Deeds and Opportunities

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2024 JUNE Worship Schedule

Hybrid Worship Service Both In-Person and Virtual!

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https://www.brentwoodumc.org/bcumc/home

https://www.facebook.com/groups/28404281274/

SUNDAY WORSHIP	Scriptures / Themes	Worship Acts and More				
2nd Sunday after Pentecost June 2, 2024 10:30 a.m.	Psalm 8:1-9 John 16:12- 16 "Blessing of Ordinary Season"	 Holy Communion Adult Bible Study: (Youth Room 9 am – 10 am) Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) All Church B.B.Q.: after Worship, provided by Men's Group Clayton Pride Parade: 10 am – 2 pm, Main Street of Clayton. All are invited to join and represent our church. 				
California-Nevada Conference Conference Session 2024 Annual Conference Session 2024 Annual Conference Session Capol Lock Off FOLLOWING JESUS THE 176TH CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION	June SAFE 1400 *Atte	E 176TH CALIFORNIA-NEVADA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF UNITED THODIST CHURCH ne 7 – 10, 2024 FE Credit Union Convention Center 10 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 tendants: Pastor Hyesung Lee Delegates: Polly Gallagher & Fran Bowman				
after Pentecost June 9, 2024 10:30 a.m.	Preacher: David Funk Lay Leader (*Pastor Lee will attend Annual Conference)	 Adult Bible Study: (Youth Room 9 am – 10 am) Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) Time for Young Disciples: JoAnn Funk 				
4th Sunday after Pentecost June 16, 2024 10:30 a.m.	2Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34	• Adult Bible Study: 9 am – 10 am • Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) • United Women in Faith will provide gifts to all men in worship and snacks for the fellowship hour. All women will sing a special song for men.				
5th Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2024 10:30 a.m.	Psalm 9:9-20 2Cor 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	 Sunday Morning Bible Study: Youth Room 9 am – 10 am Sunday School for Kids: after Time for Young Disciples Special Music: String Band Liturgy of Ordinary Small Group: 12pm – 1:15pm in Youth Room 				
6th Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 130 2Cor 8:7-15	 Sunday Morning Bible Study: Youth Room 9 am – 10 am Sunday School for Kids: after Time for Young Disciples Special Music: String Band Sunday Night Live: 5pm – 7pm in Fellowship Hall with Potluck 				

• Sunday Night Live: 5pm – 7pm in Fellowship Hall with Potluck

dinner, Fellowship and Discussion on "U.M.C. General Conference and

Beyond" with Guest speaker: Rev. Mark Wharff (Conference Secretary)

June 30, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Mark 5:21-43

† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Beloved Friends in Christ

June marks the end of a one-year appointment cycle for clergy in our United Methodist Church. As July 1st approaches, I reflect on my upcoming 11th year serving Brentwood Community United Methodist Church. This will be my longest appointment in my 31 years of ministry, and I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve such a friendly, faithful, and devoted congregation.

I remember meeting Rev. Kristie Olah, our District Superintendent, before my interview with the BCUMC Staff Relations Committee. My husband and I were filled with excitement about meeting new people in Brentwood. During our interview preparation at Panera Bread in Antioch, Rev. Olah, perhaps sensing my calmness, asked, "How come you don't seem to worry about anything?" I replied, "Should I be worried? Specifically, for what?" She chuckled instead of trying to instill worry in me. While there were some bumps along the way, I was ultimately welcomed and accepted.

As I begin this "new" appointment year, I find myself echoing Jesus' words in Matthew 6:25-34: "Do not worry about your life... Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow..."

Indeed, there have been challenges throughout the years. However, we've overcome the pandemic and are experiencing renewed health as a church. We've embraced becoming a Reconciling Congregation, growing in understanding and inclusivity year by year. Through it all, God has provided the right people at the right time – offering great ideas, generous hearts, and a unifying spirit during conflicts. God's faithfulness has been unwavering.

On a personal level, I've been incredibly blessed. Our family is now debt-free, a cause for much celebration! My husband made a remarkable recovery from a serious car accident. My son, once struggling with chronic mental illness, has shown tremendous progress. And my daughter found happiness in marriage to a wonderful man. And they are expecting their first child, our first grandchild at the end of December this year. My family are deeply appreciating the grace of God and the love of our congregations – Brentwood Community and Stockton Central.

Thank you for your continued love and support as we journey together in the coming year. Let's continue to "seek first God's Kingdom and God's righteousness" with our deep gratitude!

