

Deeds and Opportunities

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Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

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2023 JULY 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/Message	Worship Acts and More
5th Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023 10:30 a.m.	Genesis 22:1-14 Matthew 10:40-42 "Know Your God"	<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) ● Special Music: String Band
6th Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023 10:30 a.m.	Genesis 24:34-38 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 "Know and Follow 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)
7th Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2023 10:30 a.m.	Genesis 25:19-34 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 "Family Conflict and Solution"	<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) ● Special Music: Kim Griffith-Fraley
8th Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023 10:30 a.m.	Genesis 28:10-29 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 "Sacramental Conflict"	<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) ● Special Music: Joe Kick
9th Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 2023 10:30 a.m.	Genesis 29:15-28 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	<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) ● Special Music: String Band

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
7/2	Heidi Stark	Kevin Fallon	Victoria Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
7/9	Polly Gallagher	Kevin Fallon	TBD	TBD	Michael A. Honea	Bob Clarke
7/16	Larry Schaffer	Greg Pacquer	Chinedum Ekpemiro	Emma Smith	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
7/23	Heidi Stark	Greg Pacquer	TBD	Elijah Van Ruiten	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
7/30	Jan Schults	TBD	Victoria Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Dolores Hauan	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Family of God,

2023 California-Nevada Annual Conference was held June 15 (Thur) to June 18 (Sun) in Sacramento. More than 600 clergy and lay delegates attended for the business of the Annual Conference. It was a great joy to be there with our new Lay Delegate, Polly Gallagher. She presented an excellent report of the Conference to the congregation during Sunday Worship Service on June 25th. One person said that she felt like she was right there as she listened to Polly's report. I am looking forward working with her again in 2024. The picture shows my husband rev. Sungho Lee (Central UMC, Stockton), myself in the middle and Polly Gallagher on the right with Interim Bishop Sally Dyck in pink outfit behind the table in the background.



Bishop Dyck acknowledged that our conference is still in turbulence due to the suspension of Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño and the streaming of disaffiliations of UMCs. There was no talk at all about the trial of the bishop Carcaño even though we were surely in tense situation underneath... at least that's how I felt. So, Bishop Dyck invited a guest speaker, Rev. Rebekah Simon-Peter to speak about conflict resolution. She encouraged us to practice CALM in our conflicts:

Calm yourself – breathing, stretching...a new neuro path can be opened

Assess your automatic thoughts – your automatic reactions may not be what you intend to show, recognize your fear...and ask yourself “Is what I'm thinking really true?”

Listen to what actually said – Listen to bigger voice, true intention behind, not missing hint of hope...

Make a new choice – find a constructive response, follow things bigger than your fear

Bishop Sally mentioned that 2024 General Conference (the highest legislative body of UMC) will be held in April 23 – May 3, 2024 in Charlotte, North Carolina. It is expected to remove the paragraph ¶ 304.3 which states “The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Therefore, self-avowed practicing homosexuals are not to be certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church” along with some others that oppress the lives of lgbtqia+ siblings. It will work hard to “reset UMC” after painful divisions. So, let us pray for One Spirit to bless the whole body and help them to be the Body of Christ that keeps multiplying fruits of life and love all over the world.

The whole report of 2023 Annual Conference can be found here:

<https://www.cnumc.org/eventdetail/17307610?month=6&year=2023&day=1&display=m>

I pray with you again:
Come, Spirit, Come
Fill us with Your Love
Come, Spirit, Come
Lead us to Your Peace

Blessed Spirit-filled Journey!

“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

We believe love in action can change the world



We are taking July off with meetings resuming in August.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our ice cream social after service on Sunday, August 20th. A freewill offering will be collected with all donations going to United Women in Faith mission programs.

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, August 21st at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action!

United Women in Faith Mission u

Each year, United Women in Faith members prepare for faithful living and action by engaging in transformative educational experiences at Mission u events. These events are centered around Mission u curricula that are designed to motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry.

Join us at Mission u as we explore the good news and what it means for our lives!

