

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

## **Brentwood Community United Methodist Church**

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*January 2023*



*Happy*  
**NEW YEAR**

Rejoice evermore.  
Pray without ceasing.  
In every thing give thanks: for  
this is the will of God in Christ  
Jesus concerning you.

1 THESS 5:16-18

## 2023 January 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
<p style="text-align: center;">January 1 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person &amp; Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Epiphany Sunday</b> <i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i> <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Holy Communion</b></li> <li>• <b>Sunday Morning Bible Study:</b> (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">January 8 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person &amp; Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Baptism of the Lord</b> <i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i> <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday Morning Bible Study:</b> (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> <li>• <b>De-Hanging of Greens:</b> right after a brief Fellowship Hour at 11:45 am. Everyone is invited.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">January 15 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person &amp; Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <i>Isaiah 49:1-7</i> <i>John 1:29-42</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Human Relations Day Special Offering</b> - This will cultivate ministries that help people see that they are made in God's Image and loved beyond measure.</li> <li>• <b>Sunday Morning Bible Study:</b> (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> <li>• <b>New Members Orientation (1):</b> 12:00 pm in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">January 22 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person &amp; Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <i>Isaiah 9:1-4</i> <i>Matthew 4:12-23</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday Morning Bible Study:</b> (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> <li>• <b>New Members Orientation (2):</b> 12:00 pm in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">January 29 SUNDAY 10:30am <i>In-Person &amp; Online</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <i>Micah 6:1-8</i> <i>Matthew 5:1-12</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday Morning Bible Study:</b> (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> </ul>

### WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
1/1 Holy Communion	Polly Gallagher	Greg Pacquer	Christian Belino	Emma Smith	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
1/8	Larry Schaffer	Kevin Fallon	Elijah van Ruiten	Robin Bliss	Michael A. Honea	Bob Clarke
1/15	Jan Schultz	Kevin Fallon	Jenny Green	Wiley Slay	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
1/22	Heidi Stark	Greg Pacquer	Victoria Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Margo Wentz	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
1/29	David Funk	Kevin Fallon	Christian Belino	Emma Smith	Dolores Huan	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter

## † Pastor's Letter †

Dear Members and Friends of BCUMC

Happy New Year! We will be celebrating our New Year 2023 on Sunday at 10:30 am! On that day, we will begin our new journey in 2023. What makes it a new one is not our new calendar but God in our life and our willingness to follow Him.

Everyone gets a **new year**, but not all gets a **new journey**.  
Everyone gets a **new opportunity**, but not all gets a **new life**.

Let's have a new journey with God by opening up ourselves to God each moment as we take each breath! It's all up to God. Prophet Isaiah proclaims:

**"I am God. At the right time I'll make it happen"** (Isaiah 60:22)

Let's trust God and follow His words with open hearts and minds!"



My husband and I took this photo this morning! Many people of God from Brentwood, Stockton Central, Concord and from all over the world have sent us enormous love and support through cards, prayers, phone calls, gift-cards and so on for the last two months. We are overwhelmed by your love and support! Sungho is doing so much better now. He finally preached his sermon on Christmas Eve Service for the first time after the car accident. He will be back to normal ministry from January 2023. He has been lifted up and strengthened by your prayers and the Holy Spirit's work. Please forgive us for not being able to send you Christmas card in

2022 which has been our annual tradition! Thank you for your understanding! May God help us all in the new year with guidance, health, wisdom and much love for one another so we can all help one another to bring Christ's light to this world near and far through everything we do together!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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)



## **We believe love in action can change the world**

Happy New Year! If you haven't come to a United Women in Faith event before, please consider it for 2023. The theme for the 2022-2023 United Women in Faith program year is *"Mosaic of Faith: We Are All Part of God's Story"*. Come hear the messages and share your story.

Many thanks to those who help provide refreshment for the reception after the Annual Christmas Musical Program on December 17<sup>th</sup>; it was a wonderful event.

