

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

## **Brentwood Community United Methodist Church**

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Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

*November 2023*



## 2023 **NOVEMBER** 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
<p><b>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> Nov 5, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Holy Communion – Remembering of the Departed Loved Ones</b> – All who wish to bring their own votive candles are invited to do so and light them on the Table of Remembrance</li> <li>● <b>Sunday Morning Bible Study:</b> (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> <li>● <b>Sunday School for Kids</b> (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>● <b>A Stewardship Moment</b> ② “Circle of Stewardship”</li> </ul>
<p><b>24th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Nov 12, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In Honor of Veterans Day</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>Sunday School for Kids</b> (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>● <b>A Stewardship Moment</b> ③ “Circle of Stewardship”</li> </ul>
<p><b>25th Sunday after Pentecost</b> THANKSGIVING SUNDAY Nov 19, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Pulpit Exchange:</b> Pastor Kim (Antioch UMC) preaches at BCUMC and Pastor Lee goes to Pittsburgh UMC.</li> <li>● <b>Sunday Morning Bible Study:</b> (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> <li>● <b>Sunday School for Kids</b> (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>● <b>A Stewardship Moment</b> ④ “Circle of Stewardship”</li> </ul>
<p><b>Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday</b> Nov 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.</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>Sunday School for Kids</b> (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>● <b>Hanging of the Greens</b> (Decorating the sanctuary with greens in preparation of the Advent and Christmas) at 11:45 am right after the Service</li> </ul>

## Worship Ministers

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
11/5	Polly Gallagher	Greg Pacquer	Elijah Van Ruiten	Robin Bliss	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
11/12	Larry Schaffer	Kevin Fallon	Chinedum Ekpemiro	Emma Smith	Michael A. Honea	Bob Clarke
11/19	Heidi Stark	Greg Pacquer	TBD	Elijah Van Ruiten	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
11/26	Dave Funk	Kevin Fallon	Victoria Ogonna	Chimela Ogonna	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter

## † Pastor's Letter †

Dear Friends in God's Family

It is a war time. We are deeply involved in wars of the world as one of the powerful nations. First thing we need to do is **to condemn evils** – killing the innocent, kidnapping, holding hostages, racism, hate-crimes (out of antisemitism or islamophobia), slavery, oppression and injustice and so on. Our Christian Baptismal Vows call us to “resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.” Our words matter as much as our actions. We will keep preaching, proclaiming and sharing the will of God that calls us to fight against evils in the world.

Secondly, we need **to pray** for peace not only in the war zones but also in each and every heart of human children of God... not for peace after getting rid of all our enemies but peace that is uncomfortable and unsecured but graceful and hopeful in living together with our enemies. May God strengthen all His human children with courage and wisdom to believe God of peace and reconciliation instead of God of revenge and violence!

Thirdly, **let us sincerely believe** that our small acts of love matter to this world. Let's faithfully bless all small acts of kindness done by us or others each day! As long as our 330 million US citizens do one little act of love each day, our nation will be okay and become better agents of goodness for all human neighbors in the world. Remember Jesus used five loaves of bread and two fish to feed more than 20,000 people in the wilderness! May God bless our small acts of faith today and all other days!

Fourthly, **let us remember God's call** in such a time like this, call to represent God's kin-dom, its values and visions. I'd like to invite you to ask yourself and meditate on the following questions:

- Do I have HATE against anyone or any group? Why?
- Do I have HYPOCRISY? What desires do I hide deep down?
- Am I trying to ENTRAP anybody? For what?

Then, let's meditate on the following questions:

- Am I giving to God what belongs to God? What is God's?
- Am I finding my heart in humility, purity and kindness?
- Am I suffering for the sake of what Jesus stand for?

May your family and people in your life be blessed by you always!

“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 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**

Priscilla Circle met on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Jan Schults shared about National Women's History Month. She started with some trivia on United Methodist Women throughout history. Our scripture was Ruth 1:1-7 and prompted discussion on how "community" is beneficial to all women. Jan also shared about Susanna Wesley - the

Mother of Methodism; she was quite a force.

Trivia, Treats, and Treasures was a success thanks to the help of many. It was a fun evening and raised \$665. It was agreed to put those funds into action with donations to UMCOR, Angel Tree, and Samaritan's Purse. Thanks to all who supported this fun event.