"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

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We believe love in action can change the world

Our program focus this year is "Food, Faith and Fellowship". In May we gathered to share ice cream sundaes and talk about being in community whether that be family, church, friends, work, or volunteering. It's a blessing to be part of something that brings us joy as we give our time in service and being present with others.

We will **NOT** be meeting in June, but we have a little "homework" before our July meeting. From Acts 2:42 (NRSV) *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.* Until we meet in July, we are asked to be present and aware as we gather with our family or friends at a table. Think about the following:

What is the feeling around the table?

Is there joy in celebration?

Is there comfort in being vulnerable with one another?

Is there bridge-building or barrier-breaking happening as you get to know new people around the table?

Is there a sense of the Divine's presence at the table?

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, July 15th at 7pm (location to be determined). 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.

Voyagers!



On June 14, 2024, come enjoy 50's & 60's Rock & Roll music at Brentwood Community Park!

Let's meet at 6 pm in the park to ensure a spot, the concert is from 7-9 PM.

Bring your own chair/blanket, and food & drinks! Let's have fun!!!

More information contact: Katie Moore 925-360-4065/ Eileen Newill 925-420-5281

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 2024 Annual Conference, go to

https://www.cnumc.org/eventdetail/18235978?month=6&year=2024&day=1&display=m

For more information about UMC, go to ResourceUMC here

https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/connection-makes-the-umc-work



SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE Sunday, June 30, 5-7pm



Our next Sunday Night Live event will be held on Sunday, June 30 from 5-7pm. Our special guests will be Rev. Mark Wharff and his wife, Laura. Rev. Wharff has had many roles in the United Methodist Church. He is currently the California-Nevada Conference Secretary. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Dinner at 5pm. Following our meal Rev. Wharff will share news from the General Conference and beyond. We will also hear information from the Cal-Nev Annual Conference. All are welcome to share in the discussion, learn and grow. Come – spend time with your Church family and enjoy dinner, fellowship, and discussion. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall – let us know if you can attend and what delicious dish you will bring. Questions, please contact Pastor Lee or Lay Leaders, Dave Funk or Heidi Stark.

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors! We are all proud of you! Good luck in the next chapter of your life!



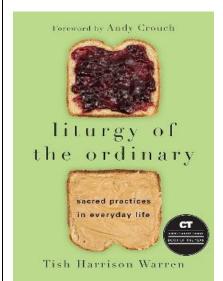
Riley Clarke



Audrey Dunn



Rachael Green



Small Group for May and June

Liturgy of the Ordinary

Sacred Practices in Everyday Life

(by Tisch Harrison Warran, Inter Varsity Press, 2016)

Facilitator: Pastor Hyesung Lee

When: Three Sundays, May 19, 26 and June 23 (in Person)

12 pm to 1:15 pm

Where: Youth Room

Sunday	Chapters				
June 23	 Sitting in Traffic – Liturgical Time and an Unhurried God 				
	 Calling a Friend – Congregation and Community 				
	Drinking Tea – Sanctuary and Savoring				
	 Sleeping – Sabbath, Rest, and the Work of God 				

** Christianity Today's 2018 Book of the Year Winner - Spiritual Formation

"In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God's presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred? Framed around one ordinary day, this book explores daily life through the lens of liturgy, small practices, and habits that form us. Each chapter looks at something—making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys—that the author does every day. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, friend, wife, and mother, Tish Harrison Warren opens up a practical theology of the everyday. Each activity is related to a spiritual practice as well as an aspect of our Sunday worship. Come and discover the holiness of your every day."

Questions to Pastor Lee (<u>hslee3@gmail.com</u>; 925-303-9339).

SCAM ALERT

DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY TEXT OR EMAILS! Please remember that Pastor Lee would not contact a member directly with an emergency request for cash, gift cards or any favors. If you are unsure if an email or text is "real", please contact Michelle in the office, or reach out to Pastor Lee, or Lay Leaders, Dave Funk or Heidi Stark before taking any action. AGAIN, DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY TEXT OR EMAILS without verifying the validity of the message!



Greetings, BCUMC! **The men's breakfast is coming this Saturday, June 1**st, **at 8:00 a.m.** Coffee will be piping hot by 7:30. Come on by, have a good breakfast, and spend a little time with your fellow Methodist men. We will have productive conversations, and Chaplain Dave, as always, will give us some spiritual thoughts to ponder.





From riots to Pride--a brief history of the events that shaped our present-day celebration

by Melissa van Ruiten



The Compton's Cafeteria Riot in 1966 and the Stonewall Riots in 1969 were pivotal events in the LGBTQ+ rights movement and played significant roles in shaping the modern celebration of Pride month.

