

Deeds and Opportunities

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

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September 2022

Our Garden Ministry has been wonderfully revived!

The Saturday August 20th get-together was a hit, everybody had fun and the flora is thriving! What a great way to bring in the fall.



2022 SEPTEMBER 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
September 4 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Guest Preacher: Rev. James Crawford (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: Finance
September 11 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Guest Preacher: Rev. James Crawford (Retired UMC Pastor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: Experiencing God (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • Fellowship: Young Christians
September 18 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Guest Preacher: Hugh Stevenson (Retired Episcopalian Pastor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: Experiencing God (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • Fellowship: SPRC
September 25 SUNDAY 10:30 am <i>In-Person & Online</i>	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Guest Preacher: Hugh Stevenson (Retired Episcopalian Pastor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Morning Bible Study: Experiencing God (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) • Fellowship: Trustees

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
9/4 Holy Communion	Heidi Stark	Greg Pacquer	Christian Belino	Emma Smith	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
9/11	Larry Schaffer	Kevin Fallon	Victoria Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Michael A. Honea	Bob Clarke
9/18	David Funk	Kevin Fallon	Jenny Green	Ben Lukacs	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
9/25	Polly Gallagher	Kevin Fallon	Elijah van Ruiten	Robin Bliss	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in Ministry

The Pastor has asked me to provide the Pastor's Letter for this month. First, I am very grateful that our pastor has been given an opportunity by this congregation to take a renewal break. It is so vitally important that we all continue to evaluate our faith journey and make the necessary course corrections that work best for us. Much like in life, faith can be offer unexpected challenges and new opportunities.

I firmly believe that faith is rooted in a deep personal relationship with God. We are given the opportunity to have a human connection through Jesus and should always look to experience God's grace through the Messiah. Sometimes epiphany moments can be quite subtle and other times quite dramatic. Regardless, my hope for all is that at some point in your life you experience a profound movement of the lord working for you and through you.

Having a personal relationship with Jesus does require some work and ironically requires some level of silence. I was taught early on in my faith that when we pray, we are talking to God and when we are silent, we are listening to God. Through my chaotic day, I often try to find even just a few minutes to be completely silent and let God talk to me. It's an important part of my day and requires dedication to your faith. While the pastor is away and you're listening to other pastors or maybe having a different experience, perhaps you can open a bit and hear something different and be moved. My prayer for all is a truly blessed month.

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) can communicate with you with the help of Michelle Carrillo (office administrator) through Friday Email.



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 Lay Leader,
Julius Lukacs

Youth Group

In August, we started Youth Group back up. We had orientation, going over the covenant, getting to know each other a bit better, and tried a new card game called Phase Ten. We laughed a lot and caught up on our busy summers. We then had a movie night and watched Secondhand Lions, a great film with drama, comedy, and adventure. We are looking forward to our activities in September. On Sept. 11th, we will have Pizza/Bible Study/Games. We plan to tackle the book of Acts. On Sept. 18th we will head to Sip & Scoop and discuss different types of service projects for the year. On Sept. 25th we will read a bit of Acts and then head to La Costa for dinner and fellowship. If you have a youth that is 6th-12grade, we would love to have you join us. Contact Cheryl Breitenbucher at cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net for more information and permission slips!



We believe love in action can change the world

After a summer break, Priscilla Circle resumed monthly meeting. We typically meet on the third Monday of the month. On August 15th eight women came together; we enjoyed fellowship and planned for upcoming events.



Our Treasurer, Polly Gallagher provided a budget report. We have met our annual pledges to mission, and we are continuing to support a variety of projects and organizations. Thanks to our generous Church community, our Sundae Sunday ice cream social on August 14th raised \$486 for United Women in Faith mission programs. Many thanks to Eileen Newill and Joyce Sorenson for coordinating this event and to everyone who supplied items and gave their time to make this a successful event.

For the month of September, United Women in Faith will present Trivia and Treasures! Each Sunday in September, we will have raffle baskets on display in the Fellowship Hall. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase - 1 ticket for \$1, 7 tickets for \$5, or 15 tickets for \$10. All funds raised will go to support CCN, Samaritans Purse, Winter Nights, and the Angel Tree. We will also have trivia questions available each week. Take a question and submit your answer for a chance to win a special door prize. We'll draw the winning tickets on Sunday, September 25th. Please participate for a chance to win great prizes and support worthy causes.

Save the date for our World Thank Offering program and soup and salad lunch on Sunday, November 13th at Noon.

Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, September 19th 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 September while Pastor Lee continues her Clergy Renewal Leave sponsored by Lily Foundation! Here they are:

Date	Preacher's Name	Photo
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)	

Thank you Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert for sharing your sermons in August!

