

Deeds and Opportunities

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October
Be present.
Let the day flow with grace.
Expect nothing. Give thanks.
Surrender. Be open.
Speak only kindness.
Impart only love.
Never forget you're not alone.
Give so you may receive.
See goodness in others. mary davis

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2024 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	Scriptures / Themes	Worship Acts and More
20th Sunday after Pentecost Oct 6, 2024 10:30 a.m.	 <p style="text-align: center;">WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Communion ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am – 10 am; Youth Room ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● World Communion Sunday come in your traditional clothing and bring your ethnic food to share if you can.
21st Sunday after Pentecost Oct 13, 2024 10:30 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Following Jesus Thriving in Community Healing the World “God works with/through human partner”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am – 10 am; Youth Room ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Jacob Lukacs share his journey
22nd Sunday after Pentecost Oct 20, 2024 10:30 a.m.	 <p style="text-align: center;">Laitiy Sunday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am – 10 am ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● 2 Committees share their ministries ● Potato Bake by United Women in Faith during Fellowship Hour
23rd Sunday after Pentecost Oct 27, 2024 10:30 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Stewardship Campaign ① Genesis 1:1-5 “Generosity in God’s Creation”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am – 10 am Youth Room ● Sunday School for Kids: after Time for Young Disciples ● Stewardship Moment ①

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 Western Jurisdiction, go to <https://westernjurisdictionumc.org/>

For more information about UMC, go to ResourceUMC here

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

For recent UM news, go to umnews.org here

<https://www.umnews.org/en/>



† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Ones in the Family of God

“How would John Wesley vote?” Jim Patterson, a reporter of UM News wrote an article about this year's election with that question (<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/how-would-john-wesley-vote>). He writes, “In these polarizing times, United Methodists across the connection are being called to faithfully participate in civic engagement as a witness for peace and justice.” The United Methodist Church does not tell its members how to vote, but it does enumerate the values members of the denomination could consider as they make their decisions. Our core values are discussed, voted and published by the General Conference of UMC in a booklet called “UMC Social Principles” (<https://www.umcjustice.org/who-we-are/social-principles-as-adopted-by-general-conference-charlotte-2024>).

We need to make our vote from our conscience and faith, holding to the fact our votes are, in fact, sacred, since it has so much to do with our mission to build up <kin-dom of God> in our land.

John Wesley, Methodism's founder, spoke out against the exploitation of poor people, slavery and other abuses. The Social Principles address issues including urging the government to effectively tackle poverty, climate change, physical and mental health care, addiction, war and promotion of civil and human rights.

It is illegal under IRS rules for the church to endorse specific candidates. Instead, the General Board of Church and Society recommends that United Methodists be “election ambassadors,” taking on tasks to contribute to an election with integrity. Ambassadors are encouraged to help register voters and get them to the polls on Election Day, distribute nonpartisan voter's guides that detail candidates' positions on issues, assist voters who wish to use mail-in ballots, serve as poll workers and support local and national initiatives that “seek to protect and expand voting rights, particularly for marginalized communities.

Let's pray and vote! It has the power to bring changes for the good of the nation and of the world!

I am sharing the following prayer with you that is from UM Creation Justice (<https://umcreationjustice.org/blessing-of-the-ballots-four-prayers/>)

“Prayer at the ballot box”

Creator, Deliverer, Light of lights. As I post/submit my ballot, let there be hope! Bless this ballot and the ballots of my neighbors. Let our choices rise with justice, kindness, and peace. Let us bring joy to this nation. Let our neighborhoods, our families, and the whole community of creation be blessed. In this public space, in this public act, let my ballot and my faithful citizenship be a mark of hope. For I am rooted in the good of this Earth and the love of God. Amen.

“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



United Methodist Men have challenged United Women in Faith to a Bocce tournament on Saturday, October 5th at 8am at Veteran's Park. Several ladies have committed to participate. All women are welcome to play or cheer on our group. May the best team win!

