

# *Deeds and Opportunities*

## **Brentwood Community United Methodist Church**

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Brentwood Community United Methodist Church

*October 2023*





## 2023 OCTOBER 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>18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Oct 1, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Communion</li> <li>• Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> <li>• Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• Come to church in traditional clothes, bring food from your birth place for fellowship hour</li> <li>• Making Sense of the Bible: 6:30 pm (zoom)</li> </ul>
<p><b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Oct 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outdoor Service</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> <li>• Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• New Member Orientation (1): 12pm to 1:15 pm in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
<p><b>20th Sunday after Pentecost</b> Oct 15, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Preacher: David Funk, Lay Leader</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> <li>• Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• New Member Orientation (2): 12pm to 1:15 pm in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
<p><b>21st Sunday after Pentecost</b> Oct 22, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Exodus 33:12-23</a> <a href="#">Matthew 22:15-22</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> <li>• Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> </ul>
<p><b>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</b> Oct 29, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday Morning Bible Study: (Youth Room 8:45 am – 9:45 am)</li> <li>• Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)</li> <li>• SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE: 5 pm – 7 pm</li> </ul>

## Worship Ministers

Date	Worship Leader	Pianist	Acolyte	Crucifer	Greeter	Ushers
10/1	Polly Gallagher	Kevin Fallon	Elijah Van Ruiten	Robin Bliss	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
10/8	Larry Schaffer	Greg Pacquer	Chinedum Ekpemiro	Emma Smith	Michael A. Honea	Bob Clarke
10/15	Jan Schults	TBD	TBD	Elijah Van Ruiten	Eileen Newill	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
10/22	Dave Funk	Greg Pacquer	Victoria Ogbonna	Chimela Ogbonna	Linda Walton	Gbenga Olayomi Scott Baxter
10/29	Heidi Stark	TBD	Elijah Van Ruiten	Robin Bliss	Dolores Huan	Bob Clarke

*† Pastor's Letter †*

Dear Friends in God's Family

Our time here on earth is not long for any one of us! I am so glad that my husband and I with our son could go see my mom for her 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday in Korea in early September. She was extremely happy to see us, especially our son, her grandson, after 25 years. She was very proud of him for who he is and his loving care to come see her.

We just had a Memorial Service for Diane Lee on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We celebrated her life with family members, friends and the congregation. The choir sang, the String Band sang, many people shared their good wonderful memories of her. What a great person she was! And we all miss her so much!

I shared the Seven Sayings of Jesus during our family worship for my mom's birthday. Those were Jesus' last words before he died for his disciples and all the humanity. He tells us what are important in our lives. I hope we all remember those words and apply them into our everyday lives until we go to heaven!

[1] **"Father, *forgive* them; for they know not what they do."** *Forgive as you have been forgiven!*

[2] **"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."** *Welcome others as you have been welcomed!*

[3] **"Woman, here is your son... Here is your mother"** (John 19:26-27). *Support and care one another as John and Mary did!*

[4] **"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"** (Mt. 27:46). *Pray when you feel abandoned and lonely as Jesus did!*

[5] **"I thirst"** (John 19:28). *Suffering is not a shame... express it and take your healing journey with others!*

[6] **"It is finished"** (John 19:30). Jesus finished his work of salvation by grace... do not judge one another and yourself but only accept that you are enough!

[7] **"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"** (Luke 23:46). Trust that your spirits are safely in the hands of God always!

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**

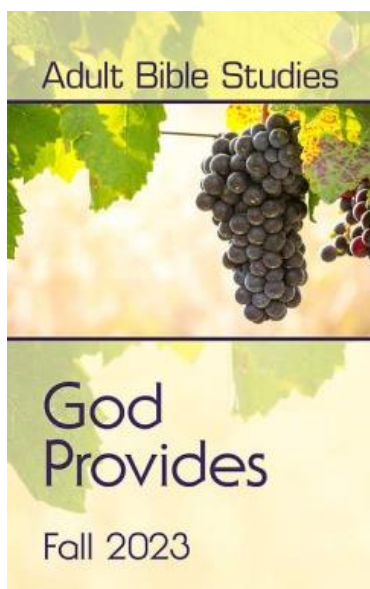
Priscilla Circle met on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> with seven women in attendance. We started a multi-week program about walking with God. This program is asking us to literally walk and provides questions to ponder while walking to help grow our faith. Jan Schults started the discussion by sharing examples from the Bible on how

consistently following God pays off. We are asked to walk quietly, patiently, and consistently with God. If you would like to participate in this weekly walking program, please contact Jan for details.