World Communion Sunday October 2nd

By Linda Barnhill

On World Communion Sunday - United Methodists, in union with other denominations worldwide, join in communion to acknowledge our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

This year we will celebrate with a new type of event, and we hope you will all choose to participate. We are all asked to wear traditional clothes and bring traditional breads/foods to the fellowship hour. The foods will each have a label that describe it and we will have sanctuary decorations. There will also be a world globe in attendance.

I will be bringing cornbread as I'm from Illinois where there is a lot of corn grown. I imagine jeans or something similar would be the idea for traditional clothing.

I hope this helps to build up your interest and we get to know each other a bit better. See you there.

SPRC – Welcoming Pastor Back in October

Pastor Lee will return from her Lily Clergy Renewal Leave on October 1st. Her first Sunday back in the pulpit will be Sunday, October 2nd, and October 9th is Pastor Appreciation Day. At our August meeting SPRC discussed the best way to welcome Pastor back and acknowledge Pastor Appreciation Day. We settled on a Fall theme – Grateful, Thankful, Blessed! We will have a tree display, and we will provide leaves with messages of thanks and blessings for our Pastor. The leaves will be available every Sunday in September, and we are asking that everyone take a leaf or two and write a message to Pastor. You can welcome her back, share a note of thanks for her service, offer a blessing, share a favorite scripture passage, etc... We want Pastor to be welcomed back with a tree filled with messages of love, encouragement, and support from her grateful congregation.

If you are unable to attend Church in September but would still like to participate, please contact Heidi Stark (925-216-4709 or hstark@cobaltc.com). Arrangements will be made to get leaves to you. We are hoping that everyone will participate in this project to welcome our Pastor back in October!

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

Pastor Lee continues to be on leave thru September 30th. We pray that she is enjoying this time of rest and renewal. We also pray for safe travel for her and her husband, Sungho as they journey to Korea this month to celebrate her Mother's 90th birthday and reconnect with family, friends, and culture. Before her leave, Pastor arranged for guest preachers and others to cover responsibilities while she is away. **Please respect this time for Pastor and refrain from contacting her; she is NOT expected to respond to calls, emails, or texts during this time 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) or Michael Ann Honea (925-872-9043 or mhonea72@gmail.com). I am also available to help as needed (925-216-4709 or hstark@cobaltc.com). I'm thankful that our Church is standing strong while our Pastor is away; we are working together and supporting each other.

September is a big birthday month for BCUMC staff! We send birthday wishes to accompanist, Lugh Baxter on September 6th, Keith Hicks our custodian on September 15th, and our Office Administrator, Michelle Carrillo will celebrate her birthday on September 17th! Happy Birthday to all these valued staff members! In August we were blessed to have Rev. Mary Elyn Bahlert share her sermons with us. For September, we will have two guest preachers, Rev. James Crawford and Rev. Hugh Stevenson each for two weeks. We look forward to hearing what they both will share with us.

Rev. James Crawford will preach the first two Sundays of September. Rev. Crawford's family was originally from North Carolina but moved around a lot while he was young. He landed in California at age 12. James attended college at Fresno State and the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno. His first appointment was at Wesley Modesto. While he was there, he helped start a garden for the Cambodian and Hmong people which grew into a farmer's market, and he also served at the interfaith food bank. James next moved on to Newcastle where he was part of a program that helped other churches rebuild and renew their parsonages and Church buildings. He also helped start a senior center that provided meals and fellowship for seniors in Newcastle. His first two appointments were in rural areas, but in 1991, James was asked by the Cabinet to go to San Jose First UMC the very day the Church burned to the ground! James felt called to San Jose First UMC even though he knew it would be a very different experience from his past appointments. There was much work to do - not just rebuilding physically but expanding ministries and outreach to the community from this very urban Church. James spent 22 years in San Jose only leaving when his health forced him to take disability leave. He retired at this year's Annual Conference after 43 years of service. James is married to Divina Rosa. We are pleased to welcome James to our pulpit.

For the last two Sundays of September, we welcome back our friend, Rev. Hugh Stevenson. Hugh and his wife, Angela moved to the Summerset community in 2021 and attend here regularly. Hugh had successful hip surgery in July, and we are thankful for his recovery. Hugh is a retired Episcopal priest originally from the UK where he graduated from Westcott House Seminary in Cambridge. He has filled in for Pastor Lee on a couple of occasions and provided meaningful sermons. We look forward to hearing his messages for us this month.

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.



Happy 
Birthday

September

- 9. Koo Kim
- 12. Bryan Webb
- 13. Jenny Davis
- 15. Judy Gerry
- 15. Matthew Taum
- 16. Charlene Dobson
- 16. Riley Clarke
- 20. Gabriel Clarke
- 20. Kathie Gulizia
- 22. Kyle Schults



September

- 9. Joy and Joe Kick
- 15. Beverly and Martin Tucker
- 22. Valerie and Doug Umana

GOD'S COMFORT

When worry comes knocking
And troubles appear
When I can't seem to fix it
And am visited by fear
God's comforting presence
Is the place I can rest
Is the One I can turn to
For He knows me best.

