

Deeds and Opportunities

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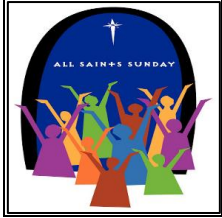



2024 **NOVEMBER** Worship Schedule

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	Scriptures / Themes	Worship Acts and More
<p>24th Sunday after Pentecost Nov 3, 2024 10:30 a.m.</p> 	 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Communion & Remembering Departed Loved Ones - bring a Votive Candle to light for the remembrance of your departed loved ones ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am – 10 am; Youth Room ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples) ● Generosity Moment ② - our annual pledge drive for the ministries of 2025 (Finance Committee)
<p>25th Sunday after Pentecost Nov 10, 2024 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Generosity Campaign ③ Genesis 45:1-5 “Generosity in Joseph’s Journey”</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) 
<p>26th Sunday after Pentecost Nov 17, 2024 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Generosity Campaign ④ Acts 9:36-42 “Generosity in Paul’s Journey”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult Bible Study: 9 am – 10 am ● Sunday School for Kids (after the Time for Young Disciples)
<p>27th Sunday after Pentecost Nov 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.</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) ● Bring CANNED FOOD for HOPE HOUSE ● Hanging of the Greens after Worship Service 

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 Reconciling Ministries Network, go to <https://rmnetwork.org/>

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](https://www.umnews.org/en/) here <https://www.umnews.org/en/>



† Pastor's Letter †

Dear Ones in the Family of God

The statement, 'Our Pledge is Our Vote,' resonated deeply with me. When we make a pledge, we're not just contributing financially; we're casting a vote for the values and mission of BCUMC. We're investing in a community that fosters spiritual growth, offers support, and serves others.

This year's Generosity Campaign theme, 'Devoted to Generosity,' is fitting. The word 'generosity' is rooted in the Latin word '*generosus*,' which signifies noble qualities like magnanimity and kindness. True generosity involves giving freely, without expecting anything in return.

Jesus himself emphasized the importance of selfless giving. He taught, 'Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return' (Luke 6:35). He also cautioned against giving for public recognition, stressing the importance of giving in secret without expecting anything in return (Matthew 6:2-4).

We support BCUMC with our time, talents and treasures, because we believe in the mission and ministries of our church. We give our vote whenever we give our offerings to the church. We vote for the continuation and thriving of our Sunday School program, Worship Services, Prayer ministries, HOPE HOUSE ministries, Men's Group, Women's Group and so on.

As we conclude the Generosity Campaign on November 17th, let's cast our votes for the future of BCUMC. Let's commit to supporting its mission and ministries, ensuring that our community continues to thrive and make a positive impact.

Before that, we have such a critical national election day soon. I pray for the election with the following prayer that I shared a month ago. It is from the 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.

Let's pray and hope that we have enough votes for a nation that is hopeful for everyone, full of justice, kindness and peace, filled with joy and blessings! May God help us all!

"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 challenged United Women in Faith to a Bocce tournament on October 5. Thanks to all who came out to play and cheer. A good time was had by all with the women took home the win! Maybe next time, guys! We look forward to future events with United Methodist Men.

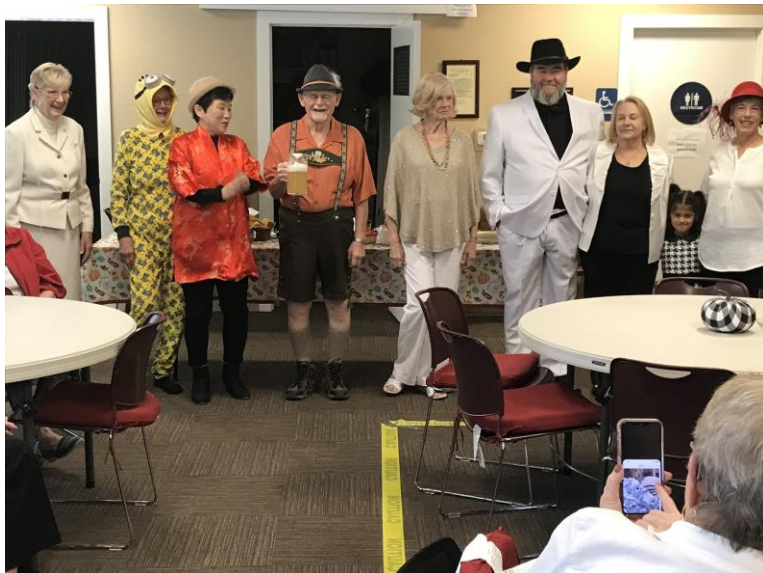
Our Potato Bake on October 20th was a success with many staying after Church to enjoy baked potatoes with all the toppings. Through your generosity, United Women in Faith received \$223 in donations. Those donations help us to continue to support UMCOR, Angel Tree (prison ministry), and our own HOPE House. A big thank you to Robin Vaughan for preparing lots and lots of baked potatoes, and to all who provided the yummy toppings!

