

Deeds and Opportunities

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Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

December 2023





2023 DECEMBER 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 | Scripture Readings | Worship Acts and More |
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| <p>First Sunday of Advent Dec 3, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Communion ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Youth Group: 5:30-7pm (hosting a hot chocolate and peppermint ice cream bar and reading the Bible) |
| <p>2nd Sunday of Advent Dec 10, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Youth Group: 5:30-7pm (Ice-Skating) |
| <p>Third Sunday of Advent Dec 17, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) |
| <p>4th Sunday of Advent Dec 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) |
| <p>December 24 SUNDAY CHRISTMAS EVE 7:00pm</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Candlelight Service ● Singing Carols ● Message: "Act of Christmas" |
| <p>First Sunday after Christmas Dec 31, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am) ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) |

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in God's Family

It was a very tough month of November for the church. About 10 people who ate brownies during the fellowship hour on November 5th experienced horrible ordeals and 6 of them visited hospital, some through emergency cares. By the grace of God, there was no children involved in this incident. And victims were feeling better after some hours, even though their traumatic experience will continue to affect their lives. You can read a detailed explanation of the whole incident from a separate article written by our Lay Leader Heidi Stark which is included in this December edition of D's and O's. I feel terrible about what happened. On behalf of the church, I would like to offer my sincere apologies to all victims. Together with the church leaders, I promise to take all necessary measures to prevent this from happening again. We will gather wisdom so that our church can regain the trust of you and the community. We will do our best to provide all the necessary mental, financial, and spiritual support to the victims as long as needed.

We need your prayers. Please pray for all victims to be fully recovered and healed. Please pray that such an incident that harms the peace and breaks the trust of our church will never happen again! Please pray that the church leaders will not lose heart and will handle everything wisely. May God help us all!

From this painful space, we begin our Advent Season, waiting for Christ to come into our lives again. Without Christ in us, we would not find Hope, Peace, Joy and Love in our lives as well as in the world. His coming down to earth, through Incarnation, Word become Flesh, gives us all four gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. I propose 2023 Advent Challenge. All are encouraged to do one act of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love each week. Be creative and share your experience with someone you trust!

- **One Act of Hope** during the week of Dec 3
- **One Act of Peace** during the week of Dec 10
- **One Act of Joy** during the week of Dec 17
- **One Act of Love** during the week of Dec 24

Here are some random act of kindness that may give you some ideas:

- Plant a tree.
- Let someone cut in front of you in line.
- Be a friend to a lonely neighbor.
- Help someone struggling to carry their grocery bags.
- Return a grocery cart to the front of the store.
- Recycle plastic grocery bags
- Donate flowers to a nursing home.
- Send a warm card to a sick person
- Say "welcome" to a new person at the church
- Pray for someone who is not doing well.
- Call your parents/children/grandchildren and say "I love you!"
- Forgive someone who has wronged you.

May your Advent Journey be full of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love!

"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

Worship Ministers

| Date | Worship Leader | Pianist | Acolyte | Crucifer | Greeter | Ushers |
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| 12/3 | Polly Gallagher | Kevin Fallon | Elijah Van Ruiten | TBD | Linda Walton | Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter |
| 12/10 | Larry Schaffer | Greg Pacquer | Chinedum Ekpemiro | TBD | Michael A. Honea | Bob Clarke |
| 12/17 | Jan Schults | Kevin Fallon | TBD | Elijah Van Ruiten | Eileen Newill | Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter |
| 12/24 | Dave Funk | Greg Pacquer | Victoria Ogbonna | Chimela Ogbonna | Linda Walton | Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter |
| 12/31 | Heidi Stark | Riley Clarke | Elijah Van Ruiten | TBD | TBD | Bob Clarke |

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

We are ONE PEOPLE rooted in Scripture, centered in Christ, serving in love, and united in essentials!

Here are some resources for those who'd like more about United Methodist Church!

