

# ***Deeds and Opportunities***

## **Brentwood Community United Methodist Church**

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***May 2022***




## 2022 **MAY** 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
May 1 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person &amp; Online</i>	Third Sunday of Easter <b>NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY</b> Acts 9:1-6; John 21:1-19	• Holy Communion
May 8 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person &amp; Online</i>	Fourth Sunday of Easter <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> Acts 9:36-43; John 10:22-30	• <b>Mother's Day:</b> Flowers to all women; Singing a special song for women
May 15 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person &amp; Online</i>	Fifth Sunday of Easter <b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b> Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35	
May 22 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person &amp; Online</i>	Sixth Sunday of Easter <b>HERITAGE SUNDAY</b> Acts 16:9-15; John 14:23-29	• <b>New Members Orientation (1):</b> 12 pm – 1:15 pm in Quiet Room
May 29 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person &amp; Online</i>	Seventh Sunday of Easter <b>ASCENSION SUNDAY</b> Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26	• <b>New Members Orientation (2):</b> 12 pm – 1:15 pm in Quiet Room

## WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	Notes	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
5/1	Holy Communion	Jan Schults	Kevin Fallon	Oluchi Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
5/8	Mother's Day	Larry Schaffer	Kevin Fallon	Robin Bliss	Emma Smith	Michael Ann Honea	Bob Clarke
5/15	Confirmation Sunday	Polly Gallagher	Kevin Fallon	Ben Lukacs	Wiley Slay	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
5/22	Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	Youth	Greg Pacquer	Jenny Green	Christian Belino	Youth	Youth
5/29	Ascension Sunday	Heidi Stark	Kevin Fallon	Oluchi Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Linda Walton	Bob Clarke

**We Will Have A Youth Sunday on May 22, 2022**

## *† Pastor's Letter †*

Dear Friends in Ministry

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

What a 'crazy' thing to believe! How can we believe such a miracle like a resurrection?

But when you get to the point where you can finally believe it, you realize that you truly need such a 'crazy' hope that is beyond this world, beyond our common sense!

We need such a divine hope in this world. The war in Ukraine, the deadly pandemic, political and social turmoil in US and so many other places in the world, all these things make us exhausted, frustrated, helpless and hopeless. Our God knows our broken and oppressed situation. Through the resurrection of Jesus, God lets us know He is with us and we are okay in God's love. Then we choose life over death, love over hate, service over self-serving over and over again.

The following poem helps me a lot these days. I hope it helps you too.

### **In the face of war I'm so small. Yet love is big**

I can't make the world be peaceful  
I can't stall tanks from roaring down roads  
I can't prevent children from having to hide in bunkers  
I can't convince the news to stop turning war into a video game  
I can't silence the sound of bombs tearing neighborhoods apart  
I can't turn a guided missile into a bouquet of flowers  
I can't make a warmonger have an ounce of empathy  
I can't convince ambassadors to quit playing truth or dare  
I can't deflect a sniper's bullet from turning a wife into a widow  
I can't stave off a country being reduced to ash and rubble  
I can't do any of that

The only thing I can do is love the next person I encounter without any conditions or strings  
To love my neighbor so fearlessly that it starts a ripple that stretches from one horizon to the next

I can't force peace on the world  
but I can become a force of peace in the world  
Because sometimes all it takes is a single lit candle in the darkness to start a movement

"Lord, make me a candle of comfort in this world let me burn with peace"

~ John Roedel (<https://chandlersfordtoday.co.uk/a-poem-by-john-roedel-in-the-face-of-war-im-so-small-yet-love-is-so-big/>)

And I say, amen and amen!



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

## 2022 May Sunday School Schedule

Date	Notes
5/1	Polly Gallagher
5/8	A volunteer (?)
5/15	Chris van Ruiten
5/22	Lisa Slay
5/29	Stay in Sanctuary

\*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](mailto:Christopher.vanRuiten@gmail.com).

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## 2021-22 CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

4 Confirmands (Jenny Green, Ben Lukacs, Oluchi Ogbonna, Wiley Slay) and 5 mentors (Dennis Buckley, Polly Gallagher, Paul Slay, Jen Dunn, Becca Feldermann) and 4 teachers (Julius Lukacs, Jen Dunn, Cheryl Breitenbucher, Pastor Hyesung Lee) with the help of parents and the congregation are now completing their journey this month.

