

Deeds and Opportunities

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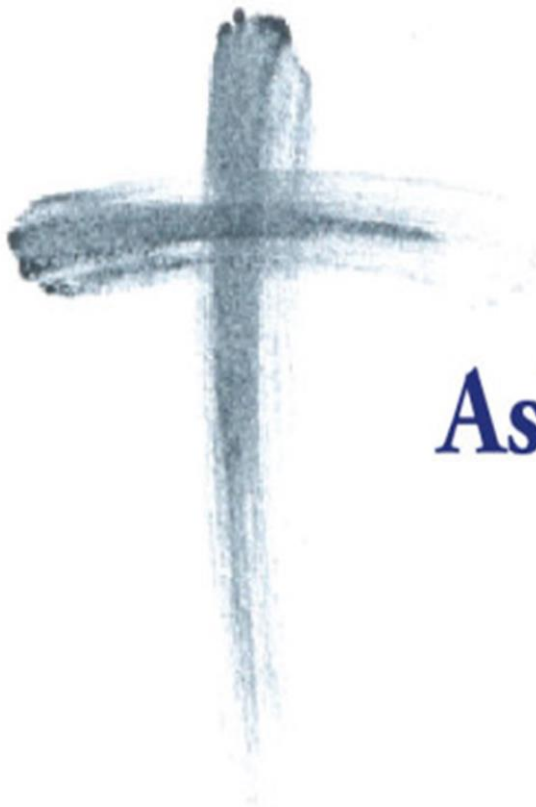
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Brentwood Community United Methodist Church



February 2023



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

2023 FEBRUARY 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/Scripture	Worship Ministers
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 5, 2023 10:30 a.m.	Matthew 5:13-20 "You Are ... Salt and Light"	<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)
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 12, 2023 10:30 a.m.	Matthew 5:21-37 "But I Say ..." *Fran Bowman will make a report on her Wheelchair Mission to Guatemala people"	<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)
Transfiguration Sunday February 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.	Matthew 17:1-9 "Transfiguration and Transformation"	<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)
Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023 7 p.m.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imposition of Ashes • Lenten Bible Challenge begins today (see the instruction in this edition of D's and O's)
First Sunday in Lent February 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.	Matthew 4:1-11 "Temptation of Jesus"	<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) • Lenten Bible Challenge continues (see the instruction in the Sunday Bulletin and Friday Email)

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
2/5 Holy Communion	Polly Gallagher	Greg Pacquer	Victoria Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
2/12	Larry Schaffer	Kevin Fallon	Chinedum Ekpemiro	Robin Bliss	Michael A. Honea	Bob Clarke
2/19	Jan Schultz	Kevin Fallon	Christian Belino	Emma Smith	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
2/26	Heidi Stark	Kevin Fallon	Jenny Green	Elijah van Ruiten	Margo Wentz	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Family of God

I participated in 2023 Church Leadership Training (virtual), done for January 27 (6pm-8 pm) and 28 (9am-1pm), total 6 hours. More than 6 people from our church have participated in the training. All those who have participated said to me... it was very helpful, practical, lots of information and so on. Personally I felt that it was the best training ever among all the trainings provided by the Conference. About 750 people across Cal-Nev Annual Conference joined this two-day long training and got connected with one another.

The first thing we did was to listen to one another about “WHY?” – why we are doing what we do? Lots of people said, they are doing their ministries because the church community is just so important for them, because church means hope and love to them and to their communities, because it has been their lifestyle involving in the activities of the church as much as they can, because it is the right thing to do, etc. I’ve been thinking of my “Why?” It didn’t take a long time to find my answer. I’m doing this because I know in my heart that this is the ONLY thing that I can trust with my whole life. I am doing the ministry of Christ not because it is the best thing in the world but because it is the ONLY thing through which I can find the life-giving way and the truth that will never betray me. I’ve learned and experienced so many things in my 6 decades of life. My conviction keeps growing greater as I get older and is that Jesus’ Way is the Only way that “I” can rely on to access true peace, joy and grace. So, I am so grateful to God that my Heavenly Father found me through Jesus Christ my Lord and share with me His life, His truth and His way!

What is your “Why?”

For the rest of whatever we need to do or want to do, we can work together through negotiations and conversations.

May God bless our BCUMC and many ministries as we continue to serve in One Spirit!
God is the Giver of New Day, Christ is the Maker of New Life, and the Holy Spirit is the Guide of New Journey! Let us move forward together with our Triune God!