Polly Gallagher led our September meeting, and we continued our journey of food, faith and fellowship. Polly shared a past UWF member, Helen Halsey's recipe for delicious Lemon Bars. Joy Kick will lead our October meeting and host it in her home (see Church directory for address). Please plan to join for meaningful conversations and tasty treats.

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Monday, October 21st at 7pm at Joy Kick's home. 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.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday Oct 6, 2024

Purpose: "to promote and celebrate our oneness in Christ with all of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. The celebration encourages harmony and partnership across church traditions and denominations." (<https://www.churchtrac.com/articles/world-communion-sunday>)

Decoration: We will hang an **international flags banner** on the walls around the sanctuary to represent all the nations in the world

Congregational Participations:

- **Wear Traditional Clothes**
- Bring **Food that represent your ethnicity** for the Fellowship Hour after the Service
- Say **the name of the country that is significant for you**. A microphone will be placed at the front of the sanctuary so that when worshippers come forward to receive Communion, they could **speak aloud the name of the country that had significance for them**. *This is not a time for sharing so each is asked to just say the name of the country and nothing more on the microphone.
- **Special Offering for World Communion Sunday** provides "leadership / ethnic scholarships" for UMC graduate & undergraduate students within the U.S and in overseas"

Potato Bake

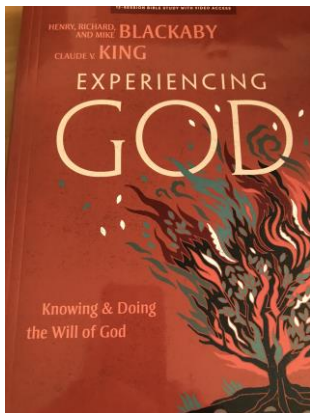
October 20, 2024



United Women in Faith invite you to enjoy a Potato Bake after worship on October 20th. We will provide baked potatoes and toppings so you can create your own tasty snack. Donations are appreciated and benefit United Women in Faith ministries. Join us for potatoes, fun, and fellowship.



Greetings, men of BCUMC! The next Men's Breakfast is coming up on **Saturday, October 5th**, at 8:00 a.m., however, as we hope you have heard we will have a **bocce ball tournament** replacing our regular monthly breakfast. The women of the United Women in Faith will join us in a UMM vs. UWF contest. A light breakfast (pastries, fruit salad, coffee, juice) will be provided. The tournament will be held at Veterans Park on Balfour and will begin at 8:00 a.m. Come join us and have a fun time and great fellowship.



BCUMC ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Experiencing God

For the summer quarter, beginning on July 7th, 9 am. to 10 am. In the Youth Theatre Room

A Study of Knowing and Doing the Will of God! Facilitated by Diego Garcia

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

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.

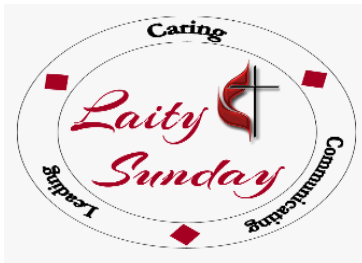
We pray for all these friends that God may fill them every day with strength, faith, love, and peace.



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), **Joyce Heflin**, **Fran Hassler**, **Melvin Strong**, **Leonor and Jim Roberts**, **Charlene Dobson**, **Betty and Jack Gaughan**, **Bella** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Scott Kammeyer's mother**, **Denise** (Bob Clarke's friend), **Echo Paden** (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), **Lee Rogers** (Laura Webb's brother-in-law), **Joe Kick**, **Joe Niec**, **Mother of Rick Dunn**, **Dan Badger** (Dave Funk's friend), **Ron** (Joe and Joy Kick's friend), **Barbara Pinkston**, **Larry Schaffer**, **Frank Schaffer** (Larry Schaffer's brother), **Danny Carpenter** (Edie Tidrick's nephew), **Lyric Jones** (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), **Jayceon Kanmmeyer** (son of Scott & Carl Kammeyer), **Janet Gulizia** (sister-in-law of Kathie Gulizia), **Dolores Huan**, and **Linda Barnhill**.