Summer is here and so is Mission u, an in-person opportunity for women and children to fellowship and study together. There are 2 United Women in Faith weekends remaining to choose from:

- July 28-30 at ECCO Conference Center (Oakhurst) with Katherine Parker, missionary and study leader
- August 25-27 at Centennial UMC (Sacramento) with Lee Neish, pastor and study leader

All sessions also offer youth and children's groups. This year's theme is "Living the Kin-dom," a study of The Lord's Prayer.

To register visit www.canvuwf.org/mission-u for more information and registration details. Invite a friend and make this a meaningful experience for your summer!

A Letter of Thanks from a Member of our Community

Pastor Lee, Michele, and the BCUMC church community. The Delta Branch of the Music Teachers Association of California (MTAC) would like to thank you for opening your church for our monthly student recitals during the school year 2022-2023. Our students were blessed with a wonderful, serene venue to share their talents with a supportive audience. Thank you for making this possible for our young musicians.

May you be blessed a thousand-fold.

Sincerely,
Grace Edwards
President, on behalf of the Delta Branch of MTAC

Youth Group

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. Our last youth event of the year was swimming at the Brentwood Aquatic Center. The youth were excited that the slides and diving boards were available to use. If you are interested in being a part of the youth group, we are currently on summer break. If you are eligible to participate (students in grades 6th-12th), we would love for you to join us. We offer a variety of activities that are often near our church, we read the Bible, we participate in service projects, and we have fun. It's a way to spend time with our Christian family. Our first meeting of the year will be sometime in August, after school starts back up, look for details in the next newsletter! I will be using my email cbreitenbucher@sbcglobal.net and the Remind App as ways to communicate with youth and their families. If they are able to receive/send texts, this is one way they can quickly join. Please have your youth send a text to 81010 and text this message: @youthbcumc

Please send me an email if your youth plans on attending any of our events, so that I can have your contact information and add you to my email list. I'm looking forward to a great year!

Cheryl Breitenbucher-BCUMC Youth Director

Fellowship Hour Staffing

Changes During July and August

For the summer months of July and August, our Friends in Faith committee came up with the following proposal to give the Ad Council committees a break from providing goodies/treats this summer. The idea is 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.



Finance Report

We are halfway through the year, and we thank you all for your continued support of our ministries through your pledges and Sunday offerings.

So that all members are always aware of the status of our finances, we keep you informed in multiple ways.

- Those members with pledges can expect a mid-year contribution letter in July. This letter will be more detailed than previous ones with contribution dates, amounts, and total to date. This letter only reflects monies given to pledges and not to other ministry support.
- There will be a detailed half-year report in next month's publication showing our income and expenses to date and how we are faring compared to our expected budgeted amounts.

As always, feel free to check in with our office administrator with questions or any member of the Finance committee.

Finance Committee Chairperson,
Polly Gallagher

Lay Leader News

By Heidi Stark

Happy Summer to all! I hope you are all enjoying the change of pace that summertime tends to bring. June was an eventful month at BCUMC. The last Sunday of May was Pentecost Sunday, and we learned about Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. That initial gift of the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples like tongues of fire and enabled them to speak in many languages. Everyone could hear God's message to them in their own language – it was personal to each of them, and it remains personal to us today. On Pentecost God created a whole new world with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Words have power; they can build up or tear down. Misinformation and misuse of words can damage and destroy. We are all made in God's image which means we can love others even if they are different than us. God loves us and has put his image in each of us; so, how can we discriminate against one another. Jesus preached to all members of society without discrimination and Jesus passed that mission on to all of his disciples. That's you and me – it is our job to take the authority given and preach the Gospel. We need to meet people where they are – we need to speak and serve in ways that are life giving and forgiving and loving – open and available for all. The Holy Spirit doesn't discriminate – the Holy Spirit is available to all who open their hearts to God.



The Holy Spirit was clearly present on June 11th when we welcomed five new members (Cynthia Geddes, Carl and Scott Kammeyer, Joe Niec, and Karen Thomas) to our congregation and witnessed one child (Emersyn Geddes) and two adult baptisms (Scott Kammeyer and Karen Thomas). While statistics indicate that baptisms and new members have been decreasing since 1974 in UM churches, we are blessed to welcome these new friends to our family at BCUMC. When asked why they chose to join BCUMC they mentioned that they felt welcomed and accepted here and that BCUMC offers a wonderful community to raise children in and allows many opportunities to serve. I pray that our actions continue to speak loudly for all to

witness. God's grace is open and available to all who seek it. Through our baptism we are called to be in service for the Lord. I ask you to pray that the Holy Spirit might work in and through you and see where that takes you. Please be willing to share your time, your talents, and your treasures. Be God's hands and feet in this world!