Peace and Joy



Pastor Hyesung Lee

“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)

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

The theme for the 2022-2023 United Women in Faith program year is *"Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story"*. At the January Priscilla Circle, those present shared photos of meaningful moments in their lives and shared about their life and faith journeys. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing.

JoAnn Funk will lead our February meeting. Also, check your mailboxes for a letter from our President, Jan Schults on how you can help support the mission and ministries of United Women in Faith locally and globally.

United Women in Faith will meet on Monday, February 20th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action!

Youth Group

In January, we met at the bowling alley, and played two games. We enjoyed bumping into friends, their new decor, and their new snacks. We also met up for pizza and continued reading Acts. We tried a new, silly card game called Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, which was easy to learn and had a lot of laughs. In February, we are meeting on February 5th, with a reschedule of our movie night, with I Can Only Imagine. It's a movie about the inspiring story of Mercy Me's hit song of the same name. We will have popcorn and other movie snacks! Then we will host a Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 21st (Fat Tuesday) where the Youth will be serving. We will also meet up on February 26th with dinner/Bible/games.

Flower Signup

A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall for people to bring flowers for the sanctuary. Share flowers with everyone to celebrate someone's anniversary, birthday, memory, honor, or any occasion!

Thank you, Barb Pinkston



Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) – Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation

By Fran Bowman

Thank you, Heidi, for chairing SPRC for the last two years!
She left big shoes to fill and with her help I am honored to be the new chair.
Our first order of business was to assign liaisons to the staff, assignments are as follows:

<u>Staff:</u>	<u>Liaison:</u>
Hyesung Lee	Fran Bowman
Keith Hicks	Jerry Walton
Greg Pacquer	Edie Tidrick
Kevin Fallon	Edie Tidrick
Lugh Baxter	Edie Tidrick
Alivia Logan-Kumagai	Edie Tidrick
Michelle Carrillo	John Moore
Cheryl Breitenbucher	Miranda Harmon-Smith

We then reviewed the purpose of SPRC to brush up on our responsibilities.
The purpose of SPRC is to build relationships. SPRC has three primary administrative responsibilities: pastoral and staff evaluations, maintaining a connection with District Superintendent (DS), and communication among pastor/staff, congregation, and DS. Specific tasks that guide SPRC:

- Encourage, strengthen, nurture, support and respect the pastor and staff.
- Promote unity in the church with open and clear communication.
- Confer with the staff on the effectiveness of their roles, especially in the use of their gifts, skills and time, and any possible impediments to their effectiveness.
- Routine evaluations, clergy housing, salary recommendations and job descriptions.

SPRC does not manage employees on a day-to-day basis. At BCUMC, all staff positions report to the Pastor with input from appropriate committees, and SPRC acts as liaisons; we are the link between the Pastor, the staff, the congregation, and the District Superintendent. As in all committees, information discussed/shared in our meetings should be treated as confidential. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to anyone on our committee.



LGBTQIAplus FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

meets *virtually* at 6:30 pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month!

You are invited to join us via zoom meeting for learning and sharing together.

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- (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.

Lay Leader News

By Heidi Stark

How are we doing?

According to the book of disciple an effective lay leader functions as the primary representative and role model of Christian discipleship and faith lived out in the church and in daily life. The lay leader works with the pastor to fulfill the mission and vision of the congregation. Dave Funk and I are meeting monthly with Pastor to discuss and plan ways to come together and ways to reach out. **We need your help.** Please let us know how we are doing. Look for a little black box in the sanctuary – it's a locked box that Dave and I will access regularly. You can confidentially leave messages or prayer requests – whatever you want us to know. We're hoping that you will let us know your hopes and dreams for BCUMC. Also, let us know what you like or don't like (sermons are too short or too long, more music, less music, study ideas, small group ideas, fellowship ideas, etc...) Your input will inform our actions and we want to make sure we are accurately reflecting the wants and needs of our congregation.

Save the Date – Sunday Night Live – February 26 at 5pm

Plan to join Pastor, Dave and me on Sunday, February 26 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll meet for a soup dinner and a time of sharing our Journey as the Broken and the Care-Giver. All our welcome.

Your Lay Leaders are available to listen; please call or text Dave Funk at 925-628-8938 or email drfunk519@gmail.com or Heidi Stark at 925-216-4709 or email hstark@cobaltc.com.