The Compton's Cafeteria Riot took place in San Francisco's Tenderloin district and was a response to the constant police harassment and discrimination faced by transgender individuals, drag queens, and other members of the LGBTQ+ community. This uprising, although less known than the Stonewall Riots, marked one of the first recorded transgender-led protests in the United States.

The Stonewall Riots occurred in New York City's Greenwich Village when patrons of the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar,

rebelled against a police raid. The riots lasted for several days and sparked a wave of activism and organizing within the LGBTQ+ community.

These events galvanized the LGBTQ+ community, leading to the formation of activist groups and the emergence of a more visible and vocal movement for LGBTQ+ rights. In the years following these riots, annual pride parades and marches began to commemorate the events and celebrate LGBTQ+ identity and visibility.

Today, Pride month, celebrated in June, is a time for the LGBTQ+ community and its allies to come together to honor the impact of these historic events, advocate for equal rights, and celebrate the diversity and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community. The modern celebration of Pride month is a direct result of the courage and activism demonstrated at Compton's Cafeteria and Stonewall, and it continues to serve as a reminder of the ongoing fight for LGBTQ+ rights and equality.

"Leave safety behind. Put your body on the line. Stand before the people you fear and speak your mind -- even if your voice shakes. When you least expect it, someone may actually listen to what you have to say. Well-aimed slingshots can topple giants. And do your homework."

- Maggie Kuhn

Youth

Our last Youth meeting of the year will be on Sunday June 2nd at the Brentwood Aquatic Center from 3:30-5:30pm before we head into summer break.

I would like to reflect on a great year. We hosted many activities for our youth to get involved in including SSP, Youth Sunday service opportunities, and attending Jewish Temple along with some of our usual activities around town and in the youth room.

I am resigning as the Youth Director after 3 great years. I have formed great relationships with our youth and their parents, I have stepped out of my comfort zone to be a leader and have grown spiritually. I enjoyed the challenges that we faced and collaborating with our amazing pastor. Thank you for entrusting me with the youth program and I hope that it flourishes under new direction next year.

Lay Leader News By Heidi Stark

I had the pleasure of being the Worship Leader on Sunday, May 19th which was a very eventful service. It was Pentecost Sunday where we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit awakens us and calls us out to share the good news. Jesus promised his apostles that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. They were told to sit tight and wait in Jerusalem for the coming Holy Spirit. At this point, those apostles had witnessed Jesus firsthand; they had watched him die and rise and ascend to heaven. My guess is they gathered in anxious anticipation for what was to come. They were all together when a great wind filled the house where they were sitting, and tongues of fire rested on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and given the ability to speak in other languages – to reach out to many. As they entered the streets, they were able to share the good news of Jesus – everyone could understand because the words were spoken in their own language. What an amazing scene that must have been. Many souls were saved and this gift lives on today. Acts 2:38-39 *Peter said to them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.*

On May 19th, we blessed and celebrated Riley Clarke, Audrey Dunn and Rachel Green – all graduating high school in June. I am amazed by these bright, talented, and confident young people as they move forward to college and their future goals. My prayer is that the faith that was planted in them as little children continue to grow. I pray that they will continue to question, love, and serve and that they feel God presence and always know that they are loved.

We also welcomed new members to our congregation – Steven and Joy Smith and Daisy Kennedy. It was an honor to present them with membership certificates. I was so moved when these new members shared that coming to BCUMC felt like they were coming home that they felt welcomed just as they are. Yeah! This is my dream for BCUMC that we can be a beacon of light in our community – that everyone feels at home. I pray that all of you will join me and share your time and talents to make BCUMC a light in the darkness – a warm and welcoming place to come home to. Pentecost symbolizes the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in our lives – may it guide us and burn inside us as an eternal flame of God's love.

"Without Pentecost, the Christ-event—the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus—remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about, and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now." - Henri Nouwen



BLESSING of the BACKPACKS

The Worship Committee will be collecting school supply items for back packs for Hope House from June 1 to July 14. On July 21 they will be blessed during the service.

We are also asking our own school children to bring their back packs to church and have them blessed on that day.

Some suggested items: backpacks, pens, #2 pencils, notebooks, glue, crayons, markers, pencil case, erasers.

Thank you for being a part of this new event.