I quiet my mind
And refresh my soul
I let go of struggle
In Him I am whole.

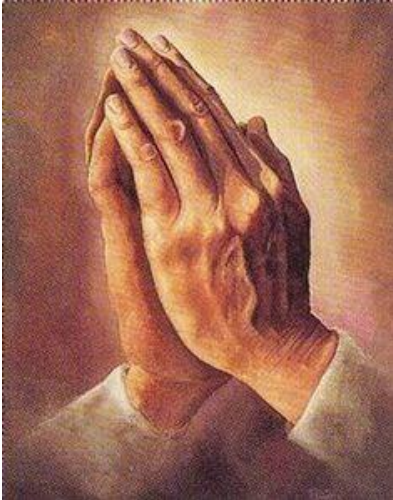
If storm clouds gather
And all life falls apart
May we always take refuge
In God's loving heart!

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Joe Kick - 2022

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:

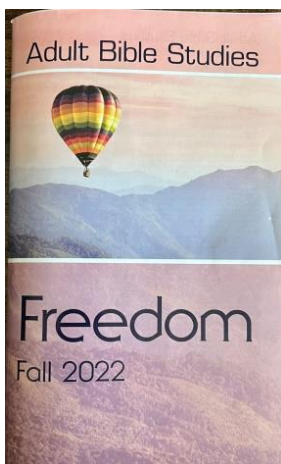
Grace Olayomi (Gbenga Olayomi's wife), **John Gonzales** (Adella Logan's son), **Bev Tucker**, **Melody** (Joyce Sorenson), **Christie Aumock**, **Nelda Devine**, **Patty Hitch** (Michael Ann Honea), **Renee Hawkins** (Larry Schaffer), **Family of Larry Schaffer**, **Steve Wetherbee** and **Randy Autentico** (Barbara Pinkston), **Both Daughters of Eugene & Jenny Davis**, **Kathy Davenport** (Margo), **Michael & Stephanie Capuro**, **Donna Baker**, **Pat Boynton** (Barbara Pinkston), **Nate** (Polly Gallagher's nephew), **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 September 3rd, 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

Thank you everyone for attending our UMM BBQ on Sunday August 21st.

We served nearly 60 folks with delicious food during this fun, family event. The Methodist Men's Group did an excellent job preparing for the BBQ lunch and provided great service to all.



Coming Up... A Reconciling Sunday October 30th 10:30 am (Worship) & 12:00 pm (Forum)



***Guest Preacher: Rev. Alyss Swanson
Deacon Clergy of Reconciling Ministries
at Campbell United Methodist Church***



Rev. Alyss Swanson is a Deacon Clergy in the United Methodist Church, the first transgender Ordained Deacon, a member of California-Nevada Annual Conference. She is currently appointed to serve as a pastoral psychotherapist at Process Therapy Institute (PTI), a non-profit mental health agency in Campbell. Alyss also works at El Camino and Valley Medical hospitals as a volunteer chaplain as well as at DreamPower Horsemanship in Gilroy where she provides Equine and Animal Assisted Therapies. Alyss is currently working on her Doctor of Ministry at Claremont School of Theology where she is directed towards the advancement of reconciliation within the church and the LGBTQ+ community. Prior to entering the mental health field some 8 years ago, Alyss worked as a software/systems engineer at various semiconductor equipment companies in the SF Bay Area. Alyss is a Viet Nam era Navy veteran.

Sunday with Pastor Rev. Alyss Swanson

Place: Brentwood Community United Methodist Church (809 Second Street, Brentwood, CA)

When: October 30 (Sunday)

What: 10:30 am Preaching for Worship Service

12:00 pm Speaking for Forum

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.

Facility Use Calendar - September 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				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
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bible study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Dig Board Meeting 7pm Fireside Young Christian Committee 7pm (Youth Rm) BCC 7pm	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	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bible study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Youth Group 5:30pm Pizza/Bible/Games	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm BCC 7pm	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	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bible study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Youth Group 5:30pm Sip & Scoop/City Park	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Priscilla Circle 7pm Fellowship Hall	Finance Committee 6pm Fellowship Hall BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm Al-Anon 7pm SPRC 4:30pm Fellowship Hall	N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	Piano Class
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Bible study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Fellowship Youth Group 5:30pm La Costa	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm DIG 7pm Fellowship Hall	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm NAMI 7pm Fireside Room BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm CCN 10am Fellowship Hall Ad Council 7pm (Virtual) 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