June was Pride Month, and a friend of the Church was very disappointed that the June D & O made no mention of that fact. That was accurate; we failed to publicize Pride Month in our newsletter. This was not intentional; it was simply an oversight because no one submitted information about Pride Month to be included in the newsletter. Pastor talked about Pride month in her sermon on June 4th. BCUMC has proudly been a reconciling congregation since 2015. This means that as a reconciling congregation we are committed to intersectional justice across and beyond the United Methodist connection, working for the full participation of all LGBTQIA+ people throughout the life and leadership of the Church. We do need to "*walk the walk*" and not just pay lip service to the values of our congregation. I do believe that our actions speak loudly as witnessed by the recent baptisms and new members. We open our doors to all. Could we do better? Sure! Should we do better? Absolutely! The reality is much of the work of BCUMC is done by volunteers and right now our Reconciling Ministry Committee is without a chairperson and has not been meeting regularly. The monthly newsletter is as good as the information provided. When we know better – we can do better. Be the change you wish to see in the world! Start at BCUMC – share your passions and your gifts.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

We continue to receive requests for more music and singing! Please let us know what you want to sing and hear. The tree cutout in the Fellowship Hall is awaiting your musical suggestions. Write the title of your favorite hymn on a leaf and attach the leaf to the tree (Velcro dots are amazing!). Hopefully, we will fill our tree with a variety of music and incorporate those songs into our services this Summer and beyond. Please help us make a Joyful Noise!

How are we doing?

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.

We are acting on the feedback we receive, and things are happening! Change isn't always easy, but sometimes we need to experiment to find the best way forward. Bob Clarke is forming a Communications Committee to help us do a better job of sharing information and allow us increase our presence in the community. Please contact Bob, Pastor or your Lay Leaders if this committee is of interest to you. We are asking for volunteers to help with Sunday Fellowship during July and August. Volunteers are needed to provide snacks and drinks and set up and clean up. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall for Sundays in July and August. Linda and Jerry Walton will host Fellowship on July 2. Please consider how you can help at BCUMC, and we ask you to please think about who we are as a Church and how we can work together to help transform hearts and minds and spread the good news of Jesus and bring glory to God. 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

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

On Sunday, June 25th, 22 friends gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a fun evening of food and music. We had an amazing array of tasty potluck dishes. The String Band led us in a wonderful sing-along, and we took a break to share jokes – who knew we had so many comedians in our midst. We ended the evening with a hymn sing with Pastor playing the keyboard. This event was hosted by your Lay Leaders, Pastor, and Voyagers. It was a fun event open to all. Be on the lookout for the next Sunday Night Live and upcoming Voyager events.

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 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.



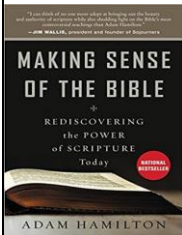
Prayer Chain:

Grace Olayomi (Gbenga Olayomi's wife), **John Gonzales** (Adella Logan's son), **Bev and Martin Tucker**, **Marsha** (Joyce Sorenson), **Hozeh Lee** (Pastor Lee's son), **Dawn**, (Daughter of Eugene and Jenny Davis), **Ethel Badham**, **Verna Kruse**, **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Melvin Strong**, **Leonor Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Steve Clarke** (Bob Clarke's son), **Betty and Jack Gaughan**, **John Moore**, **Joyce Sorenson**, **Lauren Reece** (Kathy Gulizia's granddaughter), **Don** (Kim Fraley's husband), **Jeff** (Alivia Kumagai's father-in-law), **Bella** (Bob Clarke's friend), and **Karen** (Joyce Sorenson's niece).