For California-Nevada Annual Conference, go to <https://www.cnumc.org/>

For Los Rios District, go to <https://losrios.cnumc.org/>

For Youth 2023 national gathering, go to <https://losrios.cnumc.org/event/16402842>

For more information about UMC, go to ResourceUMC here

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/connection-makes-the-umc-work>



We believe love in action can change the world

On November 19th, United Women in Faith hosted World Thank Offering with a lunch and program lead by our Treasurer, Polly Gallagher. 18 people attended the event, and we learned how United Women in Faith use donations to support women all over the world.

We watched a short video about women in Bolivia being provided with education and opportunities to start a cottage industry knitting business allowing those women to thrive in their community. We focused on gratitude and how thankfulness changes what little you have into abundance. Gratitude changes your perspective of the world! We collected donations totaling \$270 to be sent to United Women in Faith to continue to help change the world.

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, January 15th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action! Questions, please contact Jan Schults, United Women in Faith President at 925-890-6296.

Youth

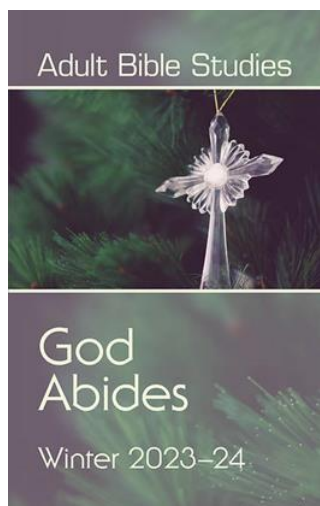
We had several families enjoy Sunday Night Live with the Pastor and Youth Director, talking about changes that can be made to our youth program, and activities that will be happening in the near future. The Advent season is a wonderful time to come together! On Sunday, December 3rd, we will be hosting a hot chocolate and peppermint ice cream bar and continue reading the Bible! On Sunday, December 10th we will go ice skating, so feel free to invite a friend. On Sunday, December 17th, we plan to make Christmas cards and eat pizza.

We hope that if you have a 6th-12th grader, and you are interested in these events you will contact Cheryl Breitenbucher at cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net. Please make sure to RSVP to our Sunday night events by Friday.

Adult Bible Studies Winter 2023/24

Grow your faith and transform your life.

Cultivate a deeper relationship with God through *Adult Bible Studies*. This resource, endorsed by the Curriculum Resources Committee of The United Methodist Church, offers a year-round, weekly Bible study plan for Sunday school classes and other small groups. Each weekly lesson offers background and focal Scriptures, key verses, and doctrinally sound and relevant biblical interpretation and application in a readable font size. Annual plans provide comprehensive coverage of the Bible, special lessons during the church seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter, and suggestions for developing spiritual practices such as prayer, worship, community, and service, among many others. *Adult Bible Studies* is a reliable companion and guide for learning and growing in Christian faith. With the help of the Student Book, Teacher/Commentary Kit, and DVD, the class will embrace that it's "**not just about learning - it's about living out biblical teachings**".



Classes start Sunday December 03 in the BCUMC Youth Classroom from 8:45 to 10am.

Facilitators: Tony Webb and Diego Garcia.

Please notify us that you plan to attend. We will have a book ready for you.

Fellowship Hour Staffing

We will continue to share the responsibility of making coffee, providing juice, and goodies and treats with the general congregation on a freewill basis with a Sign-Up Sheet made available on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. This is an opportunity for more people to join in this endeavor, which, of course, includes set-up and clean-up.



Lay Leader News

By Heidi Stark

Can you believe it? It's December already! As Christians, we are entering the season of Advent. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas (this year that's December 3) and ends on Christmas Eve; it is a time of expectant waiting and preparation. During Advent we anticipate the "coming of Christ" from three perspectives - the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, the receiving of Christ in our hearts as believers, and the return of Christ. We plan and prepare and wait. We light candles for **Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love**.