United Women in Faith hosted Sunday Fellowship on October 29<sup>th</sup> and will host every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday going forward. Also, save the date for the return of our Christmas Cookie Walk on December 10<sup>th</sup>!

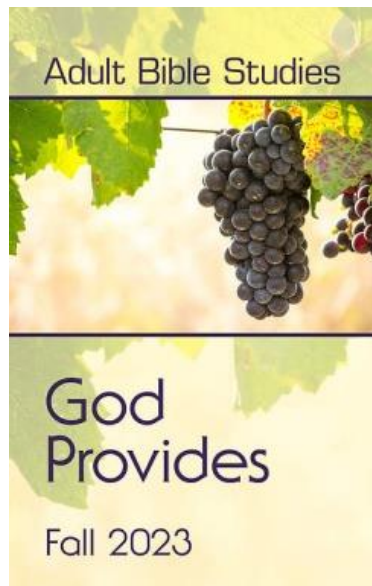
**All women are encouraged to join us at our World Thank Offering luncheon and program on Sunday, November 19 at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action! Questions, please contact Jan Schults, United Women in Faith President at 925-890-6296.**

## **Youth**

In October, the youth met to plan the Youth Service and served on Sunday morning the 29<sup>th</sup>. Everyone did a great job, and I was proud of all their roles!

In November we will meet on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> with Pizza/ Bible/ Games from 5:30-7pm. On Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a Parent/Youth Potluck to discuss the Youth calendar and Confirmation. All youth and families are encouraged to come!

# Adult Bible Studies Fall 2023



## Grow your faith. 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, with each weekly lesson offers background and focal Scriptures, key verses, and doctrinally sound and relevant biblical interpretation. *Adult Bible Studies* is a reliable companion and guide for learning and growing in the Christian faith—

**Sundays from 8:45 to 9:45, in the Youth Classroom.  
Facilitated by Tony Webb or Diego Garcia**

## World Thank Offering Luncheon & Program

On November 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm, United Women in Faith will host World Thank Offering. Since 1881 United Methodist women and our foremothers have used, the World Thank Offering to give thanks to God for our blessing and to share our love with others. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and a program lead by our Treasurer, Polly Gallagher. We will focus on GRATITUDE! Gratitude turns what little you have into abundance. Gratitude is so much more than saying thank you. Gratitude changes your perspective of the world.

To prepare for our World Thank Offering event, we invite you to participate in our Gratitude Scavenger Hunt. You are encouraged to experience as many of these items as you can – make a list and/or take a photo and share with your friends on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### GRATITUDE SCAVENGER HUNT

1. Something that makes you happy.
2. Something to give to someone else to make them smile.
3. One thing that you love to smell.
4. One thing that you enjoy looking at.
5. Something that is your favorite color.
6. Something you are thankful for in nature.
7. Something that you can use to make a gift for someone.
8. Something that is useful to you.
9. Something that reminds you of a loved one.
10. Your favorite color of leaves.

**All women are welcome; please consider joining us on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall and put your faith in action! Questions, please contact Jan Schults, United Women in Faith President at 925-890-6296.**

## 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

As we enter November and look forward to Thanksgiving, we are provided with many opportunities to consider our blessing and practice thankfulness. When we practice an attitude of gratitude, we open our hearts to God's presence in all things – the good and the bad. We lean in and trust that God is guiding our steps, holding our hand, and walking through all of it with us. Gratitude may not come easy especially when life is throwing you curve balls, but this is the idea of giving thanks in all circumstances. *Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. – 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

In October, we celebrated World Communion Sunday and the idea of Christian Inclusivism. Jesus lived and died for all – salvation is available to all who choose to embrace it. We also witnessed Pastor blessing our animal friends which reminds us that all creatures are important to God and deserve love and compassion. Our Lay Leader, Dave Funk shared a message about H.O.P.E. House (Hope, Opportunity, Prayer, and Encouragement) on Laity Sunday. H.O.P.E. House is a vital ministry serving the needs of the poor and food insecure in our local communities. Dave challenged us to think about how we become disciples of Christ – how do we connect, how do we serve, and how do we grow in faith.