**United Women in Faith will meet on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action!**

**United Women in Faith will not be meeting in December; meetings will resume in January. Christmas blessing to all!**

## Youth Group



*We've* had great regular attendance for Youth Group. In early December, we got together for pizza, the continued reading of the book of Acts, and playing Throw, Throw Burrito. It's a whirlwind of a card game, and occasionally you get to throw squishy burritos at each other! Our favorite is the burrito duel, where each person has a burrito, stands back to back, walks three paces, and then you throw a burrito at each other!!! Our other December activity was ice skating at Brentwood on Ice. Several youth members brought a friend, and we had a great time. Ask the Van Ruiten's about our newest youth group member, Matilda the puppy!!!! We will be working at Hope House during our Winter Break, helping to pack brown bags.

In January, on the 8th, we plan to start with a Movie Night with the movie, I Can Only Imagine. Feel free to bring a movie snack to share. On January 22nd, we will meet at the

bowling alley and bowl a few games. On January 29th, we plan to have dinner, read more of Acts, and play the game Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza!!!

Email reminders are sent out on Monday or Tuesday, and we ask that you RSVP by the Friday before the youth event. If you or your 6th-12th grader is not on the email list, please let Cheryl Breitenbucher know immediately so we can add your youth to our fun!

# Congregational Care Network Christmas Luncheon

(at Linda Barnhill's house; December 14, 2022)



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## SPRC – Connecting the Pastor, Staff & Congregation

**By Heidi Stark**

As 2022 comes to a close, we can look back with pride on all that we have accomplished. The work of BCUMC has continued as we navigate this ever-changing world. As a committee SPRC met our goals for the year. As a congregation we all successfully navigated two months without our Pastor while she enjoyed a well-deserved sabbatical. We all stepped up and stepped in where needed. We celebrated joys and sorrows together, and we prayed for each other always.

It was a busy and eventful year, and we all worked together to accomplish much. This was my second year as SPRC chair, and I would like to thank the SPRC committee, Fran Bowman, Dennis Buckley, Miranda Harmon-Smith, and Jerry Walton for faithfully attending our monthly meetings and diligently working to support the tasks of SPRC. Dennis has completed his term on SPRC; his input will be missed, but we know where to find him. Also, I'm stepping down as chair to take on new roles at BCUMC, and Fran Bowman will be the SPRC chair for 2023. 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 New Year!**



Join us on **January 8th Sunday right after Worship at 11:45 am** to take down our Christmas decorations. We'll gather together in the sanctuary after a brief fellowship time in Social Hall, then the de-hanging will begin. Help us make sure everything gets put away well for next year.



## **NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION**

**January 15 and 22 from 12 pm to 1:15 pm (Quiet Room)**

You are invited to this orientation if you want to (1) **join** our church as a committed member or (2) **just learn** more about our church. This orientation will include (1) sharing of faith journeys; (2) United Methodist Church Beliefs and Mission; and (3) our B.C.U.M. church mission.

If you are interested, please let the pastor know by contacting her at 925-303-9339 (cell) or [hslee3@gmail.com](mailto:hslee3@gmail.com). Or you may just show up!

Our gathering is always very enjoyable and spiritual.



**Next UMM meeting will be on Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2023, at 8:00 AM. In fellowship hall!**

**All men are welcome! Come and enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship.**

**We will be electing new officers for the 2023 term.**

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.



# 2022 Christmas Music Celebration

(12.17.2022)



*Thank you to all our wonderful musicians!*

## Lay Leader - Heidi Stark

As of January 1, I will be your new Lay Leader serving with David Funk. I am taking on the position that Julius Lukacs had for the past 15 years! I quite literally have big shoes to fill (I think Julius said he's a size 14 and I'm a size 7!) All kidding aside, I'm excited and nervous to take on this new role – it's unlike any position I've held at Church before. I really appreciated the sermon Julius gave on December 18<sup>th</sup>. One of the things he said was sometimes what you leave behind is just as important as what you experience. I'm so appreciative of all Julius has done for BCUMC over the years; he has left a legacy for sure. I look forward to how he will continue to serve BCUMC and the greater United Methodist Church. Julius also talked about trusting your GUT – God's Undeniable Tug. Well, GUT is what brought me to this position at this time. I felt God nudging me forward to take the next step in service to BCUMC, and I answered the call when Pastor asked.