Right now, the world feels very out of control and sad. We worry and wonder – what next?! It isn't always easy to see Hope, Peace, Joy and Love in this world. For many this is not the most wonderful time of the year. Some think this time of year is too commercial, too expensive, and just plain difficult and depressing. Some are experiencing loneliness and loss. Personally, I've experienced some of the saddest moments of my life in the month of December. However, I have always held onto my faith and found comfort and joy in this season. I pray that we can all wait for Christ with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love in our hearts. In the midst of hard times, may we be able to appreciate all that we have and take time to enjoy the moments.

In our daily lives this time of the year is often filled with long lists of things to do, gifts to buy, food to prepare, decorating, parties, commitments, etc... Again, it is a time of preparation and waiting for Christmas, but sometimes, we get so busy trying to check all the boxes that we forget to enjoy the moments. I'm certainly guilty of this myself, but I still love this time of year! I love all the decorations and traditions that make Christmas so special in my heart and mind. Luiz and I both really enjoy all things Christmas and go a little over the top with our decorating (we might be the brightest house in our neighborhood, and we might have 10 decorated trees), but it delights us to make our home a magical and welcoming place for our family and friends. If you find yourself in our neighborhood, stop by and say "Hi!" and enjoy some of our Christmas cheer.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Let us remember the love that came down at Christmas and celebrate the glorious gift of our savior, Jesus Christ. I share with you my favorite Advent Prayer; may we all remember the reason for the season.

Holy God, coming Christ, in the rush and busyness of this season, speak to us. Turn us towards You. Create a longing in our hearts for silence, for wonder, for angel songs. Forgive us for making long lists that do not mention You at all. Holy God, coming Christ, transform our journey to Christmas this year. May all of our preparations and traditions remind us of your amazing, humble birth. Amen

COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATED (March 1st, 2023)

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

(General Principal of Wesleyan Methodist Discipleship)

For the safety of all, and in alignment with the state and county advice we continue to strongly suggest wearing a mask in public settings. We will continue respecting each person's choice to wear or not wear a mask in any circumstances. No one should be asked 'why?'

In addition, please, if you are sick stay at home.

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

Brentwood Community United Methodist Church Ad Council

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.

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



Prayer Chain:

Grace Olayomi (Gbenga Olayomi's wife), **John Gonzales** (Adella Logan's son), **Bev and Martin Tucker**, **John Moore**, **Hozeh Lee** (Pastor Lee's son), **Dawn** (Daughter of Eugene and Jenny Davis), **Ethel Badham**, **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Melvin Strong**, **Leonor Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Betty and Jack Gaughan**, **Don** (Kim Fraley's husband), **Kim Fraley**, **Bella** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Alfred Narayan**, **Hisako Suzuki**, **Don** (Dave Funk's friend), **Beth's daughter** (Linda Barnhill's friend), **Ginger** (Cynthia Geddes's friend), **Barbara Pinkston**, **Fred Gulizia** (Kathie's husband), **Kathie Gulizia**, **Scott Kammeyer's mother**, **Dari Tran**, **Denise** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Lana** (Michelle Carrillo's mother), **Mike Martin** (Linda Barnhill), **Stevie Cardoza** (Michelle Carrillo's son), and **Family of Joyce Sorenson**.



Next UMM meeting will be on Saturday December 2nd, 2023, at 8:00 AM. In fellowship hall! All men are welcome! Come and enjoy a great breakfast, fellowship and an easy and fun competition to celebrate all of our accomplishments.

Once again we would like to remind everybody that UMM has the goal of providing academic scholarships for anybody affiliated with our church to help with college expenses. If you have a family member going to college or starting college, be sure to ask for a scholarship application from Bob Clarke or Dave funk.

Yours in Christ,
UMM

Stewardship 2024 - Circle of Stewardship

Our Finance committee began the task of creating a budget for 2024 that both reflects the needs for our ministries and our financial support. Our draft budget is approximately \$216,000. Our financial support comes from several sources. To date, we have received pledges totaling \$80,000 and we can project our other sources of support at \$79,500. A challenge is ahead to continue strong as we have a substantial difference. If you are considering a pledge and have not yet returned a pledge card, the option is still open! We give thanks for all you give, in all ways. As always, reach out to any finance committee member with questions, comments or concerns.

