

Deeds and Opportunities

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

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August 2022



2022 AUGUST 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
August 7 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	Nineth Sunday after Pentecost Guest Preacher: Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert (Retired UMC pastor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Sunday Morning Bible Study: Experiencing God (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • Fellowship: Nomination
August 14 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Guest Preacher: Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert (Retired UMC pastor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: Experiencing God (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • CHOIR resumes • Fellowship: United Women in Faith ICE CREAM SUNDAE 
August 21 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Guest Preacher: Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert (Retired UMC pastor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: Experiencing God (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • Fellowship: UM Men - BBQ Lunch 
August 28 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Guest Preacher: Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert (Retired UMC pastor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: Experiencing God (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • Fellowship: CCN

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
8/7 Holy Communion	Jan Schults	Greg Pacquer	Christian Belino	Emma Smith	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
8/14	David Funk	Kevin Fallon	Victoria Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Michael A. Honea	Bob Clarke
8/21	Polly Gallagher	Kevin Fallon	Jenny Green	Ben Lukacs	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
8/28	Larry Schaffer	Kevin Fallon	Elijah van Ruiten	Robin Bliss	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

I will begin two months of my clergy renewal soon...beginning on August 1st and ending September 30th. I wanted to have a longer renewal break since 2020 when I finished my 6th year at BCUMC. I felt a great need for break at the time because I had not really taken any vacation except a short vacation here and there for 12 years. When I served Canaan Korean UMC in Marina from 2008 to 2014, I barely had any break for 6 years. Looking back, I should have taken some vacation before I started my appointment at BCUMC. I preached on the last Sunday of June at Canaan KUMC and on the first Sunday of July at BCUMC. It was my mistake not having a proper break between those two appointments.

Anyway, I am so thankful for this two-month renewal opportunity. Thanks to Lily Foundation who offered me grant to cover my (with my husband) travel expenses to Korea and compensations for guest preachers in August and September. Thanks to SPRC and all Church Ministers for stepping up to lead all the work of the church! Thanks to DS Shinya Goto and Bishop Sally Dyck who allowed my leave! Thanks to guest preachers who are willing to come and preach on Sundays! Thanks to all the congregation who have supported and blessed my leave with kind words and prayers!

In case of need of prayer for anything, please contact Co-Chairs of Congregational Care Network:
Linda Walton and Linda Barnhill

Heidi Stark (Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee) will be communicating with you with the help of Michelle Carrillo (office administrator) through Friday Email.

Two Lay Leaders, Julius Lukacs and David Funk, will write Lay Leader's Letter for September and October D's and O's.

Here is some key contact information:

Lay Leader	Julius Lukacs	415-518-0584	Julius.lukacs@hotmail.com
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Chair of SPRC	Heidi Stark	925-216-4709	hstark@cobaltc.com
Chairs of Congregational Care Network	Linda Walton	925-209-8597	waltonlinda@comcast.net
	Linda Barnhill	925-628-9018	donnlin1103@gmail.com
Office Administrator	Michelle Carrillo	925-634-3093	admin@brentwoodumc.org



Let us believe and trust...show God's hope through our positive attitudes in all circumstances!

"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



We believe love in action can change the world

We are resuming regular monthly meetings starting this month. Please join us for a time of fellowship as we learn more about how we can take loving action to bring about change.




Sundae Sunday will be on Sunday, August 14th. Please plan to attend this fun ice cream social after service. A freewill offering will be collected with all donations going to 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.

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, August 15th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action!

Please Pray for Guest Preachers

Please pray for guest preachers in August and September while Pastor Lee is gone for Clergy Renewal Leave sponsored by Lily Foundation! Here they are:

Date	Preacher's Name	Photo
8/7	Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert (Retired UMC pastor)	
8/14	Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert (Retired UMC pastor)	
8/21	Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert (Retired UMC pastor)	
8/28	Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert (Retired UMC pastor)	
9/4	Rev. James Crawford (Retired UMC pastor)	
9/11	Rev. James Crawford (Retired UMC pastor)	
9/18	Rev. Hugh Stevenson (Retired Episcopalian Pastor)	
9/25	Rev. Hugh Stevenson (Retired Episcopalian Pastor)	



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.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IS ONGOING **EXPERIENCING GOD @8:45 AM ON SUNDAY MORNING'S**

(CONTACT Diego Garcia sandyego44@hotmail.com or Tony Webb custompictures@msn.com)
Text Book Available (cost \$25.00) Contact Michelle (Administrative Assistant)
(925) 634-3093 or admin@brentwoodumc.org If Financial assistance is needed, please contact Pastor Lee or Michelle, UMM will cover the cost.