Our October meeting was held at Joy Kick's home, and ten women gathered to enjoy Joy's hospitality and delicious Pumpkin Cake. We continued our journey of food, faith, and fellowship with Joy leading our discussion about food of the earth. We were encouraged to be mindful about what we eat. We are blessed to have so many food options available, but that luxury often distances us from where our food comes from and what it takes to get it to our tables. We were encouraged to eat foods that are in season and locally sourced.

On November 17th 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 blessings and to share our love with others. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch provide by United Women in Faith and a program lead by Daisy Kennedy. We will continue our journey of food, faith, and fellowship with thanksgiving.

The next United Women in Faith meeting will be on Sunday, November 17th 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.

Voyagers Fall Fashion Show Models



CONGREGATIONAL CARE NETWORK (CCN)

This committee is co-chaired by Linda Barnhill and Linda Walton. Our committee's mission is to provide spiritual and caring support to those in our church family and community who need prayers. Our focus is to keep in touch with seniors who live in assisted living facilities or private home care facilities. We send cards monthly and make visits and phone calls occasionally. We give flowers to these Seniors at Easter and Christmas to let them know we are thinking of them and praying for peace and comfort for them.

Our Caring Card Ministry is an additional ministry to the greater church family members, including get well cards, birthday cards, sympathy cards, and care/concern cards. This card ministry has been happening for years, by a special lady, Dolores Hauan, who often inserts a cartoon joke, copies of the Pastor's sermon summaries, and a spiritual message. Our Prayer Chain List is organized and maintained by Linda Barnhill, which is published monthly in the D's and O's newsletter. This list is comprised by prayer requests from members and friends of our church family, along with requests from the Pastor. If the request is urgent about upcoming surgery, serious illness, hospitalizations, etc., the Pastor will send out a group text message to our list of PRAYER WARRIORS. We invite everyone to pray for those people on the prayer list and beyond. **WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER!** You can contact Linda Barnhill or Linda Walton if you have prayer requests.

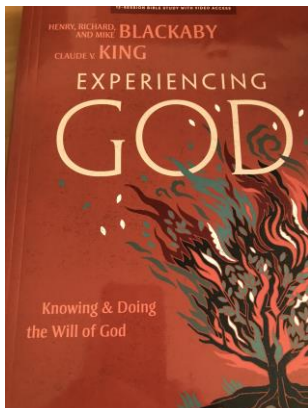


Greetings, men of BCUMC! The next Men's Breakfast is coming up on **Saturday November 2nd**, however, for our November meeting all men are invited to our 1st retreat of the United Methodist Men of BCUMC! It is a short weekend retreat to a wonderful home in Bethel Island.

Address: 1204 Taylor Road, Bethel Island, CA. 94511

We have two options for everyone: Come and stay overnight with check in on **Friday November 1st** at 3pm or later; or come at 8am or earlier for breakfast and lunch on Saturday morning.

Joe is cooking up a scrumptious dinner Friday night, Dave is cooking up our breakfast Saturday morning, and Jerry will have a light lunch for everybody on Saturday. Come and enjoy some fun, fellowship, and good food.



BCUMC ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY Experiencing God

For the rest of the year, 9 am. to 10 am. In the Youth Theatre Room
A Study of Knowing and Doing the Will of God!

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

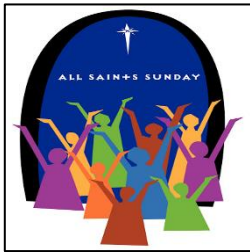
WE LIFT UP OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES IN OUR PRAYERS

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 Bover** (Joe and Joy Kick's friend), **Larry Schaffer**, **Frank Schaffer** (Larry Schaffer's brother), **Danny Carpenter** (Edie Tidrick's nephew), **Lyric Jones** (Eileen Newill's granddaughter), **Nathan** (Steve Smith's brother), **Robin Thompson** (JoAnn Funk's friend), **Greg Pacquer** and **Hisako Suzuki**.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, Sunday Nov 3, 2024

Purpose: “All Saints Day service is a time of remembrance, a way of celebrating the witness of those who bore your name in the past. While this isn’t the space for a funeral service, it would not be out of line to let those prayers speak to this moment, a moment of remembrance and grief, as well as a profound hope for the future. 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>)

Congregational Participations:

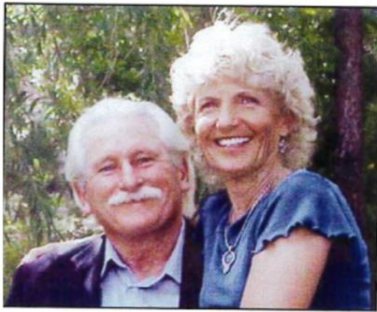
- Bring a votive candle to light for the remembrance of your departed loved ones
- Say **the name of and the relationship with your departed loved one** on the microphone
placed in the front and then proceed to the tables of candles

Lay Leader News By Heidi Stark

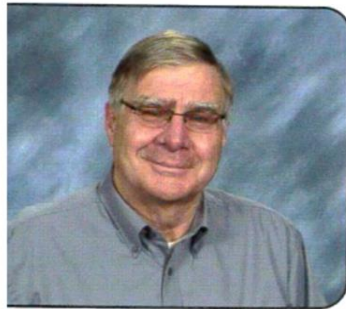
In November we celebrate Thanksgiving, and we are reminded to count our blessings. At BCUMC, we have much to be thankful for! On October 20th, we celebrated Laity Sunday, a time to commemorate, recognize, and honor the partnership between ministry and laity. Several committees shared information about all they do to support and care for BCUMC. We've all heard the saying, "it takes a village..." meaning we can all benefit when we work together and share the load. A church is NOT just the pastor; churches are reliant on their members. As with most things in life, there are many little details that go unnoticed until they don't happen. We often take for granted the work that goes on behind the scenes; this is so very true at BCUMC. The efforts of many have kept BCUMC alive and vital since 1867!

On Laity Sunday, we recognized and honored 10 people who have the longest membership at BCUMC: Gerald Tennant (61 years), Randy Fortner (58 years), Dolores Hauan (57 years), Joyce Sorenson (56 years), Dennis Buckley (54 years), Alvin & Roxanna Simas (39 years), Polly Gallagher (35 years), and Blake & Janet Kurz (35 years). These members exemplify the covenant we make when we become members of BCUMC. We vow to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our **prayers**, our **presence**, our **gifts**, our **service**, and our **witness**.

10 LONGEST MEMBERS OF BCUMC



Gerald & Jo Tennant



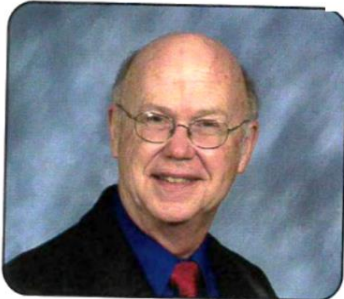
Randy Fortner



Dolores Hauan



Joyce Sorenson



Dennis Buckley



Alvin & Roxanna Simas



Polly Gallagher



Blake & Janet Kurz

On October 27th, we welcomed four new members to our congregation (Neda Gray, Noelle Ochinang, Samuel & Nimfa Ochinang). These newest members along with the longest and all those in between continue to do the work of BCUMC; we pray, we show up, we give, we serve, and we share our faith. I'm proud of BCUMC and look forward to how we will continue to witness and grow – to be a light in our community!

Continued...



I am thankful to be part of a Church that is welcoming. I'm thankful to be able to question, to love, and to serve. There are 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. Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to serve and help grow our ministries at BCUMC and in our community. 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.

All are invited to attend our Annual Church Conference on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Come celebrate all we've done in the last year and look forward to what will be in 2025.

“Don't wait until the fourth Thursday in November, to sit with family and friends to give thanks. Make every day a day of Thanksgiving” – Charmaine J. Forde

**7:30 PM Wednesday November 13, 2024
at Sanctuary**

**BCUMC
ANNUAL
CHURCH
CONFERENCE**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Membership Report
- Approval of 2025 Clergy Compensation
- Election of Church Leaders

***SPRC will meet with DS at 7 pm in Quiet Room**



HANGING OF THE GREENS – SUNDAY NOV 24 AT NOON

All are welcome!

Purposes: The purpose of the Hanging of the Greens in the United Methodist Church (UMC) is to prepare worship spaces for Advent and Christmastide, and to symbolize the hope of eternal life and the resurrection of Christ:

- **Symbolism**

Evergreens symbolize eternal life, and the life to come when Christ returns. The greenery also represents the hope of life and growth overcoming the dead of winter.

- **Decorations -**

Different decorations have special meanings, including:

- **Wreaths:** Represent eternity
 - **Christmas trees:** The crosses and crowns on the tree represent Jesus as King of Kings, his death, and resurrection
 - **Advent wreath:** The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent, which are hope, love, joy, and peace
 - **Christ candle:** Lit on Christmas Eve
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- Fellowship Hour Coordinator, **Robin Vaughan**, will coordinate a light meal to serve everyone after the Sunday worship service. A deep appreciation goes to her and can be expressed through our presence and participation.