God - *God created and owns it all*
Gifts - *Everything we have is from God*
Grateful - *Have a grateful heart*
Generous - *We are to be generous*
Gifts - *Give back to God*





December

2. Christian Belino
2. Roya Kim
3. Janet Kurz
4. Lynn Austin
13. Heidi Retzer
14. Fred Gulizia
16. Chinedum Ekpemiro
17. Griffin Slay
17. Aidan Dunn
19. Benjamin Lukacs
19. Jacob Lukacs
20. Marcie Lukacs
21. Pastor Hyesung Lee
25. Andre Smith
26. Rachel Green
26. Karen Thomas
27. Zeke Canonica
27. Melissa van Ruiten



December

6. Patti Evans and Marty Jewell
21. Koo and Roya Kim

CHRISTMAS PEACE

It was foggy this morning
And turning cold
Leaves red and yellow
Coming down in the breeze
The hanging of the greens and
Memories of days long ago
Remind me once again
Of Christmas mysteries foretold.

And in our world divided
And in conflict in so many ways
My soul, our souls, long for
peace
For unending peaceful days.

A newborn baby
Our Prince of Peace
Here to heal our hearts
And bind up the broken parts
The radiant star of long ago
Still shines above
Ever hopeful, we kneel before
Our Prince of Love!

Have a blessed Christmas!

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Hope House Needs Your Support



Thanksgiving week we made up 200 special Thanksgiving bags to give out to our clients along with the regular weekly bags. We had a very successful week and had 175 families come through Hope House and were delighted to receive all of this food. They were very thankful and felt that we really care about them and their families.

The weather is really changing and brings a different set of needs for our clients: warm coats and sweaters, new socks and underwear for men, and blankets and bedding. For those of you that are looking to clean out your closets, Hope house really needs winter items for those in need.

We also could use some manpower help during some specific hours: 9 to 12 on Mondays, and 9 to 12 on Wednesdays. If you even have one or two hours available, that will help. Hope House is serving a GREAT need here in Brentwood, and with YOUR help, we can continue to be the kind of outreach that Jesus wants us to be!



DO NOT RESPOND TO SUSPICIOUS TEXTS OR EMAILS!

Please remember that Pastor Lee would not contact a member directly with an emergency request for cash, gift cards or any favors. If you are unsure of an email or text is “real”, please contact Michelle in the office, or reach out to Pastor Lee, or Lay Leaders, Dave Funk or Heidi Stark before taking any action. **AGAIN, DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY TEXT OR EMAILS without verifying the validity of the message!**

2023 CHURCH CONFERENCE of Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

Los Rios District, California-Nevada Conference

November 12, 2023. 1:00 P.M.