**Confirmation Dinner and Orientation to Confirmation Worship Service: 5 pm Friday May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Confirmation Sunday: 10:30 am Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**







## **LGBTQIAplus FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP**

meets **virtually** at 6:30 pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **United Women in Faith**



The Priscilla Circle met in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss and plan upcoming events. We are slowly getting back to normal and excited to share news of plans for great events to put on your calendars.

We are providing meals for the Winter Nights Homeless Mission on Saturday, May 14 at Walnut Creek UMC. We will be serving lunch and dinner. We are looking for donations of food items, volunteers to help prep, serve, and clean up lunch and dinner (two shifts), and cash donations. We will be serving a small group (only 3 families), and we are planning meals for 20. Please consider helping with this worthwhile project. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall or contact Jan Schults or Polly Gallagher for more information.

Plan to attend Sunday Sundae! This ice cream social will be provided after service on Sunday, August 14. Donations will be accepted and used to fund United Women in Faith mission programs. Save the date for Trivia, Treats and Treasures planned for Saturday, September 10. An evening of fun trivia, tasty treats, and terrific raffle baskets.

We continue to look 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.

**Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action!**

## 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 Jo Merritt



Service Date: Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
Service Place: Brentwood Community United  
Methodist Church

**Jo Merritt** was the longest member of our church (60 years) since 1962. She loved our church dearly, loved singing in the choir, working with UMW, and contributed to the work of the church with her gift, presence, prayer and service. She never forgot to clean up pews after Sunday worship. I remember her jokes and humors almost every time I saw her at the church. We deeply appreciate all she has done for the church and will miss her very much. May God welcome her with His warm hands and bless her with

eternal peace! A condolence card may be sent to her son: Rick Merritt  
355 Fir Street, Brentwood, CA 94513.



### May

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
24. Dennis Buckley
27. Den Bowman
27. Annie Azevedo
28. Brian Gray
31. Greg Mosher



### May

21. Miranda and Andre Smith
22. Jackie and Dan Hanel
31. JoAnn and David Funk

## SIGNS OF SPRING

Evidence that God is real?  
 Where do we see it?  
 What does your heart feel?  
 In the stars? Or planet earth?  
 All life's creatures? A baby's birth?  
 And even on a restless day  
 When our hope begins to stray  
 Is God playing hide-and-seek?  
 Poppies dancing on the hill  
 Mockingbird with many songs  
 Butterflies and daffodils.

May we trust God all the way  
 Whatever life may bring  
 Evidence that God is here?  
 I see it in the signs of spring.

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## SPRC – Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation

While we appreciate all of our BCUMC staff, we offered an extra thank you to our Office Administrator, Michelle Carrillo on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, Administrative Professionals' Day.

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.

## Finance Quarterly Update

The Finance Committee has the task to carefully and prayerfully oversee the funds and pledges that are generously given by so many. To keep our membership informed as to the financial health of BCUMC, the table below will be updated each quarter and published in the D's and O's. Always feel free to check in with any Finance member with questions or concerns.

### **2022 Fiscal Year Snapshot**

**January 1 to March 31, 2022**

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Budget Revenue from Donations	30,218	34,742	-4,524
Other Revenue (Building use, etc.)	9,564	8,223	1,341
Total Revenue	39,782	42,965	-3,183
Total Expenses	48,411	48,355	-56
YTD Budget Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	-8,629	-5,390	-3,339

#### **Comments:**

The 2022 budget, while negative, does benefit from a budget surplus from previous years.

Budgeted revenue is below our targeted amount.

Expenses are on target.

Several pledges were paid in advance in 2021 and are not included in 2022 totals.







Next UMM meeting will be on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 8:00 AM. In fellowship hall!

## *United Methodist Men* Annual Bean Feed Drive-Thru Event

Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022; from 5 until 7 P.M.

The United Methodist Men (UMM) will be sponsoring this year's Bean Feed at the above date and time. This year, however, we will be holding the event in a different fashion. In place of having the annual event indoors with the auction, raffle, and potluck dinner, UMM will be catering a delicious meal directly to your car as you drive by the side entrance of the church on Midway Street. Please come in from the HOPE House side (Pine Street) of the alley.)

All you need to do is drive up to the side entrance door and we will be waiting. Hand us your ticket or purchase one at the door and we will deliver a plated, wrapped, delicious tri-tip or mac & cheese casserole with potato salad and a choice of baked beans or pinto beans, dinner roll, carrot cake, and a bottle of water. All the makings for an easy Saturday night dinner! We will also have a delivery service for shut ins.