LAITY SUNDAY – OCT 20



Purposes: "Laity Sunday focuses on the celebration of the ministry of all lay Christians. A Sunday to commemorate, recognize, and honor the partnership between ministry and laity in every church. It may be a Sunday where the lay leaders and lay servants lead the worship service." Laity Sunday is an excellent opportunity to highlight vital ministries within the church. Communicate to your congregation that Laity Sunday isn't the one time a year laity lead, but it's a spotlight on what laity do constantly - lead.

Three Committees will share the joy of their ministry and their episodes along with their hopes for the future. They can include some ministry sales pitch to recruit new members. Selected are Congregational Care Network (CCN), Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and WORSHIP Committee.

Honoring 10 longest members of the church – Some members have served our church over 60 years, 50 years or 30 years. Ten longest serving members of BCUMC will be recognized and honored. They are:

Gerald Tennant	04/07/1963	(61 years)
Randy Fortner	04/03/1966	(58 years)
Dolores Huan	03/19/1967	(57 years)
Joyce Sorenson	12/08/1968	(56 years)
Dennis Buckley	11/08/1970	(54 years)
Roxanna Simas	04/07/1985	(39 years)
Alvin Simas	04/07/1985	(39 years)
Polly Gallagher	03/26/1989	(35 years)
Janet Kurz	03/26/1989	(35 years)
Blake Kurz	03/26/1989	(35 years)

2024 “CHURCH” CONFERENCE OF BCUMC

- a. Who: Committee Chairs (Ad Council Members) + any church members and friends who wish to come (All votes will be taken by members only)
- b. When: Wednesday November 13, 2024
 - i. Pastor's consultation with D.S. at 6:30 p.m.
 - ii. SPRC consultation with D.S. at 7:00 p.m.,
 - iii. Charge Conference at 7:30 p.m.
- c. Where: Sanctuary
- d. Presider: Rev. David Niu, Los Rios District Superintendent
- e. Agenda
 - i. Election of the Secretary of the Church Conference
 - ii. Membership Report - Presenter: Membership Secretary or Pastor
 - iii. Approval of 2024 Clergy Compensation - Presenter: Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Chair
 - iv. Election of Church Leaders (Nomination Committee Report) – Presenter: Pastor

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE FALL FUN POTLUCK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 5-7PM

Your Pastor, Lay Leaders, and Midtown Faith are planning a fun Sunday Night Live event. Please plan to join us on Sunday, October 27; we'll start in the Fellowship Hall at 5pm for a potluck dinner. There are sure to be a variety of cozy Fall dishes and tasty treats. After dinner, we'll enjoy a time of crafts, games and more! We'll have fun Fall/Halloween activities for everyone. This event is open to all ages and costumes are encouraged. A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall – let us know if you can attend and what delicious dish you will bring. Also, let us know if you can help with a game or activity. We are hoping to make this a fun family event. All are welcome!

Voyagers

Hope House Fashion Show
October 26, 2024 at 11:30AM
In fellowship hall

Come and enjoy a soup luncheon and have some fun as members of our church family model the latest Hope House “found” fashion!



Please donate cereal or canned meat to Hope House!

Lay Leader News By Heidi Stark

I recently returned from a two-week vacation in France. The flights were long, but the sights were amazing. One of the best parts of the trip was time spent with friends who opened their home to us and showed us amazing hospitality. Francis and Francoise have been married for 50 years and have lived in their charming home in Montamisé in Western France for almost that whole time. We used their home as our base camp and from there, they took us to visit castles in the Loire Valley, wine taste in Bordeaux, and relax in the beautiful seaside town of Arcachon on the Atlantic coast. I can now say that I've put my foot in the Atlantic Ocean in two continents - North America and Europe. It was great fun to explore another country and culture with friends who could share from personal experience. We enjoyed typical French food (so much good bread and cheese), and we got to practice our French. Fortunately for us, Francis and Francoise speak English well! It was a special trip with many memorable moments.