809 Second Street, Brentwood, CA 94513

1. Welcome and Introductions: Pastor Lee is ill today. David Funk, Lay Leader, welcomed everyone and introduced Rev. Shinya Gota, District Superintendent of Los Rios District and Presiding Elder of this Charge Conference.
2. Call to Order: Rev. Gota called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. He said the Opening Prayer reciting Hebrew, Chapter 11:1, "Faith is confidence is what we hope for but do not seek". He explained that the purpose of the Charge Conference is to celebrate the work for the Lord this church has done.
3. Election of Secretary for Church Conference: Michael Ann Honea was nominated as Secretary for the Church Conference. The Motion was Seconded and passed. Michael Ann was approved as the Secretary.
4. Membership Report: Larry Schaffer presented the Membership Report.
 - a. Since the last Conference, we have gained seven (7) new members and lost three (3) MEMBERS, one of these to death: Diane Lee's life was celebrated.
5. Approval of the 2024 Clergy Compensation: Fran Bowman, SPRC Chair, made the presentation for the Pastor's Clergy Compensation.
 - a. Dave Funk gave the explanation that because Pastor Hyesung Lee of BCUMC and her husband, Pastor Sungho Lee of Central Valley Church in Stockton, CA., live in the parsonage belonging to BCUMC, expenses for health insurance and parsonage expenses are shared with both churches.
 - b. The GRAND TOTAL OF ALL CLERGY COMPENSATION AMOUNTS, PLUS HEALTH INSURANCE AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT COSTS FOR PASTOR HYESUNG LEE IS \$88,740.51. THERE WAS A MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED TO APPROVE PASTOR HYESUNG LEE'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE.
6. Election of Church Leaders (Nomination Report):
 - a. Board of Trustees: Joe Niec is a new member, through 2026, on Board of Trustees. Dave Funk read the passage – " I move that the Secretary cast a ballot favoring the nominee for the Board of Trustees and the Secretary note in the minutes that the nominee was elected by ballot".
There was a ballot vote for the new member of the Board of Trustees. There were 18 people attending this conference. The nominee, Joe Niec was approved as a member of Trustees Committee.
 - b. SPRC: Fran Bowman and Robin Vaughan are new members, through 2026, on SPRC.
 - c. Finance: Polly Gallagher and Karen Thomas are new members, through 2026, on Finance.
 - d. Nominations and Lay Development: Jerry Walton is new on Nominations.
 - e. H.O.P.E. House: Katie Moore will be the Wednesday Co-Director.
 - f. Endowments and Memorials: Memorial Dinners – Michael Honea is new Chair; Polly Gallagher, Robin Vaughan and Eileen Newill are new members.
 - g. New Communications Committee: Chair: Bob Clarke. Lay Leader: Heidi Stark.
Committee members: Cynthia Geddes, Tony Webb, Denis Buckley, Joe Niec, Rachel Green.

- h. Worship Stewards: Ushers- Cici Kirchner, Joyc Sorenson and Marge Walton are new members.
- i. Creative Worship Team: Larry Schaffer is renewing his membership through 2026.
- j. Young Christians Ministry: Laura Webb is the new Chair. Janet Kurz is a new member
- k. Adult Small Groups: Gbenga Olayomi and Joe Niec are new members.
- l. Voyagers (60+): Robin Vaughan is a new member.
- m. Garden Ministry: Cici Kirchner will remain.

David Funk made a MOTION to approve the Slate of Officers. The MOTION was Seconded and Carried.

There was a question about Adult Small Groups. Should that go under Education?

- 7. Rev. Goto gave some information about the Law Suits from the Boy Scouts of America against many denominations, bishops, lawyers and chancellors. Forty to fifty claims have been filed against United Methodist Churches with over \$560,000 against our conference, one-half of which the conference leadership is paying. If there are no claims against a church, they are asked to pay \$750.
- 8. The State of California is mandating that all adults working with children and youth (18 years old and younger) must be fingerprinted, if they are the custodian of young people 16 hours or more per year. CA AB 508 is the legislation which applies to “youth-serving organizations”, and includes churches, schools, daycares, nonprofits, etc. It includes two hours of training, fingerprinting and a background check. Not following this mandate can affect insurance coverage.
- 9. Congregational Vitality Matrix: “All church leaders should fill this form out by November 5”. This is a survey to determine how the leaders score our Church in: Following Jesus, engaging with the community, having a plan, healing the world, facility, leadership and digital capabilities. We scored highest in digital capabilities.

Rev. Goto explained that the Church Communities are shrinking and young people are not attending as they have previously. UMC is losing about 1,000 churches a year. The digital equipment available, high intensity computers, and Artificial Intelligence are among the new methods of creativity lending to a totally different environment. We need to have a plan on how to grow. The future churches will have many small groups as a common factor and will thrive through the community inclusiveness.

Rev. Gota talked about how wonderful Pastor Hyesung is and how proud she is of the many ministries in our Church. She is a dedicated Pastor and serves BCUMC and the community with courage and very strong faith. She takes so much time to be with the Church members, visiting, calling, sharing time, singing and praying with and for us all. We all love her and appreciate her strength and dedication.

Rev. Goto said the closing Benediction Prayer.