SMALL GROUP – 6 WEEKS

(ZOOM - negotiable with the participants)

*Register by August 1st with Pastor Lee



MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE
REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF SCRIPTURE TODAY
By Rev. Adam Hamilton

FACILITATOR: Pastor Hyesung Lee

*The book can be purchased from Amazon or Cokesbury

#	Zoom on Sundays 6:30pm -7:30pm	Session Title	Chapters
1	Aug 6	Making Sense of the Old Testament	Introduction; Book Chapters 1-7
2	Aug 13	Making Sense of the New Testament	Book Chapters. 8-13
3	Aug 20	Questions about the Nature of Scripture	Book Chapters 14-18
4	Aug 27	The Bible and Science	Book Chapters 19-21
2 weeks break			
5	Sep 17	Violence, Suffering and Other Troubling Issues	Book Chapters 22-26
6	Sep 24	Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships	Book Chapters 27-32



**Next UMM meeting will be on Saturday July 1st, 2023, at 8:00 AM.
At Brentwood Veterans Park! All men are welcome! Come and enjoy a couple
of games of Bocce, breakfast, and fellowship.**



On Saturday 24 June 2023 a few of the men took a trip over to Stockton Central United Methodist Church to cook and share a nice breakfast and fellowship.

Dave gave a presentation about our men's group and some statistics about Methodist men in general that was very interesting. Everybody enjoyed themselves and hopefully Central UMC has been inspired to restart their men's group or to come visit us at our monthly breakfast. Thank you, Dave Funk, Jerry Walton, Bob Clarke, Diego Garcia, Joe Niec, and Riley Clarke

On a side note, unrelated to the Stockton Central trip, 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

Getting to know our new member's

KAREN THOMAS

I was born and raised in the Bay Area and have lived in the East Bay all my life, aside from brief periods of time living in Portland, Costa Rica and Denmark. My husband, Joe, and I are recent empty-nesters, as our daughter, Julia, is now in her second year at Cal Poly, SLO. I was trained as a Social Worker at UC Berkeley and worked for 30 years as a therapist for infants and toddlers in foster care, along with their parents and caregivers. I recently transitioned into a new job with my same employer (UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland) and am now part of the Quality Assurance Team, supporting a majority of the Behavioral Health staff with their documentation. As a longstanding dance enthusiast, Zumba class is a highlight of my week. Like my spouse, Joe, I am also a rafting/kayaking aficionado (that's how we met), though I prefer the easy adventures over the ones that require a great deal of experience and skill.

JOE NIEC

I live in Brentwood, I am a semi-retired electrician, I'm doing work as a neighborhood handyman, proud parent of two daughters, proud grandfather of two granddaughters. I'm interested in community service, I like to go fishing, and I can drive a white-water raft like a maniac. I'm even worse in kayaking.





July

3 Joy Kick
5 Mgbechi Oji
6 Sean Clarke
6 Carrie Mosher
10 Pamela Ruskin
13 Miranda Smith
15 Alex Dunn
16 Paul Slay
17 Tristan Mendoza
18 Randy Fortner
18 Emma Smith
20 Shirley Gray
22 JoAnn Funk
22 Bonnie Larrabee
22 Ashley Porter
24 Fran Bowman
24 Julie Clarke
30 Joyce Sorenson
31 Vince Gallagher

Happy Anniversary!

July

1. Anthony Basica and Carrie Mosher
8. Jeanette and Robert Ruddick
18. Linda and Jerry Walton
26. Jan and Jeff Schults
25. Alivia Logan-Kumagai and Jeff Kumagai
27. Heidi and Jere Retzer

FREEDOM

Gracious God,
Let there be freedom
Freedom in our hearts
Freedom in our souls
Freedom in our world
Now may we live bold!

Freedom of speech
Freedom of belief
Freedom to be
Oh, what a relief!
Freedom of truth
Freedom of joy
Freedom to say
This is my lucky day!

And justice for all
That is the call
Oh Lord, we love you
Let there be freedom!