Let all that you do be done in love. – 1 Corinthians 16:14



Stewardship Campaign for 2023

The Finance Committee **thanks** all those who committed to supporting our ministries in 2023. That may look like serving on a committee for the first time, teaching Sunday school or volunteering at HOPE House. It may be through either a pledge for 2023 or through Sunday offerings. The approved budget for 2023 increased approximately 7.25% (salaries, utilities and insurance) while our pledges increased approximately 5.33%. We are extremely blessed to

be receiving some additional funding from the Employee Retention Tax Credit for “businesses” that retained and paid employees through the pandemic. We ask that you continue to support BCUMC by fulfilling your pledge commitment and joyfully giving of your time and talents!

2023 Lenten Bible Challenge



Lent is a season of 40 days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. In Christian tradition, people abstain from entertainment, sensual pleasures and worldly desires during Lent. Many Christians use this time to prepare their body, mind, and spirit to be baptized on Easter.

We want to spend this Lenten journey with **Paul's Letter to Romans** (16 chapters) and **Gospel according to Luke** (24 chapters). We will have 40 chapters to read each day of Lent. You will also be given 3 questions each day to meditate on the given chapter. You are invited to write your thoughts on the given paper. Here are guidelines:

1. Each Sunday a weekly schedule (a chapter and three questions for the day) will be available with Sunday Bulletin (*This will be also available through Friday Email)
2. Each day, read the chapter of the day, and write your answers to three questions on the weekly schedule (this will be your weekly journal). There is no right or wrong answer. You can also write any questions on the journal instead of answers.
3. You have three choices regarding what to do with your journal as below:
 - a. You may keep your journey to yourself
 - b. You may bring your weekly journal to church and put it in a designated box in the Narthex (This will be read by the pastor and some will be shared with the congregation through zoom meetings or pastor's messages).
 - c. You may join a **zoom meeting** on the following days to share your thoughts and journey with others. If you want to join in this zoom meeting, let pastor Lee know (hslee3@gmail.com) by Ash Wednesday (02.22.2023)
 - i. March 5 (Sunday) 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 - ii. March 19 (Sunday) 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 - iii. April 2 (Sunday) 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
4. You may do this together with your loved ones at home. This can be your Lenten **Family** Journey!

"Lent is about *Becoming, Doing, and Changing* whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now. Lenten is a summons to life ANEW"
(by Sister Joan Chittister)

Written by Rev. Sungho Lee (Central United Methodist Church, Stockton, CA)
and Rev. Hyesung Lee (Brentwood Community United Methodist Church, Brentwood, CA)

2023 LENTEN BIBLE CHALLENGE WEEKLY JOURNAL (Week 1)

Your Name: _____

Day 1 February 22 (Wed) Romans Chapter 1

1. Why was Paul not ashamed of Gospel?
 2. What does it mean, "The one who is righteous will live by faith"?
 3. When did you experience invisible God's power and nature in your life vividly?
- *What would you give up today for the glory of God and for your blessed life?*
**What acts of kindness would you do today for your neighbors and for the world?*

Day 2 February 23 (Thur) Romans Chapter 2

1. How do the gentiles know what the laws are?
 2. What does it mean that circumcision is a matter of heart?
 3. When do you feel that you have a circumcision of heart?
- *What would you give up today for the glory of God and for your blessed life?*
**What acts of kindness would you do today for your neighbors and for the world?*

Day 3 February 24 (Fri) Romans Chapter 3

1. How many people can be justified by law?
 2. If we are justified by faith, why do we still uphold the law?
 3. How would you demonstrate to others that you have faith in Jesus?
- *What would you give up today for the glory of God and for your blessed life?*
**What acts of kindness would you do today for your neighbors and for the world?*

Day 4 February 25 (Sat) Romans Chapter 4

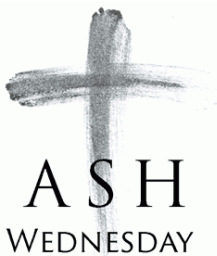
1. What was reckoned as righteousness to Abraham?
 2. How did Abraham become a father of many nations?
 3. When did you experience that God was able to do what God promised?
- *What would you give up today for the glory of God and for your blessed life?*
**What acts of kindness would you do today for your neighbors and for the world?*



**Next UMM meeting will be on Saturday February 4th, 2023, at 8:00 AM.
In fellowship hall! All men are welcome! Come and enjoy a hot breakfast and
fellowship.**



The Audio/Visual Committee is pleased to announce the installation of “Listen Technologies” an assisted audio system as an addition to our sound system in the Sanctuary.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

7:00 pm February 22nd in the Sanctuary

Our Ash Wednesday Service will offer the imposition of ash. Come as you are to be connected deeply with God through meditative songs, reflective Bible readings and silence.



