

Deeds and Opportunities

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

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Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

November 2022



Our Wonderful String Band! Alleluia!



2022 NOVEMBER 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
November 6 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person & Online</i> 	 <p>22nd Sunday after Pentecost <i>Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:17-19</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)
November 13 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	 <p>23rd Sunday after Pentecost <i>Isaiah 65:17-25</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)
November 20 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	 <p>24th Sunday after Pentecost THANKSGIVING SUNDAY <i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • Bring fruits/vegetables to decorate and later to be sent to HOPE HOUSE
November 26 SATURDAY 11:30am – 1:30pm		<p>Hanging of the Greens (Saturday) 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Potluck Lunch 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Singing carols with Liturgy on Chrismon *There will be a table for kids activities</p>
November 27 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person & Online</i> 	 <p>First Sunday of Advent Preacher: Cheryl Breitenbucher (Youth Director)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • Youth will serve as a worship leader, greeters, ushers, reader.

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
11/6	Jan Schults	Greg Pacquer	Christian Belino	Emma Smith	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
11/13	Heidi Stark	Kevin Fallon	Elijah van Ruiten	Robin Bliss	Michael A. Honea	Bob Clarke
11/20	David Funk	Kevin Fallon	Victoria Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
11/27	Larry Schaffer	Kevin Fallon	Jenny Green	Wiley Slay	Margo Wentz	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear All,

It's been already a month since I've come back from two-month Sabbath! You never know how much your energy was depleted until you rest for enough days. The day before I came back to work, I felt like I could use one more month to rest ... then I knew that I was selfish, because I knew I got enough rest for my body, mind, and soul!

Rest meant enough sleep, good sleep, enough new things and good new things in my life. One thing that I didn't do during my break was to work with my calendar. I didn't touch my calendar for two months. It bothered me from time to time but it felt great most of time. I didn't need to make any plan to spend my days at home. But one thing that I did intentionally was to try new things. The followings are things that I did for the first time in years or ever in my whole life:

- 1) Joining a Fitness Center as a member
- 2) Attending Aqua-fit Class with 30 some seniors in the town that lasted either one whole hour or one and a half hours. It was hard sometimes but very rewarding
- 3) Attending a Cycling Class and Zumba Class. It was fun but too hard or too awkward – my body doesn't have sense of 🌀 rhythm
- 4) Going to a Brentwood Veterans Park alone on Tuesday morning, sit on a bench and read a book for an hour – I've never done that before
- 5) Reading books written in English by Korean-Americans. I read *Pachinko* (by Min Jin Lee, 2017), *Your House Will Pay* (by Steph Cha, 2019) and other books like "*I May Be Wrong*" (by a Sweden Buddhist author, Björn Natthiko Lindeblad, 2022), and so on
- 6) Spending three days at New Camaldoli Hermitage in Big Sur all by myself. There were about 20 monks living there and about 8 other visitors who came all by themselves just like me. Since it was a silent retreat, all my attention was given to myself. What a treat! I enjoyed it so much!

On my journal, I wrote "Gratefulness is overflowing in my heart when I wake up in the morning, knowing that REST is promised that day!" The Bible assures us that the Lord is our Rest: "Come to me, I will give you *REST*!" (Matthew 11:28) "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8). Without God's peace, there will be no *REST* even if I have longer than two-month Sabbath!

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS PRECIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO REST WHEN I REALLY NEED IT! I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Peace and Joy

Pastor Hyesung Lee

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)

Welcome Back Pastor Lee!



We believe love in action can change the world

The theme for the 2022-2023 United Women in Faith program year is *"Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story"*. All women are welcome to meet on Sunday, November 13th at Noon to participate in the long-standing tradition of World Thank Offering. This year's program will be led by Polly Gallagher. World Thank Offering is an opportunity to respond to God's abundance and grace in our life with gifts of gratitude. The funds collected are used in the United Women in Faith total program of mission and advocacy in the United States and around the world. Please plan to join us for a soup and salad lunch before the program. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, please send your gifts to our Treasurer, Polly Gallagher; she will forward our collection to United Women in Faith for distribution to the mission programs.

Cheryl Breitenbucher led our program on October 17th – God is not neutral to injustice. We were asked to consider the ministries that we support and explore how we can be intentional in our commitments. We were challenged to be an *"upstander"* someone who takes action when they see an injustice and not to be a *"bystander"* someone that just watches without action. We pray for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with a thirst for justice and show us how to help one another. We ask God to show us how to put our faith into action. All women are invited to join us each month for a time of learning and fellowship.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Christmas Musical Program on Saturday, December 17th. United Women in Faith will be hosting the reception following the musical program.

