband, Mike Johnson, will also be marking their 5th Anniversary on April 16 - to celebrate their marriage on Maui in 2017. They have been together for 40 years.

Greg loves his BCUMC family very much.

2022 April Sunday School Schedule

April 3	Polly Gallagher (every 1 st Sun)
April 10	Chris van Ruiten (every 2 nd Sun)
April 17	Sunday School Teachers – Easter Sunday
April 24	Lisa Slay (every 4 th Sun)

*Young Christian Ministry Committee is working hard to provide Christian Educations to our young disciples (kids and youths)! Any question or suggestion may be sent to the chair of the committee, Chris van Ruiten, at Christopher.vanRuiten@gmail.com.

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, John Logan Gonzales, John Moore, Nelda Devine (Michael Ann's friend), Grace Olayomi, Laura (Cheryl Breitenbucher's mother), Kathy (Joyce Sorenson's friend), Christie Aumock (Michael Ann's friend), Leonore Roberts, Patty Hitch (Michael Ann's friend), Renee Hawkins (Larry Schaffer), Steve Wetherbee (Barb Pinkston), Rebecca Franks (Diana Lane's aunt), Melody (Joyce Sorenson), Michael Moore (Katy), Eugene Davis' two daughters, Alfie (Mavis), JoAnn Funk, Linda Smith (Michael Ann), Joyce Sorenson (severe back pain), Angela Stevenson (Margo), Kathy Davenport (Margo), Randy Autentico (Barbara), Margo Wentz (Hip), Jackie Hanel (Back pain), Angel (Joy), Steve Cardoza (Michelle's son)



For Healing and Strength for the Homebound

Barbara Bonnickson, 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!*

A Celebration of Life Service for Diana Easley



Friday April 29th at 2 pm

At Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

Diana has been a member since 1996. She enjoyed singing in the choir, working with UMW, participating in small groups, serving as Steven's Minister, visiting homebound members, etc. She loved the church and Jesus so dearly. Her gentle soul and kind heart had touched so many people. We miss her so much!

Your condolences can be sent to Bob Easley at 709 Allbrook Drive, Brentwood, CA 94513



April

- 7. John Moore
- 12. Joey Zamjahn
- 15. Murphy Slay
- 16. Robert Ruddick
- 17. Jeannette Ruddick
- 21. Greg Pacquer
- 21. Ellen Rowan
- 22. Jenn Dunn
- 25. Paula Gallagher
- 27. Beverly Tucker



April

- 7. Bob and Janet Clarke
- 16. Greg and Mike Johnson

HAPPY EASTER

Oh Jesus, can you help me understand
 Who you are – and what I am
 False accusations of insurrection
 Led to your day of resurrection
 Forgiveness on a cross
 A blackened sky appears
 Makes me wonder how
 And fills my heart with tears.

Solitude and times of prayer
 Now finding Easter everywhere
 All I want to do – is be with You
 All I want to say – is Okay!
 All I want to be
 Is with You in the mystery.

Help us to know
 As we turn to You
 All your promises are true.

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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 11	April 3 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm	<i>Our Faith</i> Confirm Text pp 220-239 (Lesson 33-35)	Pastor Lee
Class 12	April 24 (Sun) 12 – 1:30 pm	<i>Our Calling</i> Confirm Text pp 240-272 (Lesson 36-39)	Pastor Lee

Update from Finance Committee

Having begun the current year with a deficit budget, it will take the generosity and follow-through of all our contributors to help BCUMC prosper as we make our way forward and our church life carefully regains momentum.

Thanks to CARES Act loans in 2020 and 2021, which were fully forgiven, we were able to weather the loss of income due to closed facilities to outside users and virtual only services much of the time. There is no loan this year.

Our current year pledges should bring in approximately \$8,800.00 a month along with over \$5,000.00 in other contributions and facility use. While the second value has been met the first two months of the year, our pledges have fallen short (not including several pledges that were paid in full for the year). The church office will be mailing out quarterly updates so that each of us will be fully informed as to our pledge goal.

As always, we are blessed and thankful to be part of such a giving, loving church. Please feel free to check in with any member of the Finance Committee with questions, concerns, changes to pledges or suggestions.



If you wear a hearing aid...

The Audio-Visual Committee is looking for members of the congregation who wear hearing aids and are willing to meet a few times to recommend an assisted listening system for the church. There are several technologies out there and who could be more suited to help make the selection than folks who use hearing aids!! We are particularly interested in talking with people who have features in their hearing aids such as "T-Coil" or "Bluetooth". Contact your hearing aid provider if you don't know if you have the "T-Coil" or "Bluetooth" features. You might even be able to ask your hearing aid provider for recommendations on assisted listening systems. Whether or not you have "T-Coil" or "Bluetooth", contact Dave Funk or Dennis Buckley if you are interested in advising us about an assisted listening system for the church.