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

SPRC – Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation

July 1 marked the start of Pastor Lee's ninth year of service to BCUMC. We are blessed to have her and her faithful service and leadership. 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 in life is a challenge not just for pastors but for all of us. Pastor Lee has taken minimal time off over the years and like everyone deserves a break from the "daily grind" to avoid burn out. Pastor Lee applied for and received a Lily Clergy Renewal Grant. A Lily Grant honors Pastors and their congregations with funds to support a time away for rest and renewal for the Pastor. The funds received from this grant are giving Pastor Lee the opportunity for a two month leave; she will be on leave August 1-September 30. This is a time for her to engage in a period of renewal and reflection. During her leave Pastor will be "off duty" from her regular Church responsibilities; she will be enjoying retreats, rest, and travel. A highlight of this time away will be when Pastor and her husband, Sungho travel to Korea in September to celebrate her Mother's 90th birthday and reconnect with family, friends, and culture. While we will all miss Pastor while she is away; we wish her a relaxing and restorative break and congratulate her on receiving this amazing opportunity from the Lily Foundation!

Pastor has planned for guest preachers and others to cover responsibilities for the time she is away. Funds from the Lily Grant will cover honorariums for our guest preachers. **During August and September, please refrain from contacting Pastor; she is NOT expected to respond to calls, emails, or texts during these two months off.** Please reach out to our Lay Leaders, Dave Funk (925-628-8938 or drfunk519@gmail.com) and Julius Lukacs (415-518-0584 or julius.lukacs@hotmail.com) with any pastoral care needs. Prayer requests may be directed to Linda Barnhill (925-634-8521 or donnlin1103@gmail.com), Michael Ann Honea (925-872-9043 or mhonea72@gmail.com) , or Linda Walton (925-209-8597 or waltonlinda@comcast.net). As a congregation we will stand together to support our Pastor and each other.

For the four Sundays in August, we will be blessed to have Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert in our pulpit. Mary Elyn was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she lived until she came to Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, where she graduated in 1984. Mary Elyn retired from active ministry in 2014, after serving churches in San Jose, Pleasanton, Tracy, South San Francisco, and Oakland. She served Lake Merritt United Methodist Church in Oakland for 16 years before her retirement. Since retiring, Mary Elyn has had several adventures in ministry, including two months as an interim pastor in Richland, Washington, and including celebrating Christmas with the people at the United Methodist Church in Unalaska, Alaska, on the Bering Sea, at Christmas, 2015. Mary Elyn has been married to Jeff Kunkel since 1984. Jeff is also from Wisconsin, and he is also a pastor in the Annual Conference. Mary Elyn and Jeff have traveled extensively. They make their home in Oakland, where they have lived since 1995. Mary Elyn and Pastor Hyesung are friends. They met when both were serving on the Executive Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Annual Conference. She is so happy that the folks at BCUMC are supporting Hyesung with this opportunity for time away. Mary Elyn writes a blog that you can read at: thewisdomyears.org. We look forward to hearing what Mary Elyn has to share with us.

As always, 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.



August

- 2. Nate Ekpemiro
- 3. Jere Retzer
- 5. Jo Prewett Tennant
- 5. Ezihe Ekpemiro
- 8. Dolores Hauan
- 12. Henry Ogbonna
- 15. Robin Van Ruiten
- 15. Anthony Basica
- 16. Ginny Driscoll
- 21. Connie Azevedo
- 22. Ethel Badham
- 24. Oluchi Ogbonna
- 25. Mike Logan
- 26. Lisa Slay



August

- 15. Julie and Sean Clarke
- 19. Jillian & Don Stirling

DIVERSITY BLESSINGS

Apparently God likes variety
He doesn't want a zebra
To try to be an elephant
Or a hippo a rhino
Nor an apple tree a redwood
Nor a tulip a daisy.
Or else he would have created
Them all the same. How boring!

He doesn't want you
To be another me
Or me to be another you
One of each is just right – it's true.

God must love variety and diversity
It's so much better than adversity!
Each precious in His sight
Our uniqueness makes us just right
We are each held always in
God's love – so wonderful
Safe in His peace – so bountiful
It all makes life – so beautiful!

Diversity is never boring
That makes me grateful!

WE LIFT UP OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR PRAYERS

This list is provided by our Congregational Care Network (CCN) of BCUMC. If you want to add names or make any changes in this list, please contact Linda Barnhill (925) 628-9018 or donnlin1103@gmail.com.



Prayer Chain:

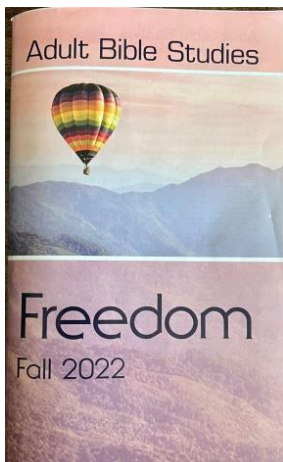
Grace Olayomi (Gbenga Olayomi's wife), **John Gonzales** (Adella Logan's son), **Bev Tucker**, **Kathy** and **Melody** (Joyce Sorenson), **Christie Aumock**, **Nelda Devine**, **Patty Hitch** and **Linda Smith** (Michael Ann Honea), **Renee Hawkins** (Larry Schaffer), **Steve Wetherbee** and **Randy Autentico** (Barbara Pinkston), Both **Daughters of Eugene & Jenny Davis**, **Kathy Davenport** (Margo), **Greg Mosher** (Carrie Mosher), **Michael & Stephanie Capuro**, **Donna Baker**, **Amy Boynton** and **Pat Boynton** (Barbara Pinkston's family), **Nate** (Polly Gallagher's nephew), **Hugh Stevenson**, **Ethel Badham**, **Kittie Piotrowski**, **Esther Riney**, **Verna Kruse**, **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Melvin Strong**, **Leonor Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**

We pray for all our homebound friends and their caregivers that God may fill them every day with strength, faith, love, and peace.