I feel thankful to be part of a Church that welcomes all. We are allowed to ask questions, we have many ways to connect with others, many ways to serve – share our time and talents, and so many opportunities to grow in our faith journey. I'm so thankful for our Pastor and our laity (that's all of you) who make every effort to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

My husband and I gave a toast at our daughter, Jenna's recent wedding, and I shared a quote from L.R. Knost - *"Life is amazing. And then it's awful. And then it's amazing again. And in between the amazing and awful it's ordinary and mundane and routine. Breathe in the amazing, hold on through the awful, and relax and exhale during the ordinary. That's just living heartbreaking, soul-healing, amazing, awful, ordinary life. And it's breathtakingly beautiful."* I feel that this quote really sums up life – it isn't always easy, fun, or spectacular. There are plenty of times when it is downright awful, but as Christians, we have the gift of God walking with us always and in all ways. I wish you all the ability to recognize your many blessings in the midst of an ordinary life.

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

## **COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATED (March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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), and **Lana** (Michelle Carrillo's mother).



**Next UMM meeting will be on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 8:00 AM. In fellowship hall! All men are welcome! Come and enjoy a great breakfast, and fellowship.**

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

**Thanksgiving Sunday**  
**November 19, 2023**  
**Bring canned goods for Hope House**

**pulpit** → **exchange**

**Rev. Kim**  
(Antioch UMC)

## Stewardship 2024 - Circle of Stewardship

Our stewardship program for 2024 officially began on Sunday, October 29 and will conclude with a blessing of commitment on Sunday, November 19. The Finance Committee will then be tasked with creating a budget for 2024 that both reflects the needs of our ministries and our financial support. There are many ways that our congregation offers their financial support. Committing with a pledge card, faithful giving, loose plate offering and “out-of-pocket” purchases for specific needs.

We benefited in 2023 from a one-time post-Covid tax credit of over \$20,000 which has kept our budget and ministries strong; a challenge is ahead to continue strong.

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**



## 2023 CHURCH CONFERENCE

**WHEN: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sunday at 1:00 pm**

**LUNCH:** Bread and Soup Lunch will be provided by Ad Council members

**WHO:** All BCUMC members and friends

**Presiding Elder:** District Superintendent Rev. Shinya Goto

### **Agenda:**

- 1) Welcome & Introduction - Pastor
- 2) Call to Order, Scripture Reading, and Opening Prayer – DS/Presiding Elder
- 3) Membership Report – Membership Secretary or Pastor
- 4) Approval of 2024 Clergy Compensation – SPRC Chair
- 5) Election of Church Leaders (Nomination Committee Report) – Pastor
- 6) Discussion on the topics described above -DS/ Presiding Elder
  - #1 CANV portion of Boy Scouts of America settlement
  - #2 Updates to child abuse prevention policies/practices
  - #3 Newly adopted Conference vision statement
  - #4 Congregational Vitality Matrix –





## November

2. Joyce Heflin
4. Rebecca Feldermann
5. Eileen Newill
6. Adella Logan
7. Chinyere Ekpemiro
8. Jeff Geddes
9. Diego Garcia
10. Joy Brown
10. Alvin Simas
10. Kim Fraley
11. Diana Lane
11. Sarah Zamjahn
12. Kayla Gallagher
14. Annalise Miesen
18. Darby Gray
22. Jamie Feldermann
22. Joanie Johnson
22. Hisako Suzuki
25. Dan Hanel
27. Patricia Evans
29. Joe Kick
29. Will Ruddick



## November

13. Connie and Mark Azevedo
17. Rebecca and James Feldermann
21. Shirley and Kevin Gray
24. Diana and Nathan Lane

## GRATITUDE

I sing a song of gratitude  
And my heart is full  
The sun is rising on another day  
God's peace fills me with calm

And when I'm feeling low  
And don't see where to go  
The sky is grey  
Dreams slipping away  
Struggling with words and  
deeds

May I bring it all to God  
And wait and breathe  
And listen to where he leads.

I look for the good in others  
And in myself today  
I have enough, I am enough  
I get to choose my attitude  
With God's grace, I seek to live  
With ocean waves of gratitude.

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# SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE HALLOWEEN POTLUCK



We had some spooky fun on Sunday, October 29! 18 adults and 7 children gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a festive Fall evening. Most everyone came in costume or Halloween attire. Just to name a few, we had Elsa, Alice in Wonderland, a Minnie Mouse dressed as a witch, a graduate, a train conductor, a couple of doctors, and cows or dalmatians (depending on your preference). It was great to have so many dress-ups and participants. A United Methodist potluck is a sight to see, and this one did not disappoint.