SPRC – Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation

Happy Spring, and Happy Birthday to the very talented, Greg Pacquer on April 21!

Office Administrator, Michelle Carrillo enjoyed a vacation at the end of March, and we thank Polly Gallagher and Dennis Buckley for stepping up to cover necessary office tasks while she was away.

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.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATED (March 1st, 2022)

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

(General Principal of Wesleyan Methodist Discipleship)

1. In alignment with state requirements Contra Costa County has lifted universal mask requirements for vaccinated people in most indoor public settings.
2. For our public worship, we strongly suggest mask wearing for all, vaccinated or not, during the service and fellowship, 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, and when eating or drinking. We must keep in mind that many members of our congregation are immunocompromised, and some have battled this disease and are concerned about re-infection.
3. For the safety of all, we continue to respect each person’s choice to wear or not wear 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 serve 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.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES will be displayed on each wall of the rooms in the church.

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church Ad Council



United Women in Faith

The Priscilla Circle met in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 21st. BCUMC UMW President, Jan Schults shared the exciting news that United Methodist Women are now also known as United Women in Faith. The organization has had over 25 name changes in its 153 years always trying to best reflect how to answer our calling to faith and action at the present time. The organization’s foundation has always been faith in God and commitment to women, children, and youth – calling women into action to change the world. The name change to United Women in Faith opens new opportunities to continue to make a difference. This change will allow more ways to join United Women in Faith and offer more digital content to make programs more inclusive and engaging. It’s really all about connecting faith with action. To learn more, go to <https://uwfaith.org>.

BCUMC UMW Treasurer, Polly Gallagher reported that over \$1600 in pledges have been received to date allowing us to already meet our annual pledge to mission. Many thanks for the generous donations that allow us to make a difference in the world. BCUMC UMW will be coordinating meals for the Winter Nights Homeless Mission on Saturday, May 14. Opportunities to help with this project will be posted soon. Also, we are looking for women who are interested in having a morning UWM circle. We would love to restart our Jesse Lee Circle, please contact Jan Schults if interested. We welcome all women to put their faith in action.

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, April 18th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please join us!

HOPE House Headlines

As always, thank you for your support and prayers for our food and clothing ministry. We welcomed a few more volunteers, most notably our wonderful Gateway students returned to help as COVID restrictions softened. They are a wonderful resource helping to make bags, hang clothing, and clean. The Friday pick-up positions are filled! In addition to our regular Friday pick-up volunteers (Diego, Ed and Blake, RODDA Electric will send a truck every last Friday of the month to help with our Friday food pick-up for the entire year AND will haul our cardboard the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Hope House Statistics for February 2022: Number of Families served: **346**; Number of people served: **1,199 individuals** (a little less than January due to the President's Holiday closure)

FUNDING: The HOPE House applied for several grants as noted: FEMA grant (\$9,700); City of Brentwood special funding grant (denied 2:3 vote); City of Oakley special funding grant (awaiting); and the Agency Enhancement Grant (due to submit 4/2); Safeway (\$3000 awarded).



Thank You Jackie!



United Methodist Men will host a pancake breakfast on Easter morning after the sunrise service. Come join us.

Our next meeting is April 2nd at 8 am.

BCUMC Meetings & Facility Use

April 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	UMM Breakfast 8am Fellowship Hall
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Girls Scouts 5:30pm Sunday School Rm	BCC 7pm DIG Board Meeting 7pm Fireside Young Christian Ministries 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Trustees 7pm (virtual) Al-Anon 7pm	Choir 7pm Sanctuary N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	Girls Scouts Ceramics Event 9am-1pm SS Room
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am Youth Group 5:30pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Girls Scouts 5:30pm Sunday School Rm	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm Worship Committee 10am Fellowship Hall BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm SPRC 4:30pm Fellowship Hall Al-Anon 7pm	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir 7pm Sanctuary Rehearsal Good Friday 6pm	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm Good Friday Service 7pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Easter Sunrise Rise Service 6am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Girls Scouts 5:30pm Sunday School Rm UMW Priscilla Circle 7pm FH	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm BCC 7pm Finance Committee 6:00pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm LGBTQIA Plus 6:30pm Virtual CCN 10am Fellowship Hall	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Girls Scouts 5:30pm Sunday School Rm DIG 7pm Social Hall	NAMI 7pm Fireside Room BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm Ad Council 7pm	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	Girls Scout CPR Training 8:30-5:00pm Fellowship Hall

* 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