COME TO SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE FOR FELLOWSHIP WITH SOUP & BREAD AND MORE!

WHEN: Sunday February 26th 5pm, 2023

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to come! Come as you are!

Prepared by Lay Leaders



CALIFORNIA – NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 23, 2023

Dear Church,

Bishop Sally Dyck
Interim Bishop

Minerva G. Carcaño
Resident Bishop

Jorge L.F. Domingues
*Executive Director of
Connectional Ministries*

Diane Knudsen
*Executive Director of Finance
and Administration*

Mary Cheng
*Director of Leadership
Development*

Jacey Pickens-Jones
*Interim Associate Director of
Camping and Young People's
Ministry*

Selby Ewing
Director of Communications

Steve Elliott
*Conference Disaster Response
and UMVIM Coordinator*

On behalf of the California-Nevada Conference Disaster Response Ministry, thank you for your church's donations to UMCOR in 2022. We are grateful for the support of UMCOR's domestic and international disaster response and recovery.

Last year was so challenging. Among the many disasters around the world, UMCOR responded to major needs in Tonga, Haiti, and the Ukraine. In the United States, aid went to help in Florida for Hurricane Ian, flooding and tornadoes in the South and to wildfires in the Western states.

Here in California, an UMCOR grant for the 2017 wildfires funded survivor recovery assistance for several years. UMCOR is a continuing partner for 2023, matching our Conference funds, towards the ongoing recovery from the 2018 Camp Fire in Paradise. And lastly, UMCOR grants are supplementing Conference monies for survivor assistance for the 2021 Caldor and Dixie Fires.

We are appreciative of UMCOR monies in that they extend the generous donations from our churches to the Conference Disaster Response Fund. For more information about UMCOR go to the UMCOR website at umcmiissions.org. For more about our Conference Disaster Response Ministry, visit the Disaster Response Section of our Conference website, cnumc.org.

In Mission Together,

Steve Elliott

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Happy
Birthday

February

2 Jan Nixon*
8 Jeff Schults
9 Kevin Gray
11 Mary Jean Spediacci
13 Blake Kurz
16 Mark Azevedo
19 Nancy Schaffer
22 Eugene Davis
25 Jerry Walton
28 Martin Tucker



February

11. Lian and Luther Belino
14. Melissa and Chris van Ruiten
14. Marcie and Julius Lukacs

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VALENTINE'S DANCE

Peaceful in the arms of God
At home in his boundless love
Guided and protected
By his unfailing light
Healed and comforted
As he holds us just right
He knows us all the way
As we join hearts in love
With one another
As we all join hands
In this beautiful
Magical dance of life.

Happy Valentine's Day

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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:

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



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** (Barbara Pinkston), both **Daughters of Eugene & Jenny Davis**, **Michael & Stephanie Capuro**, **Ethel Badham**, **Verna Kruse**, **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Melvin Strong**, **Leonor Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Jackie McKenzie** (Diane Lee's daughter), **Steve Clarke** (Bob Clarke's son), **Bev Hendrix**, **Father of Chris Van Ruiten**, **Joyce Smith**, **Betty Gaughan**, **Dylie Slay**, **Dee Trotta** (Linda Barnhill), **Larry Schaffer**.

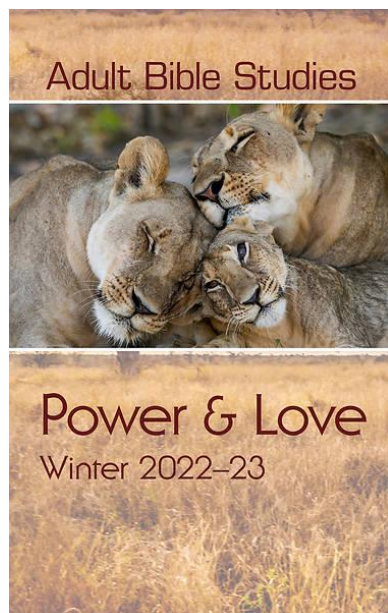


Fellowship Hour Staffing

Please Coordinate within your assigned ministry to provide snacks, drinks, assistance, and clean-up for fellowship hour after the Sunday morning service. Thank you!