Tickets for Trivia, Treats and Treasures are now available. Please see the separate article for details. United Women in Faith will host Sunday Fellowship on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 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>!

**The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome; please consider joining and putting your faith in action! Questions, please contact Jan Schults, United Women in Faith President at 925-890-6296.**

## **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**



## INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

BCUMC will host a Blessing of the Animals community event on Saturday, October 7 from 10-11am in front of the Church. We will be advertising this event to the community in the weeks leading up to the date. Pastor will bless each animal presented, and we will provide water and pet treats for the animals, and bottles of water for their humans. Information about our worship service and the ministries of BCUMC will be on display. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Pastor, Dave Funk, or Heidi Stark for more information.

Also, on Sunday, October 8 our worship service will take place outside on the lawn. Church members are encouraged to bring their pets to be blessed by Pastor during the service. A few guidelines for those who bring animals:

- Small animals like rabbits, mice, guinea pigs etc. should remain protected in their cages.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times, and please keep your cats under control either by holding them or having them on a leash.
- If your pet isn't very social or maybe not so well-behaved, please bring a photo of your pet for a blessing instead.
- Please remember to clean up after your pets.
- All God's creatures are welcome to attend!

## 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.



**October 8 and 15 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.

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE  
FALL/HALLOWEEN POTLUCK  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 5-7PM**



Your Pastor and Lay Leaders, Dave Funk and Heidi Stark are planning another fun Sunday Night Live event. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 29 from 5-7pm for a potluck and some fun Fall/Halloween activities. This event is open to all ages and costumes are encouraged. We are sure to have a wide variety of cozy Fall dishes and tasty treats to enjoy. We'll also have some fun Fall/Halloween activities appropriate for all ages. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall – let us know if you can attend and what delicious dish you will bring. Come and enjoy dinner and some fun fellowship with your Church family! All are welcome!

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES...**

**Blessing of Animals (10.8. Sunday) – Outdoor Service**

You are invited to bring your pet animals and sit with you on the lawn.

\*BLESSING OF ANIMALS FOR THE COMMUNITY: **Saturday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 11 am** on Maple Street side lawn.

**Celebration of Life for Marsha Carlson**

When: October 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 1:00 pm

Where: Veterans Hall Brentwood

**Celebration of Life for Wanda Rybolt**

When: October 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 1:00 pm

Where: BCUMC Sanctuary

**TRIVIA, TREATS & TREASURES!  
Saturday, October 14, 6:30-8:00pm  
Fellowship Hall**



United Women in Faith is happy to announce that Trivia, Treats, and Treasures is back! It has been several years since we've been able to host this fun family event in person but mark your calendars now! Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm for a fun evening of tasty treats, trivia competitions, and a treasure trove of amazing raffle baskets. Event and raffle basket tickets can be purchased October 1, October 8, and at the door on October 14. Event tickets are \$15/person or two for \$25 and include treats, trivia competitions, and two raffle tickets/event ticket. No charge for kids! Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase – 1 ticket for \$1, 7 tickets for \$5, or 15 tickets for \$10. Even if you can't attend the event, you can still participate in the raffle basket drawings (baskets will be on display starting October 1). All funds raised will go to support United Women in Faith mission projects which include projects and ministries at BCUMC, in our local community, and worldwide mission projects. Please plan to attend this fun family event and support worthy causes. Questions, please contact Jan Schults, United Women in Faith President at 925-890-6296.

## Lay Leader News

By Heidi Stark

I know we are all thankful that Pastor Lee and her family returned home safely from their vacation to visit family and friends in Korea. It was wonderful to hear that the trip was a great experience for all, and it was such a blessing that Pastor could celebrate her mother's 91<sup>st</sup> birthday with her. Thanks to Dave Funk, his son, Jason and Blake Kurz, Pastor returned to find improvements to her office. A new door and sound proofing insulation were added to the wall between Pastor's office and the Church office making for a better work environment. We appreciate Dave, Jason, and Blake for their time and skills.