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. Yikes! As I see it, my job is to get to know the hopes and dreams of our congregation and work with Pastor to find ways to fulfill the mission and vision of BCUMC. This is a big job, but fortunately, I have Dave and Pastor to provide guidance and support as I learn this year. Dave and I will share the responsibility of sitting in on committee meetings to be aware of the workings and issues of the BCUMC to make sure we are accurately reflecting the needs of our congregation. Also, as one of your Lay Leaders I'm available to listen; I look forward to getting to know you and hear what you have to say. Please call or text me at 925-216-4709 or email me at [hstark@cobaltc.com](mailto:hstark@cobaltc.com).

I'd like to share a prayer for 2023:

*God, You know us. Before we were even born, You loved us and knew every detail of our lives.*

*So, as we enter 2023, please fill us with Your peace that passes understanding and keep our eyes fixed on You.*

*No matter what we face this year, give us strength and hope, and help us to dream with You. Even when it may feel like dreaming isn't possible, show us that nothing is impossible for You.*

*In 2023, please bless us and protect us. Let Your face shine upon us and be gracious to us. Please give us Your peace and make this a year of breakthrough.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*

We had a wonderful time caroling at HOPE House earlier in December, and Santa showed up and took part in the festivities. It was great seeing Sungho out and enjoying the good cheer.



# 2023 CHURCH LEADERSHIP VIRTUAL TRAINING

January 27<sup>th</sup> (6pm-8pm) & 28<sup>th</sup> (9am-1pm)

It takes a team to run a local church! Pastors, lay leaders and those serving on SPRC/PPRC, Trustees and Finance committees must work together to bring their church's vision alive.

Do your leaders know their roles and responsibilities to function effectively as a team? Training can help your church avoid major liability risks and expand God's work.



If you are a **Pastor, Lay Leader** or are a member of **SPRC/PPRC, Trustees, or Finance Committee**, you are invited to this critical training.

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: 6pm-8pm  
Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>: 9am-1pm

[Register here](#) or scan the QR code

**Registration deadline: January 20th, 2023**



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### January

4 Emily Ruddick  
5 Zachary Diksa  
12 Vickey Barriner  
15 Margo Wentz  
18 Heidi Stark  
21 Jackie Hanel  
23 Jacob Lukacs  
24 Wyatt van Ruiten  
25 Horace Gipson  
25 Gbenga Olayomi  
27 Audrey Dunn



### January

We have no Anniversaries in January! If this is incorrect, please send me an update at [bbclarke@comcast.net](mailto:bbclarke@comcast.net)

### COWS ON THE HILLSIDE

Hiking in the Contra Loma hills  
recently  
I saw green shoots from winter  
rains  
Pushing up through the dry tan  
stubble  
Of summer. Partly muddy  
trails.  
Sky of a million tiny blue  
crystals.

And on the hillside a few cows  
grazing  
And it all it all looks so amazing  
This world painting from the  
hand  
Of the Creator – the Master  
Artist.  
Beauty seeps into the corners  
Of my soul – even as I stop  
To catch my breath on a steep  
uphill.

We now have a new year  
ahead  
To walk with God – to explore,  
discover  
Embrace the beauty – and love  
one another.  
And spread a little kindness.

In beauty we walk within God  
Even as God lives within us.  
May you have a beautiful  
year!