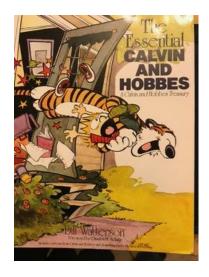
New Member's



DAISY KENNEDY has lived in the Bay Area almost her entire life and moved to Oakley in 2019 with her husband Kevin, daughters Evelyn (18), Esmerelda (13), son Emerson (8) and twins Alma and Jasmine (4). She grew up Catholic and her faith has always been important to her. Daisy is a healthcare leader with Stanford and part of a women's giving circle that emphasizes helping single mothers with urgent needs. She enjoys being with her family (extended family is 2 sisters and all together they have 10 kids to love), reading and nature.

STEVE and JOY SMITH Steve is originally from Daleville, Indiana, and came to live in Contra Costa County as a result of being in the US Marine Corps. He enjoyed the mild winters and warm summers so much he decided to make it his home. Steve enjoys pro photography, building computers and composing songs. He is retired from Law Enforcement. Joy is originally from Jinan, China (255 miles south of Beijing), came to the US in 2007 and became a Naturalized US citizen in 2021. She loves working with people as a certified massage therapist and also works in food preparation for a rice noodle restaurant in Antioch. Joy enjoys traveling, walking, hiking and swimming. Joy and Steve met in 2016 and were married in a Chinese church in 2017. They are enjoying living in Summerset II and have a chihuahua named Nugget.





BCUMC ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

For 6 weeks starting on June 2nd, at 9 am. to 10 am. In the Youth Theatre Room

The Theology of Calvin & Hobbs

A Study of the Cartoon Characters of Bill Watterson

Author Richard Beck Professor & Department Chair of Psychology Abilene Christian University

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, John Moore, 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), Beth's daughter (Linda Barnhill's friend), Ginger (Cynthia Geddes's friend), Fred Gulizia (Kathie's husband), Scott Kammeyer's mother, Denise (Bob Clarke's friend), Echo Paden (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), Bill Vaughn (Robin's husband), Lee Rogers (Laura Webb's brother-in-law), Joe Kick, Joe Niec, Will Ruddick, Mother of Rick Dunn, Dan Badger (Dave Funk's friend), Donna Baker, Ron (Joe and Joy Kick's friend), Heather Davis (Daughter of Eugene and Jenny Davis), Jerry Sorenson (Joyce Sorenson's son), Diane (Larry Schaffer's daughter), Laura (Heidi Stark's sister-in-law), Carol Clarke (Bob Clarke's Mother), and Joyce Sorenson.

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



June

- 4 Cheryl Dobson
- 4 Luther Belino
- 8 Linda Barnhill
- 8 Bob Clarke
- 8 Chris van Ruiten
- 11 Paige Meisen (Geddes)
- 12 Chimela Ogbonna
- 15 Rebecca Schults
- 16 Larry Schaffer
- 18 Grace Diksa
- 18 Fran Hassler
- 18 Debra Urzua
- 18 Lian Belino
- 19 Edie Tidrick
- 25 Hunter Austin
- 27 Jan Schults
- 27 Cheryl Breitenbucher
- 28 Samuel Lukacs

Happy Anniversary!

June

- 2. Kathie and Fred Gulizia
- 5. Rene' and Drew McCarter
- 12. Carol Green and Daniel Vitello
- 13. Betty and Jack Gaughan
- 15. Fran and Den Bowman
- 17. Tristan Mendoza and Matthew Taum
- 18. Adella and Mike Logan
- 19. Katie and John Moore
- 22. Gbenga and Grace Olayami
- 23. Daisy and Kevin Kennedy
- 24. Janet and Blake Kurz
- 24. Bonnie and Frank Larrabee
- 25. Bryan and Staci Webb

OUR FATHERS

I bless my father
And father figures in my life
With loving thoughts of
gratitude.

I cherish the lessons learned About persistence or patience Strength or kindness or humor.

If there are things to forgive
May we follow Jesus' example
Keep our full trust in God
And forgive and let go.

We honor our fathers

And see them as representing

Our heavenly Father

The spirit of God's love

Shining in them.

I see the good
All that I had
And today give thanks
For my Dad!

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June 2024 Facility Use Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						UMM Breakfast 8-9:30am
Bible Study 9am Worship 10:30am Church BBQ 12pm Alexis recital 1230- 2pm BVC recital 2:15- 4pm	Hope House 9-12pm	4 CHD 4:30-6:30pm Young Christians 7pm Y.R DIG 7-9:30pm Q.R.	Hope House 9-12pm Wed Prayer Mtg 4pm S ACA 5:30pm Quiet Rm Trustees 7pm Al Anon 7-8:15pm	Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7:30- 8:45pm	7 String Band 10:30am AA 6:45- 7:45pm AI Anon 8- 9:30pm	8
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^{*} 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 Joe: 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.

Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