Over the last 25 years, I've had the remarkable opportunity to travel to many places in the world, and what I quickly learned is that people are very much the same everywhere. We may have different ways of speaking, different foods, different dress, different cultures; however, when I've had a chance to chat with someone from another country, I've learned that they are much like me. They want to live in peace, they want to take care of their families, have meaningful work, worship freely, and love who they love – just like me! On Sunday, October 6th, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and the idea of Christian Inclusivism. We celebrate our Oneness in Christ with all Christians around the world through Holy Communion. Jesus lived and died for all – salvation is available to all who choose to embrace it. If you can, please wear traditional clothing that represents your culture or ethnicity or share a traditional food from your culture during Fellowship after Church. It will be a fun way to learn about other cultures. I look forward to celebrating how we are different and the same.

Preparations are underway for our Annual Church Conference on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room. Along with Pastor, Dave Funk, and I as your Lay Leaders are asking everyone to reflect on your current roles and service at BCUMC. Everyone is asked to complete a Time & Talent Survey, and Committee Chairs are asked to report on their activities for the past year. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to serve and help grow our ministries at BCUMC and in our community.

“Until our world decides that every human matters, that everyone has a right to food and safety and freedom and healthcare and equality, it is the obligation of those privileged to have food and safety and freedom and healthcare and equality to fight tirelessly for those who do not.” – L.R. Knost

Peace Community Garden Fall Party



Potluck, Sing along on October 19th at 5:00pm in the garden. Bring a chair, and a scarecrow table topper for a contest. Prizes will be won! If you have any questions, please contact CiCi at (530)306-7034

THANK YOU! UNITED METHODIST MEN!



For all the hard work in making our church property more beautiful and sustainable!



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



PSALM 2.0

Oh God, life is upside down
Our world divided, breaking apart
Our country divided and hurting
Earth and sky is heating up
Distant wars, tears of children
Lord, we need your healing.

Airwaves often filled with chatter
Broken plastic fills the oceans
Broken promises, things that
matter
Smoke and fire now in motion.

Oh Lord of calm and harmony
Bring us to your place of peace
Along the edge of the peaceful lake
In the shade of the green leaf trees.

You are our safe harbor
Our beautiful healing wind
Promises that do not fail
Hope to begin again.

We sing your praise
In our nights and days
With you we dance
Our deliverance.

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October 2024 Facility Use Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TVS= Trilogy Singers BCC=Brentwood Community Chorus DIG=Delta Informal Gardeners NAMI=Mental Health support group CHD= count health dept, youth empowerment program	FH=Fellowship Hall FR=Fireside Room QR=Quiet Room YT=Youth Theater YR=Youth Room	1	2	3	4	5
		CHD 4:30-6:30pm YR Young Christian Ministry 7pm YR BCC 7 pm FH DIG 7-9:30pm FR	Hope House 9-12pm ACA 5:30pm QR Trustees 7pm FR Al Anon 7-8:15pm	Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7:30-8:45pm	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45-7:45pm Al Anon 8- 9:30pm	UMM Breakfast 8- 9:30am at Veterans Park
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bible Study 9am YT World Communion Sunday 10:30am S	Hope House 9- 12pm	HH Produce Truck 4pm CHD 4:30-6:30pm YR Finance 6:30 pm FS Rm BCC 7 pm FH	Hope House 9-12pm SPRC 4:30pm FH ACA 5:30pm QR Al Anon 7-8:15pm FH	TVS 4:40-6:30pm S Choir Rehearsal 7pm NA 7:30-8:45pm	String Band 10:30am FH AA 6:45-7:45pm Al Anon 8- 9:30pm	
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31		
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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 Sandra Olewine

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Administrative Assistant: Joe Niec

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