Scenes from the fall garden party



Stewardship 2025



Do you first think of generosity when hearing the story of God providing manna to the Israelites in the wilderness? The details of “meat at night and bread in the morning” offers a unique perspective that God doesn’t just give the bare minimum but provides abundantly. In turn, we are called to share abundantly in our response to God, not just offering the bare minimum, but offering our best. Generosity has many benefits. It can make you happier and healthier, help build stronger relationships and improve the world.

We are blessed at BCUMC to have a generous membership. As Finance begins its process of putting together a budget for 2025 to support our ministries, you are all invited to be a part of the generosity that seeds our work in the community and the world. Let us have a theology of generosity that is rooted in the astonishing generosity of God.

If you have any questions or comments regarding any budget information, please do not hesitate to contact any Finance committee member.

Polly Gallagher
Finance Chair

Bocce Event



The Men's Group (UMM) would like to thank all the women and men who joined us in the bocce ball tournament on October 5th at Veterans Park. 15 women and 11 men showed up for the event. Some new friends were there, too, and we all had a great time together on a pleasant October morning!

Thanks also to the men who contributed the coffee, breakfast items (including Joe's fruit salad and bacon), supplies, and bocce ball sets.

Let's do it again sometime!

Communication from Laura Webb – Youth Ministry Director

RE : Children's Sunday School

I enjoy so much the time I spend with our children in Sunday School! They are eager to learn more about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. As we talk and share together, they are musing about the lives of the Bible characters, their circumstances and their choices. They ask funny and deep questions about the meaning of things. To see their faces light up with understanding is the greatest joy.

We have one class that includes late 3 yr olds to 11-year-old students. Attendance currently ranges from 3-10 students. There are 4 teachers who rotate through the month. Curriculum is provided.

I invite you to join in this experience as our Sunday School classes become larger. To strengthen our Sunday School, I need:

1-2 additional adults to teach 5th Sundays and Substitute. Curriculum is provided

4-5 high schoolers or adults to assist the teacher once monthly. Tasks would include taking attendance, assisting with crafts and activities, and accompanying students who need to leave the classroom.

Please contact Laura Webb (678) 925-9245 or Pastor Hyesung Lee to involve yourself in this important and satisfying ministry. Thank you for your support.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE Halloween Potluck



It was all treats and no tricks on Sunday, October 27th when 22 adults and 11 children gathered for some spooky fun! Most everyone came in costume or Halloween attire; we had Red, a couple of pirates, a Cabbage Patch Doll, Skye from Paw Patrol, Elsa, Snow White, Pooh Bear, the Grim Reaper, a Rainbow Unicorn, a couple of cows, Dracula, a pumpkin, and Mike Wazowski. It was great to have so many dress-up and participate. We started the evening in the Fellowship Hall with a fabulous United Methodist potluck. We enjoyed a wide variety of delicious food and lots of sweet treats.

No one went away hungry! After dinner we moved to the Sunday School area where there were crafts, games, and prizes for all. It was a fun Fall family event! 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!



November

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

Happy Anniversary!

November

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

HANDFUL OF THANKFUL

I favor the color blue
How about you?
Elephants make me smile
Even the crocodile.
Count the birds of air?
See them everywhere.
Tap your feet to joyous song
You can't go wrong. Grateful
For iPhones and electric car
Piano, flute, 12 string guitar.

For parents, kids
And grandkids too
It all rings true.
Diversity, who we are
Each a shining star.
Thankful for needed rain
May it come again.
Hummingbirds, bumblebee
Thankful for you and me.
Grateful, God's gift of grace
Plenty every place.

May we have the latitude
To hold to our
Gratitude.

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November 2024 Facility Use Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					String Band 10:30am AA 6:45-7:45pm AI Anon 8-9:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	UMM Breakfast 8-9:30am offsite Janie Kennedy memorial
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Bible Study 9am Worship All Saints Sunday 10:30am	Hope House 9-12pm	CHD 4:30-6:30pm Young Christians 7pm Y.R DIG 7-9:30pm Q.R.	Hope House 9-12pm ACA 5:30pm Quiet Rm AI Anon 7-8:15pm	TVS 4:40-6:30pm S Choir Rehearsal 7pm Trustees 7pm NA 7:30-8:45pm	String Band 10:30am AA 6:45-7:45pm AI Anon 8-9:30pm	MTAC 2:30-4:30 S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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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 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.

Bishop Sandra Olewine

California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