Pastor's message on Jesus' seven statements from the cross was very inspiring. She reminded us that no one knows the future and that life is fragile. We are alive by the mercy and grace of God. The question is how do we live the life we have? From the seven final statements Jesus made from the cross we are taught to be forgiving, to be welcoming, to be caring towards one another with all that we have, to be prayerful - especially during lonely times, to be willing to share our pain, and to walk together on our healing journeys as long as we live. Thank you, Jesus, for your gift of salvation! May we all speak and act on the lessons you gave us.

I am feeling rather nostalgic and emotional as I write this. We are in the single digits in the countdown to my daughter's wedding on September 30<sup>th</sup>. By the time you read this, my daughter, Jenna Stark will be Mrs. Uyeyama. As the saying goes, "*The days are long, but the years are short*". Jenna is my baby, and when she was about 4, I remember thinking I must memorize in my heart how her little hand fits just right in mine. I am blessed to have three great kids and share wonderful relationships with all of them. I've prayed many prayers for my children over the years, and I know I'll pray many, many more in the years to come. I always hoped and prayed that each of my children would find the best partner to share life with. Jenna is the last of my kids to marry, and for her I prayed that God would bring just the right man into her life in the time and way He deemed fit for her. We joked that she had to kiss some frog before she found her prince, but God clearly had a plan all along; we just had to wait patiently. Jenna's faith has always amazed and inspired me. Even from the time she was tiny she loved God, and I've watched as her faith has grown and matured in ways that I'm envious of. She does a fabulous job of trusting God to guide her way. God knew what He was doing when he led Jenna to Jacob Uyeyama. They entered their relationship with serious intentions, and they share the same dreams for marriage and children and a home and family. I wish I could promise blissful happiness always, but life is hard and messy. My prayer for their marriage is that they will always be willing to work together - to talk, to pray, to share, to laugh and to cry together. I pray that God will bless Jenna and Jake and grant them many, many years of health, happiness, love, and laughter.

*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

## HOPE House Quarterly Newsletter



We will begin publishing a HOPE house quarterly newsletter in October. This newsletter will be distributed to the local community to let them know about the wonderful service our church is providing for the needy in our community. If you have anything to contribute, please submit it to Bob Clarke or Diego Garcia ASAP.



### 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**, **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), **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), **Scott Kammeyer's mother**, **Michelle Carrillo**, **Echo Paden** (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), **Dari Tran**, **Polly and Vince Gallagher Family**, **Shirley Gray** and **Pamela Ruskin**.



**Next UMM meeting will be on Saturday October 7th, 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

### ALL GOD'S CREATURES

Our pets are members of our family – of value to us and God. The refrain of the hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful” reminds us that *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.* During the month of October, we are inviting everyone to bring pictures of their pets past and present and post them on our tree in the sanctuary. We are hoping to fill the tree with photos of the animals that are or have been an important part of your lives. These photos are sure to make us smile and share stories of our treasured pets.



# Hello from your lay leadership!

We often talk about the mission of the Methodist church to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”. Have you ever asked yourself how do we begin our faith journey?

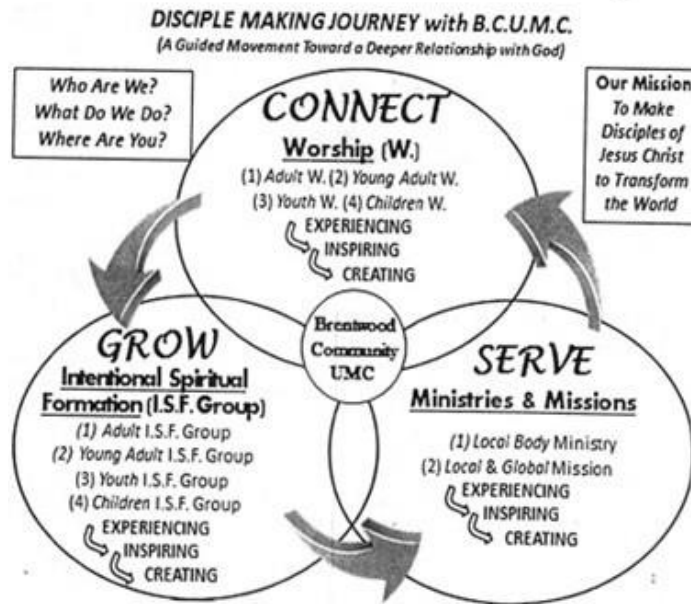
Here at Brentwood Community United Methodist Church (BCUMC) we have identified a path for this journey with the leadership from our Pastor Hyesung. The three areas we must focus on in our journey are:

**CONNECT**

**GROW**

**SERVE**

Here is a visual map of how these areas interconnect in our journey of spiritual growth.