Next UMM meeting will be on Saturday August 6th, 2022, at 8:00 AM. In fellowship hall!

Adult Bible Studies Fall 2022 (Freedom)



Beginning in September, a new and interesting program will start: Adult Bible Studies. Our study will begin with Bible lessons that follow the theme "Freedom." The lessons explore the concept of salvation and God's gracious acts in redeeming us. They challenge us who have experienced God's gracious salvation to work for freedom and justice on behalf of others. They acknowledge that as we do, we will encounter those whose beliefs and values are different from our own, so these lessons encourage us in ways to remain faithful in our beliefs while we act as loving neighbors to others.

Sign up in fellowship hall if interested in taking the class to receive the Adult Bible Studies Booklet, "Freedom" Fall 2022.

Pre-reading is listed in the book for the end of August before the class starts.

Contact the church office @ 1 (925) 634-3093 or Tony Webb @ 1 (770) 318-1793, if you have any questions.

When: September 4 to November 27, 2022 Where: Brentwood Community UMC Youth Room

Time: 8:30am Fellowship & Video, Start Class 8:45am To 9:45am

Come share in fellowship and grow with us

UM Men's Group BBQ Lunch Aug 21st Sunday



Sunday, August 21st after the service.
Sponsored by your United Methodist Men's Group
MENU

Beef, chicken, and veggie burgers, hotdogs
Potato salad, watermelon, baked beans, and corn on the cob!
For drinks we will have lemonade, sweet tea and unsweetened tea, water, and coffee
For dessert, a variety of ice cream!
Please come and bring a friend!
It's free (donations accepted)
Contact Gbenga Olayomi or Jerry Walton for more information

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church (BCUMC) Finance Mid-Year Update

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

2022 Fiscal Year Snapshot

January 1 to June 30, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue from Donations	61,742	69,484	-7,742
Other Revenue (Building use, etc.)	18,103	16,445	1,658
Total Revenue	79,845	85,939	-6,084
Total Expenses	93,522	96,710	-3,188
Surplus(+)or Deficit(-)	-13,677	-10,780	-2,897

Comments:

The current deficit is greater than expected.
Our actual revenue is below our targeted amount.
Our budget is based on member's annual pledges and an estimate of other revenue.
Expenses are less than expected to date.

Do You Know What is **CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER**? See if This is for **YOU!**



Growing in your faith

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples...

Certified Lay Minister Overview

A Certified Lay Minister (CLM) is called and equipped to preach the Word, conduct public worship, care for the congregation, develop faith communities, lead small groups, or establish community outreach ministries as part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergyperson. Much like a class leader in early Methodism, the Certified Lay Minister enhances the quality of ministry to small-membership churches as part of a circuit or cooperative parish or by expanding team ministry in other churches and charges. As with lay ministry in early Methodism, the certified lay minister expresses his or her gifts as evidence of God's grace.

A CLM is a layperson certified for intentional leadership and assigned by the District Superintendent to a congregation or ministry. **A CLM does not replace clergy — but works with clergy so that the congregation has the leadership necessary for vital mission and ministry.** They must be part of a ministry team. (Adapted from the Certified Lay Ministry Guidelines 2017, by Discipleship Ministries)

Becoming a Certified Lay Minister

There will be soon courses for Certified Lay Ministry beginning in January 2023.

This 5-month course will take participants through all the modules needed to become a Trained/Certified Lay Minister. Registration will begin in the fall.

In order to be considered for this cohort, applicants must be Certified Lay Servants and have completed six (6) additional advanced lay servant courses. All of these courses are currently scheduled to take place before the start of the CLM Course in January.

If you are interested in pursuing Certified Lay Ministry, please review the full list of course requirements here <https://www.cnumc.org/certified-lay-ministers> and sign up for any necessary prerequisite courses here <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:679648e3-4385-3d11-aada-2dd62f06fba6#pageNum=1>

Questions can be referred to April Sousa, Interim associate Director of Certified Lay Ministries and Lay Church Planting at: april.sousa@cnumc.org.

BCUMC Meetings & Facility Use

August 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Dig Board Meeting 7pm Fireside Young Christian Committee 7pm (FH)	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm Trustees 7pm (Virtual)	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	UMM Breakfast 8am Fellowship Hall
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bible study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm SPRC 4:30 Fellowship Hall Al-Anon 7pm	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Bible study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Sundae Sunday 	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Priscilla Circle 7pm Fellowship Hall	Finance Committee 6pm Fellowship Hall	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Bible study 8:45am Worship 10:30am UMM BBQ 	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm DIG 7pm Social Hall	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm CCN 10am Fellowship Hall Ad Council 7pm (Virtual)	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	
28	29	30	31			
Bible study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	NAMI 7pm Fireside Room	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm			

* 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

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