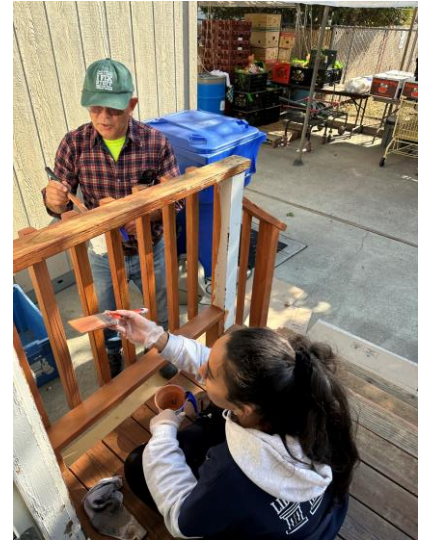
We enjoyed cozy casseroles, healthy salads, veggies, breads, and some delicious, sweet treats. No one went away hungry! Following dinner there were crafts and games for all to participate in. Turns out our Pastor is very good at cornhole! As always, the conversations were great and the chance to spend time with friends and family – priceless! It was a good time, and we encourage everyone to attend our next Sunday Night Live event coming in the new year!



It is time to decorate our sanctuary with greens, reds, golds and whites with Advent Candles and Trees in preparation of Advent and Christmas! Please join this joyful family activity right after Worship Service on November 26<sup>th</sup>! We need all kinds of people for this to be completed! With your question, please ask any member of Creative Worship Team – Barb Pinkston, Linda Barnhill, Eileen Newill or Dennis Buckley!

# HOPE HOUSE cleaning day

21 volunteers showed up for HOPE HOUSE Cleaning Day (Oct 28, 2023, from 8 am to noon). They did cleaning, painting (front and back rails), sanding, trimming, indoor and outdoor cleaning. What a fun and fulfilling day! May God bless our HOPE HOUSE ministries and all volunteers! Thanks to Miranda Harmon-Smith for these beautiful pictures!



# November 2023 Facility Use Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm <b>Trustees 7pm online</b>	2 Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm N/A 7:30pm F.H. <b>Choir Rehearsal 7pm</b>	3 <b>String Band 10:30am F.H.</b> AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	4 <b>Umm Breakfast 8am F.H.</b> Piano Recital 2-4:30pm
5 Bible Study 8:45am <b>Worship 10:30am</b> <b>All Saints Sunday Recital 2:30-5:30pm</b> <b>Youth Group 5:30pm</b>	6 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm	7 DIG Board Meeting 7pm Fireside rm. <b>Young Christian Ministry 7pm Youth rm. BCC 7pm</b>	8 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm <b>SPRC 4:30 Ad Council 7pm in person</b>	9 Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm N/A 7:30pm F.H. <b>Choir Rehearsal 7pm</b>	10 <b>String Band 10:30am F.H.</b> AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	11 Veterans Day 
12 Bible Study 8:45am <b>Worship 10:30am</b> <b>Church Charge Conference 1pm</b>	13 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm	14 Produce Truck Hope House BCC 7pm	15 <b>Worship Committee 10am F.H.</b> H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm	16 Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm N/A 7:30pm F.H. <b>Choir Rehearsal 7pm</b>	17 <b>String Band 10:30am F.H.</b> AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	18 Traffic School 8-4pm
19 Bible Study 8:45am <b>Worship 10:30am</b> <b>Thanksgiving Sunday</b>	20 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm <b>United Women in Faith 7pm F.H.</b>	21 Produce Truck Hope House <b>Finance Committee 6:30pm</b> <b>Fireside Rm NAMI 7pm BCC 7pm</b>	22 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm <b>Reconciling 7pm</b> AI Anon 7pm	23 	24 <b>String Band 10:30am F.H.</b> AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm <b>Office Closed</b>	25 Piano Class 8:30am -11am
26 Bible Study 8:45am <b>Worship 10:30am</b> <b>Youth Group 5:30pm</b>	27 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm DIG 7pm	28 NAMI 7pm BCC 7pm	29 <b>CCN 10am</b> H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm	30 Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm N/A 7:30pm F.H. <b>Choir Rehearsal 7pm</b>		

**\* 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)**

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*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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TIME DATED MATERIAL