The Charge Conference ended at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Ann Honea, Recording Secretary

FOOD POISONING INCIDENT

Sunday, November 5

We need to bring to everyone's attention that on Sunday, November 5th we had an unfortunate incident of food poisoning that occurred during our Fellowship time after service. Pastor was notified by several church members that Sunday and Monday, 11/6, and we have now confirmed that ten people were sickened after eating a brownie at Fellowship. Six of the ten people involved visited the ER and spent hours being tested and treated. Test results revealed that THC was present from having ingested a brownie laced with marijuana. This was shocking news for everyone involved, and we want to stress that this was not an intentional event but rather a terrible accident. The people who provided the brownies did not know that the oil used in the batter had been infused with extract from marijuana leaves. A member of their household uses marijuana for medical purposes and this infused oil was used accidentally in the brownie batter. They are devastated that this incident occurred and caused trauma for others. We have reached out to all those involved in this terrible situation, and we are thankful to report that no one is reporting lasting physical effects. It will, however, take time to recover from the emotional distress that was experienced. We offer our ongoing support and pray for physical, mental, and emotional healing for all involved. We ask that we show grace to all involved and lift them up in healing prayer.

Once we were made aware of the situation, we began contacting those who signed in at Church on Sunday. We were very concerned that a child could have eaten the brownies. Thankfully, we know of no children that were affected. Please notify the Church if you experienced any illness after fellowship on Sunday. Pastor has also notified the conference through our District Superintendent, Shinya Goto of the incident, and he affirmed the actions we have taken. Pastor and Lay Leaders met with victims on November 8 via Zoom to discuss how we can assist in their recovery. The Administrative Council met on Wednesday, November 8 and agreed to immediately implement a new food policy for Church social events. We will no longer provide homemade items for fellowship gatherings. All food items must be commercially prepared, or store bought. Items should be packaged individually or provided in sealed containers only opened at the event. Basically, we are going back to how we provided refreshments during Covid restrictions. We appreciate everyone's support as we try to provide a healthy and safe environment for all to worship and fellowship in.



Pastor and Lay Leaders met again with victims on November 22 to follow up and share a letter of apology received from the baker of the brownies. The victims expressed compassion for the baker and understood that the baker had no intention to cause harm with the brownies. Kindness and forgiveness were expressed along with hope that all can move forward in a positive way. One of the victims reminded us of the greatest commandment: *"... 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."* - *Matthew 22: 37-39* We pray for health and healing for all involved and pray that God will lead us forward in positive ways.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact Pastor Lee, or Lay Leaders, Dave Funk or Heidi Stark.



DECEMBER 2023



| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm | 2 UMM Breakfast 8am F.H. Piano Recital 2-4:30pm |
| 3 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am Youth Group 5:30pm United Women in Faith Cookie Walk | 4 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm | 5 DIG Board Meeting 7pm Fireside rm. Young Christian Ministry 7pm Youth rm. BCC 7pm | 6 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm Trustees 7pm | 7 Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm N/A 7:30pm F.H. Choir Rehearsal 7pm | 8 String Band 10:30am F.H. AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm | 9 Celebration Ringers 2pm  |
| 10 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am 2-6pm Annual Christmas Drive Girl Scouts Youth Group 5:30pm | 11 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm | 12 Produce Truck Hope House CCN Holiday Potluck Linda Barnhill's Home 11:30am BCC 7pm | 13 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm Ad Council 6pm Heidi Stark's Home | 14 Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm N/A 7:30pm F.H. Choir Rehearsal 7pm | 15 String Band 10:30am F.H. AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm | 16 Piano Recital 2:30-4:30pm Christmas Crafting 4:30pm BCUMC Christmas Recital 6pm |
| 17 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am | 18 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm United Women in Faith 7pm F.H. | 19 Produce Truck Hope House Finance Committee 6:30pm Fireside Rm BCC 7pm | 20 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm | 21 Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm N/A 7:30pm F.H. Choir Rehearsal 7pm | 22 String Band 10:30am F.H. AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm | 23 |
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Bible Study
8:45am
Worship
10:30am
NEW
YEAR'S
EVE

* 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

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