Please plan to attend the World Thank offering luncheon and program on Sunday, November 13 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action!

Youth Group

October was a bit of a slow month for Youth Group, with Fall Break, but many of our Youth went on vacations for rest, relaxation, and family time. We did meet up to have dinner and read/discuss the book of Acts. November is already here, and we have some great activities coming up. On 11/6 we will be making dinner as a group and start discussing the Youth Service. We are looking for Youth to help on Sat. 11/26 for the Hanging of the Greens from 11:30-1:30 to serve at an activity table for younger children. On 11/27, we have the Youth Service to look forward to, so youth please start thinking about how you can serve-greeters, special music, worship leader, ushers, and more. Please see or contact Cheryl Breitenbucher at cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions, or are interested in joining Youth Group.

Finance 3rd Quarter Update

The Finance Committee is given the task to oversee carefully and prayerfully the funds and pledges that are generously given by so many. In an effort 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. We encourage you, if able, to fulfill your pledge commitment by the end of the year.

2022 Fiscal Year Snapshot	January 1 to September 30, 2022		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Budget Revenue from Donations	92,909	104,227	-11,318
Other Revenue (Building use, etc.)	28,511	24,667	3,844
Total Revenue	121,420	128,894	-7,474
Total Expenses	137,398	145,064	-7,666
YTD Budget Surplus (+)or Deficit(-)	-15,978	-16,170	192

Stewardship Campaign for 2023



This year's stewardship campaign is centered on celebrating the gifts given to us in the form of Time, Talents and Treasures. Thank you to everyone who helped us start completing the puzzle. It was very rewarding to see the pieces of the commitment we have to BCUMC come together. I encourage you all to reflect on the stewardship materials you received and to prayerfully consider how you can support our

ministries. A complete budget for 2023 will be developed in December. Returning your pledge cards by the end of November will enable the Finance Committee to complete this task with the best information possible. Thank you.

SPRC – Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation

Our weather here in Brentwood is finally cooling, and it's starting to feel like Fall. As we settle into this new season and look forward to Thanksgiving, it seems appropriate to remember how fortunate BCUMC is. We are **blessed** with a wonderful Pastor and an amazing staff. We are **grateful** for all the administrative details Michelle attends to each week. We are **grateful** for the beautiful music selected by our Choir Director, Alivia and played for us by our talented accompanists, Greg, Kevin, and Lugh. We are **grateful** for our Youth Director, Cheryl providing fun, learning, and fellowship for our youth. We are **grateful** to Keith our custodian for keeping our facilities clean and ready for worship. We are **thankful** for all the members and friends of BCUMC because it is truly a team effort. 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.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. – Colossians 3:17

Grateful, Thankful, Blessed

12:00 PM Sunday November 27th, 2022



**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

- Membership Report
- Approval of 2021 Clergy Compensation
- Election of Church Leaders

Memories of Reconciling Sunday. Thank you, Reverend Swanson!





November

- 2. Joyce Heflin
- 4. Rebecca Feldermann
- 5. Eileen Newill
- 6. Adella Logan
- 7. Chinyere Ekpemiro
- 9. Diego Garcia
- 10. Joy Brown
- 10. Alvin Simas
- 10. Kim Fraley
- 11. Diana Lane
- 11. Sarah Zamjahn
- 12. Kayla Gallagher
- 18. Darby Gray
- 22. Jamie Feldermann
- 22. Joanie Johnson
- 22. Hisako Suzuki
- 25. Dan Hanel
- 27. Patricia Evans
- 29. Joe Kick
- 29. Will Ruddick



November

- 5. Jan and Chuck Nixon*
- 13. Connie and Mark Azevedo
- 13. Jo and Jerry Tennant
- 17. Rebecca and James Feldermann
- 21. Shirley and Kevin Gray
- 24. Diana and Nathan Lane

THANKFUL

Fish are grateful for water
And redwoods are glad for rain
Sunflowers love the sunshine
And music eases pain.

The ocean needs the moon
And nighttime needs the day
Our hearts need to love
And thankfulness to say.

Autumn leaves of many colors
All languages are said
Diversity among all peoples
It is our common thread.