## 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](mailto: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 Atentico** (Barbara Pinkston), both **Daughters of Eugene & Jenny Davis**, **Michael & Stephanie Capuro**, **Donna Baker**, **Ethel Badham**, **Kittie Piotrowski**, **Verna Kruse**, **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Melvin Strong**, **Leonor Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Jackie McKenzie** (Diane Lee's daughter), **Victor** (Bob Clarke), **Jerry Sorenson** (Joyce Sorenson's son), **Steve Clarke** (Bob Clarke's son), **Bev Hendrix**, **Sungho Lee**, **Father of Chris Van Ruiten**, **Mother of Melissa Van Ruiten**, **Family of Diane Lee**, **Amanda** (Eileen Newill's daughter), **Joyce Smith**.

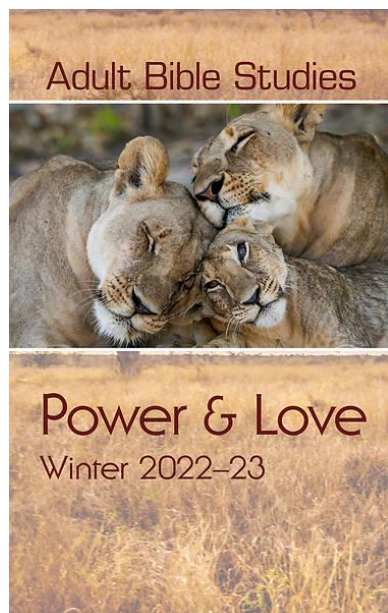
**We pray for all our homebound friends and their caregivers that God may fill them every day with strength, faith, love, and peace.**

### A note from our friend Tom Miller



12/17/22  
Please tell Pastor Lee and all my friends at the church that I said hello and miss seeing them. I live near my son in Carmel Valley now. So if anyone from the church is ever in that area, tell them to look me up. Blessings during this holiday season! Tom Miller

# Adult Bible Studies Winter 2022-23 (Power & Love) December 4<sup>th</sup> through February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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**

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## COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATED (March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 – January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Bible Study</b> 8:30am <b>Worship</b> 10:30am 	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm	<b>DIG Board Meeting</b> Quiet Rm 7pm	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm <b>ACA</b> 5:30 Quiet Room <b>Al-Anon</b> 7pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7pm Sanctuary <b>N/A</b> 7:30pm Fellowship Hall Sanctuary	<b>String Band</b> 10:30am FH <b>AA</b> 6:45pm <b>Al-Anon</b> 8pm	<b>UMM Breakfast</b> 8am <b>Girls Scout CPR</b> 10:30am
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Bible Study</b> 8:30am <b>Worship</b> 10:30am <b>Youth Group</b> 5:30pm	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm	<b>BCC</b> 7pm <b>Young Christian</b> 7pm <b>Produce Truck Hope House</b> 4pm	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm <b>ACA</b> 5:30 Quiet Room <b>Al-Anon</b> 7pm	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7pm Sanctuary <b>N/A</b> 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	<b>String Band</b> 10:30am FH <b>AA</b> 6:45pm <b>Al-Anon</b> 8pm	<b>Girls Scouts Princess Event</b> 10:30am
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Bible Study</b> 8:30am <b>Worship</b> 10:30am <b>New Member Orientation</b> 12pm	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm <b>SPRC</b> 7pm FH	<b>Worship Committee</b> 10am F.H <b>Finance Committee</b> 6pm Fireside Rm	<b>H.O.P.E. House</b> 9am-12pm <b>ACA</b> 5:30 Quiet Room <b>Al-Anon</b> 7pm <b>LGBTQIA+</b> 6:30pm Online	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7pm Sanctuary <b>N/A</b> 7:30pm Fellowship Hall	<b>String Band</b> 10:30am FH <b>AA</b> 6:45pm <b>Al-Anon</b> 8pm	
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\* Dates and Times are subject to change

\* For the most updated calendar/schedule see church website: [www.brentwoodumc.org](http://www.brentwoodumc.org)

\* To request use of Facility or any questions contact Michelle: 925 634 3093 or [admin@brentwoodumc.org](mailto: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

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