Where do you see yourself in the journey of your discipleship? Are you participating in the areas of Church life that help you to grow?

Please let your leadership know if there are areas where we can assist you with improved programming to aid in your personal journey.

Brought to you by Dave Funk on behalf of your lay leaders and Pastor Hyesung.

# Garden Party

Join us for a garden party on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 5:00 pm  
Potluck dinner, bring your favorite dish!  
We will be joined by the string band!  
Scarecrow contest with prizes!  
Contact CiCi for more information





### October

- 6. Wiley Slay
- 8. Scott Kammeyer
- 15. Dylie Slay
- 18. Katie Moore
- 19. Alivia Logan-Kumagai
- 24. Jack Gaughan
- 26. Betty Gaughan
- 26. Carol Green
- 27. Andy Tran
- 29. Robin Vaughan
- 30. Mel Strong



### October

- 3. Kim & Don Fraley
- 8. Joe Niec and Karen Thomas
- 11. Jennifer and Rick Dunn
- 17. Polly and Vince Gallagher

### TO FORGIVE

The willow bends  
To keep from breaking  
What are the choices  
I am making?  
Some hurts run deep  
From long ago  
Some are more recent  
Stepped on my toe  
Jesus had the biggest loss  
Then forgave on the cross  
Can I forgive  
One only or seven?  
Brings lonely my heart  
To home in heaven  
I can be right  
Or I can live  
Teach me, Lord  
To forgive.

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## 2023 CHURCH CONFERENCE

WHEN: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Sunday (the time to be determined)

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 –

# October 2023 Facility Use Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bible Study 8:45am <b>World Communion Sunday Worship 10:30am</b>	2 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm	3 DIG Board Meeting 7pm Fireside rm. <b>Young Christian Ministry 7pm Youth rm. BCC 7pm</b>	4 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm <b>Trustees 7pm online</b>	5 Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm N/A 7:30pm F.H. <b>Choir Rehearsal 7pm Memorial Service 1pm</b>	6 <b>String Band 10:30am FH</b> AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	7 Umm Breakfast 8am F.H. <b>Memorial Marsha Carlson (Joyce Sorenson Daughter) 1pm Veterans Hall</b>
8 Bible Study 8:45am <b>Worship 10:30am</b>	9 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm	10 <b>Worship Committee 10 am F.H. Pastor/lay Leader Meeting 1:30pm</b> Produce Truck Hope House BCC 7pm	11 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm <b>SPRC 4:30 Ad Council 7pm in person</b>	12 Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm N/A 7:30pm F.H <b>Choir Rehearsal 7pm</b>	13 <b>String Band 10:30am F.H.</b> AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	14 <b>United Women in Faith Trivia, Treats, Treasure 6:30- 8pm</b>
15 Bible Study 8:45am <b>Laity Sunday Worship 10:30am</b>	16 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm <b>United Women in Faith 7pm F.H.</b>	17 <b>Finance Committee 6:30pm Fireside Rm BCC 7pm</b>	18 H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7pm	19 Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm N/A 7:30pm F. <b>Choir Rehearsal 7pm Communications Committee 6:30pm</b>	20 <b>String Band 10:30am F.H.</b> AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	21
22 Bible Study 8:45am <b>Worship 10:30am</b>	23 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm DIG 7pm	24 Produce Truck Hope House NAMI 7pm BCC 7pm	25 <b>CCN 10am</b> H.O.P.E. House 9am-12pm ACA 5pm Quiet Rm <b>Reconciling 7pm</b> AI Anon 7pm	26 <b>Friends in Faith 11am</b> Trilogy Vineyard Singers 4pm <b>Choir Rehearsal 7pm</b> N/A 7:30pm F.H	27 <b>String Band 10:30am F.H.</b> AA 6:45pm AI-Anon 8pm	28 Piano Class 8:30am -11am
29 Bible Study 8:45am <b>Youth Sunday Worship 10:30am</b>	30 H.O.P.E. House 9am- 12pm	31 NAMI 7pm BCC 7pm				

\* 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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TIME DATED MATERIAL