100% of proceeds go to the UMM scholarship fund. This worthwhile event has been an annual tradition of Brentwood Community United Methodist Church (BCUMC) for 37 years. UMM has always had the goal of providing scholarships to young adults, and in some cases, older adults, during their academic journeys. Last year UMM provided eight scholarships of \$700 for college expenses.

We are asking for a minimum \$15.00 donation for a plate.

Please see one of the men of BCUMC UMM for a ticket or purchase a ticket at the door.

Thank you for your support!

### **THE BEAN FEED**

The bean feed is on its way  
This year in the month of May  
A drive by – that's the truth  
To raise scholarship funds  
For our youth  
Mark your calendars  
Set the date  
For May 21<sup>st</sup>  
It will be great!  
Honk if you love  
The BEAN FEED!!  
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## COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATED (March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

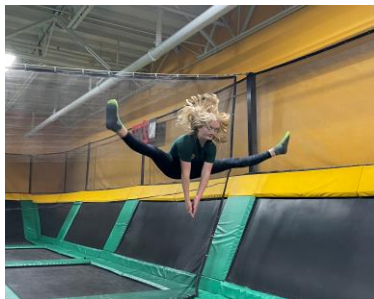
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### BCUMC YOUTH

The BCUMC Youth have finished reading through the book of Mark and learned about the parables of Jesus. We've had great discussions and thoughtful questions. We had a great time at Rock & Jump jumping and bouncing together. We did everything that they offer, including the trampolines, dodgeball, dunking basketballs, balance beam, and the rock climbing wall. In April, we met and had pizza one night and on another we went to Sip & Scoop and tried delicious desserts. We then had a very competitive game of Throw, Throw, Burrito, an intense card game where you get to occasionally throw squishy burritos at each other!

In May, we are excited to go to the Jelly Belly Factory, have another Youth Service, and finish the year off with a swim celebration! We are also looking for a few volunteers to help serve at Winter Nights. Youth families, look for the emails coming your way!

If you are interested in attending any of our events, please reach out to Cheryl Breitenbucher at [cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net)



Jenny on the trampoline and Robin & Rachael on the balance beam

# Facility Use Calendar

## May 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Native American Sunday 10:30am <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Youth Group</b> 5:30pm	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm <b>Girls Scouts</b> 5:30pm Sunday School Rm	<b>BCC</b> 7pm <b>DIG Board Meeting</b> 7pm Fireside <b>Young Christian</b>	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm <b>Trustees</b> 7pm (virtual) <b>Al-Anon</b> 7pm	<b>Choir</b> 7pm Sanctuary <b>N/A</b> 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	<b>String Band</b> 10:30am FH <b>AA</b> 6:45pm <b>Al-Anon</b> 8pm <b>Confirmation Orientation &amp; Dinner</b>	<b>UMM Breakfast</b> 8am Fellowship Hall
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Worship</b> 10:30am <b>Fellowship</b> <b>Youth Group</b> 5:30pm	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm <b>Girls Scouts</b> 5:30pm Sunday School Rm	<b>Worship Committee</b> 10am Fellowship Hall <b>Produce Truck Hope House</b> 4pm <b>BCC</b> 7pm	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm <b>Al-Anon</b> 7pm <b>SPRC</b> 4:30 Fellowship Hall	<b>Choir</b> 7pm Sanctuary <b>N/A</b> 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	<b>String Band</b> 10:30am FH <b>AA</b> 6:45pm <b>Al-Anon</b> 8pm	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 10:30am Fellowship <b>Youth Group</b> 5:30pm	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm <b>Girls Scouts</b> 5:30pm Sunday School Rm <b>Pricilla Circle</b> 7pm Fellowship Hall	<b>BCC</b> 7pm <b>Finance Committee</b> 6pm Fellowship Hall	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm <b>CCN</b> 10am Fellowship Hall <b>LGBTQIA Plus</b> 6:30pm Virtual <b>Al-Anon</b> 7pm	<b>N/A</b> 7:30pm Fellowship Hall <b>Choir</b> 7pm Sanctuary	<b>String Band</b> 10:30am FH <b>AA</b> 6:45pm <b>Al-Anon</b> 8pm	<b>Drive Thru Bean Feed</b> 5-7pm BCUMC
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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\* Dates and Times are subject to change

\* For the most updated calendar/schedule see church website: [www.brentwoodumc.org](http://www.brentwoodumc.org)

\* To request use of Facility or any questions contact Michelle: 925 634 3093 or [admin@brentwoodumc.org](mailto: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

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Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. Shinya Goto

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