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Brentwood Community Adult Bible Study Summer 2023



INSPIRED BY GOD, June 02 to August 2023

A comprehensive Bible study plan and spiritual practices to deepen your relationship with God. Inspired By God Student Booklet Donation of \$13.99

This summer, our Bible lessons follow the theme “**Inspired by God**” and help us look at the careful design of Scripture and the art and poetry through which it touches our hearts and minds. They then move into a consideration of one of Scripture’s most practical categories, wisdom literature, followed by a look at some of Scripture’s heroes, who might surprise us. The lessons in this unit look at some of the different kinds of writings we find in Scripture and how God speaks to us through writings such as the Law, the prophets, visions, and the psalms. They invite us to dwell within Scripture’s reality rather than a reality of our own construction.

Wisdom, living with wisdom affects how we think, speak, act/ behave, relate to God, and relate to others. What constitutes wisdom according to the Bible

is not conventional wisdom about how to stay safe and healthy or how to prosper in life. Conventional wisdom tells us not to give aid or comfort to an enemy, whereas biblical wisdom teaches us the opposite. Conventional wisdom tells us to store up our grain in barns for tomorrow, whereas biblical wisdom encourages us to share what we have with those whose need is for today.

Heroes and Anti-Heroes; The men and women of the Bible who “save the day” are not the typical heroes of Western mythology. They do not have superhuman powers; they are not mighty warriors; they are not descended from the gods. They are ordinary men and women who use their status and situation to serve God’s purpose or people in need. The people who tradition prefers to make into heroes of kings and warriors frequently disappoint us by using their power to serve themselves.

Notify the Pastor’s Office if you would like to participate or,

Text: Tony Webb (770) 318-1793 or Diego Garcia (916) 515-7488

Drop ins are welcome to participate.

Classroom will be open at 8:30am and class will start at 8:45am and end at 9:45am

Any age is welcome.

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

Ellen Elaine Rowan: OUR FIRST WOMAN PASTOR

Pastor Ellen Elaine Rowan, 85, went to be with her Lord,
Wednesday June 7, 2023, in Morgantown, WV.

She was born in Masontown, WV, on April 21, 1938.



Members of our church had to adjust to a new reality in 1982 when Ellen Rowan was appointed as our pastor. She was the first woman in that role in the nearly one hundred years the church had existed. A very few families had difficulty adjusting to this new situation and moved elsewhere. The rest found the change stimulating and challenging. Ellen was to stay for nine years, the longest tenure of any of our pastors to date.

Ellen was born in Masontown, West Virginia in 1938. Her educational experiences led toward a career in both social work and the ministry. She was ordained in the Church of the Nazarene in 1961. She received her Master of Divinity degree summa cum laude from the Nazarene Theological Seminary

in 1970 after serving in a series of positions with the Nazarene Church. In 1971 she came to that denomination's Willow Creek site in northern California. Two years later she moved to the First Church of the Nazarene in Fremont. A personal decision led her to accept a pastorate at the Gridley United Methodist Church in 1980. In 1982 her orders were recognized by the United Methodist Church, and she was assigned to us in Brentwood.

There was a bit of the rebel in Ellen as we grew to know her. Some were startled to see her in her first year here riding around town on a motorcycle (without a helmet). Nevertheless, she turned out to be a fine preacher, one of the best we had known in many years. She was interested in liturgical matters and made a number of changes in that area of our worship. Several times she held healing services, anointing with oil and praying over those who came forward. I had been skeptical that such a service would be acceptable to our congregation but was surprised and impressed by the number of people who felt the need for this ministry. Ellen's skills were not limited to the pulpit. After I retired as choir director in 1983 another director was hired. However, during a short trial period he was unable to produce adequate results. Ellen then took over the position and held it successfully until she left our church. She enjoyed entertaining and was responsible for organizing a few small group activities. One of these was the Writers' Group in which individuals read aloud articles or passages they had written. This group continues to meet regularly after more than fourteen years although it is no longer church-related. In 1991 Ellen chose somewhat reluctantly to accept an assignment at Chico Trinity UMC. Her move was a major shock to many of our congregation for her impact had been widely felt here. In Chico her influence has steadily grown. She also now serves on a number of California-Nevada Conference committees. Just recently at Chico State University she received the Maggie Award given to the A Community Woman of the Year.