Peace that passes understanding
For God lives in our hearts
Christ within, our hope of glory
Gives us a place to start.

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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 to this list, please contact Linda Barnhill (925) 634-8521 or lindalucy1103@outlook.com.



Prayer Chain:

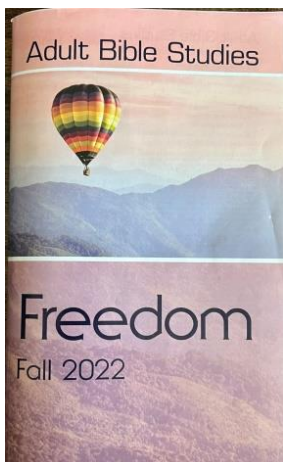
Grace Olayomi (Gbenga Olayomi's wife), **John Gonzales** (Adella Logan's son), **Bev Tucker**, **Melody** (Joyce Sorenson), **Christie Aumock** (Michael Ann Honea), **Renee Hawkins** (Larry Schaffer), **Steve Wetherbee** and **Randy Autentico** (Barbara Pinkston), both **Daughters of Eugene & Jenny Davis**, **Michael & Stephanie Capuro**, **Donna Baker**, **Nate** (Polly Gallagher's nephew), **Ethel Badham**, **Kittie Piotrowski**, **Esther Riney**, **Verna Kruse**, **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Melvin Strong**, **Leonor Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Jackie McKenzie** (Diane Lee), **Pat** (Dave Funk), **Victor** (Bob Clarke), **Jerry Sorenson** (Joyce Sorenson's son).

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 November 5th, 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

Pictures from Garden Party on October 22nd

35 people, including 8 children and two families from the community, attended the second Garden Party! Thanks to Cice' Kirchner who revitalized our Garden, invited her friends and organized the party! Foods were great! String Band Sing A Long time was wonderful! It was a great community event and an awesome opportunity to reach out to our neighbors! We are hoping for the next one!



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

A Reminder for an option of online giving:



For church members and friends who are looking to donate to the church and its programs online, our new online giving platform is VANCO (previously PayPal).

It is simple to use and offers multiple options for those interested in the online giving. One can schedule a monthly donation for an entire year if desired! We have adopted this new online giving platform because it is a faith-based system, it is easy to use, and the fees are less than our previous online giving platform (PayPal).

Currently it is accessible on our church website and as a mobile app. On our website click "Make Donation", scroll down, and click "click HERE to donate", select what you would like your donation to be credited to and add item to your shopping basket or create your account, then add to basket. Then you will be prompted for payment method. The first time you use it, you will have to create an account using your name, email address, and a password.

Remember, this is only another option for giving. You can continue to give as you always have by check and cash, by either mail, offering plate, or bring it by the office. Your gifts are appreciated in any form!

Check it out and feel free to send any questions our way.

Your BCUMC Finance Committee



Thanksgiving Sunday is November 20th, and we will have a basket at the altar for folks to put fruits and vegetables in. These will be donated to Hope House afterwards.

Hanging of The Greens will be Saturday November 26th with a potluck from 11:30am to 12:30 with decorating the Sanctuary afterwards. Families are encouraged to bring one ornament to place on the tree in the social hall. All are welcome and encouraged to come. It will be a fun day!



Facility Use Calendar - November 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		BCC 7pm Dig Board Meeting 7pm Fireside Young Christian Committee 7pm Youth Rm	Sally Beauty Business Meeting 9am Fellowship Hall Trustees 7pm (Virtual)	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	UMM Breakfast 8am Girls Scout CPR Training Class 10:30am F.H Piano Class 1:30
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Youth Group 5:30pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Nomination Committee 10am FH Produce Truck Hope House 4pm BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm AI-Anon 7pm SPRC 4:30pm F.H.	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am United Women in Faith World Thank Lunch 12pm F H	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Worship Committee 10am F.H Finance Committee 6pm Fireside Rm BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm AI-Anon 7pm LGBTQIA+ 6:30pm Online	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Thanksgiving Sunday	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm AI-Anon 7pm Ad Council 7pm (Virtual)	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary 	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	Hanging of the Greens Potluck 11:30am 
27	28	29	30			
Bible Study 8:45am Worship Youth Service 10:30am Church Conference 12pm Sanctuary	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm DIG 7pm Fellowship Hall	NAMI 7pm Fireside Room BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm CCN 10am Fellowship Hall AI-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