2/5/23	UNITED METHODIST MEN
2/12/23	CCN
2/19/23	FINANCE
2/26/23	YOUNG CHRISTIAN

Adult Bible Studies Winter 2022-23 (Power & Love) December 4th through February 26th, 2023



Theme: Power and Love

This winter, our Bible lessons follow the theme “Power and Love.” The lessons first challenge us to try to understand Scripture, particularly the Nativity accounts, from the position of vulnerability and powerlessness. They then move to a closer look at what it means to belong to the family of God and culminate in a series of lessons on love and how it informs and changes our relationships. The writer of the student book is Sue Mink. Each week’s Student Book lesson lists background Scripture, features key verses, provides reliable and relevant biblical explanation and application, and more in a readable font size that is accessible to everyone. Included to help students go deeper into the lessons are:

A comprehensive Bible study plan with more flexibility in terms of Scripture selection and topics. Observation of the church seasons, including Advent and Lent. Suggestions for developing spiritual practices (prayer, confession, worship, mindfulness, solitude, community, hospitality, neighboring, service, and celebration).

No printed Scripture text allowing you to choose your own Bible translation.

When: December 4, 2022

Who: Open to All

Where: Brentwood Youth Classroom

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

Come Fellowship and grow with us

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

Facility Use Calendar – February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5:30 Quiet Room Al-Anon 7pm	Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Sanctuary	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	UMM Breakfast 8am
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Bible Study 8:30am Worship 10:30am	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	Worship Committee 10am (FH) DIG Board Meeting Quiet Rm 7pm Young Christian 7pm BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm SPRC 4:30pm FH ACA 5:30 Quiet Room Ad Council 7pm (in Person) Al-Anon 7pm	Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bible Study 8:30am Worship 10:30am	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm United Women of Faith 7pm Fellowship Hall	Finance Committee 6pm Fireside Rm BCC 7pm	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm CCN 10am FH ACA 5:30 Quiet Room LGBTQIA+ 6:30pm Online Al-Anon 7pm	Choir Rehearsal 7pm Sanctuary N/A 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm Al-Anon 8pm	
26	27	28				
Bible Study 8:30am Worship 10:30am	H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm DIG 7pm Fellowship Hall	Produce Truck Hope House 4pm NAMI 7pm Fireside Room BCC 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



Photo Courtesy of the East Contra Costa Historical Society

Look Familiar?

Administrative Board

By Heidi Stark

I am the new Chair of the BCUMC Administrative Board for 2023. This is a new position for me; so, I did a little research and found that the purpose of Ad. Council, according to the Book of Discipline is to envision, plan, implement, and evaluate the mission and ministry of the Church. So, that means that Ad. Council supports the work of the various ministries and committees at BCUMC, and as chair, I will do my best to guide the process. Ad. Council does not make decisions for committees but rather works to support the decisions made by BCUMC committees/ministries. Each committee/ministry is expected to conduct their own regular meetings and manage their tasks. The chairs of the various BCUMC committees and ministries are asked to attend Ad. Council meetings as voting members. Ad. Council is involved in the overall health of BCUMC and decisions that affect the whole body should be shared at Ad. Council.

The conference asks each Church to include five primary goals for the next five years on their Church profile on the conference website. All committees/ministries should keep these goals in mind as they meet and plan for the year. We should all be working towards meeting these goals. The goals BCUMC has listed are:

1. Envision, plan, and implement programs to nurture the outreach, witness, and family ministries in our Church. Encourage and expand youth participation. Evaluate the mission and ministry of our Church annually.
2. Establish the Church budget based on recommendations from the Finance Committee and insure adequate provisions for the financial needs of the Church.
3. Create a membership cultivation task force to grow membership thru community involvement. Participate in reconciling ministry and inter-faith activities in the community.
4. Fill committees with committed, participating members. Encourage all committees to meet regularly. Encourage leaders to attend district and conference trainings.
5. Improve our online presence and overall connection with our congregation and the local community.

Ad. Council meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Fireside Room. All are welcome to attend; however, only Ad. Council members may cast votes as necessary. The next Ad. Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th at 7pm.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 925-216-4709 or email hstark@cobaltc.com.

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



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, Interim Bishop Sally Dyck

California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

Los Rios District Superintendent: Rev. Shinya Goto

Pastor: Hyesung Lee † Lay Leaders: Heidi Stark and David Funk

Administrative Assistant: Michelle Carrillo

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