Ellen remembers her years in Brentwood with fondness. She has expressed her feelings as follows: The Brentwood Church and Community constituted the warmest, most supportive and affirming community of which I've ever been part. Most of the best friends I've ever made are from Brentwood Church. I wanted to move on to a larger place where I'd have more opportunity and influence and I've had that here. I'm constantly quoted in the local newspapers and enjoy high visibility, but I've not been taken in by the congregation as part of the community as I was there. When I want the warm fuzzies I think of Brentwood and the people there, of our retreats and choir, our writers' group and parties at the parsonage, etc. etc.

Written by Vernon Noble, June 2000



Link for obituary: <https://www.dominionpost.com/2023/06/10/ellen-rowan/>
<https://www.kingwoodfuneralhomewv.com/obituary/Ellen-Rowan>

TIME & TALENT SURVEY

Brentwood Community UMC

Where do your skills and passions meet the needs of our church? How would God want you to use your Time and Talents?

Please check the activities that you would like to participate in this year!

Checking the box does not mean an automatic or forever responsibility! You may decide your commitment every year.

Please sign and return it to the church office!

WORSHIP

- Worship Leader (reader/liturgist)
- Usher
- Greeter
- Choir
- Special Music
- Sound, light, video, zoom, etc.
- Nursery, childcare
- Fellowship Hour (bring goodies, set up and clean up)
- Communion Stewards (preparation & cleanup)
- Communion Server
- Preaching (witnessing, sharing your faith)

EDUCATION

- Sunday School Teacher (Pre-School to 5th Grade)
- Youth Ministry (6th to 12th Grade; be a chaperone or a helper to Youth Director)
- Adults (a facilitator of a small group)
- Serving as a member of Young Christian Ministry Committee

FAITH JOURNEY

- Take a basic Bible class
- Be in a small group to grow spiritually
- Be on the prayer chain (phone or email)
- Participate in or plan a retreat

GROUP FOR FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION

- United Methodist Men (all men)
- United Women in Faith (all women)
- Midtown Faith (between 20 to 59)
- Voyagers (60 and over)
- String Band (serving Christ through loving music)
- Garden Ministry

SERVING MINISTRIES

- HOPE HOUSE (Mon & Wed 9 am to 12 pm)
- Tuesday Produce Truck (2nd & 4th Tuesday 4 pm – 5 pm)
- Congregational Care Network (care for the sick and the seniors)
- Finance Committee (Budget propose, financial resources utilization for church ministries)
- Trustees (Stewards of properties, maintaining them to be effective for the ministry of the church)
- Staff Parish Relations Committee (support pastor & staff in their ministries)
- Nomination and Lay Leadership Development (recruitment; training)
- Reconciling Ministry Committee (promote all inclusiveness in the life of church)
- Committee on Communication (Newsletter, website, community-liaison, photographer, etc.)
- Worship Committee (working to keep worship vital, relevant and inspiring)
- Friends in Faith (helping visitors and new members)
- Membership Committee (keeping record of membership, baptism, confirmation, transfer, marriage, funeral)

Name (Print) _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

****Please send the survey to Church Office: Michelle Carrillo (925-634-3093)***

admin@brentwoodumc.org

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July 2023


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 UMM Breakfast 8am Brentwood Veterans Park
2 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am	3 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	4 DIG Board Meeting 7pm Quiet Rm 	5 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm Trustees 7pm online AI Anon 7pm	6 N/A 7:30pm F.H.	7 String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	8
9 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am	10 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	11 Produce Truck Hope House	12 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm SPRC 4:30pm in person Ad Council 7pm in person AI Anon 7pm	13 N/A 7:30pm F.H	14 String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	15
16 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am	17 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm United Women in Faith 7pm Fellowship Hall	18 Finance Committee 6:30pm Fireside Rm	19 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm	20 N/A 7:30pm F.H	21 String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	22
23 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am	24 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm DIG 7pm	25 Produce Truck Hope House NAMI 7pm	26 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm CCN 10am Fellowship H. ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm	27 Delta Guild 9-6 F.H. N/A 7:30pm F.H	28 String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	29
30 Bible Study 8:45am Worship 10:30am	31 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm					

*** 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.

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